

# Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2013



## Calendar

### Homecoming Turtle 60<sup>th</sup>

October 12, 2013

#### Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)  
Starting at 10:00a

#### Carthage vs IL Wesleyan

Starting at 1:00p

#### Celebration

Racine Marriott

Bar Opens at 5:00p  
Buffet at 6:00p  
Ceremony at 7:00p

**Make your  
Reservations now**  
See article for details

#### Golf Outing

##### Ives Grove Racine WI

I-94 & Hwy 20  
Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>  
11:30a Teeoff

#### Brewers-Reds Tailgate

Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>  
Afternoon - TBA  
See article for details

## HOMECOMING 2013

October 12th

### TURTLE 60TH CELEBRATION

Class of 1963 - 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 60th year of Turtledom. On October 7, 1953, we got our start and now it is time to celebrate 60 years. We will begin Saturday with our usual pizza and beer at the Casa Capri (2129 Birch Road, Kenosha) at 10:00 a.m. We have been getting a lot more younger alums to join together with the old farts so come join us at this great mixer. Put something in the basket to help the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (TEXAA) keep this event on going. Look for the Turtle flag flying high.

As we celebrate our 60th we will be recognizing the Turtle Class of 1963. It was the largest class to date with 23 members. Only one member is deceased, John Breemer. There is also only one member missing, Gerald Zimmerman. If you have any information on him please notify us.

After the game starting at 5:00 p.m. at the Racine Marriott will be our banquet. There is more information on the event in the newsletter so make your plans and call in your reservations and attend because A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL - OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson  
1st Turtle President

Get the latest information at our website:

<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Brewers Tailgate Party

*It's Baseball time again! We purchased 25 tickets for the Saturday, August 17 Milwaukee Brewers versus Cincinnati Reds game. Our seats this year are in Section 204, Rows 6-8. You can check out the view by going to [http://milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com/mil/ticketing/seating\\_pricing.jsp](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
  - On our website [www.tausigmachi.org](http://www.tausigmachi.org) and click the PayPal button (NOTE: you will either have to already have a PayPal account or create one.*

*Hope to see you on the 17th!  
Tim Hughes '76*

## Jerseys & Sweat Shirts

There is still time to get a T-shirt as we gear up for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association has jersey-style shirts available.

Send Chris Steenrod an email at steenrodchris@gmail.com to buy a shirt. Each shirt fits true to size and costs \$30. The TEX crest is on the front with "60" on the back and "10-07-1953" directly underneath.

Please have all orders in by September 10<sup>th</sup>. Shirts will be available for pickup at this year's homecoming.

Who's the last Turtle Brother or Dove that you've seen? Send us their email or phone number and we'll reach out to them and make sure they're on our list.

## MARCHING TO THE 60<sup>TH</sup> - OCTOBER, 2013

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

In the spring of 1954 while the frost was still on the pumpkin in Northern Illinois, the green grass and mild weather of Southern Illinois was calling. The Tau Chi's at one of their meetings decided to take a trip to Anna, Illinois, and see some of the country. Anna was selected because two of the members of the Club were from that town (JJ Johnson and Bushes Trees) and Cronie (Crane) (our Meteorologist) deduced the further north we went the colder it would become and conversely the further south we traveled the warmer it would become. Johnson had a cabin down on the Mississippi River providing a home base from which to stick out from.

The first trip was so successful that a second trip the following year was undertaken. Both journeys were made in cars, and a great quantity of eatable substances were procured for the chow hall. "Thumper" Nicholson (the chef of CC), out of the kindness of his heart saw we did not starve on the trip. The menu consisted mostly of surplus food from the kitchens of the government: CHEESE.

We had cheese in the morning, cheese in the evening, cheese at supper time, - fried cheese, toasted cheese, baked cheese (and a little beer every now and then), cheese sticks, peanut butter and cheese, boiled cheese (a little more beer), cheese coming and cheese going and cheese in between (then a lot of beer; after that, the cheese didn't taste half bad.

The local newspaper, The Anna Gazette, wrote an article concerning the Turtle Retreat over the Easter Holiday.

