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## Message from the Alumni Board of the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity

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### THINGS ARE HEATING UP

Arrangements are falling into place for the 28th Theta Chi Golf Outing set for Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course.

#### Here is the latest!

There has been some pricing changes due to changes at the course and changes related to the pandemic.

#### GOLF FEES

Golf fees for the outing will be **\$44 per player** so bring your cash or credit card with you for payment on site. It looks like a shotgun start, as in the past, and should start before 9:00 a.m. we will have the specifics next time around.



#### ROVING GALLERY

In past golf outings, those who do not play have participated in a roving gallery. This practice will be available again this year. If you are a non-golfer, please join the roving gallery for this year. **Cost to rent the cart for the afternoon is \$10.**

#### AFTER EVENT DINNER

In the past, we have had a buffet for dinner for anyone wishing to join us for the event. Because of COVID-19, we will not be able to have a buffet this year and those attending will be served at their tables. We will have the **option of chicken or steak**. Brother Joe Suprano is coordinating the dinner. So at this time if you are attending, send a note to [golf@zachapter.com](mailto:golf@zachapter.com) to let Joe know if you are coming to the dinner and if you want chicken or steak. **The price of dinner will be \$27.00**

Send your check for dinner for \$27.00 to:

Joe Suprano  
641 Kelso Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15243

#### HOT DOG AND A DRINK

The Alumni Board is providing a hot dog and a drink **AGAIN THIS YEAR** for everyone who attends the golf outing, whether you play or not, so make sure to take advantage of the offer and enjoy a dog and a drink during the day!

## TEE SIGNS

We are pleased to announce in addition to the **15 tee signs purchased for last year we already have 7 commitments for tee signs for this year** and Brother Patrick Russell is just getting started making contact. Our goal is 36 total signs. Here are the details.

Some brothers have already indicated, in addition to individual contributions, they are pooling funds as pledge classes or even pairing up to buy a tee sign in memory of a brother who has moved on to the Chapter Eternal.

All contributions will support the **Helping Hand Scholarship Fund** which benefits on campus brothers in an emergency. Contributions of \$100.00 will have a tee sign. If you would like to know more about the helping Hand Scholarship Fund, you can [click this link to a brochure](#).

Checks can be made payable to: **THETA CHI ZETA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

Mail your check to:

John Farrar  
11801 Riverpark Way  
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Brother Russell will be reaching out to many of you to participate, contribute and confirm tee sign details. If there are any questions regarding tee sign design details for this year's event please call Brother Patrick at 724-333-2844 or email him at [patrickrussell2906@gmail.com](mailto:patrickrussell2906@gmail.com).

## HOTEL

Rooms have been reserved at the Park Inn by Radisson Sharon, PA. Please use the e-mail address [golf@zachapter.com](mailto:golf@zachapter.com) to reserve your stay. We have been able to arrange a slightly cheaper room rate of \$115 a night. But need a count no later than May 25 or will have to release the room block. Currently 15 rooms are reserved for both Friday and Saturday night. Advise us if you will be in need of a room and if you need both nights. When checking in, please give your name and reference you are with the Theta Chi golf group to get the Theta Chi rate.

## FRIDAY NIGHT WELCOME

The facilities at the Radisson have been arranged for the Friday evening welcome cook out for those who will be arriving early. **The event will start at 6:00 p.m.** But anyone who wishes to come and share some "brotherhood time" on Friday night is invited. This will be hosted by the Alumni Association and coordinated by Treasurer John Farrar. More information to come.

## 50/50 RAFFEL

There will be a 50/50 raffle during the outing. Brothers Rick Fox and Stephen Pennell will be joining forces to provide options during the day.

## PRIZES

If you wish to contribute prizes for the event, as has been done in the past, please let me know what you will be bringing. Just drop a line to me at [golf@zachapter.com](mailto:golf@zachapter.com). We will have team prizes, closest to the pin, and longest drive prizes as well.

