

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2012



Calendar

Golf- Ives Grove Racine WI

I-94 & Hwy 20
Friday June 22nd
11:00a Teeoff

Brewers-Pirates Tailgate

Saturday August 18th
Afternoon - TBA
See article to right

Homecoming

Sept 29, 2012
Pre-Game Get
Together

Saturday October 1st
Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs North Park

Starting at 1:00p

Homecoming 2013

Turtle 60th

Saturday October 29th

Special Buffet and
Celebration

Mark your Calendar

5th Annual Brewers Tailgate Party

It's Baseball time again! We purchased 30 tickets for the Saturday, August 18 Milwaukee Brewers versus Philadelphia Phillies game. Our seats this year are in Section TB 411, Rows 4-7. You can check out the view by going to http://milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com/mil/ticketing/seating_pricing.jsp.

As in the past, we'll gather outside of the stadium and enter the parking lot together and tailgate. Ticket price of \$40 includes game ticket, sandwich, chips, etc. Bring your own beverage of choice.

Ticket sales are first come-first serve, so get your money in soon. There are two ways to pay: either send me a check for \$40 to:

Tim Hughes, 5741 Forsythia Place Madison, WI 53705

or go to our website www.tausigmachi.org and click the PayPal button (NOTE: you will either have to already have a PayPal account, or will need to create an account.)

Hope to see you on the 18th! Tim Hughes '76

Plans Begin for 60th Anniversary in 2013

It's hard to believe that the 60th anniversary of the Turtles is just around the corner. A few short years ago we celebrated the 50th when a large group of actives and alums got together at the Raddison Hotel next to the outlet mall. In late October next year we're shooting for doing it bigger and better. To let you in on some of the plans the TEX alumni team is working on getting a banquet room at the Harborside Best Western for a post-game get together. No formal dinner is planned but we're making arrangements for an open buffet so folks can by when it fits their schedule. The bar will open at 4 and the buffet from 5:00-6:30pm. Of course what's a get together without some recognition speeches so that should start about 6pm. Finally we're dusting off the memorabilia so there will be plenty of pictures, pledge manuals, artifacts and of course stories to fill the night. Also for those that "can't" make it home we're booking 25 rooms. Mark your calendar, it's an event you won't want to miss.

Check out the Turtle alumni website:

<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

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Jerseys & Sweat Shirts

Thanks to Chris Varner (a Turtle and a graphic designer), we've got a jersey and sweat shirt for this homecoming and the 60th. There's a little tweaking to do but who cares when you're wearing the Turtle green!! We have a 15 minimum order for jerseys with a price of \$22. For the sweat shirts we need 12 minimum for a cost of \$25 and in both cases the more we get, the better the price. Check out the website for the graphics. If you're interested in a jersey or shirt drop Chris Steenrod a note at steenrodchris@gmail.com or call 815-541-1053. Show your colors and by all means advertise that the greatest frat around is Tau Sigma Chi.

Did you know?

- We've posted some new circa 1960 pictures on the website
- We got a chance to go through the old TEX closet in Denhart and recovered the Turtle shell, some composites, pictures, battered nose and pledge manuals. Come to the 60th and see the relics.
- Larry Crone's wife Susan underwent brain surgery. Also Clayton Diskerud is undergoing chemo and surgery for cancer. Keep them in your prayers.

Homecoming 2012

TURTLE 59TH and Class of 1962 50th Anniversary

September 29, 2012

Again it is an early Homecoming this year so mark it on your calendars and plan on attending. The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) invites all Turtle Alumni to come to Carthage College for Homecoming. Attend our annual pre-game festivities at the Casa Capri (2129 Birch Road), Kenosha, on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. You will have time to attend the parade and game after having pizza and beer with fellow Turtle Alums. You young guys come and meet the old guys and you old guys come and meet the young guys.

The TEXAA has worked hard on keeping this event going but they need donations to continue. Please send a check or put something in the basket at the Casa Capri. Look for the Turtle flag flying at the concession area at the game and buy a brat from the Actives.

Remember next year is our big 60th celebration and we hope for a record turnout.

As we celebrate our 59th anniversary at homecoming we will be recognizing the Class of 1962. It was a class of 15 members including the 9th Turtle President, Earl Wolf. There are no deceased members but two, Elroy Diaz-Santana and James Smith are missing. Any information you know about these missing brothers we would appreciate.

