



Mountaineer Pike

Electronic Newsletter of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association



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Newsletter Update and Schedule

We're sending this electronic newsletter in place of the street address mailing planned for mid-January for primarily two reasons: First, our Alumni Association Treasury began 2004 with insufficient balance in the News and Information Fund to cover the cost of printing and mailing a paper newsletter. (Thanks to prompt and generous responses from a number of Brothers, we now have sufficient funds for the next newsletter.) Second, we are so close to the date of the Charleston, WV area Founders Day celebration (February 27-29), that we thought it best to delay printing to include coverage of that event.

So, read on for current updates on the topics above

Founders Day - Charleston

Where:

Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, WV 25301 304-347-8700

www.embassysuites.com

If we have enough people interested in spending the night, we can probably get a discount on rooms. If you want to make reservations directly with the hotel, check to see if the "Pike Group" has been set up.

What/When:

Friday Evening: Early arrivals. Hospitality suite open...drop in as your schedule permits.

Saturday 10 am to 10pm. Hospitality suite open, drop in as your schedule permits.

See the latest on the Alpha Theta History project. Bring some history of your own!

Learn about the latest on renovation of 117 Belmar.

Saturday Noon: WVU vs. Virginia Tech - meet us at the Athletic Club in the Embassy suites. We have tables reserved for a group of 20 and the big screen TV will be set to the game.

Sunday Morning: Departures. Brunch at a time and place to be determined.

Thanks for reponses and interest expressed: Charlie Abraham, Arn Brigode, Joe Starsick, Tom Pendleton, Chuck Miller, John Thomas, Tom Wetzel, and Tim Carter.

RSVP to...

Doug Ladish: ladish@mindspring.com

Joe Feola: Joseph.Feola@msdw.com

Founders Day - West

Mack and Penny Gardner, Dan and Pam Brennan, and John (Greek) and Beth Allevalo got together Friday and Saturday (Feb 13-14). Friday night dinner was at Dan Brennan's new vacation home in Palm Desert, CA. The guys played a round of golf the next day while the girls shopped and then that evening, Greek and Beth and hosted drinks and dinner in Redlands, CA. Mostly a social get together, but they did discuss generating more membership for the House Corporation and encouraging brothers that we are in contact with to contribute to the Alumni Association.

If you would like to organize a regional gathering, the Alumni Association will be pleased to help. Contacts for assistance: Rick Robinson, rrobinson101@comcast.net or John Allevalo, jtall@adelphia.net or Doug Ladish ladish@mindspring.com

Address Lists - Need Your Help and Recent Updates

Please forward this eNewsletter to any Brothers you're in contact with to make sure they are on our list. With the constant churning of internet service providers, we continue to get "undeliverable" messages for Brothers currently on our lists. Some recent "re-contacts"...

David Conway, 79 He lives in Holland. Thanks for this update from Tim Carter.
Stu Cashman, 58. He lives in New Smyrna Beach, FL. He also made a contribution to the History Project. See the Yahoo! site for "Alpha Theta Air Force"

Tom Sowinski, 60. He has recently retired to Prosperity, SC.

Greg Moffet, 90 and Jim Baker, 75 updated their addresses with us.

History Project

We continue to gather historical tidbits like the above mentioned "Alpha Theta Air Force" story by Stu Cashman.

We recently created electronic copies of 6 composites from Wilson Caskey, 33. They cover the Spring/Fall of 1933-1935. See the Yahoo! site for the "Composite Collection. With the recent additions from Wilson Caskey, it will span the years 1933 - 2003.

With the Centennial date (December 6, 1904) of Alpha Theta's founding quickly approaching, we are especially seeking information about the early years of the chapter. Nevertheless, we want to also gather information about more recent times. If you have stories, pictures or composites we can capture electronically and post to the Yahoo! site, please contact Doug Ladish, ladish@mindspring.com

Web Sites

Communication is our life blood. While we have a number of web sites available, the Yahoo! site is the most up to date, thanks to the efforts of Bill Chittum, web master. Access to most of the site is restricted. To gain access, visit the site http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pika_alpha_theta/ Click the "Join this Group" button and Bill will take care of getting you access.

To make connections easier, Bill has also created an Index site www.geocities.com/PiKAWVU/ Double click this link or copy and past to your browser address bar. Then save to your favorites. It has links to other sites of interest to WVU Pikes as well as our Yahoo! Group.

Alumni Association Treasurer's Report

Reggie Osenton, 83 our Alumni Association Treasurer provided the recent update on our finances. Remember we have several funds within the Alumni Association account: News and Information, Memorial Fund, General Fund. You can make your donation by mailing a check to Reggie at: **1 Mountaineer Lane, Logan WV 25601**

Since my August report. At that time we had \$875.86 in the bank, of which \$625.00 was earmarked for the Memorial Fund. I deposited \$70.00 in August in dues, \$725.00 in October (including the contribution from W.R. Caskey), and \$485.00 today (see list below). We paid \$50.00 dues to headquarters, \$246.75 for newsletters, and \$625.00 to Ed Decosta for the TV. We've had bank service charges of \$56.62. That leaves a balance of \$1177.49, of which \$375.00 is earmarked for the Memorial Fund.

Events Planned for 2004

Founders Day - Charleston, February 27-29. Contact Joe Feola:
Joseph.Feola@msdw.com or Doug Ladish: ladish@mindspring.com

Annual Golf Outing and Sandbagger Classic, August. Contact: Joe Feola:
Joseph.Feola@msdw.com

Morgantown 2004!, August. Contact: John Allevato, jtall@adelphia.net

Football Tailgates - Contact any of the above.

Centennial Celebration - December ? Contact: Doug Ladish: ladish@mindspring.com

Schedule an event in your area? For communication assistance, contact: Rick Robinson, rrobinson101@comcast.net or John Allevato, jtall@adelphia.net or Doug Ladish ladish@mindspring.com

Hope you enjoyed this update and will make sure other Brothers got their copies (i.e. not blocked by SPAM filters or lost addresses)

In the Bonds,
Doug Ladish, 62