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Rho TKE Alumni Newsletter

May 2006

On Saturday, April 22nd we had a very successful Rho Chapter Alumni Association meeting the day of RCB and an even more successful Red Carnation Ball. The Red Carnation Ball was hosted by Frater Justin Byers P967 at the "VIP Reception Room" of his establishment, the Lazy Lizard, in the heart of High Street. 40+ Alumni attended the event. Caterers served an amazing dinner to well over 100 attendees in all. It was by far the largest and most successful RCB I have personally attended. Check out the pictures from the event posted on the alumni website (see url below).

At RCB this year Rho Chapter scholarships were given out to the following deserving actives:

- Phil Tennant Memorial Scholarship recipient: -- Ben Peeples P1076
- Robert Butcher Memorial Scholarship recipient: -- Grant Stetz P1086

One of the goals of the Alumni Association is to put out quarterly newsletters highlighting alumni association news, upcoming alumni sponsored events and updates on chapter activities and successes. By utilizing tools such as the www.rhotkealumni.org website, with it's online alumni database back to P1, and the alumni@rhotkealumni.org email distribution list (130+ updated email addresses), we hope to keep as many Rho TKE alumni informed as possible. Thank you for helping to make the alumni association establishment a reality and let's keep the momentum going!

Yours In The Bond,

Matt Brady (P945)

Red Carnation Ball Pictures

http://www.rhotkealumni.org/gallery/v/2006/?g2_navId=x077fc102

Alumni Association Meeting

We had 24 alumni in attendance in the chapter room on 692 North High Street. It was an incredible experience to see how many people were truly excited about the founding of the Alumni Association. In addition to all of the current chapter officers the following alumni were in attendance:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Chatelain P693 • Gary Welch-Bass P775 • Matt Brady P945 • Jonathon Auch P963 • Dennis Feldman P1002 • Jay Byers P1021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steve Kiselka P989 • Jim Swinarski P1020 • Bill Lude P990 • Samuel Cantrell P1000 • Dan Christy P628 • Andrew Marshall P1022 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Long P1065 • Eric Dinger P1047 • Jake Bendel P1031 • Jared Riel P1045 • Sam Cross P1001 • Eric Glasser P970 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose Simonelli P1008 • Justin Byers P967 • Robert Wolfe P997 • Eric Porsch P1017 • Jason Testman P995 • Brandon Hanna P1048
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It was especially nice to have Fraters in attendance, such as Dan Christy P628 (1976), who was able to share stories about times on the Hill pre-recolonization in 1983. Through RCB we were also able to reach out and have Fraters such as Al Martine P511 (1968) express interest in becoming active board members and help continue to drive the success we have been able to achieve thus far. In addition Gary Welch-Bass P775 still plays a key role for the Fraternity acting as Chapter Advisor and provides continuous on-campus guidance to the actives.

In the meeting we accomplished the following key initiatives:

- Selected 7 Initial Officers which are:
 - President – Scott Chatelain P693

- Secretary – Matt Brady P945
- Treasurer – Sam Cross P1001
- Events Chair – John Auch P963
- Housing Chair – Bill Lude P990
- Scholarship Chair – Gary Welch-Bass P775
- Membership Chair - Joe Janosik P891
- Held preliminary Budget and Dues Discussions
- Discussion of Operations and Budget
- Established goal to expand board to 25-30 members in next 30 days
- Board to hold conference calls bi-weekly initially and then monthly
- Targeted 2 to 3 alumni association sponsored events per year
- Will distribute quarterly newsletters via email, website and possible mail

Detailed [meeting minutes](#) can be found at www.rhotkealumni.org under Board.

Board Expansion – Need More Members

To help get the alumni association launched, a preliminary board was elected. To comply with national's alumni association guidelines there must be 9 people in attendance to make decisions on behalf of the Board. The recommendation is to have 25-30 board members, to make sure that a minimum of 9 attend for votes. Those who sign up to be on the board will be the first board members to sign the official alumni association charter with nationals!

One of the goals of the board expansion is to have a balanced generational mix of alumni. Having a diverse group of board members will help us reach out to a broader base for Rho TKE alumni and guarantee that we leverage knowledge and skill sets that everyone can bring to the table. Unfortunately not all who apply will be accepted. Below are the criteria and requirements for those that want to be on the board:

- Member in good standing with alumni association
- Motivated to help alumni association succeed
- Willing and to able attend 2 alumni association events per year
- First come, first serve within the above guideline

In addition, we are happy to announce that Joe Janosik P891 has agreed to act as Membership Chairman of the board and will work to reach out to as many alumni as possible to help drive membership and update alumni contact information. Working with Joe Janosik will be Terry Harrington P890 and Joe Nassif P707. If you are interested in helping out the Membership Chair to reach out to alumni from your "generation" please send an email to board@rhotkealumni.org or directly to Joe at joejanosik@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

Our Events Chairman Jon Auch P963 is working on the details for our Kick-Off the Year / Alumni Association Retreat at Lakeview Golf and Spa Resort outside of Morgantown at Cheat Lake in early August 2006. The event will include alumni meetings, food, golf and a spa package for the ladies. This is the event in which we will be signing our official alumni association charter with nationals, so join us and be a part of Rho Chapter history! The dates are not finalized yet but details will be provided soon.

Chapter Fundraiser

Frater Jon Auch P963 took it upon himself at the first alumni meeting to get rush shirts ([see picture](#)) made up to sell as a fundraiser for the chapter. Half of the cost of the shirts will go to cover Jon's costs and the other half will go to the chapter. He still has XL & 2XL available. Shirts are \$13 each which will include covering shipping cost.

If you are interested in helping raise money for the chapter, please contact jonathonauch@hotmail.com to obtain a shirt. You can also mail a check to:

Jonathon Auch, 1206 19th Street, Vienna, WV 26105.

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