



# Delta Mu 'N You

Monthly Newsletter of the Delta Mu Alumni Association  
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**"The future prosperity of our fraternity and of all fraternities will depend largely, in my opinion, on the loyalty of the members of the fraternity to the fraternity and to their alma mater." Founder William Alexander - 1935**



## MYSTERY SOLVED

Were there two mascot fire trucks? Or were there three? Well,, it turns out, three. The first, a 1927 American LaFrance 100' hook and ladder. The second, a Ford Model T and the third being a 1939 American LaFrance discovered over in Dallas, Texas by Mr. W. H. Allen of Jackson's Mack Truck fame in and father of Brother Bob Allen '68 of Watson Quality Ford Commercial Division in Jackson.

The open cab pumper truck was towed back to Jackson where it received a thorough refurbishing, new engine and was all "tricked out" befitting a PiKA fire truck, including a shiny, new fire engine red paint job. After which, Mr. Allen turned it over to the Delta Mu Chapter. The year was 1970.

We're still looking for a full picture of the engine, but courtesy of Brother Ronnie Davis '68 of Magee, MS we now have a partial picture and the story of fire truck number 3. Thanks, Ron.

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER-TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES

Sorry, but I had an unusual happening as I was preparing the February newsletter. Two computers and an all-in-one printer/scanner all crapped out at the same time.

## CONGRATULATIONS, DELTA MU

Congratulations to the Delta Mu Chapter Executive Committee for, as of March 26th, being debt-free; having worked themselves out of a financial bind in about 6 weeks; having identified the cause of the bind, heeding advice and making corrections to fiscal policy resulting in the Chapter being on a stable footing financially. Great job, Brothers. Well done!!

## INTERNATIONAL HISTORIAN DR. JERRY REEL

On Friday, February 22nd, this writer had the pleasure of attending the PIKE University Summit out in Dallas. Shortly after arriving, I had the distinct pleasure of sitting with and enjoying an outrageously high priced "adult beverage" with my old or former (either term is correct) Delta Mu SMC, Jerry Reel, the International Pi Kappa Alpha International Historian and Professor

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Emeritus at Clemson University, the author of the "Oak", the history of Pi Kappa Alpha.

We talked about old times, conveniently "dropped" names of Brothers and old friends (makes you wonder doesn't it?). Then he remembered he was supposed to meet his bride, Edmee, for dinner at a prearranged time. As he was beating a hasty retreat through the lobby, he lamented he hoped he could find her and that she wouldn't bruise his head too badly for being late.

Next morning, 9AM, Jerry was scheduled to give a lengthy lecture on the history of Pi Kappa Alpha. When I arrived "fashionably late" by about 5 minutes, Jerry was in full swing. As I turn and attempt to minimize the normally loud clash of big brass locks mounted on big, thick, heavy oak doors, I hear silence.

Then I hear Jerry say something to the assembled, like, "See the man who just stepped through the doors?" I turn back and realize I'm in a huge room filled with hundreds of young men who have been hanging on Jerry's every word.....and HE'S POINTING IN MY DIRECTION. From the podium I hear, "That's Jim Baker. He's my Delta Mu Brother and you should hear his story".

My old brain then hears what it perceives as an artillery barrage as several hundred heads snap around in my direction in unison. My feet tell me that cover behind which to duck is about a half-mile away....carpeted though it be.

The feeling was that of a big-name Chef who has been caught on camera picking his nose over his competition dish.

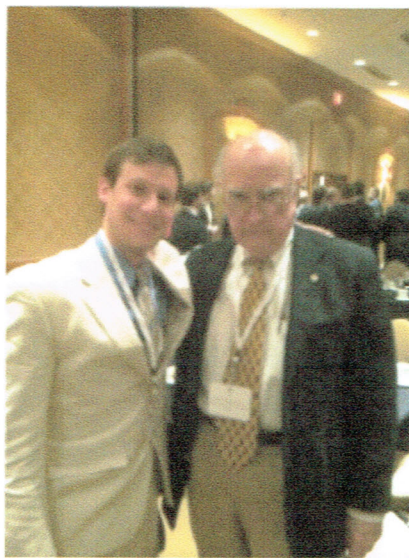
## A NEW HONOR TO BE BESTOWED

There are a number of Delta Mu Alumni whose life's spectacular accomplishments have slipped by almost unnoticed.. It is our sincere wish to rectify that oversight by electing an Alumnus or Alumni who deserve the honor of being permanently acknowledged on the walls of the Alumni Room in the PIKE House with a Hall of Fame plaque.

