



## The Resh

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## Fundraising Efforts Have Begun

The fundraising efforts have begun. Fifteen Acacia alumni have donated so far in 2008. These fifteen alumni have donated a total of \$2,988 towards the re-colonization effort and another \$825 in voluntary alumni dues. They have also pledged a total of \$4,876 for 2009 and 2010. The money donated to the Acacia Fraternity Foundation (AFF) University of Iowa Chapter Fund is tax deductible and will be used to provide scholarships to Acacia Graduate Students that will help oversee the reformation of the Iowa Chapter of Acacia. The \$75 Annual Voluntary dues are used to help pay for the mailing cost of The RESH newsletter and are also used to help offset the costs of the Spring Social Event and the Fall Homecoming Tailgate.

Inserted in this newsletter you will find a donation card. It's not too late to get on board for 2008 and make your 3-year commitment to the return of Acacia at the University of Iowa. A \$1 per day donation and pledge over the 3 year fund drive totals a \$1000 donation and leaves almost \$30 a

year to use towards a social event like the Golf Outing or to provide a nice case of beer for the Fall Tailgate. The pledge recruitment process will begin during the summer, utilizing a scholarship program funded by the donations of University of Iowa Acacia Alumni. This program helps to identify incoming freshmen that are already leaders. This informal recruitment period during the summer will turn into the formal recruitment sponsored by the University during the week before classes begin.

I would like to thank each of you for your past support and for the future time, energy, and monetary commitments that you can pledge to the Reformation Movement of the Iowa Chapter of the Acacia Fraternity.

Fraternally,

Aaron Morrow #836  
Corporation Board President

## Fall Alumni Tailgate Planned!!

On Saturday September, 27th the University of Iowa Hawkeyes will battle the Northwestern Wildcats at 11:05 AM at historic Kinnick Stadium. Come join your brothers for the Annual Acacia Alumni Tailgate before, during, and after the game.

The Tailgate will be held in the Myrtle Avenue Lot this year. The lot is located on Myrtle Avenue at the top of the grassy hill just off of River Drive. Myrtle Lot can also be accessed on foot from Melrose Avenue by taking the

bridge on the Southeast Corner of Melrose Avenue behind the Law Building. Look for the Acacia Fraternity flag flying above the tailgate.

We will have pork loin sandwiches, chips, beer, pop, and water. We will be serving food at approximately 9AM. Beverages will be available all morning. If you would like to donate to this event please contact Brother Aaron Morrow. We look forward to seeing you on Homecoming.

## Corporation Board Update

The Corporation Board's most recent meeting was on Saturday June 7th at 10 AM. The meeting was held via teleconference and ten members were in attendance. Minutes for the Corporation Board meetings, news and announcements, past newsletters, and other information about Acacia Fraternity can be accessed at [www.uiacacia.com](http://www.uiacacia.com).

The next meeting of the Corporation Board will be held on Saturday October 11th, 2008 at 10 AM. This meeting will

again be held by teleconference. If you are interested in serving as a member of the board please contact Brother Aaron Morrow for more information.

The Corporation Board would also like to announce the schedule of meetings for the next year. All meetings will be held via teleconference at 10 AM Central Time. The dates for the meetings are October 11th, 2008, January 17th 2009, April 18th, 2009, July 18th 2009, and October 3rd, 2009.

## Facility Update

Summer time is a great time to get a good look at the property and try to prioritize the projects that need the most attention. The Corporation Board has planned a few projects for this summer and has also discussed some long term plans.

This summer we will be doing work on the exterior and interior of the house. Outside we will be replacing all four top corners of the house. The wood is going bad and starting to deteriorate so we are going to fix them up and replace them. Additionally we will be repainting the front stucco that surrounds the front entrance. In August we will replace the back "deck" areas that lead up to both rear entrances.

Inside the house we are going to be working on floor coverings. Both the front and rear foyers will be getting new carpet as well as the every staircase in the house and 2nd floor hallway. If any of you have been to the house lately you probably noticed how tired the beautiful chapter room floor is looking so we are also going to have that refinished as well.

