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Annual Put In Bay Trip Scheduled For July 19 - 21.

Once again (and until someone organizes something else), brothers and friends alike will board the ferrys in Port Clinton, OH with beer in tow to spend the weekend on South Bass Island, AKA Put In Bay.

This year will mark the 17th year we have traveled to Put In Bay to drink some wine, swim in the lake, and just enjoy island life for the weekend commonly referred to as Wilderness Weekend.

Usually, our group stays on Middle Bass Island, just north of Put In Bay. But ever since the tragic winery accident, Middle Bass isn't the happening spot of old. This year we have three cabins reserved at the Island Club, a new "resort" consisting of 6 - 7 person cabins. Unfortunately, all the spots in the three cabins are taken which means at least 21 people are signed up this year. Fortunately, there are other options for those who still want to join in.

If you want to find accomodations, try the Birds Nest Resort. There are members of our group staying there. Area hotels may still have rooms available. Try the Put In Bay Chamber of Commerce website at www.putinbay.com.

The downside of moving to the Island Club on Put In Bay is that there are no camping facilities like on Middle Bass. St. Hazards is still an option though for those who still like Middle Bass and want to camp. This is also the most affordable option. Try www.sthazards.com for villas or camping on Middle Bass.

As always, reservations are needed to get vehicles to and from the island. You'll want to make reservations with Miller's Ferry at (800)500-2421. Millers is located at the very end of State Route 53 North. The Jet Express in Port Clinton is the fastest trip to the islands. (800)245-1538. Please call for schedules.

Any questions concerning this years trip can be directed to Mike Soldwish

(419)874-9786 or
garpwish1@aol.com.

Hope to see you on the islands! Formal Recap

Greg "Pudge" Belden

To my brothers of Theta Chi who couldn't be in Sandusky for this year's formal to join in celebrating the past, present, and the future of our great fraternity. I would like to inform you of what occurred during that week to just, if anything, inspire you to be a part of future brotherhood events. For myself, I got the chance as did my other brothers, to rekindle old relationships with brothers we haven't seen in years. I am so amazed to be able to be away from someone for a year or two and suddenly be best friends as if we never left Findlay back in the college years. Here's another weird element, you're now hanging out with brothers that graduated ten years before or after yourself. Or, you're hanging with brothers that you rarely had the chance to hang with back in the day. Formal, as I see it, is the bridge to our past (college years). This could hold true with any large gathering of brothers from our fraternity. Many "hellos" were said, as were, "Its great to see you again. How's things going?"

So how many kids do you have? Where are you working? Where are you living? I'm glad you came". These are some introductions that would've been sent your way if you were in Sandusky. Instead, I'm bringing formal to you by my words. I see a bright future for Theta Chi and for you. If you missed this event, please call, email, or write a brother that was there and ask them what happened at our 30th. If you can not make it to any of our future events, please, STAY IN TOUCH! THETA CHI FOR LIFE!

Mark Your Calendars

Homecoming weekend at The University of Findlay is September 28, 2002. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event. Elected board members will be announced, the first annual Theta Chi Scholarship 5K run will be held, and the normal festivities will be held.

Missing Brothers

The roster is up to over 375 members. Current mailing list has 45 brothers considered "lost". If anyone has any information on these lost alumni, please forward to:

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Information can also be forwarded to Aleks Meyer, website administrator.
www.thetachihm.org.

Mike Beyer '88	Bruce Kelley '69	Albert Houseman, Jr. '70
Jay Blumenthal '79	Don Mitchell '77	Jim Roberts '83
James Boudreau '72	Bruce Tolbert '85	Sam Hood '86
Brad Browne '89	Bill Lutz '85	David Parry '86
Bruce Bryant '69	Bob Sharp '87	Michael Pavilidis '86
Ted Carmen '80	John Mills '90	Brian Shelton '97
James Collins '75	Kevin Schneider '98	Daniel Hong '99
Tony Drago '85	John Carrubias '00	Jeremy Lemieux '97
Dave Ferree '83	Matt Hinch '01	Chad Dowell '00
Lee Grabman '83	Brian Treece '01	Chad Lauthers '01
Charles Gray '72	Phillip Babb '02	Erik Englund '01
Robert Green '93	Adam Hechko '02	Matthew McClain '02
Edward Ciogoi '68	Mike West '02	Alok Anand '01
Mike Clark '02	Brian Majesky '03	Matt Pappicco '03
Bryan Stiverson '04	Brian Wachter '03	Greg Williams '02



