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## Montana Alpha Chi Omega Newsletter for October 2013

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## Happy Founder's Day (Belated)!

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October is an important month for Alpha Chi Omega. We were founded on October 15, 1885. The month of October is also Domestic Violence Awareness month and breast cancer awareness month. There is one thing we can all do to celebrate our founding: contribute to the Founder's Day Challenge. All money raised from the Founder's Day Challenge will go directly to the For Now/Forever Campaign, a \$7 million fundraising campaign recently launched to support Alpha Chi Omega. In order to realize our organizational potential, we need to do all we can to help our members and volunteers realize their potential. When you take the challenge, you ensure that Alpha Chi Omega is able to serve more sisters in more ways than ever before. Please take the challenge by giving \$18.85 or more in honor of your collegiate chapter. The winning chapters and individuals will receive a gift basket of the FIRST available pieces from the Alpha Chi Omega Lily Pulitzer line! Winners will also be featured in *The Lyre*, on the Alpha Chi Omega website, and on the Alpha Chi Omega Facebook page. To make a donation, go to: <http://www.alphachiomega.org/>, click on "Foundation", and then on "Founder's Day Challenge", or click on this link: <http://www.alphachiomega.org/index2.aspx?id=2999>. Thank you to Leslee Purdy Haylett, who notified me that she has taken the challenge!



Jane Short, President

## Chapter News

I am very honored that Nu Sigma Nu is one of eleven alumnae chapters that has been selected to pilot "Lyre Links", an online portal for chapter management. I received training in late September and have been using Lyre Links to submit all of our chapter's forms, such as our Treasurer's Report, our IRS postcard filing, and our President's Questionnaire. I'm helping Headquarters to work out all the bugs before all other alumnae chapters are introduced to Lyre Links next summer at Convention! It's going great, I love it, and it's much easier for everyone involved, plus we will be building an archive of reports that can be reviewed and referred to by future chapter officers.

## Life Loyal News

For years, you have been receiving your beloved *Lyre* magazine in the mail, keeping you connected to Alpha Chi Omega wherever you are. Did you know that the fall 2013 issue might be the last you receive, unless you act now?? Find out how you can continue to receive *The Lyre*, by clicking on the following link: <http://lifeloyalaxorightnow.org/>. You can become a Life Loyal member for a one-time charge of \$299 (or \$179 if you are a 50 year member or greater). You can pay in installments if you wish. The money you pay to become Life Loyal funds an endowment, with the interest on the

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## Happy Birthday!

**Dorothy Larson Bell - Oct. 1**

**Virginia Henningsen Lisac - Nov. 10**

**Susie Webb Park - Nov. 19**

## Members

**Anne Freeman Ball, Billings**

**Dorothy Larson Bell, Glasgow**

**Eddie Currier Bennett, Big Arm**

**Florence Wohlschlegel Black, Billings**

**Mary Cloninger, Bozeman**

principal used to fund the production of *The Lyre*, thus insuring that this publication will be around for a long time to come. I'm a Life Loyal member, and I encourage you to become one, too!

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## Lyre Spotlight

Speaking of *The Lyre*, check out the Fall 2013 issue, which you should have just received. You can read an editorial by me on page 5, and also a photo of me on page 69 with three other members of the Nashville alumnae chapter (of which I am also a member), when we attended a Panhellenic luncheon. Let me know what you think!

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## Corrections To Last Newsletter

The following corrections should be made to the newsletter which was dated August 6, 2013:

- The mention of a next event on September 4 should be disregarded; that event took place in 2012.
- Florence Wohlschlegel Black received a 60 year pin, not a 25 year pin! I apologize to Florence and wish her a bouquet of congratulations!

Guess I need to be more careful with my proof-reading!

