



# The Bridge

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Connecting Members of the Auburn Knights Alumni Association  
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## From the Prez!

Greetings & War Eagle!

We all had our reasons for joining the Auburn Knights. For some, it was a natural extension of the AU jazz program, some needed the extra dollars for college, and some just loved swing/jazz/big band music. Growing up in South Georgia, I didn't



know what a "War Eagle" was, hadn't tasted a Toomers Drug Store lemonade, surely thought a fancy Supper Club required coat and tie for entry, and could not comprehend a "Hullabaloo" from a "Body-Getta."

However, my 7<sup>th</sup> grade band teacher was this amazing young tenor sax player and AKO alum named Bob Greenhaw. My band director at Valdosta High School was another AKO alum, Frank Butenschon. From them, I heard countless references and stories about some group called the Auburn Knights Orchestra and remember listening to "Boots" and Jim

"Teeny" Mahaffey constantly playing and analyzing some album called "Happy." I was hooked! I couldn't find Auburn on the map, but that's where I wanted to go to college and one day play in the AKO.

Frank "Boots" Butenschon, my teacher, colleague, guru, and friend, passed away Christmas Day. He had just been elected to the Auburn Knights Alumni Association Board of Directors and was preparing for his first meeting as a Board member. I know many of you also have AKA mentors who are no longer with us. Recently, you've undoubtedly read the obituaries for several other AKO alums and supporters. How do we best honor their memory? I know of no better way than to come to this reunion, play in a band, renew old acquaintances, make new friends, tell stories into the wee hours, laugh long and loud, and make a scholarship donation in their name. Let's continue their legacy.

As for the rest of this column, all I can say is "READ THE NEWSLETTER!" Need a hotel or schedule for the reunion? Who to contact to play in an era band? How to sign up for our inaugural scholarship golf tournament? IT'S ALL HERE!

Won't you make plans to join us this July? Don't put off making that all important reservation any longer. I hope to see you all in Auburn this summer as we "honor our past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future of the AKO and the Auburn Knights Alumni Association."

Long Live The Knights!

Woody Leonard, AKA President

## The 86th Anniversary AKAA Reunion Auburn Marriott - Opelika Conference Center July 7-9, 2016

As of early March, there were plenty of standard rooms left for Friday night and Saturday night, but only about a few left for Thursday night. So, if you plan to arrive on Thursday, make your reservation now through Marriott's dedicated toll-free number – (800) 593-6456.

**Note:** Suites of three different types are in our room block and all are reserved. However, the hotel is going to accommodate additional suite reservations based on availability at the time. For suite information and reservations only, please call Kristen Longley direct at (334)737-2132.

**Interested in Playing Golf and Supporting the Auburn Knights?**  
**See Page 3 for more details.**

## REUNION REGISTRATION OPEN

Beat the crowds and register now for this year's reunion! Remember, for all era band players, *the reunion is a pay to play event*. No freebies! Yes, we're all there to enjoy the camaraderie, the stories from years gone by, and the awesome musicianship. However, we're also raising scholarship and operating funds to ensure the longevity of the AKO. To register, simply fill out the registration form on Page 7 and send it with your payment to Wade Johnson (address on the form).

## The Reunion is Fast Approaching!

Era band players—Be sure to contact your era band leader(s) to let them know your availability.

Era	Leader(s)	Phone	E-mail
30s/40s	Richard Garrett	(334) 322-9300	PIALLC@msn.com
50s	Jay Owen Sonny Harris	(908) 510-3910 (205) 823-4165	bebopbuf@mindspring.com sondrum.harris@gmail.com
60s	Steve Means	(251) 504-6004	aunknights@hotmail.com
70s/80s	Fritz Siler	(404) 421-8674	dogsiler@hotmail.com
90s/ 2000s	Wade Johnson	(334) 332-9156	wade.johnson@gmail.com

## Notes from the AKA Winter Board Meeting

- President Woody Leonard called the meeting to order at 10:11 am Central, February 13, 2014
- Secretary Peter Blaise recapped the email approval of the July 11, 2015 minutes—the minutes were sent to Board members and officers on September 29, 2015; David Spencer motioned to approve, Jeff Jones seconded, and by October 8, 2015, 8 of 15 Board members had voted to approve.
- Treasurer Wade Johnson reported a current treasury balance of \$10,363.38 and noted the balance had declined from last year.
  - Jeff Jones requested Wade provide a table or chart showing account balances over the past several years. Wade agreed to send it out after the Board meeting.
  - Becky Cain recommended the AKA Reunion Registration Form include an entry for donations to the AKA operating fund. Jana Calano suggested The Bridge also include a short mention of the need for operating fund donations.
  - Nat Michelson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report; Jeff Jones seconded; the report was approved by affirmation
- Scholarship Fund Chairperson Fritz Siler reported a current scholarship account balance is \$53,537.50.
  - Scholarship monies are generated through donations and Silent Auction proceeds; Fritz reviewed how the generosity of AKA alums has boosted the Scholarship Fund.
  - Scholarships have averaged \$2,500 per recipient; usually two scholarships are given each year.
  - Jeff asked about AKA scholarships being used as a recruitment tool to entice new members to the AKO; Fritz commented that the current AKO requirement for a new member probationary period prohibits using scholarships for recruitment.
  - Nat Michelson suggested a change to the AKO rules to better mesh with using the scholarship fund for recruitment; Shanna Stoker agreed to take his suggestion to the AKO for consideration.
- Shanna Stoker, AKO vocalist and representing Tyler Strickland, reported on the current status of the band.
  - The band has five open slots including lead trumpet, lead trombone, bass, and male vocalist; the current guitarist will also be leaving the band.
  - With the positive growth of the AU Jazz Program, the potential for recruiting new members to the AKO from that program led to some very spirited discussion.
  - Shanna is now the public relations manager for the AKO; more discussion recommended using the weekly AU email blast to all faculty, staff, and students to publicize AKO events as well as greater use of social media.
  - The band requested the AKA fund replacement stand lights; Peter Blaise stated such minor operating expenses should be the responsibility of the band, not the AKA.
  - John Norton requested a definition of roles/responsibilities of current band leadership. Shanna recapped that Tyler Strickland is the AKO band manager, Jeremy Leff is the rehearsal coordinator, and agreed to provide more detail subsequent to this meeting.
  - Woody suggested the AKO seek missing charts and new arrangements from known arrangers within the AKA membership. Shanna was advised to contact Bob Jemian as the AKA Librarian for missing parts.
  - Board members commented about out-of-date information on the AKO website and recommended the site be updated.
  - Shanna stated the band is pursuing production of a new AKO promotional video; Phil Gipson volunteered to assist the band with staging for the video.
  - John Norton recapped the makeup and purpose of the AKO Board of Directors for Shanna's benefit since she was not aware of that Board's existence.
  - Jeff revisited the topic of recruiting new players to the band; Woody suggested contacting the AU Singers for potential vocalists.
  - Peter Blaise opined that he believes AKO recruitment of new players has stagnated over the past several years. Further, he believes a key strength of the AKO since its inception has been the band's ability to constantly refresh itself from the ranks of AU and other area musicians. Board Members expressed their concerns re: the AKO's longevity if current recruitment problems aren't expediently resolved.
- John Norton reported that since the silent auction began in 2012 to raise scholarship monies; it's been steadily growing. Last year, the auction realized about \$3K for the scholarship fund.
  - The AKA Scholarship Fund lost a major benefactor last year with Jimmy Newberne's passing.
  - The Scholarship Committee is proposing a springtime golf tournament to raise scholarship monies. John outlined his current planning efforts to date. Sonny Harris motioned to have the Scholarship Committee continue to investigate sponsoring an AKA Scholarship Golf Tournament; Nat Michelson seconded. If a spring 2016 tournament is viable, Board approval will be subsequently sought via email. The motion was approved by affirmation.

