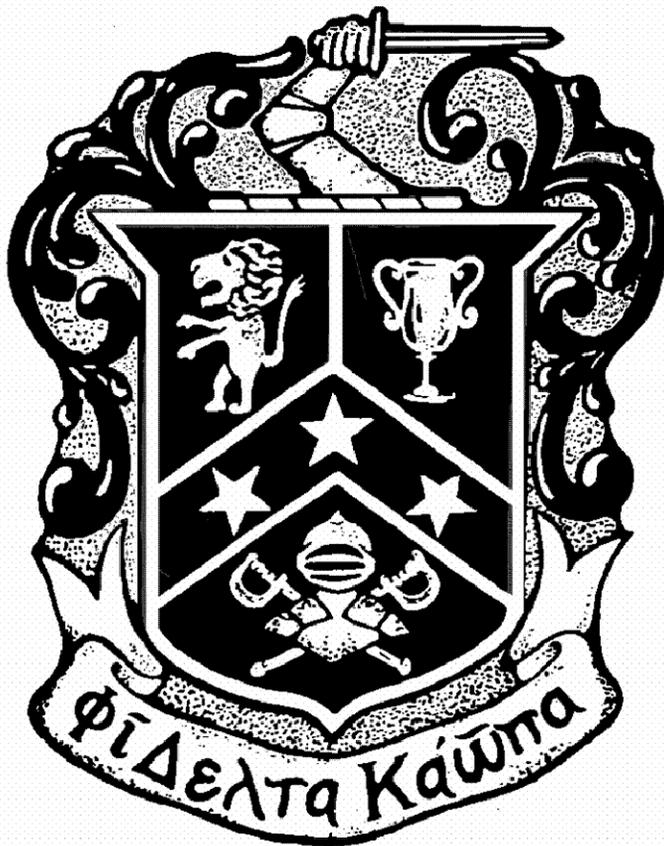


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NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy brothers and sisters. This year marks the 110th Christmas of Phi Delta Kappa and I wonder if you could ask one of our brothers or one of the PDK forefathers from 1902 what he thinks of the fraternity and of our nation or even the world today?

Back in 1902, Baghdad was known to be a city of culture, commercial, and intellect, for there was no Iraq until 1920. In 1902, women were not allowed to vote. That didn't happen until 1920. In 1902, slavery was only abolished 37 years before and now we have an African American President. Back in 1902, the horse was still as popular as a car for transportation. At the age of 18, a boy was truly a man. In these 110 years, we have had two world wars, an airplane would go from a flight on a sandy beach to breaking the sound barrier; we put man on the moon and brought him back. The advancement in medicine found the vaccine for measles, small pox, and other diseases that seem common to us, but deadly back in 1902. In the past years, Phi Delta Kappa has grown to have an Hispanic, a Vietnamese, and an African American as members.



I wonder what our brothers would think. I think our brothers would be excited that the fraternity which started in 1902 has survived for 110 Christmas. I believe that they wouldn't like all the changes that have happened in the 110 years, but I hope they would understand that things are socially different now. Baghdad is not a city of culture. Changes have occurred, some questionable, but most for the good of the fraternity. I believe for Phi Delta Kappa to grow or even be around for the next 110 Christmas's, there has to be even more change.

Brother and sisters, I hope that your Christmas is going well and that you get all that you want out of it. Candie and I always enjoy being around our Phi Delta Kappa friends and family.

Brian Nelson
National President

Sam Agresti
National Vice President

Hello to all my brothers from a very nice and sunny south Florida. This is the time



when everyone gears up for the holidays and plans to have family gatherings. This is also when chapters start thinking about electing new officers if they are on the calendar year. I've said this many times, that brothers need to do what they can for their chapter and it starts with taking responsibility and being a club officer. Making decisions and making plans so your chapter is active and productive is not the job of one person. When the officers show that they are not selfish and are there for everybody's best interest, the meetings and your time at the club is fun. I know all about this and it is not fun when brothers can not step up to be counted on when they should. Please consider this challenge and it can be very rewarding.

