Welcome (back) to your MIT Club!

Welcome to the re-engineered MIT Club of Central Florida! While the club has been active continuously under the leadership of Lionel Goldring for many years, Lionel has stepped back a couple of years back, and the club has been metamorphosing into a new form – we believe it to be growing, positive, exciting, fun, and speaks well for MIT and its alumni in Central Florida! This newsletter promises to be the first of a steady stream of information about what MIT alumni and associates are doing in Central Florida. There are many events and activities, some ongoing, some in development – we'll present an introduction in this first newsletter. The geographical area that this club Continued on page 3

The President's Word

Thanks for a Great Year!

First of all, the club owes MANY THANKS to the many MIT volunteers (including parent connectors) who have contributed to the club’s events this past fiscal year (July ’03 – June ’04). These volunteers include: Justin Kent, Oliver Patterson, Brodie Hynes, Kristina Larson, Ray Cannon, Steven Hill, JR McGraw, Jose Valle, Laurie Cain, Karen Burton, and Lynett Stewart. If we have accidentally omitted your name, please let us know, and we’ll update the volunteer listing on the club’s website.

Their contributions have helped the club successfully organize the following events, which served the MIT community, our All-Ivy Alumni friends, and also the community at large. About 400 people attended these events, and many, including non-MIT alum, have commented on how much they have enjoyed these events.

- Aug ’03 Class of 2007 Send-Off Dinner at Seasons 52
- Sep ’03 “Growing Entrepreneurship” dinner co-hosted with UCF’s College of Business Administration;
- Jan ’04 “The Golf Channel” tour;
- Mar ’04 “Class of 2008” get-together;
- Mar ’04 MIT Professor Harvey Sapolsky’s “Weapons of Mass Destruction, the Iraq War, & America's Allies” talk co-hosted with UCF’s Department of Political Science;
- Jun ’04 MIT Enterprise Forum broadcast held at the Disney/SBA National Entrepreneur Center;

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OpenDOOR

“OpenDOOR is a Web-only magazine published by the MIT Alumni Association once every two months. It celebrates the rich diversity of intellectual activity and campus life at MIT by tying together existing material from the broader MIT Web site and capturing the voices of students, faculty, and alumni. “

When I lived in the Boston area, loaded with Type-A personalities, “I'm going to risk my life so that I can get there ten seconds faster” mentality, at times I would approach burn-out. A visit to MIT, a walk through the halls, reading the incredible variety of life represented on the bulletin boards, sitting in on a lecture – I would leave with my batteries fully recharged.

Take a look at openDOOR, it's like a walk through campus....

http://alum.mit.edu/ne/opendoor/about.html

Beauty & the Geek: When Stereotypes Collide, MIT wins!

Perhaps the only stereotype of MIT students and alumni that can't be broken is that of innovation, determination, and exploring new directions. Once again, am MIT alumnus tears down another (apparent) wall. Erika Ebbel ’04 has won the Miss Massachusetts pageant, and now has her sights clearly set on becoming Miss America. http://alum.mit.edu/ne/noteworthy/ebbel.html It was only last year, that Jason Szuminski ’00 brought MIT to Major League Baseball. http://alum.mit.edu/ne/noteworthy/szuminski.html Now Erika places another MIT dent into an American icon. At MIT we learn that anything is possible – Go Erika!!!
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The Board’s Vision and Plans for ’04–’05

So how can the ’04 – ’05 board build upon the past year’s successes? Our vision is to continue to creating value for the MIT community of students, parents and alum through fun and networking events. We also open some events to the public because we believe that the public can benefit from attending these events; in turn, the MIT reputation is further enhanced within Central Florida. For example, the entrepreneurship events held at the Disney/SBA National Entrepreneur Center, and MIT Harvey Sapolsky’s security talk were very well-attended, and received many compliments from the public.

Since there are multiple clusters of MIT alum throughout Central Florida, the board will organize events focused upon these clusters. For example, there is a cluster of MIT alum in Brevard County, and the board is planning 1 or 2 events there. Since about 50% of the alum are retirees, the board will also organize daytime events to increase driving convenience.

