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Glacier National Park Reunion

Seven Alpha Chi Omega's and many significant-others and guests participated in our Glacier National Park Reunion. It all started on Tuesday, August 7 when we gathered at the home of Eddie Bennett in Big Arm, right on Flathead Lake. We presented Maryanna Wuttke Kurtz with her 50-year pin, and then we enjoyed a potluck dinner. Those attending were: Eddie Bennett and Roger Wells; Bonnie and Matt Rigg; Susie Park; Maryanna Kurtz; Jane and Brock Short; Patricia and Keith Friez (Eddie's neighbors); and the Riggs' guests: Angelo Ibanez, Dorothy Donatelli, Peggy Post, and Tiana Pierce. Thank you, Eddie, for the delicious Poppyseed Chicken Casserole you made for us, and for opening your house to us! A great time was had by all.

The following day, we met for golf at Buffalo Hills Golf Club in Kalispell. Golfing were Matt, Bonnie, Jane, Brock, and Angelo. We had lots of fun and laughs, followed by lunch in the club house. Susie joined us for lunch!

That evening we dined at the beautiful Whitefish Golf Club Restaurant - what a meal! Jane and Bonnie anchored this event. The following day, Jane, Bonnie, Brock, and Angelo played golf at the Whitefish Golf Club Resort - what a beautifully landscaped course, and what beautiful views! For lunch, Darla Jones of Billings joined us at the Grouse Mountain Lodge. Susie and her husband, Jerry, met us for dinner at McGarry's Roadhouse in Whitefish. It was wonderful to meet Darla, Maryanna, Patricia, Susie and Jerry for the first time.

The next two days were spent in the park. Brock rode his motorcycle over the Going To The Sun Highway, with Jane following him in their car. After enjoying a cruise on St. Mary's Lake, they ended up at the St. Mary's Lodge. Matt hiked Siyeh Forward to a Friend



Jane Short, President

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Happy Birthday!

Norma "Pat" Patrick Warfield -Aug. 13 Bonnie Smith Rigg - Aug. 26 Sara Lauer Sheldon - Sept. 16 Pass with a buddy, and Bonnie drove Angelo and Dorothy, all meeting up at the Rising Sun Lodge. We all met for dinner at the St. Mary's Lodge.

More adventures followed on Saturday. Bonnie and Matt took their guests to golf in Canada, while Brock and Jane hiked to Bertha Lake in the Waterton Lakes National Park. We all met at the Prince of Wales Hotel for High Tea - it was wonderful!!

Many thanks go to Eddie Bennett, for hosting the kick-off event, and to Bonnie Rigg for making all the reservations. Great job!



L-R: Susie Park, Peggy Post, Jane Short, and Maryanna Kurtz at Eddie Bennett's house.



Get Well Soon!

Helen Hales Elliott had surgery in Memphis for Trigenimal Neuralgia on Aug. 22. Her daughter, Lura Turner, will be assisting with her recovery. Her sutures will be removed on Aug. 29 and she will find out then if she will require another surgery. Let's keep our fingers crossed that she will not! If all goes well, Helen will return home to Conrad on Aug. 30. Jerry Park, Susie Webb Park's husband, has had a recurrence of prostate cancer and will have biopsies done around Labor Day. We hope for the best for Jerry.

New Format!

I am trying out a new format for our newsletter, using Mail Chimp. Let me know what you think!

Next Event!

Meet us for lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Yellowstone Country Club in Billings! Please RSVP to janebshort@yahoo.com.

Website

Keep on top of things by regularly visiting our website, **NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com.**

L - R: Eddie Bennett, Susie Park, Maryanna Kurtz, Jane Short, Bonnie Rigg, and

Patricia Friez at Eddie Bennett's house



L-R: Angelo Ibanez, Bonnie Rigg, Jane Short and Brock Short at Whitefish Golf Resort



L-R: Jane Short, Bonnie Rigg, and Darla Jones enjoying lunch at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish



Bonnie Rigg and Matt Rigg enjoying High Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Waterton Lakes National Park, Canada

Lunch in Bozeman

Karin Utzinger and Jane Short met for lunch on August 17 in Bozeman, at the John Bozeman Bistro. Karin discussed her recent trip to Borneo. She gave Jane a copy of "The Dodge: Guts, Glory, and Living at Full Throttle," by Anne Cutter Mikkelsen and Eduard Alden Mikkelsen, her sister-in-law and brother. They were recently in Bozeman to autograph copies of this book. Can't wait to read it!



Karin Utzinger and Jane Short in Bozeman.

Alpha Chi Omega National Convention

Jane Short attended Alpha Chi Omega National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri July 12-17 as the new Province Alumnae Chairman for Tennessee and Kentucky. For details on what happened, please refer to the August issue of the "Pearl Post", which has either been emailed or mailed to you.



Jane Short and our Province Alumnae Chairman, Rebecca Olson, at the final night banquet in St. Louis

Area Social Chairmen

Susie Webb Park has come up with a great idea that I would like to implement in our chapter. Because our chapter encompasses the whole State of Montana, it is so difficult for me to personally organize events in different parts of the state, and it is so difficult for members to travel to these events, Susie suggested that we break up the state into four areas and have a social chairman for each area. The social chairman can organize several events per year for that area, so that members won't have to travel so far to events, and so that we can have more events per year. As a guideline, Susie suggests planning activities for October (Founder's Day), March (Hera Day), and August (to kick off "Rush Week".) Susie has volunteered to be the Social Chairman for the Flathead area. Leslee Purdy Haylett has volunteered to be the Social Chairman for the Helena/Butte area. I am still looking for volunteers for the Billings and Bozeman areas. My only stipulation is that the Social Chairmen do something (inactivity is not acceptable), keep me informed of what they do (before and after), and provide me with photos to document the events. Every member must be included in an area; I don't want anyone to be left out. I am hoping that this

strategy will result in more Alpha Chi Omega activities statewide, greater interest, better retention of our members, and more new members. If you would like to volunteer to be a Social Chairman for your area, please contact me! Thank you, Susie, for your great idea!!! Let me know what YOU think of this idea.

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