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# 15 Beta Mu Members Attend Pike University



Part of the Beta Mu contingent during the February Pike University event in Plano.

Pike University is one of the frater-nity world's accellent nity world's earliest and foremost leadership training programs. Pike U consists of leadership and educational conferences for undergraduates and is held in several cities annually, professionally developed and executed by the Pike national staff. The Dallas Pike U conference, which took place at the Plano Marriott in February, hosted more than 400 Pike members from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas and New Mexico chapters. Beta Mu was pleased to send a 15-man contingent to Plano for this year's conference, where the men learned about chapter operations and programming and how our fraternity values and ritual are reflected in everything we do. Attendees also received personal leadership development skills.





# Beta Mu Proud of Alumnus, U.S. Congressman Brian Babin '68

A special thanks to Texas Congressman Brian Babin, D.D.S., a 1968 Beta Mu initiate, for meeting with several Beta Mu undergraduates interested in government and public service in Austin February 22.

The congressman chairs the Space Subcommittee, where he works closely with NASA, and he serves on the Transportation Committee. Dr. Babin shared his views of the new Congress and how it can work with the new presidential administration in priorities such as rebuilding the military, enhancing national security and revising a more accessible yet less costly healthcare system. He encouraged the Pikes interested in public service "to take studied positions on issues, sharpen your communication skills and undertake respectful dialogue understanding all points of view."

Dr. Babin has enjoyed a long and successful career in dentistry in east Texas following military service. He served The City of Woodville as city councilman, mayor and school board member, as well as an appointee of several governors, serving on three state boards over the years, before being elected to Congress in District 36 in southeast Texas in 2014.

Dr. Babin and his wife, Roxanne, have been married since 1972 and have five children and 13 grandchildren. Dr. Babin interrupted his U.T. schooling for the Army in Vietnam, returning to graduate from his hometown Lamar University and then attended U.T. Houston Dental School, after which he served as an Air Force dentist before beginning his private practice. Dr. Babin is one of three Pikes serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, along with two Pikes in the U.S. Senate.



Congressman Brian Babin '68 met with Pike undergraduates Wade Cope '14, Michael Everett '16, Wesley Greene '15 and Landon Hackley '16 during a February Austin visit.

# Alumni Spotlight: Pikes in Medicine

Medicine has always been a highly regarded career, requiring extra dedication to not only academics, but to lifelong learning. Many physicians and other health care providers enjoy working with patients to maintain and improve their lives.

The practice of medicine is ever-changing, and advancements in technologies and pharmaceuticals are extending lives. Moreover, with the growing U.S. population and an aging baby boomer cadre placing demands on our health care system, providers are being further challenged.

Many Pikes have pursued careers in medicine, surgery, dentistry, and other aspects of the healthcare sector, which accounts for 18% of the nation's GDP. Beta Mu has helped produce many doctors and dentists over the years. Active alumni include Dr. Ray Jenkins '54, Dr. Bill McCaleb '59, Dr. Wayne Simmons '65, Dr. David Gustafson '66, Dr. Ross Hemphill '68, Dr. Patrick Hodges '68, Dr. David Haynie '76, Dr. Jim Harris '78, Dr. Marc Boom '85, Dr. Henry Ellis '97, Dr. James Showery '08 and Dr. Warren Brown '09. In this issue, we are pleased to introduce three Pikes in medicine.

Lugh A. "Bo" Frederick, M.D. '78 is an orthopedic hand surgeon in Dallas. Originally from Austin, Bo was a Pike rush chair, pledge trainer, president and a Texas Cowboy. A part of his surgical practice is serving as a hand and wrist consultant to the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Pro Bull Riders Association and SMU Athletics. Bo was named a Super Doctor of Texas 2017, receiving statewide recognition from peers. Bo and his wife, Sharon (Texas Tech, Alpha Chi Omega), have been married for 32 years and have three children: Carson (25, Alabama graduate, Pike), Jared (21, junior at LSU, Alpha Gamma Rho) and Kacie (16, sophomore at Ursuline Academy). He can be reached at bo@upper-extremitycare.com.

