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Delta Zeta Grows!

In case you missed it, the Delta Zeta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity recently had a growth spurt! On Wednesday evening, September 11, 2013, the Delta Zeta Chapter gathered with other Fraternities in the amphitheater right outside of the Marshall Student Center on the USF campus. Each Fraternity called out for their new members, and Delta Zeta welcomed into their Chapter eight (8) new members!

With great excitement, Chaise Ballotti, Michael Blanco, Nathan Drass, Jake Heintz, Nick Julian, Ben Katz, Blaise Levai, and Raymond Vedros all took their place with the greatest Fraternity on the USF campus!



The Chapter took the eight new members out to Applebee's restaurant to celebrate this joyous occasion, and after a short celebration, they returned to the Marshall Center..

The Chapter chose to perform the induction ceremony with the new gentlemen just two hours after the bid rally, right in the Marshall Student Center Ballroom. As it is an open ritual event, the DZ Brothers had the luxury of having ladies from Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, and Sigma Delta Tau sororities join them for the ceremony.

The bid rally, the celebration, and the induction ceremony were extremely successful, and the Chapter should be congratulated on selecting only the best of the best to become a part of the Fraternity. All eight young men are very excited to be a part of our amazing organization, and they are preparing themselves for what lies ahead!



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 28, 2013

USF vs. Miami Tailgate

October 5, 2013

USF vs. Cincinnati Tailgate

October 25, 2013

DZAA General Membership Meeting

October 27, 2013

USF Chi Phi Scholarship Golf Scramble

Scholarship Scramble

The USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble is only a little over a month away. If you haven't registered to play, don't wait! You certainly don't want to miss out on some of the fantastic prizes that await the winners:

- 4 hole-in-one prizes on all par-3 holes
- Hawaii Beach Resort Golf Package
- Las Vegas Spa Package
- Panama City Beach Golf Package
- \$500 in Tickets (Sports/Concerts)

In addition to the prizes, there are also proximity and team awards, including:

- 1st Place Team: Club Golf Polo (4) Comp
- 2nd Place Team: Club Golf Towel (4) Comp
- Longest Drive: Club Golf Towel
- Closest to the Pin: Club Golf Towel

- Longest Putt: Club Golf Towel
- Distance Challenge: Nike Hybrid Fairway Wood
- Putting Contest: Nike Golf Bag
- Corn Hole Team: Club Golf Towel (4)
- Daytona Speed Challenge: Daytona Speedway Tickets
- Every Player: Comp Round at Sanctuary Ridge

We would like to thank those Brothers who have already donated to the cause, including Clinton Millsap, Bryan Callaway, and Todd Latoski.

For more information, go to:

<http://usfchiphialumni.com/events/golf/>

For more information and updates, you can always check out the upcoming events and keep up with fellow Alumni on the Chi Phi Fraternity Delta Zeta Alumni Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/79214045360/>

Also check out the new DZAA Website, which features regular updates every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at <http://www.usfchiphialumni.com>



ABOVE: Brother Cesar Luis Ribot, and

BELOW: with his brothers at USF



Where Are They Now?

Taking a Look at the Delta Zeta Alumni of Yesteryear and Where They Are Now!

Whatever happened to Cesar Luis Ribot? As a part of the Alpha Zeta class, Cesar Ribot graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor's in Theater Performance and a minor in Business Management. Brother Ribot now resides in Chicago, where he is pursuing a Master's in Digital Cinema, Editing, and Producing. He's still single at the moment, but one never knows what the future holds!

Brother Ribot remains in contact with his fellow Chi Phi Alumni Patrick Vega, Sameep Shah, Nate Ryan, Dan Wolfe, and Josh Rogers – but he wishes he had better contact with Will Turner and Todd Latoski! "In my years with Chi Phi," Brother Ribot says, "I learned the importance of camaraderie. I also learned how to balance fun with work – although, I'm still refining that!"

The President's Report

Brothers,

I hope this message finds all of you well. Many exciting happenings have transpired since our last Winepress, and I'm happy to report that the general mood amongst our Board is jubilation.

As most of you have probably heard, our first inaugural USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble will be underway in a few weeks! We have Brothers traveling in from around the state to play. If we hit our goal of 72 golfers, we will be able to donate approximately \$2,000 to our Scholarship Fund. With the exponential growth these types of events see from year-to-year, we can estimate raising \$5,000 a year with this event alone. If you have any interest in playing, please register for the event; even if you cannot register a whole team, we will have plenty of "free agents" to build teams from.

Another initiative we are currently working on is building a Chapter Advisory

Board. This board would be an independent entity made up of 5-7 advisors. Each advisor will be given a specific area of Chapter Operations to advise and officers to work alongside. These types of boards are what make good Chapters great, and we strongly believe that building such a board will help us accomplish just that. If you have interest in advising the Chapter, feel free to e-mail me.

