

## Brothers and Friends of Alpha Theta!

Alpha Theta alumni have been gathering on a regular basis beginning with the Annual Pike Golf Outing and Sandbagger Classic. This event will be held in the Pittsburgh area, August 3-4, with 2018 marking the 38th year.

Another group of Alpha Theta alumni have held a reunion and golf outing in the Morgantown area. This event will be held August 2-5, with 2018 marking the 20th year.

Occasionally as in 2017, both groups have combined their golf and social activities in the Morgantown area. As always, any Alpha Theta alumnus in good standing is welcome at either event.

The primary purpose of these gatherings has been largely social: To renew old friendships and forge new friendships across many years of Alpha Theta initiates. We certainly have a track record of "Friendship on a firmer and more lasting basis..." a track record that would be the envy of any chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha, as well as the Greek community in general.

Over the years, Alpha Theta Alumni have focused their energies on 6 additional projects, each of which will be updated in separate emails to be sent prior to the August events.

- Sustainability of Alpha Theta alumni groups - ATAA, ATHCO, AAB (#2)
- Sadie the Pike Fire Truck (#3)
- Chapter Eternal (#4)
- 117 Belmar Renovation (#5)
- Finances and Communication (#6)
- James H. Laughlin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (#7)

This year, we are disappointed and saddened by the recent status change for the undergraduate Alpha Theta Chapter. A brief timeline follows. For more information contact Hank Fox ([hmfoxjr@gmail.com](mailto:hmfoxjr@gmail.com)) .

- January 2018 - Alpha Theta Chapter was served notice of student conduct code violations by WVU. An investigation of the charges was begun by WVU Police and the WVU Office of Greek Life.
- Mid-February 2018 - The entire Greek system at WVU was placed on temporary suspension, because of the number and severity of system-wide student conduct violations. Very clear and concise limitations were placed by WVU on all of the fraternities recognized by WVU at that time.
- Late-February 2018 - A review of all fraternities was begun to assess how long the temporary suspension would apply for each fraternity. The earliest date for removing the suspension was set for September 2018.
- March, April 2018 - Pike members chose to flagrantly ignore the restrictions on two separate occasions and post their actions on Facebook.

- May 2018 - Recognition of Alpha Theta was formally withdrawn by both WVU and Pi Kappa Alpha national.

While this event is unfortunate, it should have minimal impact on Pike alumni events. Alpha Theta Alumni Association and House Company of Alpha Theta Chapter, Inc. will continue to review options and to fulfill their organizational missions, making appropriate adjustments based on circumstances. For more insight, see the individual Business Topic emails to be sent soon.

To those planning to attend one of the 2018 events, please print a copy of this and following messages and bring them with you to the Summer 2018 events.

...and a special request to all those unable to attend - please read the messages to be sent, print a copy, store it in an easily retrievable location, and follow up with us on how you can help ATAA move forward on this year's topics or any other topics that you think are worthy of our collective attention.

...and one last note, that you will see repeated because of its importance... Alumni Association Dues are the life-blood of our organization's ability to communicate and carry out its activities. Please send your 2018 Dues today. Currently dues are \$40 /year, and we will be seeking a dialog with members regarding an increase in dues to support our communications and special projects. Additional donations for special projects are always appreciated and will be put to good use.

Make your check payable to Alpha Theta Alumni Association and mail it to:

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