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On March 2nd we had 27 bothers and guests attend our luncheon, including some new faces there for the first time. Newly elected vice president Jim McMahel presided over the meeting since president Mitchell was in Las Vegas on "business".

Everyone was there to hear what Frank Billingsly, the Executive Director for the Downtown Development Board, had to say. Frank and his assistant, Sandy Crump, presented us with a little bit of history and the board's vision for the future. The board

has just finished up working on Downtown Outlook -- the 20 year downtown plan.

The downtown area that the development board is responsible for encompasses a 1,600 acre district. Over 13,000 people currently live there. 19,000 parishioners worship in downtown churches and 57,000 employees work there.

Frank then gave us an overview of some of the large (and small) housing projects in development. As I write this, today's Orlando Sentinel (March 9th) has an article on the new 35 story condo tower "The Vue at Lake Eola". Since 1999, a residential renaissance has been occurring in downtown. There are now hundreds of apartments and more

than 1,500 condominiums being marketed, built, or planned. There are currently 5 other condo towers in various stages of work in downtown.

You can find more information at www.downtownorlando.com.



Guest speaker Frank Billingsly



Founders Day is almost here! Have you sent in your reservation? Our annual Founders Day dinner is set for Friday, March 26th. If you haven't sent in your RSVP yet, please **call Greg Rhodes at 407-273-0938 and let him know you will be coming.** We must have an accurate count to give the restaurant. I don't care if you pay at the door, but you must RSVP! Please call me today to reserve your spot. For complete details, go to www.CentralFloridaPhi.com/founders/founders.htm

At the March luncheon, a get well card was passed around for brother Andy Serros, who has been having health issues for a few months. I received this email from him a few days later:
I usually don't write a thank-you letter for a get-well card, but you guys surprised me with the funny card signed by each of you. Thanks for your thoughtfulness.

The three "stooges", I mean doctors have me on so many silly pills to control the fluid in my lungs following my quadruple by-pass, which causes my blood pressure to spike, which causes more drugs, which makes me very weak, hard to walk and breathe .. ad infinitum. Take it from an 81 years young brother Phi "never volunteer for a heart bypass -- it isn't the "piece of cake" the surgeons say it is. Helen and I plan to attend the Founder's Day on Friday, March 26.

The brothers at UCF are in the process of organizing their 3rd annual alumni golf outing. This event is **open to all Phi Delt alumni**, no matter where you went to school. The outing will be on Saturday, June 12th starting at noon at the Sabal Point Country Club in Longwood. The cost is \$75 per player. (a portion of this amount is a donation to the chapter's housing fund) That includes the golf tournament, a golf cart, a bucket of balls to hit on the range, and a catered dinner. The **deadline to sign up is Friday, May 21st**. For reservations or any additional information, **call brother Pat Dunn at (407) 702-4169** or email him at UCFPhiDelt226@aol.com.

3rd Annual Florida Iota Alumni Golf Outing



Upcoming Events

When	Where	What
Friday, March 26, 2004	Founder's Day Dinner @ "The Tap Room" located at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	Founder's Day Celebration with guest speaker Pat Clarke, sports director with WESH TV channel 2 in Orlando. RSVP today!
Tuesday, April 6, 2004	Lunch @ Lee's Lakeside at noon	John Fareed, "Building Your Personal Brand"

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