



## Newsletter

March / April 2014

## Upcoming Events

**June 6-8, 2014:** Special Olympics Games @ ISU

**July 12, 2014:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Day, Indianapolis

**August 9, 2014:** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Actives vs Alumni Softball Game AND 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Scramble, Terre Haute

## Formal 2014

This years formal took place at Stables Steakhouse in Terre Haute. The actives had a great showing and were very enthusiastic at having us here. They hired a professional photographer to capture the evening. This was definitely a first at formal from what I recall. This year, the young lady who won the White Rose award was Katie Bekavac. She was also the previous years White Rose. During Formal, we had an interesting twist. Brother Dave McClain lavaleired his girlfriend and our current White Rose, Katie Bekavac. She was definitely surprised and caught off guard. Congratulations are in order to all the award winners. We look forward

to seeing everybody again next year at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Delta Tau in Indianapolis.

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting took place at the Hilton Garden on Sunday afternoon instead of Saturday. The date and time of the meeting was postponed due to the unfortunate passing of Brother Chad Smith's grandfather. The funeral services were during the afternoon on Saturday. It was not the most ideal situation, but had to happen since most of the current Board members were present at the visitation and funeral to provide support for Brother Smith.

During the meeting, a new Board of Director's were elected. The new positions are as follows:

President: Mike Van Camp

Vice President: Curt Binder

VP Programs: Dave Schroeder

VP Finance: Zac Garner

VP Membership: Rhett Huffaker

This years meeting was an interesting meeting in terms of voting since the Proxy Vote was created last year. The voting

required an additional week before the final tally was able to be made for the new business.

This year, the Board has set a motto, "Year of Fun" or YOF. You will see that motto used often throughout the year because we are aiming to make this year as much fun as possible leading up to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary White Rose.

### Special Olympics Fundraiser

Special Olympics event raised \$1,004. There were lots of great bands that played. The bands that played were:

- \* Shad Vanatti Music
- \* nativemind
- \* Pop Up Safety Baby
- \* Crow Cannons

We had lots of prizes to be given away. The list of prizes were:

- \* 300 SCRATCH OFF LOTO TICKETS
- \* itunes Gift Card
- \* BW3s Gift Card
- \* Subway Gift Card
- \* Panera Bread Gift Card
- \* Raffle Prizes
- \* XBOX ONE
- \* Walt Disney World Passes via Joseph Tyquiengco

\* Chicago Blackhawks Autographed Picture Brent Seabrook

\* Chicago Blackhawks Autographed Puck Corey Crawford

\* Chicago Blackhawks Custom Steel Indian Head Van's Industrial, Inc.

\* 4 Chicago White Sox Tickets

\* 1983 Chicago White Sox Replica Jersey (L) via Mike Van Camp

\* Pixie James Photo Opp via Pixie James

\*Indianapolis Motor Speedway schwag

\* Ralph Lauren Olympic schwag via Jamie Brown

\*1 FREE Night stay Hilton Garden Inn Terre Haute

\*Running With Scissors Gift Certificate via Stacey Burkitt

\* Indianapolis Colts mystery item

Overall it was a great evening and great support by the brothers and community. For those of you who missed it, you missed a great evening. We wish to thank Dave Shroeder for allowing us to hold the event at Ole Simrell's.

## 2013 Homecoming Recap

This is a little late, but better late than never. I reached out to Adam Hungate (Stretchyman) to get his perspective on Homecoming. Here is his response...

I was asked to describe my 2013 Homecoming experience. First, it is important to note that this was my first ever Homecoming that I was able to attend since I graduated in 2003, so I had looked forward to this for a long time. I had high hopes that what I would see with the active chapter would leave me with a positive feeling, I am happy to report that this was the case. I was able to meet many of the actives as well as the current associates, which I was pleased to hear that Delta Tau has a good size class this year. When I arrived at the house on Friday afternoon I was greeted by all of the actives/associates who were around and was able to spend some time with them. I enjoyed speaking with them and hearing about the variety of different backgrounds of everyone. I have always thought that is one of the best qualities of our fraternity, our

diversity. I am glad to see that this is carrying on with our actives and associates today.

So after hanging out Friday afternoon/evening at the house, it was time for my grizzled old butt to go to bed as I had a "Walk" to do bright and early Saturday morning. I believe it was around 7am when I arrived at Ol' Simmrells and I was glad to see that we had a group of brothers ready to get "The Walk" started. We were able to stay together for the first few stops then I believe I got lost in the crowd. I am ashamed but must admit that I only made it to Zonka's before I ran across a yellow cab and some dude selling shish kabobs. An unknown force came over me and I found myself purchasing shish kabobs and enjoying them on Wabash Avenue. After getting my fill of shish kabobs I totally cheated and took a taxi the rest of the way to the stadium, party foul, I know. When I got to tent city I found a group of actives and associates alike who were all hanging out. I did my best to hang with these young in's but alas it wasn't meant to be. One of the associates, and

forgive me as I do not remember his name was kind enough to provide me with taxi service back to my 5 star accommodations of the Terre Haute Travel Lodge, where I was able to get some much needed shut eye.

After a much needed nap I of course then decided to walk on over to the house where I again found everyone. I was able to hang out there for the evening and visit with everyone. I had a great time and left Terre Haute feeling good about where our chapter is headed. I want to thank all of the brothers for their hospitality and willingness to hang out with the "old man". I was shown a good time and just might have to do it again in the future! I wish the Delta Tau chapter the best of luck in the future! Congratulations on winning the tug of war competition by the way!

Thanks!

Stretchyman

## Alumni birthdays

### **April:**

1 - Lew Diruzza  
12 - Jim Hesterman

### **May:**

3 - Marcus Wills  
8 - Jason Veenstra

### **June:**

12 - Mark Stalcup

### **Happy Birthday Brothers!**

\*\* If you have a birthday in one of these months but are not listed, and would like to be, please contact me.

## Vice President's Corner

The website was updated at Formal this year. It's had a major overhaul and is improved to be more up with the times. If you had an account on the old website, you will need to create a new one on the new site. It's not essential right now, but there will be some Members Only information housed on there. I plan on keeping up on updating the website and Facebook page this year.

As always, if you wish to write an article for one of the monthly newsletters, have ideas or suggestions please contact me:  
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