

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association – TEXAA

September 2015



Calendar

Homecoming

October 3, 2015

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

Annual TEXAA Mtg & Elections

11:00a

Carthage vs IL Wesleyan

Starting at 1:00p

Active Party

TBA

HOMECOMING 2015 HOMECOMING - Turtle 62nd and Class of 1965 50th Anniversary

October 3, 2015

What an exciting Homecoming for the Turtles on the first weekend in October. Voting on our Constitution, the election of our first Board of Trustees and our first Annual Meeting of the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association (The TURTLES). As usual we start at 10:00 a.m. at the Casa Capri on Saturday morning. We will open the meeting at 11:00 a.m. This years' event will be sponsored by John Felton '86', the son of Morrie Felton '57 who joined the Turtles in the second wave of initiates. Thanks John and you Turtles and Doves can buy him a beer the next time you see him. We are also going to have a raffle this homecoming.

We recognize the class of 1965 with 17 members who are celebrating their 50th anniversary including the president, John Sladek. We will have new Turtle attire and souvenirs plus some left over items from the 60th. Sounds exciting and "A GOOD TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL! OH BOY!"

Don (Ace) Henderson '56
1st Turtle President

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Voting is Opening Soon!!

As we move toward getting our 501C3 status we need to start taking some official votes as an Association. About 3-4 weeks prior to Homecoming we'll be sending out a note with a list of people that have expressed interest in serving on the new TEXAA Alumni Association Board of Trustees. At that time we'll also be accepting other nominations so if you know of someone that would be interested reach out to them and let us know if they want in. Then again maybe you're interested. I would recommend you look at the constitution to get an idea of what the BOT is expected to do. By the way, except for Homecoming all meeting would most likely be via phone.

One week prior to Homecoming voting will open. Each Turtle or Dove will be able to select 5 names with the top 5 being the first to serve. We are looking into using Survey Monkey or some online tool to make voting easier. Not a computer person? We'll also take votes through emails or in person at Homecoming. This isn't Chicago so you can't vote often but please do vote.

Homecoming 50/50 Raffle

Get your tickets at Homecoming for our 50/50 raffle. This year we've got a \$50 a \$25 gift certificate from Casa Capri to give away. The twist is that the Alumni Association and the Active/Doves will be splitting the remaining revenue 50/50. Help out the Turtles and get a great pizza at the same time.

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.

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

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

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Questions????
Send to
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65th Anniversary Celebration

It is just three short years away - $2018-2015=3$ (See how smart us accountants are). As you get older you know how fast the years go so start thinking about it and let us know if there is something you want. We always discuss the planning for this event in our telephone conferences and we now think that the event will be more informal than the 60th and we will be making a decision on where by year end. Watch this space for news on the event.

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501C3 Update

I'm really excited to report that we've made the big step and have submitted our application to the IRS. In case you're not aware the Alumni Association is working on securing 501C3 tax exempt status which would put us in a great position to manage/control any funds or gifts that we direct toward Carthage or the Actives and Doves. For you it means writing off any donations you give to the Alumni Association. Thanks to Chris Steenrod and John Felton we've been able to integrate key requirements into our constitution which should help is getting approval. We know the process time can be lengthy, maybe more than a year, but it will be well worth it. One important step will be the ratification of the constitution and election of the Board of Trustees at this year's Homecoming.

Baseball On Strike! Picnic Is In

No America's favorite pastime is still alive and well but Turtle Alumni Association will be taking a different approach toward the annual summer get together. Over the past five years a steadfast group of folks have gotten together on a summer afternoon and tailgated at the Brewers or more recently at a Kenosha Kingfish game. While we all had a good time we finally realized that the fun is just being together, drinking some beer and telling stories, both new and old. At the Kingfish game we couldn't even see the infield from the 'beer garden' area we were in but we still had a great time.

