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On Saturday, July 12, 2003, Phi Delta Theta lost a true "mover and shaker". Brother Howard Stockton passed away after a fight with lymphoma. He was 67 years old.

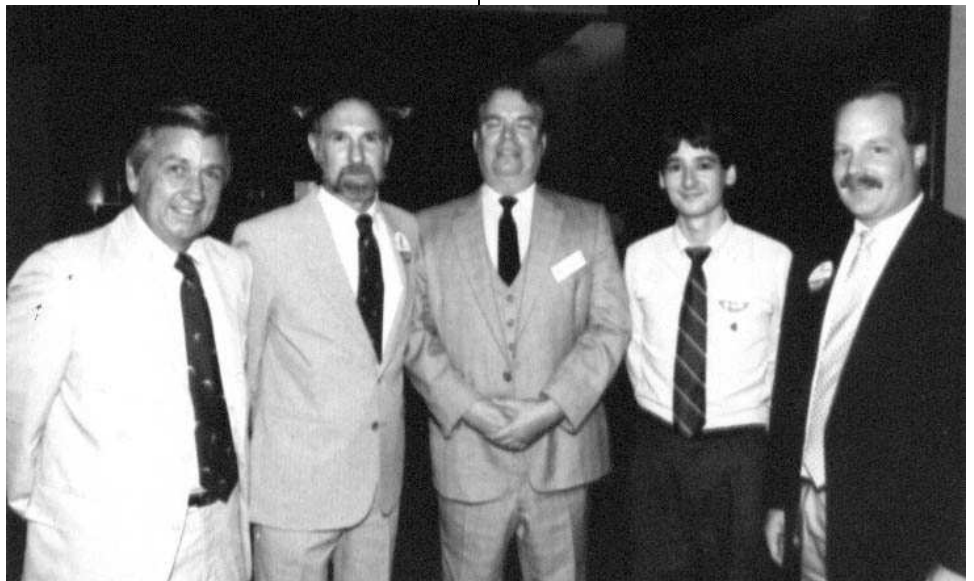
I first met Howard in early 1989. He had recently moved to Florida and was interested in joining the local Phi Delta Theta alumni club. Surprised to not find an active club, he started making phone calls. One of the people he called was then Chi South Province President, Ed Hopper. Ed helped him get in contact with other Phi's in the area and on April 27, 1989, an organizational dinner for the Central Florida Alumni Club was held at the Hilton hotel in Altamonte Springs. Over 100 brothers showed up!

Ed Hopper had a term for people like Howard. He called them real "movers and shakers".

Howard severed as our club's president for the first 2 years. In the early 1990's he moved to Clermont. The South Lake Chamber of Commerce, which Howard was executive director of since 1992, had named him its 2002 Citizen of the Year for his outstanding service to the community. The chamber kept Howard busy, but he stayed as an active dues

paying member and attend events when he could.

When I remember Howard, a quote by Robert Morrison, one of $\Phi\Delta\Theta$'s founding father's, comes to mind: "To do what ought to be done, but would not have been done unless I did it, I thought to be my duty." You know, a real "mover and shaker".



April 27, 1989 Organizational Dinner. Bobby Duncan, Howard Stockton, Ed Hopper, Greg Rhodes, Rusty Richardson

Howard Stockton Scholarship Fund

Brother Michael Walsh remembers Howard:

HOWARD W. STOCKTON, Ohio Epsilon, '58, passed away in Clermont, Florida on Saturday, July 12, 2003. As many of you remember, Howard organized and founded, in the late 1980s the Phi Delta Theta Central Florida Alumni Club.

Having known Howard since 1955, I can vouch for the fact that he was a man of high morals, integrity, plus an incredible work ethic. He was the honor pledge of his class in 1955 and went on to become President of our local Chapter. During our years together, Ohio Epsilon was honored by receiving the Founder's Day trophy as the most outstanding Chapter in the United States due in part to Howard's efforts.

Howard should have graduated in 1957 but changed his major from business administration to education and graduated in my class in 1958. He was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa; A-Key and Who's Who in America Colleges and Universities.

He went on to work as a teacher and later as an administrator in the Akron Public School System and in the late 1980s retired to Clermont, Florida. He served as the executive director of the South Lake Chamber of Commerce and in 2002, received the Southlake Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" award.

A memorial fund has been established at Bank-First. Tax-deductible contributions may be made to:

The Howard Stockton Memorial Scholarship Fund
Bank-First
1380 South Grand Highway
Clermont, Florida 34711.

Howard is survived by his wife, Louise, sons Bill and Wayne and brother, Edward. He was buried at First United Methodist Church of Clermont on July 18, 2003.

After his death, his Congresswoman remembered him by including his name in the Congressional Record on July 18, 2003. Howard exemplified the finest ideals and traditions of our Fraternity and will be missed by all.

New Officers

At the September meeting we will be voting on new officers for the new year. We will be electing a new president, vice-president, and treasurer. Tom Laird has severed the club well this past year, but he has relocated to the west coast of Florida and won't be able to serve again this year. Please consider running for an office.

June Luncheon was one for the Dogs!

At our June 3rd luncheon, our speaker was Dr. Robert Porter, owner of the Conway Veterinary Hospital. Dr. Porter is a veteran of the Desert Storm war. He was awarded a Bronze Star and other medals. He is a local – he graduated from Boone High School. He spoke about pets – including the fact that the SARS virus is a corona virus known to be carried by animals. Vets may hold the key to combating the virus.



Lou Toth & his vet, Dr. Robert Porter, our June speaker

In Other News...

