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

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## Last Meeting

We started 2009 off with a talk from Dr. Mario D'Amato, Assistant Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Rollins College, in Winter Park. Dr. D'Amato spoke to us about "Buddhism and Comparative Religion".



Dr. D'Amato completed his B.A. in history at Loyola University in Chicago, and his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in the study of religion, focusing on Asian religions and the philosophy of religion. His area of specialization is in Buddhism, primarily in the translation, interpretation, and analysis of Buddhist doctrinal texts from Sanskrit. Dr. D'Amato introduced our group to a basic understanding of the The Four Noble Truths of Buddhist doctrine:

1. There is suffering
2. Suffering arises due to craving
3. To eliminate suffering it is necessary to eliminate craving
4. The elimination of craving is achieved by following the eightfold path (right views, thought, speech, conduct, livelihood, effort, mindfulness, and concentration.)

His talk ended with a lively question & answer session, and based on the Q&A, I think this was one of the best presentations we've had.



## Next Meeting, Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup> is a dinner meeting

Dr. Deborah German, M.D., Dean of the new UCF College of Medicine will be our speaker. **This will be a 6pm dinner meeting, not a lunch meeting!** Spouses and guests are welcome. The dinner buffet will cost \$20 per person. We need to supply the University Club with a count of the number of attendees by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> to gregrhodes@email.com or call me at 407-273-0938. Please leave a message if I'm not home.

## **Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars Now**

Tuesday Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 6PM dinner	Dr. German, Dean of the UCF College of Medicine
Tuesday March 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ noon	Brother Barry Baker, Director of Libraries @ UCF
Wednesday April 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 6PM	Founders Day Dinner, Dann and Mary Pottinger

## **Membership Renewals**

5 more brothers (Lee Bennett, Carl Dann, Samuel Engs, Britt Simms, and Jason Yoep) renewed their membership this past month, bringing our total paid membership to 42 brothers.

## **RSVPs for Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner**

If your name isn't shown below, I don't have you on our RSVP list for the Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> dinner. Please RSVP to me by Jan 30<sup>th</sup> at 407-273-0938 or by email to [gregrhodes@email.com](mailto:gregrhodes@email.com). Spouses and guests are welcome. We are co-sponsoring this event with the University Club. Enclosed is a copy of their newsletter announcing this event.

Barry Baker	Dabney Davis	Robert Hughes	Jim Robinson	John Webb Jr.
Bill Cullerton	Bobby Duncan	Fritz Pfeiffer	Sandy Sanders	
Sandy Dann	Frank Engs	Greg Rhodes	Bob Serros	

## **Founders Day Dinner, Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Our Founders Day dinner celebration will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6PM. Dann and Mary Pottinger will be our guests, speaking to us about "Historic Homes of Orlando's Founders". We will also have a Golden and Silver Legion ceremony, recognizing brothers who have reached milestones in their membership with the fraternity. The fraternity uses a calendar year of July 1 – June 30 for Legionnaires. If you have reached on of these milestones, you'll be receiving a special invitation in the next month or so.

<i>Anniversary</i>	<i>Initiation Date</i>
Silver (25 years)	July 1, 1983 thru June 30, 1984
Golden (50 years)	July 1, 1958 thru June 30, 1959

Family and guests are welcome to this dinner. The dinner menu choices, cost, and RSVP information will be in next month's newsletter.

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