Post game activities will be informal and decided on that day. On Saturday A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL
-- OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

5th Annual Golf Outing (and Counting)

Once again the Turtles will be doing their best to improve the environment by digging drainage trenches at Ives Grove. Unfortunately with the mild winter and early spring the grounds maintenance people had enough time to fill those in plant grass. This year we need more help!!

Once again we added some new faces to the list with Chuck "Bobby Jones" Brand (I think he's still using those original clubs) and Jim "this isn't a ski pole" Nelson. Come join the regular cast of characters including Mike "Defibrillator" McBride, Rick "I pray it goes in" Wirch, Kurt "Lajerman" Lehrmann, Dave "Padre" Narey, Mike "JoJo" Matson and Tim "Sow" Hughes and hopefully Freddy Curtis will make a return. With a group like that you know this will be serious (at least when we get to the 19th hole).

Once again each of us who played last year is going to try and get another bro to join us but please don't wait for an invitation. Even if you don't have clubs we'll find a set for you (you're on your own for balls ;-). There's no reason not to join in the fun (and some beers during and after) or better yet, get your own 4-some together, there's plenty of room.

- Friday June 22nd, 11:00a tee off.
- Ives Grove Hwy 20 and I-94 west of Racine WI
- Cost - \$45 greens fees and cart.
- Sign up with Dave Narey at david_narey@sbcglobal.net (847.274.0007) or Kurt Lehrmann at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com (262.880.2447)

Who's the last Turtle Brother or Dove that you've seen? Kind of like 'Where's Waldo' we're trying to make sure as many alums as possible know we're here. Send us their email or phone number and we'll reach out to them and make sure they're on our list.

TEXAA Association Update

Hey we're starting to dig ourselves out of the financial hole and we're still alive and kickin. I am a little surprised that we didn't get any requests for mailing a newsletter but I'm sure if we keep mentioning it and spreading the word, we'll find those Turtle and Dove alums who just detest the internet. If you know of someone who may be out of touch please let us know. We continue to get hits on our web page and we're slowly adding folks to Facebook. Also don't forget that we can still use donations to support our Homecoming activities at Casa Capri as well as getting things like TEX flags and other promotional items. We still have our donation link with PayPal on the website but cash and checks are always welcome.

Over the next year and a half the alumni association will be working on making a memorable 60th anniversary celebration. One thing that always make it fun is getting to flip through pictures and old pledge manuals. What about that old paddle that you got from your pledge son, is that still around? How about taking some time to write down a story that has been etched into your brain for many years so others can enjoy it. Over the next year make an effort to start pulling that stuff together and plan on bringing those memories to the 60th. We finally have a date so there's no excuse of 'not having enough time' to plan. For others the statute of limitation is over after being kicked off campus.

Finally I want to mention that we're finally getting some apparel ready for sale. It's time to show your colors and let everyone know that the Turtles will be 60 in 2013. Check out our website for the design and order a jersey or sweat shirt so you have it for Homecoming or maybe even the Brewer game in August. We are the Turtles, Turtles are we.....

What Are The Actives Up To?

The actives are in full swing under the guidance of two newly elected E-boards. The Turtles are in the process of planning a toga party with the TKE's to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy or Homeless Children of Kenosha (which is run by a Carthage professor). The Doves are also trying to plan a philanthropy project, but are still in the planning phase.

The pledging process is also in full swing. The Turtles are guiding 10 young men through the pledging process under the direction of Alec Palmer. The Doves have 12 pledges that are learning what it takes to be Turtle Doves under the instruction of Kristina Olack and Amy Willie. The fact that the pledging process is underway also means that formal is fast approaching. Formal is taking place on April 27th and 28th at the Holiday Inn in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Be sure to let the actives know if you want to attend.

Finally, the actives are trying to put together apparel orders. They are making the annual formal T-shirt and they would also like to order hats and wind breaker jackets with letters on them. Check the actives blog for updates on the pledging process, formal and apparel!

Chris Steenrod '09

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The Turtle Evolution

At this point in the early history of the Club several needs were realized and conceived. Like most organizations the need of an anthem and rouser was apparent, particularly in an organization such as ours. The symbol quite naturally was the Turtle. A seal was also conceived and drawn up.

With the manual dexterity of Liberace, "Cronie" Crone composed the musical score for the anthem and the rouser. Bill "Bushes" Trees provided the lyrics after much deliberation. I think it imperative to note that the lyrics captured the true spirit and aspirations of the Club both now and in the beginning.

Carl "Chief" Roessler conceived the organizations first seals consisting of a candle, sword and the Greek letters for Tau Sigma Chi on a shield. On top of the shield was the familiar Turtle.

