



Mountaineer Pike

Newsletter of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association



***For the establishment of friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis...
...across the years and across generations***

August 2010 Alumni Events

August 2010 continued the tradition of multiple fun-filled events for Alumni and guests.

If you missed one of these events, just look in the mirror and tell yourself you want to see your brothers. They meet all over the country. You can look up all your brothers quickly at www.wvupikes.com by geographic area or by initiation year or whatever. Pick up the phone or write by email or snail mail. You'd be surprised how easy it is to get together. Start making plans with your pledge brothers now for the 2011 August events.

Annual Pike Golf Outing and Sand Bagger Classic – August 6-7, hosted by Joe Feola and Mike Shook



Morgantown 2010 Reunion Golf Outing – August 13, hosted by Lee Yates



Watch for the October edition of the Mountaineer Pike for more on the golf outings, and other August events (including names to go with all the faces in the pictures).

Morgantown 2010 Coopers Rock Picnic – August 13, hosted by Bob and Phyllis Risher

A great time was had by all. Perhaps someone took some pictures we can include in the October edition?

Morgantown 2010 Ladies Road Trip – August 14

Two car loads of ladies took a road trip to Nemacolin Resort and Spa. They had such a great time last year when they visited the Frank Lloyd Wright houses in the Nemacolin highlands that they thought they would return this year. Perhaps one of the ladies will provide some pictures and report on the trip? ...or perhaps “what happens in Nemacolin stays in Nemacolin” ?

Morgantown 2010 Synergy Chop House Lunch and Social Time – August 14, hosted by Gary Earp

Since there were no planned business meetings during the reunion event, there was plenty of time to visit Morgantown sites of yesteryear. Lunch at Brother Mike Murray’s Synergy Chop House provided the opportunity for an extended time for socializing.

Morgantown 2010 Regatta Bar and Grill Banquet – August 14, hosted by Gary Earp

This year we returned to one of our most popular venues for our Saturday night banquet. The Regatta Bar and Grill at Waterfront Place Hotel provided a patio with scenic view of the Monongahela River for before dinner cocktails and a private dining room for dinner.



If you have pictures or comments about any of the events, please send them to

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A Decade plus One

1999 - 2010

Alpha Theta of Pi Kappa Alpha

August 1999. Alpha Theta was silent. The house at 117 Belmar was a vacant, condemned shell and the target of vandalism. A small group of alumni gathered to renew old friendships. Before they returned to their homes, they had committed to a goal of a re-chartered Alpha Theta and an attempt to protect and preserve 117 Belmar.

Early in the journey to 2010, no one could predict what would happen and when. What was recognized: Pi Kappa Alpha International, WVU and all Alpha Theta Alumni were key stake holders in any solution. The path forward from 1999 had an ample share of bumps, obstacles and switch backs. Through the support of Alumni spanning the decades from the 1930's to the 2000's substantial progress was made.

August 2010. A re-chartered Alpha Theta had celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2004 and is now in its seventh year as a highly respected fraternity at WVU. The Alpha Theta Alumni Association and House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter (ATHCO) are viable organizations representing the interests of Alumni and the undergraduate Chapter. Plans for a \$1.5 million renovation of 117 Belmar are close to implementation. The renovated house will have an apartment style floor plan and will be managed through the WVU Greek Village.

There is much to be said about the key factors in this progress. A brief summary follows. For more insight please contact Doug Ladish, Secretary, House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter at Ladish@mindspring.com.

Parthenon 2000. WVU began developing this program in 2000 with the goal of enhancing the Greek experience at WVU. Over the years this program has grown to be a substantial factor in the enhancement of Greek organizations on campus, Greek recruitment and improvement of Greek housing (through rental/property management and/or property ownership of Greek housing).

White Horse Holding Corporation (WHHC). Since 1965, WHHC has owned the land and house at 117 Belmar. In January 2010, WHHC adopted a new strategy to enhance housing for Pike chapters through selective establishment of Limited Liability Corporations. West Range Morgantown, LLC will be one of the first LLC's chartered and comprises 117 Belmar. WHHC will be the sole member of West Range Morgantown, LLC, and ATHCO will have an imputed equity interest in the property that recognizes investment by Alpha Theta going back to the original land, house and cash contributed in 1965 to build 117 Belmar. Recent and future investments by Alpha Theta will be recognized to increase ATHCO's imputed equity and influence as an advisor and advocate for Alpha Theta Alumni and the undergraduate Chapter, regarding operation, preservation and enhancement of the property.

Alpha Theta Alumni Association (ATAA). With the mission of "Friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis, across the years and across the generations", ATAA has established communications with over 1000 known living Alumni and initiated programs to develop character and leadership among undergraduate Chapter members.

House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter (ATHCO). With the mission of providing sustainable housing for the Chapter, ATHCO has led the way in raising capital, architectural design, construction contracting and negotiating ownership/management options for a renovated Pike house.

Once a Pike, always a Pike... As pledges we learned this. As Alumni remembering this is more important than ever. There are now (and always will be) a multitude of opportunities to help sustain "...establishment of friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis..."

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