

Beta Theta Bulletin

Newsletter of the Beta Theta Facility Corporation of Kappa Alpha Theta

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Dear Thetas,

I had the honor to be invited to attend Beta Theta's Annual Facility Corporation meeting in October. It was my first visit to Idaho and I enjoyed meeting Beta Theta actives and alumnae as well as attend the Homecoming game. Idaho Thetas have a beautiful house as well as a beautiful campus. It was so much fun to see the school spirit that weekend, and I was very impressed with the chapter members who helped clean

up the tailgating area early the next morning.

Your facility corporation board (FCB) is working hard to provide the chapter with a safe, attractive, and functional home. Many of the FCB members live long distances and even in other states--they demonstrate their loyalty and love to both Beta Theta and to the Fraternity by volunteering to serve as FCB members. The successful silent auction--put on by the FCB was a great way to generate interest as well as some additional funds. I hope this event will grow larger in the coming years. Board members as well as chapters members were wonderful hostesses for the weekend and I appreciate all of the effort in making my trip

a memorable one.

Loyally,

Suzanne McLemore

Fraternity Vice President
Finance and Facilities

FCB note:

It was our pleasure and honor to host Suzanne for the weekend and we're very grateful for the time she spent with us.



Idaho Greek System Update (Excerpts from Matthew Kurz, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life)

Delta Zeta Sorority will begin expansion efforts this spring to colonize the newest Panhellenic sorority chapter on our campus. Delta Zeta was founded in 1902.

This past fall the fraternities and sororities once

again achieved a Greek GPA which was higher than the Idaho all-student average. (Note: Theta ranked 4th out of 9 sororities and 25 total Greek living groups).

After years of being off Idaho's campus Pi Kappa

Alpha's national consultants will begin recruitment and expansion efforts this spring. Nationally, Pi Kappa Alpha (nickname PIKE) was founded in 1868, and is currently the largest Greek letter college fraternity in terms of average chapter size.

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The Flying Kite - News from the Chapter (from Corey Stidham)

We kicked off the semester right with an awesome recruitment! Beta Theta welcomed so many new and delightful women to our chapter. Over the past semester we have bonded through our various sisterhood activities. One of my personal favorites was our sisterhood retreat where we stayed overnight at a Christian campsite about an hour away from Moscow. There, we bonded under a starry night sky and a cozy campfire. The new additions, as well as our refreshed spirits, combined to create a very loving and welcoming atmosphere here at Theta. Along with the new girls came new technology! We now have a fingerprint scanner instead of a door code. This has

been extremely helpful for all as it is more convenient to press your thumb against a scanner compared to memorizing a code to punch in! We are very happy with this upgrade.

Over the past semester we have engaged in multiple philanthropic events. Our new members engaged in a school-wide cleanup. Additionally, during Father's Weekend we put on Theta Hold 'Em to raise money for Casa. Not only did our girls enjoy a fun game with their dad, they also benefitted our philanthropy. More events to benefit Casa are in the works!

On topic of the brick fundraiser we were presented with the idea at a whole chapter

meeting. The idea excited everyone as it presented an opportunity to further become involved in Theta, as well as add a beautiful new feature to our house.

Our new chef Angie is excellent! She provides us with yummy food, as well as respects each girl's needs (vegetarian, gluten-free, etc). We are very happy with her. Another woman we are pleased to have with us is Lois, our house mother. She is a lovely person and extremely friendly. Her attitude brightens everyone's day. The various changes around Theta have improved the whole chapter by not only satisfying our tummies, but adding a friendly mother-figure.

Faith, Hope, Love.

These three but the greatest of these

is Love

Sending a Big Thank You to Jan Lydig

This past fall the chapter was in need of an extra refrigerator to store the members' personal food items. We put out an appeal to alumnae who might have a fridge that they were looking to replace but was still in good shape. Jan Lydig came to our rescue with a brand new refrigerator and even personally accompanied it to the chapter house when delivered. Jan is an Alpha Sigma sister, a member of the Spokane Alumnae Chapter, and grandmother to current Beta Theta member Hayley Lydig. Jan, we thank you very much!

