

Eta OX Mu Alumni Newsletter

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Rob Solomon – Senior - \$250
check for campus bookstore.
Congratulations Mark!

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2nd Annual Eta Mu Scholarship Scramble A Success

Louis Kuhnle '96

August 18th, 2001 was a very special day in our short 30-year history. It turned out to be a beautiful day for fun and golf, and it was also the single largest fundraiser ever for the Eta Mu Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity. We had 88 participants and numerous volunteers that made the entire weekend enjoyable for everyone. We were able to raise over \$3000 during this event. The Scholarship Foundation, in turn, donated \$1000 to the September 11th Relief Fund. Siemens Corporation matched our contribution, dollar for dollar. As you can see, this event is more than just “another golf scramble”.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work, support, and dedication in putting together this very successful outing. I would like to especially thank Mike Soldwish, Art Balderas, Dave Cantu, Mike Sandwald, Ed Diebold, Mike Schubert and Kevin Sweeney for helping organize the event along with myself.

Another thanks goes out to all the hole sponsors and contributors: Lou Kuhnle, Mark Kuhnle, Tony Strahm, Mark Robinson, Mike Soldwish, Greg Belden, Art Balderas, Ed Diebold, Chris Peterson, Aleks Meyer, Dave Cantu, Mike Schubert, Matt Rogish, and Epsilon Iota – Theta Chi Chapter (E.Carolina),

Our corporate sponsors for the event were the West End Tavern, Days Inn, The Lakes Golf Course, S&D Builders, & O'Connors Lockerroom.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PRIZE WINNERS:

- 1st place – 6 under = Mike Mallett Team – Findlay, OH
- 2nd place – 5 under = Scott Francis Team – Marysville, OH
- 3rd place – 4 under = Chris Conklin Team – Marysville, OH

OTHER PRIZE WINNERS INCLUDED:

- Grand Prize Winner - Mike Sandwald (brand new set of golf clubs)
- Skins Game Winners – Team Kuhnle - \$600 (Eagle - Hole #1)

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Congratulations Rob!

Please plan on joining us for the 3rd Annual Golf Scramble

Scholarship Raffle Offers Opportunity To Win Prizes And Contribute To Eta Mu

Louis Kuhnle '96

The shareholders for the Scholarship Golf Outing would like to announce that we are selling raffle tickets to raise money for the scholarship fund.

The raffle was originally designed out of our discussions to provide the active chapter a vehicle to contribute to the fund established for their benefit. (and of course to raise some cash)

We will be selling raffle tickets starting at Homecoming 2001 and continuing until August 17th 2002 - the day of the 3rd annual OX scholarship golf fundraiser.

What we would ask of you:

1. Please volunteer to sell some tickets by contacting Mike Soldwish or Lou Kuhnle. You can also e-mail your request for some tickets to sell and I will be glad to send you as many as requested. My work e-mail is msoldwish@lear.com or Louis.Kuhnle@sea.siemens.com.
2. Purchase a ticket. We are selling tickets at \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The prize will be \$1000 cash. There will also be four runners up prizes of \$100 or A DVD player - winner's choice.

Anyone can purchase a ticket (we aren't discriminating when it comes to money). You will not need to be at the golf outing to win.

To fill you in on what's been going on with the money raised through the Golf Outing:

Besides the scholarships that will be awarded this year, we sent \$1,000 to the relief efforts for the

September 11 tragedies. This was made through Siemens Corporation who matched our donation.

Since the Golf Outing has become such an outstanding success, over \$4,000 raised in two years, we've discussed the possibility of extending our foundation to other needs besides scholarship. Any ideas in this respect are appreciated.

Once again, next year's Golf Outing has been scheduled for August 17, 2002. There were a lot of new faces present this year, but still many more that were missing. Our goal is for 30 plus teams this year. Please start getting your foursomes ready!

The most significant contribution you can make is to attend or volunteer!

Current Events

For more information on current events, or the Alumni Corporation, see the website at www.thetachihm.org

Aleks Meyer '97, serves as our webmaster. He can be contacted at help@thetachihm.org

Please send wedding dates, birthdates of children, missing brother stories, or anything else that you feel that your brothers would like to hear about to Kevin.Sweeney@sea.siemens.com



Meeting of the Minds Scheduled for February 2, 2002

Jonathan Zimmerman '97

Robert Zimmerman (aka Bob Dylan) once wrote about the changing times. Well, the change is in the air for the Eta Mu Alumni Corporation. At the homecoming meeting we discussed changing the governing structure of the Alumni Corporation to a governing board. An idea that was suggested involved creating a board of nine alumni brothers to govern the Alumni Corporation. Each year three brothers would be elected to serve on the board. Elected brothers would ultimately serve three-year terms. Obviously, this potential change should not be taken lightly. The current executive committee is going to need your help throughout this process.

