

25 YEARS!

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THE ETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF THETA CHI FRATERNITY

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## Your New 2008 Alumni Board of Directors:

- **President:**  
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*Erick Sondeno*
- **Chapter Relations:**  
*Peter Smith*
- **Fundraising:**  
*nominations needed*

## From the Alumni Prez

Alumni Brothers: We can look back on some big accomplishments in 2007. Once again we proved that alumni support is crucial to the continued success of the chapter. And we have to show that again in 2008.

As the current Alumni President, I wanted to give Fraternity Honors to a few distinguished alumni brothers who made many of our 2007 accomplishments a huge success: **Eric Sondeno** and **Jim Hull** spearheaded the complete rebuild of the cottage. It is now the premier living quarters at 630 W. 5th St. Many thanks also go out to the large amount of donations that we received that paid for a large portion of the rebuild. **Jeremy Reither** stepped up this year to take charge of Fundraising and the 25th Anniversary Event, and set a record by collecting over 30k in donations. It is important to note though, that much of that amount was "entrance fees" for those who attended the 25th anniversary event (which was spent on the event)...and the rest went to house repairs. With that in mind, our fundraising efforts are still under way. **Chris Boden, Willie Shoffner, Chris Perry, Peter Smith**, and many others also played major roles in the 25th anniversary event and cottage rebuild. Great Job Brothers!

The major house project for 2008 will be re-roofing the chapter house. Recently **Brian Flournoy** announced that he would donate all of the "roofing material" for the project. If anyone has any additional resources like trusses, exterior siding, and rain gutters/downspouts, please contact us immediately.

Lastly, I would ask that everyone who receives this newsletter please forward it on to another brother who may not be "in the loop". Call them up and talk about old times, or even better, plan a weekend trip to the old watering hole and see for yourself that OX is still the Top Fraternity at CSU, Chico. Remember though...you break it, you fix it.

*Tom Hyatt (Alumni Board President, [proofpositivetom@aol.com](mailto:proofpositivetom@aol.com))*

## From the New Chapter Prez

We continue to be the largest and most influential chapter on campus, with strong chapter participation and successful recruiting. We were able to initiate 23 solid individuals last year – bringing us to 66 members.

Fall 2007 was highlighted by the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Eta Omega. The impact it had on our chapter was extraordinary. Receiving knowledge from the founders of this great chapter and the brothers that have supported it was an honor. In

addition to our strong fundraising efforts, busy social schedule, and admirable standing in sports, our chapter had a strong showing for one of the most successful Greek Weeks in years, which ended with an awesome talent show: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIVSw0xZGs8>

Our hugely popular charity golf tournament, normally held in October, has been re-scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> – we hope to see you there (to register, please contact me

directly).

I have emphasized within the Fraternity the embodiment of our Motto, "Extending the Helping Hand" and towards this end I guarantee that the brothers within Theta Chi Fraternity will strive for excellence each and every year. "It's Good to be Theta Chi; better to be Eta Omega"

*John Wenger (Chapter President, [jwenger15@yahoo.com](mailto:jwenger15@yahoo.com))*

## 2007 Fundraising: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & The Cottage



Geenen and the Chapter Founders  
Chico, November 10, 2007

We set 3 big goals in 2007 ((1) raise \$25,000, (2) repair the cottage, (3) hold a huge 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary bash) – and we hit them all square on the head. November 10 was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reunion in Chico. And it went off without a hitch. We blew through the alcohol budget (\$4,000) in about 2 ½ hours, and a few of the undergrads had trouble with the idea of an age-restricted bar area, but other than that – smooth as glass.

In 10 months, including the night of the event, we managed to raise over \$30,000 for the house. After the cost of the event, itself, we still had enough left over to fully re-model the cottage – making it the perfect apartment for a couple members of the chapter exec.