3RD ANNUAL TOURNAMENT NEWS:

Please join us for this year's 3rd Annual Golf Scramble. Even if you are a non-golfer, I'm sure you know some golfer's who would enjoy this great day. The main goal of this FUNdraiser is to have FUN! This year's tournament will be a shotgun start on August 17th at 12:30 pm. Last year there were 22 foursomes and this year's goal is a maximum of 30 foursomes (120 participants). Registration will be from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

As some of you know, Theta Chi donated \$2000 to the relief fund efforts of 9/11 last year. With certain changes and restructuring of our corporation, we have decided to use the golf tournament as a benefit. The scholarship endowment fund is now organized under the 5K Homecoming Run. This year's golf tournament will benefit the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation. Almost a year ago, the Birmingham family prematurely lost their grandmother, Betty Upton, to a disease called Myasthenia Gravis. A portion of the proceeds from this golf tournament will be given to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

Please remember to buy and sell your raffle tickets for this year's event. There will be one \$1,000 winner and 4 runner-up winners of \$100 or a DVD player. Those of you who volunteered to sell tickets must bring the sold and unsold tickets and monies collected to the outing. Price of tickets is 1 for \$5 and 3 for \$10. Other prizes will include a set of newly made clubs, individual specialty clubs, wedges, putters, and etc. There will be a FREE GIFT for everyone who plays, pin shots, and we will have a skins game for those teams who want a little competition to spice up the day!

Please begin sending in your money as soon as possible because we can only have 30 TEAMS. Teams are filling up fast and it will be first pay, first to play. Please mail entries to Lou Kuhnle, 205 West 7th St. Marysville, OH 43040. Price is \$280 per foursome (skins game is \$40 extra per team if you want to compete for 100% skins payback - \$600 last year- include \$40 in your check or pay for skins Saturday morning)

If you can't play but would like to sponsor a hole, donate prizes or volunteer, please give Lou Kuhnle, Kevin Sweeney, Mike Soldwish or Art Balderas a call. Individual hole sponsors are \$50 or greater, corporate sponsors \$100 or greater, and any other gifts, prizes, and donations would gladly be appreciated. If you want to donate please call Lou Kuhnle at (937) 644-9023 or email at lkuhnle@columbus.rr.com. Team monies and donations should be in by August 3rd. Thanks for all of your help, support and dedication as Theta Chi Brothers, Families and Friends!

Fraternally,
Lou Kuhnle

Entry Form:

Foursome \$280 Team Captain: _____
Skins Game \$40 Yes or No Pay now or Aug.17th

Hole Sponsor Individual \$50 or Greater _____ Corporate \$100 or > _____

Other Donations: \$ _____ or prizes (explain)

Message From the President

Jed Thorp '99

What an exciting time to be the Alumni Corporation President! I have been thoroughly impressed over the past few years at the initiative and creativity of several brothers in the fraternity who have been instrumental in moving the Corporation forward. The Theta Chi Golf Outing Fundraiser will be in its third year this August. Thanks to brother Lou Kuhnle for his initiative in creating and organizing this highly successful event. Our annual Homecoming and Formal events are better organized every year, and we have had great turnout at these functions. Finally, an endowed Theta Chi Scholarship has been established through the University of Findlay to give brothers and friends of the fraternity a tax-deductible way to donate to the chapter. This fall, the First Annual Theta Chi Scholarship 5K Race will serve as the major fundraising event for this scholarship.

Above all of the above-mentioned news and events, the Alumni Corporation recently voted to take a huge step forward in the progression of our organization. After years of dialogue and deliberation, the Corporation voted in April to improve the way our Corporation is governed. Beginning this fall (at Homecoming) the Corporation will be governed by a nine member elected Board of Directors. At this past spring's Corporation meeting the proposed structure change was presented and discussed thoroughly. The motion to approve the change was passed unanimously by the brothers in attendance, thus showing the overwhelming support for this initiative.

