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A NEWSLETTER FROM BETA DELTA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA



News from the Brothers



BACK ROW: Gib Clark '63, Jack Besso '63, Bill Moore '63, Tom Hauck '64, Mike Thomson '62 FRONT ROW: Gordon Jackson '64, Lou Aleksich '63, Tom Laird '63, Steve Fenter '63, Kent Webster '64, Tom Hines '63, John Hauck '63, Richard Held '62 KNEELING: Allan Murphy '64, Jim Bartell '63 MISSING: Phil Currie '63, Dave Eacret '63, Don Hooper '63, Ron Simon '60, Stub Wilcox '63, Dave Heston '65

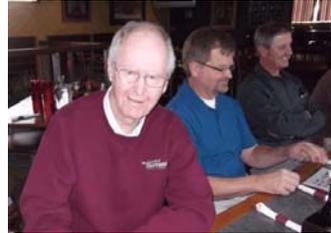
From Dave Heston '65: In August 2011, for the ninth time, the "Over-The-Hill" Sigs from the early 60s gathered at Whitefish, Montana for our annual reunion. We had brothers from as far away as Quebec, Chicago and several from California. Beside the socializing, many hiked beautiful Glacier Park, played golf, and crewed the "Good Ship Oxford" around Whitefish Lake.



Beta Delta Class of 1992

An interesting view of 1110 Gerald with the Sun Deck removed. It was replaced that summer at great cost with generous donations from the brothers.

Homecoming 2011



Don Oliver '58 Scott McDonald '79 Bob Rowe '60



Brad Cederberg '06 Walt Kero '73



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Jim Charlton '75 George Brewer '75 Walt Kero '73

Homecoming in Missoula is always something special and 2011 was no exception. The fall weather was spectacular, the Griz kicked Sacramento State and the brothers convened one more time to embellish old stories. If you missed it this year, make sure not to next year. We'll leave the light on for you at 1110 Gerald and have something sweet to eat:



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

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 78 years of continued 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 \$5,000,000.

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 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. *Marty Ueland '66* tells the story how he and another brother decided to take up residence there. They started at the door and started shoveling out coal and whatever else was being stored. They refinished the walls and floors and converted it into one of the most desirable "areas". Hundreds of brothers have slept there since (you?).

In the early 70s, the clay tile roof from Ski Shack 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 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 and since Ski Shack is built on the property line, getting a variance to replace it would not be possible.

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 the fire sprinkler system that was added several ago to The House and Pat Wilcox Annex (old garage).

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. To date, pledges and donations puts us at \$53,000, still far short from what is needed to complete the renovation

Included in this newsletter is a Save Ski Shack Contribution Form. 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. Better yet, all contributions to this fund raiser are tax deductible.

Reconnect

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

Chapter Eternal

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Beta Delta could save \$1000 per edition of the Grizzly Sig if all brothers received it by email. If you received this newsletter in hardcopy, email rich.thompson@sigmachi.com with your email address today!

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- Up to \$249 Norman Shield
- \$250 - \$499 Jordan Standard
- \$500 - \$1499 1110 Club
- \$1500 - \$2499 Prof Scheuch
- \$2500 - \$3499 Constantine
- \$3500 and Up White Cross

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