

## Volunteering and Philanthropy

My compliments to you and your editorial team for the past two outstanding issues of *The Carnation*.

Being a philanthropist myself and having the new Opera Center in Indianapolis named after my wife and me, I enjoyed and could relate to the article in the spring 2008 issue about brothers who have had buildings named for them.

Being a volunteer (serving on six not-for-profit boards), I also enjoyed and could relate to the article in the fall 2008 issue on brothers who volunteer.

These are not only interesting articles, but they also highlight the men produced by our fraternity's approach to leadership development and community service.

Keep up the good work.

YITBOS,

► **Frank Basile**  
**Tulane '61**

Thank you for your Fall *Carnation* emphasis and article on volunteerism. Now in the thirteenth year of my retirement I have learned some truths. After we retire our career skills inevitably degrade, but we still speak English, and there are multitudes in this world that are desperate to learn.

Currently I am only mentoring foreign students at our local University, and working with the English Language Learner program at our local Community College. Since I retired I have tutored students from Mexico, Guatemala, and

Korea within local programs. I have also traveled to Poland, Italy, Spain, and Mexico to do language enrichment programs in secondary schools with a program of [globalvolunteers.org](http://globalvolunteers.org) based in St. Paul, MN. I highly recommend the Global Volunteers organization. They have many programs in many nations, involving many skills.

While trying to recruit retirees for various activities I have also learned a sad truth. If a person who in their "working life" has never made time to volunteer for some activity; that person will never volunteer to do anything for the rest of their life.

YITBOS,

► **William J. Teaford**  
**Fort Hays State '53**

## Additional Las Vegas Travel Tips

Thanks again for sending me a PDF of the Fall 2008 issue of *The Carnation*. Although the Television article was interesting, it really didn't pertain to Delta Sigma Phi, and I would have preferred to see that space devoted to chapter updates.

I read the Travel & Tourism article "How To Travel On The Cheap", particularly the Las Vegas tips, as we were there in both 2006 and 2007. I think that day-of-the-week-pricing was invented in Vegas hotels and midweek is cheapest, so avoid weekends if possible. Convention and off-season rates are usually cheapest so travel then if you can.

I use a scooter so I did considerable "homework" to try to avoid surprises there. Las Vegas is an ideal environment for a scooter – there are enough attractions within scooter and taxi range that one really doesn't need (the expense of) a rental car. Fair warning though, things in Las Vegas are not as close as they look, but everything was scooter-friendly and staff (and other visitors too) were very accommodating. We took my manual wheelchair and rented a scooter at the hotel. That is a well-kept secret about Las Vegas, but all the major hotels have them.

YITBOS,

► **JD Holdeman**  
**Michigan '62**

*Editor's Note: We received a few responses relating to the television article in the Tech Trends section, located on pages 50-51 of the Fall 2008 issue. The reason we ran that article is because The Carnation's mission is to educate, entertain, and inspire the members of Delta Sigma Phi to be better men and lead better lives. We thought that article fell squarely within the "educate" part of the mission, but perhaps we could have done a better job in explaining that. Thank you for your feedback!*

*Also, as clarification, the year following a member's school of initiation (i.e. Michigan '62) is their initiation year into the Fraternity, and not their graduation year. There has been some confusion on that in the past and we hope this helps alleviate that confusion.*