At this time two new members were added to the Club, Mark "Psycho" Wild and Ron "Beard" Kassel. This group comprised the membership of the Club's first year. It is this group of men that carried the Turtles through the first hectic trial period of organization and acceptance by the faculty and student body. Below is a brief description of the type of men this original group was composed of:

Six ministers	Three teachers
One lawyer	One real estate tycoon
Three unknowns	

And we still continued on!!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President

Check out the Bill Schacht '73 Bro-File as well as the Ken Gohr Memorial starting on page 7. If you're interested in writing an article, have an interesting Brofile or 'Old Bone' you'd like to share, send us an email.

Financial Report (3/31/12)

Beginning Balance	
	\$680.29
Donations	
	80.00
Expenses	
Brewer Tix	365.00
Ending Balance	
	\$395.29

MARCHING TO THE 60TH - OCTOBER, 2013

This is the third installment of the origins and early Turtle history as recorded in the Turtle History Book by Founder Bill (Bushes, Treetops) Trees.

A few days after the officers were installed, a few days later another milestone was reached, the first two pledges were to undergo initiation and acceptance. The two names about to be mentioned are synonymous with the Turtles. Indeed it is only fitting to include them in the same breath as the original founders, for through their efforts and energies much was accomplished. They are Ken (Frog) Gohr and Carl "Chief" Roessler.

It is interesting to tarry awhile and recall some of the chores of the Clubs first initiates. The Club all gathered in the room of the "Minneapolis Lodge". The rules governing their first test of acceptance was to chug-a-lug a bottle of beer within 10 seconds. A big mug was provided in hopes of increasing the speed of the feat. Everyone was betting the Frog could do it, but there were some reservations concerning the Chief. Gohr was first -- shirt off, ready to go, and then the signal and he started to drink. Half way through he stopped for air, then back to the mug -- finishing in seven seconds. A tremendous cheer erupted, followed by an eruption of Frog's own...A burp that was heard three blocks away. Next up, the Chief. The signal, the tip of the mug and 12 ounces disappeared within three seconds flat to stun all members present. Shortly after the initiation was over, the members returned to their rooms wondering what manner of man was this, 12 fluid ounces in three seconds.

After passing the primary test, both of the pledges had to serve at a "banquet" of the Turtles in the chow hall. This skit like all others was on the spur of the moment and was designed to get a few laughs from the students. It had all the earmarks of the club, pork pie hats, topcoats, all members coming in looking around in a very suspiciously manner. (This was after the student body had already been seated for the meal). The following article appeared in the Indian.

Now for the pitch of the week. What is it with these Turtles? Just because you got a few laughs once doesn't mean you have to throw yourselves at the whole school for the rest of the year as the entertainment committee. Simmer down.

I will have to admit that I got a chuckle out of the game gas, but monopolizing the dining hall for your banquets seems highly irregular. I think Willy Trees ought to be made honorary something or other for the way he handled that wicked cigar though. I hear he's still choking.

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

Composite Picture Drive

There's plenty of holes to fill in. Check out 1953, 1971-72, 1974-75 but make an effort to dig out your composite and get it copied so the rest of us can enjoy it. It's really easy to get a copy made. Just head to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos or Office Depot and have them scan it. Doesn't matter if it's a jpg, gif or other picture file, we can handle most. It only costs a few bucks but think of the enjoyment it will bring. When you get the disk home send it to me at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com and I'll make sure it gets posted on the website. Wondering what it might look like? Check out <http://www.tausigmachi.org/1975Album.html> Hey that's me in the middle!

Bro-File: BILL SCHACHT – Class 1974

Written by Jeff “Big Shooter” Menter ‘90

Bill is turning 60 in May and, you can bet your sweet ass, he is still living the TEX spirit and energy he shared with brothers 40 years ago! Bill’s words resonate for all of us. Bill was named TEX “Man of the Year” back in 1974 and his passion for contributing and helping others has not changed.

Bill spent 12 years in public education after Carthage graduation as an English teacher, guidance counselor, and football and track coach.

He now is the owner of Performance Enhancement Health Services, SC, a WI State Mandated Outpatient Mental Health facility with offices in Franklin and Waterford, WI. Bill treats adults and children and sees around 300 couples a year for marriage and family counseling.