### The Year's Top Donors:

Pledge Classes: F'97, F'95, and F'88  
Individuals: Todd Gitlin, Pete Rajala, and Mark Geenen

**Special Thanks to:** Erick Sondeno and Jim Hull for their work on the cottage re-model.

**Photos** of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event:  
[picasaweb.google.com/reither/EtaOmega25thAnniversary](http://picasaweb.google.com/reither/EtaOmega25thAnniversary)

**Photos** of the Cottage re-model:  
[www.flickr.com/photos/reither/sets/72157602725926599/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/reither/sets/72157602725926599/) -and-  
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## Bro NEWS (and free advertising) - The Year in Review

Mr. and Mrs. **Ryan Burns** had their second daughter. Ava Reese Burns was born on Oct 19, 2007 • **Jim Hull** and wife Katie had their third daughter, Jane, on March 13, 2007 • **Scott Hintergardt** (professional bachelor) was married in October to a kickass woman • **Rob Wurgler** turned 41 and he's losing his fucking hair • **Matt Mueller** was promoted to Vice President with Coldwell Banker Commercial • **Bill Hu** received his MBA from UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business, Summited Mt Rainier (14,411'), Sold a medical spa business, and worked at a company (NetSuite) that had one of the hottest IPOs of 2007. He's now looking for the next gig • **Jeremy Reither** married Monica Mazzei in Cabo, in October, sold DUI.com and launched a web-project management and online marketing firm ([www.ReitherCo.com](http://www.ReitherCo.com)) • **Adam Wood** and wife Valerie had their first daughter, Elyse Ronda, on June 6<sup>th</sup> • **Hudson Tree** is still single. However his MySpace friends list is starting to look promising! • **Matt Sims** and wife had a daughter, Emma, born on August 13, 2007 • **Philip Boden** started a company called ParOut Golf...to be released in stores near you soon! • **Matt Roberson** and wife Tricia had their first son, Landon Charles • **Tim Treibach** finally pulled the trigger and is engaged to long time girlfriend Christi. The wedding is planned for May, 2008 • **Ryan Esposto** is leaving Chico after 12 ½ years! He's heading to the Bay Area • **Jonny Flores** and wife Julee had their first daughter, Sophia • **Scott Seffens** and wife Shea had their first daughter.



## Get Others to Join the OX List

There's no reason not to be on the OX List. You don't have to receive e-mails from "T. Peca" and "Joe The Jet" if you don't want to – you can opt out of e-mails altogether and just check the online group every now and then to see what's going on. You can even set your preferences so that the only thing you receive are things like this newsletter. Your level of involvement is totally up to you. Get other guys on the OX List...just have them go to [www.etaomega.org/ox-list](http://www.etaomega.org/ox-list)

## House Manager Report

Well brothers, it has been an amazing year for the 630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St house. We had an incredible alumni work weekend where nearly a dozen alumni and 40 plus active brothers all pitched in for a day – to paint, clean up, fix holes in the walls, hang new drywall, and lay tile. Thanks to Erick Sondeno and Jim Hull, and to all of your donations in 2007, we finished the cottage remodel project. As many of you saw on alumni weekend, it turned out tits! Some alumni even made one-off trips to Chico to take on projects of their own. We had a front sprinkler system installed (thanks to Mike Pimentel),

the house kitchen re-model nearly completed, and new doors installed throughout the house. The house has many more projects and repairs that need to be made in 2008. Urgent projects include: **replacing the roof, repairing upstairs bathrooms, raising the north end of the house, finishing the kitchen re-model, and upgrading the windows and insulation.** Gentlemen, we take these projects one step at a time! I will also take this opportunity to also say that since I have moved away from Chico and into this awesome city of San Diego, I will be changing roles from

Alumni House Manager to Alumni Board V.P. – a leadership role that I can operate away from Chico. Thanks to **Erick Sondeno** for accepting the nomination as Alumni House Manager. See you all at the next alumni event and don't ever think that Eta Omega doesn't need your help! Remember, you only get out of Theta Chi, Eta Omega, what you put into Theta Chi, Eta Omega!

**Willie Shoffner** (Ex- Alumni House Manager; New Alumni Vice President)  
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## 2008 Fundraising – Keep it Coming

2008 is a whole new year, and we still have a 100+ year old house to maintain...including about \$200,000 of remodels to complete. So, keep the donations coming (**make it an annual thing**): [www.etaomega.org/donation.html](http://www.etaomega.org/donation.html)

We're tracking 2008's top donors just like we did last year:  
[www.etaomega.org/fundraising/](http://www.etaomega.org/fundraising/)

## Your Donation Dollars at Work (Full cottage re-model – inside and out)

