



# The Iowa State Pythagorean

Published by the Corporate Board of the Iowa State Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity

*Fulfilling the mission of ACACIA -- Making Good Men Better!*

February, 2009

Issue # 47

## Alumni support of the Chapter sets new Records!

As we near the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the chapter, the alumni of the Iowa State chapter have been more than generous with their support of the actions of the Board and the Chapter. Make no mistake about it, the support of the alumni have been crucial to the success that the chapter has enjoyed, and we cannot thank you enough for all that you have done over these past few years. One of the primary stories of this issue of the newsletter is to thank and inform all of our alumni about what has been accomplished, and how your funds have been used in support of the chapter.

The major project this past year was the creation of a library on the third floor of the chapter house. As you know, this project was completed this past fall, and has become one of the most heavily used (and appreciated!) rooms in the chapter house. The room was originally the idea of the men of the chapter, and Brother **Nicholas Seibold #1032** drew up the initial plans and layout of the room. Construction started in May, 2008 and was completed in November to the rave reviews of everyone who has seen the new room.



## *3rd Floor Library Donations in 2008*

### **\$ 28,195 Contributed in 2008 for new Library**

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library fund drive in 2008. Donations to this project are tax-deductible, and all alumni who donate \$5,000 to this project will have the room named for them by the Board in thanks for their generosity. Please accept our grateful thanks for your help with this major improvement to the chapter house!

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

<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
Stewart Burger	
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354	
James H. Davis - #489	
Donald L. Good - #653 (in memory of Doug Nelson)	
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>

<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b> (\$ 500 - \$ 749)	
Richard A. Cone - #557	
Douglas R. Whitney - #627	
David G. Swenson - #786	
James K. England - #800	
Laury E. Decker - #910	
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Bernard J. Kolp - #466	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
James D. Carr - #575	
Robert A. Peterson - #663	
Randyl D. Elkin - #670	
Stephen J. Casper IV - #905	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>
Gordon A. Cook - #390	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
William H. Anderl - #679	

When all of the work was completed, the total cost of the room and its furnishings came to a total of \$40,216.52 with our alumni contributing \$28,195 towards this amount. The remaining balance of \$12,021.52 was transferred from the funds

available in the Drdla Account that we have invested with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation. The room will be officially dedicated at 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, March 14<sup>th</sup> as a part of our centennial celebration. The room will be named in the honor of all of our alumni who have donated \$5,000 or more towards the cost of the creation of the library.

The pictures that we have taken and reproduced in the newsletter do not do justice to the room itself. I trust that all who attend will take the time to visit the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and look around. The north room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor now has its own private bathroom, there is a kitchenette available for use for all of the members who are working in the library, and the Drdla Presidential Suite is truly a magnificent room, complete with a small kitchen, living room, bedroom, and outside patio deck. It is a far cry from the cold air dorm that once existed and many of us used when we lived in the house!



## *History Book Project Donations in 2008*

### **\$ 9,650 contributed in 2008 by Iowa State Acacians**

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the History Book Project fund in 2008. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contribution made the publishing and distribution of this book possible!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2008 -----	
<b>Refounding Father</b>	(\$ 10,000 or more)
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b> H. Robert Denney - #358	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
<b>Gold Partner</b>	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
<b>Silver Partner</b> Robert P. Grobeck - #347 Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354 Donald G. Lyon - #461 Larry J. McComber - #525 Richard A. Cone - #557 Donald L. Good - #653 John T. Lynch - #711	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)

Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814 Gene D. Lucht - #852 Jeremy N. Davis - #969 Jeffrey L. Peil - #991 Mark J. Weber - parent	
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)
Daniel E. Wise - #479 Gary L. Ruegsegger - #613 Trenton A. Norman - #1000 Craig A. Buske - #1009	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
John R. Fulkerson - #410 Kenneth L. MacRae - #427 Donald W. Messer - #447 Richard W. Taylor - #506 Dennis G. McComber - #556 Randyl D. Elkin - #670 William H. Anderl - #679 James K. England - #800 Bernard H. Schwartze - #911 Michael O'Doherty - #981 Keegan J. M. Kautky - #983 Stewart L. Burger	

The history book has been completed and is at the publisher being printed as this newsletter is being sent out. It is impossible to calculate how many hours Brothers **George Gross #343**, **Jeremy Davis #969** and **Harold Zarr #814** spent in writing and editing this book, but we feel confident that everyone who gets a copy will be very pleased with the final result. The book ended up being approximately 330 pages in length, and covers the history of the chapter from the date of its inception up until the centennial celebration.