With the age of our house, it seems as if there is always a huge list of maintenance issues we need and want to take on. Because of this the Corporation board is contemplating using a company named Executive Outcomes to help us itemize and prioritize these projects. Executive Outcomes would come in and go through the house top to bottom and look at every aspect of the property from floor coverings to the security of the house and provide a detailed report as to what needs to be done and in what order.

As always on top of all of these planned improvements there are always ongoing issues with a building this age and those issues are being addressed as they arise. The chapter house is looking better each passing year.

Fraternally,

Shawn Morgan #846  
Corporation Board Facility Manager

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## Alumni News, Notes, and Remembrances

*((Editor's Note: One of the primary objectives that we as a Board have to provide a "central forum" so that our alumni may keep in contact with each other. This space is provided in the newsletter for each one of you to do just that. Please let us know what is going on in your life, and use us as a means to get in back in touch with your Brothers from the days in which you lived in the chapter house. This is your space.))*

Brothers-  
I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your tremendous expressions of support during the last months as I have struggled with my health issue. They have meant the world to me.

I have had good news from my doctors in the last two weeks. The oncologist says that there is no need for any more chemo, and only today I learned that my blood test has come up clean, so the chemo, radiation, and surgery have done their work. My surgeon told me today that after two years there is a 90% probability that there will be no recurrence if I'm clean after two years, so I'm six months out of surgery and I have eighteen months more to go.

Throughout the last year my mantra has been "I have to take my life back," so that's what I'm doing. This summer I am teaching in Spain as was the plan even before my unwelcome diagnosis, and at the end I'm going to Paris for a week before I return home.

I am really looking forward to fall trips to Iowa City this year, and want to see all of you there.

**-Brother Michael Morris #859**

**Brother Jeremy Heyer, #817**, and wife Jodi traveled the week of May 11, 2008 to Biloxi, MS, participating in a church mission trip related to the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. Our group of nine joined with another 300 for the Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Work Project, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity out of the Bay-Waveland area. Within the single week, ten homes were built and dedicated in the community of Diamondhead alone. More than 200 were constructed across the Gulf Coast in this week, in a concerted effort by the Carter's Work Project.

**Brother Josh Nelson #837** recently became the State Safety Representative for Aquila Natural Gas. Along with monthly meetings he handles accidents, injuries, and other safety related issues for the company. Brother Nelson currently resides in Urbandale, Iowa.

**Brother Mike Powell #876** recently graduated from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at the University of Iowa Hospitals

and Clinics. On April 1st he began working in the Department of Surgery as a Vascular Sonographer. Brother Powell is enjoying working with the department of surgery and is looking forward to becoming a fixture in Iowa City.

\*\*\*\*\* *Military Updates* \*\*\*\*\*

**Brother Mike Johnson #850:**

My only news is that I will be back in Iowa on R&R leave sometime between the last week in August and the first half of September-hopefully I'll be around for the Iowa-ISU game.

My mailing address is:

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COB Speicher, Iraq APO AE 09393

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## ACACIA Golf Outing Rained Out

It didn't rain on June 14<sup>th</sup>. In fact it was a beautiful day. The first one we had seen in quite a while. The golf course was under water. The road to the golf course was under water. The interstates to get to Iowa City were under water. In fact it was hard to find a place in Eastern Iowa that wasn't under water. When Cedar Rapids and Iowa City make the NATIONAL news you know it's bad. And bad it was, and still is. The aftermath of the devastation is tremendous. We will recover, but I think a golf outing for this summer is not in the cards. We will try again next year.

Personally, Julie and I did not get hit. I have all our ACACIA equipment and memories in my basement. We had scheduled to

have our water softener replaced two day before the flood hit. What a lucky coincidence that we decided to upgrade our sump pump also. We had no idea what we were in for. The old pump would have never kept up with the unprecedented amount of water that tried to enter our basement. Rodney would have survived a flooding but I don't think the robes, rituals, and composites would have faired as well. We need to get back on campus so I don't have to worry about my basement!

Fraternally,

Byron Tabor #644

## Alumni Contact Information

Have you lost contact with one of the brothers from your era? Wonder where your old pledge brother is now? Well, starting with the next newsletter we will begin including contact information for brothers from an approximately 5 year time span in each newsletter. We realize that some brothers may prefer their information not be published, so if you do not want your information included in the list please inform Aaron Morrow at [amorrow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorrow836@hotmail.com) or 319-330-1788.

