

### Newsletter

### Summer 2017

### Upcoming Events

October 11 - Joint/Open Conference Call October 21 - Homecoming November - Thanksgiving

### Annual Meeting

This year we hosted the annual meeting back at the Four Winds Marina down in Bloomington, IN. Yes, that's right, you read it correctly where we hosted it. The significance of this relates back to the late 1990's when we were, um, "politely asked to not return" to their fine establishment. Fast forward 17 years and we were able to book the location without any problems.

The meeting took place in a wonderfully setup banquet hall just off of their resort restaurant. We had a great view overlooking Lake Monroe. You could not have asked for a better setup for our meeting. We had brothers from several states away make this important event. Many of the current actives were in attendance as well. Several used this opportunity to fill out and turn in their scholarship applications that our Association provides for them (after the meeting was finished).

Voted in Officers: President: Zac Garner VP: Curt Binder VP of Programs: Lew DiRuzza VP of Finance: Jason Veenstra VP of Membership: Andy Clark

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# Fourwinds Photos









# Presidential Update

 $\mathbf{H}^{\text{ello Brothers}}$ 

It has been a busy start for this term! I can't believe we are only 4 months into it. I want to start off by thanking my fellow board members for working so hard. They are working hard to make sure we are growing our membership and providing events that all brothers and families will enjoy. We have more on the horizon so don't book up your fall without checking the website or social media to see what events we have coming up. It has seemed like we have had events just about every other week, whether they were an official alumni event, wedding, race or party. It has been a great start. If you have any suggestions or ideas for an event or a member who needs to join, please let one of the board members know or email all of us at: stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com.

This past month it was my great honor to be able to represent our association at the Sig Tau National meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This was an off election year meeting, so no changes in the board or laws, but there was huge news released.

The national head quarters will be moving from our founding site in Warrensburg, MO to Indianapolis, IN. The new HQ will be located on the north side of town in what is described as fraternity row. Many are unaware that over 50 fraternal organizations call Indianapolis home. It is considered the epicenter for Greek life. This will help the origination retain better staff, have resources specific to fraternity life, and give us a more central location for all our current chapters.

For the Delta Tau chapter this should be a huge resource. With the base of operations being only 1 hour from Indiana State we should be able to tap the resources of the HQ in a more consistent way. It will also make travel for meeting like the presidents' academy and regional meetings closer and easier to attend for our chapter members. It will also give us the opportunity to hold meeting and events at the new location.

The final location is still not being released. It has been purchased and renovations will start soon.

The plan is to have the office officially moved and doing business by the 1st of the year in Indianapolis. Be looking out for an event welcoming the new staff to the areas.

I was also able to meet with many alumni and the new WPN house company director. Here is a posting from their website: "Established in 2014, the WPN National Housing Company is its own distinct legal entity, considered an LLC by the federal government and is separate from the Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. The WPN Housing Company exists to enhance the undergraduate fraternity experience by providing assistance, support, and property management for undergraduate members of Sigma Tau Gamma." Currently they are managing 3 properties and have 6 building projects in the works. The way housing will now work is that all housing (rented or owned) will go through the WPN. This will eliminate the alumni from having to manage or be the landlord for the chapter. As someone who has been in that spot I can say I think this will be a huge benefit. We discussed different investment opportunities and the guidelines for which the WPN has set for a chapter to obtain housing. It is our hope with the Chapters continued growth and improvement that we will be working with the WPN in the future to obtain housing once again for the chapter. If you would like to visit the WPN website here is the link; http://sigtau.org/wpn-housing/

It was a great experience and I thank the association membership for giving me the opportunity to represent them at this great meeting.

School is getting ready to start!!! The chapter is getting geared up for recruitment. They have the rush schedule ready and have secured shirts and bid cards for the fall. We have been working with the campus and HQ to try and make this semester a great success. We wish them all the best.

Current events in the works;

Alumni Association Tailgate (might not be at an ISU game)

Homecoming / Walk / Tent city October 21st. Turkeypalooza

Ladies Night Out, (looking for some help from a Sig Tau Lady)

Basketball or Football game Spring meeting / Formal



If you have an idea for an event or want to sponsor or help with an event please let us know.

I look forward to hearing from and seeing you all at one of the upcoming events.

