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Delta Mu Alumni Association Introduces New Alumni Newsletter *Alumni Encouraged to Get Involved*

It is with great pleasure I am able to announce our new *Delta Mu Review* alumni newsletter. Our hope as an alumni association is that this newsletter will strengthen our communication efforts and connect alumni of all decades by providing information and updates from brothers on a biannual basis.

We had an extremely successful convention this past July with over 100 attendees between our Friday night social, Saturday meeting, and golf tournament at the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean Springs. New to our function was a ritual continuing education session led by Brother **Tony Cain '65**, which provided a “back-to-basics” approach as a foundation to our gathering. Additionally, Brother **Ron Davis '68** educated the general membership on the importance of our Order of 1949 program and was successful in signing up several new members at the convention.

We would like to give a special thanks to Tony Cain for his fantastic job as president of our association and to **Bill Kortman '63** for his position as treasurer these last two years. You can see the list of new alumni association board members at the bottom of this page.

If you have not been able to previously, please plan on attending one of our future events and help our numbers grow with each passing year. Our annual convention has provided brothers who haven't seen each other for many years an easy way to plan an annual visit, no matter the hectic schedules we all fight each day. This function also allows the alumni association to report on the prior year's financials and net income, which was \$6,734 for the 11-month period. Additionally, we can now report that the net income from our convention month of July 2016 shows \$1,918, for a total annual net income of \$8,652.

As the fall of 2016 takes stride, it is with extreme importance we continue to connect the decades of Delta Mu alumni all the way back to our founding in 1949. The progress we have made is tremendous, but we still have a lot of work to do if we are to accomplish our goal of reactivating the Delta Mu Chapter by the fall of 2017. This timeline of one year will pass very quickly and we need your support. The National Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha as well as the University of Southern Mississippi has stated that a strong alumni association in this situation can make all the difference in the world toward the success of this process. Please consider sacrificing a little time, money, or participation toward helping your alumni association succeed in our efforts to bring Delta Mu back on campus. If you have a legacy headed to USM, please inform us of this information and we will properly notify Nationals. We must all work together to support Delta Mu!

In regard to chapter housing, we continue to work with the university and key Pi Kappa Alpha executives to look at every avenue possible to determine the most logical decisions to move forward. Until more information is available, we can only request you please be patient with this process and know that we are negotiating strongly on your behalf and will communicate any updates as soon as possible.

I ask you to remember the Delta Mu flame and that its ability to go out lies solely in each of our hands as we work toward a better alumni association and active chapter than ever before at the University of Southern Mississippi.

In the bonds of φκκ,α,
Matthew T. Perez '95
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Shooting nine under, Curtis Matherne '97 and Clay Stoddard '96 claim victory at the fifth annual Delta Mu Alumni Association Convention golf tournament. Not pictured: Spencer Cunningham '11 who was the closest to the hole in a round that included 27 alumni.



Former alumni association President Tony Cain '65 leads a ritual continuing education session at this year's Delta Mu Alumni Association Convention.

DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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Born Cousins, Made Brothers

Dale '97 and Armond "Army" Gollott III '99 Share Pike Memories and Family Success



For Dale '97 and Armond "Army" Gollott III '99, nothing is more meaningful than family. As cousins, they had been close since childhood, and it was no surprise that both would find a home in Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha. "It was my family away from home," Dale said. For Army, "Once Dale was there and loved it, there was never an option as to what I would do when I made it to USM the next year."

The sense of family Delta Mu had already provided Dale was further strengthened through Army's membership in the fraternity. "I couldn't wait to share the experience with him. One of my proudest moments was his initiation," Dale said. Through Delta Mu, they were part of a brotherhood that pushed them to achieve their goals and grow as collegians. "Each passing year, the fraternity meant more to me," Army said.

The friends Dale and Army made through Pi Kappa Alpha have made a substantial impact on their lives. Many of Army's brothers continue to serve as role models, especially Ron Savell '95. After the devastation of 9/11, Ron sprung into action to help those affected. "He thought of and organized a collection effort for first responders and we raised over \$50,000 within a few short days," Army said. "To this day, Ron and his businesses are active and I know they have helped a great deal in the recent Louisiana flood disaster."

Since graduation, both Dale and Army have remained close to their Delta Mu brothers. "A majority of the guys I spend time with and who stood in my wedding were Delta Mu Pikes," Dale said. He sees brothers nearly every week, whether it be for a child's birthday, Christmas party, or simply for dinner.

