

# BETA THETA PI

## EPSILON GAMMA CHAPTER



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## Seeber/Varner International Pig Roast

By Adam Whitt '14, chapter alumni relations chairman



It's that time of the year again! The Robert A. Seeber/ Lenny Varner International Pig Roast is approaching very quickly.

Mark your calendars for **April 30th, 2011** at Island Park (This year it will be at the south shelter). The south shelter has a softball diamond and horseshoe pits close by.

As always, the pig roast is a chance to get back to Mount Pleasant, come see our current active brotherhood, and most importantly come see fellow Alumni of the Epsilon Gamma Chapter. If you are attending, if you could please bring a dish to pass of some sort it would be greatly appreciated.

As Alumni Relations Chairman, on behalf of myself and the Chapter we hope to see as many Alumni as possible and their families on April 30th!

### [Click here to RSVP](#)

If you have any questions or you want to R.S.V.P. you can contact me at (517- 507-7765) or directly by email: [Whitt1aj@cmich.edu](mailto:Whitt1aj@cmich.edu).

See you soon!

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## Chapter Update

By Cody Williams '14, chapter public relations chairman



Greeting Brothers,

The month of March was a very eventful and fun month for the EG Betas. This month we took our current pledge class up north for three fires which was a great success, and we would like to thank Uncle Mark [Mark Andersen '09] and Pappy [Chapter Counselor Norm Andersen] for all their hospitality that weekend!

We have also been very successful in IM sports recently picking up many wins in both floor hockey and volleyball.

Greek Week is also in full swing and this year we will be teamed up with the lovely ladies of Phi Sigma Sigma!!

If any alumni is interested in attending the initiation ceremony it will be on April 16. However, we are not yet certain where we will be having initiation. We are still deciding if we will be having it in Miami at the Hall of Chapters, or back here home in Mount Pleasant. Once a decision is

### ▶ UPCOMING EVENTS

#### 4th Annual "King of the Wing" Philanthropy

April 15, 2011 - 4:00 PM  
Outside Warriner Hall  
CMU Campus - Mt. Pleasant  
[DETAILS](#)

#### Seeber/Varner International Pig Roast

April 30, 2011  
Island Park - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
[DETAILS](#)

#### 22nd Annual Golf Outing

June 4, 2011  
Gateway Golf Club  
33290 Gateway Drive  
Romulus, MI 48174  
[DETAILS](#)

#### CMU Homecoming & Bubba's Beta Brunch

October 15, 2011  
814 S. Main - Mt. Pleasant, Michigan  
[DETAILS T.B.A.](#)



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made we'll send out a message so that you can attend if you wish.

Our annual pig roast will be on April 30th and we hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful April brothers! and Go Tigers!

Yours in \_Kai\_  
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## 22nd Annual Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing June 4, 2011 Gateway Golf Club - Romulus, Michigan

*By Jon Eadie '93 & Mike Wharton '93,  
golf outing co-chairman*



Just a friendly reminder as the weather starts to (slowly) get warmer the Epsilon Gamma Golf Outing is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4, 2011** at the **Gateway Golf Course** in Romulus, Michigan. We have a had great response to our request for sponsors and donors.

The deadline to sign up for the golf outing at a reduced price of \$89 per player is **April 15**. After April 15 the price will be \$99 per player for alumni, family and friends (\$79 for actives).

[Click here to sign up today and save.](#)

Keep an eye out for updates and registration information in the next few weeks.

We'll post updates on [Facebook](#) (the alumni assoc. page) and Twitter [@eggolfouting](#).

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## The Beta Network

*Send your updates to  
[communications@epsilongamma.org](mailto:communications@epsilongamma.org)*



- **Norm Klein '07** was married to Tracy Reed on February 26th
- **Kyle Russell '01** and his wife Lindsey welcomed their third child, son Ethan to the world on March 17th! He joins Sophia and Kolton.
- **Phil Adler '98** and Susan Hatto-Adler welcomed son Hudson Orlando Hatto-Adler to their family on March 17, 2011, 7 lbs., 1 oz., 19" long. [\[photo\]](#)
- **Burke Daneman '04** writes: With out further ado, I'd like to welcome Mackenzie Ella Daneman to the world. Born March 24th, 2011. 6lbs 10oz, 19 inches and amazing. [\[photo\]](#)
- **Jason Potter '99** writes: After 12 years, Big Bro, Jason Potter and Lil Bro, Jason Nurmi ['00] got to hit the slopes in Breckenridge, CO a couple weeks ago. I had to hold Nurm's hand on the way down though and we were only ones in beanies and sunglasses, everyone else had helmets. SKI or DIE. [\[photo\]](#)
- **Chris Saylor '10** writes: My new job is with Masco Cabinet Group. They are part of Merillat, Kraftmade cabinets, and a ton of other companies like that. I'll be working as a Builder Sales Coordinator, quoting jobs and working with Sales Reps and Builders.  
Sammy is still in Petoskey for now. She actually is just starting to



...saying to call in a secretary for now. She actually is just starting to interview for a job at the Dearborn Inn, but as of now she is plans to stay up north for one more summer then find something closer to home, and we hope to move in together at that point. I do plan on making the Pig Roast. It will be a good time as always!

## Once, Always, Everywhere

By Matthew Brauer '90

### Interview with Oren Lane '85 Epsilon Gamma #7



**MB:** Hello brother!

**Oren Lane:** Hello brother!

**MB:** Welcome, you're the first Beta to be profiled in the eNewsletter. I think that's fitting, since you have the distinction of being the very first Epsilon Gamma pledge, and went on, of course, to be EG 7.