Each month from now on, you will find a short biography of those whom you have nominated. Nominees are:

Charles (Charlie) Leonard Sullivan, PhD '63  
Kenneth G (Ken) McCarty, Jr PhD '53  
Milam S Cotten, MD '56 (Deceased)  
Robert V (Bob) Abbey '70  
Jerome V (Jerry) Reel PhD '57  
Edward J (Ed) Langton '66  
James Victor (Vic) Purvis '63





**'58 DELTA MU SMC  
JERRY REEL  
MEETS**

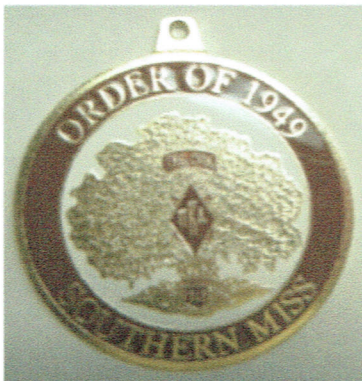
**'13 DELTA MU SMC  
MADISON ROSONET**

Dateline DALLAS, TEXAS  
International Pi Kappa Alpha  
Historian, author of "The Oak"  
and former Delta Mu SMC, Dr.  
Jerry Reel greets his modern  
day successor some 55 years  
later, Delta Mu's current SMC,  
Madison Rosonet over dinner  
Concluding the PIKE

University Summit the evening of Saturday, February 23, 2013.

**ORDER OF 1949**

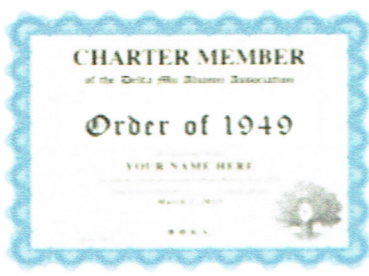
Be among the first 100 Delta Mu Alumni to wear the newly minted "Order of 1949" medallion, the new label pin and to receive a numbered certificate suitable for framing.



A unique piece of (public) ritual regalia designed and supplied by Bro. Vic Purvis, the medallion of the Order of 1949 may be worn at official functions of the Association and that of the undergraduate chapter; functions such as Founder's Day gatherings, formal pledging ceremonies, initiations, Homecoming, Chapter meetings and the Annual Alumni Meeting.

The medallion depicts the honored Oak of Pi Kappa Alpha which Founder, William Alexander referred in his famous 1935 speech and reads "Order of 1949" across the top and "Southern Miss" across the bottom.

The numbered certificate and the lapel pin may be displayed at any time and are another representation of the wearer's commitment to supporting the undergraduate Chapter, while proudly denoting their Pi Kappa Alpha affiliation and with the Delta Mu Alumni Association.



The \$200 annually will receive their medallion, lapel pin and numbered certificate denoting they are "Charter Members" of the Order of 1949.

Certificates issued after the initial 100 will not state a "Charter" membership.

**CHARTER MEMBERS - ORDER OF 1949**

- #000001 Jimmy Baker '11
- #000002 Ron Davis '68
- #000003 Vic Purvis '63
- #000004 Timmy Smith '00
- #000005 Josh Schutts '00
- #000006 Bob Pierce '68
- #000007 Tony Engels '66
- #000008 Tony Cain '65
- #000009 Jimbo Linville '70
- #000010 Bill Sprayberry '68
- #000011 Jenner Collins '68
- #000012 Stephen Brent Collins (Legacy)

**NEW PROGRAM-ALUMNI OLDER BROTHER**

A number of undergraduate Chapter members are without a Big Brother and there are Big Brothers who didn't have a Big Brother. Net result, traditions are slipping through the cracks, such as the proper awarding of the pledge paddle, the wearing of the pledge pin and Active pin, and the presentation of the stein by a Little Brother to his Big Brother.

Our message to Chapter members is, "There are four things a Pi Kappa Alpha member does not go through life without, or at least start out life in the "real" world without; his two pins, his pledge paddle and his stein". With regard to the pledge and Active pin, "This pin should never hear any other heartbeat than yours."