# Q: How did Pike influence you and what advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning careers?

Bo: I think the most important influence was from some of the leader-ship positions while a Pike. These experiences definitely improved my self-confidence, which has helped during a career in medicine. Also Pike helped me learn to manage my time. Being pre-med and a fraternity pledge was tough but can be done. For Pikes studying medicine, it is a long commitment, but I loved it. I've been practicing medicine for 25 years now and still like my work! Get some experience working at a hospital or shadowing a physician, and if you like it, go for it.

#### Q: What is your favorite Pike memory?

Bo: It's hard to name a favorite from many fond memories. I was lucky to be in a great pledge class and stay in touch with many from my class. Lots of fun memories of pledgeship, parties, road trips, living in the Pike house, playing late-night poker and drinking a beer or two at the Posse. Also great memories as pledge trainer and president.

#### Q: Which Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Bo: My dearest friends to this day (too many to mention) are mostly Pikes from the good old days at U.T. I was lucky to go through rush back in the summer of 1977 and somehow ended up a Pike. It's fun staying in touch through the annual Pike TOAD golf tournament every fall. It's a weekend that I look forward to every year, even though I am not a golfer. Several of us have an annual Pike Christmas party in Dallas and another group tries to fish at least annually.



Dr. Bo Frederick '78, Dallas hand surgeon.

#### Q: Tell us about your education and training.

Bo: Biology, U.T.-Austin 1981; M.D., U.T. Medical Branch Galveston 1985; Orthopedic Residency, Tulane Medical Center 1985-90; Hand Fellowship, Good Samaritan Hospital, Phoenix 1991.

# Q: What led or motivated you to your medical career?

Bo: I was always interested in medicine but wasn't sure if I wanted to go to school that long and work the crazy hours that doctors work. A summer job at Austin's Seton Hospital—first as a physical therapy assistant and then as an orderly in the operating rooms, cleaning up between surgeries—provided a lot of exposure to orthopedics. With orthopedics you see the problem and fix it, which is very satisfying to help a patient by relieving pain or getting them active again. I eventually picked hand surgery as a

subspecialty because of a great mentor during my training that was a hand surgeon.



Bo and Sharon Frederick with their family at a South African safari camp in 2016.

# Alumni Spotlight: Pikes in Medicine

Jeff Kocurek, M.D. '82 is a urologist in Austin. Jeff began his private practice in 1997 and, after several mergers of practices in 2008, is a partner and has served five years on the executive committee of Urology Austin, a large specialty practice serving Austin and Central Texas. Jeff and his wife, Dana (Southern Methodist University, B.A. and J.D., Delta Delta Delta), have been married for 19 years and have three children: Cole (16, a sophomore and fourth-generation Kocurek at Stephen F. Austin High), Clayton (14, eighth grader at O'Henry Middle



School), and Melanie (11, fifth grader at Casis Elementary). The Kocureks attend Tarrytown United Methodist Church and stay busy with their sons' baseball interests—Jeff has coached in Little League for seven years— and daughter's gymnastics. A native Austinite, Jeff has long been involved in Austin's civic and cultural life of the city. His father, the late **Neal Kocurek**, **Ph.D.** '55, was also a Beta Mu Pike. Jeff can be reached at jeffrey.kocurek@urologyaustin.com.

# Q: How did Pike influence you and what advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning careers?

Jeff: During my four years at the Pike house, I made lifelong friends, whom I know I can count on if ever I need to. My advice for the undergraduates today: know that you will look back at college as four of the best years of your lives. I'd suggest that becoming exposed to as many career opportunities as you can prior to deciding on what you'll likely do for many years to come. Technology is changing daily, and many jobs will become obsolete in a short time. Plus, life is much better if you really love your job and profession.

#### Q: Which Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Jeff: I was part of a great group of guys who made up the fall 1982 Superman pledge class. I see my pledge brothers **Steve Glasgow '82** and **Keith Novy '92** with some frequency, and I see **Robert Howden '80** and **Russ Keene '80** around our neighborhood.

#### Q: Tell us about your education and training.

Jeff: I received a BBA, U.T.-Austin, 1985; M.D., U.T. Medical Branch Galveston, 1991; as well as Urology Residency at U.T. Medical Branch Galveston, 1991-1997.