Bill is also spearheading a national project to provide education, support, and resources to children and adults who have experienced separation, divorce, and blending families. “People of Divorce” are the largest subset of the American population bar gender. The impact of divorce is significant, especially on the kids. There are so few options for support for this huge group of people with so many challenges! Bill created a course for children called “**KIDS-IN-A-BREAK**” designed to minimize the negative impact of divorce and optimize the possibility that a child will continue to function to potential and enjoy life on a daily basis in the face of family change.

Additionally, Bill is creating a social network for this population. The “Association for People of Divorce” unites its members in a commitment to a common mission: to never experience another divorce, to never have their children experience divorce again, and to never have their grandchildren feel the pain and challenge of divorce. Bill believes that, over time, this initiative will cause a notable decrease in the divorce rate in America.

The light of Bill’s life is his daughter, Hunter Rose. Hunter Rose was born on 9/11/01. He could not have been blessed with a better daughter, says Bill. She enjoys hunting and fishing as much as he does. We can only hope she is a better shot!

Enjoying his home on Tichigan Lake in Waterford, WI, Bill also golfs, is in a Hold’em tournament club, cooks, writes, and lectures. He also works as a consultant to guys who have become engaged to ladies from foreign countries and works with psychologists from other countries in helping the couple and her children make a successful transition into the US culture.

Bill expressed that he really enjoys meeting the Bro’s at the annual Brewers game outing and hopes to see everyone this year.

You can write to Bill at wmschacht@msn.com

New Turtle and Dove Executive Board:

Turtles

Luke Kunzie-President lkunzie@carthage.edu
Scott Pinter-Vice President
Connor McCourrie- Treasurer
Alex George- Secretary
Tyler Smith- Delegate at Large

Doves

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Ember McCoy- Vice President
Amanda Kuchan- Treasurer
Laney Brooks- Secretary

Ken Gohr, The First Turtle Pledge and my "Brother"

by John Sladek '65, , Turtle President '63-64, '64-65

Ken Gohr grew up in Berwyn Illinois and with his parents and two sisters, Ruth and Marilyn, attended Berwyn United Lutheran Church. His parents sang in the choir and we all attended Sunday School. Ken graduated from Morton High School in Cicero and moved on to Carthage College where he studied Business and then Theology. I met Ken through church in the 1950's and took an instant liking to him. He had a great sense of humor, loved sports activities and had a real interest in my oldest sister Joanne who he eventually married in the summer of 1955 while they were still students at Carthage. I remember the first time Ken came over to our home on South Wesley Avenue to pick up Joanne for a date. His hair was slicked back in a fashionable DA (all the rage in those days) and the mufflers on his souped up 1940 Ford Convertible drove my Dad a bit nuts, or at least it didn't instill a spirit of confidence in either Ken or his "wheels." But Ken loved cars and through the years always had one or two around that were special. His two proudest perhaps were his deep maroon '47 Caddy convertible and his hot rod '51 Ford with dual carbs and a tricked out interior that he drove through Oak Park on calls when he served as Pastor of the local Lutheran Church. He was quite a sight in his clerical garb driving his snow white Ford Coupe running through the gears.

Ken was in the class of the first Turtle Pledges in 1953 when Tau Sigma Chi began as a "service club" on campus. Following the return of veterans from World War II the college leadership decided to prohibit fraternities, but eventually saw the wisdom in chartering the Turtles, the oldest among Carthage's many fraternities and the "best of all of the rest." Ken and his brothers really paved the way for fraternities to return to Carthage. They were a fun group, active in college activities from theater to intramurals and were respected for their contributions through their many service activities. They also promoted social activities that pursuit today. My family visited Ken and Joanne many times during their years at Carthage and each time I grew closer to Ken and to the college. It seemed inevitable that I too would attend Carthage even though my other sister Barbara decided to head to ISU in Bloomington instead of joining the large number of Lutherans from Berwyn and Cicero who were Carthaginians. I attended Glenbrook High School (now Glenbrook North) where the expectation was to head to a great research university, particularly Ivy League. During my senior year I won an Illinois State Scholarship which meant automatic admission to any college or university in the state. After much thought I chose Carthage and am honored to give Ken and a few others (Barb's husband George Zima also is an alum and a member of our same church) credit for influencing my decision. And the fact that Ken was a Turtle and that I had so much fun with the Turtles during campus visits made it easy to decide.

