

June 2024 Pike Delta Mu Alumni Association Newsletter

Dear Brothers,

As we continue to celebrate the rich history and remarkable achievements of Pike Delta Mu, we are proud to spotlight one of our most distinguished alumni, Mike Funk, from the Class of 1993. Mike's journey from our fraternity house to the halls of corporate leadership is a testament to the values and skills fostered during his time at Delta Mu.



A Legacy of Excellence

Mike's career is a shining example of dedication, innovation, and leadership. After graduating with honors in Business Administration, Mike embarked on a journey that saw him take over ownership and operations of the family business started by his Father, Charles Funk Sr.. Today, he is the President of Metal Tech Inc., a national leader in metal technology solutions with several U.S. Patents. Read more at <https://themetaltch.com/>

Professional Achievements

Mike's professional accomplishments are numerous. Under his leadership, Metal Tech Inc. has grown exponentially, achieving record-breaking revenue and expanding its national footprint. Mike's innovative approach and strategic vision have earned him numerous awards, including several prestigious industry awards and most recently recognized as the Industry of the Month by the Harrison County Development Commission. The Pike DM Alumni Association would like to congratulate Mike for his distinguishing accomplishments and for being a tremendous role model for active members getting ready to start their careers.

Words from Mike Funk:

In a recent interview, Mike shared some insights and advice for the active members of our fraternity:

"Pike was more than just a fraternity; it was a foundation for my future. The bonds I formed and the lessons I learned have stayed with me throughout my life. To the current brothers, I say



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Metal Tech Inc (MTI) is the first recipient of HCDC's Industry of the Month.

MTI, in Gulfport, Mississippi, is a national leader in job shops specializing in wear and abrasion resistant alloys. President Mike Funk credits innovation, customer service, and his team's work ethic. "My father Charles Funk, Sr. started the company in a backyard shop in the early 70s. We pride ourselves in our ability to customize our services to meet each customer's unique requirements."

Bill Lavers, HCDC executive director, adds, "Metal Tech is an example of dedication to the customer and commitment to Harrison County, Mississippi. Congratulations on your continued success."



this: cherish your time here, support one another, and never stop striving for excellence."

We are incredibly proud to call Mike Funk one of our own, and we look forward to celebrating more of his achievements in the future. We encourage all alumni to stay connected and share their stories with us at PikeDMAA@gmail.com. Together, we continue to uphold the legacy of Pike Delta Mu! PPKA

Other News and Updates:

The **2024 Alumni Golf Tournament** was held on **May 18, 2024** at the **Grand Bear Golf Course** in Gulfport, MS. The tournament was a success with a great turnout despite some rainy weather. A good time was had by all and \$4,000 was raised to support the Alumni Association's annual activities as well as a raffle to raise \$2,000 for the active chapter. Pictures posted on web site <https://pikedmaa.org/2nd-annual-golf-tournament/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/49071208385>

2024 DMAA Annual Meeting – July 13, 2024

A promotional poster for the 2024 DMAA Annual Meeting MS Gulf Coast. The poster features a yellow and black color scheme with a background image of a building. At the top, it reads "PI KAPPA ALPHA - DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION" and "2024 ANNUAL MEETING MS GULF COAST" next to a crest. The events are listed for Friday, July 12th (Social Gathering at Sully's Restaurant) and Saturday, July 13th (Annual Meeting and Golf Event at Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum and Sunkist Country Club). It includes contact information for John Fisackerly and a website link.

PI KAPPA ALPHA - DELTA MU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
**2024 ANNUAL MEETING
MS GULF COAST**

FRIDAY, JULY 12TH

SOCIAL GATHERING
7PM | SULLY'S RESTAURANT, GULFPORT
Food and drinks will be provided by DMAA
SPOUSES ARE WELCOME, AND ENCOURAGED, TO ATTEND

SATURDAY, JULY 13TH

ANNUAL MEETING (ALUMNI ONLY)
9AM | MARITIME AND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY MUSEUM, BILOXI
Lunch will be provided by DMAA at the conclusion of the meeting

GOLF EVENT
1PM | SUNKIST COUNTRY CLUB, BILOXI
TWO MAN SCRAMBLE TEAMS - If you don't have a partner, we will assign you one. Call or text (preferred) Madison Rosonet at (228) 327-7704 to reserve your spot.

**PLEASE SHARE EVENT DETAILS TO ALL PIKE-ALUMNI CONTACTS.
PARTICIPATION IS GROWING EVERY YEAR AT THESE EVENTS...
LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!**

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TO RSVP: Call or text (preferred) **DMAA President, John Fisackerly at (228) 860-2859** to let him know if you'll be in attendance for ANY event. RSVP not required, but greatly appreciated.

