

Newsletter
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The Alpha Nu's



“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

**Thomas
Jefferson**

“The first and greatest commandment is, 'Don't let them scare you'.” **Elmer Davis**

The Board of Directors has been very busy setting up restructuring plans and a timeframe to create a new Alpha Nu—one that is relevant and viable at UMD today. Jeff has put together an inventory assessment that will go out to many current Greek and non-Greek organizations at UMD asking such pertinent questions as to what makes these organizations successful, why did people join them, what issues are facing UMD's organizations today and what needs exist that a new Alpha Nu can help fulfill.

There are only two active members remaining. We are at a critical stage in the very survival of Alpha Nu. Two people are not enough to carry on the organization and it is not feasible to rush with only two members.

There will be an opportunity to bring your input to the Annual Meeting at UMD on November 4th 11:00am at the Kirby Garden Room. Coffee, juice and rolls will be available. Please be prompt.

As it stands now, the future state of the Active Chapter will likely focus on leadership training and development along with a mentoring program run by the alumni. It will also tie into school, service, and social, remaining true to our founding principles.

This will be your opportunity to bring your ideas to the table, but the discussion will be done in a very controlled agenda fashion as to keep the meeting moving along.

Lunch at the Pickwick, as always, will follow the meeting.



**“Don't bunt.
Aim out of the
ballpark.”**

David Ogilvy

We will also hear from Joie Acheson from the Kirby Student Center, who is responsible for student leadership programs and how she can benefit Alpha Nu Omega.

We cannot emphasize enough how critical the situation is with the Active Chapter. We need input from everyone, from all eras and from people who haven't participated in a while.

Again, We would like to thank those that have stepped forward to volunteer their time and energy to help keep the spirit of Alpha Nu Omega alive and well. We are looking for committee members to help out the chairmen with the tasks they have before them. Help is needed in all areas, especially Active Chapter liaison and communications as well as every other committee you see above. New alumni who still can relate to the active chapter (as opposed to the rest of us old fogies) please help Chris Koncar with his committee as this will be very important in helping the active chapter survive. All you web geeks, please help Greg and Al as we need to revamp the website and bring it in house. We currently rely on an outside entity.

There will also be a lot of work coming up to help plan and pull off the biggest bash Alpha Nu has ever thrown- the 50th Anniversary. Too early to start planning- you say? HA! We should have started yesterday!

So pick a committee and do whatever you can- an hour a week, an hour a month, it all helps us to become a stronger organization. If you haven't volunteered before-- the time to do it is NOW!



“Go ‘Dogs!”

**Everyone
except
Hans**

Oh yeah- let's not forget another reason to come to the Annual Meeting...

The UMD/Gophers Hockey Game!!

A limited number of tickets are available so please contact Jeff Reiser to reserve your seats now! A “**Break the Ice**” reception sponsored by UMD's Alumni Association will be held at the DECC prior to the game- let's show our Alpha Nu pride by being the biggest group there. Bring a brother that we haven't seen in a while. And of course, spouses and friends are always welcome!! Want more incentive? Food and a cash bar are available!!

***Friday night November 3rd Mike Dean will be hosting an Alpha Alumni Reception at his house beginning at 7:30. Casual. Spouses and significant others are invited. Plan to attend, especially if you cannot make the Saturday meeting. *Lets gather all the Duluth Alphas!!!* RSVP to Mike by November 1 to let him know if you will be attending (and how many).

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- Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available. If you can, please bring something for group to munch on.
- BYOB

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, October 16th

6:00pm

at

Health Partners - Just east of the Mall of America in the big blue building- park in the visitors lot on west side of bldg- ask for Scott at the guard station.

Everyone is invited to attend!!



As always here is the ubiquitous request for dues. For those of you who have paid this year's dues, we genuinely **thank you!** If you have not paid dues this year, we ask that you please be kind and generous. Please remember we are a non-profit organization and your donations are tax deductible. The cause is worthy, the need, great. And another reminder: **You need to be a dues paying member to serve on a committee. Besides, it makes you feel good to pay your dues, doesn't it?**

REQUEST for DUES

Name _____

Address (if different from the address we have)

Annual Dues: (\$30.00 General Fund Administration) \$ _____
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Scholarship Donation: (Contributions go directly for this year's scholarship payouts) \$ _____

Technology Fund Donation: (Directly for technology project development) \$ _____

Total \$ _____



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