



Mountaineer Pike

Electronic Newsletter of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association



Countdown to Morgantown 2007 ! **August 10 – 11th, Make your plans now !**

July 16, 2007 – Update

The 8th annual Morgantown Reunion is scheduled for Friday – Saturday, August 10 -11.

It's not too late to make plans to attend. This is a great opportunity to re-connect with Brothers you haven't seen in years, or perhaps even decades!

7/16 - Larry Saunders, Lowell "Skip" Connor, Gordon Smith have added their names to the list of reunion attendees. Drop doug.ladish@yahoo.com an email to get your name on the list.

7/6 - Bob Nixon, Gary Duryea and Hank Fox have recently added their names to the list of attendees. Another 5-6 Brothers are "checking" their calendars.

Initial list - How long has it been since you have seen: Ted Goodwin, Larry Cobb, Tom Pendleton, Phil Iapalucci, Doug Ladish, Bob Risher, John Buttermore, Ray DeSabato, Mack Gardner, Brendan Ruppert, Tony Skees, Andy Barrett, Bill Beckers, Tom Sowinski, Dick Rawlings, Norm Lane, Tom Taylor, Al Dering, Charlie Porritt, Bill Chittum, Bill Mitchell, Mike Connelly, Jack Russell and Gary Earp?

They will be in Morgantown and looking for you. So make your plans to attend now!

Forward a copy to your pledge Brothers. Go to www.wvupikes.com and click on the "Brother Search" tab. If you click on the "Initiate Year" column, it will sort the list by initiation date and give you the email address we have for them.

Key Events

Friday, August 10th

Picnic at Coopers Rock, hosted by Bob Risher and John Buttermore. **Arrive around 3 PM.** Food starts around 5 PM and goes until dusk. **Directions** – Exit 15 off I-68, turn south and follow signs. Exit 15 is 13 miles east of Morgantown and 8 miles west of Bruceton Mills. Follow signs to the picnic shelters at the Overlook. For more details, see the website: www.coopersrockstateforest.com

Saturday morning, August 11th

Alumni Association meeting. Tentative time 9:30 AM continental breakfast and *place...watch for details in the next update.*

Meeting starts at 10:00 AM. Agenda topics:

- WVU Summer Rush. Update by Bill Chittum on the recent initiative by the Fraternity Alumni Support Group and Office of Student Affairs.
- WVU Greek Village and PiKA's premier location.
- Update on WVU Task Force on Greek Life and participation by Alpha Theta House Company.
- Vote on proposal to increase number of Vice-President officers (focus on promoting interest within a "generation" and across "generations").
- Officer elections

- Treasurer's reports: Alumni Association and House Corporation
- Lunch following the meeting – group or individual choice
- Additional topics. Email Doug Ladish Doug.Ladish@yahoo.com if you have topics you would like to have on the agenda.

Saturday afternoon, August 11th

Free time for activities of your own interest:

Campus Visits. Come see what's changed and what is still the same (...like Mario's and Gene's). You'll also be impressed with the growth of the University and the quality of the new infrastructure.

Additional events are being planned, including events for spouses and guests. Some of the popular past events have included a pontoon boat tour and picnic at Cheat Lake and wine tasting (and perhaps a picnic) at Forks of the Cheat Winery www.wvwines.com

Let us know what interests you the most!

Check www.tourmorgantown.com for featured links on Activities, Dining, Shopping, Must See List and more...

Saturday evening, August 11th

Banquet (most likely the private dining room and prime rib buffet at Waterfront Place, although we are open to suggestions for a different location)

Nominations Committee for Alumni Association officers

Larry Cobb (59) ethicsworks@aol.com, Gary Earp (65) 2inapplevalley@adelphia.net, Phil Iapalucci (83) Philip.J.iapalucci.1@nd.edu and Brendan Ruppert (00) bruppert03@hotmail.com have agreed to serve as a Nominations Committee for the upcoming election. If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself) please contact one of them.

Officers to be elected and duties as specified in the ATAA By-Laws:

President

1. Preside at all meetings of the association
2. Appoint committee chairman and committee members as necessary
3. Perform other duties as they pertain to his office.

