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at University of Montana

FROM THE ARCHIVES

US Senator Visits 1110 Gerald!

These two photos, taken in the spring of 1962, show when Sigma Chi Senator Barry Goldwater visited Beta Delta. For the younger ones, Goldwater ran for president against Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964 and got trounced. At that time, **Ed Canty '62** was Consul; he's the one with his hands clasped talking with Goldwater. Others in the picture (L-R); unknown, **Eddie B. Eiselein '65**, **Doug Midgett '61**, and **John Allison '64**. The other picture includes Canty, **Dave Eacret '63** and **Kent Webster '64**.



2017 FALL INITIATES

Trevor Sundquist
Hillsboro, Oregon

Johnathan DuFour
Kalispell, Montana

Alan Chapin
Belgrade, Montana

Alan Logsdon
Las Vegas, Nevada

Blaik Hopewell
Seattle, Washington

Daniel Olmstead
Chicago, Illinois

Jake Shipp
Lone Tree, Colorado

Camden Clark
Berwick, Maine

Morgan Englander
Bozeman, Montana

NO BROTHER LEFT BEHIND



New Ski Shack took seven years of planning beginning in 2010. In spite of initial plans to renovate Old Ski Shack, structural and foundation decay was simply too severe and the cost too great. Old Ski Shack was razed in 2015 to make way for a bigger and improved version. The bricks were salvaged for the future construction.

Before New Ski Shack could be built, a significant sewer upgrade was needed. The original sewer line running along the south property line to Ronald Avenue had collapsed and required replacement. This was accomplished in 2015-2016 along with installation of the new foundation.

Due to a significant and timely donation from Jim Tidyman '53, the decision was made to complete New Ski Shack construction in 2017. Missoula contractor Jeremy Covert was selected for the work. He was given a tight schedule of three months to complete the job. It was ready for move-in on September 1st.

The design of the 1200 square foot building closely matches The House and Wilcox Annex (Back Shack). The clay tile roof includes original Ludowici ridge and hip tiles including the distinctive helmet look tiles. The brick reflects the same detailing including the salmon colored grout. Gutters and downspouts are solid copper. The entry doors are solid oak.

The floor plan includes a one bedroom/one bath unit for new House Director Dock Blastic (see the article "Role of The House Director"). The concept of House Director has been discussed for many years by the house corporation board and is now a reality. It is another example of Beta Delta's

innovative planning that makes it a leader among Sigma Chi chapters.

Next to the House Director unit is a three bedroom/one bath facility for undergraduate brothers. Beta Delta has a long cherished "bump" tradition based on seniority when it comes to room selection. Brothers who have lived in The House longest, get first pick. The strategy behind the Wilcox Annex (Back Shack) renovation and New Ski Shack is to retain older live-in brothers.

New Ski Shack matches the interior trim design of The House with solid oak doors, tall baseboards and wide window casements with crown molding. The finish work is extraordinary. High ceilings expand the size and feel of the rooms. Radiant floor heat provides warmth underfoot and saves on utility cost.

So, what's the deal with No Brother Left Behind? On October 14, 2017, New Ski Shack was dedicated and a temporary donor plaque installed (see New Ski Shack Donors that follows). So far, 163 brothers have donated. Is your name on the list? If it is, would you like to move your name to a higher giving level? The giving levels are Up to \$250, \$250 to \$499, \$500 to \$2499, \$2500 to \$3499, \$3500 to \$49,999 and \$50,000 & Up.

Make your tax deductible donation or pledge by December 31, 2017 to be recognized on the permanent plaque to be installed on New Ski Shack in 2018.

—By **Rich Thompson Beta Delta '70 - Montana '73**

NEW SKI SHACK DONATIONS

As of October 31, 2017

FIRST	LAST	GRAD YEAR	AMOUNT
John	Agnew	1971	\$910
Alpha Nu Education Found.			\$250
Albert	Angstman	1941	\$1,000
Anonymous			\$167
Anonymous			\$50
Anonymous			\$60,000
Donald	Archibald	1956	\$700
Walker	Ashcraft	1959	\$550
Daniel	Balko	1961	\$500
	Balsam Family Legacy		\$1,239
Collin	Bangs	1967	\$350
Thomas	Barker	1990	\$450
James	Bartell	1963	\$500
Edward	Bartlett	1967	\$300
Robert	Baxter	1962	\$500
Roger	Beeter	1970	\$250
Charles	Behrens	1950	\$150
Richard	Beighle	1959	\$800
Thomas	Belzer	1960	\$250
Don	Bennett	1978	\$1,000
John	Bennett	1988	\$3,000
Weldon	Birdwell	1982	\$400
John	Bohlinger	1959	\$583
Bradley	Bowman	1988	\$200
Craig	Brewerton	1967	\$250
Jay	Broudy	1995	\$650
James	Bryngelson	1963	\$25
John	Burbidge	1986	\$100
John	Coffee	1962	\$100
John	Comproesi	1965	\$25
Anthony	Conver	1977	\$1,110
Bruce	Crippen	1956	\$100
Thomas	Croci	1965	\$100
Fred	Cunningham	1949	\$500
Phillip	Currie	1963	\$250
Clair	Daines	1962	\$750
Reed	Darrow	1983	\$700
William	DeGroot	1973	\$750
Richard	DeGroot	1967	\$100
Todd	Denison	1986	\$250
Roderick	Duncan	1957	\$500
William	Duncan	1990	\$70
Dale	Evans	1963	\$350

