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Founder's Weekend is Coming!

April is nearly upon us, and we all know what that means - - Founder's Weekend is almost here! This year marks a very special occasion, as the DZAA will be celebrating 30 years of Delta Zeta at the University of South Florida! It's going to be a huge weekend, so start making plans now!

The weekend will start off on Friday, April 11th at The Pub in Tampa, where Alumni and their spouses and significant others will have the opportunity to relax and socialize in a comfortable setting.

Then, on Saturday, April 12th, the DZAA will be hosting its Founders'



Reception at the Club House of the Rocky Point Golf Course in Tampa. Alumni and their spouses and significant others will enjoy a BBQ dinner (ribs, pulled pork, and chicken wings) with all the fixings. There will be a variety of music, along with a special history of the DZAA in pictures!

Closing out the weekend on Sunday, April 13th will be the annual Scarlet vs. Blue Classic Softball game – it's the Alumni vs. the Actives at USF Riverfront Park! All are welcome to come and participate, and there will be a picnic lunch after, provided by the Chapter. And don't forget – during the picnic, DZAA will be hosting its first annual Rent-A-Chi auction to raise money for the Housing Fund.

For more info about Founders' Weekend and all of these events, check out the DZAA website at <http://usfchiphialumni.com/>



Don't miss out on celebrating 30 years of Delta Zeta at the University of South Florida – it's going to be a memorable weekend!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April 11, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Cocktail Hour at the Pub
Tampa, Florida

- April 12, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Founder's Reception at
Rocky Point Golf Course
Tampa, Florida

- April 13, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.
Scarlet & Blue Softball
USF Riverfront Park
Tampa, Florida

Delta Zeta Updates

The Brothers of the Delta Zeta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity have been active and involved, not just in growing and strengthening the Chapter, but also in participating and remaining involved in philanthropy efforts throughout the Greek Community.

The year started off with Rush Week, during which the Chapter invited seven young men to a special Traditions Dinner in Ybor City. It was a unique experience, when Acropolis' own belly-dancer came upstairs and lured the Brothers (and even the

Alumni!) into showing off their own skills at belly dancing.

Bids were sent out only to those young men who exemplified the qualities required to be a Chi Phi, and the Chapter welcomed Rahul Srinivas, Matthew Deem, and Sean McHugh as New Members of the Delta Zeta Chapter.

Since that time, the brothers have been extremely busy, signing up to participate in a number of

philanthropies throughout the Greek community at USF – showing their desire to not only support the worthy causes for which money is being raised, but to represent to the Greeks and the students at



USF o what it means to be a Chi Phi.

Recently, the Brothers took home the first place trophy at Chi Omega's Annual Spike-It-Up event, which raises money to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

As the Brothers continue to work hard and grow as a Chapter, the Alumni stands ready to support them. Don't forget that you were once where they are, so remember to reach out and offer the helping hand when needed!

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 Chase Dafnis, 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 Chase Dafnis?* Brother Dafnis is still his old Alpha Mu self, with his wacky humor, technology brain, and with the same long-distance girl of seven years. Though he still lives Tampa, he spends his work weeks in Connecticut where he is a consultant at the hedge fund Bridgewater.

Brother Dafnis recently proposed to his now fiancé, Ansley, in February while scuba diving off the coast of Grand Caymans. No date set yet, but

they are planning it for some time between 1 and 2 years from now.

He spends his free time exploring southern Connecticut and New York City, while also supporting Ansley through medical school. They recently moved in together since their careers finally crossed the same geographic path.

Brother Dafnis hopes to play a more active Alumni role with the Delta Zeta chapter in the coming months.

President's Report

Brothers,

Another month is behind us, and we look forward to the ones to come. Particularly, we look to April and our Founders Weekend Events. The Delta Zeta Chapter will be turning 31 years old, and over the weekend of April 11-13, we plan to celebrate this occurrence in style. I'm sure you've all heard about the Happy Hour on Friday, the Bi-annual meeting and Founder's Reception on Saturday and, of course, the Softball Game on Sunday. I encourage you all to attend and bring your family to town for the weekend.

We talk a lot, or at least did while Actives, about the benefits of membership. The Founder's weekend is one of the greatest benefits DZAA membership has to offer. Much planning has been exhausted to ensure a fun weekend for all who attend. I personally hope to see you in attendance and share with me in the comradery that made me want to be a Chi Phi. I am blessed to know many of you; some recent

Alumni, and others were around in the very beginning of Delta Zeta. The Founder's weekend will be your experience to revel in the spirit of Brotherhood, and not to mention, kick some Active butt in the softball game on Sunday!

Fraternally,

David Ebner
DZAA President



Secretary's Report

Brothers,

It is coming up on one year since Brothers Ebner, Purdon, Suarez, and I were elected as new officers for the DZAA. So much has happened over the past year, and hopefully much of it has gone to breathing new life into the Alumni Association.

One of the things that has, hopefully, awakened new interest in the DZAA is the new website. Brother

Clinton Millsap, along with Brother Ebner, did an amazing job getting the website set up, and I've had the daunting task of keeping the website updated on a regular basis (three times a week!).

