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Taking a Look Back at 2013

The new year has begun, and looking back at 2013, the DZAA has accomplished quite a bit. From the election of a new Exec Board and the victory (again!) against the Chapter in the annual Active vs. Alumni softball game to the Christmas gift exchange, a lot has happened over the past 12 months. Let's take a quick look back at 2013, shall we?

2013 hosted twelve Third Thursdays, an on-going tradition that will continue into 2014...



2013 was the 2nd year running that the DZAA won the Chi Phi March Mania Challenge...

2013 saw an Alumnus of the DZAA make the cover of the Chakett, and also saw the DZAA featured in four separate articles in a printed issue of the Chakett

2013 brought Alumni together to give back to their community in Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay...

2013 witnessed the growth of the DZ Chapter with seven new Brothers...

2013 saw the First Annual USF Chi Phi Golf Scramble...

2013 found the Alumni tailgating at the games...

There is no doubt— 2013 was a fantastic year for the Delta Zeta Alumni Association – so go ahead and sing us a song, Mr. Piano Man, because 2014 is going to be even bigger and better with nowhere to go but up!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20, 2014
Third Thursday / The Brass Tap

March 20, 2014
Third Thursday / The Brass Tap

April 12, 2014
Annual Alumni Banquet

DZAA Holiday Memories

The last several months have been filled with holidays, and with the holidays comes time spent with friends and families. Many memories are made throughout this time of year, and the Brothers are no exception.



We all treasure the memories we make...whether it's sharing in the

tradition of years gone by...



or the excitement of creating new traditions...



let the memories you made over the recent holidays be a reminder of just how important family and friends – and your fellow Brothers – are!



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 William Turner, and

BELOW: relaxing in his Chi Phi Jersey



Where Are They Now?

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

Whatever happened to William Turner? Majoring in Social Science Education, Brother Turner was a member of the Alpha Lambda class and graduated in 2007. He recently relocated to Orlando, Florida where he now resides with his wife of four years. Brother Turner's degree has come in quite useful, as he is currently a high school Social Studies teacher, a job which he thoroughly enjoys!

Brother Turner still remains in touch with his fellow Chi Phi Quincy Banis and Todd Latoski, and he wishes he had more contact with his Big Brother, Cesar Ribot.

For Brother Turner, Chi Phi brought many lessons, but it definitely showed him that "eventually, it's time to grow up and act like an adult!"

The President's Report

Brothers,

With 2013 gone and a new year beginning, I think it is just to reflect on the past. In 2013, the DZAA participated in its first ever philanthropy event, we held a staggering number of social events—Third Thursdays, Football Tailgates, Happy hours, a Christmas Party—we presented the first inaugural USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble, created a long term home for the DZAA online through the new website www.usfchiphialumni.com, and enlisted a handful of men to help lead our organization to new heights.

Although, as the saying goes, the past is the past, it's great to have a storied history to recollect; but those days have come and gone. If there is a single greatest weakness of Fraternities, it's their past. Not that we had done anything particularly wrong in the past, but we spend more time remembering than we do planning. We like to recall how things were and contrast the differences between then and now. It's a default mechanism we all have. It hides in our Fraternity mind, this idea that we must daunt on the past, and somehow, through Fraternity wizardry, it will codify our experience as justified. The problem with this scenario is, that if we spend our todays reflecting on the past,

then how will our tomorrows look? What has more of an influence on tomorrow? Yesterday or Today? How do we achieve greatness and creative ingenuity, if we simply seek to copy and paste, to forgerize our younger selves?

As an organization, we could simply fall into a complacent bubble, and rest on the achievements of 2013. We could say "hey, we have already done more than ever, and potentially more than anyone else, so we should feel good and be content." For some of us, the notion that we made an oath at initiation to always be a Chi Phi—to stay involved and to be the best man we can be—is enough to hold our attention. Others feel a nagging responsibility to the Brothers that are carrying the flag, to those phone calls, e-mails and not so subtle asks for money or help. Thank you, to those of you who answered those calls; but I'm interested in a different path. I'm interested in being creative, in looking at our problems in a new light. I want to think as though money did not exist, that we had unlimited manpower and an overwhelming creative attitude.

