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Message from Jane B. Short

We have a delightful new member, Susie Park of Kalispell, who is new to Montana and has already organized a get-together – before I even knew about her. More on her in the “Member News” section. I admire her interest in meeting the other Alpha Chi Omegas who live in her area – bravo!

Hopefully you are aware that we have a new website, which I worked very hard to create. The website address is: NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com. If you haven't already, please get on and check it out and send me your comments and suggestions. I would love to have a photo of every member to post on our site so we can “know” each other better, so please send me some photos of you!

Brock and I are driving back to Montana and plan to arrive around June 20, which is earlier than we usually arrive. We look forward to spending the summer in Montana. One of the exciting adventures I have planned includes attending the Alpha Chi Omega National Convention in St. Louis July 12-17. I will report back to you on what happens upon my return. I am also very much looking forward to our Glacier get-together August 8-11. We haven't worked out the details yet on where we'll meet for meals, but we know where we're staying and roughly what our activities will be each day. For details, see page 2. If you're interested in attending, please let me know and make arrangements for your lodging ASAP, as things are filling up fast. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to assist you.

After struggling with lower back pain for almost a year and trying various conservative non-invasive treatments without much relief, I finally got four cortisone shots in my back on Tuesday. This should help to relieve the inflammation. I am already feeling better although still not quite where I want to be. I haven't let it stop me from being active this year, though I've had to modify most of my activities.

There are a lot of fun things going on in Big Sky this summer, including Professional Bull Riding July 31 - August 1, free Thursday night outdoor concerts, Farmers Markets July 11- September 5, and a free classical music festival August 10-12, which unfortunately conflicts with our Glacier get-together. Anyway, what I'm getting at is, if you find yourself in Big Sky for any reason, please give me a call and let's get together! And if you would like for Brock to give you a ride on his sailboat on Hebgen Lake, he would be delighted.

Have a fabulous summer, and I'll see you soon at Glacier National Park, if not before!

Loyally,

Jane Bonnell Short

Glacier Park Reunion!

Mark your calendars; we are having a reunion at Glacier National Park, and you and your family are invited. Here's what we have planned so far:

Aug. 7 – Arrive in Kalispell; not sure where we're staying yet. Available for dinner.

Aug. 8 – Stay at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish (which is one of the official lodges of Glacier); golf at Buffalo Hills.

Aug. 9 – Stay at the Grouse Mountain Lodge, golf at Whitefish Lake (at Grouse Mountain Lodge), and hike on west side of park.

Aug. 10 – Drive on Going-to-the-Sun Highway, hike at Siyeh Pass, and stay at St. Mary Lodge.

Aug. 11 – Drive to Waterton for a meal at the Prince of Wales Hotel and a hike in this area, and stay at St. Mary Lodge.

There are other accommodations available in Whitefish and St. Mary, and at St. Mary there is a pet-friendly hotel (the East Lodge).

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in participating and, if so, which days. We will have as many meals together as possible and can modify the plans if someone has an extraordinary idea. If you wish to stay in the park's accommodations, you should make your reservations as soon as possible, as things are filling up fast. The number I called to make reservations is: 406-892-2525. The Website I used is:

<http://www.glacierparkinc.com/>

Bonnie and Matt Rigg and Susie and Jerry Park live in Kalispell, so they will help us come up with some interesting activities and places to eat in that area.

Alpha Chindness Project

I believe in performing one random act of kindness per day, do you? If so, I have an idea for today's random act of kindness (or "chindness")!

Let's help Amy Woodell of the University of South Carolina, by supporting her charity "Clothed In Hope." This organization provides hope and helps alleviate poverty among Zambian women through vocational training in sewing. If you would like more details on this, please refer to our last newsletter. If you would like to participate in our Alpha Chindness project, please send me a check of any amount you feel is appropriate, and then I will send a check to the charity on behalf of our chapter. Thank you so much! Your participation in this is optional but would be much appreciated. I have not received any donations yet.

If you have any other suggestions for something nice we can do for another Alpha Chi Omega as an Alpha Chindness project, please let me know.

Alpha Chi Omega National Convention

As of June 1, I am the new Province Alumnae Chairman for Kentucky and Tennessee. As a requirement of my new position, I will be attending our National Convention in St. Louis July 12-17. I will report to you on what happens when I return. Let me know if you need any information or if you need me to pick up anything Alpha Chi-related for you. Let me know if you are planning to attend – I'd love for you to "Meet Me in St. Louis!"

