

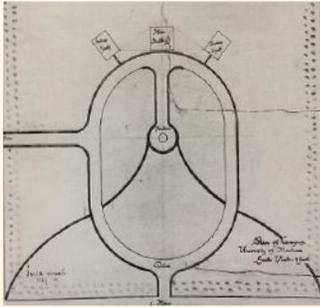
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A newsletter from Beta Delta Chapter  
at University of Montana

## CAMPUS LORE

### University of Montana's Oval



The most well-known landscape feature on UM's campus is The Oval. The University's first president and Sigma Chi Oscar Craig and Beta Delta's founder Sigma Chi Professor Frederick Scheuch created the design for The Oval in 1895 hoping that all of the future buildings on campus would face it. In 1896, the staff of the university helped plant a double row of trees around The Oval in honor of Arbor Day. The Venture Center (science building) was erected in 1898 along with the University Hall (aka Main Hall). In 1902, the Women's Hall was built and the gymnasium soon followed in 1903. Finally, the University Library was built in 1908 in the Jeannette Rankin Hall named in honor of Montana's prominent congress woman and suffragist who graduated from the University of Montana in 1902.

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

Our thoughts are with the friends and families of the following Beta Delta Brothers:

**Leon C. Odegaard '61**

**E. Parke Frizelle, Jr. '63**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Events and History at Beta Delta

#### Montana Homecoming 2018

Mark your calendar for October 6th when the Montana Grizzlies take on the Portland State Vikings. If you are interested in game tickets in the Sigma Chi section, email Nathan Cranston at [nathan@thecranstons.com](mailto:nathan@thecranstons.com).

On Friday at High Noon, October 5th, Sigma Chi alums will meet for a no host lunch at the Press Box Sports Bar, 835 E Broadway, Missoula on the second floor. The next day, Beta Delta will host a tailgate at its traditional location northwest of Harry Adams Fieldhouse from 11 am to 1 pm. Following the game, all are invited to a reception at 1110 Gerald.

#### Own a Piece of Beta Delta History



One of the distinctive features of 1110 Gerald is its beautiful clay tile roof. Due to several major roof remodels where newer roof tiles were used, we have 5700 original Ludowici brand field tiles (48 total squares) available for purchase. For a \$5,000, partially tax deductible donation to the **Heart of the House Campaign**, they can be yours for pick up in Missoula. If you are interested, email Rich Thompson at [rich@regenesi.net](mailto:rich@regenesi.net) by no later than July 10th.

#### Captain's Cup 2018

Missoula Alumni Association hosted this year's golf tournament on June 9th at the Missoula Country Club. Brothers from their 20s to almost 80 competed in a best ball format. The winning score was 16- under par by the foursome of Riley McGibbony, Chris Martison, Troy Carlson and Mike Bryan (missing from picture). The weather was spectacular, golf skills variable, brotherhood enduring, and a great time had by all. Many thanks to **Brady Tommerup '07** and **Nathan Cranston '03** for organizing the event.