We would be remiss with mentioning a few of the most significant contributors to the book. One of these men is **Brother Lee R. Christensen #601**, who contributed a considerable amount of information concerning the 1960's for the writing of this book. Brother Christensen had maintained in his personal archives for all these years, and he graciously loaned them for the writing of this book.

They were an absolutely invaluable resource in compiling a record of the achievements of the 1960's, and the authors are indebted to him for this material.

A second alumnus of note is **Brother Mark R. Bortle #821**. Mark's father, **Robert I. Bortle #396** had maintained a number of records from the time during which he served on the Corporate Board, and this information was critical in serving as the launching point for the history of the properties owned by the Board, and in particular, the "This Is It Fund." These records spanned the time frame from the mid-1950's up until the late 1960's, and provided us with crucial insight into how this program was initiated, its goals and the ultimate end result of the campaign to build a new chapter house. The records were crucial in helping us to find all of the records on the properties owned by the Board. This section, some 50 pages in length, provides the most comprehensive and detailed set of records on the properties owned by the Board that has ever been compiled.

A third alumnus who must be mentioned is **Brother Alan D. Hoffman #915** who supplied us with numerous photo's and stories from the 1980's. His contribution significantly helped us to piece together much of the events of the 1980's, including those which ultimately lead up to the closing of the chapter in the early 1990's.

The records maintained by Board President **Harold Zarr #814** provided a very detailed record of all of the events that transpired from the mid-1990's until the present time as the chapter was being recolonized and being put back on its feet. He maintained copies of virtually all correspondence, financial records, and legal transactions which provided a complete and comprehensive look at the efforts which were required to return the chapter to the Iowa State Greek System.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not recognize the contribution of two of our Acacia Little Sisters, **Mary Ann (Vorisek) Dilla** and **Cindy (Buch) Kail**. Cindy graciously took the time to share pictures that she had from the days when she was initiated and a member of the little sister organization. She also provided us with a very detailed accounting of many of the events in which she participated during that time. It is a fascinating read, and I'm sure that all will enjoy the stories and pictures that she provided. Mary Ann provided us with the details of how the organization began, and the roll that she played in that event. While I could relate the story here, I won't -- if you want to find out how this organization got its start -- you are going to have buy a copy of the book!

It is also important to thanks the tens of alumni and other little sisters who took time out of their busy schedules to provide material and/or "proofread" specific chapters of the book that related to the years during which they lived in the house. While I cannot mention them all by name (as I'm certain I would forget someone), you should know that their contributions to this project were just as vital as that of anyone else. It was the combined effort of dozens of alumni who have each contributed, in both small and large ways; to the writing of book that we are convinced will be enjoyed by all of the alumni of the chapter.

Hard bound copies are available at a cost of \$50 each. Soft bound copies are available at \$25 each. **Each alumnus who attends the centennial will get one softbound copy of the book for free.** An order form is included with this newsletter. Since there are only a limited number of both hard and softbound copies available, you might want to order one right away to ensure that you get your own copy! **Also, please note that the purchase of book is 100% tax-deductible to you as the funds are deposited in the scholarship account of the chapter with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.**

-----

Capital improvement projects in the chapter house were not neglected in 2008. The money contributed in 2007 and 2008 was put to good use in July, 2008 with the installation of twenty windows in the chapter house with new, energy efficient Anderson® windows. With the installation of these windows, virtually all of the windows in the chapter house have now been replaced with new windows. The difference that the installation of these windows has made in the living conditions of the chapter house is phenomenal. The drafts and air leakage in the house have been virtually eliminated, and the environment is much more comfortable and conducive for studying than it was in the past.

