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Epsilon Gamma Reinstallation Banquet - November 15th

By Christopher R. Saylor '10, chapter alumni relations chairman

As most would know the brothers of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi were rewarded for their hard work this past August with receiving their charter back at the 109th General Convention in Dallas, Texas. The hard work that was put forth the last few years was finally paid off and when the brothers were able to once again call themselves a chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

On November 15th, the brothers will be having a banquet to celebrate the achievements of the chapter. As part of the celebration, we would like to extend an invitation to you and yours. The banquet will take place at Buck's Run Golf Course in Mount Pleasant, and will start around 6 at night. The event will focus on what has happened and where the chapter has come from. There will also be a few speakers from the chapter, while David Schmidt *South Florida '92* will be the Keynote speaker. If you are interested in attending the function, **the deadline to RSVP is Thursday, November 6th** http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/upcoming_events.htm#2008_reinstall

The brothers of the Epsilon Gamma chapter hope to hear from you soon, and see you on November 15th as we celebrate the achievements of the chapter through the last few years.

RSVP AND PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THE REINSTALLATION BANQUET:

To RSVP for the banquet and purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

If you have any questions about the event contact Chris Saylor (christopher.saylor10@gmail.com) or Scott Nadeau (scott.nadeau@epsilongamma.org.)

Chapter Report

By J Dooley, chapter PR chairman

October was a busy month for the brothers of the Epsilon Gamma chapter. While managing the rigors of exams and the college life, the brothers continued to work diligently. On October 24th the brothers took part in the Three Fires ritual. Ritual chair Mark Anderson '09 planned and executed an impressive presentation. Alumnus Trevor Wisniewski '91 was gracious enough to offer his cottage to the brothers, thus the ritual was held just past Cadillac, Michigan in Wellston. The night was full of food, fun, and brotherhood. Each of the eleven pledges, all who were inducted the month before, gained new understanding of Beta Theta Pi, and formed a stronger bond with each of the brothers. *[Pictures from the event are [here](#)]*

For students at Central Michigan University, October spells homecoming. Members new and old traveled to 814 South Main on October 11th to enjoy the homecoming parade, the homecoming game, and Barb and Bubba Koehn's annual breakfast. Bubba, and his wife Barb, supply and cook food for the brothers, and other alumni to eat. We thank them for their consistency and dedication.

Alumni Relations chairman, Chris Saylor '10, has worked closely with Epsilon Gamma alumni in planning the chapter's reinstallation banquet. The banquet serves as an opportunity to celebrate the return of EG's charter, which was re-instated during this year's Convention. The banquet will take place at Buck's Run Golf Club, located in Mt. Pleasant, at 6:00 PM. The dinner will be served a la buffet style and will feature three entrees. Following dinner is a short program featuring testimonials from the active members, a video presentation, a keynote address from General Fraternity Vice President David E. Schmidt, South Florida '92, and a musical performance by current members of Epsilon Gamma. The cost for the banquet is \$35 per ticket. Those wishing to partake in this marvelous event can do so by contacting the chapter or visiting the following URL: http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/registrations/banquet_rsvp.htm.

Epsilon Gamma will continue to lead by example and live forever with quality. In the coming month expect to hear an abundance of positive news including information on: the initiation of our new members, semi formal, chapter elections, and inter-organization interactions!

CMU Homecoming & 2nd Annual "Bubba's Beta Brunch"

By Scott Nadeau, EGHC president

It was a beautiful Fall day on October 11th as alums, families and friends descended upon 814 S. Main for Homecoming.

Barb and Bubba Koehn once again did a great job with the food and I can't thank them enough for all they do for the chapter. The Koehn's estimate that approximately 150 people made their way through the house prior to the start of the football game.

From all accounts, the tailgating was fun and the Chips walked away with a 24-14 Victory over Temple!

I've posted the photos from the activities at the house here:

http://www.epsilongamma.org/events/recent_events.htm#2008_homecoming

Where did the large Beta badge go?

By Scott Nadeau, EGHC president

I received the following the day after homecoming from Chuck Williams '93:

Scott, You may recall the plaque in the shape of the Beta badge that I donated to the chapter when I graduated. When I was up there for Homecoming this year I learned it was taken, presumably by one of the actives when the chapter was closed about 5 years ago.

