



ETA IOTA HOUSE CORPORATION NEWSLETTER

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ETA IOTA'S 30TH BIRTHDAY - ONE TO REMEMBER

With nearly 300 alumni and guests, our chapter's 30th anniversary was a good time for all and definitely one to remember. Aside from the parties, golfing and sweetheart events, the chapter celebrated 30 years at Embry-Riddle and demonstrated the bonds of brotherhood that will ensure a strong future. In this issue of the newsletter, we've included a wrap up of some of the events and an update on the spirited issues covered at the House Corp meeting.



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ETA IOTA HITS A GRAND SLAM!!

The target practice at our 30th Birthday House Corp. meeting paid off. Over the latter half of May the University has held several high level meetings regarding the Greek Housing issue. Our reliable sources report that for the first time university officials are asking well thought out questions and gathering information at a strategic level in an effort to resolve our housing concerns. Ossie Palla, ERAU Greek Advisor, has publicly said that she has seen more done towards realizing Greek Housing in the past several weeks, than she has seen in the last two years. She's also quick to point out that it was the Eta Iota alumni who accomplished this remarkable feat. The rain in my ear has stopped and ERAU honestly wants to help! We all need to thank Bob Rockett for a lot of what has been accomplished over the last month. We may have been the catalyst, but he's been the one kicking down doors and taking names, pushing the issue to the highest levels of the University. That's the good news.

The bad news and the reality of the situation is that the university officials are not confident in their ability to do anything because of self-imposed financial and land constraints that are the result of their 10 Year Plan.

BUT...IT WASN'T OVER WHEN THE GERMANS BOMBED PEARL HARBOR, AND IT AIN'T OVER NOW!

We MUST maintain pressure on the university and continue to build momentum. We have formed a housing team led by Brother John deLafosse and we will be turning the tides and creating opportunities where no one saw opportunities before. Over the next three months we will be creating our Master Requirements List and generating concepts that will include everything from moving into University funded, Fraternity-friendly dorms, to maintaining occupancy at good 'ole 520 S. Ridgewood. We will not settle for a solution with a lower standard of living than what we already provide. Despite the neighborhood, our undergraduate brothers have one hell of a nice place to live, and we alumni have one kick-ass place to throw some outstanding parties! IF we move, it'll only be up!

1855 CLUB FUNDRAISER UPDATE

As it's first year has come and gone, The 1855 Club fundraising effort has proven itself to be not only possible but also quite effective thanks to the generosity and commitment of it's inaugural members. The word has spread and a growing number of Brothers have had an opportunity to see how easy it can be to contribute and how truly beneficial it is for the chapter's future.

Currently, donations to date have totaled nearly \$10,000 in it's first year. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize those members who have made this possible, and extend a very special thanks to our very first Constantine Members. As of birthday weekend, Dave Wilkinson and John Wrightington have become our first donors to reach this distinguished level of annual

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CONSTANTINE MEMBERS				
Dave Wilkinson		John Wrightington		
WHITE CROSS MEMBERS				
John Bailey	Greg Dudzinski	Brian Lojko	Kevan MacKenize	Jaime Mercado
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Jeff Penn	Mike Saggese	Rich Schooley	Ramano Sprueil	
BLUE MEMBERS				
Rod Ebbe	Dave Fraser	Howard Hamilton	Larry Hesterberg	Don Miller Rob Pacheco

contribution. Thank you one and all for your continuing commitment to the future of Eta Iota.

With continuing maintenance on the existing property and a renewed interest in getting the school in gear, we need to be prepared for when it comes time to provide the funds for our next big step. The 1855 Club and its members are providing us the means to get a head start on this effort. As we discussed in the annual meeting, we are currently placing all proceeds into long-term savings and using rental income for the short term needs.

For those of you who have not yet signed up, it couldn't get any easier. Simply call Rich Schooley at 770-552-7250 or fill out the form on page 5 to provide some basic information and select the level you would like to contribute. It's totally safe and we need your support for the future of Eta Iota!

Charles Bonini Never to Shop eBay Again

Deland, FL--In a solemn pledge to himself and the world, Charles "*Hide Your Daughter*" Bonini, the new owner of a complete Mama's Family video library, announced Monday that he will "never, ever again" shop the online auction house eBay while inebriated.

"Over the course of Friday evening, Apr 26, while at a fraternity's 30th Anniversary party, I drank two Jack and Cokes, somewhere in the vicinity of six to eight beers from the keg, a good half-dozen Bahama-Mamas from the frozen drink machine, plus, I believe, at least two shots of Cuervo 1800 tequila," Bonini said at a press conference held on his front lawn. "And, although I now have no memory of doing so, it is clear that I logged on to America Online and accessed eBay sometime before 2:28 a.m. early Saturday morning."

"During my visit to the eBay site," Bonini continued, his voice beginning to break, "for some reason known only to God, I entered a maximum bid of \$300 in an auction for the entire episode run of the popular '80s situation comedy Mama's Family, starring Vicki Lawrence and Ken Berry."

"I won that auction," he added gravely.

The final sale price for the 44-tape set was \$279.50, with shipping charges raising the total amount spent by the aviation professional to \$301.67. Bonini, who said he is "partway through the first episode," also received a copy of the 1981 made-for-TV movie *Eunice*, which preceded the sitcom.

