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# BETA THETA PI

## EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER



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### ***For the Staunchest is headed your way***

*By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director*

I'll be sending out a printed *For the Staunchest* newsletter this month so our brothers who are still living in the past century and don't have e-mail can find out what's been happening with the Betas. The newsletter will also go to the parents of actives and pledges.

If you have any news you would like to share with everyone to be included in the Beta Network News, please send it to me at [webmaster@epsilongamma.org](mailto:webmaster@epsilongamma.org) or go to our [website](#) and fill out the form. Engagements, marriages, babies, promotions, new houses or anything else you want to share is fair game.

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### **21st Annual Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast - April 19, 2008**

*By Chris Saylor '10, alumni relations chairman*

It seems it is that time of year again! The birds will be coming back and the grass will be getting green once more. As brothers of Epsilon Gamma we know it's time for the **Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast!**

**April 19th** is the date to mark on your calendar, and like past years that have been filled with fun, this year will be no different. It will be a chance to get back to Mount Pleasant, the house, meet the current active brotherhood, and catch up with fellow alumni and parents.

This year's roast will consist of an active vs.. alumni game, house tours, a loving cup ceremony, and, of course, great food. It will be a great opportunity for you to come back and see the progress the chapter is making as we go after getting our charter back this August in Dallas.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the pig roast and getting a chance to continue sharing stories of our strong brotherhood and tradition. If you're able to come please extend a hand to fellow brothers and bring them along, it'll be a great time for everyone involved. We hope to see you and your family there!

*If you have any ideas for the Pig Roast or want help out, feel free to contact Chris at: (863) 258-1806 or [saylo1cr@cmich.edu](mailto:saylo1cr@cmich.edu).*

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### **Colony Update**

*By J. Dooley '10, Epsilon Gamma public relations chairman*

The precious momentum of January transferred freely into February. The guys of Epsilon Gamma worked hard. With the frigid winds of February came spring recruitment, Inter-fraternal Soccer and Basketball, and the *Keystone Leadership Conference*.

Spring recruitment yielded excellent results! The recruitment committee's awesome events motivated thirteen men to trod "Beta's Way." John Reineke II, 09' (EG 348) has set up and implemented a promising pledge program for the spring. The newly inducted men, who already exemplify many of Beta's principles, are slowly but surely learning about Beta history, etiquette, and the inner workings of Beta Theta Pi. Expect to hear more good news in the coming months.

Contrary to the thought of many organizations: Beta does have "game." IFC Soccer and Basketball are going well. The brothers have been prepping on and off the courts for victory. While soccer is our clear strong suit, Epsilon Gamma has made it into the playoffs for Basketball and Soccer. Thomas Ahern, '11 (EG 359) has done an excellent job serving as the IM Sports chair and being a liaison between the IFC, Student Activity Center, and Beta.

Last, and certainly not least, is the Midwest *Keystone Leadership Conference* that was hosted in Des Moines Iowa by Beta Theta Pi. More than one-third of the chapter attended the event: each attendee returning with a better understanding of Beta and the workings of a chapter. A major focus of Keystone is developing the E-Board and cabinet roles. Epsilon Gamma spent some serious time thinking about the alumni relations and philanthropy positions.

Being excited about their new found information, the brothers of Epsilon Gamma aided Big Brother/Big Sister with their date auction,

helping them raise \$500+ dollars, and is current planning on bringing the "King of The Wing" philanthropy to Central Michigan University. All proceeds of the "King of The Wing" chicken wing eating contest will profit Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates: a campus organization that aids individuals who are sexually assaulted; who has recently lost their state funding.

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## The Pulse

*By Greg Compton '86, chapter counselor*

Brothers, and it gives me great joy to address you in this fraternal way. The EGAT is going along, and we have created some good bonds with the current brotherhood. Although, I feel that the current brotherhood would really like to interact with a few more alumni. Chris Saylor '10 (EG 352) is really looking for ways to reconnect with EG Betas.

Attending the *Keystone Leadership Conference* with the Executive Board was truly a great time discussing the future of our group and setting goals. Even though the conference was cut short by weather, we were able to work through some topics to help center us in what we should be doing as a fraternity, and how to continue to build the brotherhood. I was actually sad that we had to leave early, but just a little bit of me didn't mind too much because I could be home to watch the Daytona 500. Yes, this boy is a redneck.