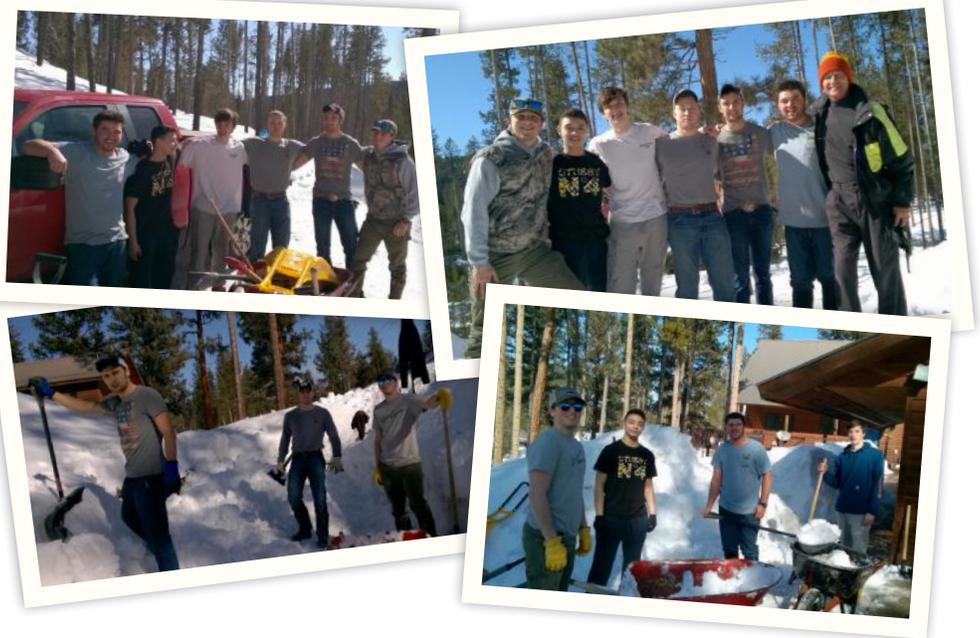


## S'NO FUN

### Beta Deltas Heed The Call!

Photo op of the Seeley Shack S'no Fun Day. I sent out the call to The Sig House for snow removal at my property in Seeley Lake. They responded in herculean fashion Saturday, March 10th, removing some 50 wheelbarrows of snow. The area received 150" of snow since Christmas and I was buried and had run out of gas from shoveling. Thus the SOS. The actives who participated were **Tanner Boston, Alan Logsdon, Dan Olmstead, Daniel Cupparo, Zac Kremer** and **TJ Sundquist**. Great guys, the house is fortunate to have them. My thanks to all the brothers.

In hoc, **Pat Schruth '72**



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### A Brother That Almost Wasn't Uses Perseverance To Become a Beta Delta

**Jim Tidyman, '54**, has always had Sigma Chi in his heart, even before pledging. Ever since he was young, he respected Sigma Chi and its members, and he knew, one day, he would join the brotherhood. At whatever the cost.

See, during pledge week, you had to be invited to attend rush parties for Sigma Chi when Tidyman was an undergrad, and there was just one snag: he wasn't invited because he didn't know a single member.

But Tidyman was determined to be a Sigma Chi so he did what anyone would have done in his shoes. "I arrived at the door with the other prospective pledges and walked in with them, pretending I had been invited," he said. "I was really anxious to be a Sigma Chi. Thanks to his talent for playing the piano, he won his place when he performed "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi," for the gathered brothers. In fact, he was accepted only two days later.

Thinking back on the memory, he laughed and said, "I don't think I ever bothered to tell anyone."

From this scheme, a legacy was born. Tidyman's brother, John, and his nephew, Travis, also pledged Sigma Chi after him. "I was very partial to Sigma Chi, always have been, and I was please to seem them

follow me."

Tidyman's time in Sigma Chi gave him not only brothers, but life-long friends. "Many of my friends... are friendships that were made back then. It was a wonderful experience for me." One of these friendships blossomed still further into a business partnership.

Tidyman met Bob Buchanan through Sigma Chi, but they solidified their friendship on an oil rig one summer. Tidyman worked on one during his summers, and Buchanan, a geology major, wanted to get some practical field experience before graduating. He asked Tidyman if he could get him a job. "He had never been on an oil rig before," Tidyman explained, which undoubtedly led to a memorable summer. Eventually, the two went into business with each other. "We were lifelong friends. We started a grocery company, and we were partners for twenty years.

Tidyman carried more than friendships into his life after school. He was inspired to provide the same experience he enjoyed to others, specifically, those who couldn't get that experience by themselves. In fact, it was his classmates who gave him the push.

"I went to school with a lot of GI's who had just come out of the service," he explained. The GI bill that offered loans to

returning servicemen had been introduced, and they were eager to apply, despite the risks. At the time, schools pushed people to take the loans, and they ended up stuck with debt they had no way to pay.

"It's a program that helped a lot of people, but it certainly hurt a lot of people at the same time. Kids were singing up and had absolutely no concept of what they were getting themselves into. All they knew was they wanted and education."