Formal work on the new Corporation structure began last winter with the creation of a nine person Constitution Review Committee. That committee was comprised of a diverse group of brothers, including Mike Lenox, Mike Soldwish, John Birmingham, Ed Diebold, Dave Cantu, Brad Blodgett, Jonathan Zimmerman, Mike Nieman and myself. The Committee concluded that a new structure was needed to involve more brothers in Corporation leadership, provide consistent direction to the Corporation, improve fundraising efforts, eliminate geographic barriers to alumni involvement and reinforce the notion of Theta Chi for Life. Out of these needs, the committee decided that the best option for moving forward was to create a nine member elected Board of Directors.

Membership on the Board of Directors will be open to all alumnus brothers in "good standing," (i.e. brothers who don't owe money to the active chapter.) Elections will take place each year near Homecoming, with ALL brothers able to cast a vote. Members of the Board of Directors will serve a three-year term, with terms being staggered (three new Board members elected each year.) The Board of Directors will appoint an individual to serve as "President" (to perform the hands-on administrative functions for the Corporation) and a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) to handle the Corporation's finances. Other committees and committee heads will be appointed as necessary.

An initial nominating committee consisting of Brothers Mallett, Soldwish, Thorp, Diebold, Nieman, Sandwald, Zimmerman, Mangia, Bonacorda, Olson, Armstrong, Hilborn, Sweeney and Birmingham (the elder) will select individuals to be on the initial ballot. Three brothers will be elected to a one, two and three year term respectively. After that, annual elections will proceed as laid out in the new By-Laws. (Hope this is making sense.) If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact one of the brothers on the nominating committee. Also, the new By-

Laws will soon be posted on the Corporation website (<http://www.thetachihm.org>) for those of you who would like to review the changes in more detail.

The brothers who were present at the Formal meeting were all very excited about this new endeavor! The unanimous consensus behind this change is unprecedented and should be a sign that this change is a huge step in the right direction. My thanks to the many brothers who gave their time and input in this lengthy process. Be looking for your ballots in the mail later this summer!

Current Events

For more information on current events, or the Alumni Corporation, see the website at www.thetachihm.org

Aleks Meyer '97, serves as our webmaster. He can be contacted at aleks@home.com

Please send wedding dates, birthdates of children, missing brother stories, or anything else that you feel that your brothers would like to hear about to jcatzman@msn.com



First Annual Theta Chi Scholarship 5K to be held this Fall during Homecoming Weekend!

The First Annual Theta Chi Scholarship 5K road race will be held September 28, 2002 in conjunction with the University of Findlay's Homecoming Weekend activities. The 5K Race will serve as the major fundraiser for the newly established Theta Chi Endowed Scholarship at the University of Findlay.

The race will be open to runners and walkers of all ages. There will also be a 1K "fun run" for children under 10. Awards will be presented to the overall male and female winners, and to individual age group winners. The race is being partially sponsored by *Runner's World* magazine, and information on the race can be obtained by visiting www.runnersworld.com. Sponsors (from outside Findlay) are still being sought to provide door prizes and cash contributions.

The cost for the race will be \$15 with those registering by September 13 receiving a free race t-shirt. Cost for the kids 1K "Fun Run" will be \$7.

The event will begin with the kids 1K "Fun Run" at 8:30 AM, with the 5K race getting underway at 9:00 AM sharp. The course will be flat and fast, and will run through and near the University of Findlay campus, finishing at the University of Findlay Recreation Center. A course map and registration form will soon be available to download on the Alumni Corporation website.

Volunteers are needed for this event. Brothers running in the race are encouraged to wear "letters." Those not running in the race are asked to show up at the University of Findlay Rec. Center Saturday morning, September 28, by 7:30

AM to assist with registration and course management. I will also need about ten volunteers to help with set-up Friday night. The success of this event will depend on our willingness to put forth the effort to make it successful. I'll need your help! If any of you would like to serve on the race committee, or help obtain door prizes, please contact me ASAP.

Checks for the race can be made payable to "Theta Chi Fraternity" and sent to Jed Thorp, Race Director, 814 S. Poplar St., Fostoria, OH 44830.