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## Scholarship Scramble Success!

The First Annual USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble is over – and the Old Guys won! With ten teams and lots of volunteers and supporters, the first ever DZAA golf tournament was a fantastic success. Alumni, Actives, and their family and friends showed off their golfing skills, but when it came down to the wire, it was the “Old Guys” who walked away the winner – the “Old Guys” being Brian Harff, Steve Shelton, Ken Bjelke, and Mike Bergland. Congratulations, gentlemen, on a game well played!



If you weren't there, you missed seeing challenges, such as the Cornhole Challenge and the Tutu Challenge. Plus, raffle tickets galore were sold as attendees placed their hopes on winning prizes such as a foursome at Westchase Golf Club, a PowerBilt Putter, 2 tickets for MOSI and 2 tickets for the Aquarium, and the ever-popular 4 USF Tumblers!

After expenses, the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble raised a little over \$1,500 for the Chi Phi Educational Trust. A big THANK YOU to everyone who was involved – from the Board members, to the volunteers, to the players – without all of you, this would never have been the success it was!

Now the planning begins for the Second Annual USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble for Fall 2014...



The Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble final scores! Ten teams competed, but only one could win and take home that trophy! Congrats to the “Old Guys”!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 14, 2013

DZAA Christmas Party

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January 16, 2014

Third Thursday / The Brass Tap

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## DZAA Fall Meeting

The Fall Meeting of the Delta Zeta Alumni Association was held on October 25, 2013. A quorum was reached, as more than half of the DZAA active members in good standing were present.

The agenda for the meeting included the review and approval of revisions made to the By-Laws for the Association, as well as the review and approval of the budget for the upcoming 2014 fiscal year. After discussion ensued on these matters, both the revised By-Laws and the proposed Budget for 2014 fiscal year were unanimously passed.



In addition, each of the members of the Board gave a report as to their activities over the last six months, as well as their goals for the coming six months. Those present also heard from the Technology Chair regarding the state of the DZAA website and plans for updates and changes to make the website more functional and useful for the Alumni.

Before the meeting concluded, the Alumni held a special induction ceremony for Sam Foster, a recently graduated Brother who is now a member of the Alumni Association. Brother Foster readily volunteered to help out wherever he is needed within the DZAA.

Upcoming plans for the DZAA include the DZAA Secret Santa holiday party on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, as well as the ongoing Third Thursday events. Plans are also being

made for the Founder's Day Picnic, as well as a 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration event, a special fundraiser for the Housing Fund, more family-oriented Second Saturday events, and, of course, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual USF / Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble.

There is a lot to look forward to in 2014, as the Alumni Association continues to grow and continues to bring together and reunite our Delta Zeta Brothers.

The DZAA Spring Meeting, which is opened to all Alumni, will be held on Founder's Day weekend.

If you need copies of the By-Laws and Budget, contact any member of the Board.

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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 Todd Latoski, 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 Todd Latoski?* As a part of the Alpha Mu class, Todd Latoski left USF in 2008 when he moved away from Tampa, but he returned to finish his degree at USF with a Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing. Brother Latoski now resides in Deltona, where he works at a law firm as a Senior Paralegal. He is happily taken, and they will celebrate their 10-year anniversary in March 2014!

Brother Latoski remains in contact with his fellow Chi Phi Alumni Will Turner, Kyllan Purdon, David Ebner, and occasionally, Chase Dafnis – but he wishes he had better contact with Cesar Ribot and Brandon Webb! "Chi Phi opened my eyes," Brother Latoski says, "I realized that friends and Brothers can come from the most unlikely places – and bonds can be created that last a lifetime!"

## *The President's Report*

Brothers,

I hope you are well and your holidays are filled with exciting festivities.

As you have read in this newsletter thus far, our inaugural USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble was a huge success. I would personally like to thank the other members of our Board for their hard work, as well as the other Alumni that came out to volunteer and play in the outing.

Now that we have raised funds to give out scholarships to young Chi Phis, we are shifting gears to focus on the Delta Zeta Chapter Housing Fund. We believe that the Delta Zeta Chapter deserves the opportunity to experience the benefits of a housed fraternity. We also believe that our Alumni members deserve a place to congregate and to call home for the decades to come. I ask that you consider if you agree with me and if this causes are worthy of your support. We will be

contacting you all soon to see if you will answer the call to help.

Thank you all for the amazing support and comforting words over the past few months. I look forward to seeing you at our Gift Exchange on December 14<sup>th</sup> and hope that you all have a happy holiday season.

Fraternally,

David Ebner  
DZAA  
President



## *The Treasurer's Report*

Brothers,

First, the DZAA would like to thank the Alumni who have paid their dues over the past two months.

October: Brother Chris Hopkins and Brother Chase Dafnis both paid their dues, with Brother Dafnis giving an additional \$15 donation.