*During Lunch, the Board welcomed remarks from Rebecca Estes, Marriott Event Manager; Gretchen VanValkenberg, AU Alumni Affairs/Alumni Association; and Dr. Mike Pendowski, AU Jazz Program.*

*Dr. Pendowski eloquently updated the Board on the growth of the AU Jazz Program. There are now 65-75 students participating in the Jazz Program and a considerable number are music majors. Currently, there are two bands with space for a third; several combos; and Dr. Pendowski is teaching a Jazz Harmony class. Dr. Pendowski also stated he's receiving good support from the AU Music Department. About seven Knights have been or are currently involved in the Jazz Program. Dr. Pendowski encourages his students to gig as much as they can and that includes playing with the AKO—they only become better players when they have more opportunities to play.*

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## Announcing the First Annual AKAAGolf Scramble to Raise Scholarship Funds!

The AKAAGolf is pleased to announce the first annual Auburn Knights Golf Scramble to raise money for the Scholarship Fund! It will be held Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Robert Trent Jones Grand National Lake Course in Opelika, with a shotgun start at 8:00 am. We are looking for teams of four, and there will be three different levels of participation and support, including corporate sponsorships. More details will be forthcoming soon, but in the meantime, please contact John Norton at (334) 887-9883 or email at [john.norton72@gmail.com](mailto:john.norton72@gmail.com) if you would like to assist with planning, publicity, or registration, especially those of you with golf tournament experience.

For all you golfers, please support this fundraising tournament as its sole purpose is to raise funds for scholarships for current members of the Auburn Knights Orchestra. More to the point, you get to play golf on an incredible golf course while supporting the Knights!

### “Uncle” John Norton Needs You!!!

AKAAGolf’s intrepid reunion coordinator, John Norton, needs volunteers to assist with three important reunion activities.

- **For the Silent Auction, a coordinator and at least one assistant** are needed to oversee this important fundraising effort. The Silent Auction Room will open at 10 am on Friday and maintain the same hours as the Registration Desk. The Saturday hours will be posted at the reunion.
- **For the ever popular Jazz Brunch, a leader is needed** to recruit a few associate members not already in other meetings to kickoff the festivities at 11:00 am Saturday. At a minimum, we need to start with a rhythm section and at least one horn player and/or vocalist. A piano will be provided, but everyone else, including bassists and drummers, will need to schlep their own instruments to the Patio Bar.
- **The Matinee Band needs a leader for 2016!** The Matinee Band got more traction last year and we expect this new tradition to continue growing. Bob Jemian will again organize the book from our huge library, but we need a leader to front the band. Fritz Siler fronted in 2014 and Bob Greenhaw in 2015. Now, it’s time for another worthy alum to take a turn.

**Please contact John by email at “[john.norton72@gmail.com](mailto:john.norton72@gmail.com)” or phone at (334) 887-9883 for additional information...and to volunteer your time.**



The always entertaining Susan Woody teasing the crowd with “I’ve Got a Crush on You” in 2015.

## 2016 AKAAGolf Reunion Highlights

- Era Band rehearsals will begin at noon on Thursday with two hours allocated for each band.
- Following Friday’s dress rehearsals, there will be a “mixer” for alums and current band members, with two complimentary beverages for all attendees.
- The Marriott is extending the Patio Bar hours to 11:30 pm each night and will also offer the Patio Bar menu in the Lakeview Dining Room from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm on Friday and Saturday nights prior to the concerts.
- There will not be a midnight buffet this year. Instead, the Patio Bar menu will be available after the concerts in the Lakeview Room until 11:30 pm.

