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ALUMNI WIN AGAIN!

If you didn't make it out to River Front Park for the annual Alumni vs. Actives Picnic, then you missed out on all the excitement! With the sun shining bright, the Actives were determined to take the trophy away from the Alumni – and after a slow start, the Actives actually gave us a run for the money! But in the end, the Alumni proved that with age comes more than just wrinkles, receding hairlines, and aching muscles – it also comes with wisdom, experience, and a united determination to keep hold of that trophy! With a final score of 26 – 20, the Alumni managed to hang on to the trophy for yet another year, thanks in part to the

amazing efforts of Brother Chip Woodard, who showed everyone that he still has what it takes to be the MVP by running those bases and sliding into home plate! The cookout afterward offered everyone a chance to relax and unwind a bit, chow down on some hamburgers, hot dogs, and bratwurst, and catch up a bit on the events of the past year. As the picnic came to a close, the Actives congratulated us on the win, vowing to work hard over the next year so that in 2014, they would be the ones to take home the trophy. To that, all we could say was – GOOD LUCK!



It was the Blue versus the Red when the Alumni played softball against the Actives on April 21, 2013 at River Front Park in Tampa, Florida.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

DZAA Board Meeting,
Tampa

May 16, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

DZAA 3rd Thursday at World
of Beer, Carrollwood

The Votes are In!

New Officers Elected at the DZAA Meeting in April

It was the passing of the torch, as new officers were elected at the Alumni Association's meeting held April 20th. After a brief overview of the prior board's activities, elections were held and the following Brothers were nominated and elected to serve for the coming term:

President – David Ebner
 Vice-Pres. – Kyllan Purdon
 Secretary – Todd Latoski
 Treasurer – Ryan Suarez



Chapter Advisor – Josh
 Cleveland

The new Board is filled with energy and purpose and look forward to serving the Alumni Association in the coming year.

DON'T FORGET!

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/>.



Brother Geary joined the Delta Zeta Chapter of the Chi Phi Fraternity in 2005, graduating from USF in 2009.

Alumni in the News

Brother Shaun Geary Makes It on the Cover of the Latest *Chakett*

Don't miss the latest issue of Chi Phi's *Chakett*, which should be showing up in your e-mail sometime this month. Brother Shaun Geary is featured not only as a lead article for the Spring 2013 issue, but is also showcased on the cover! Brother Geary is currently serving our country in the United States Navy as a Damage Control

Assistant. It's not often one of the Delta Zeta Brothers is featured so prominently in the *Chakett*, for an entire nation of Chi Phi Brothers to read – so don't miss out on this opportunity to show a fellow Alumni our support! Snaps to Brother Geary for serving our country (and Chi Phi!) so faithfully!

The President's Report

Brothers,

Congratulations on thirty years of Chi Phi at the University of South Florida! I dare say millions of hours of hard work have been exhausted in maintaining and excelling the Delta Zeta Chapter, and for that I would like to say *job well done*.

It is only appropriate to acknowledge the efforts of a few DZAA leaders who have recently retired from public office. Specifically, I want to recognize Chip Woodward, Brian Harf, and Gabe Hurst, all of whom have held leadership roles for the better part of the last decade.

I am very proud to be the newly elected President of the DZAA and am excited about the potential of the new Board. Moving forward, we have established three main areas of focus for the organization:

1. Financial Independence
2. Organizational Structure
3. Membership Development

We want to make it as easy as possible for those of you who are able to help support Delta Zeta, so we will be instituting a new online system to pay dues to DZAA and support the Delta

Zeta's Housing Fund and Scholarship Fund. This will include a process in which you can render payments periodically through an auto draft from your bank account, debit card, or credit card.

To date, we are just shy of \$7,000 raised for Delta Zeta Scholarships through the tax-deductible service provided by the Chi Phi Educational Trust. I want to thank the following Actives and Alumni who gave this year:

- Jason Bornstein
- Austin Wyant
- Kyle Schlenker
- Chip Woodward
- James Ulseth
- Bryan Callaway
- Ryan Kirchoffer
- David Ebner

The fiscal year does not end until June 30th, so if you want to help us reach that \$7,000 mark, just click on the link https://www.omegafi.com/apps/secure donationsdesktop/chiphi/chiphi_display.php4 and fill out the form provided (in the drop-down menu "I would like to support the following," simply select "Chapter Excellence/My Chapter").

To advance the structure of the DZAA, we will be reviewing and updating the by-laws of the organization. You can expect to receive a copy of the proposed changes prior to the fall meeting, when we plan to

have a general vote on the updated by-laws.

Additionally, we want to know more about how you want to be involved in DZAA. Some of you may want to hold an office or be on a committee, while others may just want to attend social gatherings. To better engage our members, a database is being created to keep in touch with you and invite you to events. To update your contact information, simply reply to the e-mail from which you received this newsletter.

For over seven months, we have been holding "Third Thursdays" (which normally are held on the third Thursday of every month, but are periodically held on the third Saturday), a social gathering held at a different locations around the Greater Tampa area. Along with these gatherings, we are in the process of organizing events over the summer and for homecoming in the fall.

In just two short weeks, the enthusiasm and motivation of the new DZAA Board has shown me we can accomplish our goals and even surpass them. I look forward to serving you as best I can and hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Fraternally,

David Ebner
Delta Zeta '08



The Delta Zeta Alumni Association wants to extend its warmest wishes for those active Brothers who are graduating this year:

Brent Ellingwood (Fall 2012) – B.A. in International Studies, Brother Ellingwood

served as Alpha, Beta, and Recruitment Chair

Joe Gramzinski (Fall 2012) – B.A. in Criminology, Brother Gramzinski served as Zeta

James Bishop (Spring 2013) – B.S. in Biomedical Sciences, Brother Bishop served as Alpha, Beta, and Delta

Tyler Cheslosky (Spring 2013) – B.A. in Criminology, Brother Cheslosky served as

Beta, Eta, Epsilon, and New Member Educator

Austin Weyant (Spring 2013) – B.S. in Chemistry, Brother Weyant served as Beta



Delta Zeta Takes Top Honors

In Chi Phi Educational Trust's March Mania!

Chi Phi is in a \$10 million capital campaign to create academic success, build better men, promote chapter excellence, and preserve our heritage as the oldest social fraternity in America. The Educational Trust recently initiated the March Mania campaign to encourage both active and alumni Brothers to give to this worthwhile cause. On April 30th, the official March Mania winners were announced:

In both categories, ***Most Money Raised by Students*** and ***Most Students Participating***, Lambda Theta took top honors.

In the category, ***Most Money Raised by Alumni***, Theta Delta took top honors.

In the category, ***Most Alumni Participating*** – yes, you guessed it – DELTA ZETA took top honors!



Snaps to all the Alumni of Delta Zeta who participated and helped not only win such an honor, but gave of themselves to assist deserving students!

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