Coast Hotel Information:

For those of you traveling from out of town, there are several hotel options, including Casinos and Resorts, close to the hosting venues. Below is a list of hotel options in proximity:

- Hard Rock Casino and Resort - (228) 374-7625
 - Palace Casino and Resort - (228) 432-8888
 - Beau Rivage Casino and Resort - (228) 386-7111
 - Hotel Legends - (228) 400-4001
 - Hilton Garden Inn - (228) 325-2900
 - Double Tree Hotel - (228) 546-3100
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Delta Mu Pike House Summer Visitation Rules

Please take note that the University closes the Pike house over the summer, so no visitors are allowed without permission from the University. Two troublesome incidents have already occurred. Some Pike Delta Mu Alumni were visiting campus over the summer and climbed the courtyard fence to play basketball. Three of them were arrested by Campus Police and referred to Hattiesburg Police for Felony Burglary charges. In another incident, an active member brought an individual going through rush to climb the courtyard fence and tour the Pike house. This incident was caught on video, but no charges have been filed thus far.

Order of 49 Pledges

- The "Order of 49" is the premier annual club of sustaining members of the Delta Mu Alumni Association that provides vital funding for those programs and events deemed crucial to the on-going success and preservation of the Delta Mu Chapter, Pi Kappa Alpha, University of Southern Mississippi.

- The "Order" is dedicated to and provides the funding for the Fraternity's leadership programming and it's other educational initiatives and thus working toward our goal of using the resources of our loyal alumni to create an ever-improving experience for Delta Mu student members.

- The annual statement for the unrestricted tax-deductible gift of \$200 is sent out every March 1, Pi Kappa Alpha Founder's Day. There are options to pay this pledge annually, or monthly, and also by auto-draft.

- If you are not a member of this "Order" but wish to become one, please contact the Delta Mu Alumni Association at

pikedmaa@gmail.com, or visit pikedmaa.org.

- Please note, if you're NOT a member of the "ORDER OF 1949" you are still welcome and encouraged to participate in all DMAA functions.

The Order of 49 statements were mailed out to most of its members on March 1st. This is your optional yearly pledge to the alumni association. Pledges and donations are not required for membership, all Pikes are welcome to attend Alumni Association activities any time. **Once a Pike Always A Pike!** We encourage all alumni and their families to attend association functions.

You may also join the web site without donating or pledging to be kept up to date on Delta Mu Alumni News and activities. Please join by going to our website at <http://pikedmaa.org> and click the "Become A Member Button" and click "create an account" or login with your existing account to update your contact information in our online database.

For those that wish to pledge an annual donation, there is an annual 1-time option to pay as well as an automatic monthly payment feature. If you don't want to pledge \$200/year for Order of 49 but feel like giving, there is an option for a one-time donation in any amount as well. **These funds are used to pay for association activities and help the active chapter with rush, conferences expenses, insurance, house repairs/upgrades and to fund a Pike Delta Mu Scholarship awarded annually to an active member.**

Thank you to the following members who have given their pledges already this year, as well as those who are lifetime members who contributed.

Paul Broussard, Dale Gollott, Jimmy Gilmore, Tony Parker, John Fisackerly, Arny Gollott, Michael Pace, Teddy Johnson, Michael Lockwood, Matthew Perez, Austin Ladner, John Rieben, Bob Abbey, Hilton Boover, Elbert Williams, Dave Krenning, James Bloodworth Sr., Alfred Pace, Robert McCormick, Michael Giles, J. Scott Middleton Jr., Paul Kirland, Mitch Beckwith, David Cobb, Brian Moody, Jimmy Baker, Tony Cain, Jack Cistrano, Ron Davis, Tom Dudley, Bobby French, Doyle Goodman, Al Holder, Bill Kortman, Edward Langton, Jimmy Linville, Pat Sheehan, Joe Stoessel, David Pyle, Bob Abbey, Jim Bloodworth, John Fisackerly, Michael Giles, Jimmy Gilmore, Armond Gollott, III, David Krenning, Austin Ladner, Michael Lockwood, Robert McCormick, J. Scott Middleton, Jr, Michael Pace, Alfred Pace, Tony Parker, Matthew Perez, John Rieben, Taylor Trochesset, Elbert (Butch) Williams

If you have paid and your name is not on the list, please contact treasurer Teddy Johnson teddyaiohnsn@gmail.com to get it resolved.

Upcoming Events:

Summer 2024

- **July 12, 2024, 7PM Alumni Networking Mixer:** Sully's Restaurant located at 1316 30th Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501
- **July 13, 2024, at 9AM Annual Meeting:** Maritime Seafood Museum, 115 E 1st St, Biloxi, MS 39530
- **July 13, 2024, at 1PM Summer Golf Event:** Sunkist County Club Golf Course, 2381 Sunkist Country Club Rd Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

Fall 2024

- **October 19, 2024, at TBD Annual Homecoming reunion before and during the game**

Spring 2025

- **3rd Annual Delta Mu Alumni Golf Tournament TBD Spring 2025**

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- Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/49071208385>
- Send us an email: pikedmaa@gmail.com
- Visit our website <https://pikedmaa.org/> for more updates, newsletters, photos of activities and a calendar events.

ITB,

John Fisackerly

DMAA President