Fraternally, Brother Garner

PS. If you haven't paid your dues and would like to we can send you an invoice or you can go to: https://sigtau-deltatau.org/?page\_id=245

# Chapter Status

The brothers of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity are ready to take on another school year at Indiana State University. We are excited to see what the 2017-18 school year will have in store for our chapter. Our expectations for the year are higher than ever before. As a chapter we know this year is our make it or break it year. We cannot afford to make any more mistakes as we all know our punishments will be a removal from campus as a fraternity. Therefore, all of our brothers are dedicated, motivated, hungry, and in desperate need of a successful school year as we will make this year our best yet!

While preparing for recruitment this fall, we came up with a plan to have events that will set our members up for easy conversations to get to know each other on a personal level. Our goal was to have events to where people will be more active as listeners and speakers. One of our rush events that supports this claim was our Meet the Brothers rush event. This was a successful way for potential pledges to get to know us on a personal level as we got to know more about them as well. Everyone had a chance to speak as we all went around the room and shared some information about ourselves regarding to our goals, families, life lessons, and obstacles we faced in our lives. It was a special moment because everyone learned something new about each brother and potential pledges which is what a brotherhood is all about.

Our main goal and focus was to recruit at minimum eight pledges, and for the potential pledges to have a GPA of a 2.6 or higher. I'm happy and proud to say that we have a total of 15 new bids signed, as most of our potential members have a 2.9 GPA or higher. Coming from a 6 man chapter last spring to doubling that number this fall, our chapter is excited and proud to have met and passed some of our goals that we had listed for the fall semester. Our chapter also wants to send out a huge shout out to Steve Young who came down from headquarters to help us recruit. Steve taught us a lot and showed us different viewpoints on how we should go about recruiting, whether that is how to approach potential members or what to say when you have their attention. I would be lying if I said that we didn't appreciate his time and effort, so thanks to Steve Young for being a huge help to our successful rush week!

We still have a lot more to accomplish as a chapter at Indiana State University. Our main focus right now is our education and continuing to grow as a chapter. One of our goals is to have 40 members by the end of the 2017-18 school year. At the rate that we're growing right now, we feel comfortable about reaching that goal just as long we keep our focus. Another goal that we have set for this year is to have a 2.6 GPA or higher as a chapter for the fall semester. We plan to work on that goal by having mandatory study tables twice a week including grade checks twice a week as well, to make sure that everyone is keeping up with their education. Lastly, our overall goal is to work hard as a chapter and improve our grades and roster to be qualified to have an official chapter house in the next two years. This is something that we've been talking about for a while now and we believe in the law of attraction therefore, as our chapter continues to grow and improve on grades this is something that we for sure see happening here soon!

Homecoming: Homecoming this year will be on October 21, 2017. Last year we had an okay turn out, but this year we plan on doing it big. We will have a tent closer to fraternities and sororities since last year we were a bit further away. We plan to make this our biggest tent city that we've had in a while. We will provide multiple DD's as majority of our members have cars. We still plan on grilling during the tent city, having some sort of game going on with music and everyone having a good time and enjoying each other's company. In conclusion, we're happy and excited about the direction that our chapter is heading. This year will be the year that Sigma Tau Gamma will no longer be taken as a joke, as we will handle our business inside and outside of the classroom.

Stand Tau!

Kevin Mboyo, President





#### Joining the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation

# B rothers,

This past year has been an exciting one in my continuing journey as a Brother of Sigma Tau Gamma. I have had the privilege to serve in many roles for the Fraternity and this year I was honored to take on a new role by joining the Sigma Tau Gamma Foundation. It's a very exciting time to get to learn more and more about this very important part of our great organization. If you are unaware the primary objective for the STG Foundation is to raise funds for educational purposes to better the fraternal experience for our undergraduate Brothers.

We all know and love Brother Bill Hardebeck. We always acknowledge Bill as being a Society of Seventeen member but Bill has also served as an active member of the STG Foundation for many years. Bill's dedication and enthusiasm over the time I have known him was one of the main reasons I was attracted to the role when the opportunity presented itself. I am truly humbled to be one of the youngest Brothers to have been elected to the foundation but at the same time understand that it's important that as a younger member I spread awareness of how important the function of the Foundation is to my generation.

This summer I was officially welcomed onto the Foundation at the Endeavor Conference in Minneapolis. The weekend was a great success with Sig Taus from all across the country coming together to help better the Fraternity though seminars and group work. I also experienced my first two days of Foundation meetings.