In closing, I would like to share with you my appreciation for the other Board members that have given so freely of themselves to further our cause. Brother Kyllan Purdon spends dozens of hours every week planning the social endeavors of our group, like Third Thursdays, the USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble and our Founders Day events. Brother Todd Latoski keeps our board organized and focused, without Todd we would not have this newsletter and the news updates on the website. Brother Ryan Suarez ensures our organization maintains fiscal responsibility and helps make every one of our limited dollars have the

biggest impact possible. Lastly, Brother Clinton Millsap has developed our new Alumni website: www.usfchiphialumni.com. If you haven't viewed the site, you are missing out on some great information about the DZAA.

These Brothers, along with many of you, have made the conscious decision to give back. I once heard Brother Ron Frank say that there are two ways to give to your Fraternity: Financial Equity or Sweat Equity. Moving forward, I challenge you to consider which one of these two ways you could give back. Whether it be paying your Alumni Dues or playing in our golf tournament, every time we get together and interact with one another is another example of us living the oath we took when we were initiated.

This is a lifelong membership you have embarked on, and I personally plan on taking advantage of it.

Fraternally,

David Ebner
Delta Zeta '08



DZAA WEBSITE

If you haven't heard, Delta Zeta Alumni Association has a brand new website up and running! It's chock full of news, updates, events, and just about anything and everything you would ever

want to know about your Alumni Association.

The newsfeed is updated regularly, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday with information about upcoming events, Chapter activities and updates, fundraisers, and news about your fellow Brothers!

Here's a small taste of what you have been missing out on:

Tailgating with the DZAA
Changing Lives with Chi Phi
Thinking About Third Thursdays
Welcome New Chapter Alpha
Recognized in the Chakett
Welcome to the DZAA!

In addition, you'll find quick links to all upcoming DZAA events, as well as links to pay dues, make donations, and register for events.

Save the link:

<http://www.usfchiphialumni.com>

Check us out daily. Check us out weekly. It doesn't matter when, for your daily dose of the DZAA, just check us out!

And we welcome all submissions for posting to the website. If you have news or announcements to share, contact Todd Latoski at huntressearth1@aol.com.

A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER

Fellow Alumni,

Brothers, hope all is well these days! As this 2013 year continues to breeze by us, the DZAA continues to function like a well-oiled machine. With every dues (\$35) paying member, the DZAA ensures the ability to operate without any hesitation.

For the month of August, we would like to personally recognize the following brothers that paid their dues (\$35) in full and more:

Brother Brian Harff \$40
 Brother Brian Spiro \$35
 Brother Russell Woodward \$35
 Brother Matthew Whitney \$35

From the above listed brothers, three of them were able to pay

their dues (\$35) with our easy PayPal mobile card reader at last month's Third Thursday event, which was one heck of a time for those that unfortunately weren't able to attend.

In five months, DZAA announces that we have had 12 brothers pay their dues (\$35), with two of those brothers, Hurst and Harff, exceeding the minimum. Compared to past years, this percentage of brothers is a great step in the right direction.

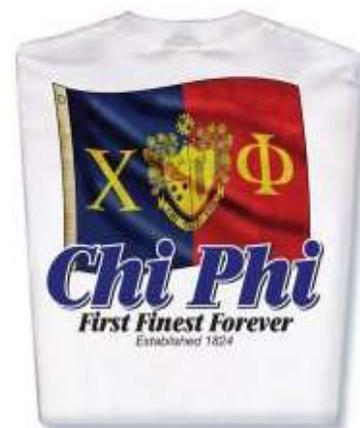
To all those brothers out there who still need to pay their dues (\$35), we have made it as simple as clicking a button, literally. The DZAA has registered with PayPal to make paying so fast you won't even know your money is gone...to a good cause, that is.

Don't forget - in order to be a voting member in the upcoming

DZAA meeting in October, you must be a brother in good standing, which means dues (\$35) paid in full prior to the start of the meeting.

Until next time, be safe and don't do anything I wouldn't do....like not pay my dues!!!

Fraternally,
 Brother Suarez
 Treasurer



DZAA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall Student Center, USF

On October 25, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the Delta Zeta Alumni Association will hold its Fall General Membership Meeting at the Marshall Student Center, USF, Tampa, Florida.

The agenda for the meeting includes revisions to the Association's By-Laws, as well adoption of the annual budget for the 2014 fiscal year. Both the proposed By-Laws and the proposed Budget will be sent out to the general membership prior to the meeting, and links

to both will be available on the DZAA website.

The meeting is open to all members of the Delta Zeta Alumni Association, and while all Brothers are encouraged to attend, only those Alumni in good standing who are current with their dues will be eligible to vote.

