

JOHN K. EASTON, JR. WESLEYAN '58

John K. (Jack) Easton, Jr. was born on May 10, 1936. He attended Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. and graduated in 1958. His family is very familiar with Beta Theta Pi as his father, John K. Easton, *Pennsylvania '30*, uncles, Harry M. Easton, *Pennsylvania '26*, and William F. Ahern, *Iowa State '21*, and cousin Harry M. Easton, III, *Maine '52*, are members of the Fraternity. One of Easton's most memorable Beta Days was April 15, 1984 when his son John K. Easton, III, *Denison '86* was initiated into Beta Theta Pi.

Easton has had numerous roles in Beta Theta Pi including helping position the current Administrative Office location. From 1999-2002 he volunteered as Alumni Advisor for the Phi Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. He supported the chapter through the ups and downs of reorganization in the late 90s, led by the chapter's serving as a pilot chapter for the *Men of Principle* initiative, in addition to playing an active role in the young men's officer development and advisor training. Previously, he guided the Villanova University Chapter when it was colonized in 1991 as the Chapter Counselor from 1994-1997.

Earlier, Easton served on the Beta Theta Pi Foundation board of directors from 1994-1999. In addition, he was the Fraternity's General Treasurer from 1991-1994 after serving as a Vice President from 1989-1991. Prior, he volunteered as district chief from 1981-1987 for the chapters at Dickinson, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, Penn State and Maryland. Further, the 172nd General Convention is Easton's 31st Convention attended. He attended those Conventions as a chapter president (1957-1958), Convention president (1985) and Delaware Valley Alumni Association president (1975-1976). While serving in the Delaware Valley Alumni Association, he was instrumental in the group's growth and success.

Outside of Beta Theta Pi, Easton was vice president of PNC Bank in its Philadelphia headquarters. He also served as chairman of the Bank Automation Association of Delaware Valley during part of his professional career.

Easton and his Beta sweetheart, Jane, have been loyal supporters of the *Beta Leadership Fund* and a variety of Capital Campaigns. The Eastons are members of the *Bridge Builder Society* and have been generous sponsors of many undergraduates to attend leadership opportunities.

In his downtime, Easton enjoys volunteering with his church, the local school board and the area country club. He and his wife of 50 years, whom he married 6 days after his Wesleyan graduation, are avid golfers and reside in Lower Gwynedd, Penn. In addition to their son John, they have two daughters, Barbara and Betsy.