We will need your guidance, ideas, criticisms, and lots of other input. We plan to begin this process with a "summit" for all alumni brothers that is scheduled to occur on Groundhogs Day (**Saturday, February 2, 2002**). We hope to have it at the **House (unless we get a large response) at 10 AM**. We will take direction and ideas from this meeting and work on amendments/changes to the constitution so they can be voted on at formal 2002. This will then allow us to hold elections at the homecoming 2002 meeting.

This is our plan. If you want to discuss this with me in any way please contact me at (513) 947-9326 or via e-mail jcatzman@msn.com.

NO MORE DUES NOTICE!!!

Jed Thorpe '99

Hello Brothers. As Vice President of the Alumni Corporation, it's my duty to oversee the Corporation's fundraising efforts. To that end, I would like to inform you all of some fundraising changes that will be taking place in the next year. At October's Homecoming meeting the corporation agreed to adopt a new fundraising plan for the fraternity. The goal is to increase both the percentage of alumnus brothers who give to the fraternity and the amount that those brothers give. Although some of the changes are minor, there are a few that should be of particular interest to all brothers.

A few of the changes you will notice are:

NO MORE "DUES NOTICE!" Brothers will be personally solicited for "donations" twice a year, (Homecoming and Formal.) Brother will be challenged to give to the best of their ability at least once a year. I have a personal goal of getting 100 brothers to give at least \$100 per year. So, make up your mind now to be one of those 100, (and have your checkbook ready at Formal!)

ABILITY TO GIVE ONLINE! Although the details for this have yet to be worked out, keep watching the Alumni website, (www.thetachihm.org.) This will allow brothers who haven't been able to contribute in the past a new means to get involved, and will give other brothers a way to give more often.

FUNDRAISING "LEVELS." Although the amounts have yet to be defined, we will be creating donation levels, to give better benefits to our "big givers." For example, those brothers who give at the top level will receive the newsletter, and have their Formal and/or golf registration paid for. This will help reduce the number of checks you have to write to the fraternity in one year. I call this the "lump sum" approach.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE. The members of the fundraising committee, NOT the Treasurer, will be responsible for soliciting funds from the brothers. The Fundraising Committee will be composed of brothers from different "eras," so that each brother will be contacted by someone they personally know to give a donation. The bulk of our fundraising efforts will take place at Formal and Homecoming, with those brothers

unable to attend being contacted by phone near that time. If you would like to serve on the Fundraising Committee, just let me know!

I'd like to thank each of you for your past support of the fraternity. Your contributions have helped us purchase a beautiful new chapter house, establish undergraduate scholarships, send members of the active chapter to national leadership events as well as continuing to have better and better alumni functions each year! (For those of you who didn't attend Homecoming this year, you missed out on one of the best alumni events in recent years!) I'd also like to thank you all in advance for your future support of the fraternity. We have a responsibility to do "all in our power" to ensure that today's men at the University of Findlay have the same opportunity to have their lives affected by Theta Chi Fraternity like we have. This is no time to be "status quo." I had an old coach that used to say "when you're through improving, you're through."

Spring Formal 2002 Update

Brad Blodgett '99

We have changed our original April 19th –21st formal date to April 12th –14th. We have made this change to allow the active chapter to maintain their academic excellence studying for finals. We are working hard to make final decisions and finalize our plans. We are all very excited to be celebrating 30 years of the Eta Mu chapter, and we hope to see many of you there. We had over 300 in attendance at the 25th, and we hope to top that number this year. We will have some special activities planned, and a good time will be had by all. This year will be a black tie invited affair. We are currently working with Russell's Tuxedo in the mall across from the hotel to get an across the board discount. Measurement cards will be included in all invites. More details will be coming on that soon. We will be having alumni favors this year, and can be ordered when you send your RSVP. Festivities will be held at the Holidome in Sandusky, Ohio. The spring Alumni Corp. meeting will be held in the conference facilities there. Sunday brunch will also be available for around \$8 per person. Room rates will be \$55 per night, and all rooms will be around the inside activity area. Expect to see your invitations soon after the holidays. We hope to see many of you there. If anyone is interested in helping with the final preparations please feel free to call me (440)289-3475 or email at bblodgett@oxtechservices.com.

Brotherhood Through Verbal Tradition

Brad Blodgett '99

In the active chapter report at the Homecoming it was mentioned that they enjoy hearing all the stories that alumni events bring back to the house. Our brotherhood has a strong verbal history that has been passed down over the last 30 years. Over the years that I have been involved, I have experienced and heard many great stories from this tradition. This is one of the many ways that we, as an alumni group, can support our active chapter. I know the focus lately has been on monetary support, which is always needed, but we must not lose sight of what keeps us together and coming back each year. We are getting very close to a time where there not be a single brother in the active chapter who lived at 1200 North Main Street. I know it's sad for all of us to come back and look across the street at the parking lot that used to be the Theta Chi house, but we need to bring our memories of it to tell the brothers that never saw it. They are working to bring back the Christmas and Groundhog's Day traditions and are inviting us to take part. Let's show our support for the active chapter through our participation in events. I wonder if our pledge class copy of Oriental Snatch Batch is still around?