Not only are Dale and Army cousins and Delta Mu brothers, they are the fourth generation of Gollotts working in the seafood industry. "Our great-grandfather started our family business, C.F. Gollott & Son's Seafood, in 1932," Army explained. In the past 80 years, the company has grown to be the largest shrimp processor in Mississippi and one of the largest processors of domestic shrimp in the United States. "People always ask if we're crazy for being in business together," Dale said, "but if you ask any of us, we'll all tell you a version of the same thing, 'That's our strength.'"

Dale and Army are extremely proud of the success their family's business has achieved over the years and the pride they have for their company is only outmatched by their love of fatherhood. Dale and his wife, Vivyan, have two daughters, Annabelle Grace (6) and Caroline Faith (2). "To watch their personalities develop and see them achieve their own small, personal milestones and goals under the influence and encouragement of my wife and I are some of my proudest moments," Dale shared. In October, Army, his wife, Jamie Rae, and their 8-year-old son, Army IV, are expecting a new addition to their family, Faith Rae. He is tremendously proud of his family and all they have accomplished.

When they aren't busy running their family's company, Dale and Army spend a great deal of time outdoors, with their family, and attending sporting events. Dale enjoys adventurous activities and is a certified pilot, scuba diver, and boat captain, and Army continues to cheer on the Golden Eagles, hunt, and study history. Both remain loyal supporters of Delta Mu through membership in the Order of 1949. You can connect with Dale at dale.gollott@gollottseafood.com and Army at arny.gollott.3@gollottseafood.com.

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Morris C. Williams Jr. '66 shares that he stays active through hiking, kayaking, traveling, climbing, and heavy gardening. He and his wife, Gale, reside in Vashon, Wash. E-mail: nocharity@gmail.com

Wayne Hesser Jr. '80 and wife, Sandie, have been married for 23 years. They have two children, Russell and Jessica, and two grandchildren, Taylor and Connor. They reside in Pace, Fla. E-mail: golfismee56@aol.com

Bruce Hospes '81 reports he has been living the dream in Birmingham for 14 years. After graduating from USM, he entered the golf

business and married his wife, Lynn. They have been married 19 years and have two sons, Hunter (14) and Nathan (10). Bruce travels often for work, is an avid hunter, and enjoys spending time in the Mississippi Delta during duck season. E-mail: ahospes@charter.net

Thomas Byrge Jr. '82 shares that he and his wife, Tessa, have three children: Jessica is 25 and married; Andy is 23 and graduates in December with a degree in criminal justice; and Thomas is 20 and a sophomore at East Tennessee State University. Thomas and Tessa live in Clinton, Tenn. E-mail: tankbyrge@hotmail.com

Bart L. Posey '83 lives in Carriere, Miss., with his wife, Pam. They have one daughter, Catherine, who is 22 and finishing her degree at Ole Miss. Bart enjoys training labrador retrievers for hunting and Pam works at the Stennis Space Center as a computer programmer with the Navy. E-mail: bart@wonderlabskennel.com; website: www.wonderlabskennel.com

Andrew M. Rosonet '10 reports that he graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2015 and has started his career in sales, specializing in medical implants. He resides in Ocean Springs, Miss.