The second major project that these funds were used for was the conversion of north room on the third floor to one having a private bathroom. The funds raised for the construction for the library could not be used for this project, as it was not for the "library" itself. But this conversation has made this room into one of the "premier" rooms in the chapter house, second only to perhaps the presidential suite itself.

Our gratitude to the alumni for donations for these projects is profound. Donations for these kinds of projects are NOT tax-deductible, and without the support of our alumni, it is doubtful that the Board could have afforded to make these improvements so quickly on its own. We can not thank all of the alumni enough for their support for these kinds of projects, and we want you to know how important it is, and how grateful we are, to those of you who are willing to support projects like these!



# Alumni Capital Improvement Donations in 2008

## \$ 7,120 Contributed in 2008 by Iowa State Acacians

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made contributions to the capital improvement fund drive in 2008. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions will enable us to complete the renovations of the chapter house in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in March, 2009!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2008 -----	
<b>Refounding Father</b>	<b>(\$ 10,000 or more)</b>
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	<b>(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)</b>
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)</b>
Larry J. McComber - #525	
<b>Chapter Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)</b>
Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354	
<b>Gold Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 750 - \$ 999)</b>
<b>Silver Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 500 - \$ 749)</b>
Laury E. Decker - #910	
<b>Bronze Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 100 - \$ 499)</b>
Richard G. Wilson - #409	
John R. Fulkerson - #410	

William G. Percy - #420	
Kenneth L. MacRae - #427	
Lynn R. Pendry - #469	
Daniel E. Wise - #479	
Hiko Takeda - #554	
Horst H. Hahn - #555	
Dennis G. McComber - #556	
Rev. George G. Carlson - #622	
Robert A. Peterson - #663	
William H. Anderl - #679	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	
Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814	
Stephen J. Casper IV - #905	
Bernard H. Schwartz - #911	
Alan D. Hoffman - #915	
Robert Borcharding - #978	
Phillip Sherman - #1014	
<b>Spirit Partner</b>	<b>(\$ 1 - \$ 99)</b>
Allen D. Miller - #378	
Walter C. Bredbeck - #419	
Bernard J. Kolp - #466	
Richard B. Barnard - #649	
Glenn S. Goodenow - #689	
Aaron S. Rosheim - #989	
Craig Buske - #1009	

When the chapter was refounded, academic excellence was perhaps the most critical attribute that we looked for when recruiting new members and it became the foundation around which we built the chapter. Over the years, the Board and the Chapter have worked to strengthen the support provided to all of the members to help them in their academic studies and in helping them to pay the costs associated with attending school at Iowa State University.

Initially, the Board provided a \$100 scholarship to each member who earned a 3.00 or above grade point in a semester. However, in 2005 this program was expanded to include scholarships in three different categories. One area is in chapter leadership. Members who excel in providing leadership to the chapter may be awarded a scholarship in an amount to be determined by the Corporate Board. A second scholarship is awarded to each member who lives in the chapter house. Each member who lives in the chapter house is awarded \$225 per semester to help defray the cost of living in the chapter house. The third scholarship is based on academic performance. Every member who earns a 3.00 or above receives a \$200 scholarship. Over the years, literally thousands of dollars have been awarded in scholarships to members of the chapter. The amounts awarded for scholarships for some of the recent years include \$18,657 in 2006; \$36,117 in 2007; and \$26,207 in 2008.

**Our ability to award scholarships is a direct result of the generosity of our alumni.** The funds donated are directly used to support the active chapter members in their pursuit of their academic degree's, and we cannot thank our alumni enough for the generosity that they have shown to the members of the chapter over the years.



## *Alumni Scholarship Fund Donations in 2008*

### **\$ 8,935 Contributed in 2008 by Iowa State Acacians**

The table that is shown lists those Brothers and friends who have made tax-deductible contributions to the chapter scholarship fund in 2008. Please accept our grateful thanks for your generosity! Your contributions provide vital support the academic efforts of your Brothers in our Chapter!

