

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association - TEXAA

April 2014



Calendar

Golf Outing Ives Grove Racine WI

I-94 & Hwy 20
Friday June 20th
11:30a Tee off

Brewers-Reds Tailgate

Saturday August 9th
Tailgate – 3:30p
Gametime – 6:10p
See article for details

Homecoming 2014

October 11, 2014

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Carthage vs Elmjurst

Game Time - 1:00p

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<http://www.tausigmachi.org>

DID YOU MISS IT? THE 60th

October 12, 2013

What a great event! Turtles from the Founders through 60 years to the Actives (Turtles & Doves) and their guests all mingling together throughout the evening. There were just over 100 people in attendance including 58 alum Turtles and a dozen Actives. It was also great to have three of the remaining eight Founders (Don Henderson, Warren Diskerud and Larry Crone) at the celebration and it would have been 4 but Ken Gorsky had to cancel at the last minute. There was a good representation from all the decades of Turtledom and there was no lack of stories which got even more flamboyant as the night went on. Special thanks to our decade speakers Don Henderson, John Sladek, Cary Turner/Wally Boehm, Geoffrey 'Opps' DeLuca and Vladmir Bajic. I think John would still be talking if there was an audience.

Throughout the night people had a chance to look at the memorabilia tables with old mugs, paddles and lots of pictures. There was a great raffle with lots of Turtle trinkets and other goodies so thanks to all that donated to the cause so we can keep all of this going. Lots of thanks to the Actives and the Doves for their help with this event.

After all our work on the 60th event we are not resting on our laurels but have started making plans for the 65th (see separate article). See you there!

Don (Ace) Henderson
1st Turtle President

7th Annual Brewers Tailgate Party

It's Baseball time again! We purchased 25 tickets for the Saturday, August 9 Milwaukee Brewers versus Los Angeles Dodgers game. Our seats this year are in Section 234, Rows 6-8. You can check out the view by going to http://milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com/mil/ticketing/seating_pricing.jsp.

As in the past, we'll gather outside of the stadium and enter the parking lot together and tailgate. Ticket price of \$40 includes game ticket, sandwich, chips, etc. Bring your own beverage of choice.

Ticket sales are first come-first serve, so get your money in soon.

There are two ways to pay: either send me a check for \$40 to:

Tim Hughes, 5741 Forsythia Place Madison, WI 53705 OR or go to our website www.tausigmachi.org and click the PayPal button (NOTE: you will either have to already have a PayPal account, or will need to create an account.)

Hope to see you on the 9th!

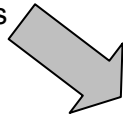
Tim Hughes '76

Jerseys & Sweat Shirts

Send Chris Steenrod an email at steenrodchris@gmail.com if you're interested in buying a Turtle shirt or jersey. Cost is about \$30.

60th Pictures

More pictures below. Stay tuned for the 60th picture montage. Once we get all the pictures we'll post it on our website and make CD's available.



WILL YOU BE A THE 65TH ?

Everyone had a great time at the 60th so we figured why wait another 10 years, let's do it sooner. While we certainly plan on doing something every year it just made sense to do a more laid back event in 2018 with another big event on each 10 year anniversary. So yes, we already started to plan for the 65th get together.

Right now we're leaning toward holding it at the Casa Capri but Cortese Restaurant just up Sheridan Road has also come up. It looks like a casual buffet would work best and don't forget the beer. Hey any grad class out there want to donate the beer? We could also use some ideas on a commemorative gift to remember the event. As the planning matures we will keep you posted and always we are open to and welcome ideas from the brothers and Doves. Let any of us know if you have an idea that can be used for the 65th – it's only four years from now!

Don Henderson 1956
1st Turtle President



Who's the last Turtle Brother or Dove that you've seen? Send us their email or phone number and we'll reach out to them and make sure they're on our list.

Golf & Beer – Don't miss it

After a winter like that it's hard to believe anything survived, especially my golf swing. It's good to know that doesn't matter at the TEX golf outing. Now if you forgot how to drink a beer you might be in trouble.

