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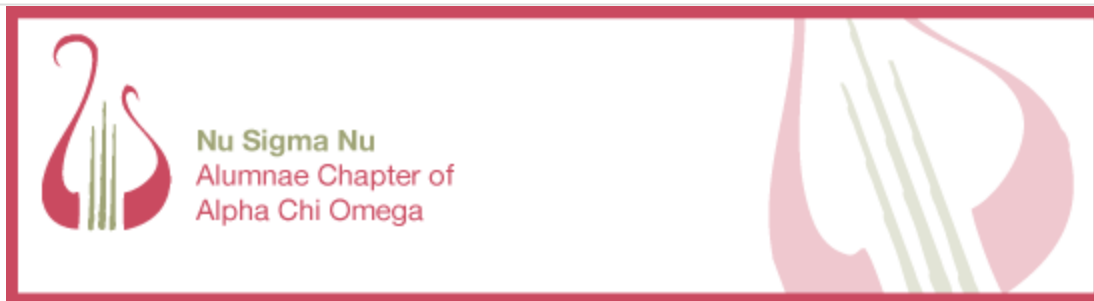
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Personal News

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On August 29, Brock and I were notified that his mother, Martha, had fallen in a freak accident and passed away. As a result, we flew back to Nashville a week before we had planned. Martha's funeral was attended by 300 - 400 people, which was overwhelming to us. Thanks so much to those of you who sent me cards and emails; I really appreciate your expressions of sympathy. We truly miss Martha; she enjoyed her role as the matriarch of the family and loved her family very much. She will be missed.

I have had another successful procedure on my



Jane Short, President

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back, so I am experiencing less pain and am able to continue all my athletic endeavors, such as running, yoga, bicycling, etc. We have had fun attending the Titans games. They're off to a shaky start, but we sure had fun watching the wild game they had against Detroit - many NFL records set! We are also having fun spending time with the grandchild. She currently lives in Atlanta, but her parents are hoping to move to Nashville soon. We hope to return to Montana after Christmas. Happy Founder's Day! Wear your pin, wear red and green, or attend one of our Founder's Day luncheons on this day.

Previous and Upcoming Events

On Tuesday, September 4, four Alpha Chi Omega's got together for lunch at the Yellowstone Country Club in Billings. Attending were Christy Lovegrove, Susan Hills, Mona Sumner, and Darla Jones. I had planned to join them but was unable to, due to my change in travel plans. I'm so glad they carried on without me. Darla had an emergency with her 5-month-old Lab puppy, Diesel, just before lunch; he had to have a fishing hook removed at the vet's office. We're so glad he was successfully treated and that Darla was still able to attend the lunch! Darla said it was fun getting to know some of the

Poppyseed Chicken Casserole

Happy Birthday!

Dorothy Larson Bell - Oct. 1
Virginia Henningsen Lisac - Nov. 10
Susie Webb Park - Nov. 19

Get Well Soon!

Helen Hales Elliott
Edna "Eddie" Currier Bennett
Jerry Park

Next Event!

Meet us for Founder's Day Lunch on Oct. 15 at the Fusion Grille in Helena (Great Northern center) at 11:30 a.m. RSVP to Leslee Haylett (leslee.haylett@gmail.com), 406-442-4245.
Flathead Valley Founder's Day Lunch is on Saturday, Oct. 6th at Vivienn's in Kalispell at noon. RSVP to Eddie Bennett , 406-849-5069, or 406-471-0050.

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Alpha Chi Omega's in her area and was glad they were able to get together.

The Helena ladies are getting together at the Fusion Grille in Helena (Great Northern center) at 11:30 a.m. on October 15 to celebrate Founder's Day. If you'd like to join in, contact Leslee Haylett (leslee.haylett@gmail.com or 406-442-4245). Thanks, Leslee, for organizing this event!

The Flathead Valley Founder's Day Lunch is on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Vivienn's in Kalispell at noon. Please RSVP to Eddie Bennett at 406-849-5069 or 406-471-0050.

Area Social Chairmen

Thank you so much to **Susie Park**, social chairman for Flathead Valley; **Leslee Haylett**, social chairman for Helena; and **Karin Utzinger**, social chairman for Bozeman.

We still need a social chairman for Billings. It is **not hard**, and you will not be expected to organize any large events, just an occasional luncheon when it is convenient for you. All you need to be able to do is send out an email to a distribution list and make a reservation. That's all! Wouldn't you like to be able to get together occasionally with other Billings alums? Please make this possible and volunteer to be the social chairman for Billings! I am hopeful that if we have more activities going on in all regions of the state, we will be able to retain our current members and hopefully attract former members into joining again. Please help in this effort! It's fun!

