

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association – TEXAA

September 2017



Calendar

Homecoming

**September 30,
2017**

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

**Sponsored by
John Nagel '88**

Annual TEXAA Mtg & Elections

11:00a

Carthage vs Carroll University

Starting at 1:00p

Active Party TBA

*We are an official IRS
501c3 Non-Profit
Organization.*

*All your donations are
tax deductible.*

HOMECOMING 2017 - Turtle 64th and Class of 1967 50th Anniversary

September 30, 2017

Grab a Turtle sweatshirt and cap from the new Booster site and bring your colors to this year's Homecoming. Once again it's in September so hopefully warmer weather will add to the day.

In keeping with the Eric Olson pre-game tradition we will start the day at the Casa Capri at 10:00 a.m. and don't forget our annual meeting at 11:00 am. A special thanks goes out to John Nagle '88 who is sponsoring the event this year so be sure to thank him for his generosity in hosting this year's event. Let us know if you want to be the sponsor for next year. Come one, come all to celebrate 64 years of Turtledom on Sept 30th with great pizza, beer and hors d'oeuvres served at the Casa!

Hope to see you there - A Good Time Will Be Had by All - Oh Boy!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Annual Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association Meeting

Casa Capri Restaurant Sept 30th 11:00am

Being an official IRS 501c3 organization we need to hold an annual meeting of the membership, which according to our constitution, is the Saturday of Homecoming each year. This year that falls on Saturday, September 30th at 11:00am at Casa Capri restaurant at 2129 Birch Road Kenosha, WI.

Not sure you're a voting member? According to our constitution, "any person who is either an alumnus, honorary, or good-standing member of Tau Sigma Chi or Tau Sigma Chi Turtle Doves Fraternity" is a member. While we'd love to have you attend, our constitution also gives you the right to "execute and send in by mail or electronic mail a proxy designating one or more members to vote in his or her behalf." Send an email to someone who is attending or to Kurt Lehrmann (information on page 3) granting your proxy vote and to whom it was granted. Don't forget we start things off with a reception at 10:00am. Hope to see you there.

Homecoming 50/50 Raffle

Get your tickets at Homecoming for our 50/50 raffle. As in the past the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association and the

Actives/Doves will be splitting the remaining revenue 50/50. Help out the alums, Turtles and get a great pizza all at the same time.

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

We can always use your financial help. Please send your **tax-deductible** checks made out to TEXAA to:

Harry Flanagan
17525 Winnebago Dr
Wildwood, IL 60030

Questions????
Send to
rdivito53018@
yahoo.com

65th Anniversary Celebration – Sept 29, 2018

It seems like we just celebrated our 60th and here we are announcing the 65th anniversary party for next year.

Plans are coming together. We've got the Casa Capri banquet hall booked and a block of 25 rooms reserved at the newly renovated Wyndham Harborside Hotel in Kenosha. Good news, no two night stay minimum requirement. The bar will open at 5:00pm and buffet runs from 6:00-7:00pm. This event won't be as formal as the 60th and is easier on the pocketbook with a target price between \$20 and \$25. We are planning on having Door Prizes, Table Favors a Video Collection and a Raffle so gather up your Turtle Memorabilia and bring it to the party.

Don (Ace) Henderson - 1956
1st Turtle President

2017 Turtle Summer Retreat Wrapup

This year we went back to the McCullom Lake Hunt Club (www.mccullomhuntlakeclub.com) in Hebron, Illinois. The group was mostly comprised of Actives and Doves (approximately 25) with only four Alumni members, Kurt Lehrmann, Randy Divito, Harry Flannigan and Jeff Menter. We had a picture perfect day for grilling, socializing, and enjoying the great outdoors. The Actives made their special Turtle Brew and shared with all. As folks gathered, some of the activities included drinking games (beer pong), bags, bocce ball and fishing. Those that chose not to participate in the highly competitive Turtle games, spent quality time telling stories, fishing, relaxing and reliving the good times around the campfire. Many in the group chose to pitch tents and endure the wilderness setting overnight. Socializing by the campfire, walks in fields under the moon light, night fishing and stargazing carried the night on into the wee hours of the morning. What a great way for Alums, Actives and Doves to get to know one another. It is amazing how the more things seem to change over the decades, the more they stay the same. The TEX brotherhood, core values, and commitment to excellence seem to remain strong. Please spread the word so we can double the turnout next year for the 3rd Annual Turtle Summer Retreat, hopefully with more Alumni participating. The intriguing part of having the Summer Retreat at a camp setting such as the McCullom Lake Hunt Club makes it easy for the Active members to enjoy themselves without concerns.