Also in the spring of 1954, the first Tau Chi installation banquet was held at Flora Thumbs in Niota, Illinois. It was at this gathering that Dick (The Chest) Wendell was accepted into the Club. An article about the banquet appeared in the Indian and our faculty advisor, Professor Eric Olson accompanied our group.

Through all the trials and tribulations of the Clubs "floundering days", I doubt if the Tau Chi's would have made it had it not been for our representation before the faculty by our advisor, Professor Eric Olson. We also received much needed help from the "Gov", Percy Hylton. Professor Olson seemed more than an advisor. He was young, witty appreciated a good brew now and then and I denoted a touch of rebellion against the "stick with what you have and try nothing new idea"! It took a man with guts to stand before the faculty and defend some of our more dubious actions.

All in all the first year of the Turtles was very successful!

The second Turtle year began in the fall of 1954 with the Turtles continuing with their objective of participating in school activities thus strengthening the entire school program. They also took time out on October 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their actual start.

And the Turtles second year continued on.

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Turtle President

## 7 Years of Divits and Counting

No this article isn't about our beloved Randy or his legacy son Brian but about our 7<sup>th</sup> golf gathering in a row. The mainstays of group once again are reaching out to all Turtles to join in the fun and enjoy a few beers after to make excuses.

Do you know any of these past participants? How about Chuck "Bobby Jones" Brand, Jim "Mogul" Nelson, Mike "Defibrillator" McBride, Rick "The Pope" Wirch, Kurt "Lajerman" Lehrmann, Dave "Old Blue Eyes" Narey, Mike "JoJo Gun" Matson and Tim "Sow" Hughes and Freddy "One Time" Curtis. Can you add your name to the list this year?

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 21<sup>st</sup> , 11:30a 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](mailto:david_narey@sbcglobal.net) (847.274.0007) or Kurt Lehrmann at [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com) (262.880.2447)

We recommend you stay at the Marriott but if you prefer, here's a couple of other options:

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

Super 8 – Racine 1150  
Oakes Rd 262.884.0486

Microtel Inn & Suites –  
Racine/Mt Pleasant 5419  
Durand Ave  
262.554.8855

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## TEXAA Association Update

It's hard to believe that the 60<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner. It doesn't seem like 10 years ago when some of started talking after the 50<sup>th</sup> about how we could make a better event. Little did some of us realize that we went from just trying to upgrade the event to a full-fledged effort to organize all Turtles from the very first ones to present as well as incorporating and recognizing all the great work that the Doves have done over the years in bettering the organization. If you get a chance to check out our website you'll find some great history as you flip through composites and pictures, start singing some of the old songs in your head as you look at the lyrics that you may have forgotten. More recently you can check out new and old copies of our newsletter and hopefully soon find a list of who's attending the 60<sup>th</sup>.

On the 60<sup>th</sup> front the Leadership Team has been working for over a year putting the pieces of the puzzle together to get as many Turtles and Doves together as possible for this milestone anniversary. We worked really hard to keep the price down yet have a quality event with great food, comfortable surroundings, close accommodations for those that like to party hardy, commemorative mugs and jerseys and a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake. We plan on having event photographs taken, including a large group composite, so we can put together an event booklet for free downloading. I also don't want to forget to let you know that we'll be looking for donations to purchase a Greek Organization display case as our anniversary gift to the College. Our goal is have the showcase in the Student Center so the entire Carthage community can see first-hand what Turtles and other Greek organizations have meant to the school plus having our name on the display case continues to show that 'we are the best of all of the rest.'

See you at the 60<sup>th</sup>!  
Kurt Lehrmann '75

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mugs



- 17 oz Stoneware Tankard
- \$17.50 / Mug if picked up at 60<sup>th</sup>, add \$10 if you want it shipped to your house.

*Check out the Bill Lafevre '83 and Jeff Lindell '92 Bro-Files starting on page 6. If you're interested in writing an article, have an interesting Brofile or 'Old Bone' you'd like to share, send us an email.*

## TEX Alumni Leadership Team

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## What are the Active Up To?

