



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

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Next Meeting Tuesday, September 1st



The club will be starting up our new year on Tuesday, September 1st at noon at the University Club in downtown Orlando. Orlando District 3 Commissioner Robert Stuart will be our guest speaker. Mr. Stuart was elected in 2006. He has also served as Executive Director of the Christian Service Center for Central Florida since 1995. Commissioner Stuart has built coalitions of concerned citizens from all over our community to address the issues surrounding homelessness, poverty, affordable housing, education, transportation, senior adults, and much more. He continues to umpire youth baseball throughout Central Florida, and in 2005 was selected to umpire in the Little League World Series.

Founders Day Dinner a Great Success

The Central Florida Alumni Club celebrated Founders Day on April 29, 2009 at the University Club in downtown Orlando. We had 50 brothers, guests, and actives on hand to help celebrate. The evening started with a social hour, followed by dinner. After dinner, Dann Pottinger, an expert on the history of Orlando, gave an informative presentation of historic homes in Orlando, including stories to go along with those histories.

Finally, six actives from the Florida Iota chapter at UCF helped with the Founding Ceremony. We honored brothers:

Walter Blackburn (Indiana Beta, 50 years)
Frank Engs (Georgia Beta, 50 years)
Harlow Middleton (Florida Alpha, 50 years)
Paul Senft (Georgia Beta, 50 years)

Carl Dickinson (Ohio Iota, 55 years)
John Williamson (Georgia Alpha, 55 years)
Frederick Pfeiffer (N. Carolina Beta, 65 years)



Brother Dabney Davis congratulates Fritz Pfeiffer on 65 years of being a Phi.

Brothers Engs and Senft hadn't seen each since college and were pleasantly reunited to receive their Golden Legion pins together. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Officer Elections at September Meeting



The nomination committee has nominated the following brothers to serve as offices for the 2009 – 2010 club year. Note that nominations/volunteers from the membership are welcomed as well and will be placed along with the below names for election to be held at the September meeting.

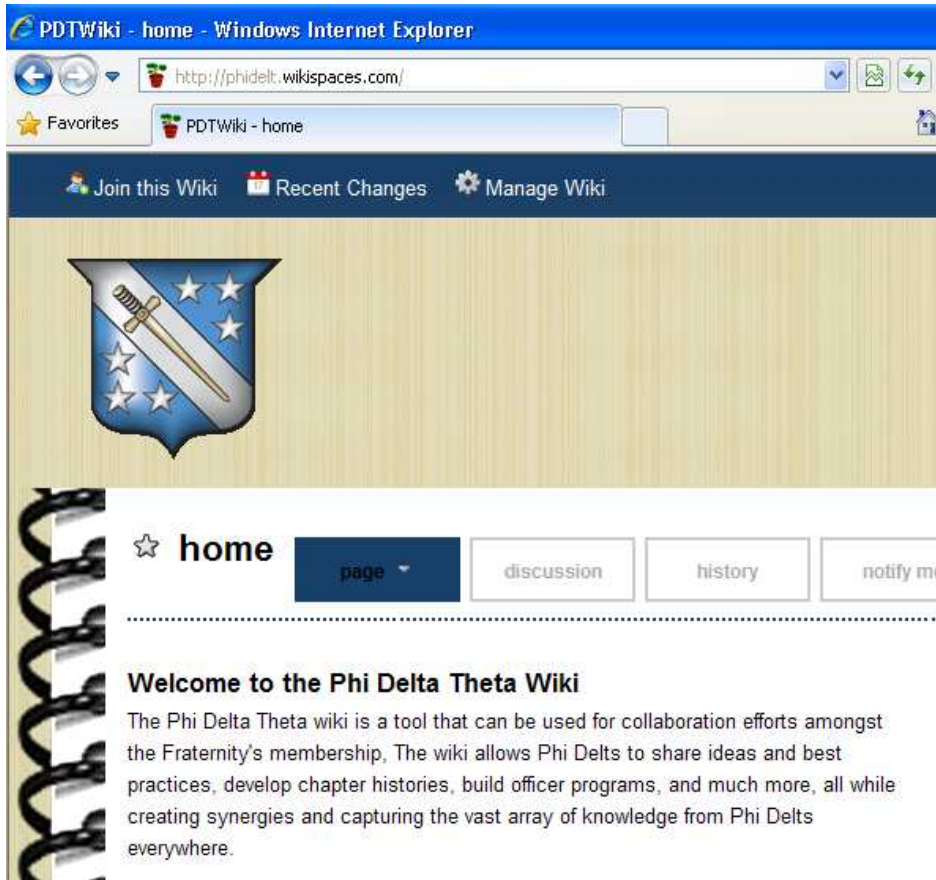
President	Walt Curry
Vice-President	Dabney Davis
Secretary/Treasurer	Greg Rhodes
Directors	Charlie Collins
	Bobby Duncan
	Fritz Pfeiffer
	Sandy Sanders
	Robert Serros

