

Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association – TEXAA

September 2018



Calendar

Homecoming

**September 29,
2018**

Pre-Game Get Together

Casa Capri (Louies)
Starting at 10:00a

**Sponsored by
'75-'77 Grads**

Annual TEXAA Mtg & Elections

11:00a

Carthage vs Elmhurst College

Starting at 1:00p

65th Celebration

Cash Bar opens 5:00p

Buffet 6:00-7:00p

Presentation following
buffet

HOMEcoming 2018 - Turtle 65th

YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT IT FOR FIVE YEARS - IT'S HERE!!!

Our 65th Celebration Has Arrived!

September 29, 2018

We have planned for this event immediately after our successful 60th and now we are ready to have our 65th a success also. It is only six weeks away so start making your reservations and be in Kenosha for this event for the first and oldest fraternity at Carthage College.

As always we try to informally find each other on Friday night but our first event is our 10 a.m. Saturday get together at the Casa Capri for beer and pizza. Then at 11 a.m. we have our Annual Meeting for the TEXAA 501c(3) Charitable Organization. Remember any donations you make to us are tax deductible.

Starting at 5:00 p.m. back at the Casa the bar is open on a cash basis and the Buffet opens at 6 p.m. We will have a program after that and we encourage all to bring any and all memorabilia from those good old days to display for all to see and enjoy.

This event is guaranteed that we will say, "A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL, OH BOY!"

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Annual Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association Meeting

Casa Capri Restaurant Sept 29th 11:00am

Once again we'll be holding our annual Alumni Association meeting the Saturday of Homecoming. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 29th at 11:00am at Casa Capri restaurant at 2129 Birch Road Kenosha, WI. Don't forget we start things off with our regular reception at 10:00am.

Not sure you're a voting member? According to our constitution, "any person who is either an alumnus, honorary, or good-standing member of Tau Sigma Chi or Tau Sigma Chi Turtle Doves Fraternity" is a member. Send an email to someone who is attending or to Kurt Lehrmann (information on page 3) granting your proxy vote and to whom it was granted. Hope to see you there.

Making 65th Anniversary Reservations

Signup couldn't be easier for the 65th anniversary celebration. Simply go online to our Eventbrite site at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/turtles-65th-anniversary-event-tickets-49176553395> and follow along. The \$30 charge for the event can securely be paid by credit card online. Don't wait to sign up as there's a limit of 100 people. Don't worry, there's a refund window up to 7 days before the event so you don't need to sweat about last minute changes. If you prefer the snail mail route, just send your check made out to TEXAA to Kurt Lehrmann at 4406 Wood Duck Way, Racine WI 53403.

Our website and Facebook pages are still out there. If you haven't already, go out to www.tausigmanchi.org and add your email address to the "Subscribe to Blog Via Email" form on the right side of the page.

Anytime we update the website (don't worry - it's not too often) you'll receive an email with a link to the website article. And check out our Facebook group page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Turtlealum/> - it's another great way to keep in touch!

Keep the 'Shell' Alive- Donate Today

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

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail
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Questions????
Send to
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yahoo.com

And Then There Were Seven

Warren (Diskie) Diskerud died August 5, 2018. He was a FOUNDER of the TURTLES and one of my roommates at Carthage College. He will be missed greatly.

At the Memorial Service for him on Monday the 13th in Rochester, Minnesota his roommates, Gerry (Eyes) Eisele, Ken (Gorsk) Gorsky and myself were in attendance along with his brother and fellow Turtle Clayton Diskerud. At the end of the service we all went outside and the Military Honors Service was performed with a 21 gun salute. The burial was at Fort Snelling in Minneapolis that afternoon.

As the roomies and wives and friends sat at a table while refreshments were served there was one chair empty. I said "Diskie is still with us". The next day while helping clean out my son's apartment I came upon a Crimson Rambler of 1955 that must have been his mothers. I opened it up and on the page in the upper right hand corner was a picture of the Rebelaires, Dean Linton, Cloy Miene, Dick Dick (Turtle) and Diskie. "Diskie is still with us."

Diskie will always be with us!!!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

Actives Announce Homecoming Plans

This is a very important year for Carthage College's oldest fraternity. Tau Sigma Chi was formed sixty-five years ago in 1953, and it is an honor and privilege to be able to be a part of this organization that has for so long been an incredibly positive force in the Carthage College and surrounding Kenosha community.