#### Q: What led or motivated you to your medical career?

Jeff: A family friend who was a urologist introduced me to medicine and then urology. I became his partner at Urology Specialists of Austin after residency. As a practitioner, the field presents a challenging mix of medicine and surgery. Many urologic issues (including malignan-



Dr. Jeff Kocurek '82, Austin urologist, and family.

cies) are curable or treatable. The ever-changing business of medicine has allowed me to utilize my undergraduate business degree. I'm very involved in the profession and am a past president and served for 10 years on the executive committee of The Texas Urological Society. I've also served on the Travis County Medical Society's Ethic Committee.

eith Novy, D.D.S. '82 is an Austin-area general dentist serving patients in Austin, West Lake Hills and Lake Travis. He began his dental career in the Air Force medical branch in 1990, attaining the rank of major, before locating to Austin to open his practice in 1997. Keith is originally from Longview, and he served as East Texas rush chairman during his years with Pike. Keith and his wife, Laura (Baylor University, Kappa Kappa Gamma), have been married for 17 years and have two sons, Ben (15, a



freshman at Regents School) and Drew (9, a third grader at Lake Pointe Elementary School). Keith enjoys golf, and the Novys like to travel when not busy attending and coaching their sons' many sports activities. The family enjoys down time at a Lake Marble Falls retreat. Keith can be reached at knovydds@gmail.com.

# Q: How did Pike influence you and what advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning careers?

Keith: Coming from a small town in East Texas, the enormity of the U.T. campus could be a little overwhelming. The fraternity filled the need of a small, close-knit group identity that I was used to and very much needed at that time. My closest friends and most enjoyable memories from college are all centered around Pike. My advice for today's Pike students is please use every opportunity to shadow professionals in the field where your interests lie. These hands-on experiences, internships or summer jobs can be invaluable in giving one insight into the career path that they are contemplating. Sometimes the day-to-day activities are markedly different from an outsider's perception.

#### Q: Which Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Keith: A core group of our pledge class (Superman) gets together for fairly frequent reunions. We enjoy meeting for Longhorn football games, at home and away, and golf weekends. I often see pledge brothers **Steve Glasgow '82**, **Jeff Kocurek '82** and **Jim Sharman '82**, as well as **Joe Mooney '83**. I see numerous Pikes professionally as well.

#### Q: Tell us about your education and training.

Keith: BBA, U.T.-Austin 1985; DDS, Baylor College of Dentistry 1989. Proudly served in United States Air Force 1990-1997, attaining rank of major.

#### Q: What led or motivated you to your dental career?

Keith: I was motivated by our family's childhood dentist, who was a good family friend and is still practicing after 50 years. I have always

been drawn to the sciences. Dentistry is a neat combination of clinical practice, business management (my degree), psychology and one-on-one personal communication and interaction. I've enjoyed my practice and patients thoroughly over the years



Dr. Keith Novy '82, Austin/ Westlake Hills dentist, and family.



# Alumni Lead Career Advisory Sessions for Pike Undergraduates

ne of the many ways Beta Mu alumni can honor the "Once a Pike, Always a Pike" mantra and support the undergraduate chapter is by participating in a Career Advisory Session. For its fifth year during the students' holiday break, a fun and informative alumni-led Career Advisory Session took place in Dallas on January 5. The early 2017 session focused on real estate and was hosted at the uptown Colliers International offices of Allen Gump '76. Joining the breakfast session were alumni real estate "faculty" George Dutter '83, Gianni LaBarba '96, Jay Lucas '76, Brady Maus '09 and Kirk Williams '80. The Dallas session mirrors a January 2016 real estate session in Houston led by alumni.

**Jeff Hickl** '98 of Deloitte led a well-received presentation to 10 active members of the chapter in Austin on April 17 on the topic of preparing for careers and interview suggestions for the accounting and global business consulting sectors.

Previous sessions have been held in Austin, Dallas and Houston in both January and the summer, as well as during the school year. Topics have included digital marketing/big data, energy, medicine, banking, law, working in a large global corporation and a visit to the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank. Alumni interested in giving a career talk, please send a note to alumni@texaspikes.com.



Beta Mu undergraduates and alumni enjoyed the session on preparing for a career in the real estate industry.