Florida will gather this February at River Ranch for our annual weekend of fun, food, drinking, social activities and a meeting on Saturday morning. Any brother from the north is welcome to get out of the cold and visit with us.

In last month's newsletter the date for the Chapter President of the Year application is April 1st not June 1st. Please chapters, remember this if you are nominating your Chapter President for this award. Also a completed application is needed to be considered for

the Circle of Excellence award and submitted to me.

It is very nice to see all the activities that chapters do and this is what being a Phi Delt is all about. Please continue to let us all know as well as the newspapers because this is how the word is spread around the country. I wish I could spend time at every chapter that I've not been to because this is how bonds of brotherhood start. I wish all a very happy holiday time and may you have a great year ahead.

Brotherhood
Chris Parks

National Master of Ceremonies

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Brothers and Sweethearts!

Have you got your holiday shopping done yet? I'm fairly sure that all of our Sweethearts said



"well yea" and the Brothers said "I'm on it". Unfortunately genetics can be cruel; they give our Sweethearts the ability to be Santa Claus. To make a list and check it twice! While only allowing us (men) to wander around mindlessly in the store, with the anticipation that some divine intervention will save us. That miraculous the perfect gift will jump off the shelf and into our carts, thus adverting a pending disaster.

Unfortunately life doesn't quite work like that. And neither should our chapters.

With the New Year just around the corner and a lot of our chapters preparing for their officer elections, we need to sit down and make a plan.

For the next year, let's try something a little different. Try and plan one event each quarter that the majority, if not all, members would attend with their families. I firmly believe the more the family is involved, the stronger we grow as Phi Deltas. The stronger that bond of Brotherhood binds us together; the more comfort we have knowing there is someone for us. A helping hand when a Brother stumbles on the path of life. Someone who is there who truly cares about our well-being, whether it is to celebrate our successes and achievements or be there when disaster or tragedy strikes.

As Brothers, we are there for each other through thick and thin, that's why we have survived for over one hundred years and will continue to survive, for we have no room for fair weather Brothers. They have and will continue to thin themselves out, leaving only the true Phi Delt, the Brother we all strive to be.

"How will my actions today reflect on our fraternity tomorrow?"

December
Jeff Woolf
National Auditor

Happy Holidays
Brothers and
Sweethearts,



The end of another calendar year is upon us. I hope that all of you are ready for the holidays and are able to look back on 2012 with fond memories. I myself have a lot to celebrate about the last year. I became the grandfather of two new additions to our family. I don't know how all of you feel, but I believe grandchildren are the greatest gift anyone can receive. They are a total joy and as a grandparent, it is my duty to spoil them and send them home with their parents.

A group of us here at Beta Eta traveled to Meridian, Mississippi for the fall SEC. We were welcomed with the southern hospitality always afforded us by that chapter. After a successful meeting on Saturday morning, we spent time at the chapter house sharing stories. Later that evening, we were treated to a delicious steak dinner and more brotherhood. Thank you to Mississippi Alpha for a wonderful time.

I was given control of the 20/20 at our meeting there. I hope that this year we can improve the participation in this long running raffle. The proceeds go to offset some of the expenses incurred by the SEC, if there are any funds available. In recent years, the funds have been smaller than normal. I know the economy dealt us a

heavy blow and many of us did not have the extra monies to spend. I hope that that trend has passed us now and things can pick up for us all. See a national officer or one of your chapter officers for information or tickets. Thank you and good luck.

At Beta Eta, there is a group of people who regularly get together and spend a day on what we call a "Steeple Chase". We will all pile in a couple cars and visit our neighbors to the east, Ohio. We usually begin by picking a restaurant, enjoying a meal, then making a swing through the countryside looking for church steeples. Don't get the wrong idea here, we are not visiting the churches, they just lead us to the next watering hole. A strange thing about western Ohio, where there is a church with a steeple, within a few hundred feet there is the local pub, many of them share parking lots. We can only guess at why it is this way, but it sure makes it easy to find a cold beer in Ohio.