To commemorate the founding of the fraternity that brings thousands of men and women together, the Tau Sigma Chi actives will be participating in the Homecoming parade. Tau Sigma Chi never fails to put forth a stupendous effort for our homecoming float, and this year will be no different! After the parade, we will be holding our annual brat sale during the homecoming football game. Please come enjoy a brat after leaving Casa Capri and re-hash the great homecoming memories of the past sixty-five years.

After the game gets done, the homecoming party will begin across the street at 2061 Sheridan Road at the house that the Turtles and Doves own. Bring family, bring friends, and bring a smile, and get ready to celebrate our sixty-fifth anniversary in what will be a truly special gathering for this fraternity.

We would like to extend a special thank all Tau Sigma Chi alumni this year. Sixty-five years of, countless memories, laughs, and making a positive difference in our community makes the bond between Turtles and Doves of all age one that cannot be found anywhere else. We are one big family, and that is something worth celebrating. Come celebrate our great fraternity's sixty-fifth anniversary and make let's make this a homecoming to remember!

Sam Mischio – Turtle President

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Founding Fathers Challenge!

Sixty-five years ago our Founding Fathers had an idea for an organization and acted on it. That little idea has prospered and flourished where others have not. That idea has grown from a few men in a fraternity to hundreds of Alums, Turtle Doves and now the Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association. It is amazing what can be accomplished over a few beers! Well, a few of them got together to have some beers awhile back and decided they wanted to up the ante. They understand that even though our organization is still strong, that we cannot sit on our laurels. Every organization, big and small has expenses that need to be met and that is certainly the case for the Alumni Association. In addition, we also look for ways to support the actives and the Carthage community as a whole so our checkbook is always stressed. Knowing that funds are always needed, the Founding Fathers said they would match dollar for dollar up to \$1,000 for all donations received. If you donate twenty dollars, that turns into forty dollars! Pretty sweet. Please help empty the pocketbooks of the Founding Fathers by sending your donation in today. In the memo of the check write Founding Fathers Campaign and send your donations to:

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail
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**New TEX Apparel, 65th Blanket
and Travel Mug Coming Soon**

Brothers and Sisters,

It's that time of year again. The weather is starting to cool (hopefully), students are preparing to return to college, and we're gearing up for one of the earliest Carthage Homecomings I can remember. This year, however, has a little extra something to it! Tau Sigma Chi is celebrating 65 years of excellence!

I know what you're thinking, "how can I support Tau Sigma Chi?" Don't worry, we've got you covered! We're pleased to offer three items for you to purchase this year. First, we are offering a long sleeve T-shirt. This will be available via a group order online. Shirts will be available at homecoming. If you're not able to make it out, let us know and we can arrange a way to get it to you. Second, we are offering Tau Sigma Chi branded blankets and travel mugs. These items will be available via a Booster campaign online and will be mailed directly to you.

Please keep on the lookout for more information about these opportunities. We'll send out emails with the necessary information as well post the same information in Facebook. We do make every effort to keep the costs down as much as possible, but please note that we do not meet our "fundraising goal" for a particular Booster campaign, the item will not be produced and shipped. No one wants that! Show your Turtle and Turtle Dove spirit and help support the men and women of Tau Sigma Chi!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Cheers,
Chris
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**Homecoming and 65th Anniversary
Hotel Arrangements**

Our official 65th anniversary hotel is the Kenosha Wyndham Harborside, 5125 6th Av Kenosha, 262-658-3281. \$149 est cost per night. 25 room block. 1 or 2 night stay option. Reservations- ask for the Carthage Reunion block. Two scheduled free shuttles from Casa Capri to Hotel

Other recommended option:
Racine Delta Hotel (by Marriott). 7111
Washington Av Racine, 262-886-6100. \$150 est
cost per night. We hear it's a 2 night minimum.

Board of Trustees Report

The board of trustees continues to look for ways to fundraise. If you have an idea please contact me at john.felton@farmersinsurance.com. We are a 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax free.

Three positions on the board are up for election this year. If you are interested in serving or want to nominate someone please let me know. It would be great to get others involved in running the board as new people bring a fresh perspective.

President Swallow has recognized the importance and traditional of Greek life at Carthage and has started the President's Advisory Council on Greek life. I have been asked to serve on the council so we will now have a voice on campus. The first meeting is scheduled for September and I will update you once I see the direction the council will go. I know the new administration is aware of TEX. I was asked by Mrs. Swallow if I was a Turtle. Of course I have the correct response and she was thrilled. She loves that response.

