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

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## November 7<sup>th</sup> Luncheon will be Historic

On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ noon, we'll meet at the University Club in downtown Orlando for an historic meeting.

Why a historic meeting? Because Edward C. Soistman, Sr. will be our guest speaker. Ed will tell us how the Orlando division of what has become the Lockheed Martin Corporation got started in Orlando 50 years ago. The story involves Phi Delt brother Linton Allen, as well as 1950's Orlando "movers & shakers" Clarence Gay, Martin Andersen, Billy Dial, Mayor J. Rolfe Davis, and even Sheriff Dave Starr.

On July 5, 1939 in Middle River, Maryland, Glenn L. Martin, founder of the Martin Company, hired Ed as an Assemblyman's Helper at forty cents an hour. It was the beginning of Ed's 36 year career with the Martin Company.

Ed's connection to Orlando began in 1956. Ed was Director of Planning at the Martin Company when Martin made the decision to move some of its operations to Orlando and he was a key part of Martin's 15-member startup team to move to the new Orlando plant.

Eventually 1,100 families moved to Orlando from Maryland, as the company's 600,000 square foot plant was built on Sand Lake Road. When the plant opened on time and on budget in December of 1957 it was the largest building in the state. By January of 1958 all Orlando based projects operated out of the new facility.

Ed worked for Martin for 36 years, retiring from the Martin Marietta Corporation as Director of Master Planning and Management Systems on January 31, 1975.

1956 

1961 

1995 

## Vote twice on November 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at the University Club in downtown Orlando.** Ed Soistman will be our guest speaker, reliving the story of the Glenn L Martin Company opening a division in Orlando in 1956 – 50 years ago!



Prior to coming to the meeting, make sure you stop by your polling place and vote. Then when you get to the luncheon, we'll be voting again on the future president of the club. Brother Bob Serros has been nominated to be the club president next year.

The luncheons are \$15 (\$10 for actives at UCF & Rollins). 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 – just pull up to the gate and the gate will open.

## Renewals

As of press time, we have 44 brothers who have renewed their membership. Brothers marked with an \* have generously donated more than the \$35 renewal fee. If your name doesn't appear below, please send in your renewal or better yet, bring it with you to the luncheon on November 7<sup>th</sup>. See [www.CentralFloridaPhi.com](http://www.CentralFloridaPhi.com) for the renewal form.

Walter (Terry) Acree (Florida, 1955)  
Jason Albu (Florida, 1999)  
Ray Bassett (Florida, 1951) \*  
Nathan Brainard (Florida State, 2000)  
Jack Branham, Jr. (Duke Univ., 1950)  
Grover Bryan (Florida, 1949)  
Robert Butterfield (Florida, 1953)  
Bill Cullerton (UCF, 1993)  
Carl "Sandy" Dann (UNC, 1955)  
Dabney Davis (Florida, 1952)  
Frank Drane (Alabama, 1958)  
Buell Duncan (Emory Univ., 1950)  
Robert Duncan (Florida, 1958)  
Edmond Henderson (Alabama, 1958)  
Don Hettenbach (UCF, 1988)

Robert Hughes (Oklahoma, 1951)  
Wally Hughes (Kentucky, 1942) \*  
Clark Jackson (Kansas Delta, 1975)  
T. Allan Jones Jr. (Florida, 1952)  
George Livingston (FSU, 1958)  
Bob Mehler (UCF, 1996)  
Justice Mitchell (Ringling, 1993) \*  
Bruce Nants (Florida, 1974)  
Charles Ness (Kent State, 1950)  
Charles Parker (Florida, 1986)  
John Pattillo (Florida, 1954)  
Fritz Pfeiffer (North Carolina, 1947)  
Greg Rhodes (UCF, 1984)  
Wayne Rich (Florida, 1967)  
James Robinson (Florida, 1943)

Chuck Rohe (Lawrence, 1953)  
Sandy Sanders (Florida, 1960)  
August Schwartz (LSU, 1982) \*  
Andrew Serros (Florida, 1948)  
Dr. Robert Serros (Florida, 1954)  
Mike Shimer (Florida, 1984)  
Joe Simonds (Miami FL, 1945)  
Jack Sneed (Florida, 1953)  
Lou Toth (Butler, 1948)  
David Tucker (Hanover, 1950)  
L. Mills Tuttle (Florida, 1956) \*  
Dr. Frank Ward (Emory, 1959)  
John Williamson (Georiga, 1957)  
Jason Yoepp (UCF, 2004)

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