

alpha alumni newsletter

Summer 2010

Remembering Those...

BetaSig Memorial Plaque

We all have had great accomplishments throughout our lives. Some have been big or small, noticed, or unnoticed but all of them have been great. None of us invented the wheel or were the first to sell sliced bread (someone beat us to it) but I have talked with many alumni and know their accomplishments. Some have started their own businesses, others are executives in large corporations, some have engineered a smarter and faster way of doing something, some are great fathers and husbands...whatever it is that you have done and still plan on doing, these accomplishments will be remembered by loved ones and friends. The Board has recently approved a program brought forth by an alumnus that allows you to remember those friends that you have made while a BetaSig. It will officially be unveiled at Homecoming – October 23, 2010.

All around us, we see items that remind us of those that have passed away to be with Our Lord. Arlington National Cemetery honors fallen soldiers, the pictures hanging on your living room wall remind you of relatives, even Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorials in the Blackhills area of South Dakota remind us of great people that have come before us. Everyone wants to be remembered its human nature.

Merle Aukamp and other alumni proposed an idea to the Board that would help us remember those BetaSig's from Alpha Chapter that have passed away. There will be a communal plaque hung in the Chapter House to commemorate anyone that passes in 2010 or later when a gift is made in the Brothers memory. An inscription will be made on the plaque with his name and birth/death year. The Treasurer, Greg Treichler, will send a letter to the family after the monetary gift is received to let them know a gift has been received in memory of their loved one. A total minimum donation of \$50 is required for the name to be added to the plaque but donation amounts can be made in any denominational amount.

If you knew either of these gentlemen listed below and would like to make a donation in their memory, please send a check to Greg Treichler, 1804 Rita Ave, St. Charles IL 60174. If you know of a Brother that has passed, please let me know and I will make sure to include it in the next newsletter. It is never too late to remember our Brothers.

James F. Meyer (January 4, 2010)

Robert A. Johnson (May 15, 2010)

The four presidents on Mt. Rushmore: George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln will be remembered for thousands of years. Their faces have been carved into a granite cliff for everyone to see. I don't know if people will remember me a thousand years later, but the purpose of the plaque is to remind everyone that enters the house who has come before them. It is also a great way to let the family members of the deceased know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless

Homecoming 2010

Beta Sigma Psi's 85th Anniversary

The dinner/dance location is changed to the Holiday Inn off of Lincoln Avenue in Urbana to provide a larger banquet facility, and there are now 2 choices of hotel accommodations: the Eastland Suites (same as the last 2 years) and the Holiday Inn Express (across the parking lot from the Holiday Inn for those wishing to walk rather than drive to the dinner). Below is the weekend agenda:

Friday, October 22, 2010

8:00 p.m. to midnight – Chapter House Hospitality event

Saturday, October 23, 2010

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Business Meeting at Chapter House

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – Pre-game Tailgate west of Memorial Stadium

11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. – Fighting Illini vs. Indiana

2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Post-game Tailgate west of Memorial Stadium

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Cocktails at Holiday Inn

7:00 p.m. to midnight - Dinner/Dance at Holiday Inn

Children of Alumni under 16 years of age that wish to attend only the Tailgate will be admitted at no charge with the purchase of a football ticket from the Alumni.

ORDER FORM

The Alpha Alumni Board of Directors, at their Spring 2010 meeting discussed the low number of dues paying members. In an effort to return to the structure of a 'dues paying organization', we are making an effort to ensure that members pay required membership dues. Regular Homecoming attendees may realize that this policy has not been strictly enforced in the past, but this year, we are attempting to have all non Life Members contribute the required annual membership dues

Dues must be paid (either by Life Membership or Annual) in order to make Homecoming reservations, vote, and hold office.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

Eastland Suites: (Deadline is 9/24/10) – 2 Night Minimum

\$125.00/night – 2 double beds/room (15 available)

Call 217-367-8331 and specify “Beta Sigma Psi Group”

Holiday Inn Express: (Deadline was 8/23/10)

Call 217-328-7900 to see if rooms are available and specify “Beta Sigma Psi Group”

DUES:	Existing Life Member or	\$-0-
	New Life Member (\$300) or	\$ _____
	Annual Dues (\$30)	\$ _____

TICKETS (Deadline is 10/8/10)

Full Homecoming Package _____ x \$108 = \$ _____

OR

Fighting Illini vs. Indiana Football Tickets _____ x \$38 = \$ _____

Social _____ x \$20 = \$ _____

Dinner/Dance _____ x \$50 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Graduation Year _____

Email _____

**Cut out and return Order Form along with check payable to Beta Sigma Psi to:
Dale Durfey, 6541 Terrace Drive, Downers Grove, IL 60516 (630) 960-3352**

Diakonia Charismaton

‘Ministry of Gifts’

Restore, Revive, Reach for 100

It has been about two months since the last newsletter was sent and you learned about the ‘Restore, Revive, Reach for 100’ campaign which explained the fundraising efforts Beta Sigma Psi is undergoing and the role of the Diakonia Charismaton (DC).

We still need volunteers to help with the DC role. Please contact Del Karmeier at delkarm@aol.com or 913-905-7547 and let him know you are willing to help. The time commitment is minimal, the hours are flexible and you will be contacting friends from when you were in school. There are over 600 alumni and we are looking for 32 volunteers. We currently have 13 volunteers and need 19 more to cover the decades from 1950 through 1990. All decades can still use your assistance. Many hands make light work!

Expectations of a DC:

- Contact between 20-25 alumni from your decade
- Update alumni contact information (email, phone, address)
- Answer questions the alumnus might have about the roof & sprinkler project or the fraternity house in general
- Each decade has X number of DC’s depending on alumni from that decade
 - 1950 → 4, 1960 → 7, 1970 → 10, 1980 → 7, 1990 → 5, 2000 → 4
- Address any concerns the alumnus might have about making donations

I am asking you to volunteer some of your time and help with the fundraising efforts. You get the opportunity to reconnect with Brothers that you knew from your college years and the opportunity to help Alpha Chapter meet its goal of raising \$125,000 by October 2011. Please email Brent Gieseke bgieseke@gmail.com with further questions.

Honoring Alumni

This past October at Homecoming, the Distinguished Alumni of Alpha Chapter welcomed Brother John Schweizer to its ranks. John’s selfless service to our Fraternity over the years has been invaluable and has undoubtedly changed our organization for the better.

Do you know of an alumnus who has given generously of his time to Beta Sigma Psi and/or distinguished himself in his given field? If so, please nominate your brother to become the next member of this prestigious group. Other recent honorees include: Rev. Peter Kirby (2008), Robert Johnson (2005), Dave Johnson (2003), and Merle Aukamp (2001). More information and an application can be found online at <http://alpha.alumni.betasigmapsi.org/alumni.html> and completed applications can be sent to Brent Gieseke at bgieseke@gmail.com or by mail to 1770 SE Silkwood Ln, Lee’s Summit, MO 64063.