FIRST	LAST	GRAD YEAR	AMOUNT
Ronald	Evans	1965	\$100
Wayne	Fairchild	1989	\$111
John	Gallagher	1978	\$500
John	Gerike	1961	\$75
Franklin	Gibson	1960	\$400
Brian	Grattan	1960	\$500
Scott	Gratton	1982	\$40
George	Gratzer	1963	\$450
Kenneth	Gullard	1950	\$50
Ross	Haddow	1977	\$200
Arnold	Hageman	1959	\$400
Paul	Hagen	1965	\$250
Martin	Haines	1963	\$1,110
Michael	Halligan	1975	\$100
Gregory	Hardy	1982	\$500
Douglas	Harris	1974	\$210
Frank	Harrison	1975	\$200
John	Hauck	1963	\$500
Thomas	Hauck	1965	\$100
Thomas	Hines	1963	\$3,611
Kenneth	Hornung	1962	\$100
Peter	Howard	2008	\$111
Howard	Hunter	1949	\$250
Gordon	Jackson	1964	\$1,150
Donald	James	1967	\$150
Stephen	Jerhoff	1972	\$250
Dennis	Johnson	1965	\$250
Gregory	Johnson	1995	\$150
Jerry	Johnson	1959	\$50
Kim	Kelsey	1973	\$1,100
Walter	Kero	1973	\$83,000
Marc	Kouzmanoff	1974	\$1,250
John	Krivacs	1951	\$200
Brian	Kurth	1982	\$3,500
Ray	Lee	1956	\$250
John	Lepley	1950	\$300
John	Lesh	2007	\$250
Russell	Lund	1985	\$6,000
Scott	MacDonald	1979	\$650
Byron	Matson	1963	\$1,000
Robert	McCue	1979	\$422
James	McLaughlin	1974	\$10,000
Douglas	McMain	1984	\$250
Hal	McVey	1951	\$5,000

NEW SKI SHACK DONATIONS (continued)

As of October 31, 2017

FIRST	LAST	GRAD YEAR	AMOUNT
William	McVicars	1956	\$100
Deborah	McWhinney		\$250
William	Miles	1946	\$250
Cory	Miller	2003	\$1,360
Wilmer	Mitchell	1950	\$1,600
Duane	Moe	1969	\$200
Douglas	Moher	1968	\$100
	Montana Community Found.		\$1,000
Gary	Morrison	1985	\$100
Jim & Bonnie	Mountain	1983	\$1,500
	Muralt Family Foundation		\$1,000
Byron	Murphey	1939	\$4,300
James	Murphy	1951	\$3,200
Gerald	Murphy	1968	\$150
Edward	Nash	1958	\$25
Steven	Nash	1999	\$25
Mark	Nelson	1977	\$833
Jack	Nelson	1954	\$300
James	Newell	1973	\$10
David	Offermann	1989	\$150
William	Papesh	1965	\$5,500
Jeffrey	Peete	1979	\$250
Mark	Peres	1981	\$500
Lawrence	Pettit	1959	\$50
Herbert	Pierce	1967	\$250
James	Podojil	1971	\$250
Jeffrey	Ranf	1975	\$3,000
Duane	Ray		\$111
John	Reely	1959	\$250
William	Reynolds	1952	\$200
Jerry	Richards	1971	\$100
Rick	Richter	1962	\$250
Cory	Rigler	1998	\$500
John	Rimel	1979	\$250
Sam	Roberts	1941	\$650
John	Rood	1962	\$28,500
James	Rowe	1982	\$500
Robert	Rowe	1980	\$500
Charles	Sampsel	1978	\$200
John	Santo	1970	\$75
Patrick	Schruth	1971	\$333
Michael	Schruth	1968	\$100

FIRST	LAST	GRAD YEAR	AMOUNT
Patrick	Sheehan	1974	\$1,750
Lawrence	Shore	1975	\$1,150
Steven	Simon	1990	\$3,716
Ronald	Simon	1960	\$500
Lloyd	Sinclair	1964	\$50
Cameron	Slade	1985	\$500
Larry	Slocum	1971	\$250
Lewis	Smith	1980	\$50
Matthew	Sonnichsen		\$60
Bruce	Spencer	1986	\$100
Michael	Spencer	1993	\$50
Jeffrey	Spring	1980	\$200
Gordon	Stewart	1951	\$100
Thomas	Stockburger	1974	\$1,570
Daniel	Stockton	1963	\$500
Stephen	Tanner	1953	\$100
Roger	ter Kuile	1973	\$100
Timothy	Thayer	1984	\$500
Mark	Thomas	1980	\$1,250
Richard	Thompson	1973	\$50,007
James	Thompson	1958	\$3,500
John	Thompson	1967	\$2,056
James	Tidyman	1954	\$208,500
Travis	Tidyman	1995	\$1,500
Stanley	Tiffany	1960	\$300
Robert	Tirrell	1961	\$400
William	Todd	1957	\$500
Braden	Tommerup	2007	\$1,610
Dave	Trimmer	1976	\$111
Robert	Tust	2000	\$50
Martin	Ueland	1966	\$1,250
Eric	Ueland	1994	\$150
Stephen	Vielleux	1976	\$500
Donald	Wall	1956	\$100
Leon	Washut	1965	\$100
Kent	Webster	1964	\$100
Warren	Wilcox	1963	\$10,000
Burton	Williams	1968	\$100
Gregg	Wilson	1983	\$50
Timothy	Wolff	1991	\$659
Michael	Wood	1969	\$100
TOTAL			\$475,729