Bonini has attempted to reconstruct the mental process which led to his excessively generous bid for item #114258855. Though Chuck has been known to regret eBay purchases in the past, including a \$65.50 "autographed" Carl Yastrzemski lithograph which turned out to bear a reproduced signature and a Japanese import Abba CD that "turned out to be just a bunch of weird remixes," his recent acquisition is by far the most puzzling.

"Could I have been so drunk that someone could have broken into my house, started up my computer and bid without me knowing it? No, that can't be. They wouldn't have had my password," said a stumped Chuck, whose money order for \$301.67 was received Sunday by seller "CubanFatty." "Did I mean to type in a bid of \$30 and enter \$300 by accident? But what would have made me bid even \$30? Maybe Monkey or Bob put something in my drink."

"Crap," he added, "I can't believe they made 130 thirty minute episodes of that show. How many years is that? I'm gonna need a new cabinet."



Dr. Love charming the ladies

R.M.F. TO RAISE INS. COSTS

House Corp received notice recently that The Risk Management Foundation (RMF) will be forced to raise our membership fees beginning this year. It was explained that the insurance market has tightened over the past year regarding fraternity liability and property coverage. The chapter's insurance is paid by The House Corporation with funds collected through rental income from the actives. We will have to evaluate the current

monthly rent once we know exactly how much the insurance is expected to increase to see if an adjustment will have to be made. In the meantime...no kegs and stay off the roof!

30th BIRTHDAY CD-ROM UPDATE

by James "Gassi" Ahrens '90

Well, undertaking a 30 year history project is kind of like trying to eat an elephant - one bite at a time. But in this case its one byte (or pixel) at a time. So far I have over 500 pictures scanned from some of the scrap books and a whole bunch from the 30th B-Day party weekend. Some of the things I'm adding to the CD-ROM are videos I shot during the weekend and a slick Flash intro. Plus I have tons more pictures from the scrap books to scan and have had more sent to me from Florida.

What does this mean? Project delays of course! However this project will be well worth it and your \$15 is going to a great cause. As it turns out as I am scanning the scrap books I am also rebuilding our history by restoring the original scapbooks to new condition, then I will ship them back to the house as I scan & fix them.

Due to the enormous amount of work involved there will end up being a series of CD-ROMs beginning with this first 30th Birthday Edition. This product should start shipping by the end of July to all those who have ordered one.

**YES!!! I WANT A 30th
BIRTHDAY CD-ROM!**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Send this form with your check for **\$15** (Made out to Eta Iota House Corp) to:

James Ahrens
14325 276th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98019

All proceeds go to Eta Iota House Corporation



Brothers Spencer Smith, Chris Marrero, Anthony Hammond and Mark Pfister enjoying the Friday night festivities at 30th

WINGS & WAVES AT EMBRY-RIDDLE

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University cordially invites the alumni and friends of the Eta Iota Chapter of the Sigma Chi International Fraternity to Wings and Waves: Celebrating Embry-Riddle's 75th Anniversary, November 10th and 11th, 2001.

Wings and Waves is the signature event of Embry-Riddle's 75th anniversary celebration and will be held in conjunction with Homecoming, Alumni Reunion Weekend, and the Industry/Career Expo. Wings and Waves will be held over the Atlantic Ocean with the Adam's Mark Hotel at show center. The air show is free and special viewing areas for Embry-Riddle alumni will be provided.

Additional plans include music, food concessions, Embry-Riddle 75th anniversary memorabilia, special viewing areas and events for the Embry-Riddle community, a 7.5K beach run, and exhibits. Travel packages for alumni, parents, and friends will be available soon. Information regarding the schedule of events and travel discounts can be found on our webpage at: <http://www.embryriddle.edu/wingsandwaves/>

A detailed registration brochure, including event times, locations and costs, will be mailed this summer.

ANNUAL HOUSE CORP MEETING RECAP

For those of you who missed it, The House Corporation's annual meeting started out smooth enough with an offer from ERAU officials to present us with the University's master plan - what a mistake! They had no reference to any plans for Greek housing but we delivered the message loud and clear of our disapproval. See the article on page 1 for a follow up on this matter.

After the fireworks, we moved on to officer elections and a review of current issues facing our chapter and House Corporation. Not surprisingly, house maintenance is at the top of the list for expenses we face on a regular basis. Some of the ideas tossed out to address this concern focused on A/Cs and plumbing. We recently replaced the air conditioning in the main house and we will investigate doing the same for both wings. This would involve putting both wings on central air and getting rid of all of the window units that have proven to be a costly maintenance problem.

Water leaks from pipes or the roof have also plagued us from time to time. While replacing the entire plumbing is an option, it probably isn't viable at this time due to the enormous costs involved. We will, however, have an opportunity to concentrate on specific plumbing problems in the upcoming room renovations. We are currently reviewing possibilities for how we can refresh some of the more problematic rooms (some may even be described as *craptacular*) with renovated bathrooms and new drywall & paint.

Financially, we are looking pretty good at this point. The only follow up items from the meeting are to review our current tax situation and look into investment possibilities for 1855 Club contributions. Aside from that, we have been able to contribute to long-term savings while at the same time managing significant house improvement projects like the A/C mentioned above, new carpeting, furniture, electrical work, and new columns for the front porch.

Stay tuned to the monthly email updates and future printed newsletters for more info on our progress.



The Croquet viewing gallery at 30th





Eta Iota Chapter 1855 CLUB

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