It's now 8 years and counting for the annual Turtle golf outing though I have to admit that last year we got washed out (though we did get a few beer in anyway). Once again this year we hope to add to the list of regulars like Matson, Narey, Lehrmann, Hughes, Brand and Wirch from the 70's as well as Jim Nelson from the 60s and Mike McBride from several decades;-).

No clubs, no problem. No tees, no problem. No golf shoes, no problem. No balls, different story. There's no reason not to join in the fun (and some beers during and after) or better yet, get your own 4-some together, there's plenty of room.

- Friday June 20th , 11:30a tee off.
- Ives Grove Hwy 20 and I-94 west of Racine WI
- Cost - \$45 greens fees and cart.
- Sign up with Dave Narey at david_narey@sbcglobal.net (847.274.0007) or Kurt Lehrmann at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com (262.880.2447)

Search for Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association and join us on Facebook

I hope the well hasn't gone dry but we don't have any Brofiles to post in this edition. How about reaching out to one of your brothers or sisters and put something together. Heck, write something up on what you've been through to keep us up on latest.

TEXAA Association Update

When I looked back at my notes I saw it was over 5 years again when we started talking about the 60th anniversary. Like the perverbial ball rolling down a hill it picked up a lot of speed and before you know it the event was over with a bunch of long lasting memories. It was great to reconnect with friends from those college years but also to make new ones. I wish the night would have lasted longer but like all good things it's over with too quickly. Over the next few months we're working on getting the pictures of the 60th together and have it put together on DVD. I'm hoping the Turtle songs come out and maybe we can even sneak one onto YouTube. Looking into the future we're getting out plans together for the annual golf outing and the Brewer game in August. If you haven't attended one of those events make it happen this year.

I do need to report that our efforts to pull together a 60th anniversary gift for Carthage didn't pan out. We had several ideas for something memorable including a Greek Organization display case but Carthage would only allow selected showcases to be placed on campus and the prices were way out of line. We are also exploring if we can get classified as a not for profit so your donations would be tax deductible. Unless we would provide a sizable donations to Carthage on behalf of the Turtles, it would go directly into their general student scholarship fund, without any control by us. Not what we're looking for. Hopefully we can come upon a good solution so we can show why we were and always will be the top fraternity at Carthage.

Kurt Lehrmann '75



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What are the Active Up To?

The school year started with the actives preparing for Homecoming. Just as they did in previous years, the Turtles were selling their famous brats at the football game. The 2012 Homecoming game yielded record brat sales and actives had even higher hopes in 2013 because of the 60th anniversary. Unfortunately the football game was plagued by heavy rains and brat sales didn't reach the actives expectations. A handful of actives did join the 60th anniversary celebration at the Racine Marriott after the football game. The actives I spoke with said they had a great time at the dinner and loved hearing the stories of the Turtles that paved the way for them.

Carthage is now in its Spring semester, which means that the Turtles and Turtle Doves have new Executive Boards and pledge classes. Tyler Sanchez was elected to serve as president for the Turtles and Lexi Kingery is the new Turtle Dove President. Other members of the Turtle E-Board consist of Collin Trainor, Alex Boomgarden, Danny Steenrod and Mike Guilik. The Doves E-Board consists of Mary Devereux and Brooke Ewert. Isaac Nothen has been charged with the task of leading 14 pledges through the pledge process and Jackie Lambrect will be doing the same thing with the 10 pledges for the Turtle Doves. The pledges have just picked their dads and big sisters so get out your family tree and start adding names.

The Spring semester is always busy for the actives. They have the pledge process, seniors are getting ready to graduate and Formal takes place. This year Formal is going to be the weekend of May 9th and will be at the Holiday Inn in Pewaukee. This year however the actives are undertaking even more. The actives are hosting school-wide parties at Coin's in Kenosha on the seventh day of each month at 7:00pm. These parties are aptly named 7 on 7's. The Turtles and Turtle Doves will also be hosting an American party in April. The American Party may not be the Kamakaze Party but if anyone can pull off hosting a party it's the Turtles.