## Welcome, Spring 2017 Pledges

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Matthew Stewart • Austin, Texas • Westlake High School • Activities: Golf, German Club, Astronomy Club • Major: Business Administration

# Texas Pikes Launch New Philanthropy, "Pike Fest"

## Spring Semester Wrap Up from Beta Mu

The spring 2017 semester for Texas Pikes has been active and productive. The chapter initiated 34 new members in December, and we are pleased to have a five-man spring class (introduced below). Beta Mu is focused this spring on academics, philanthropy, athletics, brotherhood and some great social events. In addition to our spring semester kick-off social, the winter-themed Pikes Peak party held in January, we completed a fun Round-Up Weekend in March and held our spring formal in April in San Antonio. Pikes are competing in Rec Sports basketball and baseball seasons, and Pike has hosted both Mom's and Dad's Weekends in Austin this spring.

Academics and community service remain a priority. The overall Pike membership GPA is 3.2 per UT-Austin's most recent official grade report rankings, placing our men 14th of the 30 IFC fraternities at Texas. A team of 15 Pike undergraduates traveled to Dallas in February to attend Pike University, where they met with more than 400 other Pike officers and alumni leaders from chapters in Texas and surrounding states, learning best practices in academics, recruitment and risk management, as well as other fraternity management techniques.

Pike continues our deep engagement in community service this semester. We are excited to host a new signature charity event, a day-long music festival held on April 29 christened Pike Fest. Pike Fest is a lawn party format and featured a popular rap group from Chicago, as well as homegrown Austin music talent. Profits will benefit pediatric cancer research; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and MD Anderson Cancer Center's Taylor Trudeau Cycle for Life Foundation are the beneficiary organizations.

We are excited to have a broadened rush team and recruitment approach for summer 2017. Rush is the lifeblood of the fraternity, and we need the Pike family and alumni to recommend potential rushees. Our rush team is profiled in this issue (page 5).

In 2017, Beta Mu Chapter celebrates her 97th year at The University of Texas at Austin. There has never been a time to have more pride in being an active member or an alumnus of Pi Kappa Alpha. We encourage Pikes, alumni and friends to visit when in Austin.

Yours in phi phi ka, Lucas Anderson '13, President



From left: Edouard Henriet, Thomas Hebner, Andrew England, McCord Kobelan and Matt Stewart.

## Pi Kappa Alpha









# Dad's and Mom's Weekends Held This Spring

eta Mu hosted its 2017 Dad's Weekend on March 3-4. The Friday Dnight dinner and a Sixth Street outing were a success.

On Saturday afternoon the group took in the Longhorns vs. Baylor Bears basketball game, the last of the season. Unfortunately, Texas did not win, but a fun Saturday night at Topgolf concluded the weekend. A fun time was had by all. Thanks, dads!

More than 50 enthusiastic Pike moms joined Beta Mu members in Austin March 31-April 2. The weekend included a tour of U.T.'s Blanton Museum and dinner at Abel's on the Lake.

We enjoyed both of the spring weekends and welcome parents to visit us in Austin anytime.

# Summer Rush Leadership **Welcomes Recommendations**



As we are taught, rush is truly the lifeblood of the fraternity. The Beta Mu rush team is ready for a productive summer 2017.

Pike's summer 2017 rush leadership team has been announced. Led by Chairman Kris Kubin '14, the Dallas captains are Will Reid '15 and Nathan Roberts '15; Houston captains are Mitchell Benson '15 and Arthur Gorling '16; Austin efforts will be helmed by Justin Dunlap '15, Hunter Hendrix '15 and Parker Morris '15; and the out-of-state outreach will be led by Alex Crutchfield '15 and Vincent Gangemi '15. A summer rush calendar will be posted on the chapter website in early May.

The rush team welcomes rushee recommendations, as well as alumni and parent resources for outings such as baseball tickets, golf outings, ranch use and boating. Rush referrals can be sent to the rush team via e-mail at rush@texaspikes.com or the rush page at www.texaspikes.com (print, scan and e-mail/mail the rec form).

## Congratulations, December 2016 Graduates

ongratulations to the following seven Pike brothers for their December 2016 U.T. graduations.