New Security Technology at Beta Theta (by FCB Director Jen Founds)

This summer the FCB bought and installed two ACTatek Biometric Access Controllers for the Beta Theta facility. The Access Controllers use the women's fingerprints to allow access into the facility. This greatly increases the security of the facility by eliminating the need for a pin code for the doors which could be compromised. The

ACTatek units have the added advantage of being connected to the internet. Now the FCB has the ability to lock the facility remotely when the women leave the facility for summer and winter break. Kappa Alpha Theta is the second Greek house on campus to have biometric access control and the first house to have a sys-

tem that connects to the internet. The University of Idaho is anticipating more houses on campus to adopt these types of door locks and is using Kappa Alpha Theta's system to set a precedent.

Way to go Thetas.



Homecoming Weekend Pictures

Homecoming Weekend was a Success! (by FCB Member At Large, Amanda Shigeta)

Homecoming Weekend and the Silent Auction was a huge success, thanks to all of the amazing donors, the active women in the Beta Theta Chapter, the gracious participants, and Marianne Phalin! Marianne organized the entire event. She managed to make sure every last detail was taken care of, and she did this during one of the busy seasons in her career as a partner in a tax firm. As a result of everyone's hard work, the Facility Corporation Board was able

to sell over 65 auction items and raise over \$900 to put towards facility improvements and maintenance.

The Beta Theta Facility is coming up on its ten-year anniversary, resulting in routine maintenance and checks. It was a pleasure working with the Beta Theta Actives in working towards completing the maintenance activities and ensuring the facility continues to be both functional and beautiful.

Note from Marianne: Thanks Amanda but I didn't do it all. Many others traveled to Moscow to help out. That weekend we also held our Annual meeting and elected our new slate of FCB officers. Speaking of officers, we would love to have some committee members to help out with the various officers and directors, if you're not looking for a full time job but have a little time to spare, please let us know. Again, thanks to everyone who helped out.



We're planning a Reunion Party!!

Mark your calendars and reserve the weekend of June 25, 2011 for a Beta Theta reunion. We're celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the re-colonization of Beta Theta with a reunion bash for all Beta Thetas from all generations in addition to Thetas from other chapters who have been involved with

Beta Theta over the years. The reunion events will be held at the chapter house at 620 Elm Street, Moscow, Idaho. To RSVP or ask for additional information, please contact Marianne Phalin at 708-217-0595 or mephalin@gmail.com. We hope to see you! If you are interested in joining the reun-

ion committee we'd love to have your help. Contact Marianne



Beta Theta is on the web

There are SO many ways to stay in touch with Beta Theta from the convenience of your computer.

You can visit the chapter website at www.kappaalphatheta.org/chapters/betatheta.

The facility corporation website is found at www.betathetafacilitycorp.webstarts.com.

The Beta Theta alumnae group also has a Face-

book page where members can share photos and news. If you would like to be invited to join the alumnae Facebook page, contact Marianne at

mephalin@gmail.com.

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Ever wanted to leave your name on Beta Theta? (by FCB Treasurer Ally Long)

Starting in 2011 you will have the opportunity to leave your name in the front walkway of the Beta Theta facility at 630 Elm. The facility corporation board; in an effort to start replacing and updating the interior of the facility to meet the member expectations of a modern living space, will be selling 4x8 inch red bricks to be installed in the front of the chapter house.

The first installation of these bricks will occur in late spring or early summer of 2011 in anticipation of our ten year re-colonization reunion the weekend of June 25, 2011. From that point on the board will facilitate one to two yearly installations of newly purchased bricks so every member or supporter of Beta Theta can leave a lasting impression.

As a member at the time the facility was built I was able to leave my signature on the concrete wall of our chapter room. Though it is not seen I was afforded a unique opportunity. We are hoping this brick campaign will allow all members have an opportunity to contribute to the tangible legacy of Beta Theta.

Our time and energy as members is rewarded during our active membership and while we know our alumnae contribute so much more than is recognized, this is our opportunity to learn each other's names and recognize the continuing efforts of members to see Beta Theta shine at the University of Idaho.

Theta continues to strive to be

the first. While we are not the first Theta chapter to do brick campaigns we are, to my knowledge, the first member group at Idaho to offer this to her members. Bricks can be purchased through the FCB website under the Brick Fundraiser section for \$125 check payment or \$130 credit card payment. Each member may include her name and initiation year on the brick. If you wish to purchase, please contact

Betathetabrick@gmail.com

Thank you to all for your continued support of the Beta Theta chapter.

(Fundraiser co-chairs are Ally Long and Amanda Shigeta.)



Member name & Initiation Year will be engraved on your brick.