Membership Renewals

Included with this newsletter is your membership renewal form for the 2009-2010 club year. Please take a moment now to send in your renewal, or bring it with you to the meeting on September 1st. If any of the information on your renewal is incorrect or missing, please make the corrections directly on the form.

New Phi Delta Theta Wiki

General Headquarters has launched a new wiki website, phidelt.wikispaces.com. What is a wiki? A wiki is a website that uses special software that allows the easy creation and editing of any number of interlinked Web pages from within your internet browser. Wikis



are often used to create collaborative websites and to power community websites. The collaborative encyclopedia Wikipedia is one of the best-known wikis.

I think this is a great place for alumni to help preserve the histories of their chapters. Each chapter has a page on the site devoted to their particular history that you can contribute to. The wiki was just launched recently, so not all chapters have any information on their page yet. Don't let that scare you off. Go ahead and start your chapter's history page. Other brothers will come along behind you and fill in more details.

Herschel Parrish Jr. joins the Chapter Grand



I'm sad to report that another member of our club has joined the Chapter Grand. Brother Herschel Parrish Jr. passed away on August 11th at home after recently being diagnosed with lung cancer. Herschel was 72. He was born in St. Augustine, and graduated from Boone High School in 1955. He earned a Bachelors degree from the University of Florida in 1959. He served in the Marine Corps for three years, attaining the rank of Captain. He spent the next 22 years as a cattle rancher, managing the Wolfe Ranch in St.

Augustine. He succeeded his father as CEO of the Central Florida Fair in 1984, where he served in that role for 14 years. He then spent then next 9 years in the banking industry, retiring in 2007. He was an active member of several community and service organizations, including the Shriners, Masons, Kiwanis, and the University Club.

General Convention 2010 in Orlando

On June 24 – 27, 2010, the 78th Biennial Convention of Phi Delta Theta will be held at the Renaissance Resort at Sea World. Our club has been contacted by General Headquarters to provide a host alumni committee to help with some of the convention activities. Specifically, we are being asked to help with the following:



1. Man a registration table at the hotel from 10am - 7pm on Thursday June 24. Provide helpful Orlando info -- maps, park info, etc. Obtain free giveaways to give out during registration. Free coupons, discounts, sun tan lotion samples, etc.
2. Attended the opening session Thursday evening with a "Welcome to Orlando" message. Get a proclamation from the mayor and governor declaring it "Phi Delta Theta" days in Orlando.

3. Create a brochure to send to GHQ for printing that includes "what to do" around the hotel during free time. Include restaurants, attractions, etc.

We will be forming a convention committee at the September meeting. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help with this committee, contact Greg Rhodes.

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

Tuesday, September 1 st		Orlando District 3 Commissioner Robert Stuart
Tuesday, October 6 th		TBD
Tuesday, November 3 rd		Dr. Russell Romanella, Director of the International Space Station and Spacecraft Processing Directorate, NASA

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