The next in person Foundation meeting will be the February. I am very excited for my three year term to unfold as I look forward to the great challenges ahead. Don't be surprised if you get a call from me to discuss more than the Blackhawks in the coming months.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our current Alumni Association Board of Directors. For those that have never served in that role let me tell you it is often a thank less and aggravating position that you volunteer for. These men sacrifice time away from work, friends and family to help our Alumni Association grow and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. As I look across our Alumni Association roster many if not all of us served on the Executive Board while in college. As Exec Board members we often criticized the "guys on the back couch" for just going through the motions and never truly contributing to the greater cause. So it's no surprise that we don't see many of those "guys on the back couch" joining the Association. Now that we are all Alumni as a part of this Association, 5 guys can't do this all alone. If you are content with mailing in your \$50 a year and calling that your Fraternal duty for the year I would ask you to rethink that. There is so much more we can all do to help Delta Tau, the Alumni Association or even the National Fraternity, however the effort and passion must exist within you to make that happen. I know you all have the fire burning inside of you and let me tell you there is always something no matter how small that can help the lives of Sig Taus around us every day.

Fraternally, Brother Mike Van Camp

### Brothers in the News

e have recently had 2 brothers in the news for their accomplishments. Brother Nick Wilson was chosen for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Officer of the Month in August of 2017. Congratulations Brother Wilson for your hard work.

Brother Diyo Muyumba was recently added as new Staff Member as the Programming Assistant of the Community School of the Arts at Indiana State University. He has been teaching Garage Band with the CSA since 2013 and a member of the Rock Camp staff since 2013.

Congratulations again brothers! Way to represent Delta Tau!







#### Current Association Roster

As of 9/22/2017 Adam Zigler Andy Clark Andy Wenzel Ben Hanson Blake Copley Bryan Russell Brycen Joyce **Casey Smith** Chad Smith Chris Fulton Curt Binder David McClain **Dustin McGillem** Eric Foster James Hesterman Jason Mullins Jason Veenstra Joe Tyquiengco John Buysse John Taylor Josh Nygren LaMar Peterson Lew DiRuzza Marcus Wills Michael Wurster Mikalsen Sondre

Mike Van Camp Nick Wilson Pete Kamos Rob Eyer Ryan Barker Steve Stuck Travis Drake William Hardebeck Zac Garner

If your name is not on the list OR you see another Brother's name not on the list, talk to them. Get them to join the Association and be a part of the Group again.

# Alumni Birthdays

#### March

Adam Hungate - 5 Brycen Joyce - 17 Jeff Scheumann - 21 Joe Tyquiengco - 24

#### April

Lew DiRuzza - 1 Bryan Sparks - 4 Adam Ziegler - 4 Blake Copley - 6



Chris Kunz - 8 Glen Adams - 13 Josh Kersey - 14

#### May

Marcus Wills - 3 Phil Beachey - 24 Michael Wuestefeld - 31

#### June

Mike Potempa - 8 Matt Moore - 10 Mark Stalcup - 12 Don Cranfill - 21 Matt Fulkerson - 22 Dave McClain - 26 Connor Lynn - 28

#### July

Ali Almomen - 1 Josh Nygren - 8

#### August

Greg Joliff - 11 LaMar Peterson - 12 Paul Faulkner - 13 Curt Binder - 15 Mark Aimone - 17 Zac Garner - 21

#### September

Mike Van Camp - 7 Andy Clark - 12 Tony Jones - 21 Paul Butterfield - 24

#### 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 newsletters have been off to a "rocky" start this year. There has not been a lot of stuff going on which has made it tough to get the newsletter going. We decided on making this a "Back to School" issue to cover all the activities and events from the summer. Hopefully you have enjoyed the brief glimpse of some photos from the summer events and are getting ready for fall.

We have a little contest going on with this newsletter. We are giving away a \$25 gift card for the first 2 people to send an email to stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com and say you are responding to the "gift card giveaway". Good Luck.

I need content. No matter how small or long, if it pertains to our Actives or Alumni, I want it for the newsletter. So send the info to me on Facebook or send me an email: stgdeltatauchapter@gmail.com

Curt Binder, DC VP Delta Tau Alumni Association

"Grow the Party, Add to the List, Bring a Brother with you"