I personally have enjoyed the time spent with friends in different locations from what we are used to. Conversations with the locals, friendly banter between new-found friends, and a cold drink all add up to a wonderfully different way to spend a day or evening.

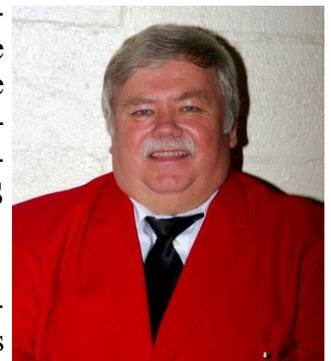
I, and a few others, would like to try something similar with our brothers from our northern Indiana chapters. Sometime in January, we are going to try to organize a "Chapter Chase", wherein we will start north of Indy and work our way up to Michigan City visiting the seven chapters in

that corridor. The exact plans are not formulated yet and some logistics have to be worked out, but we feel we can stop at a few on the way up, possibly spend the night, and visit the rest on the way back south. We hope we can work it out to where all the chapter houses will be open when we stop by and we can share some time with our brothers. I will be touching base with you fellows to get this put together. Everyone is welcome to join us. The more we have involved, the more fun will be shared by all.

Until next time,
Jeff

December
Gregory Trombly
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

W e l -
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from the
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ter, MS
Alpha!



D e c e m -
b e r i s
here, and

I am hoping everyone will have the best Christmas ever! Thank-giving at MS Alpha went well we all are thankful for having a great year and much fellowship. Our President Brian Nelson called the Fall SEC meeting to order. The main topic was mailing out the newsletter four times a year to save money. Much discussion was had on this issue. If you would like to opt out of the mailing list and just receive your newsletter online only, please e-

mail gksumpter@aol.com. This will help the Brotherhood to move ahead into the information age. You can view a copy of the magazine online anytime and view the whole year of news at the PDK web site. Copies of the National Magazine will be available at your Chapter House.

Jim and Patty Cressman were the first to arrive at MS Alpha, but soon the place filled up with Brothers and Sisters from Florida Nu, Florida Mu, Beta Nu, and MS Alpha. We all had a good time talking about Phi Delta Kappa events and meetings that bring us all together to share the true meaning of Brotherhood. MS Alpha is thankful for everyone who made the long journey and hope you all had a good time. We are blessed that everyone had a safe trip. I want to thank everyone at MS Alpha for the great breakfast and the steak dinner they had for us, and the warm welcome they showed everyone.

Our PDK National Sweetheart Diana Dull and husband Scott Dull graced our presence. MS Alpha presented her and the PDK First Lady Candie Nelson with charms to thank them for all their efforts to support Phi Delta Kappa.

Who let the Dogs Out? If anyone knows the whereabouts of our three red bull dogs please call the chapterhouse! Bark! Bark!

I look forward to River Ranch and Spring SEC, hoping to see more brothers there. Remember, visiting another chapter house is an adventure in Brotherhood and enriches the soul. Every time you visit a chapter, you make more

friends and understand what being a true Phi Delta is all about. We are at 928 members and hope to break into the 1000 mark soon. So it is important to recruit new members. Everyone knows someone at work, a neighbor or someone else who you could invite to a PDK event that could lead to a new member!

Remember, if it is to be it is up to me! Proud to be a Phi Delta! God Bless America!

Goodbye 2012, Hello 2013
Bruce Smith
National Outer Guard

I wish a
 M e r r y
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 all of my
 P D K
 brothers, sweethearts and their families.



Did you notice I wrote Merry Christmas and not Happy Holidays? The reason for the season has been lost in the shuffle and political correctness over the last several years. We just don't want to make anybody that is not a Christian upset, do we? Well folks, let me tell you that the reason we have Happy Holidays is due to the one Son Of God fellow. Without that certain Savior, the month of December would be just another month, a cold one at that.

