



Delta Mu 'N You

Monthly Newsletter of the Delta Mu Alumni Association
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Enjoying Delta Mu Homecoming 2012



We Are Growing !!

That's right. Your Delta Mu Alumni Association is growing. This month's *Delta Mu 'N You* newsletter is going out to 109 more than last month.

Our goal is 1000 members by the end of our first year in existence. AND WITH YOUR HELP, it's a goal that can be achieved.

Lost Contact? Wanna Get It Back???

It's simple.

First, send your email address to Jimmy Baker, Delta Mu Alumni Association Secretary at Spudnut39@att.net and get local news.

Second, on your computer go to the on-line Search mode and find "The Pi Kappa Alpha" heading. Under the heading will appear a menu containing a "Update My Info" selection.

Click on "Update My Info" and make the appropriate entries, but most importantly YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS.

By updating your information, especially by providing your email address, guess what??? You are back in the picture and in contact for such things as the *e-Shield & Diamond* and can keep up with the happenings of the other 225 PiKA organizations and associations.

A New PIKE Treasure

The grandson of founder and first Sergeant-At-Arms Robert West has donated Robert's Mississippi Southern jacket he wore as a 1949-50 PIKE. It will be cleaned and placed in a sealed frame, presented to the Chapter. We also hope to receive his original PIKE pin, now a ring.

DMAA Donates To USM Museum

Your Alumni Association also came into possession of an original football recruiting letter sent to Founder Robert T. West by Coach Reed Green, dated January 24, 1946. The letter was presented to Athletic Director, Jeff Hammond after he indicated he'd like to add it to the USM Museum.

In the letter, Coach Green indicates he'd made an in-person recruiting trip to West's home in Waynesboro at which time he received an "I don't know what I'm going to do after my military discharge." Now, he's looking for an answer since Fall practice begins in March.

A framed color copy of the letter will be presented to the Delta Mu Chapter.

Academic Improvement Program

Alumni Academic Advisor, and retired University professor, Brother Stan Gwin, met with the Delta Mu Chapter officers at the Chapter's regular Sunday night meeting and outlined the Academic Improvement program involving the building of team coaches and Alumni.

The Chapter, given requested time to digest the program, has elected to have the program in place, up and running at the start of next semester.

Plans are now underway to form the teams of academic coaches and Alumni to implement and execute the program which has at the very minimum a goal of producing a minimum 3.0 GPA for the fraternity....considering that prior to last semester the fraternity was on academic probation and close to being kicked off campus for being a repeat offender.

Delta Mu Alumni To The Rescue

Ever been in a sweat because the IRS has an eyeball on you and there's a deadline to be met?

Well, that's exactly what transpired when National put out a notice to the Chapter that an IRS Form 990 was due by November 15th and informed that a number of chapters had lost their 501(c)(7) tax exempt status because of not doing a proper filing and that several were in the process of going through the rigorous re-filing new forms to regain their tax exempt status.

Guess what? The Chapter didn't know about IRS Form 990's or how to properly complete them....and an immediate and loud "HELP" email went out to your Delta Mu Alumni Association.

No sweat. See we have several Alumni CPA's in the crowd and one, Michael Wilson, had already volunteered to be our Alumni Accounting Advisor. A quick email to Michael and he linked up with SMC Tanner Williams and the problem was solved in time to meet the deadline.

Skippy Reynolds Update

The last news received is not good concerning Brother Skippy Reynolds.

Having been released from a professional health facility, he was scheduled to be admitted directly into a Hattiesburg assisted living facility, but arrived only to find his slot had been given to someone else. Net result, he had to go to his home until arrangements could be made to place him in a professional facility.

It was reported that Skippy's health has deteriorated to a point where he couldn't hold a fork or spoon. And there is some question as to his mental stability following the most recent heart attack.

Keep Skippy in your prayers.

A 1955 Brother Has Departed

On November 5, 2012, Brother John Ellis Williams M.D. entered Chapter Eternal. Dr. Williams lived in Long Beach, MS, having been born and raised in Jackson, MS. He graduated from Central High School and USM, then Mississippi Southern College.

He received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. A decorated Navy veteran of the Viet Nam War, he completed a general surgery residency at the U.S. Navy Hospital in St. Albans, NY and later served as a surgeon with the First Marine Division at Da Nang, Viet Nam, where he received the Bronze Star for outstanding service.

Discharged in 1971, he settled in Long Beach, joined the staff of Gulfport Memorial Hospital and became Chief of Surgery until 1993 when he closed his medical practice, but remained on staff in the Emergency and Hyperbarics departments until final retirement in 1999.

A world traveler, Brother Williams, often pursued his passion for big game hunting, fishing and of telling a good story or two.

As a Delta Mu PIKE, John was in and of himself a story.

As Brother Art Mellen, a close friend of John then and over the years, recalls because of a friendship with a Southern Miss professor's son, David Miller, the summer job migration of Delta Mu PIKES began up to Karamac Lodge in the Poconos. First being Billy Thompson, Bruce Stewart and John. Followed by Art, David (Lumpy) Loposer, Billy Paul Stewart, Frank Betts, William Risher, Gabor Ketting and Jack Cistriano.

John played the trombone at the Karamac Lodge (NJ) in the evenings. Served as the waiter for two assigned tables. In a subtle hint, before serving his two tables he would let the patrons know that they were solely his responsibility and that he was working to save up to buy a microscope for Med School.

Think that might have garnered a few more and larger tips?

Though required to dance, as were all waiters, no one can recall ever seeing John fulfill that explicit duty.

Dear departed Brother John leaves his wife of 46 years, Annette and three adult daughters.

Chapter Happenings

NEW INITIATES: As of Sunday, November 18, there are 26 new Active members of the Delta Mu Chapter of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS: Elected at the November 18 meeting were the following Executive Board members who will take office officially at the beginning of next semester:

Madison Rosonet - President
Kory Zimmerman - Internal VP
Dailey Johnson - External VP
Sergeant-At-Arms - Chase Rasa
Secretary - Ethan Porter

For the 7th consecutive time, Delta Mu wins the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority Philanthropy Event. The event consists of obstacle courses, races and a quiz about the Sorority's history.

A second car wash to raise more funds to help with the hospital bill for Brother Matt Wilkinson's remaining infant son (an infant son did not survive) will happen on December 3, 2012 from 12-4 at Caliente on Hardy Street.

The Chapter's current Alumni Relations Director, Dailey Johnson, reports a swap with the ladies of Pi Beta Phi with the theme, "As Seen On TV" that resulted in "quite the night".

Thanksgiving Break began Wednesday, November 21.

Final exams for the current Winter Semester begin December 10 and classes will resume for the Spring Semester on January 14, 2013.

For this reason, it is not planned to issue a January 1, 2013 *Delta Mu 'N You* newsletter. Gonna miss us?

BE FOREWARNED:

There are already two (2) proposals before the Executive Committee to raise the Lifetime Dues to \$250 and one (1) to raise the Annual Dues to \$50. Support your DMAA chapter's endeavors and become a voting member by joining today at the current \$125 Lifetime Member. Don't wait until the July Annual business meeting when the dues will most likely be increased.

Make payment payable to: Delta Mu Alumni Association, and send to Box 25, Hattiesburg, MS 39403-0025

AND,

If you paid Annual Dues of \$25, take advantage of becoming a Lifetime Dues Paid member by sending a \$100 check to the address above.

THANK YOU.



Merry Christmas
Al, Kenny, Josh and Jimmy

SEE YOU FEBRUARY 1st, 2013.....

IN THE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD.