



For The Staunchest E-News - Monday, April 04, 2005

DETROIT AREA ADVISOR TRAINING – April 30, 2005

On April 30th, advisors from CMU, MSU, and Kettering will be gathering for a Detroit area Advisor Training Session led by Jon Steiner of the Administration Office in Oxford. The session will be held in Rochester Hills at Dana Corp. (District Chief AJ Calkins' office)

Who:	All Advisors, Greek Life Advisors, Faculty Advisors, Parents, Interested Alumni
What:	The Beta Theta Pi - Detroit Area Advisor Training (ATC)
When:	Saturday, April 30th, 2005 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Where:	Dana Corp - Fluid Routing Div Office, 2910 Waterview Drive, Rochester Hills MI 48309 Lake Michigan Conf. Room
More Information:	Download Directions and the agenda here . (pdf document)

Advisors are required to go through training once every 2 years. This session is also open to ANY Alumni interested in becoming an advisor for the CMU colony.

I have been working with A.J. Calkins to make this unique opportunity happen. This will be one of the first sessions in our area, and depending on its success, it may be something we can continue.

If you are a CMU alumnus, or know of a "Beta Friend" that may be interested in being an advisor to our CMU colony, please contact me **as soon as possible**. This training date will be very important not only to anyone new to the scene, but to all current advisors who have not been trained yet.

Yours in __kai__

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ADVISOR/COLONY RETREAT GREAT SUCCESS

On March 19th the colony along with the EGAT met in Wellston Michigan for what we hope to be an annual event, if not bi-annual (once a semester). This trip would not have been possible if it were not for the generous offering from brother Wisniewski. Trevor donated his cabin to us for the weekend, of which 19 to 20 of us stayed on that Saturday night.

Saturday's agenda started off with a one on one session involving advisors and their perspective officers. We then broke into 3 groups of which we discussed the chartering goals, and how we could work them into each officer's duties, building the goals into the everyday operations of the colony. Once the discussion came to a close, we ordered some dinner and started a large group discussion on the way the colony was currently being run,

what the current mind set was among the colony, and we hashed out a few current issues – most of which derived from trying to tackle too many things at once.

After dinner, brother DuRocher led the group of advisors in a quick over-view of the 3 Fires Ritual, of which we then performed for the colony. Nice work to all of us old guys for pulling it off! The setting was amazing, and the guys got a basic understanding of the ritual as well as some guidance later on how they could enhance it for their next pledge class.

Once Ritual was over, and we dried off from the snow, we started another large group discussion about the fall's recruitment. The intent here was not only finding out what the guys had been thinking, but to add a few ideas to their list. With many generations of Betas in the room, the benefit of hearing all of the ideas was invaluable for the colony.

After the discussion, we christened the new Loving Cup donated by brother Wisniewski, and hung out the rest of the night, shooting pool, and often finding ourselves answering more questions by the eager colony.

Thank you to Tom Olver for making the trip all the way from Oxford, to Trevor for donating the Cabin (and the NEW Loving Cup), to Mark for still being able to pull off a great ritual, to Scott for bringing his camera gear and interviewing us for the 20 year, to the advisors for spending a Saturday night away from their families, and to the colony – what a great group of guys we have fighting for Beta's cause and spirit back on CMU's campus. And to the snow bank that stopped Chuck's car from hitting the pole – I am forever grateful.

I look forward to pulling off another great retreat in the fall when the colony can take part in performing the ritual for all of their new pledges, and the advisors and officers and bond once again. I would encourage anyone out there to get in touch with me as soon as possible if you wish to be a part of our advising team. NOW IS THE TIME.

Yours in __ kai __

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Pictures from the event are posted at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/news.htm>

COLONY INITIATION CEREMONY

Saturday, April 23, 2005

Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office

Oxford, OH

The colony will once again be traveling to Oxford to hold initiation. The initiation ceremony will be followed by Beta 101, a tour of the administrative office, and a trip to "old main" and the Beta Campanile.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Colony Co-counselor Dave Steiner.

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16TH ANNUAL EPSILON GAMMA GOLF OUTING

Saturday, June 25, 2005

St. John's Golf & Conference Center

Plymouth, Michigan

The early registration discount ends May 1st. If you haven't registered yet, today would nice. Here's the basic details for the event:

When:	Saturday, June 25, 2005
Where:	St. John's Golf & Conference Center 44045 Five Mile Road Plymouth, Michigan 48170 www.stjohnsgolfconference.com
Who:	Beta Alumni, Undergraduates, Parents and Guests
Cost:	\$85 --> \$75 if you register and pay before May 1, 2005 \$15 (Dinner Only)
Sponsorship Opportunities:	To learn more about sponsorship, contact: John Coe Tom Bussineau (248) 670-1014 or (252) 531-3657 jalvah@msn.com Thomas.Bussineau@uscellular.com
Registration:	You can register on-line right now. http://www.epsilongamma.org/golf_registration.htm

A complete rundown of the Golf Outing can be found at: http://www.epsilongamma.org/upcoming_events.htm#golf_2005

Proceeds from the golf outing help to defray costs associated with producing "For the Staunchest," maintaining www.epsilongamma.org, funding advisory team expenses, sending undergraduate members to leadership development opportunities, financing scholarships and hosting various alumni events such as homecoming and pig roast.