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## Member News

- Congratulations are due to **Anne Freeman Ball** and her husband, Christian, of Billings, who welcomed a son, Elliott Christian, on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. Elliott weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Elliott joins big brother Max. Our chapter sent Anne a gift card. We received this note from Anne: "Dear Jane and Alpha Chi Omegas, Thank you so much for the very generous Target gift card! What a lovely surprise. Baby Elliott is settling in to life at home. Max is a great big brother – gentle, empathetic and loving. Christian and I are blessed to have them. Sincerely, Anne, Chris, Max and Elliott Ball."
- **Leslee Purdy Haylett** of Helena had to drag her husband, Dale, to the doctor due to serious congestion in his lungs, but he is fine now – thanks to her!
- I'm sorry to report that the meeting between myself and **Antoinette "Toni" Canepa Scully** of Ennis did not take place as planned in August due to Toni having to travel out of town unexpectedly. We agreed to postpone our meeting until this winter, in Bozeman, and we hope some of you will join us!
- We received the following note from **Florence Wohlschlegel Black** of Billings on September 1: "Dear Jane, many thanks to you and Nu Sigma Nu for sending my 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary pin from Alpha Chi Omega. Because of macular degeneration I can't see the pin but my husband, John assures me that it is beautiful. He also reads your newsletter to me. I really enjoy it. Please keep them coming. We had a busy summer, beginning in June. We drove to Portland, Oregon with our daughter and grandson, to attend our granddaughter Katie's graduation from Medical School. Then in July our two sons and families flew here from NC, GA, and KY. We had a great visit and LOTS of fun. In August my brother Bob and his wife visited from Boise, ID. Then the four of us and a grandson drove to Idaho Falls, ID for a Wohlschlegel family reunion. This was a wonderful chance to get caught up on the news of my family. Thanks again for the pin and update on our chapter. Loyally in the bond, Florence." Note: she has lived at Mission Ridge in Billings since November 2010. Thanks, Florence, for writing!
- **Susan McCarl Hills** of Billings is auditing a class at Montana State University at Billings and loves being on campus with all the young students. She also volunteers at the library and at the animal shelter. Her husband, Gordon, volunteers at Billings Clinic Hospital and at City College.
- **Bonnie Smith Rigg** of Kalispell and Miami Beach is getting ready for the Faculty Art Show at University of Miami in November.
- We are very sorry to report that **Susie Webb Park's** husband, Jerry, passed away on August 12 in Kalispell after a long battle with prostate cancer. His obituary follows. Our chapter sent a card and flowers to Jerry when it became clear how ill he was, and then for Jerry's second funeral in Edmond, OK. We received the following note from Susie Park: "Jane and sisters, Thank you for the double load of flowers (Loved the dish garden and the get-well flowers –

Helen Hales Elliott, Conrad  
Leslee Purdy Haylett, Helena  
Marilyn Blanche Hertz, Anaconda  
Susan McCarl Hills, Billings  
Rosemarie Jager Iverson, Kalispell  
Darla Davis Jones, Billings  
Virginia Henningsen Lisac, Butte  
Susie Webb Park, Kalispell  
Bonnie Smith Rigg, Kalispell  
Antoinette "Toni" Canepa Scully, Ennis  
Sara Lauer Sheldon, Missoula  
Jane Bonnell Short, Big Sky  
Kristin Hagwell Stayner, Missoula  
Karin Mikkelsen Utzinger, Bozeman

## Website

[NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com](http://NuSigmaNuMontana.weebly.com)

## Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nusigmanu/>

what a team). The dish garden was stunning. Jerry's first send-off was Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> in Kalispell.

His 2<sup>nd</sup> party is today (Sept. 28). What a special treat. Love, In Our Bond, Susie. "

- In a separate recent note, Susie said she has heard about an Alpha Chi Omega who is working on the Conrad Mansion "Christmas in October" fundraiser. (We'd love for you to recruit her to join our chapter, Susie!) She also heard from many Alpha Chi's at Jerry's second funeral in the Oklahoma City area, and that there is lots going on in Rho chapter with a new women's shelter. As she puts it, she is "still drowning in tears and paperwork."

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## Gerald S. 'Jerry' Park, 76

Gerald S. "Jerry" Park, 76, passed away peacefully at his Kalispell home on Aug. 12, 2013.

Jerry was born in Dallas, the son of Sidney And Erin (Cook) Park. He grew up in Dallas and graduated from Sunset High School. Jerry then attended Texas Christian University, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961.

Jerry served honorably in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1962, when he then became an armored officer in the Texas National Guard until 1969.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Jerry was involved in radio broadcasting.

Susie used to dance in the headlights at the TCU parking lot during "Jerry's Night Show" before she met him. In 1963, Jerry switched to television and worked for ABC Television as a newsman and anchor. He retired in 1999 in Oklahoma City, Okla., and was inducted in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2008, for his many years of service.

Jerry was actively involved with United Cerebral Palsy, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and a member of the Southern Hills Christian Church. He enjoyed reading and traveling.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney and Erin Park.

Jerry is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon "Susie" Park, of Kalispell; sons, Rusty Park of Kalispell, and Randy and Anne Park of Plainfield, Ill.; daughter, ShyAnn, and Grant Milner, of Edmond, Okla.; sisters, Kay Fikes, Nancy Malik and Betsy Hayes; brother-in-law, Larry Webb; five grandchildren Lauren, Ryan and Maggie Park, and Mason and Jacob Milner; and aunt, Jean Patton, of Dallas.

A celebration of life for Jerry will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Easthaven Baptist Church Foyer (near the fireside).

Friends are encouraged to visit the website, [www.buffalohillfh.com](http://www.buffalohillfh.com), to leave notes of condolence for the family.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Easthaven Baptist Church Missionary Services; or the the Cross and Crown Ministries, 10th and McKinley, Oklahoma City, OK 73131.

Buffalo Hill Funeral Home and Crematory is caring for the family.

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## Foundation Donation

Though we are low on funds (total in our Treasury is \$552), every Alpha Chi Omega alumnae chapter was encouraged to make a donation to the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation, so we did too, for a total of \$100. We received a note of thanks from Tami Shields Silverman, Alpha Chi Omega's Executive Director.

