

EZAA News

Summer 2008

Presidential Notes

Hello Epsilon Zeta Alumni!

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying your summer. I know it's been awhile since the last newsletter, but the EZAA is still alive and kicking!

As you may (or may not) know, the upcoming APO National Convention is going to be held in Boston, MA from December 27-30, 2008. This is a great time to reconnect with your brothers and get to know what's going on in Epsilon Zeta as well as with the rest of the fraternity. The EZAA will be taking this opportunity to hold our fall meeting, which will include our elections. The exact time and date is to be determined, but I will make sure that everybody is notified in advance of the conference. Take this time to start thinking about running for office. It's a great opportunity to connect with alumni as well as the current chapter. (For more information about the convention, visit <http://convention.apo.org>)

I would also like to encourage everybody to nominate somebody for the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award. During the meeting that was held during Epsilon Zeta's 60th anniversary, many alumni were in favor of giving this award to an alumni who has exemplified the cardinal principles of Alpha Phi Omega after moving on from RPI. We have so far received only one nomination, and without nominations we can't give out the award!

As always, suggestions, comments, questions or other advice is always welcome and you can direct them to me via e-mail or snail mail.

I look forward to seeing everybody at Nationals!

In Leadership, Friendship & Service,
Alyssa J. Pasquale (2005)
EZAA President & Webmaster

What's going on?

The EZAA is currently seeking nominations for the Outstanding Alumni Award (OAA). The OAA has not been given in ten years and will be awarded retroactively for the 2007 year.

The EZAA is currently working with the RPI Alumni Relations Office to allocate donations from the 60th anniversary weekend. The donations are tentatively slated to be used to provide a plaque on the Approach to honor veterans.

The next EZAA meeting will be held during the National Convention which takes place in Boston, MA from December 27-30.

Active Chapter

The past year saw twenty new brothers inducted into the chapter, twelve in the fall semester and eight in the spring. In addition, Jean Purtell was made an honorary member of Epsilon Zeta for her many years of dedicated service to chapter and student body as a whole. The active chapter continues to run the campus lost and found, used book exchange and back test files service from their office in the student Union.

The active chapter has been busy over the past year with a wide variety of activities. Service over the year included projects with Joseph's House homeless shelter, Oakwood Cemetery, Habitat for Humanity, Vanderheyden Hall and the Albany Free School, among others. In the fall semester the chapter volleyball team made it to the finals in their league. Membership and fellowship activities over the past year have included trips to Denny's, a pool party and a friendly competition between family trees consisting of events such as tree shirt making and an EZ version of "Iron Chef." In the spring the chapter hosted the Meanest Man on Campus competition during GM week, raising over \$1500 for Engineers Without Borders.

60th Anniversary Wrap-up

This past fall the Epsilon Zeta 60th anniversary weekend was hosted at RPI on the weekend of August 31. Over 75 alumni and family members attended the weekend. An informal welcome reception was held Friday night in the Union allowing time to chat, grab a small snack and peruse recent scrapbooks.

Saturday morning provided a chance for active brothers, alumni and their families exercise their service side helping the Capital District Habitat for Humanity build two houses in Albany. At midday on Saturday tours were hosted by an active brother, giving alumni a opportunity to see the changes that have taken place on the RPI campus.

On Saturday afternoon the business meeting was held in the CII. The meeting began with officer elections and then moved on to lively discussions on donations, alumni association activities and finances. The distinguished alumni award, last given over ten years ago, was put back on the ongoing activities of the EZAA; an award recipient will be chosen every five years. Nominations for the current alumni award, to be retroactively awarded for the 2007 award year, are currently being accepted (see last page). Finally, donations from the EZAA were made to the Capital District Habitat Humanity to support ongoing work and to the active EZ chapter to help offset the cost of the upcoming national convention. The donations were in the amount of \$500 each. The full meeting minutes, along with past meeting minutes, can be found on the EZAA website.

The weekend culminated with a banquet on Saturday evening held in the Heffner Alumni House.

In addition to the events above, alumni were asked to provide donations to the EZAA to be used for a gift to RPI. Just over \$5000 in donations were received. This money is tentatively set to be used for a veterans plaque to be placed on the Approach.

Announcements

Anyone interested in obtaining a CD version of the history of the Epsilon Zeta chapter (1947-2005) can do so by sending a donation of \$5 or more to the EZAA. Please indicate with the donation that you would like a CD, as many have already obtained a copy.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the EZAA. If you have donated recently and have not received a confirmation letter please send a follow-up letter to the EZAA or email ezaasectreas@gmail.com.

Stay up to date! Our online form makes it easy to update your contact information. The form is available at www.apoezaa.org/index/update.php. Contact information updates can also be done through regular mail.

EZAA directories available. Directories are available for order at a cost of \$10 which includes printing, binding and shipping. You can order them whenever you'd like by mailing a check payable to the Epsilon Zeta Alumni Association.

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Alumni Notes

Symon Mushkat, a retired pharmacist, passed away on November 2, 2006. Symon is survived by his wife Laura Mushkat; his two daughters Benita Ann and Norma Pauline, both married and living in the Boston area; and grandchildren Nahthen, Teddy and Rachel.

- 10 years late... Bob Petrides ('78) as 1999 winner of this New York ASCE chapter award.
<http://www.ascemetsection.org/content/view/140/86/>
- June 14, 2007 "I'm in the process of moving back to Houston for Shuttle."
-Mike Canga ('85)
- August 29, 2007 Testing in a big pond at Aberdeen. Just keep in mind, "was it over when the Germans
bombed Pearl Harbor?...hell no!!"
-Anthony L. Hehl ('87)
- Oct 9, 2007 Lt.Col. Mark Wrobel ('85) has been reported to be working as the Health Effects Officer
at the US Dept. of Defense Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Program at the Pentagon. He and
his wife Val (Sands) Wrobel ('80) were living in Vienna, VA.
- July 25, 2008 I am currently residing in Boston, MA after having escaped the infamous Troy Gravity. I
am a grad student at Boston University in electrical engineering and will soon be looking
for a "real job" once I graduate with my master's degree. I'll be attending Nationals (as it's
conveniently located just a few short miles from my apartment) and can't wait to meet up
with my fellow EZs in December!
-Alyssa Pasquale ('05)

Want an announcement of your own to be included in the next newsletter? Simply send the announcements to the EZAA via mail or to ezaasectreas@gmail.com.