## ARE YOU COMING?

As we get closer there will be more specifics but **now is the time to start letting us know if you will be attending.** Let me know if you are coming and you are who you wish to play with by email me at [golf@zachapter.com](mailto:golf@zachapter.com). I got to meet and visit with many of you in 2018 and 2019 and am looking forward to seeing everyone again in just 11 weeks.

Sky Pederson  
Secretary

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## Chapter Update

We have heard from President Cooper Collins and we are pleased to report some exciting news about the chapter.

During the week of March 15, 2021 Slippery Rock University Fraternity and Sorority Life presented their annual awards for 2020.



During the awards program, that unfortunately had to be held virtually because of the restrictions still in place on campus, the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi received the following recognition:

- **Excellence in Chapter Management** - A Chapter Award
- **Excellence in External Relations** - A Chapter Award - They now have won this award for the third year in a row.
- **Outstanding Greek President - Eric Lehman** - This is the second year in a row that Eric Lehman has won this award and the third year in a row that Theta Chi has won this award with Sky Pederson winning it the year the chapter was colonized and re-chartered.

Congratulations to the members of the chapter and a special thank you to the members of the Alumni who have provided their time, talent and treasure to support the chapter and to the Chapter Officer Advisors who work closely with the chapter to help them accomplish the goals set for themselves.

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## Helping Hand Scholarship Fundraising



Many have already received an initial solicitation from Brother Gary Perdue, the Helping hand Scholarship Fundraising Chair. He is trying to get the fund to endowment status of \$25,000 by the time of the golf outing. The Fund now stand at a little over \$13,000. He plans additional solicitations in the near future. If you wish to know more about the fund you can [click this link to a brochure](#). Brother Perdue will be reaching out and anything you can do will help. Donations as small as purchasing a tee sign or ones much larger will be appreciated. Some brothers have gone to the Foundation web site: <http://srufoundation.org/helpinghands.html> and made sustaining monthly \$10 donations some have made larger but you can make a one time donation or a continuing donation in any amount. Or...

You can write a check to:

## THETA CHI ZETA ALPHA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

Mail your check to:

John Farrar  
11801 Riverpark Way  
Chesterfield, VA 23838

Note that you wish the money to go to the Helping Hand Fund.

He will deposit the funds and then forward the payment to the foundation on your behalf. Either way you will receive a letter from the Foundation acknowledging your tax deductible contribution! (This way also helps with our record keeping.)

**You may have also noticed from solicitations you may have received from SRU that March 26th is the SRU Foundation Giving Day. If you give on that day, select "OTHER" and enter "Theta Chi Helping Hand Fund" when making a donation.** Those donations will also go into the Helping Hand Fund.

Any amount will help us reach our goal.

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## Last Chance

As was mentioned in previous newsletters, if you are interested in placing your name into nomination to fill one of the 3 positions to be voted upon to serve on the Board, you need to submit a notification of your interest with a brief description of why you wish to serve that will be distributed at the time of the balloting to Secretary Pederson no later than April 1, 2021 at his email address: [sky@mbride.com](mailto:sky@mbride.com)

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## Cudos



Finally for all you sports fans out there, special nods to **Brother Michael Bariski**, who is the Athletic Director and Head Boys Basketball Coach for Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School.

On March 15th Lincoln Park Boy's Basketball team defeated North Catholic 66-57 to win the WPIAL 4A Boys Basketball title for the [3rd WPIAL title in 4 years](#) and qualify for the PIAA 4A Boys Basketball Championship.

Lincoln Park defeated Clearfield Area 67-34 in the first round but was defeated in the second round by Hickory 68-61 leaving them just one game short of the PIAA championship game.

Congratulations Brother Mike.

If you have some good news to share or know of good news about a brother, let me know and we will be happy to share it with the brotherhood.

Doug Bull  
President  
ZA Alumni President  
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