Richard Tuckwell-Brown '12

B.S., Economics

Reece Maganzini '12 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Baylor Morrison '13** 

B.S. Economics

JD Swancoat '12

BBA, Finance

Aaron Trevino '13 B.S., Political Communications

Will Wakefield '12 B.S., Economics

Jake Webb '12 B.S., Computer Science

The Alumni Advisory Board enjoyed honoring these new Texas Exes with a Senior Sendoff over cocktails in December and presented them, on behalf of Beta Mu alumni, with Pike blankets. This group made many contributions to Beta Mu and U.T. JD is a past president, Baylor is past philanthropy chairman and Reece is past sergeant-at-arms. Will and Jake are Silver Spurs and past rush chairmen. Ricky and Aaron were academic and athletic contributors. We wish them well in their career and graduate school pursuits and welcome them to alumni status.



December 2016 graduates JD Swancoat '12. Aaron Trevino '13, Reece Maganzini '12 and Will Wakefield '12.



# Thank You, Beta Mu Donors

n the fall of 2016, 47 brothers donated \$16,535 to support The Alumni Fund. We wish to acknowledge these new contributions marked by an asterisk and thank all previous contributors to the Beta Mu fund listed below for all their support.

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# **ALUMNI UPDATES**

### Chapter Eternal

Gilbert C. "Gibby" Ledyard Jr. '41 of Dallas, Texas, entered Chapter Eternal on November 17, 2016. He was 93. He attended U.T. before entering the United States Navy during WWII. He became a Navy pilot, serving in both the Atlantic and Pacific. He was a lieutenant commander, piloting a hospital ship with wounded soldiers from Okinawa and Iwo Jima and transporting them to hospitals in the United States. He landed in the first American plane on Japanese soil after the surrender by the Japanese. Upon leaving the Navy in December 1944, Gibby pursued his career in real estate. He was vice president, real properties, for Henry C. Beck Company General Contractors for 50 years. Gibby served for 25 years on the board of trustees for the Genesis Women's Shelter and Austin Street Shelter for the homeless. Gibby will always be remembered for his sense of humor, love of laughter and passion for hunting. Gibby is survived by his wife of 43 years, Dolores, a daughter, three sons, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Robert Rudd '49 entered Chapter Eternal on February 11, 2016. He was employed by Aetna Life Insurance in Houston from 1955 to 1958 until he transferred to Lubbock and then Amarillo. He was a partner in the Panhandle Insurance Agency for 17 years. Upon his retirement in 1982, he became an investor in oil and gas. He and his wife, Barbara, were active in the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo and had a home in Rockport where Robert liked to fish and entertain U.T. football coaches. Robert had four children, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lawrence D. "Larry" Haskew Jr. '54 entered Chapter Eternal on November 22, 2016, in Carrollton at the age of 81. Larry was born in Atlanta, Ga., and grew up in Austin, where his father, Larry Sr., was a professor and later dean of U.T.'s College of Education. Larry interrupted college to join the U.S. Air Force in 1956 for pilot training, flying missions in Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Argentina. He returned to complete his U.T. education and married first wife Carolyn in 1960. They had a son and a daughter. Larry subsequently worked in finance and management at Texas Bank & Trust Co., MasterCard, State Farm and Lone Star Life Insurance, retiring in 1990. He remarried in 1982 to Sharon Stewart. In retirement they lived in Lake Cypress Springs, Tyler, and more recently Carrollton following Sharon's death in 2009. Survivors include his two children and four grandchildren.

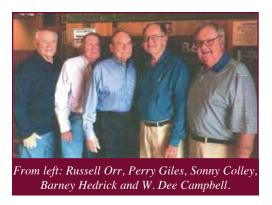
Joseph L. Brewton '64 entered Chapter Eternal on September 17, 2016, at his home in Pearland, Texas. Joe began a 40-year career in the oil and gas exploration field in Ponca City, Okla., before moving to Lafayette, La., in 1978. After 21 years in Lafayette, he returned to Houston. He spent the last 25 years of his career with Subsurface Consultants and Associates while also teaching at professional technical schools to geologists, geophysicist and geo-engineers. He was a loving husband, devoted father and adoring grandfather. Joe was also a passionate football fan; win or lose, he was a Longhorn fan through and through. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen, two daughters and four grandchildren.

