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# For Members of the Phi Delta Theta Alumni Club of Central Florida

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On Tuesday, January 3rd, 15 brothers and their guests met at the University Club in downtown Orlando to ring in the New Year. Brian Roquemore, the President and CEO of America's All Stars, was our guest speaker. Brian is a local product of Orlando, attended UCF, and is an ATO. America's All Stars mission is "to develop outstanding character in K - 12 school children that will greatly benefit schools and local communities by fostering positive behavior, responsible citizenship, academic success, and a positive work ethic."

It was obvious that Brian is truly concerned about the future of America, and is committed and passionate about trying to do something about it.

The warning signs are there – continuing increases in school violence, suicide, homicide, gang warfare, drugs, sexually transmitted diseases and teen pregnancies. Surprisingly, there is no focused, coordinated, national strategy to help young people avoid these dangers and develop the needed skills to live productive, healthy lives. How can we expect to make major changes without one?

America's All Stars provides all students with opportunities to be involved with community service events which are both valuable and exciting. Community service is essential to character building and character building is what America's All Stars is all about. It is imperative that a brighter, safer future be created for them and our nation. America's All Stars plans to help over 50 million students by the year 2008.



Their first project was a student-run Thanksgiving dinner. It is known as "The World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner" and is held nationwide to raise money for the hungry and homeless. The beneficiary of this school-based, student-run fundraising event is The Salvation Army - a longtime supporter of those in need. This event brings students and community together in a unique way and for a great cause. The Thanksgiving Dinners Program is an annual event that will always be held the Thursday before Thanksgiving.

If you would like to find out more about America's All Stars, please visit [www.4allstars.org](http://www.4allstars.org) on the web.



### Upcoming Events

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th at noon at the University Club in downtown Orlando. Our speaker will be Ralph Martinez, the managing partner of McEwan, Martinez & Dukes, P.A. Ralph went to college at both the University of Florida and Florida State. In 2003, Mr. Martinez was nominated by the President of the United States to serve as a public delegate, representing the United States before the United Nations 57th General Assembly. On May 23, 2003, he was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and served as a public delegate for that term. Both Ralph and his brother, Senator Mel Martinez, were born in Cuba. That will be the focus of this talk: "Cuba - Past, Present and Future".

The luncheons are \$15. This price includes the meeting room, the meal, tax, tip, gratuity, and parking. The University Club is located on the corner of Rosalind and Central, directly across the street from the main library. Parking during the meetings is available in the lot right next to the club.

### Collecting Food for our Troops

Sandy Sanders is going to be collecting "goodies" to send to our overseas troops. The food will go to the US Army battalion where his nephew is stationed in Iraq. They will eat about anything...and don't worry about fat, sugar, salt etc. He will be sending a box over about once a month which can be timed to coordinate with our PDT meetings...Candy, cookies, fudge, food bars etc. which are shelf stable. Sandy will check on delivery times to get packages over there. Over Christmas, he received several small packages & tins of mixed nuts, candies, gift baskets – all nice but any one would blow their diet... which might be the case for several other people. Therefore he thought it might be neat to send things to servicemen in Iraq... and protect the waistlines over here! So bring your donations to the Feb. meeting.

### Renewals

I've had several people ask me if they've paid their dues for this year. Remember, our club's fiscal year runs August to July. Below is the list of brothers that have paid their dues for the 2005 – 2006 year. You can find a renewal form on the club's website at [www.CentralFloridaPhi.com](http://www.CentralFloridaPhi.com).

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| Acree, Walter       | Davis, Dabney       | Livingston, George  | Rohe, Chuck        | Tucker, III , David |
| Albu, Jason         | Drane, Frank        | Mehler, Bob         | Sanders, Sandy     | Tuttle, L. Mills    |
| Baker, Barry        | Duncan, Buell       | Mitchell, Justice   | Schwartz, August   | Walsh, Michael      |
| Barto, Bill         | Duncan, Robert      | Nants, Bruce        | Serros, Andrew     | Williamson, John T  |
| Bassett, Ray        | Henderson, Edmond   | Parker, Charles A   | Serros, Dr. Robert | Wuichet, Tom        |
| Branham, Jr., Jack  | Hill, Edward        | Pattillo, John      | Shimer, Mike       | Yoepp, Jason        |
| Briggs, Houston     | Hughes, Robert      | Pfeiffer, Frederick | Simms, Britt       |                     |
| Bryan, Grover       | Hughes, Wallace     | Rhodes, Greg        | Simonds, Joseph    |                     |
| Butterfield, Robert | Jones Jr., T. Allan | Robinson, James     | Sneed, Jack        |                     |
| Collins, Charles    | Kimbrough, Orman    | Robinson, Shawn     | Toth, Lou          |                     |

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