I ran across it in 1992 at a flea market in New York. I wasn't actually even shopping; just walking past and I noticed it laying on one of the tables there. \$10 later, it was ours. While I usually don't have this kind of an attitude about things, I think there was something fateful about it. When I was getting ready to graduate I thought it would be appropriate to entrust this item to the chapter; so it could be shared with everyone and not end up discarded, like it was when I found it.

Anyway, I am majorly bummed it's gone. Could you send a note out to the group inquiring on it's whereabouts? I would really hate for it to end up in someone's garage sale or worse, their trash can.

Thanks and -kai-

Chuck

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the badge or knows who has it, you can send the information to me or you can send any tips anonymously through the website here: <http://www.epsilongamma.org/alumni/feedback.htm>.

Wheelchair/Access Ramp for the House

By Scott Nadeau, EGHC president

A few weeks back during homecoming, honorary initiates Norm "Pappy" Andersen and Paul "Bubba" Koehn had the idea to install a wheelchair ramp at the house. Our house has never been accessible for the elderly or disabled and the EGHC has talked about installing a ramp for years. Norm said "We have brothers, alumni, family and friends who can't get in without trouble, and I would like to do something about it."

On his own time, Norm took it upon himself to design, build and install a ramp. The ramp is about 13 feet long and reaches from the sidewalk in the back of the house to the back door with a slope of about 15 degrees. The small deck for the back of the house was modified to accommodate the new ramp.

In addition to donating all of the design time and labor, Paul and Norm are covering almost 1/2 of the costs. The estimated total cost of the project is around \$600. The chapter has given \$200. They are asking for help in covering the rest of the costs.

If you would like to help Norm and Paul out with the costs, please contact Norm at the e-mail address listed below or click on the following link to make a donation: <http://snurl.com/4zxlj> I'll cut a check to Norm for all of the donations that are received from this link in the next week.

If you need more information or have questions about the ramp, please feel free to contact Norm here: normsen@chartermi.net
 (989) 362-8824 - home or
 (989) 906-4599 - cell

You can see a cell phone photo of the ramp [here](#).

Upcoming Events

<p>November</p> <p>Beta Week November 10-15, 2008</p> <p>Initiation November 15, 2008 2:00 PM 814 S. Main, Mt. Pleasant</p> <p>Re-Installation Banquet November 15, 2008 6:00 - 10:00 PM Buck's Run Golf Course, Mt. Pleasant</p>	<p>December</p> <p>Exam Week December 8-12, 2008</p> <p>Family Bowling Night Date, Time and Location TBA</p>
<p>January</p> <p>Spring Semester Begins January 12, 2009</p> <p>EG Housing Corporation Meeting January 31, 2009 Location & Time TBA</p>	<p>February</p> <p>Midwest Keystone Leadership Conference February 20-22, 2009 Clock Tower Resort in Rockford, Illinois</p>

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

The Beta Network

- **Jacob Ott `99** writes: My wife Jessica and I welcomed our new son, Leo, into the world on September 27, 2008. Leonard Charles Ott was born at 12:22 pm here in Traverse City at a healthy 7lbs 7oz.
- **Alexander "Sandy" Gaulin `89** writes: I have just landed with Ross Mortgage Company in Royal Oak. My new "boss" is the husband of a CMU ZTA...yes, she was there when we were.
- **Brad Ervans `01** and Sara Strzelecki were married on October 25, 2008.
- **Matt McCluskey `97** writes: I've made the big move from Michigan to Maryland in June with a new job working at W.L. Gore & Associates, the makers of Gore-Tex. I work in the filtration division making consumer vacuum cleaner filters. Check <http://www.gore.com/cleanstream> for a look. My daughter Molly (just turned 4) is in pre-school, and my son Keller (2 1/2) is running around enjoying the new scenery in Maryland. The mountain biking is phenomenal. Since I live in the corner of Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania, I have three states to choose from, with well over 300 miles of single track within 20 minutes drive. We are located 1 hour from Philly in one direction, and 1 hour from Baltimore the other. Wash D.C. is only 1.5 hours away, so there are lots of new places to go, and lots of new things to see in the Mid-Atlantic.

BETAS IN THE MILITARY

- -nothing to report this month-

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