OK if baseball is out then what's in? We're thinking a big picnic. This would eliminate a commitment problem we're hearing from people. In the past we needed to get a headcount 3 months in advance so we could buy tickets. Not only was there the date concern but the cost of the event could have turned some away. We were also limited on the dates because we needed a home game in the afternoon. Bottom line we missed a number of people who couldn't make the call at that time. With a picnic we won't need a confirmation until a week or so before the event. Secondly the cost will be nominal because we've got a park that doesn't charge rent so it's just the cost of food. Lastly we can set a date that stands from summer to summer eg last Saturday in July.

We plan on throwing some ideas around when we meet at Homecoming this year but don't hesitate to drop us a line now. That gives us time to organize things, get some buy in from folks and hopefully get the word out.

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TURTLES

TEXAA Association Update

It's time to take the Association to the next level. As you hopefully know over the last year we've worked hard on writing the Constitution/By-Laws for the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association and currently have an application in with the IRS to gain our tax exempt status. As we have found over the past 10 or so years it's difficult to reach everyone but trust that we are making all reasonable efforts to get the word out. One thing we can't control, but you can help us with, is word of mouth sharing. Talk to the brothers and sisters you know and let them know what's up. If you don't have all the information just direct them to one of the Executive Board members (emails included in this newsletter).

While we've certainly been spending some time on reorganizing we continue to work on other initiative. With the 65th anniversary just around the corner we're solidifying plans on another event like we did for the 60th but not as formal. If you're interested in seeing the planning notes let me know. Have you joined Facebook yet? Thanks to Anne Parmenter the site has a new spark of life and word has it there will be some giveaways over the next year. As for our website that too is in a state of reorganization. We apologize if you've been looking there for information but we've got 'new management' taking a look at it and we plan to be back up for real before the end of the year. We're continue to provide the Turtle attire and getting interest on adding sweatshirts to the list so let us know if you'd like something special included.

If you want more information or are interested in participating more, just give any of the Executive Board members a call or email us (phone numbers and emails are in this newsletter) with your ideas or questions.

Kurt Lehrmann '75

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JILLIAN BURNICKAS

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Residence/Address: 815 N Campbell Av, Unit 2, Chicago, Illinois 60622

Marital Status: Single

Children: None

Grandchildren: None

Occupation: Executive Assistant at DRI

Interests/Activities: Boys and Booze

Favorite Turtle Activity: Wille (Amy) Watching and Ice Cream Social

Favorite Turtle Moment: Being spanked with a dictionary because they couldn't find a paddle.

Best Experience at Carthage:

Funniest Experience at Carthage: Asking Luke Kunzie to be my friend

Proudest Moment as a TEX Member (Include Bone/Nose Awards): Being a pledge trainer and making Lexi cry

Get Your TEX T-Shirt and Cap

Brothers and Sisters,

As always, you will be able to purchase shirts for this year's Homecoming festivities. The shirts will be a T-shirt and will have our letters on the front and a picture on the back for a cost of \$17. You can contact Chris Steenrod at steenrodchris@gmail.com to place an order in advance, or buy a shirt the day of Homecoming.

We still have some shirts and hats leftover from last year's Homecoming game. Those items will be available for purchase for \$5 apiece. Please let us know if you would like to have any other types of apparel, like sweatshirts or windbreakers, in the future!

Hope to see everyone at the game!

What are the Active and Doves Up To?

The Turtles and Doves have been up to a lot this past year! We have really expanded our presence on campus in terms of recruiting, adding 12 men and 9 women to our numbers while representing many demographics on campus. Philanthropy and overall general Greek Life participation has increased as well with the Turtles and Doves placing second in the homecoming organization competition last year. We hope to succeed again this year. As for philanthropy the Doves sold bracelets and the Turtles sold cupcakes, together raising over \$500 to go to the fight against muscular dystrophy. We have committed to spending more time and effort towards philanthropy.

Of course we are sad to see our seniors leave but we know they will make Tau Sigma Chi proud and we hope to carry on their legacy!