I love going to my parent's home during the season. My mom goes all out decorating her house for Christmas. Of course my dad helps out quite a bit (and tries not to complain too much) by hauling and toting numerous boxes up and down the basement stairs. I just can't explain the magnitude and volume of her decorations. It takes several weeks to get it all set up. A prime example is the main bathroom. It has over 40 decorations alone in it. The shower curtain, the bathmats, the soap dispenser, the wall hangings, etc. are all involved in "the change". One of my dear departed PDK brothers, Casey Heaton, had the best quote, "It looks like it puked Christmas in here." My grandkids, Lilly and Myles, truly enjoy the decorations (we all do) and that is mom's motivation to get it done.

It is amazing how many people's views and demeanors change during the Christmas Season. Most get cheery, uplifted, and happier for good reason. Some folks get down in the dumps and depressed. Having a great family sure helps one get into the good cheer we should all enjoy. If you know of a brother, or anybody for that matter, who could use some good cheer during this time of year, please invite them into your home and show them how a Phi Delta Kappa enjoys the company of their family and friends. NOBODY should be alone during the Christmas Season. Spread the love!

The coming new year brings new hope and new challenges.

Unfortunately old problems do come along for the ride into the New Year. The ability to solve these old problems or just learning to live with them is one of life's biggest decisions and challenges. I have found out the hard way that you must choose your battles wisely. The problem is that a lot of times you never know if you have made the right choice until the dust settles. Quoting one of my favorite bands, Rush, in the song Freewill "If you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice". It is up to us as human beings to make the World we live in a better place, not just for us, but for everybody.

Peace and Joy to you and your loved ones. Hug a brother and sweetheart! I am truly proud and honored to be a Phi Delta Kappa.



Cracker Corner David Rieker

Hello again from cracker country. What a great social we had in support of "The Susan G. Komen Foundation." The sponsor is our newest member, Tom Dunn. Wall-to-wall food and free beer. The club-house was jammed with members and friends having a good time. Brian Forret and Lisa Boyette did a great job organizing and providing. Let's do it again next year!

Brad Petersen has become our "great informer" by letting members and wives know times and dates of things that are going on at club by emailing everyone. This adds up to a growing and flourishing P.D.K. chapter. River Ranch is coming up in February. The host chapter is none other than Florida Alpha Lambda, "THE NUCLEUS OF THE SOUTH."

How would you like to have a gravy-train job as a member of the United States House Of Representatives? You'd think that they haven't a care in the world. Well, maybe they don't. I just read that our illustrious lawmakers will take 107 days off from work from the middle of August to the end of December for relaxing and gold-bricking. Let's see, that's 28 days on the job from the middle of August to the end of the year. Not that I think we need more laws, cause we're up to our ying-yang in laws already. If

any of us were to try this on our jobs, we'd take a whopping cut in income. Now, just in case I should decide to run for one of those seats, please remember how to spell my name because I guarantee you, I can goof-off better than anyone I know. Just ask Mary. And I would turn back some of the money. On second thought, maybe I would run for office in another state because they know too much about me down here.

So, here's some fiction and fact from the Phi Delt almanac. A study was needed to determine whether Solitude is good for the soul. A panel of Phi Delt's were chosen to do the research. Their study determined that "A person can appreciate solitude only when they're alone with themselves, and they like the company they're keeping." So, be well and full of he%\$#. Cracker boy, signing off. Dave Rieker.



Gene Campbell Memorial Scholarship

The Ladies Group of Tampa wishes to congratulate the newest recipient of our Gene Campbell Memorial Scholarship, Miss Haley N. Jones of Wellington, Florida.

Haley graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in Lake Worth, Florida, in May of 2012. Her high school had a small student body so she wanted to attend a smaller college. It took some research and hard work to find the special college that would meet her needs, the University of North Florida.

