

# Tau Kappa Epsilon

Rho Theta Chapter Alumni Letter

April 2009

## President message

I am serving my second term as AA President and it is very different than I would have ever expected. Usually I had the newsletters done for me, but I wanted to do it this year. I feel that I owe everyone an apology for the way things went last year. I am having goals and I want to get them done. The thing is I believe that I was trying to change too much. I think that it is wrong that we have about 240 alumni members but only 100 we have accurate information for. I am getting different people in different places to better the association. The first is Rockwell; he is heading up the contact campaign. Another project that we as an executive board are working on is to bring back a very strong Board of Advisers. This change is in its infant stage but I think that it would benefit everyone through both areas (active and alumni). This is going to be a bridge from both of the boards and bring us closer. There will defiantly be more upon this in the near future. I have also last year obtained all of the active pictures and digitalized them from all of the photo books. There are over 1400 pictures from all of the books and I am working on getting them up into an account that would handle the size of the file. Any suggestions please let me know.

## New officers

I am very happy that we are starting to get new blood into the AA and there are people that are stepping up into new areas. As of last March I am your President. My Vice is Matt Rockwell which is very nice since he is very active within the chapter and visits often. It is good to know that the actives are informed and we as an association keep informed. My secretary is new this year but I am happy that Chris Lecours is jumping into the spot. He is showing much promise already and he looks like he is motivated to doing an excellent job. My Treasurer is Chris Johnson again and as usual he is doing a great job. In his tenure at this position he has done much to get this straighten out and able to get our finances organized. My Historian is new in Robb McGregor, he has many Ideas that are very good and I will have more upon this in the next news letter.

## Detroit Area Meetings

The Detroit area meetings are being set up and they will be starting in May. I would like to get a baseball game in this year among other activities. I understand that it was going good for a year and then last year I got away from it. I think that it is needed again and would be very good to set it up. If you would like information about it please email me at [detroitke@yahoo.com](mailto:detroitke@yahoo.com) and I will put you on that address book and get you the information. If you live or work in the Detroit area please write me a line and I can then store your email

## **Funds of the AA**

As many of you know there is an expectation that all alumni pay \$30 per year to the AA for expenses that are a result in the AA. If you wonder why so much it is so we can print the invitations and newsletters, pay for getting the mailings out and donations to the active chapter to make them better and keep them going. The account is down to the minimum level at this time and we need everyone's help. Last year we only did one mailing and the last 2 years we only donated \$300 to the active members per year. I understand that with the economy on both sides are bad but we still need to keep this going. Please make checks payable to Tau Kappa Epsilon Rho Theta Alumni Association and mail them to Chris Johnson at 4542 Wyatt St. Grandville mi, 49418

## **Contact information for everyone**

To make it easier on the people that are obtaining the contact information I am requesting that everyone get online and email me their information. If you have not done this in the last month would please email me your name, address, phone number, cell phone number, scroll number, and general information to [rhothetaneews@yahoo.com](mailto:rhothetaneews@yahoo.com). I am going to need you to answer two questions for me. First off with the prices of stamps and printing going up I am looking for people who just want their letters emailed to us. With the stamps at 42 cents and with the printing at 59 cents per page it is difficult to spend that much money. Therefore each newsletter sent out cost the fraternity Alumni Association \$2.78. I am supposed to do 2 newsletters a year and that would get expensive. That is why having the correct information is very important for when we are doing the mailings. The second thing that I have been running into is the fact that there are people out there that do not want contact with anyone from the fraternity. These people of course have the right but would make it easier if they email me a letter stating their wishes. I am going to try to find as many people but if they do not want to be

## **Canoe Trip**

The Canoe trip will be help the weekend of July 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> and will be held in Alpena. I am looking forward to this and I would like to see everyone save these dates so all would be able to show. There will be more on this to come but if you would like Jered Kiger is heading this committee up and any questions please direct them to him. His phone number is 989-862-5725 and his email is [jerodkiger@hotmail.com](mailto:jerodkiger@hotmail.com). Any questions again direct to him.