What can we do to get you to attend? Let us know how we can improve things for next year and if you would like to help with the event. If you would like to participate and provide assistance with promotion, games, raffles, set-up, clean-up, etc. please contact Jeff Menter Jeffrey.menter@gmail.com (262.909.2367) or Kurt Lehrmann kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com (262.880.2447). It is never too late to volunteer.

-- Check out pictures below --

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Dove Blue Open

TURTLES

TEXAA Association Update

As we head into the second full year as a tax deductible organization I'm encouraged by the conversations that have been started across the alumni ranks. No doubt a significant amount of time was spent last year supporting the actives as they wrestled with the hazing issue and ultimate sanctions. I thought we were making some progress until the dynamic changed after President Woodward gave his resignation. Much of what he promised never made it to the Office of Student Life (OSL) or at least it wasn't acted upon. Even after receiving a notice from the President that they' be off sanctions, by the end of the year the Actives needed to push the OSL to clear their records. I hope this fall we can have a better dialog with President Swallow and get the overly aggressive OSL back in line as a supportive body, not only the Turtles/Doves but also all Greek organizations. If you get the opportunity don't hesitate to present your concerns to the new President. As before, we'll work with John Sladek, Craig Deaton and several other Greek supporters on the Carthage Board to provide a more supportive atmosphere on campus.

As we move forward we continue look at opportunities for fundraising and hope to incorporate some web based donation tools to help. Once again we'll be working on funding the fraternity part of their composite picture as well as discussing new endeavors. I'm excited to report that we're also moving our Turtle attire online thanks to the efforts of Chris Steenrod '09. Check out the article in this newsletter about purchasing a Turtle sweatshirt and baseball cap. Before Homecoming we also will be offering a 2017 Homecoming t-shirt and possibly a TEX stadium blanket. Finally check out Ace's article on the 65th Anniversary coming up in 2018. Make plans now to attend and starting getting your group of friends together.

I truly hope that the efforts of the Alumni Association make it easier for you to stay connected with your fellow brothers and sisters. As we've seen it's often difficult to physically get together as our lives get pulled in so many directions but even a phone call, email or text is enough to rekindle a lifelong friendship. I hope to see you at our Homecoming pre-game this fall.

Kurt Lehrmann '75

Donate Through Us - We're IRS Tax Exempt

Hopefully by now you've heard that our alumni association has been **granted IRS 501c3 not-for-profit status**. With this status it gives us the ability to do tax deductible fund-raising and accept donations from people and organizations. With the same tax advantage as Carthage, Turtle and Dove alumni can send donations through us so we can have a stronger presence with the College. If Carthage has a fund raiser you're interested in supporting, send us your donation and we'll write a check to the College with all other contributions. If you've got an idea for Turtle or Carthage fundraiser don't hesitate to contact us.

TEX Apparel Available Online

Brothers and Sisters,

This is an exciting year! We're finally making it easier for you to get Tau Sigma Chi apparel. As always, we are using CustomInk to make great TEX products, but this year we are using Booster to collect money and ship your merchandise directly to you.

Two different items will be offered this year. First, we'll have a sweatshirt with a quarter-length zipper. The front, right chest of the shirt will display our crest. The shirt will be a dark green and the crest will be white, and it will cost \$40.00. The next item we have will be a hat. The front of the hat will display our letters. The hat will cost \$20.

Unfortunately, we are not ready to start our "campaign" through Booster just yet. We will be doing a three-week campaign and you will be able to order your shirt and/or hat from Booster and they will ship it directly to you. Once the campaign is ready to go, we'll send out an e-mail blast and post the link of Facebook. Please be sure to order your apparel during the campaign time frame as we may not be able to order merchandise at the same price once it is over.

I look forward to all of your feedback after our first ever Booster Campaign!

Cheers, Chris Steenrod '09



Our website and Facebook pages are still out there. If you haven't already, go out to www.tausigmanchi.org and add your email address to the "Subscribe to Blog Via Email" form on the right side of the page. Anytime we update the website (don't worry - it's not too often) you'll receive an email with a link to the website article. And check out our Facebook group page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Turtlealum/> - it's another great way to keep in touch!