It seems that the Tau Sigma Chi actives are having another great year! The 2012-2013 school year started off with the annual brat stand at the homecoming game. The actives stole the show this year by selling over 85 lbs of brats! In previous years the actives would purchase 75 lbs and just couldn't get them all sold. This year, they bought 65 lbs and then had to buy another 25lbs before the day was over. That was a great, joint effort by the Turtles and Turtle Doves!

With the beginning of the Spring semester came the beginning of the pledge period. The Turtle Doves have 11 promising pledges and the Turtles boast 12 hopeful actives. The Spring also means that Formal is just around the corner. It's hard working around the schedules for all of the various athletes that are also members of Tau Sigma Chi, but the weekend of May 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> was finally decided on.

Alex George, the Turtle President, has told me that the actives are looking into doing a fundraiser to help battle MS. Hopefully this effort takes off and is as successful as past efforts to battle Muscular Dystrophy were.

Last, but certainly not least, the Turtles and Turtle Doves are both excited about the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. Even though the reunion is still a few months away, they've already asked if there is anything they can do to help out. Maybe we can get them to help fundraise for a 60<sup>th</sup> reunion gift to the school!

## Financial Report (2/26/13)

Beginning Balance	\$1150.29
Donations	25.00
Expenses	
Brewer Tix	
60 <sup>th</sup> Postcard	
Marriott Dep	734.76
Ending Balance	\$ 440.53

### **To Masticate, To Donate....or Both!**

So what the hell does that mean? It will make sense in a second I just needed to make sure that you read this article as it is important so keep reading gosh darn it! The TEXAA committee has been working diligently making sure that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration will be our best get together yet and it is time for you to reserve your seat at the table.

The Anniversary party will be held Homecoming weekend, **Saturday October 12, 2013**. The day will start when the Alumni Association hosts the annual pre-game get together at Stella's Casa Capri at 10 am. That evening from 5-11 pm we will gather at the Racine Marriott for a night of Turtledom. There will be a buffet dinner (hence the masticate, told you it would start to make sense!), Brothers from each of the 6 decades discussing what great students and upstanding young citizens we were and after that, some Hell raising done the Turtle way! You will not want to miss this event. There will also be a cash bar for those that might want an adult beverage or two as well. There is limited space so if you want a chair at the table, please send your check of \$45.00 per person to the address listed below. Your check is your reservation.

If you cannot make the event but would like to donate to your favorite Alumni Association to help us continue our efforts, you can send a donation (see, making more sense now isn't it?) to the address listed below as well. Now if you are sending your \$45.00 in for the anniversary and want to kick in a little extra for your favorite Alumni Association just add it to the forty five bucks and make note of it in the memo section so I know what to do (Ha! See what I did? Masticate; donate; both! Now it makes total sense, am I good or what??). All Alumni and active Turtles, Doves and significant others are invited. Hope to see you there!

Please send your checks made out to TEXAA to:

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Questions???? Send to [rdivito53018@yahoo.com](mailto:rdivito53018@yahoo.com)

We also have a block of rooms set aside for those that wish to have way too many adult beverages with a discounted rate of \$92.00. Follow the link to make your reservations now:

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mkerw-racine-marriott/?toDate=10/13/13&groupCode=tsctsca&fromDate=10/11/13&app=resvlink>

### **Website Update – April 2013**

Although not too many of you check out the website regularly, you really should. We try to keep the dates updated, are always adding new pictures when brothers send them in, and we recently scanned the Master Roll and will upload those to the website soon.

In addition, several of the younger brothers are looking into upgrading and modernizing our website look, so look for some improvements in the near future. Also, the website is the place to keep current on what's being planned for our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash this fall. We are going to update a list of brothers attending, you can order your 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirt, and much more.

Go check it out! <http://www.tausigmachi.org/>

## **Do You Feel the Fever by Jeff “Big Shooter” Menter ‘90**

Bill Lefevre, a shy and athletically challenged young man from West Allis, Wisconsin chose Carthage for his educational experience. Bill attended Carthage from the fall of 1978 through his graduation in the spring of 1983. During his tenure as a Turtle at Carthage, Bill was self-proclaimed as the “Dullest” Turtle of the ‘80’s when compared to his pledge class legends Pete “The Meat” Salamoun, Ken Paulson, Pat “Party Down” Koepp and pledge father Tim Block. Even the “Dull” can succeed at Carthage when given the chance.