## Lost Alumni

We have lost contact with the following alumni. If you have any current contact information for anyone on the list, mailing address, phone number, and/or email address please contact Aaron Morrow at [amorrow836@hotmail.com](mailto:amorrow836@hotmail.com) with the information.

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Ray Allen        | Dan Edmonds        | Michael Hilicki  | John Lozuskas    | David Rast        |
| Lester Bigalk    | Gregory Franck     | Harald Hoeffding | John Lucas       | Marlin Rickman    |
| Richard Board    | Henry Frederickson | Ross Houske      | Eric Maier       | Terrence Rooney   |
| Charles Carroll  | Bryce Friesz       | Joseph Huber     | Josh McGrath     | Gene Rovang       |
| John Cassidy     | Jeffrey Getchell   | Raymond Ipjian   | David Merrifield | Justin Schall     |
| Todd Chamberlain | Wil Gin            | Kermit Johnson   | Peter Miller     | Orville Schroeder |
| Robert Chase     | Donald Gissel      | Charles Johnston | Scott Nagle      | Robert Strunk     |
| James Clabaugh   | Stewart Gott       | Jason Kielty     | Gregory Nelson   | Frank Swinehart   |
| Jason Coyne      | Geoffrey Hammond   | Keith Knudson    | James Origer     | Ralph Thompson    |
| Lewis Dennison   | Walter Hanson      | Jeffrey Kock     | Thomas Osmundsen | William Tomson    |
| James Dwyer      | Steven Hewlett     | Russell Kwech    | Chris Parker     | Mark Trendel      |
| Andrew Eagan     | Jon Hilder         | Robert Lawler    | Marc Potter      | Kenneth Walton    |

Kenneth Wilhelm  
Alan Wyckoff

Dennis Young

## Conclave 2008

The 55<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conclave and Leadership Academy of the Acacia Fraternity will be August 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2008 in Louisville, KY. This year's conclave will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville. More information can be found on the National Fraternity's website at:

[www.acacia.org/news\\_current.htm#conclave](http://www.acacia.org/news_current.htm#conclave)

We hope to see many alumni from our chapter in attendance.

## Corporation Board Members

The following Brothers are the officers of the Corporation Board. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Aaron Morrow #836	President	319-330-1788
Patrick Hewitt # 849	Vice-President	319-331-0794
Nate Roseberry #842	Treasurer	847-791-9757
Brian White #840	Secretary	319-325-3872
Shawn Morgan #846	Facility Manager	319-331-8988

## 2008 Voluntary Dues

We are now collecting voluntary dues for the alumni chapter for 2008. Dues have been set at \$75. Please see the enclosed card for more information.

## Newsletter Information

This newsletter is sent to all of the alumni of the University of Iowa Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity. This newsletter is sent at **no cost** to all of its recipients, although donations directed towards the cost of this publication will be accepted by the Board. Should you wish to make a contribution, please make your check payable to **The Iowa Acacians**, in any amount. If you have any information you would like to share, please email it to **Aaron Morrow** at: **amorrows36@hotmail.com**. Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity.



## Alumni Donations in 2008

### \$ 3,813 Contributed in 2008 by Iowa Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2008 and those who have paid their voluntary dues of \$75. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support for the Re-Colonization effort and the alumni mailings!

#### ----- Alumni Contributors in 2008 -----

**Board of Directors Club** (\$5,000 - \$ 9,999)

**Pythagorean Partner** (\$2,500 - \$ 4,999)

**Chapter Partner** (\$1,000 - \$ 2,499)

**Gold Partner** (\$750 - \$999)

Jeremy Fortier #784

**Silver Partner** (\$500 - \$749)

Jeremy Heyer #817  
Aaron Morrow #836

**Bronze Partner** (\$100 - \$499)

Raymond Rash #417  
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John Ebensberger #587  
Tom Shie #706  
Matt Simon #830  
Devin Johnson #839  
Shawn Morgan #846

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Brian White #840  
Heath Greene #866