----- Alumni Contributors in 2008 -----	
<b>Refounding Father</b>	(\$ 10,000 or more)
<b>Board of Directors Club</b>	(\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999)
<b>Pythagorean Partner</b> Thomas J. Brown - #403	(\$ 2,500 - \$ 4,999)
<b>Chapter Partner</b> Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814	(\$ 1,000 - \$ 2,499)
<b>Gold Partner</b>	(\$ 750 - \$ 999)
<b>Silver Partner</b> Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354 Donald G. Lyon - #461 Richard A. Cone - #557 Philip C. Larson - #684	(\$ 500 - \$ 749)
<b>Bronze Partner</b> John C. Akins - #307 William L. Neidig - #332 John R. Fulkerson - #410 Walter C. Bredbeck - #419	(\$ 100 - \$ 499)

Kenneth L. MacRae - #427
Dale W. Weber - #436
Marcus A. Merriman - #446
James T. Parry - #464
Lynn R. Pendry - #469
Joel E. Jensen - #496
Richard W. Taylor - #506
Jay D. Quick - #535
Gary D. Harter - #538
John E. Shrader - #539
John P. Bahr - #545
David Wm. Smith - #565
Larry D. Christensen - #566
Randy D. Elkin - #670
Gary F. Barton - #673
Stephen J. Casper - #905
Bernard H. Schwartze - #911
Bradley R. DeSerano - #1006
Kenneth S. Joseph - (parent)

<b>Spirit Partner</b>	(\$ 1 - \$ 99)
George A. Buck - #345	
Charles L. Dozois - #379	
Gordon A. Cook - #390	
Robert C. Jenkins - #402	
Charles E. Johnson - #482	
Walter R. Kolbe - #527	
William H. Anderl - #679	
Christopher W. Knapp - #764	

## **Friday Night Reservations are Due February 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

In the past couple of issues of the newsletter, we have shared with you information concerning the centennial celebration and the events that we have planned during that weekend. Included with this issue of the newsletter is a **final reservation order form** for alumni who wish to participate in the events marking this celebration. We have two evening events reserved at the Memorial Union, one on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and the second on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The Friday evening event will feature a social hour and evening meal starting at 5:30 pm in the Campanile Room in the Memorial Union.

**I want to emphasize that that due to the space limitations, we can only accommodate 68 people for the dinner.** As of the date of this newsletter, a total of 35 people have signed up for the dinner, leaving only 33 remaining places open for the evening meal. **I have listed below the people who have confirmed with me that they will attend. If your name is not on the list, you do NOT have a reserved place at this event.** If you would like to attend this event, you must send in your registration form right away. Because of

the limited number of places available, they are strictly handed out on a first-reserved, first-guaranteed basis only! Please check the list below to ensure that your name is listed if you think you have reserved your place at this event.

- |                               |                                 |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Stewart Burger – Cornell      | David Allen – Acacia President  | Darold Larson – Exec. Director  |
| Rob Roberson – Acacia Council | Joe Psyk – Acacia Council       |                                 |
| George A. Gross - #343 (1)    | George A. Buck - #345 (1)       | Robert L. Carstens - #354 (2)   |
| Donald W. Messer - #447 (2)   | Richard W. Taylor - #506 (1)    | Robert E. Davis - #511 (1)      |
| Dennis G. McComber - #556 (2) | Richard A. Cone - #557 (2)      | Donald E. Mathre - #573 (1)     |
| Donald L. Good - #653 (2)     | William H. Anderl - #679 (1)    | Harold D. Zarr Jr. - #814 (1)   |
| Mark R. Bortle - #821 (2)     | Stephen J. Casper - #905 (2)    | Bernard H. Schwartz - #911 (2)  |
| Jeremy N. Davis - #969 (1)    | Michael S. O’Doherty - #981 (1) | Keegan J. M. Kautzky - #983 (1) |
| Craig A. Buske - #1009 (2)    | Michael S. Weber - #1038 (1)    |                                 |

If you want to attend the Friday night event, you need to mail the registration form to Harold Zarr immediately!

## Saturday Night Reservations are Due February 23<sup>rd</sup>!

We are also taking final reservations for the Saturday night Banquet. At 6:00 pm, a social hour (with a cash bar) will be held in the South Ballroom in the Memorial Union. At 7:00 pm, the banquet will be served followed at 8:00 pm by the program for the evening. **The cost for the banquet is \$35 per person.** The program will end at approximately 10:30 pm.