To assist in reviving PiKA traditions, the Association has begun the "Alumni Older Brother" program wherein an Alumni volunteers to become one. That person's name is announced to the Chapter and should a Big Brother-less member or a Big Brother-Little Brother combination like to team up with that person, it becomes the Chapter's choice, not the Alumni's.

If chosen, the Chapter member/members and the Alumni exchange biographies in the "get to know" process in addition to informal chats.

The Alumni Big Brother cannot and must not cause any problems between the Big Brother and Little Brother. He offers advice only when approached. Never steps in uninvited. No scolding, No reprimands. No "you must do". The choice of heeding the advice given lies solely with the person requesting.

Brother Ron Davis of Magee was the first to be selected. First by an underclassman whose Big Brother is no longer in school. Then he was, because he was open to the prospect, selected by a second Big Brother-less initiate.

In short, the purpose of the Alumni Older Brother program is to help those Chapter members participating to become the best students and PIKES possible.

With today's social media, you too, can become someone's Alumni Older Brother and lend some direction to Chapter member who is going through this stage of life, feeling his way around.

**LOST AND FOUND**

A hear-to-fore little known service provided by your Delta Mu Alumni Association. Looking for a Brother? Let us know.

In the month of February and March, found Brothers are:

- William (Bill) Banks Taylor III '63 - Hiawassee, GA
- Charlie ("Dead Leg") Sullivan '63 - Perkinston, MS
- David W. Pyle '59 - \*\*\* (See Page 3)
- Jenner L Collins '69 - Brandon, MS
- Stephen Brent Collins '96 - Brandon, MS
- Bill G Sprayberry '69 - Raymond, MS
- Jackie N Collins '59 - Sumrall, MS
- Rian McKeown '06 - D'Iberville, MS
- Thomas (Tommy) E Hadad '68 - Arlington, TX



## DAVID WARREN PYLE UPDATE

We were asked to find a good address and phone number for Brother David W. Pyle '59. David and I were in the '58-'59 Pledge Class together.

Quick with a joke, a wise-crack, a big laugh and a dance step, David kept the party going.

In just a few minutes of searching and David was found out in Texas, just north of Bryan. It is at the specific request of his wife, Nancy, that I provide the following information.

David is in his 4th year of Alzheimer's. Can he talk to you? Yes he can. He is bright and cheery in his speech. Some Brothers he seems to remember. For example, Brother Ken Forte '59. He remembers USM and he remembers being a PIKE and the fire trucks.

Mention a name to see if he recalls a Brother and you will get some sort of answer, but always followed by "My name is David Warren Pyle."

Nancy says David gets up every morning and looks at his Stein. Keeps his change in it, in fact. And, he loves for her to read the Delta Mu 'N You newsletter to him, which she frequently does. It's as if PIKA is still his life.

She requested, if we could, the Association send her as many Chapter pictures where he was involved as we could find. We found 3 Chapter composites, made copies and sent them to David. I have no doubt Nancy will make good use of them for David's enjoyment. He gets so excited when something clicks.

Because he enjoys having contact with the Brothers, here's his contact information: David and Nancy Pyle, 183 Round Rock Cove, Holly Lake Ranch, TX 75755. Phone number, 903-769-1113. Email address: NSPyle@aol.com.

## 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Making plans to be there? You should be. Based on feedback from our current 643 members (and growing daily), 100 or more are expected to gather in Hattiesburg this year.

When? Well, the Association's By-Laws adopted last year say the Annual Meeting will be held the 3rd weekend in July. So, again this year, we shall gather on Friday afternoon, July 19 to socialize over Coca Cola, Sprite and water and embellish facts or remembrances at the Hampton Inn and later at Brother Ron Savell's "MugShots" restaurant.

With a hundred or more expected, the meeting room at the Hampton is WAY too small, so we will convene Saturday's business at a nearby off-campus site designed for such affairs.

For lunch, we're going to light up the old smoker and burn some hamburgers and hotdogs, plus do an old-fashioned crawfish boil, hopefully having enough time for a little golf and other activities.

**SO, the Annual Meeting is July 19 and 20. Hampton Inn, Hattiesburg. Special rate: 30 rooms, two doubles, hot breakfast, normally \$124. Our price \$89. Don't get left out.**

As our membership grows, for 2014 it is already being discussed that the 3rd Annual Meeting in 2014 will take place on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and will have events for the wives and "significant others".

