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2013 Auburn Club Leadership Conference

Tiffany Clemons '09

Every year, the Auburn Alumni Association holds an annual Club Leadership Conference for its club officers. This conference is held for us to not only learn about what we can do to make our club better, but to also meet other alumni members and share ideas with clubs from all over the country!

We are proud to say that the Emerald Coast Auburn Club had the biggest representation from the state of Florida! Along with myself, President Andrew Gosnell and wife, Mandi, Secretary Roger Cox, Board Member Dawn Ossont and husband, Dean Richard Kunkel represented our club. We believe that we walked away with new and fresh ideas and plan on doing everything that we can to make this year the biggest and best year for the Emerald Coast Au-

burn Club! This year, we were invited to have dinner at the President's House where we were able to meet and greet with Dr. Jay Gogue and his lovely wife Susie. After dinner, we were honored with numerous awards, at the annual Aubie Awards Ceremony. We won the Ace Level "All Auburn-All Orange" award, which is the highest Ace Level Honor and goes to clubs who go above and beyond what they are asked. We were one of the seven clubs to receive this award, out of 98 clubs! We also took home these other unique awards:

- The "Auburn Alumni in Action"

award, we received this award for teaming up with the Junior League of the Emerald Coast in the "Child Clothing Project" during Alumni in Action week last year.

- The "One-Third Scholarship" Award, which is given to all clubs who donated a 1/3 scholarship. We funded two scholarships, so we also received the "Above and Beyond" Award! Again, we were the only club to receive this award!
- The "Top Donor" Award, which is given to all clubs who donated \$15,000 or more to their endowed scholarship fund.
- The "Most Outstanding Communication" award for showing an outstanding effort to communicate with its club members, Auburn Alumni Association, and their community.
- And finally we received the "Most Outstanding Young Alumni Program" award which recognizes a club's outstanding efforts to cultivated Young Alumni involvement in their local club, shaping tomorrow's leaders.



Next year, we want to leave the conference with even more awards, but need your help! Please let us know if you have any ideas, want to help, or even want to attend with us! It's fun and the perfect excuse to visit the place that we all know is the Happiest Place on Earth!

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2013 EVENTS

- February 21—*Recruiting Wrap Up*
- TBA—*Spring Dinner*
- July 28—*Auburn Family Reunion and Freshman Send Off*
- October 24—*8th Annual Emerald Coast Classic golf tournament*
- November 14—*Beat Bama Party*

Message from the President

Andrew Gosnell '02

War Eagle! Since our last newsletter we have had lots of things happening in our club. At our annual Beat Bama Party we once again held our general membership meeting and elections. The slate of officers and board that our Nominations Committee put together was unanimously elected. The full list of officers and board members can be found on page three. In addition to our election we were honored to have Thom Gossom as our guest speaker. Read Carol's article below for more details on this awesome event.

Recruiting Wrap-Up and Dinner

Maryann Purvis

Our first social event for 2013 will be our Recruiting Wrap-Up on Thursday, February 21 at the new Fudpucker's on Okaloosa Island. Jason Caldwell from *Inside the Auburn Tigers* will be here to tell us all about our 2013 recruiting class and new coaching staff.

Admission will be \$5 per person with a \$10 maximum per family. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. Fudpucker's will have a cash bar and we can order from their new menu; each guest will be

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club was once again recognized as one of the premiere Auburn Clubs in the country at the annual Club Leadership Conference earlier this month. We received the highest award an Auburn Club can receive, the "All Auburn, All Orange" Award. Be sure to read Tiffany's Club Leadership Conference article, page 1, to learn about the other awards that the club received.

I hope to see everyone at the Recruiting Wrap Up on February 21st. War Eagle!

responsible for their own bill. Reservations are being accepted via club e-mail through Thursday, February 16th.

We will continue to support the Children in Crisis food pantry in 2013 and ask that you bring donations of non-perishable food items at all of our Club events including this event.

We hope to see you at Fudpucker's on February 21st!

Beat Bama Recap

Carol Zorn '07

The Emerald Coast Auburn Club ended 2012 with a delightful evening at Fisherman's Wharf on the Destin Harbor. The annual "Beat Bama" Party was again an exciting event, and the Auburn spirit filled the entire restaurant. We enjoyed a dinner of fresh Gulf seafood and were entertained by a slideshow of club events from 2012. In addition to a delicious meal, the Beat Bama Scroll was signed by all and taken to the Auburn team to help cheer them on before the game. A silent auction also brought excitement to the even-

ing, featuring four pieces of Auburn memorabilia.

The highlight of the night was the guest of honor, Thom



Gossom, Auburn football alumni, actor, and author. Thom spoke eloquently about his experience as one of the

"Amazins," his acting career, and the journey that led him to compile his moving stories into a single inspirational work. All were affected by his compelling message, and most took home an autographed copy. In Thom's words, "*Walk-On* is for all those people who've ever walked on to anything, who decided they wanted to do something and set their minds to do it. Maybe they were uninvited. Maybe the odds were against them. Maybe they got knocked down, but they got up and they achieved."

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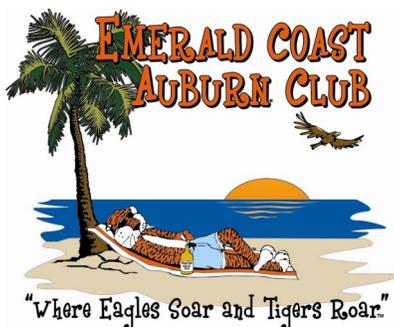
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Auburn Trivia

Thank you to all who responded to our Auburn Trivia question from last quarter's newsletter. Bill Newton blocked both punts and David Langner returned both for touchdowns in the memorable "Punt Bama Punt" game of 1972.

Congratulations to Dick Cannon for being our trivia question winner from last quarter.



The trivia question for this quarter is the following:

Identify the building shown in the picture above and provide the significance it has to Auburn University.

The first person to e-mail the correct answer to the club e-mail at will win a prize at the Recruiting Wrap Up event on February 21st, but you must be present to win!

A-Day and Final Rolling of Toomer's Oaks *Auburn-Opelika Tourism Bureau*

A-Day as we've always known it but also the last time the Auburn Family will ever be invited to roll the existing oaks at Toomer's Corner. Do not miss this full day of activities, scheduled to include a parade, special appearances by former Auburn athletes, and concert & street dance!

Each year Auburn gives students, alumni, parents, and friends a sneak peek at the upcoming football season by holding a spring football game in Jordan-Hare Stadium. It is always Orange vs. Blue and the entire Auburn football team is divided in half to make up the two teams. All of the players are given the chance to participate, which allows Auburn fans to see the depth and future of the team. Since football is such a huge part of Auburn, A-Day serves as a way to carry us over until

the true football season begins again. Bring your shakers and wear your orange and blue, and enjoy a day on the Plains watching the Auburn Tigers play.



Celebrating the Auburn Tradition

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