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Alumni Association

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DZAA HELPS REBUILD TAMPA!!

On the 22nd of June, six members of the DZAA gave back to their Tampa neighbors through service. The project was the Spring Rebuild Day sponsored by Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay. RTTB is a non-profit organization that specializes in rehabbing and rebuilding homes for low-income individuals and veterans living in the Tampa Bay metro area.

During this particular Rebuild Day, the organization focused on five homes in the Tampa Heights neighborhood. Before the volunteer day they went in and did massive improvement to the homes including replacing roofs, repairing plumbing and electrical lines and improved HVAC systems to name a few.



Clinton Milsap, Chase Dafnis, Nick Holm and Sameep Shah joined DZAA board members Ryan Suarez, Kyllan Purdon and David Ebner as ambassadors for the houses. It was their task to help manage the volunteers, alert the staff when supplies ran low and to lend a hand painting and landscaping.

The end result were 5 homes that not only received much needed structural improvements, but heightened curb appeal creating some very appreciative home owners and neighbors.

The DZAA plans to complete further improvements to the Tampa community this fall. We believe that if it is within our power to help those who can not help themselves than it is our duty as gentleman and fraternity men to do our part.

If you are interested in joining us in service please contact us at DZAA1983@gmail.com and we will keep in touch when the next project comes around.



It was all about giving back to the community as the Brothers of the Delta Zeta Alumni Association stepped in to help Rebuilding Together Tampa Bay in revitalizing the homes and properties in Tampa Heights.



**All Photographs courtesy of Kyllan Purdon

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
 DZAA 3rd Thursday at The Pub
 (International Mall), Tampa

August 10, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.
 DZAA Executive Board Meeting
 Deltona, Florida

August 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
 DZAA 3rd Thursday - TBA
 Tampa, Florida

Mark Your Calendars Now:
October 25, 2013
 DZAA General Membership
 Meeting - Tampa, Florida

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/>



ABOVE: Brother Harff with his son, and
 BELOW: with his brothers at Mardi Gras



Where Are They Now?

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

Whatever happened to Brian Harff? In Spring 1992, Brian Harff was a part of the Zeta Pledge class, and three years later, he graduated with a degree in Business Management. Now, more than 20 years later, Brother Harff is the Southeast Region Sales Manager for an orthodontic manufacturing company. He resides in Tampa, Florida with his wife, Stephanie, and two sons, Jackson (age 12) and Cameron (age 3). He maintains contact

with fellow Alumni Gabe Hurst, Steve Shelton, Brent Hebert, Chip Woodard, among others. He wishes he had more contact with John Ardizone and Rob Dowd, both of whom he was close with in college. Looking back, Brother Harff admits "I [never saw] myself as ... a leader, but being in Chi Phi gave me the confidence I needed to succeed in the 'real world' ... [and] enabled me to develop life-long friends who I truly consider brothers..."

The President's Report

Brothers,

Much has happened since my last report in May. The new DZAA Executive Board has vigorously worked to move our Association forward. We have seen increased participation in the Third Thursday social events, we have established a housing fund, we have been revising the By-Laws for a general vote in October, and we are actively collecting dues from our members.

During the last weekend in June, I represented the Delta Zeta Alumni Association at the annual Chi Phi Congress in Baltimore. The event was highly successful for both the Fraternity and the DZAA. I spoke with delegates about the Florida Regional Chi Phi Alumni Association, the possibility of a pan-Florida recruitment workshop/ potential member referral event, and learned better practices concerning means in which to raise funds for housing.



Congress also heeded recognition for Delta Zeta Brothers as two were honored with Chi Phi Educational Trust Scholarships. I am also proud to report that the DZAA was awarded with a trophy recognizing us as the 2013 March Mania Highest Alumni Participation Award winners. Brothers, this is the second year in a row we have accomplished this feat and I look forward to winning it again next year!

Finally, I was personally recognized for my time working for the National Fraternity with a Distinguished Service Award, "In recognition of Dedication, Loyalty and Service to the Chi Phi Fraternity". I am pleased to be honored in such a way, not for personal gain, but for the recognition this award brought to the Delta Zeta Chapter and the Delta Zeta Alumni Association. It is our goal for the DZAA next year at congress (which will be held in Austin), that we are awarded the Chi Phi Alumni Association of the Year. Given the strides we have made thus far and the plans in place for the remainder of the year, I feel strongly that this award is within reach.

