

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

August 2013



Calendar

Homecoming Turtle 60th

October 12, 2013

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs IL Wesleyan

Starting at 1:00p

Celebration

Racine Marriott

Bar Opens at 5:00p

Buffet at 6:00p

Ceremony at 7:00p

**Make your
Reservations now**
See article for details

HOMEcomings 2013

October 12th

TURTLE 60TH CELEBRATION

Class of 1963 - 50th Anniversary

This year marks the 60th year of Turtledom. On October 7, 1953, we got our start. Take time out on the 7th at 2:35 p.m. and think about that event taking place that we now celebrate 60 years later. A campus with no fraternities and twelve guys that had an idea.

Begin Saturday at the Casa Capri (2129 Birch Road, Kenosha) at 10:00 am with pizza and beer. It is a great mixer of young and old Turtles telling great stories. Put a donation in the basket to help keep this fun event going in the future that the TEXAA started. Look for the Turtle Flag flying high outside.

As we celebrate our 60th we will also recognize the Turtle Class of 1963 which was the largest class to date with 23 members. Only one member is deceased, John Breemer. There is also only one member missing, Gerald Zimmerman. If you have any information on him please notify us.

Come to the 60th celebration at the Racine Marriott starting at 5:00 p.m. At this writing we have heard from over 30 Turtles coming but I am sure we will double that as we get closer. Even after 60 years I know, A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL - OH BOY!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

Get the latest information at our website:

<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

Get Your 60th TEX Jersey

TEX jerseys are still available! Several alumni ordered 60th jerseys last year and some have already placed orders for this year. A few of the actives members have even placed orders for jerseys! The TEX crest is on the front with "60" on the back and

"10-07-1953" directly underneath. The cost was approximately \$30 last year, but the cost goes down as more shirts are ordered. Send shirt requests to steenrodchris@gmail.com with your name and size by Sept 22nd. Shirts will be available for pick up at Casa Capri before the game and at the homecoming game.

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Who's the last
Turtle Brother or
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their email or
phone number
and we'll reach
out to them and
make sure
they're on our list.

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

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

Randy DiVito
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Delafield, WI 53018

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

MARCHING TO THE 60TH - OCTOBER, 2013

This is the 6th and final installment of the origins and early Turtle History as recorded in the Turtle History Book by Founder Bill (Bushes, Treetops) Trees.

After returning from a long dry summer, the Turtles gathered together for a "little fellowship" at Lake Carthage. In order to ensure the success of the 1954 Kampus Kapers production it was decided to enter as many Tau Chi members as possible. At homecoming the Tau Chi's decided to enter a float in the parade. First prize went to the Turtles for their entry "LET'S SHINE TONIGHT", written on a huge star with Tau Sigma Chi on the bottom of the float.

Shortly after Homecoming the idea of the Tau Chi's annually presenting a dance became a reality. The first dance, "THE TURTLE CRAWL" was held on October 29, 1954 in the gym.

The Turtles football team again were the undefeated (two years) football champions. At the completion of the season an all star game was held with the Turtles falling to the all stars 12-6 at our annual clash. (Annual clash is used because it seems the Turtles are the winners of the league each year.

Warren (Diskie) Diskerud scheduled a intra school intramural football contest with the champions of the football league from the University of Iowa. The Tau Chi's were victorious, 19-0, and were heard to be screaming "Bring on the Green Bay Packers" (not too loudly though).

Another outstanding play was presented by the student body of Carthage -- "TIME OF YOUR LIFE". In the cast were "Chief" Roessler, "Beard" Kassel, "Frog" Gohr and "Psycho" Wild.

During the progress of the year Dave Dumke, Les Schultz and Tom Bowersox were added to the membership.

The second "Anna Trip" occurred once again at the break for the spring vacation. Instead of staying at Johnson's cabin the group was entertained in a house by a friend of the Trees family, New members attending were Tom Bowersox and Ellsworth "Waukie" Freyer.

The start of the 1955-1956 school year found the Turtles celebrating their 2nd anniversary on October 7th and they were undefeated in the intramural football program again. This made the third year in a row the Turtles have show their supremacy on the gridiron. ANOTHER TURTLE FIRST...We were unscored upon in three years except when Don (The Bumpkin) Sheridan scored against us in the last minutes of the last game. We forgave him and made him a Turtle later on.