**Notes from the AKA Winter Board Meeting** *(continued from Page 2)*

- Historian's Report: On Paul McCracken's behalf, Woody Leonard reported that 21 video interviews of Knights alums have been uploaded to YouTube as "Auburn Knights Memories."
- For the AKA Music Library, progress continues towards full digitization. The Board discussed managing access to the data with Jeff Jones making a motion to investigate saving the Library to the cloud and permitting access for select AKA officers; David Zuwiyya seconded. Wade Johnson agreed to work the issue with Bob Jemian and Tom Winstead, the motion carried.
- Peter Blaise reported only the November 2015 issue of The Bridge has been published since the July 2015 Board meeting; printing and mailing costs totaled \$364.60.
- Archives Report: Fritz Siler/Becky Cain
  - Fritz and Becky are working to organize the archives, scanning photos, etc.; identifying individuals in photos
  - They need help from all AKA members in identifying individuals in photos; recapturing locations of past reunions, etc.
  - Fritz requested the next issue of The Bridge encourage attendees to stroll through the archives room and provide any information they can.
- Media Report: Richard Garrett
  - For the past few years, has used Alabama News Network to disseminate reunion info;
  - Tommy Cothran, who's been sitting in with the '30s era band on violin, works for the Alabama Film Commission to facilitate movie production in the state. He works with the Arts Council and will be promoting the Alabama Bicentennial celebration starting this coming summer and running through 2018. Tommy's working on the possibility of bringing a film crew to the 2016 AKA Reunion to create a 30-minute PBS segment on the Knights.
- AKO Board of Directors Report:
  - Due to Bob Jemian's absence, Woody took the opportunity to discuss how we could further assist the current band.
  - Peter asked if the AKO Board was being used effectively, Phil (also a member of the AKO Board) stated it wasn't.
  - Woody discussed the fine line between the AKA supporting the current band—something we gladly do—vs. the Alumni trying to run the AKO—something we have historically balked at doing.
  - Woody, with John Norton's assistance, recapped the creation and mission of the AKO Board. Further discussion delved into the need to provide more effective mentoring to the AKO.
  - Woody asked Phil to pass on to the AKO Board that the AKA expects the AKO Board to be a well-functioning council that provides timely advice and mentoring to the current band.
- AMEA (AKA Booth) Report: John Norton
  - John recapped this year's AMEA AKA booth presentation and gave special thanks to Richard Garrett, Woody Leonard, Bob Greenhaw and others for supporting the event.
  - John opined that an AKO recruiting tour held before high school graduations occur could have great potential for recruiting new members to the band.
- 2016 Reunion Update: John Norton
  - No increase in rates for 2017
  - For reservations, call the number previously provided in The Bridge.
- New Business
  - Woody requested nominations to fill the open Board seat resulting from Frank Butenschon's untimely passing. Neal Brum-beloe moved to elect Jim Mahaffey to fill the vacancy; David Zuwiyya seconded. After more discussion, Neal amended his motion to alternately consider Steve Means if Jim Mahaffey declines. The motion carried by affirmation
  - Peter recapped Tom Winstead's proposal to donate original hard copy charts from the AKA Library to Auburn University Archives; essentially, the AKA Library would then become solely comprised of digitized charts. Jeff moved that the AKA move forward with this proposal and investigate contract stipulations from the AU Library re: rights and restrictions to the charts/Jana Calano seconded. The motion carried by affirmation
  - Revision of AKA Bylaws: Woody addressed revisions to the current AKA Bylaws re: terms of office for elected positions. Nat moved to accept the changes; Neal seconded. Woody addressed the need for a 20-day notice to the AKA membership prior to their voting to accept the changes. The motion carried by affirmation
  - Richard Garrett passed on request from AU Alumni Affairs for an updated roster of AKA membership. Additionally, AU Alumni Affairs would be glad to help disseminate AKA information to AU alumni.
  - Richard suggested the revised Bylaws address adding the Immediate AKA Past President as a Board appointee with a two-year appointment.
  - Proposal for Increased Alumni Communications (social media ideas): Jeff Jones discussed the use of Facebook, other social media to promote the Knights; Jeff motioned AKA created an official AKA Facebook page and that the costs of running it investigated. Phil Gipson seconded. During discussion, Nat, Fritz, Becky, Jeff volunteered to make it happen. Nat volunteered to be the point person. The motion carried by affirmation
- The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM Central

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Grace Notes

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**Frank “Boots” Butenschon:** AKO Alum Frank “Boots” Butenschon passed away unexpectedly on December 25, 2015 at the age of 77 after a courageous battle with cancer. A fine trumpet player with the Knights from 1958-1960, Boots became a veritable legend in South Georgia for his incredible success in leading the Valdosta High School music program to national prominence. He also enjoyed similar success at high schools in Oxford, Alabama, and Guntersville, Alabama before returning to South Georgia in 1989. A regular attendee at AKAA reunions, Boots had been elected to the AKAA Board of Directors in 2015 and was excited to again play a key role in leading the association.



