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On Tuesday, November 2nd, we meet at the Tap Room at Dubsread Golf Course. This was the first luncheon in years that wasn't at held at Lee's Lakeside. Lee's is under new management and changed their group policies, including raising the prices. At the October luncheon we voted to move the luncheons to a new location. Our guest speaker was Becky Sebren, the Director of Emergency Services of the American Red Cross for the tri-county area (Orange, Seminole, and Osceola).

The Red Cross partners with local fire and emergency services during disasters. During the past hurricane season, they helped operate the shelters. Over 7,000 people were sheltered during Charley, 14,000 during

Frances, and 4,000 for Jeanne. They served over 300,000 meals and helped with 160,000 FEMA applications. They are still working with 2,200 families.

The Red Cross also helps with tornados, flooding, and fires. Becky's chapter deals with over 400 family events during a typical year. The majority of them are house fires.

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### **J. Thomas Laird 1939-2004**

It is with deep sadness that I report that brother Tom Laird joined the Chapter Grand on Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 64. Tom was born in Ridley Park, Pennsylvania on Dec. 10, 1939. He joined Phi Delta Theta at the University of Maryland, and played on their football team. He graduated from Maryland in 1962. He served in the Armed Forces during the 1960's. Tom became a Certified Estate Planner and a financial advisor.

Tom was a loyal brother of our alumni club, serving as President two years ago. Tom is survived by Cheryl, his wife of 34 years, their six children, and ten grandchildren.

Tom was "Proud to be a Phi" and we were proud to call him brother.

## Good-bye Lee's, Hello Tap Room at Dubsdread

Lee's Lakeside is now under new management. As a result, they changed their group policies and their prices. They were now charging us \$17 a person for lunch. We voted at the October meeting to move to a new location since we felt this was too large of an increase. **Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Tap Room in Dubsdread Country Club at 549 West Par Street near downtown Orlando.** (This is where we held our Founder's Day Dinner this past March.) The cost for the luncheon will be \$15 (\$5 for actives at UCF & Rollins).

## Upcoming Events

When	Where	What
Wednesday, December 8, 2004 6:30 to 9:00 PM	The Tap Room at Historic Dubsdread Golf Course	 <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toys For Tots Drive</b> Evening social for family, friends and co-workers. This will be in place of our December luncheon. <b>Bring toys to be donated to the Marine's Toys For Tots.</b> Evening will include a raffle with prizes and cash bar! We want to make this our biggest event yet.</p>

## Renewal Time

I received a renewal from brother Jason Albu (Florida 1999) this past month. We now have 48 paid members. If you haven't sent in your renewal yet, please send it in today!

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