

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

September 2009



Calendar

Homecoming 2009

Pre-Game Get Together

Saturday October 3rd
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs Illinois Wesleyan

Starting at 1:00p

Homecoming 2010

Saturday October 9th
vs Millikin

TURTLES 56TH AND CLASS OF 1959 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) invites all Turtle Alumni and Doves to return to Carthage College for Homecoming on October 2nd - 4th. Again we will be holding our annual pre-game get together at the Casa Capri on Saturday. This year we're starting at **10:00 a.m.** so you will have time to get to the parade and game. The TEXAA has been able to keep the Casa Capri party going through donations of members and we have Craig Deaton, Class of 1972, to thank for taking care of last years tab. It usually costs between \$350 and \$400. All individual and class group donations are appreciated to keep this great fun event going. Thanks in advance!

This year as the Turtles celebrate their 56th year at homecoming on October 3rd we will be recognizing the Turtle Class of 1959. It was a big class with 19 members and Rich Dokmo was the 6th Turtle President. One brother is deceased, Gary DesJardin. Two are lost, James Getzelman and Phillip Hinkle. If you have any information on these two please notify us. The committee has reduced the lost list from 500 down to 33.

There will be post-game drinks at the Charcoal Grill, 8300 Washington Ave., Racine. (262/884-9400). It is located 4 miles east of I94 on Highway 20 and about 7 blocks from the Marriott. Hope to see you at one or both of these events. A good time will be had by all - oh boy!!!

Fraternally,

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Need to stay Friday night before the game or Saturday after the party? Here's a couple of hotels on Hwy 20 or within a few blocks of the Marriott which is the location selected by Carthage for the alumni dinner.

Marriott - Racine
7111 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.6100

Fairfield Inn - Racine
6421 Washington Ave (Hwy 20) 262.886.5000

Comfort Inn - Racine
1154 Prairie Dr 262.886.6055

Super 8 - Racine
1150 Oakes Rd 262.884.0486

Donations Welcome

Hopefully over the last few years you've been able to reconnect with some of your old Turtle friends and even met a few new ones or some Doves. While you can count on the service spirit of the Turtles to keep things going it does come with some costs that just can't be avoided. Yes we've also had some generous donations in the past but we need your financial help you allow us to continue to expand the tradition and keep the fraternal bonds alive.

If you can take a minute and write a check to TEXAA c/o Randy DiVito 1805 W Shore Dr Delafield WI 53018, you can make a significant investment to the future of the alumni association.

Turtle Doves

TEXAA has been working closely with the actives, attempting to get an up to date listing of Dove alumni. We currently have 103 names on the list, most of which has accurate information. Unfortunately we know that there are some gaping holes and need your help. If you know of any Doves that are not getting this newsletter, please get their contact information to me. If you do not have the information, send me the name and we will try and locate her. If you would like a copy of the spread sheet, e-mail me at the addy listed below.

I am looking for one or two Dove alum to help me with the "Dove" side of the house. The Doves have been an integral part of the Tau Sigma Chi history for over 20 years and we would like to keep the "party" going past graduation. If you are interested in assisting me, please e-mail me at rdivito@wi.rr.com.

Turtles – Brewers Tailgate Party

Our 2nd Re-Annual Brewers-Turtles Tailgate took place on Sunday, August 16. 22 Brothers, spouses, and even a Turtle's son and a Turtle's daughter, came out to watch the Brewers get beat by the Houston Astros from our beautiful seats VERY near the roof.

Once again the Tailgate portion of the day was the main event. It was great to see brothers from all different years. This year two of the recent grads joined us - Chris Steenrod and Andy Bax. One of the attendees sent me an email stating how easy it was to reconnect with brothers he hadn't seen for many years. And that's what this event is all about.

Plans are already under way for next year's event. We might use TEXAA funds to purchase seats earlier in the year, so that we won't have to sit in the rafters. We're also polling the brothers who came this year to see if there would be more interest in a Saturday night game, rather than a Sunday afternoon one. If you have an opinion on this, please send me an email at twh17@yahoo.com.

Check the website for pictures of the event.

Tim Hughes '76

Website Report

Website usage continues to grow, but very slowly. Later this year we'll be switching over to either a new Yahoo service or some other carrier. We did have an offer from a brother to look into hosting the website on one of his servers, but we're still working on this. If you have any questions/concerns/suggestions for the site, please send an email to twh17@yahoo.com.

TEXAA Treasurers Report 9/1/2009

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>\$829.38</u>
<u>Income</u>	<u>\$ 42.00</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
<u>Ending balance</u>	<u>\$871.38</u>

Turtle Golf Outing

The group is growing though slowly. Repeaters Dave Neary, Mike Matson and Kurt Lehrmann from the mid 1970's, were joined by Tim Hughes and Freddy Curtis for the second Turtle golf outing on Friday June 12th. Unlike the first year the weather was fantastic and the beer was cold. Tim was impressive for someone who had to borrow clubs from a neighbor. Freddy got the long drive (he drove up from Ohio to join us) and like the prior year, three guys shot in the 80's with the others in the 90's . There's still some room for newcomers to fit in there. .

There's room for you next year and why not get some others and make a foursome. Over the first beer we all agreed that moving it around between Chicago and Milwaukee would give others a chance to participate however we need to know who's in. Drop any of alumni leadership team a line (info at the bottom of the newsletter) and let us know if you'd like to pull a group together, which metro area would work and if you prefer a weekend or a Monday or Friday. We'd be happy to supply you with names and contact info for any class of Turtles if you've lost contact.

We increased the numbers again last year. How about adding your name to the list!!

Check out -
http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX_Home.html

Is There Anyone Out There?