Vice President – *may be replaced by multiple Decade Vice Presidents*

1. Serve in the absence of the president.
2. Perform such duties as are required of him by the president.

Decade Vice President – *new role to be voted on*

1. Promote interest and membership within a defined generation of Alumni.
2. Ensure contact information in our records is accurate.
3. Coordinate with other VP's to promote an active and unified Association

Secretary

1. Keep a record of all meetings and events of the alumni association.
2. Conduct all correspondence of the association with area alumni and the International Fraternity. (includes preparation of newsletters and articles for *The Shield and Diamond*)

Treasurer

1. Collect dues owed the alumni association.
2. Take charge of all funds of the association and deposit the same funds to the credit of the alumni association in a bank selected by the association.
3. Maintain a book of account on all funds received and disbursed during his term of office.
4. Pay all bills incurred by authority of the alumni association.

Annual Alumni Association Dues

Annual dues are \$25 and are payable on a fiscal year starting July 1.

Payment of annual dues is also a pre-requisite of voting membership, as stipulated by our By-Laws. The funds collected are applied to communication expenses and other worth while projects.

Checks larger than \$25 are welcomed and appreciated. Make your check payable to **Alpha Theta Alumni Association** and mail it to:

Doug Ladish
109 Kingussie Court
Cary, NC 27511

(Special Note of Appreciation: After serving as Treasurer for the past 15 or so years under two incarnations of the Alpha Theta Alumni Association, Reggie Osenton has asked that he be given a break and that someone else take on the responsibilities of Treasurer. Reggie has transferred the current AA funds to the new bank account recently opened.

Many thanks to Reggie for his long term interest and support!

Lodging

Once again Waterfront Place Hotel will be a focal point for our activities. Check out their website for a glimpse of this new property. www.waterfrontplacehotel.com/

Call for reservations. **304-296-1700** The best rate isn't listed on the internet site, so it's worth a call directly to the hotel.

With an AAA (or AARP) discount the rate is \$92.65. ***Ask for the PiKA rate, so they can get our group on your record and we can have a chance at an additional discount.***

Also, all the major chains have properties along the I-68 corridor between Cheat Lake and the intersection with I-79 and in the Morgantown area.

COMFORT INN - Free continental breakfast, in-room jacuzzis available, fully-equipped business rooms, indoor hot tub, fitness center. Pets welcome. I-68, Exit 1, 225 Comfort Inn Drive Morgantown, WV 26508 304-296-9364 or 800-228-5150

HAMPTON INN - Across from WVU stadium and hospitals. Free continental breakfast, kids stay free. 1053 Van Voorhis Rd. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-599-1200 or 800-HAMPTON

HISTORIC CLARION HOTEL MORGAN - Historic charm with modern conveniences in downtown Morgantown. 76 suites, meeting rooms, grand ballroom, Montmartre. 127 High Street Morgantown, WV 26505 304-292-8200 www.clarionhotelmorgan.com

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - Indoor pool, fitness room, and continental breakfast. Meeting rooms available. 605 Venture Dr. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-291-2600 or 800-HOLIDAY www.hiexpress.com/ex-morgantown

LAKEVIEW GOLF RESORT & SPA -

2 indoor/outdoor pools, 2 golf courses, 3 restaurants, fitness center, kids' club, adjacent to Spa Roma.
304-594-1111 or 800-624-8300 One Lakeview Dr. Morgantown, WV 26508 www.lakeviewresort.com

QUALITY INN & SUITES - 147 newly renovated sleeping rooms.

Located minutes from WVU Evansdale Campus, WVU Health Sciences, Coliseum, Creative Arts Center, Football Stadium, area shopping and dining! A free continental breakfast is offered every morning. The Hotel also features over 5,000 square feet of meeting space to accommodate banquets and meetings. 1400 Saratoga Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-599-1680
www.qualityinn.com

RESIDENCE INN – MARRIOTT - A brand new facility, featuring

104 spacious suites, complimentary hot breakfast buffet and weekday dinner buffet. Includes: full size kitchens, an indoor pool and whirlpool, sport court for basketball and volleyball, fitness center and patio with gas grills. 1046 Willowdale Road Morgantown, WV 26505 304-599-0239
www.marriott.com/MGWR

SUPER 8 MOTEL - 58 spacious, comfortable rooms. Continental breakfast, guest laundry, elevator. Hot tub suites available. I-68 and Rt. 857, Exit 7. 603 Venture Dr. Morgantown, WV 26505 304-296-4000

WATERFRONT PLACE HOTEL - Full service, premier accommodations, pool, sauna, spa and fitness center, banquet and meeting facilities restaurant and lounge. 2 Waterfront Plaza Morgantown, WV 304-296-1700 www.waterfrontplacehotel.com

To contact a Brother, check out www.wvupikes.com for contact information on the “Brother Search” tab. Check your personal information and make sure it is up to date. See the “News and Information” tab for personal news notes. Leave a news note yourself!