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Fundraising Update

We are at 36% of our goal!

Happy New Year Sisters of Chi Chapter!

We want to sincerely thank those of you who have donated to the Building Our Future At 1107 fundraising efforts. We began this effort in January 2010 and because of your generous donations, we have **so far raised \$36,824** in combined gifts from 2010 and 2011 Homecoming and our 2010 letter campaign. This puts us at 36% of our \$100,000 fundraising goal. BUT WE ARE NOT DONE YET!! We will continue to fundraise each year up to our Centennial Celebration in 2018 in hopes to restore the chapter to glory! We hope that you will choose to join your fellow alums and donate to this great cause!

Some of the areas we were able to update this summer included: a basement remodel including new lighting, paint, furniture (couches, inn tables, lamps, artwork), new furniture and paint in the "fishbowl study lounge," new paint and removal of wall paper in the 2nd and 3rd floor bathrooms, filling in the wavy wall in the entry way and the beveled glass wall between the study lounge and exec room. We also re-did the guest bathroom on the main floor removing the awkward wall, painting, replacing the toilet and flooring. We re-painted the "date room" and got additional lighting, and HCB member Shana Goss Smith and her husband generously donated the time and materials to re-paint and buy new bedding and draperies for the guest bedroom. Additionally, the main floor living room got a complete face lift with all new furniture as did the 3rd floor landing.

If you have not yet given to this great project this year, it is not too late! We have more projects to do this summer including purchasing new mattresses, removing the wall paper in stairwell between the 2nd and 3rd floors, painting bedrooms, and saving money to completely gut and re-do the bathrooms, and eventually taking on a complete kitchen re-model! We will do as many projects each summer as our fundraising income will allow. Remember, 100% of monies donated go toward renovating and remodeling, not general operating expenses. A donor form is on the last page of this newsletter and a return envelope is enclosed as well should you wish to donate!

Please see the next page for a list of donors thus far and please feel free to check our website for updated donor information.

Check out the redesigned Chi
Chapter website at
www.umalphaphi.com

THANK YOU To Our GENEROUS ALUMNAE for your gifts to the Building Our Future at 1107 Project!

The Forget-Me-Not Society (Gifts of \$10,000-\$25,000)

Jane Rowland Crouch '68
Viola Kleindienst

Big Dipper Society (Gifts of \$5,000-\$9,999)

Bonnie Briggs Mountain '80

The Ivy Circle (Gifts of \$1,000-\$4,999)

Betty Jo Akerson O'Brien '59
Bev Simpson Braig '63
Shana Goss Smith '81

The Lily of the Valley Circle (Gifts of \$500-\$999)

Jean Bolkovatz '82
Lisa Matz Skowfoe '01

Silver Circle (Gifts of \$250-\$499)

Tonya Gies Legettino '94	Cheryl Gravelle Nelson '66
Robin Reynolds '94	Elizabeth Stoick Pew Lohn '47
Bonnie Dalton	Sarah Robertson '73
Angela LeDuc '00	Carolyn Palin Gies '61
Barbara Kundert Moy '68	Nichali Paulsrud Sliter '65
Marion Ryder '50	

Donor list continued to the right ----->

Bordeaux Circle (Gifts up to \$249)

Kay Martin Duffield '70	Sallie Hollecker Linnell '54
Mary Balk Fink '59	Leslie Ragan Beffert '76
Karen Schirm Irwin '60	Ann Freeman Rasmussen '98
Pat Lowthian '75	Katherine VanVliet Meyer '64
Marcia Holmes Yury '63	Patty Robertson Buckely '73
Patty Holmes Myers '69	Allison Squires '07
Margaret Moreno Balsam '70	Karla Kay Love '60
Susan Spicher Cravens '73	Janet Ferguson Monsos '51
Sally Barker Templeman '59	Paula Morse Wetzsteon '64
Jean Beaulieu '71	Toni Gies '66
Joan Hinds '58	Debby Parock Cottfetter '75
Susie Beaulaurier Graetz '67	Sharon Mogstad Fiske '69
Connie Corette Kenney '60	Susan Heine Snyder '71
Carol Rude Fleharty '68	Myra Shults '63
Rebecca Egemo Tirrell '58	Jeri Whitten Walling '59
Eleanore Kazal	Patricia Sletten '59
Ruth Wenholz West '56	Mary Ellen Turmell '64
Patty Murphy '67	Jennine Funk Budge '62
Gwen Anderson '63	Carol Beddes '62

The 1107 Club

**Recognizing cumulative gifts of \$1,107 or more
Jane Rowland Crouch '68**

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******Donor form on last page of this newsletter******

Official Notice of the

House Corporation Board Annual Meeting

This newsletter is serving as our official notice to all members of Chi Chapter of our 2011-12 House Corporation Board Annual Meeting.

