



Houston Alumni Chapter *FOCUS*

E- News & Information from the Houston Alumni Chapter

August 2011

2011 SEPTEMBER HAC LUNCHEON

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
**LOCATION: SALTGRASS STEAKHOUSE
1803 SHEPERD, HOUSTON 77007**
TIME: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM



DO NOT FORGET, and mark it on your calendar TODAY! The Houston Alumni Chapter's next monthly luncheon will be Tuesday, September 6th at Saltgrass Steakhouse off of I-10 and Shepherd Dr. (1803 Shepherd Dr. Houston 77077). The luncheon will begin at 11:30am.

Do not forget to bring your business card (for our monthly prize drawing) and bring a Brother!

For more information on the luncheons, visit: <http://sigmachihoustonalumni.celect.org/monthlyluncheon>.

Wild Game Dinner Committee Members Needed

The Wild Game Dinner Committee is looking for more committee members to assist with the planning of the event. Committee members will get a discount on your Wild Game Dinner ticket. Please email Dick Burns, University of Miami 1969, at miamisig69@att.net if you would like to help out.

Other Upcoming Dates

September 1	Business Networking Breakfast
September 6	Monthly Luncheon
September 20	Business Networking Luncheon

Business Network

The Business Networking group has been meeting twice a month since it began in May but we are always looking for more participation. The networking meetings are an opportunity for Brothers to connect and share business opportunities with each other. The mission of the HAC Network is to help Brothers connect with one another and identify opportunities where relationships can be fostered and forged. In many instances, the connections made may be to individuals that are not Brothers, but the focus is to help each other become more successful.

Our next meetings, both at Saltgrass, are Thursday, September 1 at 7:30 AM and Tuesday, September 20 at 11:30 AM. Please bring cash for either breakfast or lunch and to help cover the rental cost of the room.

Please contact Brother Rob Johnson, Vanderbilt 2000, via e-mail at rjohnson@moodyrambinint.com to RSVP and for more information on the HAC Network.

A Note to my Sigma Chi Brothers from Sam Cimino, Stephen F. Austin 2003

Brothers, as many of you know I will soon embark on a new career path, going back to school this fall in Michigan. Such a move forces me to resign from my current positions within the Houston Alumni Chapter (HAC). I have already tendered my resignation to HAC President Tom Wilhite. As your former HAC Vice President of Communications and Wild Game Dinner Chairman, it has been truly an honor serving you, Sigma Chi alumni and members of the Houston Alumni Chapter, over the past couple of years. I will truly miss Houston, and the many interactions I have had with many of you over the past couple of years. I have the up most confidence in my replacements- Brother Dick Burns, University of Miami 1969, as Wild Game Dinner Chairman, and Brother Patrick Flynn, Texas Christian 2007, as VP of Communications. I encourage you to support them as you have supported me throughout the years. On a departing note, I would like to Charge each of you to Live The Ritual. We all took an Oath during Initiation- a lifelong obligation. It doesn't matter how large or how little you are involved with Sigma Chi... but the Ritual is always there- and is not only there for you, but a part of you as well! In your own personal lives, live the Ritual. The World Expects More of Us Than It Does Of Other Men. My Houston Brothers, Make Sigma Chi Proud, and continue to remain involved with the Houston Alumni Chapter when you can!

Guard Well the Honor,
Sam Cimino, SFASU 2003
stcimino@yahoo.com

2011 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop

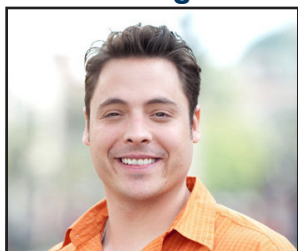
This summer, officers from undergraduate chapters converged on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the annual 2011 Balfour Leadership Training Workshop at which the leadership from undergraduate chapters across North America convene to learn and practice skills that will be implemented in their home chapters during the upcoming year. Balfour LTW is sponsored through grant funding by the Sigma Chi Foundation.

In addition to reconnecting to the Ritual, receiving detailed training on officer responsibilities and duties, developing a strategic plan for his chapter and learning how to perform officer transitions and duties, a few of our Texas chapters won prestigious awards. Chapters that won were:

University of Houston	Peterson Award
Texas A&M University	Bash Award
Southern Methodist University	Bash Award
University of North Texas	Peterson Award
University of Texas at Arlington	Peterson Award

Congratulations to our undergraduate chapters!

Random Sigma Chi Fact



Jeff Mauro, BRADLEY 2000, is the Sandwich King! He won the Food Network Star competition and will now have his own show on Food Network. Congratulations Jeff!

Grand Chapter Update

As Fraternity members celebrated Sigma Chi's recent accomplishments at the 78th Grand Chapter in Dallas from June 23-26, they also installed new Executive Committee into office. They are:

- **President** Dennis Santoli, CASE WESTERN 1967
- Vice President Mike Greenberg, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN 1982
- **Treasurer** Tommy Geddings, SOUTH CAROLINA 1985
- **Grand Trustee Member** Harv Silverman, NORTHERN COLORADO 1965
- **Grand Praetor (regional advisor) Member** Dan Mathewson; PUGET SOUND 1986
- **Alumnus Member** Mike Ursillo, BROWN 1978
- **Undergraduate** Jack Lynch, PURDUE 2012
- **Undergraduate** Will Pullin, SOUTH FLORIDA 2012
- **Tribune** The Rev. Francis "Skip" Flynn, MIAMI (FLORIDA) 1967
- **Historian** Bill Fleming, SAM HOUSTON 1965

Area Alumni Club Updates

Bay Area

La Brisa Mexican Grill in League City
2nd Tuesday of the month
5:30 PM for Happy Hour
Questions? Call Randy Becker, Omega Omega,
1982832-385-6313

Fort Bend

BBQ Outing
Sat, Oct 15th.
Time and location TBD
Fort Bend, Katy and Houston clubs are all welcome!!!