Over that last couple of years we've tried several different things to hopefully get people back in touch with each other. We started with Bro-File where we took time to catch up with a Turtle and find out what they've been up to since graduating. We also started listing some 'Old Bones' to try to share some of those great old memories and see who can guess who it was. The premise of profiling an alum was that once you had your interview published, you'd turn around and interview someone else to keep the ball rolling. After the leadership team started it off with 8 different articles we've only had several brothers that have followed suit. We've also had a similar lackluster response on the 'Old Bone'. Last spring we published 3 stories but never heard back with any guesses or with any queries of 'who dunnit'.

While we haven't abandoned either plan we thought there might be a few of you out there that just have the urge to 'tell the rest of the story' on someone else. Please DON'T ask for permission, just do it. You can mail or email any stories to any of the leadership team (info at the bottom of the newsletter).

Membership Report

We've been working hard over the past few years to really update our address roster, and our hard work is finally starting to pay off. We've used many methods of contact, including the Carthage College Alumni website, Facebook, various address websites, and even some cold calls! We only had about 30 returns from our last mailing, and several of those had forwarding addresses.

Currently we have names of 572 Turtles. Of those 35 Brothers are deceased. We don't have any information on 44 brothers. Please take a few minutes and check the website to see if you know the whereabouts of any of these "Missing Brothers" and send me an email at twh17@yahoo.com.

We sadly report the death of Craig H Russell, 1988 Turtle alum, on December 29, 2009. At the time of his death, he was the Chief Marketing Strategist for Saxobank in Beijing, China. He was only at Carthage a short time, but according to his mother Harriette, loved every minute. If you go to Legacy.com, you can read more about him.

Brofile: Donald H George, Turtle Name 'Jawge', Class of 1959

Written by Jerry Johnson, Class of 1956

Jawge was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and graduated from Shorewood High School in 1952. He attended Carthage College primarily because of Alan Anderson, Carthage representative for Lutheran students.

In the fall of 1953, Jawge went to Carl Rosessler's "The Chief's" room and found an unusual looking emblem on his mirror. That was the first time the TEX insignia was formed, and has not changed over the years. His roommates at Carthage were Larry Crone, Maurice Felton, Jerry Johnson, Carl Rosessler and Bill Trees, all of whom were founders of the Turtles.

Jawge recalled that while at Carthage, the Turtles had a BBQ near the Carthage Golf Course, and after many beverages, Ace Henderson went on the golf course and changed every flag on every hole. Jawge's two trips with the Turtles to Anna, Illinois brought back fond memories of the Turtles' travels, among others.

After college, Jawge served in the US Army, stationed in Orleans, France, in the Communications Center. While in the army, he traveled extensively through Europe.

After graduation, Jawge was hired by Allen-Bradley Co., now 'Rockwell International', and enrolled in their electrical engineering program. He spent 6 years in Milwaukee and then transferred to Cincinnati, where he met and married his wife Janet. They built a home only to have it destroyed by the 1974 tornado. He retired after 37 years and moved to Gaylord, Michigan, 50 miles south of Mackinac Island, where they enjoy golf, fishing and traveling.

He and his wife have two daughters, Tricia and Tanya and son Daryl, and 5 grandchildren.

TEXAA on Facebook

I know, it is hard to believe that these old gray beards have enough tech savvy to create a group on Facebook. Well we do and we did! This is a great social medium and will help us to communicate with you. Of course you have to have a Facebook profile first and then you can join the group. Go to your Facebook listing and do a search on Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association. That should get you to our Group profile. From there you request to join the group. We are asking all Turtles and Doves, active and alum to join the group. Once you are in the group we can instantly send information and keep you updated as to what is going on. Once you have joined, remember to invite your fellow brothers and sisters to join as well. Recently I sent an e-mail out to many of you to join the TEXAA group. It appears many of you searched on Tau Sigma Chi and subsequently joined that group. Even though that is a group for our fraternity, it appears that there is little activity and we have had no response from the administrator. More importantly, we do not have administrator rights and cannot use it to communicate to you. If you did join that group, please go back and search on Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association and then join our group as well. Don't forget to invite others to join. This is a great opportunity to re-ignite some friendships using the digital world. If you are having challenges joining the group, e-mail me at rdivito@wi.rr.com.

Can we email this newsletter to you??

We continue to reach out to alums both with this printed copy and also an email (if we have one on file). The great thing about emails are they're free, the bad news is many people are using their spam filters to the max so some good things don't get through. What can you do to help?

- If you get an email from the Turtles, please reply back so we know your address is good and we're not getting spammed out.
- In your reply let us know that you'll accept the next newsletter as an attachment. Don't worry, it's only a small pdf doc.
- If you didn't get an email from us it doesn't mean we don't love you. Send us an email at twh17@yahoo.com or kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com . We'll reply to make sure the email is getting through. From then on you'll be getting your newsletter via email.
- Don't have an email or you can't use it for important stuff like the Turtles? That's ok we're not too hurt but do drop us a note and let us know if you'll be able to look on line on the TEXAA website for the latest Turtle news.

Bottom line is any of these options will lessen the printing load on our budget. Currently we're spending over \$350 on printing and mailing. For those non-techies out there, don't worry, we have every intention of continuing to mail the newsletter but every dollar we save helps.

By the way those donations help keep this going.

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Special thanks to Jeremy Hanna for publishing and mailing our newsletter. Check out the TEXAA website below for links to old newsletters. If you're interested in writing an article, have an interesting Brofile or 'Old Bone' you'd like to submit, contact any of the Leadership Team members.

http://www.geocities.com/twh17/TEX_Home.html