All members who have paid house bond (if you left the chapter in good standing then you have!) to the chapter are invited to attend and participate at this meeting.

Our meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 14, 2012 at 10 a.m.** The meeting will be held in the dining room of the chapter house at 1107 Gerald Ave, Missoula, MT 59801.

Official business of the Corporation will take place at this meeting including an annual review and officer elections.

If you plan on attending this meeting, please notify the HCB President Kary Huffman at karycrumm@yahoo.com or 510.673.5442 to RSVP so we can make sure there are enough refreshments.

Meet Your House Corporation Board!

The House Corporation Board is currently made up of six members.

President-Kary Huffman

Vice President-Shana Goss Smith (Chi, 81)

Secretary-Susan English (Chi, '73)

Director-Dee Botorac (Chi, '74)

Director-Leigh Parker

Fundraising Chair-Dawn Lochridge (Chi, '82)

If you would like to join the board, please email President Kary Huffman at karycrumm@yahoo.com. We will elect all positions of the board at our annual meeting on May 15, 2012.

Want to stay posted on the latest Chi Chapter updates? Be sure to check us out and "like" us on Facebook under "Chi Chapter Alpha Phi"!



Chapter women riding on the 2011 Homecoming float with Sigma Phi Epsilons and Phi Deltas.

Chapter Has New Philanthropy Event!

The chapter was challenged with raising at least \$1,500 for the Alpha Phi Foundation at our first-ever Red Dress Casino Night. The event was held over UM Parents Weekend and we are proud to announce that we raised and donated \$5,000 to the Foundation this year! It was a great event attended by 150 guests including UM President Engstrom and his wife Mary, many of our parents and alumnae, as well as lots of local fraternity and sorority members. We would like to thank all of the alums who both came to the event and/or donated items to our silent auction. We couldn't have been so successful without you!



Chapter Update!

For the first time in eleven years, the chapter is at campus total of 60 members. The chapter has worked diligently over the last two years to excel in formal recruitment, getting 30+ members each of the last two years. We are happy to announce that we have 30 women living in the chapter house and we have maintained 60 members all semester.

The chapter has been ramping up their social events hosting an 80's themed bowling event, a mixer at Splash Montana with the Phi Delta Thetas, and having an "ugly Christmas sweater" party. It is fun to be an Alpha Phi at Montana!

The fall 2011 new member class held a new member retreat at Flathead Lake. New members participated in a low ropes course and bonded over s'mores!

The chapter will be represented on the Panhellenic Council this year by two positions: Ciara Zacha as Panhellenic VP of Recruitment, and Amanda Bryant as Public Relations Chair. Additionally, the chapter has two current ASUM Senators Damara Simpson and Mariah Williams.



80s Theme Party



Ropes Course

Updates from Alumnae!

This is a section of our newsletter where we will feature updates from you, our alumnae! Please let us know what's going on in your life and we will share the news with other fellow alums! Feel free to include pictures, updates about family, jobs, vacations, or hobbies!

From Pat Scott Finnoff '65:

Pat is currently living in Boulder, CO and she has four children and eight grandchildren! She wants sisters to know that she is still working and still supporting music and education.

From Louise Ralston Slotta '54

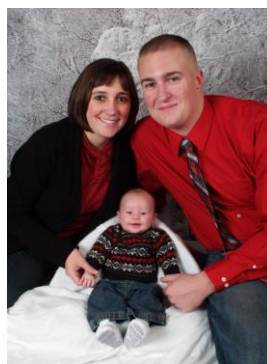
I became an octogenarian in 2011 and Cathy Doherty Grassi '54 who lives in Arvada, CO came to the party. My grandson Chris is serving in the Peace Corps in Honduras and my granddaughter Becky works with autistic children in Seattle, WA.