I, by pure chance, ran into Brother Milo Cambridge the other day, and we reminisced over cigars. Our conversation started with niceties, moved onto entrepreneurship, and eventually became a philosophical discussion about life (cigars always lead to philosophy). Near the end of our conversation, Brother Cambridge informed me

about the meaning of life. He said that life was about creation, that what a person creates is the only true immortalization that they can achieve. I instantly thought of the DZAA and came to this paradoxical question: What could an organization that is seemingly immortal (we have lasted 30 years and could theoretically last for hundreds more) create? The answer is only limited by our imaginations.

In conclusion, 2014 will be just that, limited by our imagination. Sure, we need money and support from all of you; but more than that, we will be creative. We won't say "that failed in the past"—we will say "tell me more about that." So, tell us more about what you want the DZAA to be. Don't limit yourself, because we're immortal, and we are able to create anything you can imagine.

I look forward to a prosperous year filled with frivolity and creation and sharing it with all of you.

Fraternally,

David Ebner
DZ '08





Delta Zeta Spring Rush

With January comes not only the new semester, but also Spring Rush for the Active Chapter. For Spring Rush, the Actives planned some fun activities, including a

pizza night, bowling, and poker – all of which culminated in the Delta Zeta Chapter Traditions Dinner!

After an event-filled week of meeting potential new members, the Brothers sent out their invitations to a select few who they believed would exemplify and live up to the standards of what it means to be a Chi Phi. At the Traditions Dinner held Friday, January 17, 2014, seven gentlemen joined the Brothers and the Alumni at the Acropolis restaurant in Ybor City for a great night of

food and fellowship (as well as a few surprises as well!).

Now the Chapter will make the decision of whom to send out bids and who will actually be the next new members of the Delta Zeta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity at USF!



CELEBRATING CHANAKUH

With all of the hoopla about the Thanksgiving holidays and the Christmas season every year, sometimes it is easy to forget that there are other holidays that fall in-between – one of which is

the Jewish celebration of Chanukah.

In 2013, the Active Brothers recognized the fact that we have Brothers from all walks of life, and as such, they co-sponsored an event with the Chabad USF to remember this special time of year.

Held on the USF campus, this Chabbat event was well attended. Rabbi Pinny made a special appearance and shared some words of wisdom and encouragement with those present. The Brothers and others who were there enjoyed

sufganiyahs (the Jewish holiday donut) and homemade latkas. There was also a candle ceremony, with everyone lighting their candle and singing a traditional prayer, and plenty of socializing with Chabad and the other USF Greek organizations who came out to show their support!

Remembering that Chi Phi's Brotherhood recognizes and embraces diversity, it's great to see that our Active Brothers are willing to take part in another traditional holiday celebration!

RENT-A-CHI IS COMING

As one of the Association's goals for the coming year, the DZAA is looking in 2014 to begin increasing the housing fund, with the ultimate goal of helping purchase a Chi Phi house for the Chapter. To help get the ball rolling, the DZAA will be hosting a fundraiser this Spring unlike any other.

Do you have an unfinished project around the house? Do you wish someone would haul off that junk in the back yard? Do you dream of a day of rest, with someone to fetch your slippers, change the tv channel, and bring you a nice cold

brew? Does your car need washing...your lawn need mowing...your house need dusting? Do you have a list of things you've been putting off because – well, quite frankly, you just didn't want to do them?

What if we told you there's a way to not only help the DZAA increase the amount of its housing fund, but to also check off items on that to do list at the same time?

Rent-A-Chi is coming...a chance for you to not only donate money to the housing fund, but at the

same time an opportunity for you to get the help you need to get those projects done.

Look for more information on this Fundraiser in the coming months. The event will take place during our Founder's Day weekend in April, so start thinking about what you need done, about ways you can relax, and how much you are willing to donate to help out Delta Zeta and yourself.

Rent-A-Chi is coming...don't be left out!