Member News

With help from Alpha Chi Omega National Headquarters, new member (and new Montana resident) **Susie Park** of Kalispell invited all Alpha Chi Omegas (29) from the Flathead Valley to a luncheon. She had four sisters who met her at Bonelli's Deli on April 12 and had a great reunion including tales of University of Alabama from **Tricia Friez** of Big Arm, and tales of Idaho State from Tricia's neighbor **Eddie Bennett**. Also attending were a "token Delta Gamma" and Susie's grand-daughter, who will attend MSU Bozeman next fall. Susie said it was a great celebration surrounded by red carnations. Susie submitted a photo and article about it to *The Lyre*, so watch for it. Susie's grand-daughter is a potential alumnae initiate once she graduates from college; Susie wants to leave her Alpha Chi pin and 50-year pin (which she just received from Rho chapter of OK City) to her. Susie received her BS at Texas Tech, her MS at Univ. of Central OK, and her Ed.D from OK State. Welcome, Susie!

Bonnie Rigg of Kalispell and Miami Beach is off to Salt Lake City for AP Reading in mid-June. She leaves for Montana on June 22 and looks forward to meeting everyone at the Glacier Park Reunion.

Susan and Gordon Hills of Billings hope to come to the Glacier Park Reunion; he has a sister who lives in Kalispell. Susan retired – for the second and last time – in January. She's looking forward to having more time to do volunteer work, hike, knit, read, and travel. She also plans on doing more cross country skiing in her free time. She likes to ski at the nice Nordic area in Red Lodge. She bought a book last fall on Montana Waterfalls and has tried to plan some hikes around that. She spent a day in Sept. hiking to a number of falls in Hyalite Canyon (Bozeman) and a little one in Big Sky. Unfortunately I was out of town then and couldn't meet her.

Karin and Robert Utzinger of Bozeman are going to Borneo June 8-28. They are going with the World Wildlife Fund to animal preserves and rehab centers; they hope to see some orangutans, pygmy elephants, and proboscis monkeys. They have fisherpeople from Tasmania visiting during our Glacier Park reunion but still hope they can come.

Barbara Dontigny Shook of Missoula wrote that she and her cousins share an oil well in Eastern Montana on her grandmother's farm. They are getting ready to drill several more wells and it has been exciting for her. She still goes to accordion jams twice a month and she clogs once a week.

Helen Hales Elliott of Conrad wrote at Christmas: "I do have 2 little stories to report. I now have my first wee great grandchild: Ella Lorain. She is 11 months old and lives with her parents, Lindan (Dan and Linda's younger son) and Amy Elliott in Kalispell. My second tale is that in a few days, I am going to Las Vegas for 5 days. Of course, I expect to win a jackpot.... My children and spouses are still living in Helena, Memphis and Cincinnati. You would know they are the center of my universe. Daily and weekly events for me are giving 10 students music lessons, being President of Pondera Arts Council (We need to acquire \$65,000 in the next several months to buy digital movie equipment), directing the church choir, going to lunch with friends, playing a little bridge and thanking God that I have the gift of life every day.... My 7 grandchildren are all over: Chicago (Austin & wife, Panika), Cincinnati (Alex, Max & Taylor), Kalispell (Lindan & wife, Amy), Cal. Poly (Megan) and U. of Alabama (Ryan). Many places and kids to see!"

Dorothy Larson Bell of Glasgow writes: "I had a grandson's wedding in July. I will have a grand daughter's wedding this July. I will have another great grandchild this summer and 1 grand daughter will graduate from college. Bill and I both have had health problems this last year." Thanks for the update, Dorothy, and we hope you and Bill are feeling much better now! Let me know how you're doing.

Birthdays!

Kristin Hagwell Stayner	June 27
Susan McCarl Hills	July 2
Rosemarie Jager Iverson	July 11
Marilyn Blanche Hertz	July 19
Darla Davis Jones	July 25
Anne Freeman Ball	July 28
Edna "Eddie" Currier Bennett	July 29

Events

Father's Day	June 17
First Day of Summer	June 20
AXO Convention in St. Louis	July 12-17
Glacier Park Reunion	Aug. 8-11

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Jane and Brock Short in Florida