Haley is majoring in Nutritional Diet and she discovered that the University of North Florida has an excellent Nutrition and Dietetics program that will be ideal for her.

Haley graduated with an un-weighted 3.76 GPA throughout high school. Haley was involved with many school activities including Varsity Cheerleading where she was Captain for three years. She also contributed as a member of the Student Council.

Haley's awards are many; Principal's Honor Roll, Most Valuable Cheerleader, Varsity Letter, National Honor Society and many others too numerous to list. She has been babysitting several age groups for five years and also tutored her upper classmen in Spanish. Haley has done so much volunteer work in her community at Palms West Hospital in the Pedi-

atric Department, she helped make sandwiches for the CROS Ministries after-school program, volunteered at FirstCare Family Resources, His House Orphanage as well as serving as a volunteer counselor at Bell Glade Day Camp. In addition to all of Haley's volunteer work she is interested in reading, cooking and fitness.

Haley will work and strive for her masters degree in Nutrition and Dietetics in order to become a Registered Dietitian working in a hospital and possibly someday hopes to become a Consultant Dietitian. She wants to major in Spanish because of her love for the language since 9th grade.

We are very positive that Haley's parents, Nancy and Keith, are very proud of her and all her many accomplishments. Haley's brother is a 16 year old sophomore who will possibly follow her to college.

The Gene Campbell Scholarship application and guidelines were given to Haley by a close family friend, Mrs. Amy Watts of Florida NU.

Congratulations, Haley! We wish you so much success in your bright future...you deserve it and take care.

A check for \$500 from the Ladies Group of Tampa has been sent to the University of North Florida to be placed in Haley's school account.

The 2012 Gene Campbell memorial scholarship is in memory of Francis Wolf, Florida Alpha Lambda Ladies Group

THANKS FOR THE CARDS

Thanks to everyone who sent cards and well wishes during my recent fall and rehab time. I am now on the long road to recovery, but am doing fine. I am back in my home after two months of hospitalization and rehab stay. My shoulder is still not functioning properly, but will require more home therapy. I should be back to full strength by Christmas.

I want to send my congratulations to all the new officers. I know you will have an exciting year and will accomplish great things for the fraternity.

My congratulations also to the newest National Sweetheart, Diana Dull. You will make a great representative of the wives and sweethearts of Phi Delta Kappa. I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Again, my thanks for all the cards and phone calls.

PAT GUNN,
Past National Sweetheart

The More Excellent Way

In studying the Book of Acts, one finds an account which Phi Delta Kappans may find interesting and instructive. In the 19th Chapter of Acts, one finds the Apostle Paul preaching concerning the "Kingdom of God" and what is referred to as "the way" (vv. 1-9). After spending two years in Asia teaching "the way", Paul was "led by the Spirit" to journey to Jerusalem by way of Macedonia and Achaia, also understanding that after Jerusalem he should go to Rome (vv. 10-21).

Later in the account, it is noted that Paul was warned by disciples in the city of Tyre that he should not go into Jerusalem (Acts 21.4). The Apostle received a second warning while in route to Jerusalem as he was dwelling in Caesarea at the house of Phillip the evangelist. A prophet from Judea told the Apostle that if he should go to Jerusalem he would be bound by the Jews and delivered unto the Gentiles (Acts 21.8-11). Not to be dissuaded, the Apostle continued to Jerusalem with those traveling with him until they reached their destination, at which point they were received gladly by their brothers at Jerusalem (Acts 21.15-17).

There are notable similarities at this point for all Phi Delta Kappans. Each one, having undertaken a journey across the sands of the desert in search of virtue, received warnings of the dangers to be faced along the way. Each likewise chose to proceed without regard to the dangers because he

perceived that the cause was worthy. One is also reminded of the Phi Delta Kappa tradition regarding the treatment of a brother upon completion of his journey in search of virtue and in continuance whenever two brothers meet socially or in the Chapter Room. It has been my experience that my fraternity brothers have always been ready to lend a kind word, a supportive attitude, an extended arm of friendship and a helping hand.

