



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

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An Historic Issue

Last week, my family and I visited the History Center in downtown Orlando. It was much better than I expected (and not just because I saw a picture or two of some club members!) and it got me thinking about the history of our club.

I dug through my files and found the first issue of the $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ Alumni News. It was published in May 1989, the year that the Central Florida club reorganized. In that inaugural issue, club president Howard Stockton expressed his vision for the club that I still think holds true today. *"We encourage and welcome every Phi Delt to attend our functions and to join our membership. If you have the time to volunteer service on a committee or*

special project, let me know. On the other hand, if you have more commitments than you can handle and only want to attend our activities to enjoy the fellowship of Brother Phis, that's fine with us. In either case, I look forward to seeing you at one of our next functions."

Also in my files was a photocopy of a page from *The Scroll*, dated May, 1953. In it was a report on the Central Florida Alumni Association. The report starts off with *"The Central Florida $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ Alumni Association held a most successful Founders Day banquet on March 12 at the Dubsdread Country Club in Orlando.*

We feel we have set some sort of an attendance record in having 59 Phis at our banquet, when it is considered that the Orlando-Winter Park area only has a population of approximately 80,000 and

there are only some 85 known Phis in the area."

The report ends with *"Credit for such a successful banquet also goes to Andrew Serros, Florida '42, who completed dinner arrangements; Jim Robinson, Florida '40, who handled the presentations; Frederick T. Pfeiffer, North Carolina '43, who handled the finances, and Gene Williams, Florida '43, who handled the invitations. Of course the lion's share of the credit really goes to Jim Kernohan, Denison '34, who ran around town like a chicken with his head cut off, making sure there was no hitch in the arrangements. -- Frederick T. Pfeiffer, Secretary."*

I'm sure most of our current members will recognize several names from the 1953 article. $\Phi\Delta\Theta$ is truly **"A Fraternity For Life"**.

COMING ATTRACTIONS



We meet at Lee's Lakeside restaurant (downtown Orlando, off Central Ave. on Lake Eola) on the first Tuesday of each month at noon. The cost for the lunch is \$11. (\$5 for actives at UCF & Rollins.)

Parking at Lee's?
You got me! Sometimes it's free in the garage and sometimes it's not. Your best bet for free parking is in the dirt lot on Central. Of course, I haven't been since May, so that may have changed as well!

So, what does your \$11 get you? When you realize that your \$11 includes lunch, tax, tip, and rental of the private room, it really is a bargain!

Tuesday, September 11th is our first luncheon of the new club year.



(Note: since the 4th is the day after the Labor Day holiday, we won't be meeting until the 11th.) This is our annual Florida college football program. Historically, this has been one of our most attended lunches, so make sure you get there early to get a good seat! As always, guests are welcome to attend.



October 2nd speaker TBA. November 6th the speaker will be retired General Bill Carlson, who will talk about the Korean War.

Who Am _{PHI}I?



I've been contemplating a new feature for a while, and with this issue's focus on history, it was the perfect time to introduce it. It's called "Who Am _{PHI}I?". Each issue I will give you clues to a famous Phi. "Famous" can range from world famous to a Phi who is famous in our club. Clues will go from general to specific. See how many clues it takes to figure out "Who Am _{PHI}I?"

Clues:

1. I was born August 5, 1930 in Wapakoneta, Ohio.
2. I flew 78 combat missions during the Korean War.
3. I graduated from Purdue in 1955.
4. I have flown over 200 different models of aircraft, including jets, rockets, helicopters and gliders.
5. I was awarded the Presidential Medal for Freedom in 1969.
6. "Tranquillity Base here. The Eagle has landed."

To see the answer, hold this up to a mirror: gno12zms lien

Brother Milton Mandt joins the Chapter Grand

I am sad to report that brother Milton Mandt died on August 12, 2001 of cancer. Brother Mandt had attended some club functions in the past. He was a retired special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Brother Mandt moved to central Florida in 1987. His son, George, recalled his dad’s days tracking spies for the FBI: “I remember dad coming home from work unshaven, wearing raggedy clothes and dirty sunglasses. He told me that he had to lay down on the sidewalk and act drunk while he took pictures of spies with a radio that was really a camera.” Brother Mandt will be missed.

UCF Chapter Celebrates 20 Years

Another historic moment is pending for the Florida Iota chapter of Phi Delta Theta. 20 years ago, in November of 1981, the chapter at the University of Central Florida became the 186th chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The chapter is planning a 20th anniversary dinner party to be held at Sea World in Orlando. The dinner party will be held in a special banquet room overlooking the shark tank. The cost is \$60. It will be held on Saturday, November 17th from 7 to 10 PM. For additional information, please contact Justin Key, a brother at UCF, at (407) 625-6789 or email him at j6256789@hotmail.com. Justin wants to make sure that you know that **all** alumni are welcome, not just UCF brothers. If your alma mater is too far away, why not help the UCF chapter celebrate?

The UCF chapter received 4 awards at Leadership College for the 2000 school year. They are:

- GHQ Trophy
- Sound Learning Award
- Community Service Citation
- Biggers Ritual Trophy

Renewal Time

Our club is beginning it’s 13th year since reorganizing in 1989. The success of our club is attributed to it’s members. On the back of this page you will find your renewal form for this year. Please take a minute to make sure all the information is current and drop it in the mail along with your club dues.

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