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On Tuesday, April 1st, Dr. Chip Hinton was our guest speaker. Dr. Hinton grew up in Pensacola and went to college at the University of Florida, where he "played a little football and got injured a lot." He was one of the guinea pigs for Gatorade. He continued on with his education and received his PhD from Florida.

In 1982, the Florida Strawberry Growers Association (FSGA) was officially formed. Chip Hinton is its Executive Director. This organization became a voice for Florida strawberry growers. The mission for the handful of farmers was to become "partners in research, promotion and member/community service". In the years since then, the growers have met that mission and succeeded in forming a voluntary organization that represents over 7,000 acres of berries. Dr. Hinton's talked focused on "agriculture in an increasingly urban community".



Dr. Chip Hinton



Alan Parcell, our Founders Day dinner speaker. Story on page 2.

Tuesday, May 6th - last luncheon until Sept!



We usually meet at Lee's Lakeside restaurant (downtown Orlando, off Central Ave. on Lake Eola) on the first Tuesday of each month at noon. **The cost for the lunch is \$12.** (\$5 for actives at UCF & Rollins.)

This is our last luncheon until September. We've been saving the best for last. **Col. Danny McKnight, who's experiences in Somalia were shown in the movie "Black Hawk Down", will speak on his experiences in Somalia and his new role as Brevard County's Homeland Security**

Coordinator. Col. McKnight is the recipient of the Legion of Merit with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart, to name but a few. This is the one luncheon you don't want to miss. Please RSVP to Tom Laird.

Founders Day Dinner a Huge Success

Our annual Founders Day dinner was held on Saturday, March 29th at the 4th Fighter Squadron restaurant. 40 brothers, wives, and guests were there to hear guest speaker Alan Parcell, the Director of News Operations at WKMG/TV 6. Alan related some of his experiences during his 35 years in the news business.

We also honored 2 brothers who reached milestones in their affiliation with Phi Delta Theta. Brother Charles Collins was initiated on 3/26/1948 at Georgia Beta, making him a Phi for 55 years. Brother Alex "Jack" Veech has him beat by 5 years. Brother Veech was initiated at Kentucky Epsilon on 12/16/1942.

Brother Lou Toth provided the photos of the event. Lou also brought door prizes of ladies jewelry that were raffled off after the dinner. We also found out that we were the last group to be served at the 4th Fighter Squadron. They closed their doors permanently after our dinner on Saturday. I think we were bad luck to them. After our Founders Day dinner there a couple of years ago, they had a big fire and were closed for renovations for several months!



Pictured are honorees Alex "Jack" Veech (left), and Charlie Collins (right). Brother Greg Rhodes (center) presented Brothers Veech and Collins with their pins.

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