## PROPOSED ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS

As our organization grows and member participation increases, among the topics being suggested taken up at the 2013 Annual Meeting are:

1. Scholastic Contracts such as other Alumni Associations fund
  - A. Rushee - After background check, receive a partial scholarship
  - B. Most Academically Improved Member - receive a partial scholarship
  - C. Other scholastic endeavors
2. Supporting the Undergraduate Chapter in specific ways, i.e.
  - A. Pike University/Officer training
  - B. Alumni Older Brother program
    1. Tradition training
      - a. Proper Alumni Recognition
      - b. Pins, Paddle and Stein
  - C. Academic Improvement Programs

## MEETING TOPICS - Continued

3. Rules for Chapter financial aid
  - A. Debts
  - B. Chapter/House needs
    - a. Furniture
    - b. Ritual Vestments
4. Alumnus Of The Year Criteria
5. Founder's Day Event 2014
  - A. Give Kids The World Charity
  - B. Undergraduate Participation
6. Dues Restructure/By-Law Revisions

## CHARITY DRAWDOWN EVENT - GREAT TIME



Top: (L): The Party Crowd (r) Alumni Bob Abbey, Paul Delcambre, Jim Linville

Bottom (L): Sylvia Baker and Gaye Purvis (r): Looks Like KD's To Me

On March 1, the 11th Annual Charity Drawdown event was held at "The Venue" in downtown Hattiesburg, a joint Chapter/Association venture on behalf of the "Give Kids The World Foundation". A dignified, worthy affair befitting such an event, attended by Chapter members, parents, Sororities and Fraternities, Delta Mu Alumni, wives, guests and "significant others", all of whom were treated to an extensive buffet, good music ranging from Sinatra to today's more upbeat tunes, dancing, door prizes and cash drawings. It being Founder's Day and the fraternity's 145th birthday, "Happy Birthday" was sung to Pi Kappa Alpha.

A "Kid's Child" from Hattiesburg....a 12-year old with a 10% chance of living to adulthood....was supposed to be our guest, along with her family, but could not attend because her mother had to be hospitalized due to anxiety and depression brought on by the father needing emergency back surgery, their house having caught on fire, having to move to a relative's house and thieves breaking into the vacant house stealing all their remaining possessions.

## NEXT YEAR

Citing the planning effort involved as exam time neared, the Chapter has volunteered to allow the Delta Mu Alumni Association to be in-charge of the 2014 Drawdown, which the Association has renamed "The Founder's Day Drawdown" and will continue to support the "Give Kids The World Foundation" in a philanthropic manner. Agreeing to support the planning and execution effort, the Chapter will be rewarded in proportion to the effort they exert in supporting the Association by selling tickets.

## THE CHAPTER WINS AGAIN

The Inter-Fraternity Council has awarded the Delta Mu Chapter the "Chapter of the Month" award for the month of March.



# HALL OF FAME NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

## 1. CHARLES LEONARD SULLIVAN '63

Professor Emeritus and Archivist-Mississippi Gulf Coast  
Community College  
Authored 7 books about South Mississippi life and lifestyles  
Co-produced 2 historical video documentaries  
President, Mississippi Historical Society - reopened Jefferson  
Davis' home and Presidential Library following  
Hurricane Katrina  
Mary Ellen Alexander Lifetime Achievement Award - Long Beach  
Historical Society  
Dunbar Rowland Award for lifelong contributions to the  
preservation and interpretation of Mississippi history,  
Mississippi Historical Society  
Mississippi Humanities Council Director's Award for Preservation  
of Mississippi Culture  
Historian of the Year - Biloxi, MS

## 2. ROBERT V. ABBEY '70

Retired Director-Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of the  
Interior, Obama Administration  
Senate Confirmation 08/07/2009  
Veteran public land policy leader and chief architect of the Great  
Basin Restoration Initiative  
Headed wild horses and burro adoption program throughout  
Southeast  
More than 32 years in public service  
Headed Jackson, MS Bureau of Land Management 1992-1995  
Nevada state director-U.S. Bureau of Land Management 8 years  
Managed 48 million acres, staff of 700 and \$51 Million budget  
Member-University of Nevada College of Agriculture Dean's  
Advisory Committee  
Secretary of Interior's Executive Leadership Award - 2004  
U.S. Senate Certificate of Commendation-Great Basin Project.  
Chaired Executive Committee for implementation of the Southern  
Nevada Public Lands Management Act  
Managed budget of more than \$1.5 Billion for resource  
management and environmental projects for Nevada  
Partner-Abbey, Stubbs & Ford, LLC, a private consultant firm with  
offices in Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada

