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REGISTER NOW FOR THE GOLF OUTING

We're only a little more than two weeks away from this year's Golf Outing. If you've been waiting to sign up, stop reading this, go to <http://www.epsilongamma.org/UpcomingEvents.htm> and sign up now!

The Quick Facts:

- Golf Outing is **June 19th**
- The cost is **\$90**
- If you need to know more [go to the website!](#)

As of yesterday we had approximately 30 golfers signed up. By this Saturday, we need to get a count into [Devil's Ridge Golf Club](#). So, call your clique, call your buds, call your family & get signed up.

We also have a couple of hole sponsorships left to fill. If you're interested, email Tom Olver (tolver@wooglin.com) and he can fill you in on the details.

Have we mentioned the fact that this is our only major fundraising event before recolonization? Have we mentioned the fact that it takes money to recolonize a chapter? Have we mentioned the fact that we send you these monthly updates and newsletters for free and rarely ask for anything in return? (I'm trying to work the guilt angle here...I hope it's working.)

On a more serious note, if you can't make it this year please consider giving a donation to make sure we get Epsilon Gamma re-started on a strong footing this fall.

Remember, we have online pay options available on our website!!

If you go to: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/UpcomingEvents.htm#golfpay> you can pay for your golf fee, pay for your foursome's fee, sponsor a hole or sponsor 1/2 a hole. If you can't attend the Golf Outing but would like to donate to the cause, there is also a "donation" button you can click. All payments are secure.

If you choose not to pay online, please send a check to:

*Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation
PO Box 151
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804*

If you have any questions please feel free to email Scott Sawyer (scott.sawyer@epsilongamma.org.)

EGHC ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

The nominating committee of the Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation (EGHC) is accepting nominations for vacancies on the board of directors. At its annual meeting, July 10, the Board will consider nominations for three 3-year terms and approve a slate of officers for 2004-05.

Board members participate in a mid-year meeting (usually held in the Detroit area in January) and an annual meeting/work weekend (usually held in Mt. Pleasant in July); conference calls (as needed); attend Homecoming, Pig Roast and anniversaries whenever possible; and contribute content for newsletters/website. Officer tasks vary, but tend to be more involved than directors-at-large.

If you are interested in serving the EGHC, or would like to nominate someone for service on the Board, please contact Tom Olver at 800-800-2382, ext. 235 or tolver@wooglin.com. Nominations will be accepted through June 19.

Yours in ____kai____,

Tom

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THE BETA NETWORK

- **John Phillips**, EG 112 writes: "I moved to Nashville, TN after Christmas in 2002 -I have been rehabbing houses - and, as of Feb., 2004 - I am an insurance agent with farmers insurance.
- **Dave Fouchea**, EG 227 writes: "On April 10th, my wife Mandy Fouchea gave birth to our first child. Olivia Ann Fouchea was born at 10:58 PM and weighed 5lbs 4 oz and 17 inches long. We are all adjusting well and doing great."
Congratulations can be sent to:
Mandy and David Fouchea
1789 Shorewood Drive
Muskegon MI 49441
(231) 798-9890
dfouchea@hotmail.com
- **Eric Konopka** Writes: "Brothers and family, Since we do not have a pig roast scheduled for this year, I decided I would buy a pig and host a get-together at my house.
Yes, Saturday July 3rd I will be having a house warming / pig roast at my new house in Jackson MI. I figured that time is flying by, and we are all having less time to get together and moving farther apart, so not try to get everyone together for a good time.

I will be providing the pig, pop, some side dishes, and chips etc. Please BYOB.

I am hoping to have the pig done around 3pm, and am asking everyone to either bring a dish to pass, or a dessert.

The day will start as early as you would like to get there for I will be up and the pig will be cooking at about 6am. Any early help will be much appreciated.

The events for the day will include euchre, a horseshoe tournament, Jarts..yes I said Jarts (every good party has to have some sharp objects!), and weather and police permitting fireworks at dusk. For all you that don't know my fireworks are not sparklers and snakes. They make a little bit more color and a lot more noise.

I have a giant, 1 acre fenced in back yard, so if you are not planning on leaving you are more than welcome to pitch a tent. The neighbor also has 5 acres that I am sure she will let us camp on. I too have some beds and couches, but those are first come first serve.