THE BETA NETWORK

- John Coe writes: "Spencer George John Coe was born on March 16th, 2005 at 7:18 p.m. He weighed in at 7# 15oz and was 20.5" long. Both mom and son are doing well. Spencer is our first child and we are very happy and excited to be parents. p.s. Can you say, "Legacy" ? :) -kai- John A. Coe EG 77"

Congratulations can be sent to:

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Betas in the Military

- **Matt Mularoni** writes: "Just wanted to let you know that I have arrived safely back in Texas with all my body hearts intact and NO Purple Hearts received. I thank my 3 lucky stars that guided me for the past year."

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

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS MAY - EG SECRETARY

(Editor's note: I received this message in early March)

Dear Alumni,

It has been sometime since a lot of us gathered under the Beta Symbols in Oxford, but the pride for Beta that I felt that day is still with me to this day. I have been working to perfect my habits, as the Secretary for the Epsilon Gamma chapter of Beta Theta Pi to have reporting be very timely and efficient.

We have been struggling with getting small things like letters out to Alumni on a quick and tactful basis along with other documents that need to be submitted to the general Fraternity. This is something we really need to be better at as well as to communicate better between the Alumni and within the chapter.

It is my promise that the timely reporting along with the timely submitting of documents and all files will become something our chapter will be known for. I believe in what Epsilon Gamma was and can be again. If anybody puts their minds to anything and puts the work to completing those goals, that person can achieve anything.

I am really busy these days not just with Beta, but also with my research, academics, my jobs, and the intramural racquetball tournament that I am currently in. So it can be a little hectic at times to keep it all balanced, but I can do it. Beta for me really makes being in college more fun than everything else that I do.

Yours in __kai__
Christopher May
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Twenty-three members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is **32.8**. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **Scott Batchelor, #31** at **43** and the youngest is **Bob English, #324**, at **22**.

4/1	Scott Jackson, #245	29
4/5	Chad Allen, #153	33
4/11	Steve Hunt, #42	39
4/13	Aaron Schmitzer, #278	24
4/14	Scott Batchelor, #31	43
	Donavan Jackson, #183	36
	Burke Daneman, #294	24
4/16	Jim Mottern, #81	37
4/20	Adam Williams, #270	25
4/21	Tom Santilli, #233	26
4/22	Paul Wagner, #14	40
4/23	Todd Binsfield, #196	30
4/26	Tony Boomer, #53	39
	Chris Hayes, #63	38
	Bob English, #324	22
4/27	Steve Yasick, #73	40
	Jason Cooley, #217	31
4/28	Mark Woodard, #10	43
	James Cox, #86	40
4/29	Matt Baad, #2	42
	Matt Friendewey, #322	23
4/30	Matt Lonsway, #246	26
	Jeff Weakland, #280	24

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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COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE/...ONE LAST THING

If you didn't get *For the Staunchest* Mailed to you in March, either you don't have a valid mailing address on file, or you sent in your changes too late. You can download a color version of the newsletter at: http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg_publications.html. I've also posted several older newsletters bringing our total number of newsletters posted on the web site to 27. (I'm still missing the first two, and a couple that I sent out in the early 90's)

Tom Olver found the original *Beta Theta Pi* magazine article from 1986 that covered the chapter's installation. It can be downloaded from the same page that the newsletters are on. (http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg_publications.html)

I don't know if I've mentioned it before, but almost every composite is now posted on our site. The only one we're missing is from 1998-1999. If you want to take a look at yourself from your college days, go to: http://www.epsilongamma.org/eg_publications.html. If you have a copy of the composite I'm looking for, please contact me - it'll complete the set!

People have asked about finances for the Housing Corporation. For your viewing pleasure, financial reports will be posted on the EGHC page of our site every quarter. You can take a look at the latest report by clicking on: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/EGHC.html>. If you have any questions about the report, direct them to Tom Olver (tolver@wooglin.com)

If you want to ask a question about this newsletter or Epsilon Gamma, go to <http://www.epsilongamma.org/feedback.htm>. If you leave the name and email fields blank, your comment or question will be sent anonymously. We'll address any questions or comments next month.

See you next month. NOW GO AND SIGN UP FOR THE GOLF OUTING!
http://www.epsilongamma.org/golf_registration.htm

Yours in ____*kai*____,

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