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The Los Angeles Chapter of the University of Arizona Alumni Association

August 2009 E-Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

8/20 Happy Hour - 6:30pm
Formosa Café
Hollywood

For complete details, check
the newsletter articles below!



Hello SoCal Cats!

August brings the end of summer but one step closer to ... football season!

In this issue of the Los Angeles Chapter E-Newsletter you'll find information about our August Happy Hour at the Formosa Café, how you can still watch Arizona football and lots of other things an informed Los Angeles Wildcat can't live without!

Got questions, event ideas or a new email address? Just email us at socalcats@hotmail.com

HAPPY SUMMER & BEAR DOWN!

JOIN US IN "OLD HOLLYWOOD" AND AT OUR AUGUST HAPPY HOUR AT THE FORMOSA CAFÉ

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH
6:30PM - 9PM**

**FORMOSA CAFE
7156 Santa Monica Blvd
West Hollywood,
(310) 545-2683**

http://www.opentable.com/rest_profile.aspx?rid=13438



Look for the Arizona Red & Blue "A"s and pompoms to find the group!

A staple for the young Hollywood set and a location in movies like LA Confidential, the Chinese/tapas themed hotspot has long been a bar and restaurant where stars can be seen enjoying a drink and living their charmed lifestyles. Opened in 1939, the red and ebony Formosa Café has long been a movie biz watering hole, where stars hold meetings over cocktails to discuss their next "big picture". Dimly lit, the two bars surrounded by hundreds of celebrity photos (Elvis to Bono) boasts just how star-studded the joint really is. Although more people just stop by for a pre-dinner or after hours drink, the Formosa (which became a landmark in 1991) also offers a full menu every night of the week.

R.S.V.P. TODAY!

<http://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/AZA/events/AZA2216874.html>

Can't make the August Happy Hour? Then save **September 17** on your calendar and join us as we move into fall! Stay tuned for the September newsletter and the next Happy Hour location. Want to suggest your favorite watering hole? Email us at socalcats@hotmail.com and we'll look into it!

BUT HOW AM I GOING TO WATCH WILDCAT FOOTBALL??

Many of you may be panicking because you think you won't be able to watch **ANY** Wildcat Football this year. Never fear! Things are not as bad as they may seem.

As you may have heard, Fox Sports Arizona is decreasing the amount of college sports it televises. As a result, Arizona Athletics, in partnership with IMG College, has created the **Arizona Wildcats Sports Network (AWSN)**. The new network only affects the two to three football games and 12 to 13 basketball games, games that would typically have been aired on Fox Sports Arizona. These games will be televised on the new AWSN through local stations in Tucson and Phoenix. Additionally, the AWSN will stream its live game broadcasts for the first time to a worldwide audience on the Internet through All-Access subscriptions at the UA's official sports Web site, ArizonaWildcats.com.



The majority of UA football and basketball telecasts that you saw in previous years here in Southern California will continue to be picked up by ABC, ESPN and Fox Sports Net. Two UA football games, at Iowa on Sept. 19 and at USC on Dec. 5, have already been selected for showing as ABC regional broadcasts. All the other Arizona football games are still in the mix for weekly selection by Pac-10 partners ABC, FSN and Versus.

Although you won't be able to pick up AWSN games in your home, satellite transmission capabilities will still allow UA game watching events to take place. Stay tuned to this newsletter and emails from the SoCal Cats for dates and locations of local chapter game watchings!

Forget TV! How about watching the 'Cats in person!! Don't miss the PAC-10 Conference's season finale as the 'Cats travel to the LA Coliseum to battle the **USC Trojans on December 5th**. For pre-game party and game ticket info, go to:

https://secure.www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/AZA/events/event_order.cgi?tmpl=events&event=2229582

UA TRIVIA TIME

Why is the University of Arizona located in Tucson and not Phoenix?

The year was 1885 and there were two major prizes to be won from the Arizona State Legislature that year. Phoenix and Prescott came out on top with Phoenix being given the asylum for the insane and Prescott keeping the state capital. Tucson received an unwelcome consolation prize of first state university, and with it, a measly \$25,000 appropriation, just one quarter of the amount Phoenix received to build the insane asylum.

C.C. Stevens was the man sent to Prescott to win the state capital for Tucson. He came home with what he hoped would be good news about the university. Instead of celebrating, Tucson responded angrily with some reports saying the people of Tucson greeted him with a shower of ripe eggs, rotten vegetables, and a dead cat. Thus, the very beginning for The University of Arizona wasn't all that proud.

One condition the legislature slapped on Tucson was that the people of Pima County had to donate 40 acres to the University. The response was less than overwhelming. No one offered an inch.

Jacob S. Mansfeld, a member of the new Board of Regents, decided the time had come to take matters into his own hands and he took a walk into the desert about a mile east of town and picked out a site for the new university. The land was owned by two professional gamblers and saloon keeper. They weren't all that sure their land was the perfect spot for the new University of Arizona but Mansfeld ended up with the land, winning it from them in a poker game.



Finally, on Nov. 27, 1886, a deed was filed and a year later ground was broken for the building to be known as Old Main.

UA TRIVIA TIME (Look for the answer in our September newsletter!)

When did Arizona play its first football game?

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE UA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION???

JOIN THE UAAA TODAY AND SUPPORT THE SOCAL CATS AT THE SAME TIME!

Did you know that a portion of your national membership fee goes directly back to the SoCal Cats?

Membership in the national University of Arizona Alumni Association gives you access to discounts at many local events, along with a full-year subscription to *Alumnus* magazine and valuable savings and special offers with companies across the nation on everything from travel to entertainment. You'll also get special deals at places like Target.com, Costco, Dish Network, nation-wide movie theatres ... and much, much more!

It is easy to join! Go to <http://www.arizonaalumni.com/membership>.

Enter referral code "**LOS ANGELES (LA)**" and a portion of your membership dues come straight to the SoCal Cats to help us plan more great Wildcat events right here in L.A.!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!



LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED?

Got an idea for a great alumni event? Want to help keep the *Bear Down* spirit alive here in Los Angeles? The SoCalCats are always looking for dynamic alumni volunteers to help plan activities and leadership the Chapter! Email us at socalcats@hotmail.com or come to an event or the next Chapter meeting and we'll get you involved in the fun today!

The next general Chapter meeting is scheduled for **August 27**

But you don't have to wait until then to get involved!

Email us now – we're spending the summer planning football tailgates and other fall events!

Chapter meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m. at historic Philippe's in downtown Los Angeles**. All meetings are held in the private rooms upstairs (even if the stairway sign says the upstairs area is closed.)

Philippe's, The Original
1001 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
<http://www.philippes.com/>

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