In 2014, during a reunion of Valdosta High School Marchin' Cats, Boots received a Proclamation from State Representative Tim Golden commemorating his career of excellence in education and music, and was also awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from Troy State University for his career of service in Musical Education. In 2015, he was also honored by the Georgia Music Educators Association at their annual convention for his outstanding contribution to Music Education in Georgia.

Boots is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan; son Kevin Butenschon (Kendra); son Chris Butenschon; and five grandchildren,

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**Walter “Skull” Howell:** AKO Alum Walter N. “Skull” Howell, class of 1949, passed away on 9 December 2015 at the age of 87 in Lakeland, FL. After playing tenor sax in the Auburn Knights in the '40s, Walt joined Gene Krupa's big band until family obligations forced him into a different career path with the Department of Defense. After his retirement from civil service, he built a small music business in the Richmond, VA area supporting events, hotels, and restaurants. He thoroughly enjoyed all AKAA reunions and was deeply disappointed when he could no longer travel to the gatherings.

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**Stephen Mallory Pierce:** AKO Alum Mallory Pierce of Birmingham passed away on March 9, 2016 at the age of 90. After WW II service in the Army Air Corps, Mallory attended Auburn where he became a standout trumpet player in the Auburn Knights Orchestra. Graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering, Mallory settled in Birmingham and enjoyed much professional success, eventually starting his own fire protection engineering firm. An active musician and avid supporter of music in Birmingham, Mallory played trumpet in jazz combos, big bands, and, in 1978, became a founding member of the Superjazz Big Band, playing with the group until his retirement from music in 2007.

Mallory is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean; his sons Stephen Mallory Pierce, Jr. and Adam Prescott Pierce (Stefanie); one grandson, and two great grandchildren.

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**James “Jimmy” W Newberne, D.V.M., M.Sc., Ph.D.:** AKO Alum “Jimmy” Newberne passed away Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the age of 91. Jimmy achieved great success in his career working in drug research in which he participated in the development of vaccines for measles and polio and also worked on the development of Clomid and Allegra. A Navy pilot during WW II, Jimmy flew the Martin PBM Mariner to provide convoy protection and submarine reconnaissance. After the war, he continued to fly as a flight instructor and a reserve pilot. One of his greatest joys in life was music, with Jazz at the top of the list. While attending Auburn University, he played tenor sax in and led both the Auburn Plainsmen and the Auburn Knights.



Jimmy was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Helen; his children James Jr. (Sharon) Newberne, Linda (Bruce) Hilliard, Karen Newberne; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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## AKAA Bylaw Revisions

- During the February 13, 2016 meeting of the AKAA Board of Directors, revisions to the AKAA Bylaws were recommended to better align the Bylaws to longtime Board practices. Those recommendations are:
  - Revise the term of office for AKAA elected officers to two years as has long been practiced rather than annually as currently detailed in Article 5, Section 2 of the Bylaws. Another revision is to have the immediate past President continue to serve the Board in the appointed position (non-voting) of Immediate Past President.
  - Revise the description of the Vice President's role to recognize the “...*Vice President (or First Vice President in the event there are more than one) shall also serve as the President in Waiting and shall assume the duties of the President when the incumbent's two-year term expires.*” While AKAA practice has been to elevate the Vice President to the position of President upon completion of the President's two-year term of office, the Bylaws did not reflect that practice.
- These revisions to the Bylaws will be presented to the AKAA general membership during the general membership meeting at 10:00 am, Saturday, July 9, 2016.

## NO MATTER THE TIME OF YEAR, YOUR GENEROSITY KEEPS THE LEGACY OF THE AUBURN KNIGHTS ALIVE!!!

**THIS YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ACAA SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR OPERATING FUNDS. YOUR GENEROSITY CAN HELP A CURRENT KNIGHT COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION AND, EVEN BETTER, SUSTAIN THE LEGACY OF THE AUBURN KNIGHTS.**

