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ALUMNI WEEKEND IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWA'



But, first...as many of our Brothers in the Southeast await Hurricane Irma, the crisis in South Texas far from over. And, one of our own is doing what he and his Foundation can to alleviate some of the suffering. We received this from Brother Jim Pierce '78:

Brothers,

I write from the epicenter of Hurricane Harvey, Houston, Texas. This event marks one of the few times the national media hasn't blown a given story out of proportion. It is bad; really bad. It will take a long time before Houston is fully up and running. My house missed destruction by about 1.000 feet. I don't know anyone who didn't either lose property or



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who is good friends with someone who did. Harvey did not discriminate.

But, Texans are a resilient lot. From day one, thousands of people, who could easily have done nothing, opened their hearts and purses to help those in need. It is a thing to behold.

At the end of the day, what happened in Charlottesville is not America; what's happening in H-Town is you are looking for a way to help, please consider a donation to **I Am Waters**. We are very busy providing spiritual and physical hydration to those who need it most. The Donate button may be found the top right of our home page. www.iamwaters.com.

ITB,

Jim

Just last week, Jim (pictured above at the Houston Convention Center) and **I Am Waters**, delivered 18,000 bottles of water to Beaumont and Houston...with another 53,000 bottles on the way.

Jim...you do us proud and we encourage all Lambda Brothers to join your cause.

NOW...To the Upcoming Alumni Weekend:



If you haven't already, now would be a good time to make plans to join your Brothers in Gambier, September 29th through October 1st.

Especially given the unfortunate events of this past Spring, the Actives need our collective presence o campus more than ever. During conversations with College officials on campus this week, Alumni, National and Active leadership came away feeling hopeful that a new era of DKE-College relationship just beginning. Our presence later this month can help solidify this positive movement forward.

Specifics on the agenda for the weekend have changed somewhat..and here is where we are at this writing:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7pm - 10pm: Opening Reception at the Village Inn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Peirce Hall, the Holiday Inn Express or the Kenyon Inn with fellow Brothers or c your own

10am - Noon: Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association at Pierce Hall

12:30 p.m. Lunch: informal at the V.I., the K.I. or on your own

3pm - 4:30pm: DKE Lodge Open to Members.

7pm: Celebrate 165 years of Lambda of DKE at West Wing with a BBQ dinner. (Reunion photo prior to dinner)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10am - 1pm: Bloodies on the Deck at the Heasley's

We'll have more on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting in our next newsletter.

Cost of the weekend is \$90, which includes all food and drink at scheduled events. You can register online <u>HERE</u>. Or, print this page, write a check and mail both to the address at the bottom of this communique.

LODGING OPTIONS

Because of a wedding and a couple sports events, all rooms at the Kenyon Inn are currently booked. However, there are a number of other lodging options available in the area:

We have secured a block of 10 rooms at the **Holiday Inn Express / Mt. Vernon** at the special rate of \$115/night. Call 740-392-1900 to secure your room with the Keyword "DKE" by September 20th. This deal is not available online.

Other lodging options available at this writing include:

Gambier House B&B (one room left at \$110/night)

Mt. Vernon Inn (2 Room Suite for \$275/night)

Comfort Inn / Mt. Vernon (\$149-\$189/night)

And, there are a few Airbnb houses/rooms listed with one to three beds from \$50-\$600/night.

As lodging is starting to get snapped up, we urge you to commit now. And, when you register, please take a moment to also pay your Annual Dues. We have lots of work to do in the coming year.

Looking forward to welcoming you all to the Hill and the Lodge later this month!



NEWS FROM THE ACTIVES

Early this school year, a few DKE Actives took the time on a Saturday to help Bob Heasley, Lambda '6 and the Harcourt Parish pack up their annual Rummage Sale at the Gambier Community Center. Proceeds from the event, which reached about \$15,000 last year, benefit non-profit organizations that are part of the Parish Outreach Project and the Parish itself. "It's really rewarding to take some time o of the week to give back to the Gambier community and support a good cause," said Brandon Rakows newly appointed chair of Community Service.





The actives would like to welcome the newest members of the fraternity, the 164th pledge class of Lambda DKE, consisting of men from diverse backgrounds that bring great qualities to the fraternity. The pledge class includes: Nathan O. Attie (Boston), Martin B. Caverly III (Los Angeles CA), Alexande B. Hoffman (Oak Park IL), Ishan G. Mirchandani (Weston CT), Luis A. Platas (Queretaro, Mexico), Brandon A. Rakowski (Danbury CT), and Nicholas S. Sears (Burlington VT).

Many of the Active Brothers had exceptional experiences over this past summer. Cy Pattee, '19, spen the summer in London working with adults with mental disabilities. "It was incredibly rewarding to get know the clients with whom I worked. They were so appreciative of the time I put in getting to know them, and it has made me so thankful for the health of myself and my family," recalled Cy.

Alexander Hoffman, '20, spent his summer in the largest contiguous Wilderness area in the country, in Idaho. He lived in a one-room cabin with no running water and no electricity, and spent his days clear trails for hikers and stock. "The experience made me come to appreciate the little things in life, and he simplicity can lead to happiness more than avarice," said Alex.

RIP: Hazen Arnold '74

Sadly, we report that Hazen Arnold passed away on August 31st. He was larger than life and the son of Hazen Arnold, Lambda '49. He was the personification of a "jolly good fellow." Please keep his family in your thoughts as you raise a toast to this rare soul.



RIP: Barry Bergh '66

Barry M. Bergh died on September 1st. He was prominent on campus in his era, Lambda's Brother Beta, editor of the Collegian, elected to Campus Senate and a variety of other activities. He was generous to the Lodge capital campaign and gave all the funds for the split-rail fence, which was not in our original budget. He had suffered from many long term illnesses and operations but finally succumbed to pneumonia and other complications. He engaged with the Chapter and alums as best he could given



his physical incapacities, and many of us kept up with him by telephone regularly. We will miss him. Ar the thoughts from his past students on his Facebook page say even more about this Brother's legacy.

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