Dove and Turtle Love,
Colleen Koepke '16
Jacob Guy '17

Financial Report (9/1/15)

Beginning Balance
\$2045.58

Expenses
Kingfish Tickets
737.50

Revenue
From Kingfish Tix
600.00

Ending Balance
\$ 1908.08

2015-16 Turtle and Dove Executive Boards:

Turtles

Collin Trainor- ctrainor@carthage.edu
Jacob Guy- Vice President
Trevor Rahn - Treasurer
Michael Gulik - Secretary
Lee Hollman - Delegate at Large

Doves

Colleen Koepke- Pres ckoepke@carthage.edu
Brooke Ewert - Vice President
Maddie Gronset- Treasurer
Tegan Moore- Secretary

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ELLSWORTH FREYER

Turtle Nickname: "Waukie"

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Residence/Address:

Marital Status: Kay '59, married 57 yrs

Children: Kim- 54; Joellyn- 52; Kristin- 50; Jay- 49; Jon- 45

Grandchildren:

Occupation: Retired

Interests/Activities: Football Motivator at Homestead HS and Concordia Univ, Mequon

Favorite Turtle Activity: Singing to Denhart girls. Devotions- after too much beer!

Favorite Turtle Moment: Initiation when I had to provide 'poop' for the bucket! Riding in Ace's car.

Best Experience at Carthage: Meeting Kay- my future wife

Funniest Experience at Carthage: Living with Bill Krause. I had the keys to the work shed, so was able to get shovels to bury Kissing Rock

Proudest Moment as a TEX Member (Include Bone/Nose Awards): When people say "Are you a Turtle?" I proudly say, "You bet your sweet ass I am!". Also proud that our son, Jay '89 is a Turtle.

KENOSHA KINGFISH / SUMMER TURTLE GATHERING

This year we decided to forego the annual Brewers Tailgate party and try something different - a visit to Kenosha's newest sports team the Kenosha Kingfish, part of the Northwoods League.

The Kingfish play in historic Simmons Field on Kenosha's South Side. We gathered in the "Fish Bowl", an all-you-can-eat / all-you-can-drink area down the left field line. Despite the fact that the food was iffy, the beer selection was limited, and the view of the field was almost non-existent, the feedback from the attendees was positive, mostly due to the fact that we were sitting at picnic tables and could actually talk to each other, unlike the seats at Miller Park.

Building on this, we might try something different again next year, going back to an event started in the late 1970's - a picnic! Nobody really watched the baseball games anyway, so we thought let's give this a try again. We'll be planning over the next few months, so if you have any ideas, let one of the Planning Committee know.

See the Group Shot Below



Golf with a Brother or Sister

I put the challenge out last year to get a hold of a Turtle brother or one of the Dove Sisters and play a round of golf. Thanks to Mike McBride I held up my end of the deal. We had a great afternoon on June 24th at Geneva National near Lake Geneva. I must admit the course got the best of us but we turned it around on the 19th hole with a few beers. I may still get another bro out this year so give me a call before you hang the clubs up. How about the rest of you, **did you play?** Drop me an email at kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com and let me know who played together, as well as when and where you played. I'll share that in the next newsletter and maybe we can find a few more golfers to round your group out. If you're interested in playing in the southeastern Wisconsin or northern Illinois next year give Kurt Lehrmann or Dave Narey a call.

WEBSITE UPDATE

It's been slow-going getting the website back up and running. We were finally able to access our WordPress account again, and at least start posting some basic information. But when you have a 61-year old guy trying to mess around with technology, it takes a while. Remember, there were no computers at Carthage College when I graduated in 1976!

Anyway, keep checking back at tausigmachi.org and see if we've made any progress. And you can still check Facebook - Anne is keeping that part of our social media current and active.

And if there is anyone out there that wants to help out getting the website going again, please let me know. We could really use your help.

Tim Hughes, '76

Update- Warren Diskerud is doing well after having open heart surgery a year ago.
Keep sending those well wishes.



Looking for Group Pictures

Do you enjoy seeing some of the old and new pictures in the newsletter?

Dig through those pictures and send it in. It's always fun to see who's changed the most. Don't forget to send in the names too as our memories sometime fade. On Facebook? Post it there too!

