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19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

By Jon Eadie '93 and Mike Wharton '93, golf outing chairmen

So far 27 people have registered for the golf outing. We are on track to set an attendance record!

We played the course last week. It is in tremendous shape and after talking to the staff they are looking forward to seeing us in July.

WHAT: The 19th Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing

WHERE: Fox Hills Golf Course, Plymouth, Michigan <http://www.foxhills.com/>

WHEN: July 12, 2008 at 12:00 p.m.

COST: \$99 until June 1st, \$109 after that (\$80 for undergraduates)

Your entry fee includes:

- 18 Holes of two-man scramble golf with a cart
- Lunch (hot dog, chips and a pop)
- Dinner (chicken and pasta buffet) with an open beer, wine and soda bar
- Prizes - gift bags, long drive and closest to the pin contests, 50/50 raffle and Hole-in-One "Super Prizes"

The Second Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament will follow Dinner.

Don't want to golf? Join us for dinner and the Card Tournament for only \$34!

We are looking for sponsors, volunteers and patrons. If people are interested in donating time, prizes or money (to sponsor a hole, etc.) contact us at the golf outing e-mail address: golfouting@epsilongamma.org.

You have until June 1st to get the reduced rate:

[Register and pay now!](#)

Here's who's registered as of May 4th:

Jon Eadie	Steven Desmet
Mike Wharton	Greg Compton
John Hill	Aaron McConnell
Marc Rosa	Terry Turkelson
Zach Zeoli	Phil Adler
Kris Stenglein	Scott Sawyer
Thomas Kievit	Paul Marquardt

Jeff Wandzel	Mike Marquardt
Thomas Wandzel	Larry Jablonski
Ken Breen	Dave Jablonski
Scott Nadeau	Norm Andersen
Chad Saha	Mark Andersen
Tim McGovern	Thomas Fielstra
Tom Olver	

Congratulations New Initiates!

By Scott Nadeau '89, EGHC communications director

The colony held two initiation ceremonies this past month. The first was held in Oxford, Ohio at the Hall of Chapters for the spring pledge class. The following men joined the rolls of the EG chapter:

367 - **John Everett Klapchuk** from Dowagiac
368 - **Evan Robert Stokfisz** from Rochester Hills
369 - **Marcus Bill Luke** from Holly
370 - **Matthew Jeffrey Petrusha** from Rochester
371 - **Charles "Disco" Rider** from Roswell, GA
372 - **Pratik Chhetri** from Kathmandu, Nepal
373 - **Jacob Scott Zolynsky** from Allen Park
374 - **Spencer Bryon Matthews** from Grand Blanc
375 - **Kris Andrew Stenglein** from Jenison
376 - **Stefan Quinn Tracenrider** from Battle Creek
377 - **Chris Jordan Clark** from Grand Haven

Congratulations to all of you!

The Chapter is planning to perform one pledge class initiation per year at the Hall of Chapters and one in the house each year.

The second initiation held in April was held at the house on the morning of the Pig Roast. Six fathers of current undergrads (& one alum) were treated to the full initiation ceremony. The initiation of fathers in to Beta Theta Pi is something that has been gaining in popularity nationwide over the last few years. This was the second consecutive year that the Epsilon Gamma Chapter held such an event.

The following men signed the rolls on April 19th:

378 - **Mark Robert Younger** from Metamora, father of Thomas Younger '10
379 - **Carl Richard Ahearn** from Midland, father of Thomas "Rabbit" Ahearn '11
380 - **John Alexander Reineke** from Brighton, father of John Reineke II '10
381 - **Frederick William Witte** from Grand Rapids, father of Steven Witte '10
382 - **Richard Lobban Wellman** from Central Lake, father of Chris Wellman '08
383 - **Thomas Warren Kievit** from Jenison, Stepfather of Kris Stenglein '11

Congratulations to all of the new initiates!

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

By Chris Saylor '10, alumni relations chairman

This year's installment of the pig roast was one that was a huge success.

The day started out with six new fathers being brought into the fraternity and



ended with a loving up of all the brothers that were in attendance.



The biggest difference last year's event that was most obvious to see was the number of people that enjoyed the beautiful day. Just two short years ago in 2006 there were only 26 people that had a chance to attend the event. This year we enjoyed the company of over 130 actives, alumni, families, sweethearts and friends.

As tradition has it, the founders awards were also handed out and dedicated to those that were worthy enough of winning.

Matthew Francis Baad (High Pledge GPA)

Spring 2007 - Steven Witte `10

Fall 2007 - Jeff Zapoloski `11

Thomas Joseph Bussineau (Philanthropy)

Steven Witte `10

Gregory Michael Compton (Gentleman)

John A. Morelli `09

Steven W. Martineau (Outstanding Alumnus)

Gregory M. Compton `86

Randall Scott Helman (Outstanding Undergrad)

Christopher R. Saylor '10

Steven Andrew Swindell (Beta Spirit)

John A. Reineke II '09

There were a few very important dedications that also took place. Lenny Varner, Robert Seeber Sr. and Robert Seeber Jr. `87 were thanked for their time in helping to get the event going, as well as keeping it going over the 21 years it has been around. All three received framed prints of the new logo for the event.

Thomas C. Olver `98 and Gregory M. Compton `86 were also thanked for their time and dedication during their time as Housing Corporation President and Chapter Advisor respectively. Both will be stepping down from their positions this year. Each received a personalized framed print of a chapter photo that was taken in Oxford Ohio the previous week.

With a large crowd, great food and good friends and family around the day was a great success for all. The brothers of Epsilon Gamma are very proud of the turn out and hoped it was enjoyed by everyone in attendance as well. We look forward to seeing more faces next year!

