



# The Bridge



Connecting Members of the Auburn Knights Alumni Association

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## Miriam H. Howell

Mimi Howell, wife of Auburn Knights alumnus Robert Howell, passed away on May 11, 2009.

Mimi was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Pensacola, FL. She was a charter member and past president of the Ono Island Ladies Club, and an active member of the Auburn Knights Organization for the past twenty-three years. Mrs. Howell was preceded in death by her parents, Daniel E. Hindman, Sr., and Dorothy S. Hindman, sister, Jane Elizabeth Hindman and brother, Daniel E. Hindman, Jr. She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, Daniel (Lisa) Howell of Nederland, TX; daughter, Debra E. (George) Sinak of Gulf Shores, AL; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

If you would like to make a memorial contribution to the scholarship fund in her name, please send donations to Fritz Siler, 3110 Deer Chase Ct. SW, Snellville, GA 30039. Checks should be made out to the Auburn Knights Alumni Association – Scholarship Fund. Be sure to designate on your check (or in a cover letter) that your donation is in memory of Mimi Howell.

Auburn Knights Friends & Family ,

Hello! I hope this letter finds you all well. As our 79<sup>th</sup> reunion quickly approaches, please make your hotel reservation with the Marriott as soon as possible and make sure to mention you are a part of the Auburn Knights group. Also, please invite your friends and family to this year's reunion. We want to share this one of a kind event so as to ensure the AKO legacy will live on for another 79 years.

I look forward to seeing you in July!

God Bless,  
Jana Calano 🎵

## The Auburn Knights Alumni Association

79th Year Reunion  
Auburn Marriott Opelika  
Hotel and Conference Center  
at Grand National  
*July 15-19, 2009*

Rooms for the AKA Reunion can be reserved **now** at the Marriott, by phoning (877) 563-4301. Ask to speak to Amber Windham, and be sure to mention the **Auburn Knights Reunion** to receive our special rate. Room reservations at the Marriott must be received on or before June 15. After that date, the hotel reserves the right to determine whether it can accept reservations based on a space and rate-available basis at the group rate. We expect to fill the hotel, so call now!

If you have any questions or need any assistance, don't hesitate to call Reunion Coordinator Charlie Higgins at (334) 288-5001. See you there!

Need a great band for your club or organization's next dance? Contact now:

**Auburn Knights Orchestra**  
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Auburn, AL 36830  
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Erick Johnson  
(334) 707-5405  
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## Non-Profit Status for AKO

*The Bridge* is pleased to report that the IRS has approved the current Auburn Knights Orchestra as a **non-profit organization**, under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code.

Why is this important? This designation enables individuals, companies, businesses, foundations, etc. to make gifts to the AKO and receive a tax credit. If you have contacts with any of these kinds of groups, you can feel free

to let them know about the AKO's new status, and encourage them to consider gifts, etc. to the band, for which they can claim credit on their income tax filing.

It has taken quite a while, but the effort has been well worth the result! Special thanks are due to Charlie Higgins and Richard Stabler (CPA, and Honorary AKA member), whose hard work over a long period of time has made this possible. 🎵

## AKAA Reunion Recordings

Kelsey Creative Media will be providing audio and video services for the 2009 AKA Reunion. Chris Kelsey, Owner and Creative Director of Kelsey Creative Media, is a recent AKO alumnus.

Each concert will be professionally recorded and these recordings will be available for sale. You may pre-order during the reunion, or you may order online for a limited time after the reunion. Concert audio recordings will only be \$12 each (this includes shipping & handling). There will be an increasing discount for multiple concert recordings ordered on an individual order form (i.e. the more concerts you order, the more money you save!) Please expect 8–10 weeks after reunion for delivery.

In addition to the audio recordings, for the first time we will be offering a very special DVD compilation of the entire 2009 reunion weekend! Each concert will be professionally recorded and included in this one-of-a-kind multi-disc DVD collection. (Video of concerts will not be available individually—only in the compilation.)

The DVD will include the following special bonus features:

1. A 2009 AKA Reunion Video Scrapbook: Camera personnel will be working all week to capture the magic moments that make the AKA Reunion so special.
2. Special interviews with AKA President Jana Calano and other AKO superstars.

As with the audio recordings, you may pre-order this DVD during the reunion, or you may order for a limited time online afterward. The cost for the DVD will be only \$30 each if you pre-order during reunion (this includes shipping & handling); after that, the cost will be \$40. Please expect 8–10 weeks after reunion for delivery. 🎵



## Attention All Bass Players!

TMT Sound will provide two bass amps (one in the lobby lounge, and one in the ballroom) for rehearsals and performances. This will be a great help to all bass players. These amps can be used by bass players in lieu of transporting their own amps.

# 2009 Auburn Knights Orchestra Reunion

JULY 16-18, 2009

## REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Era	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30's	12-2 PM Ballroom	8:30-10 AM Lounge	1-2 PM Ballroom
40's	2:30-4 PM Ballroom	12:30-2 PM Ballroom	2-3 PM Ballroom
50's	5:30-7 PM Ballroom	2:30-4 PM Ballroom	
60's	7:30-9 PM Ballroom	10:30-12 Noon Lounge	
70/80	4-5:30 PM Ballroom	1-2:30 PM Lounge	
90's	5:30-7 PM Lounge	10-11:30 AM Ballroom	3-4 PM Ballroom
2000's	7:30-9 PM Lounge	8:30-10 AM Ballroom	

## BAND COORDINATORS

Era	Coordinator(s)	Phone
30's	Charlie Higgins	(334) 288-5001
40's	Graham Thomas Tom Winstead	(901) 755-4567
50's	Al Norman	(404) 237-5916
60's	Steve Means	(256) 549-4646
70/80	Lisa Ray Fritz Siler	(334) 887-1544 (770) 978-1287
90's	Wade Johnson	(334) 285-6846
2000's	Mark Belfast Khari Lee	(334) 887-9384 (334) 524-7114

## PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Time	Friday	Saturday
7:00 PM	50's	30's
8:00 PM	70's/80's	90's
9:00 PM	60's	40's
10:00 PM	2000's	Current

## OUR LEADERS

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2009 Reunion Registration Form

July 17th & 18th, 2009

Number

Event or Item

2009-2010 Dues (Members & Associates)

Concert/Dance, 7:00pm, Friday, July 17th

Concert/Dance, 7:00pm, Saturday, July 18th

Saturday Jazz Lunch, 11:00am

BBQ Beef or Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Drink

Hamburger, Chips & Drink

Hotdog, Chips, & Drink

\$ 20.00

\$ 10.00

\$ 10.00

\$ 7.00

\$ 6.00

\$ 5.00

Total

Contribution to the AKA Scholarship Fund

(All Contributions are Tax-Deductible)

Total Amount Enclosed

Send form and payment to:

Dorsey Tippet, AKA Treasurer

1103 Willow Run

Opelika, AL 36801