While there are admittedly times when it gets a bit overwhelming to keep up with the schedule, I am thankful for the numerous Alumni who have aided in this task by allowing themselves to be a part of the "Where Are They Now?" articles, for providing guest posts for the site, for putting me in contact with some of the older Alumni, and for pointing me in the direction of new articles relevant to the DZAA. After all, this is YOUR Alumni Association, and YOUR website – and everything we do, every article we post, and every decision we make is with YOU in mind.

So thanks for allowing me this chance to serve as a fellow Chi Phi Alumnus!

Fraternally,

Todd Latoski
DZAA Secretary



ALUMNI HAPPENINGS!

There's no greater joy than being a parent, and Brother Ryen Linder now joins the ranks with numerous Delta Zeta Alumni who

have already experienced the wonders of parenthood. On February 17 2014, Brother Linder and his wife, Katie, welcomed into the world their first child. Little Madden Ryen Linder, all 6 lbs and 12 oz of her, was born to two of the proudest parents ever!

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While they may not have had a child, Brother David Ebner and his wife, Brittany, did sign the final papers and close on their house last month! Such an incredible way to celebrate their anniversary, as Brother Ebner and his wife now have the opportunity

to experience what many refer to as part of the American Dream – owning their own home

So be sure to congratulate Brothers Linder and Ebner as they start the latest chapters of their lives!



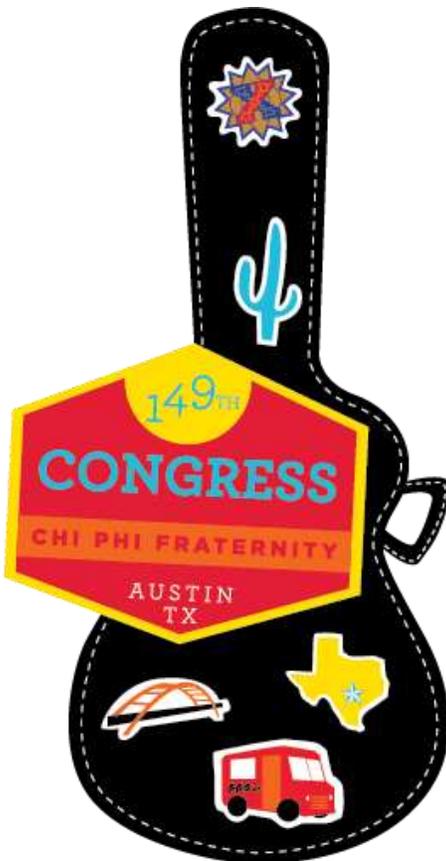
149TH CONGRESS IS COMING!

Set for June 26 – 29, 2014 in Austin, Texas, the 149th Congress will see Chi Phi Brothers from all over the country converge to conduct the affairs of the Fraternity during the day and enjoy the sites of Austin during the evening. This year, the Congress will meet to evaluate new and existing Fraternity policies, to adopt a 2015 budget for Chi Phi, to select a Grand Alpha-elect, and to consider any of its own legislation. Also, all 2013 award winners will be recognized at the event.

Every registered Alumni Association is entitled to one voting delegate. Last year, Brother David Ebner attended Congress, and this year, Brother Kyllan Purdon will be attending as the DZAA delegate. There are plenty of events lined up for this year's Congress, including a free day to explore Austin on

Thursday, June 26th; an authentic Texas BBQ dinner on the evening of Friday, June 27th; a hands-on experience in the Whole Foods Market kitchens guided by one of Whole Foods expert chefs on the morning of Saturday, June 28th; and a Cocktail Reception and Congressional Banquet on the evening of Saturday, June 28th. And for those of you who are golf fanatics, there will also be the 2014 Watts Gunn Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 26th (which honors Watts Gunn, Omega 1928, who made golfing history in 1925 by winning 15 straight holes in the first round of the U.S. Amateur, and went on to win many other games). Proceeds from the tournament support the College of Excellence and Chi Phi's other leadership development programs.

Congress is open to any Chi Phi Brother, Active or Alumni. For more information, check out the webpage at <http://www.chiphi.org/congress/>



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY!

The Delta Zeta Alumni Association is built upon a foundation of service. Our members give support in the service of bettering our association, chapter and national fraternity. Every minute that an alumnus spends planning, executing and attending a Third Thursday, the USF Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble, or the upcoming Founders Weekend events is a minute of service to his fellow Brothers.



But this calling to service extends far beyond the DZAA for many Alumni. As part of its ongoing effort to better the Tampa community, the DZAA teamed up with Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay once again. Various Alumni assisted in painting a house in Tampa Heights for a young family consisted of a hard-working single mother who had neither the time, nor the money to beautify her home. So Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay solicited help from the Mosaic Company of FishHawk and the DZAA. Along with the new paint, she received new flooring, a new roof, and renovations to her porch.



If you're interested in helping on future projects, please send us an email: dzaa1983@gmail.com. We'd love to have your help in building a better Tampa.