The team will be losing a couple of brothers in the roles of pledge education advisor and ritual advisor. Trevor Wisniewski EG 114 will still be a general advisor to the group, and Ross McCallum will be concentrating on schooling away from CMU. While we are looking for some individuals fill those positions, we will begin to have some actives graduate and I am sure that some of them may want to stay involved.

The fraternity has been changing, as has the climate and acceptance of fraternities and sororities on campuses nationwide. The *Men of Principle* chapters and colonies in Beta Theta Pi are working to change the attitudes of Student Life at Central and other colleges and universities. We are attempting to show that we are organizations of leadership development, friendships and community service, rather than just another fraternity that gets drunk every night of the week. Many of us did not do this, but some of us did. Times are changing so quickly, and risks far outweigh the fun of just tying one on. Recently there were 12 pledges in Colorado that destroyed rooms at a hotel and were not only arrested, they caused the chapter of Delta Chi to be removed from campus.

If you have an interest in re-connecting with the fraternity in the role of advisor, Chapter counselor, financial advisor, ritual advisor, pledge education advisor, or any others, then please contact me. If not, then we will be looking at other Betas, or non-Betas to advise our group in the future. Why? Well, for one, I have been with the group since we have re-colonized in 2004-05 school year until now. I have enjoyed the role, and wish that I lived closer to campus. At the same time, since the beginning, my life has changed to where I am going for another masters degree; not in education, but in Pastoral ministry. With this, and the growing need to be studying, and devoting more time to my family, I won't be able to keep doing this role much longer. I will stick with it as long as I can, and I don't want to leave cold turkey. I don't want to stop with our group going for charter this summer. However, I do need to be up front with everyone. Please consider whether or not you would like to join the team and possibly become re-connected with Beta Theta Pi.

Too much information to read, but it is well worth it, if you want to know about something that is a part of you in \_\_ kai \_\_.

Contact Greg at [compton@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:compton@aaps.k12.mi.us).

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## 19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

*By Jon Eadie '93 and Mike Wharton '93, Golf Outing Chairmen*

While we dig out from all the snow here this Winter we are beginning to think about the 2008 Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing. We have a when, **Saturday, July 12, 2008**, and we are working on a where. The why is simple, I do not want to live in a world where Aaron McConnell '96 and Terry Turkleson '93 repeat as A Flight champions.

We are soliciting ideas to make this the best event yet. We are also looking for volunteers, sponsors and patrons.

Send us your thoughts, your favorite course or maybe something you have seen at other outings [golfouting@epsilongamma.org](mailto:golfouting@epsilongamma.org).

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## Epsilon Gamma helps Big Brothers/Big Sisters raise more than \$600

*By Steven Witte '10, scholarship chairman*

*[Editor's note: On Monday February 25, the brothers of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter assisted the local Chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters raise money with a date auction held at the Wayside Central. I asked the Beta coordinator of the event, Steve Witte '10 to write about the experience for this newsletter. -SN]*

Well guys, you said you wanted the details, so here's the whole story. One day when I was hanging up flyers for the [Recruitment] scholarship, I saw a flyer for a Big Brothers/Big Sisters club meeting that started in 15 minutes, so I thought I'd check it out. I talked to the president, and found out that they basically put on fundraisers to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan.

Donations are the only type of income the organization has, doing matches and stuff is expensive, so they rely heavily on organizations such as ours to help. After doing some research I also learned that BBBS was started by Ernest Coulter, who was a Beta at Ohio State, 1892.

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I noticed at the meeting that there were few members, and not many were very motivated. I talked to Lance [Prins `10, philanthropy chairman] and Robby [Hunter `10, colony president] about lending our assistance to the club, and they both thought it was a good idea. I brought it up at meeting and everyone seemed to want to help.

The club had a few small events, but they all were on the same days as recruitment events, meetings, etc, but we were able to help them with their date auction. The date auction was meant to be their biggest event of the semester, and the main focus of the club. We arranged a meeting for the e-board to come to the house so that we could find ways to help out. The BBBS club were really excited when they realized how much of an asset our fraternity was.

Our focus was to get the people to be auctioned off and also get people to come to it. We were looking for well known people on campus, and were able to find a football player, a few club baseball players, the president of Delta Chi, a few sorority girls, and some girls from the dance team. From Beta, we had Robby Hunter `10, Zak Zeoli `10, and Chris Clark (pledge). We had 10 guys and 10 girls total.