Your Brother, John Felton

Financial Report (thru 7/31/18)

Beginning Balance	\$4462.02
Revenue \$ 166.56	
Booster Commission	
Expenses \$675.00	
Composite, S African Fundraiser	
Ending Balance	\$3953.58

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TauSigmaChi.org

Although we don't see a lot of traffic on our site, it is another important means of communication, and a good repository of our history (newsletters, composite photos, rosters, etc.).

Our future plans for our website include combining the Alumni and Actives websites into one. A recent grad, Jonah Larson, is going to help out with this project, so that if you go to www.tausigmachi.org, you will get the full picture of all upcoming events and business involving your fraternity, actives and alumni.

If you know of any Doves, please send Tim Hughes, '76 an email (twhughes17@gmail.com) and they'll be added to our roster.

Turtle and Dove Alumni Rosters

Time for some stats! Currently we are tracking information on 759 living Turtle and Turtle Dove Alumni. Unfortunately, we have no information (mailing address or email address) for 54 brothers and sisters; worse yet, we have no email address (our most important means of communication) for 340 alumni!

Please take a moment to go to our website (www.tausigmachi.org), click on the Alumni Roster page (password: TEX1953) and take a look at the roster. If you know any contact information for any of our brothers/sisters, please send me an email (twhughes17@gmail.com) so that I can update the roster.

I regularly check the Alumni Directory on the Carthage website, but often that information is outdated.
Tim Hughes '76

Composite Picture Annual Fundraiser

I'm pleased to report that for the last two years we've been able to support the Actives in purchasing the large annual composite picture that hangs on the Turtle floor. We're well on our way to having this year's composite paid for and our hopes are to collect funds for future year purchases as well. It goes without saying that this is an important piece in tracking our heritage over the years and provides a noticeable recruiting tool as non-Greek residents walk the floors. As alums there will always be a great amount of pride walking the halls and viewing the composites, thinking of the rich history each of us helped to create.

Supporting the actives is one of the core charters of the Alumni Association so this is a perfect match. Our goal is to raise \$500 through donations so that we can pay for the composite for the active membership.

We are the only local Greek organization with an alumni association behind them and this is a great way to show our potential new brothers and sisters that there is a difference in pledging Tau Sigma Chi. You are an active until graduation, you are a Turtle for life. Please help us continue our legacy, that of giving and support by contributing for this year's composite.

Please send your check made out to **Tau Sigma Chi Alumni Association** with "**Composite**" written in the memo area and mail it to:

Harry Flanagan
1024 Oaktree Trail, Lake Villa, IL 60046

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

FOUNDERS MATCHING PROGRAM

The "Fathers" decided to donate \$1,000.00 to the TEXAA if the members would agree to raise the same amount. The latest information says that the members are up to \$700.00. Keep those donations coming in and the FOUNDERS will pay up. Thanks to all you Turtles who contributed!

Don (Ace) Henderson, 1956
1st Turtle President

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.

Already on Facebook? Post it there too!



Like us on Facebook

***We are an official IRS
501c3 Non-Profit
Organization.***

***All your donations are
tax deductible.***

2018 Turtle Actives Summer Retreat

The summer of 2018 brought with it the third annual trip to the McCullom Lake Hunt Club in Hebron, IL. A bold group of actives and alumni braved forecasted storms and were rewarded with a sunny afternoon of food and drink. Special thanks to Jeff Menter for making this retreat possible and to the McCullom Lake Hunt Club for being such gracious hosts year after year.

The afternoon was spent in true Tau Sigma Chi fashion. Actives and alumni sat in folding chairs and rehashed stories forged across 65 years of fraternity history. Six and a half decades, thousands of alumni, and several more thousand beers later, the spirit of the fraternity is as strong as ever; this spirit serves as an unshakeable bond between all Turtles and Doves. While stories were being shared, a football was tossed around, series of intense games of flip cup and beer pong began. Actives and alumni put their skills to the test, and the long history of Tau Sigma Chi domination in drinking games was on full display.

Over on the makeshift football field, Cristian Decorah once again proved to be a better fantasy football option at quarterback than Jay Cutler. Fred McCann showed why he could have started as a wide receiver at Carthage in addition to punting. Sam Mischio stated his case as a solid backup high school JV cornerback.

