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ILLINOIS PIKE ALUM HONORED FOR 20 YEARS OF CHARITABLE SERVICE

CHICAGO, March 23, 2004 - - The Pi Kappa Alpha Chicago Area Alumni Association presented its 2004 Loyalty Award to Thomas J. Handler of Winnetka, Illinois for his outstanding commitment and service to Pi Kappa Alpha. Mr. Handler was recognized for his twenty consecutive years of volunteer service as an International Officer of Pi Kappa Alpha. He recently completed his tenure as a member of the Board of Directors of the International Fraternity where he served as Vice-President and President.



The Pi Kappa Alpha Annual Founders' Day Reception & Dinner was held in Chicago, Illinois on March 5, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Chicago Mart where Mr. Handler was presented the award during a ceremonial cocktail reception followed by dinner. The events were attended by over 250 members of the Fraternity.

The Chicago Alumni Association Loyalty Award is presented to outstanding dedicated individuals who have displayed service to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation. Mr. Handler's service has included participation in over 250 Educational and Leadership Conferences and Alumni Events throughout North America where he served as an educational speaker, panelist, and keynote speaker.

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is one of the largest and most successful international fraternities based in the United States. It is currently the second largest college fraternity with over 300 chapters and alumni associations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Pi Kappa Alpha is headquartered in Memphis, Tennessee and is known for its extensive leadership training, personal development, and philanthropic and community service programs. The Fraternity's affiliates include a Risk Awareness Foundation, a Real Estate Corporation, and an Educational Foundation.

Mr. Handler pledged Beta Eta Chapter at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1974. He served as pledge class Vice-President, Secretary, Calendar Chairman, Publications Chairman, External Vice President, Delegate to two National Conventions and 3 Regional Conventions, and Rush Chairman for five terms. He was ultimately elected National Undergraduate Vice President to the Supreme Council, one of 2 undergraduate members on The National Fraternity's Board of Directors.

While on Campus, Mr. Handler also served on the University Student Discipline Committee, IFC Judicial Board and Pre-law Club, and was elected to the University of Illinois Senate. For these accomplishments, he was named to 5 scholastic and leadership honoraries, Outstanding Greek Senior, and Beta Eta's 1978 Brother of the Year. For the international fraternity, Mr. Handler served as National Rush Director from 1982-1994; National Vice-President and Member of the Supreme Council from 1994-2002; and, as International President from 1998-2000.

During Mr. Handler's involvement with the Chicago Area Alumni Association, he served four terms as an officer, three terms as Chairman of the Alumni Golf Outing, and several terms on the Chapter Advisory Boards of the chapters at Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and The University of Illinois.



Thomas J. Handler (Beta Eta, Illinois) is presented with the Chicago Alumni Association's 2004 Loyalty Award by Michael Hoadley – far left (Beta Eta, Illinois); Pat Tally, International Legal Counsel; Douglas Robson (Delta Xi, Indiana); Mark Anderson, International President; and Ray Orians, Executive Vice President.

Professional:

Thomas J. Handler is the managing principal of Handler, Thayer & Duggan where he heads up the firm's Advanced Planning and Family Office Practice Group. Accordingly, he has extensive experience in the analysis, design and implementation of domestic and international business planning, financial & estate planning, and advanced tax planning strategies. Mr. Handler's experience includes public accounting and numerous corporate and foundation directorships. He has published numerous professional articles and has lectured extensively both nationally and internationally at professional and family office educational conferences. He has been named to Who's Who in American Law, the National Registry of Who's Who in America, and the PCG Wealth Strategies Design Team comprised of fifteen of the top wealth planning specialists in the United States. Mr. Handler earned a B.S. in Accountancy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a J.D. from DePaul University College of Law (*Law Review*).