**I have listed below the people who have confirmed that they will attend. Only those who have paid are considered to have reserved their place at this event. If your name is not listed, you do NOT have a reserved place at this event.** If you would like to attend this event, you must send in your registration form right away. Because of the limited number of places available, they are strictly handed out on a first-reserved, first-guaranteed basis only! Please check the list below to ensure that your name is listed if you think you have reserved your place at this event.

- |                                 |                                     |                                 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Stewart Burger – Cornell        | David Allen – Acacia President      | Darold Larson – Exec. Director  |
| Rob Roberson – Acacia Council   | Joe Psyk – Acacia Council           |                                 |
| George A. Gross - #343 (1)      | Robert L. (Sam) Carstens - #354 (2) | Donald W. Messer - #447 (2)     |
| Richard W. Taylor - #506 (1)    | Hiko Takeda - #554 (1)              | Dennis G. McComber - #556 (2)   |
| Richard A. Cone - #557 (2)      | Donald E. Mathre - #573 (1)         | H. Keith Sawyers - #542 (2)     |
| James K. England - #800 (2)     | Bernard H. Schwartz - #911 (2)      | Michael S. O’Doherty - #981 (1) |
| Keegan J. M. Kautzky - #983 (1) | Craig A. Buske - #1009 (2)          |                                 |

## Centennial Details! Get Ready to Celebrate!

Here are the final details for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

### Friday – March 13, 2009

A reception for up to 68 alumni event will be held. Guests of Honor will be all past and present members of the Board of The Acacians. A presentation on the writing of the history book of the Iowa State Chapter of Acacia Fraternity will be given by its authors. Refreshments will be served to all who attend. **This event is free to those first 68 alumni who register for this event.**

### Saturday – March 14, 2009

A continental breakfast (**free for all who attend**) will be provided at the chapter house from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Tours of the remodeled facility will also be given by members of the chapter.

The Corporate Board of the Acacians will be meeting in the Gallery Room of the Memorial Union starting at 10:00 am. All alumni of the chapter are invited to attend.

At 12:00 pm, a light luncheon will be provided at the chapter house. **This event is free for all who attend.**

At 2:00 pm, a formal dedication of the new Library will be held where the alumni who have donated \$5,000 or more to the Library will have it named in their honor. Additional dedications and recognitions will be made at this time as well.

From 2:30 – 4:00 pm, walking tours of the campus will be provided for the alumni by members of the active chapter.

**Sunday – March 15, 2009**

At 6:00 pm, a social hour (with a cash bar) will be held in the South Ballroom in the Memorial Union. At 7:00 pm, the banquet will be served followed at 8:00 pm by the program for the evening. The cost for the banquet is \$35 per person. The program should end at 10:30 pm.

On Sunday morning a final continental breakfast will be served to all alumni who would like to stop by before heading home. This will be an opportunity to visit one last time with your Brothers from years past and with the current members of the chapter and share stories – real or made up!

## Place your Order for the History Book Now!

If you don't know by now that we have been working on a book on the history of the Iowa State Chapter, then you just have not been paying attention. In November, 2006, I outlined the idea of creating a book on the history of our chapter, and **Brother George Gross #343** stepped forward and volunteered to get the project going and write the first half of the book. Harold Zarr agreed to write from 1970 to today, but he and George later convinced Jeremy Davis (the Chapter Advisor) that it would be a good idea if he participated as well.

**hard-bound copies will be published.** The hard-bound version of the book will be sold for a **tax-deductible donation** of \$50 each. **These will be sold on a first-come, first serve basis.** If you want a hard-bound copy of the book, don't delay.

The book is done and being printed. It is divided up into decades, with major events in the economy, the University, the Corporate Board and chapter broken out in each section. To as large an extent as possible, pictures and stories from alumni have been incorporated into the text, trying to make it "come alive" in as true a fashion as we could create.

We will also be producing 600 copies of the book in a soft-bound edition. **Every alumnus who attends the celebration will receive a free, soft-bound copy of the history book of the Iowa State Chapter.** These will be given out Friday evening, March 13, 2009 at the history book presentation. If you cannot attend the celebration but would like to order a book, they will be available at a cost of \$25 each.

