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*The founders of our wondrous band  
In numbers though were three....  
Taught ideals high which soon became  
A part of every Phi...*

*The countdown to the greatest centennial of the greatest fraternity in the world continues...*

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## Sigma Phone Tree & Round Up

The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. in order to energize and get bruhs ready for all that will be taking place in 2014 will be having a phone tree / phone-a-thon Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The brothers will meet at Bro. Steve Lovelace office located at 25550 Chagrin Boulevard Beachwood, Ohio 44122 (Bro. Lovelace's office is on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the building, HSI Services). The effort of the phoning to brothers is to not only inform them of events and planning that will be taking place in the near future, but also to let bruhs know even though we may have not seen you in a while, you are still a brother, we care and, we want you to come on back into the active ranks of our wondrous band. If brothers would like to participate in our efforts please contact Bro. Percy Turner at phone number 216-299-8891 to get an exact time we are meeting up and for any other questions you may have.



As stated the phone tree is a communication effort to relay information about events that will be taking place in upcoming months as we get ever closer to our centennial. One of the those events will be the Sigma Round Up (\*which will take place in lieu of our monthly chapter meeting\*) will take place December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting around 6:30pm at the Rivercity Grille inside the Marriot East Hotel at Harvard Park located 26300 Harvard Rd. Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128. We are looking for all brothers old, new, financial, non-financial and, everyone in between to come out and fellowship with us and one another as we look forward to January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We hope to see you all there!



~\*2014 Founders Day Celebration\*~



The brothers of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. would like to invite and inform all brothers of our 2014 Centennial Founders Day Celebration which will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Solon Community Center located at 35000 Portz Parkway Solon, Ohio 44139. Our annual program this will include many keynote speakers including WJW FOX 8 own Bro. Wayne Dawson. The topics spoken on and educated about will range from politics, financial planning/investing, health & wellness and, many others as we celebrate by embodying the vision our 3 illustrious founders left for us to forever uphold. Tickets for the founders' day celebration will be \$75.00 and can be purchased from any brother of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter. It is our hope that you come out and celebrate not only with us but with men of Phi Beta Sigma the world over as we rejoice 100 years of Culture for Service and Service for Humanity.

## Sigma 2014 Community Service Project & Flawless Barber Shop Academy



One of the many service projects that has been passed around the discussion table which will take place next year as we ramp up for 2014 will be getting the word out and aiding in providing free cuts to kids getting ready to start the second half the school year with Flawless Barber Academy located in Shaker Square in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The project (although not completely set in stone but will take place nonetheless) will take place January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 all day long and will focus on those kids who are less fortunate get a “new look for a new year” at no cost to them or their parents. Our ultimate goal through this is to not only target a particular school in an under privileged area (such as George Washington Carver on 55<sup>th</sup> Street or Buckeye/Woodland Elementary) to make sure they are aware and able to come out and participate but eventually adopt the school of our choice and further nurture a relationship with that educational facility that will benefit all who attend. Be on the lookout as we further refine and hammer out the details of this effort but put it in your calendar now as the men of the Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter will see through on this collaborative effort to lend a helping hand where it may be needed in our community. We hope to see you there to support our efforts!!!

## Centennial 2014 Washington D.C. How you getting there???

Brothers....

How do you plan on getting to the Sigma event of all Sigma events in July? Well Gamma Alpha Sigma may have a great alternative that you may have not considered in being riding a charter bus the chapter is looking to get for all those Sigma's, Zeta's and friends who are looking forward to traveling to Washington D.C. this summer. Although prices , seating and all of the finalized logistics have not been worked out yet, it about 95% sure that the chapter will be chartering a bus to head to the celebration in the coming months. Think about it...

\*You don't have to drive the 8 hours there and back...

\*You can relax and hang out with other Sigma's and Zeta's as we travel...

\*Have all the blue juice you want without worrying about getting a DUI (YES THERE WILL BE BLUE JUICE ON THIS BUS!!!)

After looking at these 3 alternatives I think the option is clear, stay tuned as we hammer out the details, ticket prices, pick up points and everything in between as we get ready to celebrate like no organization has done before



## Rededication Ceremony 2014 with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma along with our “dovely” sorors of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. will conduct and engage in our yearly rededication ceremony which will take place January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Crown Plaza Cleveland South Hotel, 5300 Rockside Road Independence, Ohio 44131 starting at 10am that morning. The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter of Sigma and both Nu Theta Zeta and Gamma Delta Zeta chapters of Zeta will host the event as we reaffirm our bond and commitment as brothers and sisters but to our most honorable founders and all they stood for decades ago. Tickets for the ceremony are only \$20.00 which will include breakfast, a short program and a gift. We encourage all brothers to come out and participate as we fellowship with our sisters in Zeta and Sigma brothers as we reflect on the reasons why we choose Sigma and Zeta, the many fond memories we have had since joining our great organizations and, the promise of a better tomorrow as we work together because “aint no business like FAMILY business”. If you need any more information or have any questions in regard to the event you can contact any bruh of Gamma Alpha Sigma.



## Sigma Beta Club of Greater Cleveland & Black History Month

Just want brothers to be on notice that the Sigma Beta Club will be looking to engage in (or possibly host their own) Black history program during the month of February. Brothers please make note that our Sigma Beta club will be looking for OUR support and guidance in whatever programs or efforts we make headway on during black history month. One idea is to take the young men to the Karamu House for a program but planning is in the works. For any question in regard to the Sigma Beta Club or any suggestions you may have that will help us further aid and mentor these young men please contact Sigma Beta Club Coordinator Bro. Bobby Shepard at phone number 216-536-7710 or Bro. Taurean Adams at phone number 216-337-8693

## 2014 Zeta Phi Beta Regional Conference in Cleveland, Ohio

Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma...

*THE ZETA'S ARE COMING!!!*



All 850+ of them that have registered for their regional conference which will be taking place April 24<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 in downtown Cleveland. With so many of our sorority sisters in town AND it being our centennial year celebration, there is only one mandatory thing we must do...***PARTY!!! PARTY!!! PARTY!!!*** The Gamma Alpha Sigma chapter is looking to host the blue and white party to end all blue and white parties. Stay on the lookout as we further pinpoint a suitable location for us to do so, cost associated with such an event and how we plan to show our sisters of Zeta some genuine Cleveland hospitality while they not only take care of Zeta business but enjoy their stay in the city as well....stay tuned...



## Sigma Paraphernalia Day

The brothers of the chapter have decided with our centennial fast approaching that we should take a day out of the week to proudly display our colors and further proclaim that Phi Beta Sigma marching towards the jubilee of 100 years. With that being said the chapter unanimously voted to designate Saturday's "Sigma Paraphernalia Day". Whether it be that crossing jacket you got when you first joined the brotherhood, exclusive cardigan sweater you can't wait to wear or just your Sigma keychain / lanyard hanging out your pocket, on Saturday's let it be known that **Sigma is here and it is not going anywhere!** Besides you never know what potential candidate you might attract or draw as you are out and about taking care of your business all because you had your letters on...





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**Upcoming Events and Info On:**

- \*Cleveland Centennial Celebration Updates\*
- \*Highlights from the 2013 State of Ohio Meeting\*
- \*Congrats to the Fall 2013 Initiates\*
- \*Sigma Beta Club Information\*
- \*Annual Salvation Kettle Ring with Zeta Phi Beta\*
- \*Open Doors Academy Community Service\*
- \*Gamma Alpha Sigma Educational Foundation\*
- \*2014 Centennial Celebration Washington D.C.\*

AND MUCH MORE!!!