Still Looking for a TEXAA Logo Design

We've seen a little interest in creating an official logo for the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association but no designs have been sent yet. We are not tied to any design format and lettering so let your creativity out of the box and draw a few things up. We can get you a picture of the Turtle Crest if you need it or how about the reclining Turtle? The design could be as simple as a pencil drawing or if you're good with graphic software, make it as professional as you like. Send any designs to Kurt Lehrmann and hopefully we can start using it in 2018. Thanks

Financial Report (thru 8/1/17)

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| Beginning Balance | \$2650.52 |
| Revenue \$ 70.00 | |
| Donations- \$70.00 | |
| Expenses \$.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$2720.52 |

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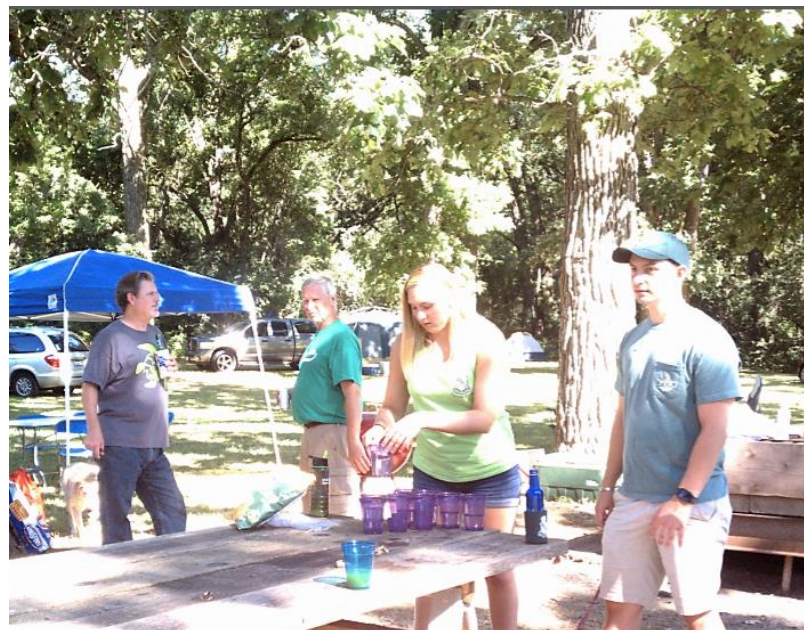
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We're continuing our efforts to reach out to Doves. Several months ago we gathered a list of names from the Carthage Alumni on-line Directory of Alumni who listed one of their college activities as "Tau Sigma Chi - LS". We assumed the LS meant "Little Sisters". From that search we got 183 names, 126 of them with email addresses. Our first email blast to them was sent out and we discovered about 20 with bad emails.

But, we also got word back from many of them thanking us for including them in our plans! And a couple of Turtles have contacted us with referrals to other Doves, so the search continues. Hopefully we'll see some of the Doves at Homecoming!

If you know of any Doves, please send Tim Hughes, '76 an email (twh17@yahoo.com) and he'll add them to our roster.



Composite Picture Annual Fundraiser

One of the most important pieces of tracking our heritage over the years has been, and will continue to be, the annual composite pictures that line the walls of the Turtle floor. As an alum there has always been a great amount of pride as I walked the halls and viewed the composites and thought of the rich history each of us helped to create.

As the cost of the composite rises each year it continues to put financial stress on the actives. The Alumni Association recognizing that supporting the actives as one of our core charters, felt that we could step in and assist with the composite. Our goal is to raise \$500 annually through donations so that we can pay for the master composite for the active membership. This would be an appropriately framed composite with an engraved plate that states "Donated by the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association".

We are the only local Greek organization with an alumni association behind them and we need to support them in every way possible to show potential new brothers/sisters that there is a difference in pledging Tau Sigma Chi. You are an active until graduation, you are a Turtle for life. Please help us continue our legacy, that of giving and support by contributing for this year's composite.

Please send your check made out to **Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association** with "**Composite**" written in the memo area and mail it to:

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Looking for Group Pictures

Do you enjoy seeing some of the old and new pictures in the newsletter?

Dig through those pictures and send it in. It's always fun to see who's changed the most.

Don't forget to send in the names too as our memories sometime fade.

Already on Facebook? Post it there too!



Like us on Facebook



What are the Active and Doves Up To?

Summer is ending and we can't wait to get back on campus! The fraternity had a great spring pledge class and we are excited to see where our new members take our organization. Our spring semester was productive as we fulfilled our sanctions and are no longer on probation. We sent a welcome letter to Carthage's new president to establish a friendly relationship in hopes that we will be able to work with him on maintaining a positive greek life culture on campus. Our Semi-Formal has been booked for October 14th and we are starting to get things prepared for Homecoming Weekend which is September 30th. We would like to thank the Alumni Association for generously donating our composite picture. It is displayed along with previous composites on the first floor of Madrigrano (traditionally referred to as South). We encourage everyone to stop by during Homecoming to check out the composites and Tau Sigma Chi floor. We hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer and we cannot wait to see you all at our brat tent Homecoming Weekend!

Your Co-Presidents,
Nathan Morris '18 and Anna Thomsen '18



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