There was another All Star game which ended in a 0-0 tie.

In the spring of 1956 the founders were graduating but there were 31 Turtle members now. All the founders would agree that after three years of Turtledom, "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL -- OH BOY!!! And now it is time to celebrate 60 years of Turtledom as we continue on!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1st Turtle President

Get a Room (for the 60th)!!

We have a block of rooms set aside at the Racine Marriott, for those that wish to have way too many adult beverages, with a discounted rate of \$92.00. Follow the link link to make your reservations now: Some have reported that when calling directly they don't recognize the block or the discount so we recommend doing it on line.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mkerw-racine-marriott/?toDate=10/13/13&groupCode=tsctsca&fromDate=10/11/13&app=resvlink>

TEXAA Association Update

It's no longer years away but only a few months now. For those that remember the 50th you know that it was well attended but we want to top that. The leadership team has been hard at work pulling a memorable event together but in order to get those attendance number up we need everyone's help in spreading the word. Have you talked with your pledge brothers/sisters and encouraged them to come? Now is the time to go find those others that you haven't heard from in a few years and start talking it up. If you need some help finding them just drop one of the Leadership team a note and we can hook you up with the latest information we've got to hopefully get you going. Also send them to our website to take a trip down memory lane. The portfolio of pictures is growing, we now have the lyrics for all those great old Turtle songs and there are a number of Brofile articles. Also we're working on posting a list of those planning on attending as well as the most recent schedule of events and reservation information for the event and the hotel if you're staying the night. After the event we're planning on posting a downloadable event booklet complete with pictures and comments.

If you haven't registered for the event do so now. If you're into Facebook head there or go through the Turtle website at www.tausigmachi.org. Not online much then give any of the Leadership team members a call or use your kids email account and reach out to us (phone numbers and emails are in this newsletter). Don't forget we've got some 60th commemorative mugs and jerseys for sale so get your order in so you can pick them up at Homecoming.

On some related notes we continue with our efforts of recognizing the great efforts of the Doves and of course we're hoping that they can join us for the 60th celebration. We're starting to get some additional help on our website and hope to roll out a new design in the next month or so. Please check out the article and sample picture of the latest effort in this newsletter. While not specifically a activity of the 60th we'll be starting efforts to raise funds for purchasing a Greek Organization display case to the College. Our goal is have the showcase in the Student Center so the entire Carthage community can see first-hand what Turtles and other Greek organizations have meant to the school. Make your reservations now and get Homecoming 2013 and Tau Sigma Chi 60th Anniversary on your calendar. See you there.

Kurt Lehrmann '75

60th Anniversary Mugs



- 17 oz Stoneware Tankard
- \$17.50 / Mug if picked up at 60th, add \$10 if you want it shipped to your house.
- Mail your order and check to
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What are the Active Up To?

At last year's homecoming the Turtle's own Luke Kunzie was crowned Homecoming King. With Luke recently graduated the Turtles will look to have another active nominated to become royalty. And just like last year's homecoming and every year before that the Turtles will be selling brats right next to the football field.

Because it's the school year has not started the actives have yet to start planning too many activities. However, they have organized a back to school party for the school to be held at Coin's Sports Bar on September 7th. It's great to see that after 60 years the actives are still making their presence known at Carthage College.

Chris Steenrod '09

Financial Report (2/26/13)

Beginning Balance	
	\$440.53
Donations	
	0.00
Expenses	
Brewer Tix	116.98
Ending Balance	
	\$ 323.55

2013-14 Turtle and Dove Executive Board:

Turtles

Alex George- Pres ageorge1@carthage.edu
Mitch Reecher- Vice President
Kevin Gussel- Treasurer
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Doves

Ember McCoy-Pres emccoy@carthage.edu
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John Sladek's Turtle 60th Bike Ride

Ok Turtles, I'm considering organizing and riding a 60 mile bicycle ride during Homecoming weekend to commemorate our 60th....who's interested in riding with me?

Before you say "are you crazy" let me share with you that I sent out a similar invite 2 years ago for my 50th high school reunion (Glenbrook North '61) and got about a dozen riders to do the ride. We can stage it so that if you want to join us at 20 or 10 or 5 miles to go we can do that...just as long as we finish together in time to "re-hydrate" with our Brothers! You can do this...it's flat!