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## Collegiate Chapter Support

Leslee Purdy Haylett had been working on behalf of our chapter to offer support to the University of North Dakota with little success. She is now working on behalf of our chapter to offer support to Epsilon Nu, Boise State University. This should be more successful. Leslee used to live in Boise, and Epsilon Nu is her adopted chapter. She was their chapter advisor in the 90's and was on their house corporation board for nearly 20 years. She says she misses collegiate involvement. Boise has an alumnae chapter, EPE, and one of their members, Justine Teeter, has been in contact with us for some time. She indicated that this chapter would welcome our help. If you have any ideas for Leslee on how we can offer long distance support to this chapter, please let her or me know:

[leslee.haylett@gmail.com](mailto:leslee.haylett@gmail.com) .

## Jane's Excellent Adventure

I am dying to tell you all about Brock's and my trip to London and Paris! We were celebrating our 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We departed the U.S. on Tuesday, September 24 and flew to London. London is about 7 hours ahead. We were pretty wiped out when we arrived, due to our long time on the plane and the time change. But we walked around the shopping district, checked out my new favorite department store, "Selfridges", which was simply amazing, had fish and chips at a pub, then thank goodness our room was ready! We took a long nap, got up, had dinner, crashed for the night, then we were good to go! We had a free day before our tour began, so we did lots of walking: Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace – I posed for photos in front of a magnificent gate; I realized later this is the gate where multitudes of flowers were left for Diana when she died! Our Tauck tour was comprised of forty interesting people from all over the United States. We had an excellent young female director, plus two informative local guides in each city. In London, we toured Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, the London Eye, and the British Museum; saw a performance of "Matilda" in the theater district; and had high tea at Fortnum and Mason department store. We took the Eurostar train through the "chunnel" to Paris and had a bus tour of Paris that included a stop to photograph the Eiffel Tower and a drive along the Champs Elysee to see the Arc de Triomphe. In Paris we toured the Palace of Versailles, the Musee du Louvre, and the Notre Dame Cathedral; and Brock and I had our portraits done by artists working at Montmartre. The same bridges that we viewed on foot by day we traveled beneath at night when we enjoyed a farewell dinner cruise on the Seine River. The bridges are so beautiful when lit at night! Seeing the Eiffel Tower's sparkling lights at night was magical! We flew home on Thursday, October 3. The travel days were rough, but other than that discomfort, we had no jet lag at all. We had spectacular, cool weather the whole time – no rain at all. I loved every minute! We had some good meals; I'd say the best meal was at Maze Restaurant in London, which is run by Gordon Ramsay. Each place we went, we spent only a few hours and wished we could have spent at least a whole day there. The tour provided us with a wonderful introduction to both cities, perfect for us since this was our first time to visit. Of course we want to go back! I loved both cities, but I felt most comfortable in London because there was less visible poverty, there was so much history and so much to see there, and of course I understood the language better. However, the cost of living is so high in both cities, there is no way we could live there! The single place I enjoyed the most I would have to say was, surprising to me, the Louvre! The building itself was spectacular, a former palace, a blending of old and new, a work of art in itself; and the art work within was simply spectacular. We barely brushed the surface. Our local guides added so much to the experience. I felt so fortunate to be able to go on this trip. I am including a photo of me getting my portrait made in Paris at Montmartre.



## Recipe: Chilled Lemon Souffles – from Karin Mikkelsen Utzinger of Bozeman

Vegetable oil or spray  
 ¼ cup water  
 1 tsp. unflavored gelatin  
 3 large eggs, separated  
 2 Tablespoons corn starch  
 1 cup + 2 Tablespoons whole milk  
 6 Tablespoons sugar, divided  
 6 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
 1-1/2 teaspoon lemon zest

(A)

- Lightly oil six soufflé dishes or ramekins
- Pour water into small bowl and add gelatin until softened (about 15 min.)

(B)

- Whisk yolks and corn starch together
- Combine milk + ½ the sugar in a saucepan – stir until simmer
- Add about 1/3 milk mixture to yolks (gradually)
- Then add all yolks back to milk mixture
- Whisk constantly on high until it boils and thickens (about 2 min.)
- Remove from heat and whisk 2 min. longer
- Add in lemon juice and zest
- Stir in gelatin mixture until it dissolves

(C)

- Whisk egg whites over a pot of simmering water until an insta-read thermometer reads 140 degrees F
- Then transfer whites to a stand or hand mixer and beat until stiff peaks form
- Gently fold whites into lemon curd, let stand to cool 10 minutes
- Divide among six soufflé dishes and refrigerate overnight
- To remove run a knife around the edge of the soufflé dishes (if this doesn't work you can half immerse them in hot water for 10-15 seconds).
- Set a plate on top of soufflé dish and quickly invert to free soufflé from mold – Enjoy! Caramel sauce topping is recommended.

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