The auction took place at 9:30 on Monday, February 25 at the Wayside, which we had reserved exclusively. There was a fairly decent turnout for a Monday night, about \$85 was made at the door. We also had a raffle set up. We were allowed to keep everything we made at the door, and the Wayside kept all profits from drinks sold.

All of the volunteers were also Betas. Kris Stenglein, Jacob Zolynsky (both pledges), Alex Jeffrey `11, and Terry Massie `11 were bouncers at the two entrances. Drew Mason `10 volunteered to DJ, and Justin Mack `11 was the auctioneer. Lance Prins `10, Adam Kimo `10, and Stefan Tracenrider (pledge) were escorts, and I kind of oversaw everything to keep it running smoothly.

Bidding started at \$10 for everyone, with increments of \$5, and people went from \$10 to \$75. It started slow, but after a few people were sold, everyone started getting into it, and it ended up being a lot of fun. After everyone was auctioned off, we took volunteers to take the stage, and sold another 7 people, getting us another \$100. By about 10:30, the auction had ended, and we cleaned up and went home. Around \$600 was made total.

There were also a few people from Big Brothers Big Sisters that came just to watch the event, and afterwards they told me that our fraternity did an amazing job, and that we are a very hardworking group. It was really cool to see what our fraternity is capable of, especially for something that was just kind of handed to us when were only expecting to help out a little. I can't wait until we do our own philanthropy that we can all focus on.

*This past Wednesday, the event was featured in [CM-Life](#).*

## Upcoming Events

<p><b>March</b></p> <p><b>CMU Spring Break</b> March 1 - 9, 2008</p> <p><b>Three Fires Retreat</b> March 15, 2008 Wellston, Michigan</p>	<p><b>April</b></p> <p><b>Beta Week</b> April 6 - 12, 2008</p> <p><b>Initiation</b> April 12, 2008 Beta Theta Pi Administrative Office Miami University - Oxford, Ohio</p> <p><b>Honorary Initiation Ceremony</b> April 19, 2008 814 S. Main- Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</p> <p><b>Robert A. Seeber/Lenny Varner International Pig Roast</b> April 19, 2008 Island Park - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan</p> <p><b>Beta Theta Pi Formal</b> April 26, 2008 Windsor, Canada</p>
<p><b>May</b></p> <p><b>Epsilon Gamma Scholarships</b> Process starts May 1, 2008 Deadline: May 31, 2008</p>	

**EG's interactive full event calendar is [here](#).**

## The Beta Network

- -nothing this month-

### BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing this month-

Send in your Beta Network News to [scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org](mailto:scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org) or fill out the form at: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/betabase.htm>.

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## Happy Birthday

By Tom Olver '98, EGHC president

Thirty one members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 36. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is Bob Seeber, Sr. # 83 at 64 and the youngest is Thomas Ahearn, #362, at 19.

3/1	Jacob Wiebel, #319	26
3/3	Matt Bush, #326	22
3/4	Jimi Latoff, #215	34
3/5	Mark Newton, #29	43
3/5	Trevor Wisniewski, #114	39
3/6	Scott Erickson, #190	33
3/7	Bob Seeber, Sr., #83	64
3/7	Ed Smith, #30	44
3/10	Greg Gauss, #28	42
3/10	Robert Lopez, #150	38
3/10	Don Trabulsky, #297	27
3/10	John Morelli, #337	21
3/11	Jerry Van Horn, #186	33
3/12	Joe Fox, #223	31
3/12	Kevin Konopka, 264	28
3/16	Brandon Rogers, #195	34
3/16	Thomas Ahearn, #362	19
3/17	Dave Deighton, #71	41
3/17	Kent Richards, #76	40
3/18	Chris Makowski, #74	41
3/18	John Coe, #77	40
3/19	Bob Hempton, #46	41
3/20	Terry Turkelson, #135	38
3/24	Todd Robinson, #51	43
3/25	Justin Jagger, #214	33
3/25	Dan Martinez, #224	33
3/26	Bill Hanley, #93	39
3/27	Dave Dennis, #124	40
3/28	Mike Wharton, #121	37
3/29	Bryan Boyd, #263	28
3/30	James Eschelbach, #222	31

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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