## 3. EDWARD J LANGTON '66

CEO/Chairman of the Board - Grand Bank for Savings, H'burg  
Founder/CEO of Mortgage Funding Corporation  
Career includes real estate development and investment,  
magazine publishing, automotive and construction  
industries  
United States Army officer  
Prime donor (\$200,000) for USM Centennial Gate, Hardy Street  
Main Entrance dedicated 03/30/2010.  
Life Member - USM Alumni Association  
Member - University of Southern Mississippi Foundation Honor  
Club  
Former President - USM Alumni Association Board of Directors  
Former President - USM Foundation Board of Directors  
Alumni Hall of Fame - 2001  
Recipient - USM Continuous Service Award, 2006  
President - Greater Pine Belt Community Foundation  
Board - USM Dubard School for Language Disorders  
Founder and Chairman - IF-I Foundation, a nonprofit charity  
Executive Board, Pine Burr Area Council, Boy Scouts of America  
Recipient, BS of A Silver Beaver Award  
Director - United Way  
Chairman - Grand Givers Club  
Torchbearer - 1996 Olympics  
Alumni Team To Assist in Presidential Transition 2012-2013  
Charter Member, Founder's Society of St. Stanislaus College Prep  
Non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow

Centennial Gate Memorial Plaque: "Enter This Gateway to Fortify The Mind.  
Depart This Gateway For the Betterment of Humanity." Ed Langton

## 4. KENNETH G McCARTY, JR. '53

Professor Emeritus of History - USM  
USM faculty member 1960, retired Professor of History,  
May '99  
Driving force in building current PIKE House following  
fire that destroyed old House in 1966. Did so at a  
cost of \$165,000 and paid off in 10 years.  
Twice honored - USM Outstanding Teaching Award  
Beside scholarly articles, publications include  
Hattiesburg: A Pictorial History  
University of Southern Mississippi Hall of Fame - 2008  
Editor - Journal of Mississippi History, 1992-2009  
President - Mississippi Historical Society, 2002  
Dunbar Rowland Award for invaluable contributions to  
the preservation, study and interpretation  
of Mississippi History - 2013  
Member of the Hattiesburg Public School Board -  
1974-1979  
Member - Hattiesburg Historic Commission  
District President - Pi Kappa Alpha, 1966-1968  
President, Pi Kappa Alpha House Corporation - 20 years

## 5. MILAM S. COTTEN '56 (1934-2012)

Medical degree, University of Mississippi Medical  
School - 1959  
First medical officer on-board first nuclear-powered  
destroyer, USS Bainbridge 1960-1963  
Established first Medical Department and Radiation  
Control monitoring on-board Bainbridge  
Honorably discharged from Navy 1963  
General Practice 1963-1967  
Graduated School of Ophthalmology, U. of Tennessee,  
1970  
Practiced 40 1/2 years in Hattiesburg, MS  
Member, Board of Ophthalmology  
Life member, American Board of Ophthalmology  
President - Medical Staff, Methodist Hospital  
Chief of Surgery - Forrest General Hospital  
Elected to Forrest General Hall of Fame, 2012  
40 + year member Hattiesburg Rotary Club  
Served as President, District Governor and member of  
the Rotary Surgical Team performing  
cataract surgery, and crossed-eye surgery  
in Nigeria, and Brazil  
On A Rotary Mission, taught welding/cutting skills in  
Jamaica  
Received Rotary International and Foundation's highest  
awards:  
"Service Above Self" - 2000  
"Citation of Meritorious Service" - 1992  
"Distinguished Service Award" - 2005  
Distinguished Service Award, Pearl River Community  
College - 1997

## CANDIDATES JERRY REEL, VIC PURVIS AND OTHERS YOU NOMINATE NEXT MONTH

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or never received.

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maple, lettered and below dealer price for you.