At Congress I was able to participate in legislation and discussion of varying nature. I am happy to announce that all indications point to the National Fraternity being in a state of growth. Chi Phi has seen an increase of 26% in Initiations over the past three years. In the 2009-2010 school year Chi Phi had 687 Initiates (Actives), and in 2012-2013 we had 922! In that same

time period, the average Chapter size rose from 32 to 38 and the Fraternity has noticed a 61% decrease in Chapter Accounts Receivable. All of this means that Chapters are being more fiscally responsible and placing recruitment at a higher priority.

The final information bestowed upon me at Congress was that the Delta Zeta Chapter received an Accredited with Distinction status through the Chi Phi Accreditation Program for the Spring Semester. This level is only awarded to the highest 10% of Chapters. I spoke with the current Chapter Alpha, Ryan Kirchoffer, and he noted that although improvements still need to be made, he is very please with the operational soundness of the Chapter.

In closing, new initiatives are being made to solidify the DZAA as one of Chi Phi's greatest Alumni Associations, but much work is still ahead. The current board has proven they are the men to take us to these heights. I encourage you all to consider how you can help us reach our goals, whether it be supporting the Scholarship/Housing Fund, or simply keeping in touch through our Founders Day, Homecoming, and Third Thursday social events. We all swore to forever be bonded to one another in friendship and the progression of the Delta Zeta Chapter, and I look forward to fulfilling that oath in years to come.

Fraternally,

David Ebner
Delta Zeta '08



The Delta Zeta Alumni Association wishes to thank the following Brothers, who have paid their dues, some of whom have gone above and beyond and made very generation donations to

their Association:

Brother Joshua Cleveland
 Brother Thomas DeliBovi
 Brother David Ebner
 Brother Gabriel Hurst**
 Brother Todd Latoski
 Brother Clinton Milsap
 Brother Aaron Poidevin
 Brother Kyllan Purdon
 Brother Ryan Suarez

For 2013, we currently have nine (9) members paid in full.

**We want to extend a special show of appreciation

to Brother Gabriel Hurst, who donated an additional **\$150** to the DZAA! Thank you for your generosity and support!

Brothers who would like to pay 2013 dues (\$35), feel free to contact our DZAA Treasurer, Ryan Suarez, at rsuarez@mail.usf.edu or by mailing a check to 212 West Minnehaha Street, Tampa, Florida 33604. Payment can also be made at any DZAA social function.

A WORD FROM OUR TREASURER

Fellow Alumni,

Our chapter continues to strive at the University of South Florida. Memories will forever be yours during your undergraduate program and will continue within the Alumni Association.

The DZAA is proud to say that through the thick and thin, we have successfully remained a hot topic in the Tampa Bay Area. Now we ask for your continued participation in remaining Alumnus in good standing by paying the current annual dues of \$35, and, if you have it in you to splurge, any

extra donations will be recognized and appreciated.

You ask yourself, "Why pay dues? What do I get out of it?" Well I have an answer - for this upcoming academic year, your dues will allow for food and drinks at the upcoming homecoming game tailgate, appetizers at the Alumni happy hour, customized t-shirt for the Alumni vs. Active softball game in the Spring, and most importantly, the ability to be a voting member at the DZAA general meetings.

As the Alumni Association continues to enhance and grow through increased participation and donations, the benefits per Alumnus in good standing will be more

beneficial. Through technology and good forth effort, paying dues and donating will be as easy as calculus. We look forward to seeing you at the next Alumni event, and if you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Fraternally,
 Brother Suarez
 Treasurer



DZAA's First USF/Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble

Be a part of the Delta Zeta Alumni Association 2013 Fundraiser!

On October 27, 2013, the Delta Zeta Alumni Association will host its 2013 Fundraiser, the first USF/Chi Phi Scholarship Scramble. The fundraiser will be an exciting opportunity to not only enjoy a great game of golf with family and friends, but you'll have the opportunity to support Chi Phi.

The tournament will offer a four-person team scramble – the earlier you sign up, the more money you save! If you sign up by August 15th, the registration fee is only \$280 for

a team, or \$75 per person; if you sign up by September 15th, the registration fee is only \$320 for a team, or \$85 per person; and if you sign up by October 6th, the registration fee is \$350 for a team, or \$90 per person.

There will be a BBQ lunch provided for all participants, and all players have a chance to win awards for the longest drive, closest to the pin, and the longest putt.



For those interested in playing and bringing recognition to the company they own or work for, there are hole sponsorships available that come with a free foursome. For more information about the 2013 Scholarship Scramble, contact Kyllan Purdon at kjpurdon@gmail.com.