I am asking everyone to RSVP with an e-mail back to me and with number of people coming, and what they are bringing, by June 19th. This way I will know how big of pig to get, and so we don't have 30 people bring potato salad. Also this e-mail was not meant to exclude anyone. These are just the e-mail addresses I have saved, please pass this to all brothers and close friends that may not be on this e-mail list. I hope to hear from you all soon.

The house address is:

3407 North Dettman
Jackson, MI 49201

If you have any question feel free to call me or e-mail me back.

-Eric J. Konopka

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P.S. Rocky is getting old. Please do not feed him any beer...or tequila (Boyd)."

Betas in the Military Update

- **Matthew J. Yandura**

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May 29, 2004 - Dear Brothers of Epsilon Gamma, I wanted to take this moment to tell you that the Beta spirit is alive and well here in Baghdad. My army reserve unit was mobilized in December 2003, and we were in Iraq by January, as part of a Joint Psychological Operations Task Force. Our mission: win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people in the face a determined insurgency while preparing the populace for transition to sovereignty. Upon arriving, we linked up with the unit we were replacing—another Psychological Operations organization. I was pleasantly surprised to discover one of the guys in the other unit was a fellow Beta—and he even brought a Beta sweatshirt with him.

After working out of a Baghdad operations base called Camp

Victory for three months, fate played its hand in my professional affairs. In my civilian career, I was a writer for President Bush at the White House prior to getting mobilized. Well, it turns out Brigadier General Kimmitt heard through the special operations grapevine that a White House writer was in theater serving in Psychological Operations. BG Kimmitt summoned me to the Coalition Provisional Authority Palace in the "green zone" shortly thereafter. Turns out the "summons" was actually the precursor to a one-hour interview with BG Kimmitt. After the interview he told me he was immediately reassigning me as his special assist and with duties as the Speech Writer for the Commanding General of Multi-National Forces-Iraq (Lieutenant General Sanchez)!

For the last month I have working here at the CPA, dealing with the battle on an entirely different level and enjoying working along side the new Iraqi government members.

I'll be back in the states in October. Since I live in the DC area now, when I return, I'll take a few weeks leave and visit my parents at their new home in Howell, MI. I am looking at moving back to Michigan and running for office in 2006 to be the U.S. representative for Michigan's 5th District. Dale Kildee is the incumbent Democrat there and he has been serving in that job for over 20 years—time for a change. I'll need all the help I can get with that.

That's all for now. Keeping my head down, and chin up. Proud to be a Beta.

Yours in __kai__,
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- **A1C Justin D. Warnack.**
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May 6, 2004 - Here are some pictures of me, and some of the Predator. *(Pictures can be seen online at <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betanetwork.html#mil>)* Just a quick note on the Predator. Its real title is the MQ-1 RPV (Remotely Piloted Vehicle). We are currently flying over the skies of Iraq, and we can do it from Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas. We also carry two hellfire missiles, which are classed as AGM-114 if anybody wants to know. Okay that's it. Well good luck to you. Thanks, A1C Justin Warnack EG 269

To send in your Beta Network News go to: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/betabase.html> or send your information to webmaster@epsilongamma.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nineteen members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday

this month. The average age of these men is **32.7**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Steve Martineau, #100 at 60** and the youngest is **Erik Gebhardt, #313, at 21**.

- 6/1 Chris Martin, # 109 34
- 6/3 Drew Wheatlake, #199 30
- 6/6 Andy Thueme, #271 25
- 6/7 Mike Baker, #279 23
- Erik Gebhardt, #313 21
- 6/9 Paul "Bubba" Koehn, #241 50
- Marty Kaiser, #253 25
- 6/10 Doug Ackerman, #96 36
- 6/11 Steve McDonald, #211 28
- 6/12 Justin Melville, #247 25
- 6/13 Bill Kosidlo, #163 32
- 6/14 Matt Mularoni, #182 34
- Sean Looney, #123 33
- 6/16 Mike Simons, #212 28
- 6/17 Jim Harkness, #111 40
- Paul Matter, #312 22
- 6/20 Gary Zarkowski, #55 37
- 6/23 Tom Schmidt, #39 38
- 6/27 Steve Martineau, #100 60

Please help these brothers celebrate by sending an email, making a phone call, sending a card, paying a visit, taking them out, etc. Best wishes for a healthy, happy and safe birthday, brothers!

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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EGHC WORK WEEKEND & THE NEXT ADVISOR'S MEETING

Both of these events will take place in Mt. Pleasant on July 10th. I'll be sending more information in the next e-newsletter.

See you next month!

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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www.epsilongamma.org/Password.html

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