The following article was published on the www.phideltatheta.org web site:

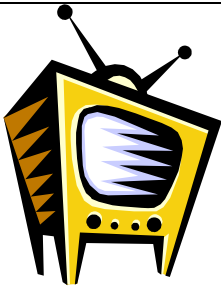
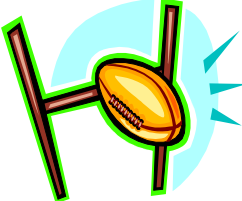


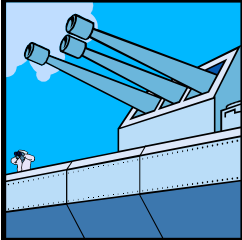
ΦΔΘ Fantasy Football

If you're going to be playing fantasy football this fall, we would like you to consider playing at SandboxPlus, where a portion of your membership cost will be given back to the Fraternity. Working with Jim Bonk, Virginia '98, at SandboxPlus, we are proud to announce the worldwide leader in fantasy sports as the officially licensed fantasy sports site of the Fraternity. Brother Bonk felt that this would be a great way for our alumni to contribute to the future of the Fraternity, while participating in something many of us plan to do already. SandboxPlus has agreed to provide a generous portion of the net subscriber fees to Phi Delta Theta. Please visit www.sandboxplus.com/phidelt.html for more details.



Upcoming Events

Sandy Sanders (along with some other brothers) has been busy lining up another outstanding set of speakers for the upcoming year. (I don't know how he keeps doing it!) We are still looking for speakers for January thru May, so if you have some ideas, please let Sandy (407-851-7478) know.

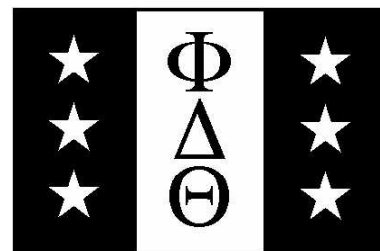
Date	Speaker
Monday, September 1st @ 9:00PM on the History Channel	 <p>Last fall, Phi Delta Theta assisted with a History Channel special on the history of Greek organizations in North America. Part of this special features the Mississippi Alpha Chapter at Ole Miss. It is a 90-minute show. Regrettably, the title of the show is <i>Frat Boys</i>, but those marketing the show are hopeful this will encourage a larger audience.</p>
Tuesday, September 9th @ noon - Lee's Lakeside	 <p>Annual Florida college football preview with representatives from Florida, FSU, Miami, Jim Louk - Ass't AD of Marketing at USF, and Alan Gooch - Ass't Head Coach at UCF.</p> <p>Please note that this is the 2nd Tuesday of September.</p>
Tuesday, October 7th @ noon - Lee's Lakeside	 <p>Gillian Folkes from the University of Florida to speak on the History of FOOD, BEER AND APHRODISIACS.</p>
Tuesday, November 4th @ noon - Lee's Lakeside	 <p>Dan Schulz to speak about General MacArthur.</p>
Tuesday, December 2nd @ noon - Lee's Lakeside	 <p>Dan Schulz with a unique talk on Pearl Harbor and the why...</p>

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A Thank You to the Club

In the Winter 2002-2003 issue of The Scroll, the following article was published from the Florida Mu chapter at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

The brothers of Florida Mu ask for your thoughts and prayers over the loss of one of our own Phis just last year. Michael Allen Gaetano, Bond number 48, was involved in a car accident in the early morning hours on October 25, 2002 near his home in Maryland. He was taking time off from school and looking for a place to work to be near his family. The Gaetano siblings had already endured a tragic loss several years prior when their parents were fatally injured in a car accident. Mike not only leaves behind his brothers at Florida Mu but his brother Kenneth and sisters Cristina and Mary. They are now being looked after by a close friend but need all the support they can get.

Mike was an active brother who was there when you needed him. He had a tough guy image but was soft at heart. If anyone ever needed a ride somewhere or just someone to talk to, Mike was there... devious smile and all. For these reasons and more, Mike will be missed by his family and his extended family at Florida Mu. Despite the fact that Mike's wake and funeral were held very shortly after his death, nearly our entire chapter was able to drive up to Maryland to attend. Our presence was received with open arms and serves as a powerful example of just one of the reasons Phi Delta Theta is "The Standard for Brotherhood." A trust fund has been established to help support Mike's surviving brother and sisters—all of whom are either attending college or recently graduated. On behalf of Florida Mu, we appreciate all of your thoughts, prayers and support of Mike's family. Donations may be sent to: The Gaetano Children's Trust Fund, c/o Trish Weaver 135 W. Dares Beach Rd., Suite 27 Prince Frederick, MD 20678.

Tom Laird, our club president, saw this article and brought it to our club's attention. We held a vote and decided to send \$100 to the fund. We recently received this thank you card:

Dear Phi Delta Theta friends,

We would like to thank you for your most generous gift to the Gaetano Children's Trust Fund in memory of Mike Gaetano. Mike was very proud of his affiliation with Phi Delta Theta. His siblings and extended family really appreciate the support, generosity, and thoughtfulness the fraternity has shown during this most difficult time.

Thanks again.

Trish Weaver for Christina, Ken, and Mary Gaetano & family

Renewal Time

It's membership renewal time again. On the reverse side of this page is a copy of your membership information that I have on file. Please correct any missing or incorrect information and send it back in with your \$30 annual dues. Or better yet, bring it with you to the September luncheon. Remember, it's on the second Tuesday of September – the 9th – at noon at Lee's Lakeside.