To broaden participation in board meetings, the board will use a teleconference service that will allow anyone with the appropriate call-in number (usually a long-distance number) and pass-code to participate in board meetings.

The board will continue to keep you informed of upcoming events through e-mail and the club’s website. Please let us know your e-mail address so that we can reduce hardcopy costs, and to accelerate information dissemination. If you have any suggestions to improve our service to the MIT community, please let us know (mlee@alum.mit.edu).

How You Can Contribute – Volunteer & Renew Your Club Membership

We understand that everyone is very busy with work and personal life. However, if you can spare some of your time to contribute to club activities, perhaps even to organize a event, we will appreciate hearing from you.

The MIT Alumni Association has created an online system called Smartrans for paying membership dues, and registering for club events. You can use your credit card, and perhaps just as important, earn frequent-flyer miles. So do renew your club membership @ https://alum.mit.edu/smarTrans/user/PayDues.dyn?groupId=201

The club uses the membership dues to organize its events such as the incoming MIT frosh get-together, and also to subsidize current and incoming students’ dinner costs at the send-off dinner. The board is planning to offer member discounts (perhaps $5/member) for any future events that require an admission charge.

We look forward to serving the MIT community for ’04 – ’05, and meeting you at our upcoming events.

Our Thanks To The Club's Past Board Members

Board Members Emeritus: Ms. Kristina Larson, Past Treasurer; Mr. Peter G. Hand , EC Representative; Dr. Lionel S. Goldring , Past President; Mr. James W. Adams Past President; Mr. H. Joel Strickland Past President; Dr. Andrew Braunstein; Mr. Richard Fox; Mr. Oskar W. Kaalstad; Mr. James R. Warring; Mr. Maurice R. (Bud) Yeager Past Treasurer; Mr. Thomas L. Springall Past Secretary and Past Webmaster.
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Over the past few years, this club has become significantly more active – we need your support and we need each other. Our membership level and activities are comparable to Ivy League clubs in Central Florida – but we can outrun and outshine all of them – but we need your participation. Please consider (increasing your) participation and support of our club.

Our paid-up members for the new year are: Andy Lazarewicz, Peter Hand, Tom Springall, Jim Adams, Mark Lee & Kristina Larson. Please feel free to contact Mark Lee (club president) mlee@alum.mit.edu or myself Andy Lazarewicz (editor) alaz@alum.mit.edu 321-752-3930 for further information. Thank you for your support!

Thank you! Enjoy this newsletter!

Geographical Distribution of Alumni

The MIT Club of Central Florida spans a very large area, as seen in the map below. We are looking into various methods to provide the opportunity to communicate, meet, and attend activities. Suggestions are always welcome.

Club notes, membership and contact points

Club Directors

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We seek young volunteers, especially a subsidy recipient, for vacant positions.

Young Alumni Support

The following new club programs are being developed by our club:

Alumni Leadership Conference
-- Provide a $100 subsidy for the Oct 1-2, 2004 meeting at MIT which should cover the $25 registration fee, and part of the accommodation costs. MIT Alumni Association provides 60% travel subsidy. Limited to alumni in class of ’95 or later. (Approved.)

http://alum.mit.edu/ne/alc

Leadership in Education Program
-- Direct support of the local teacher’s community (based upon the MIT Club of South Texas’s program). We are working to determine alumni and club member interest in undertaking this program The annual cost would fund a $1000/subsidy recipient. (Under consideration.)

http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas/LEAP.htm
Upcoming Events:

1. August 11th 2004 (Wed)
   MIT Class of 2008 Send-Off Dinner starting at 7:00 PM at Seasons 52

2. September 23rd 2004 (Thu) -- (Location to be determined)
   MIT Enterprise Forum Satellite Broadcast starting at 6:00 PM

3. December 2004 (to be confirmed)
   All-Ivy Alumni League Christmas Dinner

4. Jan 2005 (to be confirmed)
   “The Golf Channel” Tour

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