In response to this, Tidyman was inspired to donate funds for a limit-free scholarship for the fraternity. He has already begun donating to the fund, and plans to donate the rest very soon. "If someone needs a full ride, there will be money there to do that," he said. As it is limit-free, there will be no prerequisites, such as grades, a student need meet, and it will be up to the alumni board who receives what amount.

Tidyman's regard for Sigma Chi is evident in his generous scholarship funding, the lifelong relationships he still keeps and his drive to become a brother through any means.

"It was so important for me to do this, and it was really rewarding."

## FRATERNITY FOLKLORE

By John Heaney, Beta Delta '98

I remember the first time I saw the Sigma Chi Bell. It was sitting in the bed of a white pickup truck in front of University of Montana's Brantly Hall on a banner fall day in 1998. It was impressive. And it was huge. Looking back, I'm not sure how the truck's rear axle didn't snap under the weight. But there it was, the legendary Sigma Chi Bell, back in Missoula for the first time in two decades.

Being a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity myself, I knew a lot about the Bell. It originally hung on the USS Montana, a ship built in the early 1900s that saw action in World War I. The ship was decommissioned in 1920 and renamed the USS Missoula. It was scrapped in 1930, and Professor Frederick C. Scheuch, a past acting UM president and founder of Sigma Chi's Beta Delta chapter, requested the small dinner bell from the ship as a souvenir. Instead, the ship's one-ton bronze bell arrived, a gift from General Patrick Hurley, the Secretary of War under President Herbert Hoover.

The Bell's new home was at the Sigma Chi house, where it was displayed in the Rose Garden until a summer day in 1955, when all of a sudden, it vanished. Over the next 23 years, Sigma Chi brothers, hell-bent on finding the treasured Bell, followed all sorts of leads in search of it, but to no avail.

Then in early 1978, rumor had it that the Bell was in the backyard of a rival fraternity

at Montana State University in Bozeman.

**Don Bennett '78** remembers the first time he saw the Bell in person, too.

"We heard it was in Bozeman behind the Lambda Chi house, so a group of us went to check it out," recalls Bennett, a Beta Delta Sig. "It was winter, and there was about two feet of snow on the ground. We drove down the alley behind the house, and, sure enough, there it was. It was encased in ice, but I could see the 'USS Montana 1908' engraving on it, so I knew it was the correct bell."

Aided by a bit of liquid courage, the crew snatched the bell in the dead of night, hoisted it into the back of Bennett's 1972 International pickup, and returned to Missoula. Bennett says the bell was painted an ugly shade of blue, and was dinged up badly. Apparently the Lambda Chis rang the bell at football games to celebrate Bobcat touchdowns. The Bell was cleaned up and a group of Beta Deltas built a bell tower at 1110 Gerald to display it, which they assumed would be impervious to another theft attempt. They were wrong.

During Christmas 1978, a group of Lambda Chis known as the "Secret Six" swiped the Bell back. It remained hidden for the next twenty years.

**Rex Boller '67**, also a Beta Delta Sig, remembers when he first saw the Bell. **RJ Brewer '74** and Boller spearheaded the efforts for the Bell's most recent return. They knew the Lambda Chis still had it, despite

rumors that it was sunk to the bottom of Flathead Lake or melted down. After years of negotiations, it took the threat of a lawsuit to finally get it back. The Bell was returned to the Sigma Chis under condition that it was put on display in a public place.

"We got the Bell back just in time for Homecoming in 1998," says Boller. "And let me tell you, it was gratifying to finally see it. It was on a trailer, and a bunch of the brothers rode with it in the parade. There was a lot of excitement that day."

University of Montana Alumni Director Bill Johnston remembers the first time he saw the Bell. He was a neutral party who helped broker the deal, and he also was charged with driving to Bozeman to retrieve the ringer.

"It was great to be the person driving it back," Johnston says. "I'd just heard about the Bell, but I'd never seen it before. I knew what it meant to the guys at The House, and it sure was fun to deliver it."

Which is where this story began.