From Jessica DeMarois Hart '07

Ben and I were married on September 3, 2011, surrounded by friends and family, including many Chi Chapter Alpha Phis who came from all over the country! It was such an amazing weekend with my sisters; I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life. We bought a house in Tacoma, WA, and I recently passed the Washington State Bar Exam. We are having so much fun exploring the Seattle area and working on our first home together. I'm excited to be closer to many of my sorority sisters who live out here!

From Leah Schnall Johnson '07

Garrett Johnson (Sigma Phi Epsilon-Montana Alpha 2005) and I are thrilled to welcome Brent Andrew James, born at home 9/30/11 (the morning before Homecoming). Brent was 7lbs 12oz and 21.5 inches. Brent has already spent many afternoons at 1107 Gerald--he has no idea how lucky he is!



From Tiffany Harrison Heaton '92

I moved back to Missoula in 2009. I have two sons, Austin (13) and Kody (10), and a Gordon Setter named Mahogany. I prosecute as a Deputy Missoula City Attorney with the City Attorney Office. I have been there 1 1/2 yrs, and was the Deputy Jefferson County Attorney in Boulder, MT, where I also prosecuted from 2004 to 2009. I graduated from law school in California in 2000.

From Lucy Hicks Brown '82

[Kristin Kliber Larsen](#) '82 and I met up in Brussels, Belgium this summer for a week of giggles, antiques and drinking wine. We accomplished nothing, but laughed a lot!

From Pat McMahon Lowthian '75

Pat has been teaching in Billings Public Schools for the last 32 years, including 3rd grade, the Gifted and Talented Program, and the 4th grade. She also has taught migrant children every summer for the last 25 years as well as educational camps at Rocky Mountain College for the last 20 years. Pat has received two different Presidential Awards over the years for teaching and currently sits on the Billings Clinic Science Fair Board. Pat has one son, James Wayne Lowthian, and no grandchildren as of yet. She spends her free time hiking, biking, reading, traveling, and playing Bunco. Her sister was recently married in the Santa Barbara hills and she enjoyed attending the celebration. Her fondest memories and dearest friends were made in the halls of the Alpha Phi house.

Missoula Area Alums!

Please join the Missoula Alumnae Chapter for the annual Lady Griz "Go Red for Women" basketball game on Thursday, Feb. 9. We'll meet at 6:45 in the Adams Center west lobby before the 7 p.m. tipoff. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the door. Wear something red and come support a cause dear to Alpha Phi's heart! Email allison.squires@gmail.com with any questions. See you then!

Some of Our Remodeling Progress

We have been busy this summer remodeling and modernizing the chapter house! Below are a few before and after pictures of what we accomplished. Note: We did many more projects, but these show the best in black and white!

Entryway Wall Before



Entryway Wall After



The "wavy wall" glass was filled in to be a solid wall and a beautiful large Alpha Phi logo with our founding year was put up on the wall. This is a new favorite spot for members to take pictures in front of!

Study Room Wall Mid-Construction



Study Room Wall After



We removed the beveled glass and created a solid wall. This helped to make the "exec room" sound proof. It is also now a green accent wall in the study lounge. The study lounge got all new chairs, lamps, and coffee tables as well.

3rd Floor Landing Before



3rd Floor Landing After



We replaced the tired slip-covered couch with sleek new chairs and an end table. The wall paper will hopefully come off this summer on the 3rd floor landing and stairs.

Meet Chi Chapter's Advisory Board!

Allison Squires, Chapter Adviser, Chi, University of Montana, '07

Allison has served the chapter as Chapter Adviser since the fall 2010 semester. She lives locally in Missoula and feels that volunteering with the chapter has been really rewarding, particularly seeing all the progress the chapter is making! Allison is happily engaged and she is the proud parent of a 2 year old bunny named Pancake! Additionally, she works locally on campus as the writer/editor at University Relations at UM and in her spare time she loves running, blogging, cooking, reading, and spoiling Pancake!