**Oren Lane:** That's right; the first six before me were all Founders who pledged through the Michigan State chapter, so I had the honor of being the first pledge at the CMU chapter. I pledged in the fall of '83 and was initiated Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, ironically the same date as our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary banquet last fall. At that time I was Gamma Psi 820; I wasn't awarded Epsilon Gamma 7 until we received our charter in 1985.

**MB:** Any fond memories of that experience you'd like to share? Also please tell us how you got involved with Beta.

**Oren Lane:** I got involved with Beta because Matt Baad and Steve Swindell called on me in my dorm room – 305 Emmons. They asked me to attend a rush party at their house. Back then, a rush party was social with sororities and alcohol. They really were a “party” that allowed everyone to really get to know each other. My favorite memories always involve initiation, whether it was mine or the ones I participated in as an alum.

**MB:** That was back in the mid-1980s - interesting times in the Chapter's history. Things have of course changed over the years, but the Chapter is still going strong. Have you been back to Mt. Pleasant in a while?

**Oren Lane:** I graduated in May 1985, and I was more active after I graduated than as an undergrad. I worked 30 hours per week and was a fulltime student during my active time. In fact, after I graduated I was determined to give back to Beta for short-changing them when I was active. I was very active with Beta until 1995, when I gave up the financial books after the house was up and running. With work and family, I don't get up to Mt. Pleasant like I should. My last visit was for the Silver Anniversary.

**MB:** Let's talk a bit about you after college. First, where did your career start when you got out into the real world?

**Oren Lane:** I went to CMU to be a “stock broker”. I couldn't land a job in that industry so I settled for a position I didn't want, as a financial analyst with Chrysler. Big Mistake! I truly disliked my job. It wasn't what I wanted to be doing. I was able to break into the securities industry in January 1986. Now it's hard to believe I'm in my 26<sup>th</sup> year.

**MB:** And where did you end up? What are you doing now?

**Oren Lane:** Today, I am a Regional Vice President with Nationwide Financial. In this industry we refer to it as a “wholesaler”. I call on independent financial advisors in Michigan and northwest Ohio (I live in Brighton, MI), and sell them on how and where to position our financial products to their customers and prospects.

**MB:** Wife, kids? Tell us about them. What's your life like now?

**Oren Lane:** I am married and have three children. My wife is Jill and the kids are Emily, Andrew and Anne Marie. Emily is 21 and a graduating senior at Northwood. Andrew is 14, plays hockey for Greg Abraham EG 59, and also plays golf, baseball, and runs cross country. He is heading to Detroit Catholic Central next year. Anne Marie is 12, a competitive dancer, and a 7<sup>th</sup> grader in Brighton.

**MB:** Let's go deep for a moment: can you say a few words about how pledging Beta has played a role in, or influenced your life?

**Oren Lane:** As I look back, I can honestly say that going Beta was one of the best life decisions I ever made. What I learned in weekly meetings, Robert's Rules of Order, the eye, and solving disagreements, really prepared me for the corporate world. On the social side, I developed friends for life. My loyalty to Beta is much stronger than most will ever know. I hope over time I have shown this loyalty to my fellow Beta brothers.

**MB:** And now you're happy, healthy, going strong, and life just keeps getting better?

**Oren Lane:** It does! I will be running in my 3<sup>rd</sup> marathon this year, going strong, and I can't wait to see what else life has in store for me. Life is good and I've certainly been blessed.

**MB:** Well thanks Oren, always great to hear from you. And thanks for helping to build our Chapter's foundation, over 25 years ago, and for all the help you have given over the years. I certainly remember when I first met you... Anyway, any closing words for us?

**Oren Lane:** Thank you, Matt! In closing, let me quickly share a recent conversation I had with a customer. Amy is a Purdue grad, was in a sorority, and is my age (47). It came up that I was a Beta. She asked what we were like. I said we were known as the gentlemen, the nice guys on campus - as opposed to jocks, partiers, etc. She said, "That doesn't surprise me. I can see why you chose them. The Betas were like that at Purdue too." To me, that was a compliment and I hope and pray that the EG Betas carry on the tradition of being the gentlemen on CMU's campus.

## This Month's Birthdays

*By Greg Compton '86, founding father*

Wish your brother a very happy birthday.

April Birthdays

Scott Jackson	April	01	35
Chad Allen	April	05	39
Steve Hunt	April	11	45
Aaron Schmitzer	April	13	30
Scott Batchelor	April	14	49
Donavan Jackson	April	14	42
Burke Daneman	April	14	30
Drew Mason	April	14	24
Vinnie Olsen	April	14	21
James Mottern	April	16	43
Matthew Friendeway	April	19	29
Adam Williams	April	20	31
Thomas Santilli	April	21	32
Paul Wagner	April	22	46
Todd Binsfield	April	23	36
Jamelle Dooley	April	25	23
Tony Boomer	April	26	45
Robert English	April	26	28
Jason Cooley	April	27	27



Jason Cooley	April	27	37
Mark Woodward	April	28	49
James Cox	April	28	46
Matthew F. Baad	April	29	48
Justin Mack	April	29	22
Matthew Lonsway	April	30	32
Jeffery Weakland	April	30	30

Oldest: **Scott Batchelor** 49 Youngest: **Vinnie Olsen** 21 Ave. age is **35.2** years.

These are the birthdays I have for April. If any of you are not listed or are listed incorrectly, please contact me at [compton@aaps.k12.mi.us](mailto:compton@aaps.k12.mi.us) and I will change it or add it to my major list. Have a great birthday brothers!

Yours in \_\_kai\_\_,  
Greg Compton

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