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**Fred E. Scott '44** and his wife, Jessie, live at Clarewood House retirement community in Houston, Texas. He retired in 1995 as divisional president of The Personal Marketing Company. Fred turned 90 in August and enjoys reading the Beta Mu newsletters. E-mail: frdfsctt@aol.com

**James W. Floyd '60** and his wife, Nancy, have two adult sons and three grand-children. They have lived in Atlanta since 1969. Jim is semi-retired, but still works with Harry Norman Realtors. E-mail: jim.floyd@harrynorman.com

**B. Breck Bostwick '70** lives in Austin and is principal of Breck Bostwick & Associates, a property tax consulting company. He has one daughter, Rachel. E-mail: bbostwick@austin.rr.com (Continued on page 8)



# Houston Lunch Group Sustains Pike Friendships for 60-Plus Years

A group of 1950s Beta Mu brothers has been meeting on Mondays for lunch for many years. The fraternity was the foundation for their friendship over 60 years ago. They also celebrate birthdays at the restaurant of their choice and try to have quarterly dinners together with their wives.

**Russell Orr '54** owned and operated a CPA firm for over 30 years. He is now semi-retired.

**Perry Giles '54** retired after owning and operating several auto dealerships in Texas and Louisiana.

**F. L. "Sonny" Colley '54** owned an insurance agency with eight offices in Texas and is now retired.

**Barney Hedrick '54** retired after serving as president of several banks in Houston and Pasadena.

**W. Dee Campbell '54** retired from Hershey Chocolate as a division sales manager, then owned a food brokerage company.

## **ALUMNI UPDATES**

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**Timothy L. Swan '83** is the Brentwood branch manager for Berkshire Hathaway Realty in Los Angeles, Calif. He previously worked in Hollywood as a location manager for such movies as *American History X, Casino*, and *Dazed and Confused*. E-mail: timswan@aol.com

**Jeremy Camp '03** is a partner at Gardner Haas law firm in Dallas. He and his wife, Erin, have two children. E-mail: jc@gardnerhaas.com

Luis Lafratta '04 and his wife, Ryan, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Logan Rose, on December 18, 2016. The family makes their home in Bellaire. Luis works for Accenture. E-mail: luis.lafratta@gmail.com

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# In Memory: M. Harman Parrott '48

Marcos passed on to Chapter Eternal on December 1, 2016. Harman graduated from Waco High School in May 1941. His generation experienced the full brunt of the Great Depression as he wore flour sack underwear as a boy, which were handsewn by his mother. "If you could rub two nickels together, you were rich" was a saying of his from those times.

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, all he wanted from life was to get a pair of wings and fly in the U.S. Air Force like his older brother, A.W. "Dub" Parrott. Harman enlisted in the Air Force in 1942 and his dream of having his older brother pin his wings on him came true in 1945 at Luke Airfield. Harman's military service ended after V-J Day and, on the GI Bill, he enrolled at the University of Texas.

While working no less than three jobs at any time and with the assistance received from the GI Bill, Harman received his bachelor's and law degrees. In 1949, he met the one true love of his life, Melba Jo Powell, a U.T. Zeta Tau Alpha, and they wed on September 1, 1950. Harman was employed in San Antonio as the assistant attorney general of the U.S. Western District. In 1953, Harman

and Melba moved to Houston, where he practiced law with MacGregor, Sewell, Junnell and Riggs (now known as Gardere Law) for over 25 years. Harman and Melba were active during their Houston years with the Stehlin Foundation Cancer Fighters, Spring Branch Presbyterian Church and the City of Hedwig Village. Harman and Melba were residents in Fair Oaks Ranch/Boerne, Texas, for 27 years before moving to San Marcos in 2010.

In the fall 2014 *Beta Mu Review* profile of Harman he said, "Pike anchored me as a person in the university days and led to the meeting of Melba." Harman noted a number of Pikes who were close friends, including **Frank Jungman '49**—"an exceptional man and fraternity leader." Harman made a series of generous gifts to better Mu in 2014 the time to honor Frank, and recently both Melba and their son, **Frank Parrott '74**, have honored Harman with gifts to the Pike Alumni Fund and Beta Mu Building Corporation.

Harman is survived by Melba; three children, Susan, Linda and **Frank** '74 (Norma), all of San Marcos; and two grandchildren, Michael and Lena Ann.