Leah Schnall Johnson, Chapter Operations Adviser, Chi, University of Montana, '07

Leah joined the advisory board in the spring 2011 semester after moving back to Missoula from Alaska. She is married to Garrett Johnson (Sigma Phi Epsilon-Montana Alpha 2005) and is the proud new mom of her son Brent Andrew James Johnson. Leah worked in hospitality sales upon her return, but recently took a position of Administrative Secretary at Hellgate High School. Leah loves volunteering with Alpha Phi because she loves seeing the wonderful forward progress and she is excited to see where the new chapter officers take the house next!

Lori Lyman Losee, Program Development Adviser, Beta Rho, Washington State University, '01

Lori is a highly experienced Program Development Adviser! In addition to supporting Chi in this role, she also serves as the Program Development Adviser for both the Beta Rho chapter at Washington State and the Iota Nu chapter at Kentucky. Additionally, Lori serves the Fraternity at the regional level as the Alumnae Membership Coordinator for the Pacific Northwest Region. When she's not busy with Alpha Phi, Lori enjoys reading and spending time with her husband and two boys (7 and 4). Lori also excels as the owner of a successful wedding and event planning company in Tacoma, WA called Elegant Affairs.

Krystel Avelar Lockyer, Recruitment Adviser, Beta Zeta, University of Idaho, '08

As the Recruitment Adviser, Krystel has the important job of helping coach the women and ensure they have a successful formal recruitment in addition to staying at campus total of 60 members all year. Krystel currently lives in Pocatello, ID with her husband Zach and puppy named Yogi. She teaches 6th grade science and English and loves to travel, take spinning classes and go on long walks with her husband and puppy. Krystel volunteers with Chi because she loves spending time with the women, helping to create new recruitment trends in UM Greek life, and to simply see the excitement on our member's faces when they recruit a large new member class!

Diana Ruecker Thome, Scholarship Adviser, Beta Rho, Washington State University, '01

Diana currently lives in Pasco, WA with her husband, son, and a mystery baby on the way! She is a veterinarian in her professional life and she volunteers as the Scholarship Adviser for both Chi Chapter and the Beta Rho Chapter at Washington State. In addition to those roles, she is also serving as the Program Development Adviser for Alpha Phi's new colony at Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. Diana loves working with Chi chapter because she sees great emerging leaders and she enjoys seeing them work hard to improve their chapter.

Danielle (Dee) deBouver, New Member Adviser, Chi, University of Montana, '10

Danielle is supporting the chapter as New Member Adviser because she believes that new member education is the foundation of lifelong membership. She loves to watch new members learning about and experience Alpha Phi's core values. Currently, Dee lives in Fairfield, CT working as a freelance journalist and in addition to supporting the Chi Chapter, she also serves as the Chapter Adviser for the Iota Kappa chapter at Dartmouth.

Courtney Lavigne, Marketing Adviser, Beta Zeta, University of Idaho, '08

Courtney originally joined the advisory board in fall 2010 as the Chapter Operations Adviser. In fall 2011, she took on the Marketing Adviser role and has helped to guide the officers in having an outstanding philanthropy event. With the inception of the Red Dress casino night, Courtney helped the chapter to plan and organize a very fun event that raised \$5,000 for the Alpha Phi Foundation. Courtney lives locally in Missoula with her fiancé.



**“Building Our Future at 1107: Chi Chapter Renovation Project”
Chi House Corporation Board Fundraiser**

Current Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Initiation Year: _____

Address: _____ Grad Year: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Giving Levels	Amount	<p align="center">My Fundraiser Commitment:</p> <p align="center">\$ _____</p> <p align="center">TO BE PAID:</p> <p align="center">_____ All Now</p> <p align="center">_____ Half Now, Half in April 2012</p> <p align="center">_____ 1/3 Now, 1/3 in April 2012, 1/3 in April 2013</p> <p align="center">Please make check payable to: Chi Chapter Housing Association c/o Dawn Lochridge 530 Benton Ave Missoula, MT 59801</p> <p align="center">Note: Please do NOT mail donations to the chapter house. We often do not receive them in a timely manner.</p>
<p>*NEW The 1107 Club Any member who donates a cumulative total of \$1,107 will have their name on a special plaque for the 1107 Club</p>	<p>Cumulative gifts of \$1,107</p>	
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