The Bell has been safely displayed in the lobby of the Adams Center since 2000. It's on an oak pedestal topped with a marble slab etched with Sigma Chi's motto, "In Hoc Signo Vincas" (in this sign, you shall conquer).

"Even talking about it now gives me goose bumps," says Bennett. "The Bell's been hidden longer than it's been on display. It's much better now that people can see it. There's a great history behind that Bell."

## CONSUL'S CORNER

### New Leadership Looks Toward The Future

Brothers,

I feel incredibly privileged and honored to take over as Consul of the Beta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi. The last three years in Missoula have been the best of my life and I have learned more about myself than I ever thought possible. I have had the pleasure of getting to know some awesome guys as well as many of the ever-supportive alumni who work behind the scenes to keep Beta Delta thriving year after year.

Despite the current climate of Greek life around the nation, the bonds of brotherhood at 1110 Gerald are stronger than ever. Beta Delta is truly unique among the many chapters of Sigma Chi and I am frequently reminded of how fortunate we are. With regular headlines and news stories shining light on many

of the unfortunate events taking place within Greek life, the active chapter at Beta Delta has continually prided itself on embracing the necessary changes to keep our brotherhood relevant on the University of Montana campus.

One significant change that the active chapter faced Fall Semester 2017 was the addition of a House Director. The actives were skeptical at first. There were many doubts how things would go with an alumnus living in New Ski Shack under the same roof with active brothers. However, Dock Blastis has been an invaluable asset to The House. His presence has been more and more enjoyable as the actives have been able to get to know him. His hands-off, help-as-requested approach to the chapter operations has been appreciated and the enthusiastic

work he's put into House improvements and maintenance has been incredible. The active chapter couldn't be happier with how things have turned out having Dock around for this last year.

As the newly installed Consul, I hope to set a precedent moving forward as a line of communication between the active chapter and our alumni brothers. If there are any questions, concerns or you'd just like more info on what the active chapter is up to, feel free to reach out to me.

I am very excited to see what the 2018-2019 academic year will bring for Beta Delta!

In hoc,  
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Beta Delta Chapter  
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## FUNDRAISING

### Beta Delta Announces New Heart of The House Campaign

By Rich Thompson Beta Delta '70 - Montana '73

1110 Gerald's room named Boyles is known as the "Heart of The House." It bore a heart on its original oak entry door. But there is a much bigger heart in The House. Beta Delta has a long history of philanthropy. In the past 20 years alone, brothers have given over \$2,200,000 to renovate 1110 Gerald, build both Wilcox Annex (2007) and New Ski Shack (2017) and create a \$1,200,000 scholarship endowment that provides \$60,000 a year to worthy Beta Delta undergraduate and graduate school brothers.

There are few Sigma Chi chapters that can take pride and give thanks for Beta Delta's ongoing generosity. In fact, Beta Delta is used as a model for other chapters as what can be accomplished. We stand on the shoulders of visionaries like Professor Frederick Scheuch who established the Greek system at University of Montana. His vision

relied on brothers yet to be born. This is at the heart of Beta Delta's success: Investing in future brothers.

The House is now well over 100 years old, and keeping it in good repair is expensive. Also, 1110 Gerald is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, so we have an obligation to protect and maintain this national treasure.

With this in mind, Beta Delta's Sigma Chi Building Foundation now announces the **Heart of The House Campaign**. This \$500,000 endowment fund will help pay for repairs and renovations to our beloved 1110 Gerald. 20% of donations (up to \$10,000/year) will go to Missoula Alumni Association to underwrite Captain's Cup Golf Tournament, Homecoming events, active and alumni activities.

Please give to **Heart of the House Campaign** in one of these categories:

1110 Gerald .....	\$10,000 and up
Wilcox Annex .....	\$5,000 to \$9,999
New Ski Shack.....	\$2,500 to \$4,999
Boyles .....	\$1,000 to \$2,499
Orchid .....	\$500 to \$999
Nursery.....	\$250 to \$499
B.O. ....	Up to \$249

All donations are tax deductible. Please use the enclosed donation form, which will be included with our biannual Grizzly Sig Newsletters, or donate online at [www.betadelta-sigmachi.org](http://www.betadelta-sigmachi.org).