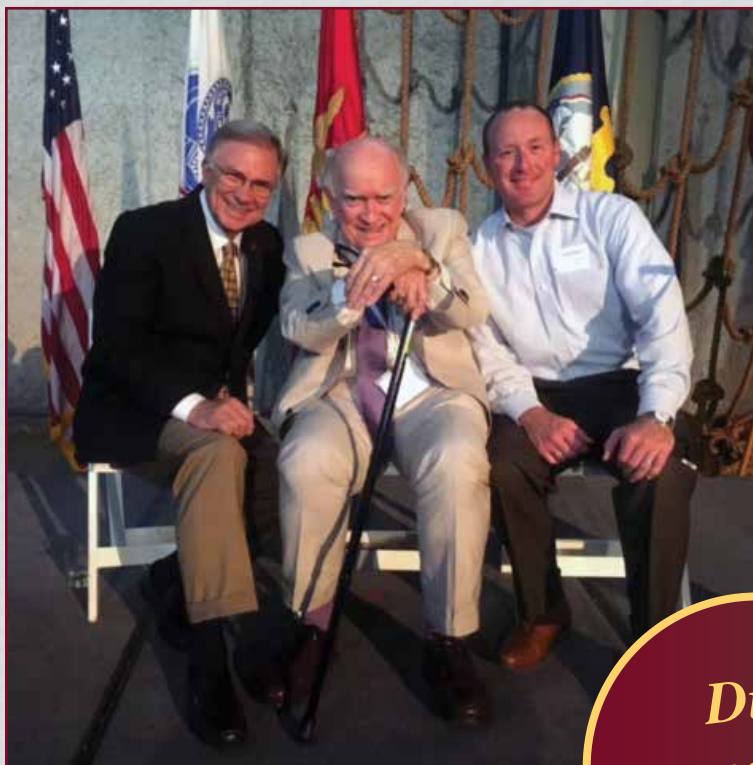
Once a Pike, Always a Pike

Delta Mu Alumni Attend the 70th Annual Pike Convention

The recent 70th annual International Convention reception in August took place at the WWII Museum in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Delta Mu Alumni Association was represented by President **Matt Perez '95** and Financial Advisor **Ed Langton '66**. They were fortunate to attend strong presentations given by New Orleans Saints President **Dennis Lauscha**, *University of Alabama, Gamma Alpha '88*, **Lieutenant General Robert E. Milstead Jr.**, *University of Houston, Epsilon Eta '71*, and **Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Reel Jr.**, *Tulane, Eta '57*, a Delta Mu affiliate. It was a fantastic surprise to be able to learn of Delta Mu's deep roots at the convention through Brother Jerry and the history he presented.

Additionally, members of the Delta Mu Alumni Association were able to meet International Board Executive Vice President and CEO **Justin Buck**, *Southeastern Missouri State University, Epsilon Iota '96*, and have a brief conversation about the long history of our chapter at Southern Miss and our hard work as an alumni association.

The next event was a Delta region function hosted by the LSU Alpha Gamma Chapter alumni association and included LSU Alumni Advisor **Shawn Lowe**, *Louisiana State University, Alpha Gamma '91* and Delta Regional President **Tommy Walpole**, *University of Louisiana-Monroe, Eta Omicron '91*. At the event, Brother **Greg Phillips**, *University of Louisiana-Monroe, Eta Omicron '91*, and a Delta Mu affiliate joined Ed, Matt, and their wives for a great night at 530 Bourbon Street.



Ed Langton '66, Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Reel '57, Tulane, Eta '57 and Matthew Perez '95 attend the 70th annual Pike Convention reception in New Orleans.

Mitch Beckwith '93, Tom Dudley '61, Jerry Cook '78, Jimmy Cates '00, and Curtis Matherne '97 show their chapter support through new membership in the Order of 1949, the Delta Mu Alumni Association's annual fundraising program.



EVERY ALUMNUS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

JOIN THE ORDER OF 1949
AND SUPPORT DELTA MU

While every alumnus had a different collegiate experience, we all know Delta Mu is more than four years. **It's a lifelong bond.** Through the Delta Mu Alumni Association's (DMAA) program, Order of 1949, alumni can provide vital funding to further the future success for our fraternity as well as plan for the reestablishment of the Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Members of this group are alumni who have pledged to contribute to the future prosperity of our chapter through annual, unrestricted tax-deductible gifts of \$200 or more annually.

If you want to join the Order of 1949, or make a general donation, please contact DMAA Treasurer **Vic Purvis '63** at (601) 310-7753 (cell), (601) 264-1788 (office), or send your gift to 2516 Old Highway 24, Suite I, Hattiesburg, MS 39402.

*Did
you
know?*

The 2016 New Orleans Convention was the largest convention in Pike's history. Nearly \$40,000 in Pike University scholarships and grants were made available to student leaders through alumni support.



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SAVE THE DATE HOMECOMING - OCTOBER 29



**ALUMNI TAILGATE AT 12 P.M.
USM VS. MARSHALL AT 6 P.M.**

Plan to attend our Homecoming tailgating event starting at noon! We will have food and refreshments for our alumni near the Hub in the area of the "Old Commons." Look for the Pike alumni tent and feel welcome to join us. If you do plan to attend, RSVP at pikedmaa@gmail.com (although an RSVP is not required). More information will come through e-blast about this event, so please send in your e-mail address if you are not currently getting correspondence. Visit Delta Mu Alumni Facebook page, Pi Kappa Alpha - Delta Mu Alumni, to access more details closer to the event.