Pictures at: http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/recent_events.htm

Zapoloski Receives Fall 2007 Baad Scholarship

By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president

The Epsilon Gamma Housing Corporation recently awarded a \$200 academic scholarship to Jeffrey Zapoloski '11, an undergraduate member of the Epsilon Gamma colony of Beta Theta Pi. The Baad Scholarship was created and funded by Epsilon Gamma founding father, Matthew Francis Baad '85 in October 2005 to recognize the outstanding new member from each semester's pledge class.

Zapoloski, a personal financial planning major from Saginaw, Mich., earned a 3.82 during the fall semester. "Here at Beta, everyone is about more than just having a good time at college," offers Zapoloski. "They want to help and give back to the community, which is what I believe in."

His goals for the Colony include continuing the run of President's Cups to a third consecutive year, recruiting and initiating men of principle, and getting the charter back at this summer's General Convention in Dallas. Zapoloski currently serves as treasurer. As for his personal goals, he would like to secure an internship with a financial planning firm such as Merrill Lynch or JPMorgan.

In addition to the scholarship, Zapoloski will have the privilege of wearing the "Baad badge" — a custom made Fraternity pin bearing Baad's name and roll number — until the spring 2008 recipient is announced early next fall.

More than a dozen annual scholarship funds have been established by Chapter alumni through a special ongoing Capital Fundraising Initiative. More than \$7,000 — divided into \$250 and \$500 scholarships — has been awarded to undergraduate members of Beta Theta Pi since January 2006.

The Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi is dedicated to building men of principle for a principled life. Our brotherhood aids the individual, builds the fraternity and strengthens Central Michigan University through lifelong devotion to intellectual excellence, high standards of moral conduct and responsible citizenship. Beta Theta Pi, founded in 1839 at Miami University (Ohio), has more than 120,000 members including some 5,800 collegians on 121 campuses in the United States and Canada.

In case you missed it...

Betas Win President's Cup for 2nd Straight Year!

For the second year in a row, the Betas at Central Michigan have won the coveted President's Cup award given to the top fraternity on campus.

This year the award was changed to a criteria based process and not based on one presentation. Fraternities and sororities were graded in a variety of areas and given a percentage grade. 100% would be a perfect score. The Betas were the only group overall to meet over 90% of the criteria. Only one other fraternity even scored in the 80% range.

Assistant Director of Student Life Tom Idema had this to say:

All Betas should be very proud of the accomplishments of these men. Winning the President's cup takes a great deal of work and good decision making all year long. Your group has done it two years in a row and that is a major accomplishment. The President's Cup is given to the chapter at CMU who excels in all areas of Greek Life specifically, Scholarship, Service, Chapter and Campus Leadership, Friendship and Membership Development, External and Alumni Relations, Chapter Standards and Membership Accountability. Beta Theta Pi was able to demonstrate to our staff that they have accomplished a great deal in these areas. The 360 page document including 14 appendices was a lot like using a shotgun to kill a fly. The aim might have been a little off but the job still got done.

Beta Theta Pi has been a wonderful chapter to work with over the past few years. The GPA has been very near the top, they have been very active in the Interfraternity Council, and they have contributed to the betterment of Greek Life at CMU. The recent success of Beta Theta Pi is also a reflection of the huge amount of support this chapter has received from the National office and their advising team. Everyone involved with this chapter has played a vital role in this organizations success. It is my wish that Beta continue to uphold their standards (especially in academics and recruitment) and push other Greek organizations to bring out the best in Greek Life at CMU.

The awards were handed out this past Monday at Central Michigan's Inaugural Greek Gala. In addition to winning the President's Cup, Brandyn Lawson '09 won the Greek Man of the Year award and Steven Witte '10 won the Unsung Chapter Member award.

If you would like to send a message of congratulations to the guys, send it to Chapter President Robert Hunter '10 at hunte1rm@cmich.edu.

Upcoming Events

May Epsilon Gamma Scholarships Process starts May 1, 2008 Deadline: May 31, 2008	June --no events planned--
July	August

19th Annual Golf Outing
July 12, 2008
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
Plymouth, Michigan

169th General Convention
August 7-10, 2008
Dallas, Texas
Register at: www.betathetapi.org

Housing Corporation Annual Meeting & Elections
August 16, 2008
Mt. Pleasant, MI

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

The Beta Network

- **Tom Santilli `00** writes: I made a video for my nephew Giovanni, who is Joe Santilli's `96 (EG 213) son, Age 2. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFzw2epDlbM>
To whoever views it, feel free to post comments and send it on to as many people as you can!

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

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

Happy Birthday

By Tom Olver `98, EGHC president

Twenty-two members of the Epsilon Gamma rolls will celebrate a birthday this month. The average age of these men is 37. The oldest brother with a birthday this month is **James Riley, #23** at 50 and the youngest is **Thomas Younger, #349**, at 20.

5/2	Steve Swindell, #4	45
5/3	Scott Nadeau, #85	42
5/6	Andy Woodliff, #142	37
5/9	James Wallace, #11	45
	Rob Peterson, # 254	29
5/11	Phil Adler, #206	32
5/15	Steve Masters, #62	41
	Chris Knight, #201	34
	Josh Shanahan, #216	34
	Steve Witte, #356	21
5/17	Thomas Younger, #349	20
5/18	Steve Pohe, #131	37
5/20	Bill Browning, #78	40
5/21	Steve Grenus, #117	45
5/23	Doug Merrion, #136	38
	Joe Alexander, #238	30
	Josh Weakland, #276	29
5/24	Greg Compton, #6	44
5/25	Tim McGovern, #91	39
5/26	Andy Shubnell, #139	37
5/28	James Riley, #23	50
5/29	Dave Gillrie, #26	42

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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