A BROTHER'S LEGACY

Ted Burton '49

By Dave Trimmer 76

For every Beta Delta Sigma Chi, the Library at 1110 Gerald holds a special place in their heart.

It's particularly moving for those that consider the brothers lost in World War II. But for those that attended Beta Delta's 110th Anniversary at Homecoming in 2016, those pictures came to life. Brother **Ted Burton '49**, who earned two Bronze Stars, was part of the celebration.

Burton graduated from Missoula County High School in 1943 and was immediately drafted into the Army, serving in the 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division as an anti-tank gun crewman with the 3rd Army in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany under General George S. Patton.

He was in three campaigns, Northern France, Ardennes – the legendary Battle of the Bulge – and Rhineland. In addition to the Bronze Stars, he received the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the European Theatre Medal with three stars representing the three campaigns. Not surprising, once you get to know him, he also earned a Good Conduct Medal.

When he returned home in 1946, he enrolled at the University of Montana. Veterans returning from WWII were anxious to get on with their lives, Burton explained. Beta Delta benefitted from the surge of older

new students such as himself joining the returning veteran-students, plus an influx of recent high school graduates.

"Many war stories were told by the vets, which the younger set found inspiring," Burton said. "Several vets had seen warfare at its worst. Some had earned Purple Hearts, one had been a POW and several earned impressive awards attesting to their many exploits.

When we learned more of the toll that the war had taken, several brothers began working on a memorial in their honor. **Eddy O'Brien '49** was the prime mover in this effort. On Mother's Day 1946, families of fallen Beta Delta Sigs held a ceremony in the back garden of The House to dedicate a barbecue fireplace and perform a White Rose ceremony," Burton recalled. "Twenty four Sigs held White Roses in their hands and as the names of the fallen were called, they rose one-by-one and filled a frame which resulted in a beautiful White Cross. There were no dry eyes in the garden." The memorial committee gathered photos of the fallen brothers and hung them in the Library, where today they are the reminder of their ultimate sacrifice.

"The chapter had many serious, more mature students who were good scholars, setting a good example for the younger set,"

Burton said. "An impressive number of them, later on, became successful professionals, physicians and businessmen."

That includes Burton, who received his degree in chemistry in 1949. After working two years he went to the University of Washington to get his Masters degree and in 1953, embarked on a career in petroleum refinery that led him to live in Aruba, Venezuela and Nicaragua.

Sigma Chi and the University of Montana have always been special to Burton. To that end, he and his wife have established three scholarship endowments: one in chemistry, one at the Flathead Lake Bio Station in memory of a Sig classmate and the Scheuch Scholarship benefitting active members of Beta Delta.

During the 110th Anniversary banquet, Ted asked to sit with actives which highlights his desire to be involved. The advice he shared was, "Set goals, and not let life become a series of fortuitous events."

He also had a message for all the brothers. "Many Sigs from that era are very appreciative of the efforts to keep The House in good condition, maintain communication and provide scholarships to the members."

It's the legacy of brothers like Ted Burton that make Beta Delta the special place it is.

THE ROLE OF THE HOUSE DIRECTOR

"I took on the role of Beta Delta's first House Director in September 2017. For those of you that attended UM during the late 60s, I am Buzz Blastic's son.

After 17 years of teaching and 20+ seasons coaching in Washington, Alaska and Montana, it's sublime to be back in Missoula working with Beta Delta. I was hired by Beta Delta House Corporation to assist with property management issues. When it comes to Active Chapter, I try to give advice when requested and not interfere with its operations. In other words, I don't clean up their messes.

We have Beta Delta looking crisp with many new improvements. Stop on over to my place at 1110 Gerald's New Ski Shack and I'll give you a personal tour. Or join



Missoula Alumni Association every Friday at noon for lunch at Press Box Lounge upstairs in the East Room.

If you can't make it and want to pass on a poem, personal mantra or key to success, please email me. Your words will be shared with Beta Delta members when unforced opportunities arise. Thank you for the last wave of donations...the scaffolding ladder is a back saver.

If you're wondering what a House Director does, feel free to contact me at 406-531-1387 or bdexhousedirector@gmail.com."

In Hoc,

Dock Blastic Beta Delta '94 - Montana '99