John Sladek '65

Reach out to John at <https://www.facebook.com/#!/john.sladek.1>



Where is Your Turtle Composite Picture?

Have you had a chance to look at the growing number of Turtle composite pictures on our website www.tausigmachi.org? Is your composite missing? Well start digging around your basement and see if you've got one. We are hoping to get as many of those as we can before the big 60th celebration. If you've got one please get it digitized. It's not really that hard, first carry it over to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos or Office Depot and have them scan it. They can save it for you on a disc but it's easier to bring a jump drive with you. Doesn't matter if the file is jpg, gif or other picture file, we can handle most. It only costs a few bucks but think of the enjoyment it will bring. When you get home send it to me at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com as an attachment. To see an example check out <http://www.tausigmachi.org/1975Album.html>.

Turtle Golf Outing

Well we tried a new course this year only to run into some bad weather. While sitting in the clubhouse we thought about trying it later in the year which might also give some of you others a chance to join in. Often summer is busy time but once school gets started the calendars open up again. Give Kurt Lehrmann or Dave Narey a call if you're interested in joining the September or October outing.

Important Numbers for the 60th

- Saturday October 12, 2013
- Casa Capri Pre-Game 10:00am
 - Il Wesleyan Game 1:00pm
 - Racine Marriott
- Bar Opens at 5, Buffet at 6 and Presentations at 7
- \$45 per person. Send your check to Randy DiVito at 923 Lake Dr Delafield, WI 53018
- Marriott Racine rooms- \$92/night; call 262-886-6100 and make your reservation under the Tau Sigma Chi 60th
 - Bar opens at 5p, buffet at 6p, presentations at 7p
- Commemorative mugs \$17.50, T-Shirts \$30 (if picked up)



We know the cast of characters but when and where was this taken?

Back row, l to r: M Levonowich, C Korpela, D Narey, T Hughes, W Boehm, B Faul
Front row, l to r: H Flanagan, K Caskey, M Matson, C Brand, R Wirsch

NEW WEBSITE IN THE WORKS

In the very near future the TEXAA website is going to get a facelift. Several of our more recent grads (i.e. Turtles who are a little more tech-savvy than the '70's crew!) got together and are putting together a more professional-looking and easier to use and navigate website for our illustrious fraternity. You can see the preliminary look of the homepage below.

If you have any ideas for the webpage to make it easier to use, or if you have ideas for content, contact Tim Hughes, '76, at twh17@yahoo.com. Once the new page is uploaded, we'll be sending out announcements on Facebook and by means of an email blast.

Tim Hughes '76

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1953  **2013**
Sixty Years

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 20TH, 2013
POSTED 7/16/2013 BY: CHRIS STEENROD

Brothers & Sisters of Tau Sigma Chi, Past and Present:

We are busy planning a special celebration Bash at our 60th Anniversary this fall, and have booked the **Racine Marriott** for the event (click the link to get \$92 group rate).

The cost for the Bash at the Marriott is \$45/person. Payment can be made using the PayPal link under Donations or checks can be made out to TEXAA and mailed to Randy Divito (see address under Donations on the left of this page).

Read Don Henderson's history of the early years **Marching to the 60th!**

60TH ANNIVERSARY GEAR AVAILABLE!
POSTED 7/16/2013 BY: BRYCE DAVIS

TEX 60th anniversary mugs and shirts are now available!

60th Anniversary Mugs:

The cost for a 17oz. stoneware tankard is \$17.50 if picked up at the anniversary event, or 27.50 shipped.

60th Anniversary Shirts:

The cost is only \$30/shirt. Send Chris Steenrod an email with your shirt size.

Order yours today!

Make a Donation

Upcoming Events:

Brewers Baseball Game
Saturday, August 17th:
It's Baseball time again! Come join us and watch the Milwaukee Brewers versus the Cincinnati Reds.

Carthage College Homecoming & TEX 60 Year Celebration
Saturday, October 12th:
This year marks the 60th year of Turtledom. On October 7, 1953, we got our start and now it is time to celebrate 60 great years.

Important Links:

[Turtle Alumni Facebook Page](#)
[Carthage College](#)