Member News

Let's send a collective sigh of relief to **Helen Hales Elliott**. She traveled to Memphis and had planned to have surgery there for Trigeminal Neuralgia on Aug. 22. However, in preparation for the surgery, she got off the pain medication that she had been on for almost a year and realized she no longer had any pain. Therefore, no surgery was required! She spent 8 days with her daughter, Lura, and flew back to Montana. What a blessing, and what a wonderful outcome!

Please send prayers to **Jerry Park**, husband of Susie Park. He suffered a stroke while operating a bus at Glacier National Park in late August. Fortunately, he is doing well. However, he is also battling prostate cancer and just had another surgery related to that. We got to meet Jerry in Whitefish this summer and he is a great guy, so we are so sorry he is having so many health problems. We pray for a quick and complete recovery for him.

Karin Mikkelsen Utzinger had a wonderful trip to Borneo June 10-28. They went with the World Wildlife Fund to animal preserves and rehab centers. I have been sharing with you her travelogue and photos from the trip. We hope you are enjoying her accounts!

Edna "Eddie" Currier Bennett suffered a stroke, unbeknownst to us, just before we saw her in August! She is doing fine and had no permanent damage. She is an amazing woman, and we count our lucky stars for her! She spent Jan. thru March in Arizona and said it was a very warm winter.

News from **Christy Grady Lovegrove**: "I've been in MT since 1977, moving to Billings from St. Paul, MN. Attended the University of Nebraska and continue to be a supporter of "Big Red" football. My husband Greg and I have 2 daughters, both currently in Missoula and going to school. Greg and

I work in the insurance industry with HUB International. Prior to HUB, I was a Clinical Dietitian for 20 years at the Billings Clinic. We love the outdoor life...when we can get away from the office! Each summer we take several mountain trips and explore the ATV trails. I also am an avid equestrian addict and raise and sell a few young sport horses." News from **Marilyn Blanche Hertz**: "I have spent the last year updating my house, painting, etc. Also work for the food pantry playing bridge to raise money. I hope you can come to Old Works Golf Club soon. Love to meet you for lunch."

News from **Bonnie Smith Rigg**: "I'm still teaching art history at the University of Miami and continue to exhibit my artwork in the faculty shows and in the Beaux Arts Festival at UM. Last year I exhibited at the Fawn Boutique, Conrad Mansion and Split Rock Cafe in Kalispell and participated in an art auction/fund raiser in Lincoln, Montana for the Blackfoot River Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. (Note: for every \$1 raised in Montana, DU invests about \$4 toward restoration and enhancement projects in Montana.) I was also a Silhouette Artist at the South Florida Art Center's gala fund raiser on Miami Beach last spring. I am still active in BOB of AXO, Miami Women's Panhellenic Association and am president of the Miami Mortar Board Alumni Chapter. Last summer I was an Advanced Placement Reader in art history in Kansas City, MO and will read again this summer in Salt Lake City. Matt continues to do real estate - we bought another investment property to rent near Whitefish, MT - and watches the investment markets. He is also the executor of an estate in Miami and Rome so we hope to spend some time in Italy later this year." Note: Bonnie also exhibited artwork at the Coffee Traders in Kalispell, and we got to see the exhibit while we were in town. Great job, Bonnie! News from **Sara Lauer Sheldon**: "Hi Jane! Hope your skiing is going well and you are having lots of

fun with people during their lessons! It was great getting together with you in July, and I hope you and Brock will be back for another half marathon! Let us know if you will be back to the western part of the state. It turns out that I know Eddie Bennett's two daughters, who have been children's directors and community outreach at our church. Small world!"

Recipe: Eddie Bennett's Poppyseed Chicken Casserole

4 - 6 boneless chicken breasts, cooked and cut into cubes.

2 cans Cream of Chicken Soup

16 oz. Sour Cream

2 oz. slivered almonds

2-3 T. poppy seeds

Topping: 35-40 Ritz crackers (crushed) with 1/2 cup melted butter.

Mix first 5 ingredients in a large bowl. Place into 9 x 13 pan and top with cracker/butter mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 min. Can be prepared in advance and refrigerated. Take out 30 min. prior to baking if using a glass pan. I serve this with rice.

Enjoy!

Note: Eddie served this to our Alpha Chi Omega group in August at her house, and it received rave reviews!

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