Although the Apostle Paul was greeted gladly by his brothers when he arrived in Jerusalem, one finds that many others rioted at his presence and would have killed him had it not been for the intervention of the Captain of the Roman guard present in the City, who had Paul carried away for his protection (Acts 21.27-37). It is evident that "the way" which the Apostle Paul proclaimed while in Asia had touched the hearts of many, but had enraged many others for a variety of reasons.

I began to think of the types of virtues that would typify "the way" for which Paul had so strongly advocated throughout Asia. As I did so, my thoughts again shifted to Phi Delta Kappa and our pursuit of the virtues which typify our fraternity. As we journeyed, we were guided by those willing to help us and we were entrusted with the knowledge that lead us to the attainment of the virtues that ultimately secured our return to the home we once left and to which each one of us so strongly desired to return.

Of these virtues, the first and greatest is Love. Another aspect of this virtue is brotherly, or fraternal, love. It occurs to me that the founders of our fraternity chose well when they gave priority of place to this virtue. This is because all of the other virtues man can attain depend on the existence of this first virtue. Indeed, the Apostle Paul in another of his letters referred to Love as a "more excellent way" (1 Cor 12.31) and taught that if one should give all that he has, even to the point of sacrificing his life, he has gained "nothing" if he does not know how to love others (1 Cor 13.3).

It is the exercise of fraternal love among Phi Delta Kappans that leads to strength of character and purpose in the individual exercising that virtue as well as in others to whom that virtue is extended. Fraternal Love is, in a word, contagious. Not only does it affect the one extending it by making him a better brother, but it results in the transformation of the one to whom it is extended by making him feel accepted in the brotherhood and encouraging him to extend fraternal love to others. Similarly, it is the presence of the strength resulting from fraternal love that results in nobility of thought, word and deed. In other words, as there can be no true "Strength" without first having "Love", there can be no true "Nobility", without first having "Love" and "Strength".

As one who is relatively new to our great fraternity, I have appre-

ciated the comradeship and fraternal bonds which have been the direct result of the exercise of fraternal love by the members of Phi Delta Kappa. It is my desire to see this spirit of comradeship continue among the brotherhood of which I now take great pride in having a small part. Let us each pursue the "more excellent way" with the same strength of purpose that the Apostle Paul demonstrated when he continued to Jerusalem in spite of the warnings to abandon his cause. Let us begin with Love and fully expect that in the exercise of that virtue we shall see the other virtues develop in each of us in due course. In so doing, I fully expect that we shall see our fraternal bonds grow stronger, with a corresponding increase in the impact of the fraternity on the communities in which we reside.

Best Regards to all my Phi Delta Kappa Brothers,

Rodger Fain Jr.
Vice President
Beta Nu Chapter, Kokomo, IN


 The logo consists of the Greek letters Phi (Φ), Delta (Δ), and Kappa (Κ) in a serif font, enclosed within a rectangular border.

Hello From The Sweetheart By Diana Dull

Hello from the National Sweetheart, better known as "the girlfriend". National Sweetheart Tour 2012 continues in September with a visit to our Brothers and Sisters at Gamma Theta in Danville for their Hog Roast! We have been attending this event for many years and this year, attending as National Sweetheart, was even sweeter!! Thanks to Deb and Pappy for providing the "Royalty Sweet" at the Reid Ranch. As always, the hospitality was superb and we enjoyed sharing it with the Taylors from Illinois, formerly of Florida. Todd and Christina stayed there as well and Casey and Scott, making this their first trip to another chapter!! There were many who came from Beta Eta, including Brenda and National Auditor Jeff Woolf, Jim Byrd, Chuck Jessup, Julie and Butch Rhonemus, PNP Butch and Judy Marshall and PNP Craig Broutout.

