

a letter from the chapter President...

Happy Summer!

I hope this letter finds all of you in good spirits as the summer months have officially arrived! As always we had a very busy end of the semester with 22 of our senior sisters who graduated in April. We had an enjoyable week of senior celebrations in honor of our truly talented and dedicated class of 2006. We look forward to hearing about their achievements in the future and hope Gamma Phi will always be close to their hearts!

Gamma Phis traveled near and far for a month of study during Spring Term from Scotland, New Zealand, Peru, Russia, New Orleans, England as well as on campus in Alma!

Convention 2006 will be held in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa from June 28-July 2nd. Marita Urban, Membership Education Vice President, and Elsa Starmann, Membership Vice President will be representing our chapter at the five day conference.

We would like to thank our advisor Carrie Cubberley for her years of endless guidance and support for our Epsilon Beta Chapter as the Cubberley Family will be moving to Ohio for new job opportunities. We will miss you!

Mark your calendar! We look forward to reuniting with you at the annual Alumni BBQ that will be held on Saturday, August 26th at the house. J

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ.

in ΠΚΕ,
~Erin Hlavaty '07
President

ALUMNAE board

The summer reunion BBQ is August 26th. Mark your calendar - grab your significant other and kids, pack up your favorite dish to pass and join us at the house for a day of fun and to reconnect with everyone.

There still have been no donations for the laptop computer the board purchased for the active chapter. This will enable them to keep the website updated, allow the recording secretary to have a record of all documents. In addition, they can keep in contact with the Alumnae Board and help with starting our great association. The cost of the computer was \$550, if you would like to donate to the Computer Fund - please send a check to Bree Brownlee at 12966 Watkins Drive, Shelby Township, MI 48315. Checks can be made out to Bree.

Keep Up to DATE...

July 2006

28-2 Convention in Phoenix
4 Happy Independence Day!

August 2006

26 Reunion BBQ

September 2006

5 Fall Term Begins
22 Panhel BBQ
23 Greek Field Day
30 Fall Recruitment

SAVE THE DATE

The **4th Annual Summer Reunion BBQ** will be at the Gamma Phi Beta house in Alma, MI from 1-5pm on Saturday, August 26th. Save the date...

This is a chance for you to rekindle old relationships, make new ones and to meet everyone's family and children. Bring your significant other and children for a day of fun.

Please bring our favorite dish to pass and your own beverages (no alcohol please - house rule).

Can't wait to see you all there...

Breast Cancer Awareness...

Bree Brownlee, '04 recently overcame breast cancer. After 2 surgeries she is now 100% cancer free! To help the fight against breast cancer she along with sisters Kim Light, '05; Brooke Palm, '03 and Carrie Barrett, '04 are walking in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk October 14th. Their team goal is to raise \$5,000 for breast cancer research. If you would like to help them in their quest, log onto www.QOSDA.com and click on philanthropy. Bree would like to thank those who have already donated and for all the support and love from the amazing sisterhood.



This fall, Bree and Kim will also be making a trip to Alma to speak to the Alma College women about breast cancer awareness, what to do to help in the fight, how to protect yourselves and what to do if a friend is diagnosed. They are looking forward to the chance to share their story and help young women realize the danger and reality of breast cancer among 20-something women. Best wishes for a continued recovery and a successful walk!

notes & news

& Kristy (Butts) Benson, '05 and husband Tyler moved to Clayton, NY. Tyler was stationed at Coast Guard Station Alexandria Bay and they will be there for 4 years. Kristy is working at an art gallery while getting certified to teach in NY. They have a beautiful townhouse right on the St. Lawrence River and would love to have visitors.

& Congratulations to Jillian Gettel, '06 who married Bob Simon, '03 on April 29th in Bay City. Crystal Schatz, '06 stood up in the wedding. Lots of Gamma Phi's were there to support them. Best wishes for a happy forever!



& Christine (Stevens) Murphy, '03 and husband Colin have moved to Honolulu, Hawaii!! Colin received a promotion with Apple Computer and Christine transferred with Deloitte. Everyone is welcome to visit!

& Jill Bieske, '01 and Mike Lovatti flew back to Germany for a week to watch the World Cup. They saw the US play Ghana in Nuremberg.

& Congratulations to Laura Bell, '06 on her new job! She will be working in the management training program for Sherwin Williams in Novi.

& Sara (Jefferson) Guster, '98 and husband Chris are expecting their first child. The child will be born right before Thanksgiving.

& Maggie Guaresimo and husband Dave are expecting again!! Baby #2 is due September 29th. So far everything is going great!!

& Dawna Anderson, '03 will be attending George Washington University Law School this fall to study international law. She is very excited to be moving to D.C. and looks forward to visits from all of the Gammies!

& Katrina McAleece gave birth to daughter Kinsey Marie McAleece on March 5 weighing 5 lbs 2 oz and 17 inches! She decided to make her world entrance 6 weeks early!! She is doing well and growing fast!



& William Gage Griffis was born four weeks early on March 21st. Mom, Kim Kraai '94, dad and sister Emily are all so excited. They bought 10 acres and are in the process of building another house outside of Jacksonville, Florida. If anyone is ever in the area and wants to stop in, let them know!

& Lori Mansfield had a baby boy, Cameron Axel Mansfield, January 4th. Her sister, Kristi (Carlson) Simmons, '95, is due to have a baby July 17th.

& Zabrina Santiago Lindsay, '87 and her husband Bob announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Elizabeth on February 25, 2006. She joins big sisters Anneka (5), Isabella (3), and Alexandra (2). They hope all four are future GPB legacies at Alma College! Check out the contact sheet for their new address and e-mail.

& Julie Fantone, '04 is teaching in Ann Arbor and just bought a condo. With all the GPB's in the area, she hopes they can all get together soon. She would love to have people come and visit.

& Carmen Compton, '06 married Jeff Sommerville in an outdoor, garden wedding, with a brunch reception following. Charnell (Kintigh) Davis, '06 was her my maid of honor and many Gammies attended. They honeymooned in the Bahamas. Pictured below is Carmen with her GPB family.



& Congrats to Kristina Swartz, '05 who married Tommy Martin (EX), '05 in Grand Rapids on June 24th. Best wishes!



& Shannon Roehl, '04 graduated from U of M school of Public Health with a Masters in Hospital and Molecular Epidemiology. She is working in Monroe for the Health Department as a biopreparedness intern with a special focus on Avian Influenza and applying to medical school.

& Leslee (Bartrem) Lewis, '92 and Andrew (Knut) Lewis, '90 and sons Cale, 7, and Whit, 4, look forward to welcoming a baby girl at the end of June. Leslee is a corporate/real estate attorney, a partner at Dickinson Wright PLLC in GR.

& Elke Betz, '02 and Paul Meek (EX), '00 finally tied the knot on May 13th in Grand Rapids. It was a great day surrounded by family and many Alma friends.



& Congrats to Sandy Patrick, '04 who married Pat Kosal (EX), '04 on June 19th on Mackinac Island surrounded by their family. They are having a reception to celebrate with friends and family later this summer.



& Katie Berry, '99 and husband are expecting their first child to be named Maggie due in early July.

& Congrats to Sarah Rosenthal, '03 on her engagement. Her and finance Dan are planning a fall '07 wedding.

& Congrats to Jen (Cline), '04 Lux and husband Nick who are expecting their first child January 7, 2007. Aunt Jillian (Cline) Foster, '06 is hoping for Jan 8th - so she can share the birthday! Best wishes to the new family of 3!

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