We are going to print two versions of this book. There will be 200 copies of the hard-bound version, and **no more than 200**

An order form is enclosed with this edition of the newsletter. If you want to order a book – don't delay! We anticipate that they will sell quickly and once they are gone – there won't be any more!

## Limited Edition, Centennial Coin is Minted for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Corporate Board has been looking for a unique way to celebrate this centennial and we think that we have come up with just the right item. We have commission a commemorative coin to be produced for this event. Only 100 coins have been struck, and they are all individually numbered from 1 to 100. The first five coins will be auctioned off on Saturday evening to raise funds for the Iowa State Chapter Scholarship Fund. Individual coins may be purchased for \$30 each, and the cost to you is **fully tax-deductible** as the funds are used for scholarships. This is a picture of the front and back of the coin.



**New Website Address!**

**The Iowa State Acacia website address has changed.** Please go to the following address to see what's new with the Iowa State Chapter.

[www.stuorg.iastate.edu/acacia/](http://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/acacia/)

# Active Chapter Report

*Michael S. Weber, Venerable Dean - ACACIA Fraternity*  
138 Gray Avenue  
Ames, Iowa 50014  
E-mail: [mweber@iastate.edu](mailto:mweber@iastate.edu)

Dear Brothers and friends,

Happy New Year! The active chapter is very excited for this New Year. After this much needed break for all of us, we are ready to jump into a new semester. I'm very excited to have the opportunity to serve the Iowa State Chapter as Venerable Dean for 2009. Here are a few updates from the past few months as well as things we are looking forward to this semester.



As you heard in the last newsletter, we participated in the international Acacia philanthropy, Acacia Claus, this was our first year participating. We had about 20 brothers paired up with about 20 ladies from Alpha Gamma Delta sorority that all helped collect gifts at the new Super Wal-Mart in Ames. Along with gifts we also collected some cash, which then as a chapter we decided to donate an additional \$100 to go toward the purchasing of more gifts. Total we donated 128 gifts and two children's bikes. We donated all of the gifts to the Women's ACCESS Shelter of Story County. We were told that there were quite a few kids at the shelter at the time, which is a really sad situation, but with these gifts we helped make their Christmas brighter.

Even though it was still the Fall semester we were already having to look forward to the Spring and getting things in order for Greek Week. We looked at a few different large fraternities to be paired with and landed a great house, Alpha Gamma Rho. Then we participated in serenades and we were serenaded by the wonderful ladies of Sigma Kappa. We of course accepted and

gave an amazing return serenade with the men of AGR. We are already collecting cans and getting geared up for Greek Week.

Varieties will be taking place in February. We have 7 brothers from Acacia working with men from FarmHouse and Sigma Phi Epsilon along with ladies from Tri-Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are working on putting together a 20 minute original musical production. We are all looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labors and wish them all the best of luck.

We elected new officers this past December, here are the results for our Executive Board:

Venerable Dean	Michael Weber
Senior Dean	Brandon Behrens
Junior Dean	Noah Gullikson
Executive Dean	Ryne Dittmer
Scholarship Chair	Jonathan Buck
Senior Steward	Chance Mitchell
Treasurer	Michael Vosatka
Secretary	Andrew Joseph
Recruitment Chairs	Riley Thiesfeld & Matt Zylstra

We have a few brothers serving on various VEISHEA committees that are helping plan a great celebration of Iowa State April 13-19, 2009. VEISHEA 2009 Memories in the Making is looking to be the best VEISHEA yet. The following brothers are on VEISHEA committees:

Michael Weber	Business Manager
Aaron Schnieder	Assistant Business Manager
Noah Gullikson	Live @ VEISHEA Coordinator-Entertainment Committee
Matt Zylstra	Committee Liaison-Public Relations Committee
Ezra Shields	Tour de VEISHEA-Tournaments Committee

We are also looking forward to see all of you at the Centennial Celebration in March. We hope all of you can attend to see the house, meet the undergraduate members and to reminisce about your time in the house. There are numerous activities planned and it is going to be quite the weekend. I hope to see all of you in March and if you aren't able to make it back we hope that you will visit Ames sometime soon and stop by the house, our doors are always open.