Thanks to Gamma Theta President Nathan Reid and the Brothers and Sisters at the Chapter for a great time and for the charms I received. I absolutely love the pig!!! Blue Ribbons go to the Brothers that cooked the hog, it was awesome. I especially love the "pig on a stick" with the different spices. And congratulations on making one hot enough my brother had to take it home to eat, lol!! I enjoyed the music from Nate's IPOD on Friday night (Ask me about that sometime, lol) it was great improvising!! We enjoyed the easy sounds of the Band on Saturday night and the time out by the fire. As always, Gamma Theta put on a great party!! Thanks to the Brothers and Sisters

in Danville for a wonderful time.

In October we loaded up the truck again and headed south to Mississippi Alpha for SEC! Scott packed our bags, oh and our cooler, duh, and headed out to pick up Brenda and Jeff. Once we got them loaded, and their cooler, we headed to Todd's to pick him and Christina up, and their cooler. You might have sensed a "cooler" theme, lol!! It's a long way to Mississippi with 6 people and their bags in the Expedition!!! We had a great time on the way telling stories and giving each other a hard time. Got a little help with that from the Beta Nu car that was traveling down as well with some interesting texting. We arrived on Friday evening at the Chapter house and were welcomed by National Sergeant at Arms Greg Trombly and many other Mississippi Alpha Brothers and Sisters!

Joining us in Mississippi were National President Brian Nelson and his wife Candie, PNP Jim Myers, Buck Rodman, National Outer Guard Bruce Smith, National Inner Guard Chris Linsinbigler and National Secretary/Treasurer Jim Cressman and his wife Patty. Lou McKay and Chip Reader along with Chris L's son, I didn't catch his name, were in attendance as well. I was glad to see our own Bob Wicker make the trip with National Master of Ceremonies Chris Parks. I am sure I missed someone, and I apologize if I did.

On Saturday, “my girls” and I spent the day by the pool!! It was a beautiful 85 degrees and we wanted to soak it up. We were joined by the men and a few others after lunch for some good fun including hanging out with “President Obama” (a blow up punching bag)!

Thanks so much to Suzanne Jones and the rest of the Mississippi Alpha Sisters for the beautiful Dogwood charm to add to my bracelet! In the evening we returned to the Chapter house for a steak dinner and more fellowship. I so appreciated the hospitality I received at Mississippi Alpha including that from the gambling machine, \$160 richer when I left. Thanks also to Greg Trombly and the other Brothers at the Chapter for the greek letter charms. I have them on my bracelet next to the Dogwood charm. Thanks ladies, for hanging out with me and making me laugh, Tammy, Diane, and many more I can’t call by name. Looking forward to ya’ll making it to Indiana in the future.

On the way back to Indiana, Brenda and I hopped out at Birmingham to give them a little more room on the way back. Honestly, we caught a plane there and headed to Florida for her daughter, Mindy’s, birthday. It was 90 degrees there so I’m glad we got prepared in Mississippi first, lol! We got to Florida to Mindy’s house about the same time the

guys got home. I think we got the better end of that deal cause we didn’t have to go home till Wednesday and we didn’t have to drive either. We had a great time and made it both ways in one piece, just ask Brenda!

Once again, thanks to both Gamma Theta and Mississippi Alpha for a wonderful time and for the beautiful charms. Before I write another article Thanksgiving and Christmas will have come and gone. I am thankful for my family and friends and my Phi Delta extended family and friends as well. I am truly blest! Thanks for all your support and if you haven’t seen me at your Chapter House yet get ready, because I plan to get there soon!! Be safe and God bless you and yours through the Holidays. Last but not least I am thankful for my husband Scott Dull, who makes my life better just by being in it. I love you babe!! I am looking forward to our next PDK adventure, wherever it may take us. Did I hear someone say “Chapter Chase????” I’m in!! See you soon!! National Sweetheart tour 2012 continues!!!!

