



Grizzly Sig

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A NEWSLETTER FROM BETA DELTA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



Save Ski Shack

Beta Delta Chapter is steeped in tradition. Both the chapter and our beloved 1110 Gerald were created about 1906. The chapter moved into The House in 1933 which translates into *77 years* of occupancy.

Many of you have help financially over the years with the ongoing renovation of The House. In the last ten years alone, \$658,737 plus many in-kind contributions and volunteer sweat has been contributed. This effort is all well invested since The House is conservatively valued at over \$4,000,000.

The Beta Delta house corporation's goal has always been to maintain or improve the historical character of the buildings and grounds while making the accommodations competitive with University and other private rental options. Renovating an irreplaceable landmark is neither easy or cheap but your house corp board has worked tirelessly to do just that. Because of it, Beta Delta continues to hold its own and be a shining example for other University of Montana fraternities and sororities about the effectiveness of unified and supportive alums.

One piece of the renovation puzzle that has been put on the back burner for years is Ski Shack. Some of you may have roomed in this converted coal storage building when you were in school.

In the early 70s, the clay tile roof was borrowed to repair the main house roof. The asphalt shingle roof on Ski Shack today is the same one installed by a group of undergrads almost 40 years ago. (I know but I was one of them.) But that roof is in sad shape. This deterioration has led to dryrot in the roof framing. The roof is long overdue for replacement.

Ski Shack is clad in the same bricks used on the main house and garage. Over the years, the brick and mortar has deteriorated and is pulling away from the wood framing in many places.

The house corp has considered a number of Ski Shack repair options including razing and replacing it.

Sometimes, it's just easier to start over. But starting over would not be in keeping with the mandate to preserve the historical nature of The House.

So, we researched the cost of renovating the existing structure by reinstalling a clay tile roof, repairing the brick and mortar, adding several new fire egress windows and renovating the interior to accommodate two brothers or, possibly, a house mother, brother or father. The renovation would also include adding Ski Shack to our cutting edge fire sprinkler system that was added several ago.

So, this is where we need your help. To accomplish the renovation work and to continue building the \$1,000,000 Beta Delta Scholarship Endowment (currently at \$450,000), we are asking you to contribute part of a \$150,000 goal. The house corp board has all pledged. This, together with larger gifts already pledged puts us over \$20,000.

Included in this newsletter is a Save Ski Shack Contribution Form. The goal is to fund the Ski Shack renovation cost of \$75,000 by May 2011 so that the work can be done during the summer and ready for Fall 2011. Please help us meet this goal.

Beta Delta relies on the generosity of brothers like you. You can rest assured the house corp board will continue to be good stewards of that generosity. All contributions to this fund raiser are tax deductible.





FLATHEAD LAKE BROTHER REUNION - AUGUST 2010

News from the Brothers

From Bill Miles '46: A few months ago, I reconnected with a Beta Delta Sig in Missoula named **Bob Hall '43** who lives in Bonner, MT. We had not seen each other for sixty-three years! We visited over drinks and dinner for six hours!

Bob and I returned from the War (Second) in Fall Quarter 1945 and with six others re-opened the House. The University had used it during war time. Then Winter quarter and all the veterans returned. With a new pledge class of some 45, we had over 70 active Sigs that year. It was a great time and many fond memories.

From The Missoulian: Pat Hossle '79 and Drew Hossle '11 participated in the 2010 "Stories and Stones" tour held at the Missoula Cemetery. In its eighth year, the event is an historical walking tour where volunteers portray or narrate the tales of noteworthy characters buried in the cemetery grounds. Pat portrayed the University of Montana's first president, Sigma Chi Oscar Craig and Drew portrayed Beta Delta's beloved founder and Sigma Chi Professor Frederick Scheuch. "It's an honor for us to be able to represent them," Pat said.

From The Magazine of Sigma Chi: John C. Harrison '37, Significant Sig and Beta Delta's oldest living member at 97 was honored in the Fall 2010 edition for WWII military service and his remembrance of the 24 Beta Delta and 21 Beta Rho brothers who gave their lives in defense of freedom. Also featured in the article are John's Sigma Chi son **Randy Harrison '75** and grandsons **Chase Harrison '10** and **John**

Harrison '10. To read the entire article, go to www.betadelta-sigmachi.org

Do you have Beta Delta news to report? Email details to **Rich Thompson '73** rich.thompson@sigmachi.com

Serving Beta Delta

After decades of service to Beta Delta's house corporation, **Brad Colberg '82** has stepped off the board "for the time being". Brad is a bank officer for First Interstate Bank in Missoula and has helped facilitate the house corporation's credit needs which has helped move the various renovation projects forward over the years. Brad has been a steadfast and indispensable part of keeping The House and the chapter healthy. On behalf of Beta Delta, we offer Brad our sincere thanks for his hard work and dedication.