Chris Steenrod '09

The Next Step

When we announced the formation of an Alumni Association for Tau Sigma Chi at our 50th included continuation of the relationships we developed as actives and of giving back. The Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association committee has done a good job of creating and hosting opportunities for Turtles, Doves alumni and actives to get together and keep the Turtle relationships alive and well. Unfortunately, our vision of giving back has been a little more complicated and challenging.

So what do we mean by “giving back”? The first on the agenda would be to create a TEXAA scholarship program. That initiative alone would require raising over \$25,000. Certainly not impossible as I believe over \$40,000 was raised when we donated the new scoreboard to the school. So what is the next step? The next step is to obtain a non-profit status for the Association. Non-profit status means that when you donate money to TEXAA it becomes a tax write off making the donation of some benefit at tax time. We feel that the TEXAA having that status is important to control the entire process and to ensure that the dollars we generate are appropriated accordingly and that you can realize the tax benefit.

The challenge is that the committee lacks the expertise. We are looking for an attorney and accountant that have experience in this endeavor and would be able to donate their time and help procure the non-profit status. If you or someone you know would be able to help, please have them contact us. We see this “next step” as critical to the growth and evolution of the Association. To our knowledge, the TEXAA is the only formalized alumni association on campus. We believe this to be a huge differentiating factor in recruiting new actives for TEX and the Doves. Help us take the “next step” and bend that curve even further.

Randy DiVito

Financial Report (thru 2/22/14)

Revenue \$5582.93

Donations -	1355.00
Reunion-	3063.43
Mugs-	485.50
Shirts-	338.00
Raffle-	315.00
Other -	26.00

Expenses \$5343.00

Casa Capri-	600.00
RacineMarriott	2759.22
Shirts (reim Steenrod)	338.00
Mugs (reim Lehrmann)	460.18
Decorations (reim Henderson)	150.00
Turtle Gifts (reim Diskerdud)	200.00
Refund-	90.00
Brewers Tix -	710.00
Other-	36.00

Ending Balance
\$1608.35

Membership and Website Report

We currently have 563 Turtle Alums on our TEXAA roster. Of those we are in contact with 287 of them via email messages. Due to budgetary restraints the Board decided to discontinue mailing paper newsletters, so if you are in contact with any brothers via email, please let Tim Hughes know their addresses (twh17@yahoo.com). We'll get them added to our email list. And direct them to check out the website: www.tausigmachi.org.

Many thanks go out to Nathan Ripley (2010) for redesigning the new website, Bryce Davis (2009) for paying for the re-design, and Brian Mertens (2005) for hosting it on his server. If you haven't checked it out yet go give it a look – it actually looks like a website now! Since we don't send out any paper anymore, this is our main point of contact with the alumni, along with our Facebook pages and email blasts.

Tim Hughes, '76

2014-15 Turtle and Dove Executive Board:

Turtles

Tyler Sanchez- Pres tsanchez@carthage.edu
Collin Trainor- Vice President ctrainor@
Alex Boomgarden- Treasurer
Daniel Steenrod- Secretary
Michael Gulik- Delegate at Large

Doves

Alexis Kingery -Pres akingery@carthage.edu
Mary Devereux- Vice President
Brooke Ewert- Treasurer
To Be Announced- Secretary



Composite and Other Picture Drive

Admit it, you liked to look at the pictures in this newsletter didn't you. Since the weather may never get nice outside how about taking a few hours and head downstairs and dig through those old boxes. By the way for those that are married I'm sure you spouse would love to see that area cleaned up anyway.

We're still missing a number of years of composites but do have the following posted on our website: 1953, 1971-72, 1974-76, 1986-96, 2000-04 and 2006-09. We'd also love to get some of those photos of pledge, formal banquets, intramural games, etc to keep the memories alive. Why not grab a few of those photos and to the nearest Office Max, Kinkos, Walgreens or Office Depot and have them scan it. It only costs a few bucks. We'll take a jpg, gif or other standard picture file. When you get the disk home send it to me at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com and I'll make sure it gets posted on the website.