We have quite the year ahead of us; we are already making plans to keep moving forward and improving on what has been laid out before us, and keeping on track for Conclave in 2010.

## Board President's Message

*Harold D. Zarr Jr.*  
Corporate Board President - The Acacians



834 South East Michael Drive  
Ankeny, Iowa 50021-3671  
e-mail: [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com)

Greetings my Brother ACACIANS!

Well, the planning is done, the events are set, and all we have to do is wait for the centennial event to start.

As I mentioned earlier in the newsletter, you will want to double-check the list of people that I have for each event. If you plan to attend an event, you will need to make your reservation right away. We have to submit the count for the number of people that will be attending both the Friday and Saturday evening events on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, so if you plan to attend you will need to send in your reservation right away. **If we do not receive your reservation form and payment by Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, you will not be able to attend either of these two events.**

Included with this newsletter is the official ballot for the Board elections for this spring. Gene Lucht, who has served for these past four years as Board Secretary will be stepping down this spring. He has served with distinction in this position, and we cannot thank him enough for all that he has done on the Board. Phil Sherman is running for his position, and we are excited that he has stepped forward and volunteered to work with us on the Board.

I do want to share with everyone some information that we have learned during the past few months regarding scholarship donations. In September, one of our alumni donated funds to one of the scholarship account that we maintain through the ISU Foundation. I was later contacted by this alumnus to make certain that the funds were properly deposited in our account.

I checked on the deposit and confirmed that it had been made, but I did tell this alumnus that the ISU Foundation now charges a 5% deposit fee on any donation made to the ISU Foundation. Basically, the ISU Foundation takes for itself 5% of the dollar amount that any person donates to any fund controlled by the ISU Foundation and then deposits the remaining 95% in the appropriate account. The ISU Foundation has not made it widely known that it does this, however.

Once the Acacia alumnus found out about this, he demanded his money back (which he eventually got after the ISU Foundation tried to talk him out of getting it back) and deposited in our account with the Acacia Fraternity Foundation.

I am sharing this information with you so that you will know how the ISU Foundation handles donations at this time. I am NOT telling you not to donate money to the ISU Foundation. That is entirely up to you. But just realize that the ISU Foundation will skim 5% off-the-top for itself when you do make a donation.

Preliminary grade results for the fall semester indicate a grade point average of 3.21 for the chapter, which should put us in the top three chapters in the ISU Greek System. Time will tell if we retain the #1 spot. This will be addressed in the next newsletter.

My thanks to all who have supported the chapter over the past year. Your support is vital to our success, and I want you to know that I am deeply appreciative of your good wishes and financial support. Best wishes to each of you for 2009!

## Corporate Board Members

The following Brothers are your representatives on the Corporate Board. The Corporate Board is composed of both active chapter members and alumni. Feel free to contact us whenever you have ideas, suggestions or concerns!

Harold Zarr	President	515-257-4683
Michael O'Doherty	Vice-President	402-301-6489
Jeff Peil	Treasurer	641-430-5998
Gene Lucht	Secretary	515-964-9006
Don Good	Alumni Relations	515-956-3150

Michael Weber	Chapter President	
Mike Vosatka	Chapter Treasurer	641-590-0804
Matt Zylstra	Chapter Representative	
Jeremy Davis	Chapter Advisor	515-291-7016

## Newsletter Information

The newsletter is sent to all of the alumni, pledges and actives of the ISU Chapter of ACACIA Fraternity, and their parents.

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 ACACIANS**, in any amount. The next newsletter is planned for November, 2008. (They are sent out on a quarterly basis, every February, May, August, and November.) If you have any information you would like to share, please send it to **Harold Zarr** at his e-mail address [acacia\\_814@hotmail.com](mailto:acacia_814@hotmail.com). Take care, and best wishes to all of the Brothers and friends of our Fraternity!

## Pictures from 2008



Collecting books for Africa – The Pages of Promise.



A view of the new library under construction.



Getting ready to swim in Lake LaVerne during Greek Week.



Earning the Superior Chapter Award at 2008 Conclave.



Archives uncovered during the building of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library.



The completed library in use.