Chapter Eternal

James G. Jackson '53 (2010)

Norman R. Hosking '57 (2010)

All Honor to Their Names

Homecoming Recap

Beta Delta hosted returning brothers, friends and sweethearts to witness the Grizzlies squeek out a 28-25 victory against Sacramento State on September 25, 2010. The brothers gathered at 1110 Gerald to reconnect and share memories.



BEHIND THE BAMBOO CURTAIN: SIBERIA 1970

Reconnect

There is an extensive Beta Delta Member List with contact information at our website www.betadelta-sigmachi.org Reconnect with your classmate brothers!

THE OLD OXFORD	
MENU	
MISSOULA, MONTANA	
HE NEEDS 'EM	CALVES BRAINS & SCRAMBLED EGGS
INSIDE JOB	LIVER
UNDER THE BRIDGE	BEEF STEW
MARRIED MAN	HOT BEEF SANDWICH
MARRIED MAN ON A SHADOW	HOT BEEF SANDWICH ON A DARK BUN
STRETCH ONE	HAMBURGER
PIN A ROSE ON IT	WITH ONION
YODELING T-BONE	SWISS STEAK
SHORTY BROWN	SHORT RIBS
HEDDY LAMAR	HAM HOCKS
THOUSAND ON A PLATE	BAKED BEANS
OVERLAND TROUT	ROAST PORK
SLOW ELK	ROAST BEEF
MYSTERY	HASH
CHIPPY IN THE MUD	CHICKEN A LA KING
IRISH TURKEY	CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE
HINDER BINDER	CHEESE OMELETTE
TORPEDOS	SARDINES
RALE OF HAY	SAUERKRAUT & FRANKS

Donating Non-Cash Gifts

If you have considered giving back to Beta Delta Chapter, gifting stocks, bonds or other securities may be a great way to do it and help you reduce your yearly tax burden.

Most charitable gifts generate a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the property given to charity. This means that Uncle Sam is paying approximately 30% to 40% of the charitable gift depending on your income tax bracket. You can obtain an even larger bang for your buck by giving appreciated property to charity.

Since Beta Delta's house corporation (Sigma Chi Building Foundation) is approved by the IRS as a 501c3 charitable foundation, it will pay no tax on the sale of your stock gift since public charities are exempt from income tax on the sale of investment securities.

Using this tax strategy can allow brothers to give back more to Sigma Chi, an organization that has given us so much. If you would like more information, consult your financial consultant and your tax advisor.

To make a gift to Beta Delta, contact our Director of Special Gifts **Walt Kero '73** at 406.549.4148.

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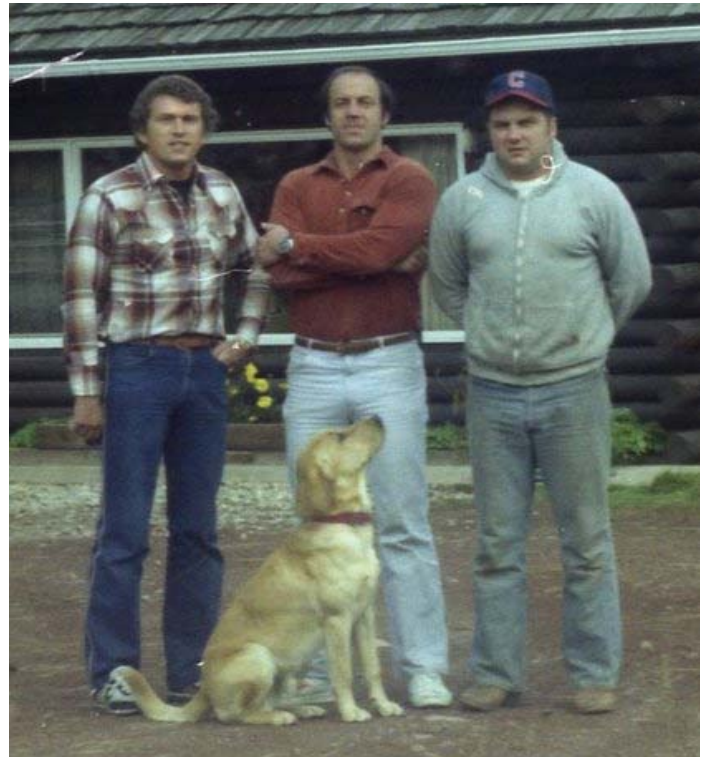
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