## VOLUNTEERISM IN ACTION

### Beta Delta Alum Recognized for Tireless Work



With his calm demeanor and friendly aptitude for both communication and mediation honed from years of practicing law, Dan Cederberg was an invaluable voice on the Missoula

Downtown Association's Board of Directors for the past 31 years.

Cederberg joined the organization that advocates for Missoula's urban core and its businesses in 1986, when the opening of Southgate Mall was drawing commerce and shoppers away from the city's historic heart.

But over the past three decades, Cederberg and many others worked tirelessly to transform downtown into an area booming with unprecedented development and economic activity.

On Wednesday night at the MDA's annual awards banquet, Cederberg was presented with the Downtowner of the Year award for his service as he retired officially from the board. The award will henceforth be known as the Dan Cederberg Downtowner of the Year Award.

"His service has been remarkable, his contributions have been extraordinary," said MDA executive director Linda McCarthy. "His dedication, leadership and ability to see things from start to finish have been dependable and successful."

Cederberg, who grew up in Havre and earned a law degree from the University of Montana, owns a law office that was until recently located downtown. He and his wife Forey, a teacher, raised two sons and two daughters here and

played a role in many important business developments over the years.

In addition to serving as legal counsel for the MDA, Cederberg helped create the Downtown Business Improvement District (BID) in 2005 and the creation of the Downtown Master Plan in 2008.

As Cederberg looks around downtown, he is excited about all the new projects coming to fruition, including a five-story hotel, a 488-bed student housing project, a library, a brewery, a Stockman Bank and perhaps a conference center and hotel at the Riverfront Triangle/Hotel Fox site.

"These are all big projects coming online," he said. "In many ways we are now seeing the macro investments. We did not see the macro investments for many years. But in the last few years, maybe even going back 10 years with the First Interstate Bank building, we are now seeing the bigger money. I don't know what it's going to look like in the future, but if the Fox site can go, it's going to be exciting."

Downtown Missoula Gift Card sales, which allow carriers to spend at nearly 200 local shops, hit an all-time high at \$287,691 in 2017, a 15 percent increase from 2016, and the 6,492 cards purchased were worth an average of \$44.31. When some of the new projects are finished, there will be nearly 1,000 more people staying downtown every night.

McCarthy said Cederberg has been well-respected and inspirational.

"Dan has been a tremendous leader and advocate for Downtown Missoula, and his tenure of service has been incredible," she said. "He has made significant contributions in the development of Caras Park, the creation of the Downtown BID and the Downtown Foundation, and

implementation of the Downtown Master Plan. All Missoulians have benefited from his three decades of service to our community."

Cederberg said he was recruited to the MDA board by Scott Sproul, Lori Caras DeMarois and John Roemer. He said all those years of hard work are finally paying off and he felt it was a good time to go out on top.

"It really was a 30-year process," he said. "What we see now is amazing as far as what's going on building-wise. There's just been a lot of good people that I've worked with over the years."

Several other awards were handed out on Wednesday night:

- Amy Doty, owner of Frame of Mind, was awarded the Committee Member of the Year for her service to the Parade of Lights Committee.
- Heidi Starrett, account executive at Missoula Broadcasting Co., was awarded the MDA Board Member of the Year for her service to multiple committees and community events.
- Farran Realty Partners, represented by Jim McLeod and Pat Corrick, won the Downtown Business of the Year Award for its creation of ROAM student housing, redevelopment of the DoubleTree Hotel, and upcoming development of the Riverfront Triangle.
- Sarah Eastlund, retail manager at Opportunity Bank of Montana, won the Downtown Volunteer of the Year honor for her service as hospitality manager at River City Roots Fest for the last 10 years.
- The Downtown Employee of the Year was awarded to two people: Sara Murray, administrative assistant at First Interstate Bank, and Becky Smith, owner of Missoula Broadcasting Co. Both were cited for exceptional service to the downtown community through the businesses they represent.