Hours later, tents were pitched, and the group came together again to sit around the campfire. Marshmallows were roasted, more stories were shared, and the camaraderie that exists between Turtles and Doves of all ages shone brightly. The forecasted thunderstorm held off, and the group enjoyed a peaceful night under the country stars.

The next morning, the group awoke to the smell of what might have been the best breakfast in the history of the retreat (thank you Jeff Menter for providing the much needed nourishment). A pot of coffee and several bloody mary rounds later, actives and alumni packed up and headed home, already looking forward to the summer of 2019.

The annual retreat holds a special place in the collective heart of the fraternity. Each time, new faces appear and new friends are made. Actives have a chance to meet alumni and the legacy of the fraternity grows stronger with each passing summer.

Let's make the Tau Sigma Chi Summer Retreat of 2019 the biggest one yet! If you would like to participate and provide assistance with promotion, games, raffles, set-up, clean-up, etc. please contact Jeff Menter jeffrey.menter@gmail.com (262.909.2367) or Kurt Lehrmann—kurt.lehrmann@gmail.com (262.880.2447). It is never too late to volunteer.

Sam Mischio – Turtle President

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TEXAA Association Update

65 years! Who would have thought the Turtles would still be around and providing such a strong voice in the directions of all Greek life at Carthage. There's plenty of things planned for our celebration at the end of September so please read through the newsletter, check out Facebook, our website or just give anyone listed a call. I encourage you to reach out to any of your brothers and sisters and start working on getting a group together. Doesn't matter if its three or four or 25. This is a great time to meet and share a lot of memories from the good old day (or the recent past). Check out the article on "Turtle and Dove Alumni Rosters" if you're looking for contact information of friends.

We're seeing some significant changes in our connection with the Carthage Board of Trustees. We'll miss Craig Deaton's voice as he's stepping down after a number of years of service. John Sladek is also changing his role with the Board as he transitions from a regular member to emeritus status. Knowing John and Craig that won't slow them down when it comes to involvement and providing advice to the Carthage administration. It's also with a heavy heart that we report on the passing of Warren 'Diskie' Diskerud. Please read the article on page 2, "And Then There Were Seven." We'll all miss him.

Over the next year we'll continue to watch the activities of the active Turtles and Doves as they navigate the changing college environment. This year the flash point seems to be Housing as Residence Life is looking at imposing room minimums for Greeks to hold a floor and also limit room choices for those members on a floor. This would also limiting wall hangings (including composite pictures) and hallway painting to that area only. This is a holdover from last year so we're talking with President Swallow about revisiting the issue and also working with the Greeks on something everyone can live with. It goes without saying that a Greek floor is a key identity of the group and without it, more organizations will be lost. I'm excited to hear that John Felton will be joining the Presidents Alumni Council on Greek Life. Certainly the landscape of Greeks on every campus across the US has changed and we're facing new threats and challenges. Unfortunately some incidents of badly behaving Greeks on other campuses has put a dark cloud on all organizations but John and others I'm sure will weed through the good and bad and provide a better more collaborative environment for the Turtles and all Greeks at Carthage. I'm sure he'll report on the council's activities.

We're in our 3rd year of non-profit status as a tax deductible organization and we're starting to build some good fundraising campaigns. We continue to support the Actives by purchasing the composite picture that hangs in the Turtle dorm hallway. Also read in the newsletter about the Founding Fathers Challenge where we hope to start building some funds for scholarships and other supportive endeavors. We're also starting to do more fundraising with the Actives. Last spring we supported their fundraising for a South African School and this fall we'll join them for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Drive. That's a cause that the Turtles have supported for many years. I know it was around in the mid 70's as I remember working at the MDA Dance Marathon. Does anyone know the first time the Turtles started working with MDA?

Once again the Association is putting together some Turtle memorabilia for the 65th and everyday use. Check out the article from Chris Steenrod '09 as he presents a 65th Anniversary Turtles stadium/throw blanket, an insulated tumbler and a long sleeved t-shirt, with all showing off our Turtle pride. As last year, this can all be purchased on line and shipped directly to your house. We may have a few extras at Homecoming but don't count on it so buy now.

Sorry for being a little wordy but there's so much going on. I truly hope that the efforts of the Alumni Association make it easier for you to stay connected with your fellow brothers and sisters. We know it's often difficult to physically get together but with all this technology reaching out with a phone call, email, text and Facebook may be enough to rekindle a lifelong friendship. I hope to see you at our 65th Anniversary celebration this fall.

Kurt Lehrmann '75