Bill was elected Tau Sigma Chi President in the fall of 1982 following a special election due to the serving Turtle President (name withheld) was asked to leave Carthage (reasons not stated) and never to return. Now that Bill was Turtle President he could now “Feel the Fever”, but unfortunately this sensation did not help his intramural or club athletic careers. Not for a lack of trying and increased enthusiasm, Bill continued to “Feel the Fever”, but was still restricted by poor agility and lack of speed, so he joined the Rugby Club. It turned out that Bill was a better drinker than rugby player, so he focused his efforts on the Turtle Presidency and his new found sport of drinking, which he ultimately became Captain.

In the midst of all his shenanigans, Bill was able to meet a lovely young lady, Amy Malicdem (’84). Bill and Amy married after graduation and currently reside in Waukegan, Illinois. Bill has been working as a Purchasing Manager for Holbrook Manufacturing in Wheeling, Illinois since 2007. Bill is still trying to overcome his athletic challenges by bowling and playing golf in his spare time. In closing, I have shared many beers with Bill and Amy over the years at homecoming and Turtle alumni functions and look forward to it for years to come.

### **Bill “Feel the Fever” Lefevre ‘83**

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## Jeff Lindell '92

**Date of Graduation:** Would have been 1992, but transferred to Ball St. Univ. in 1990. B.S. in History - Ball State 1993

**Location:** Muskegon, MI

**Marital Status:** Married to Dove Jenny Heidelberg (1989-1993)

**Children:** 3 -- Brady (10yr) Tyler (6yr) Natalee (4.5yr)

**Occupation:** Sales Consultant for Muskegon Awning and Fabrication ([www.muskegonawning.com](http://www.muskegonawning.com))

**Interests/Activities:** My kids, camping, softball, soccer, coaching my kids in school sports

**Favorite Turtle Activity:** Brat Sales - I still can't think of a better football food than a grilled brat with kraut & mustard

**Favorite Turtle Moment:** Spending a night perched precariously on the hill behind Kissing Rock mixing cement so that we could turn Kissing Rock into a turtle. It didn't stay that way very long, but it was fun hiding from security as they drove past and it looked great when we were done.

**Best Experience at Carthage:** Taking an SAB trip to Wrigley to see the Cubs with my Grandfather Fu (Kevin Kilgallen – Currently in Prison). It was a great game, the stoners next to Fu shared their one hitter with us, the Cubs won and I met my wife Jenny (not a Dove at that time) on the bus ride home. The Hamm's runs after we ran out of Old Milwaukee.

**Worst Experience at Carthage:** Breaking a couple my Dads (Gonzo) ribs the night before he had to take an important test. The day Jack and Joe spilled their "piss bottle" in their room, although it was pretty funny. Being "shoved & stomped on" & getting a concussion from having my head run into a fire extinguisher holder while our brother Conan (Arlen Moss) beat the tar out of some Squid.

## Composite Picture Drive

You know it's sitting in the pile in the basement so head down there and save it (literally) for everyone to enjoy. Over the past few years we have been able to collect group composites from 1953, 1971-72, 1974-75, 1986-89, 2006-09. When I mentioned 'save it' earlier I mean head to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos or Office Depot and have them scan it. It only costs a few bucks. We'll take a jpg, gif or other standard picture file. When you get the disk home send it to me at [kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com](mailto:kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com) and I'll make sure it gets posted on the website.

**2013-14 Turtle and Dove Executive Board:**

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***Important Numbers for the 60th***

- Saturday October 12, 2013
- Casa Capri Pre-Game 10:00am
- Il Wesleyan Game 1:00pm
  - Racine Marriott

Bar Opens at 5, Buffet at 6 and Presentations at 7

- \$45 per person. Send your check to Randy DiVito at 923 Lake Dr Delafield, WI 53018
- Marriott Racine rooms- \$92/night; call 262-886-6100 and make your reservation under the Tau Sigma Chi 60<sup>th</sup>
  - Bar opens at 5p, buffet at 6p, presentations at 7p
- Commemorative mugs \$17.50, T-Shirts \$30 (if picked up)