PNP Corner By Greg Sumpter

Hello from the Hoosier State, hope you are having wonderful holidays. What do you have to be thankful for and are you really thankful. Many times we get caught up in the season and we forget to stop and think about what the season is really all about.

We should not really be concerned with what gifts we will be getting and more focused on making sure that those who have less also have happy holidays. Not everyone is as fortunate as you and I might be.

Several writers this month have also referenced the purpose for which most of us celebrate the season. Christmas is to celebrate the birth of the Christ and his coming to earth for our sins. While many have heard this story, it seems that it gets lost in the commercialization of the holiday. Sure it is nice to get gifts, but to truly understand the ultimate gift, is to truly appreciate the Christmas season. I hope each of you will take a minute to consider the Christmas story and its meaning to each of us.

December at Beta Nu, means that the chapter will be working in the streets of Kokomo the first full weekend for We Care. This is one of our annual community outreaches. For three days, we will be standing in the streets of Kokomo collecting donations to be used to distribute to several organizations who will help make some people’s holidays better than they would have been without these donations. It seems that this weekend brings our chapter more tightly together each season. It is not about our chapter, but the free giving that we see, and are a part of, while collecting the donations. Nearly every member of our chapter who is able participates in some way. Remember the gift of giving is where the holiday started, with the gift of a Son.



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PNP Corner
By Keith Orr

Greetings from the Flagship of the South, Finally able to get a job where I can work a couple of hours a day, wish this leg problem would go away forever, but it is here forever Dr. says.

I went to bunco at Mu last month and almost won, almost, but we did get travelers. Since this will be the last article before Christmas, hope everyone has a nice and happy holiday season.

Chris needs to update his picture in magazine, does not do him justice. Christmas party at Fl. Nu, bring a wrapped gift and enjoy the fun, always a good time. Nu has gotten a few new brothers and they all seem to have a great interest in PDK. Educating new members should be one of our top priorities. Knowledge is like money, the more you have, the richer you are.

Knowing the past, present, and future of the fraternity should be a top priority for all our new brothers. (as we are all not going to be around forever except I'm trying to). Pass on all your stories, legacies, and convention memories if you remember them. Lets keep our great fraternity going into the future.

Just a few Quotes that I came upon: "If you come to a fork in the road, take it." "If you really want to do something, you'll

find a way, if not you'll find an excuse". "The thing I despise about an argument that is always interrupts a discussion".

A Phi Delt walks into a Hillbilly bar and orders a white wine. Bartender says "You ain,t from around here are you?" "No sir" he says," I am from Indiana, I am a taxidermist, " What you drive a taxi?" says the bartender. "No", he replies, "I mount animals". Bartender says to other patrons, "Don't worry, he's one of us."

Always, Hug-A Brother and a Sweethearts,

Stretch



S.E.C. Photo at Mississippi Alpha

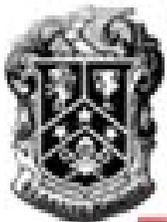
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COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 9 National Sweetheart Dance, Beta Eta, Winchester, IN
- Feb. 22-23 River Ranch, Florida Alpha Lambda, River Ranch, FL
- Jul. 17 - 21 National Convention, Beta Nu, Kokomo, IN

Standing Events

- Every Friday, Dinner, Gamma Theta, Danville, IN
- Every Saturday, Steak Dinner, Mississippi Alpha, Meridian, MS
- Every 2nd Friday, Bingo & Dinner, Florida Nu, West Palm Beach, FL
- Every 2nd Saturday, Men’s Breakfast, Mississippi Alpha, Meridian, MS
- Every 3rd Friday, Dinner, Bunko, Florida Mu, Lake Worth, FL
- Every 3rd Saturday, Dinner, Beta Nu, Kokomo, IN
- Every Last Friday, Blues Jam, Beta Nu, Kokomo, IN

We can only put it in the Coming Events if you let us know!! By letting everyone know what is happening and when, it allows more members to make plans to attend.

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