### 2016 ACAA Reunion Schedule

	Thursday, July 7		Friday, July 8	Saturday, July 9
	Registration 1:00 - 4:30 pm (Ballroom Foyer)		Registration 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 5:30 pm—9:00 pm	Complimentary Continental Breakfast Saturday & Sunday 7-9 am in Lobby Registration 10:00 - 11:00 am
8:30 AM	<b>Food and Beverage Options</b> Lakeview Room Breakfast: 6:30 - 11:00 am Lunch: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm Dinner: 6:00 - 9:00 pm Patio Bar: 11:00 am - 11:30 pm		30s/40s Dress Rehearsal 8:30 - 10:00 am (Ballroom)	AKAA Board Meeting 8:30 - 10:00 am (Conference Suite 303)
9:00 AM				
9:30 AM				
10:00 AM			50s Dress Rehearsal 10:00 - 11:30 am (Ballroom)	General Membership Meeting (Theater)
10:30 AM				
11:00 AM				
11:30 AM				
Noon	30s/40s Rehearsal Noon - 2:00 pm (Ballroom)		60s Dress Rehearsal 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Ballroom)	Jazz Brunch 11:00 am -1:00 pm (Pool area)
12:30 PM				
1:00 PM			70s/80s Dress Rehearsal 1:00 - 2:30 pm (Ballroom)	
1:30 PM				
2:00 PM			Matinee Band 1:30 - 3:00 pm (Ballroom)	
2:30 PM	60s Rehearsal 2:30 - 4:30 pm (Ballroom)		90s/2000s Dress Rehearsal 2:30 - 4:00 pm (Ballroom)	
3:00 PM				
3:30 PM				
4:00 PM				
4:30 PM			AKO/AKAA Mixer 4:00 - 5:30 pm (Ballroom Foyer)	
5:00 PM	70s/80s Rehearsal 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Ballroom)			
5:30 PM				
6:00 PM			Patio Bar Menu also available in Lakeview Room from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Patio Bar Menu also available in Lakeview Room from 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
6:30 PM				
7:00 PM				
7:30 PM	90s/2000s Rehearsal 7:30 - 9:30 pm (Ballroom)	50s Rehearsal 7:30 - 9:30 pm (Mtg Rm 1)	30s/40s Concert “The Swing Years”	70s/80s Concert “Jazz Rocks”
8:00 PM				
8:30 PM			50s Concert “The Big Bands Live On”	90s/2000s Concert “Swing Makes a Comeback”
9:00 PM				
9:30 PM			60s Concert “The Big Bands Rock On”	AKO Concert “Still Swinging after 86 years”
10:00 PM				
10:30 PM				
11:00 PM			Patio Bar Menu available in Lakeview Room until 11:30 pm	Patio Bar Menu available in Lakeview Room until 11:30 pm
11:30 PM				
Midnight				

## Knights In The News

Knights alum Khari Allen Lee, AKO 1998 - 2002, continues to stay extremely busy. He's announced plans to enter the studio soon to make a third album. Entitled "A New Earth," this fresh undertaking will include visual art (created live in our performances by a prolific, master artist), spoken word, and of course, music—soul-stirring, original music!

To make his third album a reality, Khari wanted to let the AKAAs family know he's working to raise \$3,000 through a crowd-funding effort. Details are available on the web through the Indiegogo page he's created—go to "<http://igg.me/at/anewEarth/x/10737489>" for more information.



Nat Michelson honkin' some mean baritone sax with the '60s era band in 2015.

## See You In July at our 86th Anniversary Reunion!

### 2016 Auburn Knights Alumni Association Reunion - July 7-9, 2016

#### ~ Registration Form ~

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ STREET \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ CATEGORY: ☐ MEMBER ☐ ASSOCIATE ☐ VISITOR

Event or Item	How Many?	Cost	Total
2016-2017 Dues (Members & Associates)	_____	\$20.00	_____
Concert/Dance, 7:30 PM, Friday	_____	\$10.00	_____
Concert/Dance, 7:30 PM, Saturday	_____	\$10.00	_____
<b>Saturday Jazz Brunch, 11:00 AM</b>			
BBQ Beef or Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Drink	_____	\$9.00	_____
Hamburger, Chips & Drink	_____	\$8.00	_____
Hotdog, Chips & Drink	_____	\$5.00	_____
AKAA Contributions to ( <i>all contributions are Tax Deductible</i> )			
AKAA Scholarship Fund	_____		_____
AKAA Operating Fund	_____		_____
<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b>			_____

Send this form and payment to:

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