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

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## Help Spread the Christmas Spirit at the December 5<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

On Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, we'll meet at the University Club in downtown Orlando to host our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Toys for Tots drive. Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948. The initial objective that remains the hallmark of the program today is to "bring the joy of Christmas to America's needy children."



You can help us by bringing a *new, unwrapped* toy (or better yet, multiple toys!) to the December luncheon to be donated to the Marines Toys for Tots program. Over the past 3 years, this has been our club's major philanthropic event.



**Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the University Club in downtown Orlando.** This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Toys for Tots drive, so make sure you bring a new, unwrapped toy with you to donate.

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.

### **Florida Iota Campout**

In early October, a group of nine UCF Phi Deltas spent the weekend camping at Ft. DeSoto Park during the Florida Iota 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Fall campout. Brother Bill Cullerton organized the event, which included fishing, boating, relaxing, and lots of story telling around the campfire.

Pictured are UCF brothers John Pitkethly, Art Miles, Bob Spsychalsky, Bill Barto, Aaron Collins, Joe Spsychalsky, Bill Cullerton, Bob Mehler, and Greg Rhodes.



### **Membership Renewals**

As of press time, we've received 5 more renewals, bringing us to a total of 49 brothers who have paid their membership dues for this year. Brothers marked with an \* have generously donated more than the \$35 renewal fee. If haven't renewed yet, please send in your renewal or better yet, bring it with you to the luncheon on December 5<sup>th</sup>. See [www.CentralFloridaPhi.com](http://www.CentralFloridaPhi.com) for the renewal form.

Barry Baker (LSU 1967) \*  
Charles Collins (Emory 1952)

Tom Hand (Florida 1957)  
Orman Kimbrough (Vanderbilt 1975)

Ed McDougall (Florida 1970)

### **New Club Officers**

At the November meeting, new officers were elected for the upcoming year. Brother Justice Mitchell has stepped down after serving the club well for several years. The club is extremely grateful for his years of service. The newly elected officers are: President - Bob Serros, VP of programs - Dabney Davis, VP of charities & special events - Justice Mitchell.

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