

# BLUE NOTES



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Sigma's, Sigma Beta's and prospective members at the American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life at Solon High School in Solon, Ohio

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## Sigma Beta Club...Back in Action!!!

The Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter is proud to have its Sigma Beta Club back up and running after a brief hiatus. The Sigma Beta Club initially was based out of Benedictine High School in the Mt Pleasant/Woodhill area of Cleveland but is now expanded to include youth from various parts and corners of Northeast Ohio. The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter recently conducted their first Sigma Beta Club

Induction Ceremony which took place at Israelite Missionary Baptist Church on March 17, 2013. The initial class of Sigma Beta's included 10+ young men who since then have begun to work together to plan and engage in various activities coinciding with the frat and are making great headway in doing extraordinary things as Sigma Beta's. The Sigma Beta Club thus far has carried out a candy sale drive which has put funds into their treasury, participated with the bruhs at Relay for Life at Solon High School, help set up apartments for needy families through Family Promise of Greater Cleveland, participated in a Youth summit hosted by the Cleveland Graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. and, hosted a car wash which took place on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Israelite Missionary Baptist Church to further raise funds for a possible trip to the heart of our fraternity at Howard University in Washington D.C. We are proud to have the Sigma Beta Club up and running as **we are the ONLY grad chapter in the State of Ohio to have an active Sigma Beta Club!!!** We are passionate about getting them involved within the community and blessed to have the privilege and opportunity to mold these young males into the future men and leaders our communities so desperately need. If any bruh would like to get involved with the Sigma Beta Club or know any young men who would be a good candidate you can get in contact with Bro. Bobby Shepard who is the Sigma Beta Club Coordinator or come join us at one of our meetings which are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at Maple Heights Library in Maple Heights, Ohio.





## American Cancer Society/Relay for Life 2013

Shout out to the bruhs who participated once again (as we do every year) in the American Cancer Society's "Relay For Life" which took place at Solon High School June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>. The American Cancer Society uses this community wide fundraiser to acquire funds to further support the efforts being undertaken by various organizations, health care entities and others to help those families effected by cancer, individuals battling the disease and fund efforts to hopefully and ultimately come up with a cure for the ailment that in one way or another has affected all of our lives. Although the Fraternity as a whole has decided/ended its partnership with the American Cancer Society, the Gamma Alpha Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. continues to support and participate in this noble cause to do what we can to help others who not only need the financial but moral support in fighting back against cancer.



## Annual NPHC of Greater Cleveland Picnic



Just wanted to give one and all a taste of what you missed if you were not at the annual NPHC of Greater Cleveland Picnic which was thrown August 10, 2013 at Luke Easter Park. The NPHC picnic is thrown every year where the divine 9 gets together and enjoy each other with music, barbeque and fellowship with other Greeks. The bruhs and sorors showed up and showed out kicking it with one another, stepping/strolling and enjoying being in each other's company as blue and white should anytime we get together. If you were not here this year, hope to see you next year with the rest of the blue and white family



## 100 Years of Sigma: Cleveland Centennial Planning Committee

The fraternity as a whole is ramping up efforts in planning various events that will take place during the centennial celebration July 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2014 in Washington D.C. Here in the city of Cleveland the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter is moving along as we get ready to have various events here in the city as we further celebrate the 100 year mark of our wondrous band. The centennial planning committee is open to all bruhs who would like to participate in making sure our 100 year mark is seen and understood by all in the city of Cleveland. The committee has met various times already with many ideas being bounced around and already pursued to make them reality. A bonus that our chapter has during the centennial celebration is that Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will be having their regional conference here in Cleveland next year as well!(If this doesn't sound like opportunity knocking at the door to have great events and programming then I don't know what does). Anyways bruhs are already working on various social events such as parties and the like but also the more serious issues such as community service projects, events catered towards women appreciation, the youth and a whole lot more as Gamma Alpha Sigma plans to have events that run all through next year, starting with our annual founders day celebration (more on that later). If you would like to be a part of planning the biggest events in our lifetimes as members of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. we meet each Thursday evening at 6:30pm in the Marriot Hotel inside their restaurant, the River City Grille located at 23600 Harvard Ave, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44122. Hope to see you there!







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### **Upcoming Events and Info On:**

**\*Cleveland Classic Weekend\***

September 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 (Step Show, College Career Fair, Gospel Concert, HBCU Football game, and more!)

More information, prices and tickets can be found at  
[www.clevelandsports.org/clevelandclassic.aspx](http://www.clevelandsports.org/clevelandclassic.aspx)

**\*Annual Blue & White Christmas Party\***

more information to come, stay tuned

**\*2013 Ohio State Meeting @ Ohio State University\***

October 12, 2013 @ Ohio State University.  
 Information to be discussed include centennial celebrations both nationally and locally in the state of Ohio, Conclave 2013 highlights, Membership Intake Process Fall 2013 and, etc.

AND MUCH MORE!!!