I used to wish, during grade and high school, that I had an older brother who could have paved the way for certain "rights of passage" with my Dad as I was growing up so when Ken became a member of the family and officially my brother-in-law he really became my brother. I cherished that relationship. We shared a lot together and I could always count on him to provide good advice and help me through some tough decisions. And we had good times together, especially with our special cars and on the tennis court where he usually won. He was competitive yet yielding and had a compassion for others that likely drove him to the ministry and subsequently to take a leave of absence from his church during the Viet Nam war to enlist as a Navy Chaplain and serve in the war zone. Those were difficult times in America with a divided nation and as a young, long haired student at Northwestern University Medical School I found myself in the thick

of protest and dissatisfaction with the politics and policies of the times. Interesting, Ken and I did not disagree on the war, it's just that he decided to help the young soldiers who found themselves in the midst of the battles, and he did so very well. He served with honor and a purposeful mission and remained a part of Navy life thereafter.

I lived with Ken and his family for a year while in graduate school and during that time we shared many good times together although our schedules often didn't overlap well. And our love of cars prevailed so much so that he surprised me with a 1953 Pontiac one Wednesday morning to drive as my winter car during 1966 for the commute to Northwestern from Oak Park. Normally, one would be pretty excited about such a find, after all it was a one owner, low mileage sedan that one of his parishioners no longer was able to drive. So he woke me on that early morning, announced that he had something for me to see and urged me to get moving. You have to realize that during that semester I had no classes on Wednesday's so this was my morning to sleep in...and the night before I had spent several hours at Uno's with Turtles John Gavurnik and Herb Tallitsch, and my high school friend Bill Kennedy of Northbrook who was a personal friend of the owners. Coincidentally, it was the owners birthday and his mother had sent a rum cake from Italy so at midnight Rudy closed Uno's to the public and we stayed and enjoyed the cake, several more rounds of shots and beers, and eventually left around 3am. Understandably when Ken woke me the next morning around 7 and said "let's go for a ride" I responded sluggishly (I'm surprised I responded at all) and with a monster headache. But we took that old straight eight sedan for a test drive and when I noticed that the front shocks were shot and the car was pitching like a rowboat on 10 foot Lake Michigan waves I got very close to losing it! But Ken, who was smiling and giving me a sales pitch the whole time, failed to notice that I was showing Turtle green (not clothes, my face) and kept on driving and we kept on pitching. And I kept thinking this way God's way, through one of his clerics, to keep me in check. It worked, I bought the car and hoped to return the favor, but he never put himself in harms way. And I've only been green once or twice since.

Ken eventually left the ministry, divorced and remarried, moved to Southern California and started life anew. We moved to Rochester New York in 1973 and eventually back to Illinois and then on the mountains of Colorado. Time and distance got in the way of day to day activities with Ken, but we remained in touch and close friends. I hadn't seen Ken since our 50th reunion in Kenosha in 2003, but in 2007 he and one of his three daughters, Lisa, visited us at California Lutheran University.....and like so many reunions it was like old times. The stories of life at Carthage flowed freely and he was the same Ken I remembered from the 50's, great sense of humor, open and transparent, and caring. Ken passed last summer and we all miss his spirit of optimism and compassion.
Thanks for being my Brother Ken.

John Sladek

Ken and John at California Lutheran University, May 2007



Ken (top left) and Turtle Intramural Football Champs 1956

FOOTBALL TEAM STANDINGS				
	Won	Lost	Tied	%
Turtles	7	0	0	1.000
Hogs	6	1	0	0.867
Moldy Monks	4	3	0	0.667
Things	3	3	1	0.500
Grubs	3	3	1	0.500
Flying Haircuts	3	4	0	0.429
Roaches	1	6	0	0.123
Hobos	0	7	0	0.000

THE TURTLES INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL TEAM: left to right, top row—Ken Gohr, Don George, Mark Wild. **Middle row**—Carl Obert, Ron Kassel, Dale Hallberg. **Front row**—Tom Lisle, Don Henderson, Ellsworth Fryer, Tom Bowersox.

The Men of Tau Sigma Chi 1956, Ken Gohr is third from, left, top row



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Back Row: P. Hinkle, C. Diskrud, K. Gohr, R. Kassel, D. Sheridan, R. Trendel, D. Wilke, R. Dick, D. George. **Second Row:** D. Tarnow, R. Moore, M. Wild, C. Roessler, N. Bressler, J. Kaitschuk, T. Lisle, R.

Dokmo, G. Eisele, D. Hallberg, W. Trees. **Front Row:** D. Dumke, L. Crone (V. Pres.) C. Obert (Pres.) D. Thannen (Treas), W. Mueller, H. Reed, G. DesJardin, E. Freyer (Sec.), R. Stammer, M. Felton.