November: Brother Quincy Banis and Brother Patrick Vega both paid their dues.

The DZAA continues to get support from our Brothers, and every month we have continued to add names to the Brothers in Good Standing list. We have a long way to go to reach our goal as an Alumni Association, but we know through the various methods of exposure and the relentless efforts of the Executive Board, we will continue to thrive!!!

You can pay your dues by visiting the official DZAA website, where you will find instructions that will direct you to our easy credit card payment tool. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

Hope you all have a safe and happy next few months as we dive into some turkey and purchase expensive gifts for the kids and spouses.

Fraternally,

Ryan Suarez  
DZAA  
Treasurer



## DELTA ZETA WINS!

The Delta Zeta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity at USF did it again! After magnificent wins during Homecoming Week –

after the successful Spelling Bee philanthropy – the Active Brothers scored another win for the Chapter! On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Chi Omega hosted their Chi-O Rodeo at the Greek Village Fields. The Brothers put on an awesome performance, and in so doing, they took first place boot and first place overall for the night's competitions! Delta Zeta is showing themselves to be strong, both on campus and in the community, this year, and the Alumni are extremely proud of what these young men are doing!

And if that wasn't enough, the Chapter initiated seven new

members into the Fraternity – congratulations goes out to Blaise Levai, Nathan Drass, Blake Halloran, Nick Julian, Raymond Vedros, Jake Heintz, and Ben Katz – welcome to the Delta Zeta Chapter, Brothers!



## DZAA FILLS THE CHAKETT

The Fall 2013 issue of *The Chi Phi Chakett* is out! If you put it aside without reading it, you missed out on seeing the Delta Zeta Alumni Association – not once, not twice, not thrice, but FOUR TIMES in this one issue!

“Young Donor Makes Lasting Impact on Chapter and Chi Phi.” This is the headline to the inside cover of *The Chi Phi Chakett*, which highlights Delta Zeta alumnus, Brother Adam Feinberg and his more than generous donation to support Chi Phi and Delta Zeta. Brother Feinberg joined the MacLean Legacy Society this past spring with a \$50,000 life insurance gift to the Fraternity, and he gave an interview to Senior Director of Development, Elizabeth Knott, to discuss his life with Chi Phi and the reasons for his donation.

On page 15, the *Chakett* highlights innovative ways that various Chapters and Alumni Associations help increase their College Excellence Funds. Delta Zeta Alumni Association is highlighted for its first annual golf tournament! While we didn't quite meet the \$10,000 goal mentioned in the article, the tournament was still a success, and it is definitely exciting to see our Association's fundraising efforts mentioned for all Chi Phi to see!

Then, on the very next page (page 16), we find an article that congratulates all of the winners of the 2013 Chi Phi Scholarships. If you look closely at that picture, you'll see our very own alumnus, Brother David Ebner, who was the recipient of a Neel Scholarship! The Neel Scholarship was created from a \$250,000 bequest to Chi Phi by Ms. Eugenia Neel, who provided this gift in honor of her father and brothers, all of whom were Chi Phi! Congratulations goes out to Brother

Ebner for being selected as a scholarship recipient!

And last, but certainly not least, way back near the end, on page 41, you'll see a nearly half-page picture of the Delta Zeta Alumni Association from their volunteering efforts at Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay. This picture originally was shown on the *Chakett* online magazine, but to have it published in the print edition of the *Chakett* is an incredible thrill, to know that the National Office, in printing this issue, felt the DZAA's community service worthy of acknowledging in such a way! Snaps to Brothers Purdon, Shah, Ebner, Suarez, Millsap, Dafnis, and Holm for their volunteering efforts!

If you didn't read the *Chakett*, go back and read it now – see how your Alumni Association is on the move in 2013 and get ready to get involved as we move on the even greater things in 2014!

# HONORING THOSE BROTHERS WHO SERVE!

Chi Phi counts a long list of patriots among its members. On Veteran's Day, each year, we honor the hundreds of Chi Phis that have served and are currently serving in the armed forces.

While Chi Phi, as a National Fraternity, has had many courageous men over the years who have sacrificed everything in our defense, the Delta Zeta Alumni Association has its own list of Brothers who have given of their lives and time to serve this country, and on November 11, 2013, the DZAA gave a tribute and honored its members who serve so willingly – including Brothers Craig Harridge, Tim White, Quincy Banis,

Shaun Geary, John Baker, Brian Spurgeon, and Errol Cruz.

The DZAA says THANK YOU for all that each of these Brothers do and have done to protect our country and to guarantee that we can continue to enjoy the freedoms we have in the United States of America. To each of these Brothers, we owe a great debt as each and every day they exemplify the true meaning of what it is to be a Chi Phi!

