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OUR NEXT STEPS

We've made several efforts, including emails, letters and a conference call, to notify alumni of the Delta Chi Fraternity's suspension of the Michigan State Chapter earlier this year. Obviously, this news was very disappointing, saddening, and disheartening to all of us for whom Delta Chi has meant so much.

With a Delta Chi recolonization at Michigan State not possible for at least four years, the Building Corporation's board has been busy with efforts to preserve the value of its main asset: the Chapter house. Essentially, this means ensuring continued occupancy of the house, which is required to maintain its use as a stand-alone fraternity house due to East Lansing zoning restrictions.

Due to the fact that MSU students arrange housing for the future school year in fall of the preceding year, the house will be occupied during the 2018-19 school year by the former Chapter members who had signed leases for next year.

I am pleased to announce that we have signed a lease of the house after next year to another fraternity, who contacted me shortly after news of the Chapter's suspension was made public. The lease will be for a two-year period, with two options for one-year extensions, making the house available to a possible recolonized Delta Chi Chapter at the time that a Chapter house would be needed for Delta Chi at MSU. The lease rate also provides annual funding equivalent to 5% (\$100,000) of the building's replacement value for improvements and renovations so that we can continue to maintain a facility that is an attractive student housing option.

I'd like to thank the members of the Building Corporation for the countless hours they have given, working to ensure the continued occupancy of the house and preservation of the value of the Delta Chi Building Corporation's main asset. Special thanks to **Bob Beardslee '73** for his legal assistance in our leasing efforts and **John Paul Jones '83** and **Bill Koepke '88**, who joined me on a three-man committee the corporation put in place to finalize the lease negotiations.

HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Despite the Chapter's suspension, we must continue to maintain the Chapter house. Our next project, slated for this summer, is the renovation of bathrooms, which are showing their age and have reached their scheduled replacement age.



*Marshall Williams '16, Todd Williams '84,
and Max Williams '16*

GOLF OUTING

The annual spring golf outing, now called The Woodmere Open, was held on April 21. Over 160 attendees, far in excess of recent years' participation, enjoyed unusually pleasant weather for the golf outing, dinner and celebration at the house afterward. It was a wonderful day and great to be able to catch up with all of the returning alumni, many of whom had not been back in East Lansing for many years.

FAREWELL AND PARTING

Responses to our alumni update requests typically include notes informing us of the passing of some of our brothers. The last one brought news of the passing of **Marvin Howell '51** and **George Meyer '54**, both of

whom were long-serving board members of the Delta Chi Building Corporation when I first joined the board. Marv and George served our Chapter for many years and were valuable resources in ensuring the continuity of the board at a time of transition when several older board members were leaving the organization.

We also received a note from the son of **Raymond Schomer '35** informing us of his passing at age 105. Raymond was one of the last remaining founding fathers of the Michigan State Chapter.

I'm also saddened to report the passing of **James Poshek '84**, who just recently lost his courageous battle with cancer. Jim truly lived his life to the fullest, always optimistic and full of creativity and energy. He continued to exhibit his positive outlook throughout his illness, and those who knew him will miss him and the zest and enthusiasm he had for every facet of his life.

FUNDRAISING

We will not be conducting our normal fundraising solicitation this spring due to the Chapter's suspension. However, we will resume those efforts sometime in the future, as the house requires constant maintenance and improvement, and our fundraising helps defray the cost of our alumni relations program, which includes the biannual publication of this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have given in the past.

In the Bond,
John Polakowski '83
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101 Woodmere Father, Son, Alumni Golf Outing



*Spring 2000 group:
Henry Lumbar, Steve
Zigmontowicz, John Lents,
Mike Convis, Jeff Oudsema,
Bill Doherty, Chris Beardslee, and
Jeremy Ledbetter.*



Neal Edelson '83



Brian VanDerWeele '81



Mike Raczkowski '83

and alumni back to East Lansing for our annual spring father/son/alumni golf outing. This year's event was among the highest attendance in history, as we welcomed a field of 140 golfers! The event took place at Eagle Eye Golf Club and was followed by a full dinner buffet at the club. During dinner, **Paul Soma '19** "E" announced the winners of this year's raffle awards. Following dinner, one of the highlights of the day was a very special "*Celebration of the Years*," a get-together where most golfers continued the celebration with old friends sharing memories at the house. 101 Woodmere looked great and we thank all those who attended.

Saturday, April 21, the former Delta Chi Fraternity maintained a long-standing tradition of inviting current actives, their dads,

Many have asked about the future of the golf outing given the current status of the house. We are proud to report that **John Paul Jones '83** will continue all alumni communications on a regular basis. In addition, we fully intend to continue our golf outing and welcome all alumni back to East Lansing every spring. We will provide more details on this as we get closer to next year's event. If you know of alumni who are not on our current mailing list, please send contact information to: info@msudeltachialumni.com.

Thanks to all who helped organize the event, and special thanks to Paul Soma, who coordinated the event and made it an enjoyable trip down memory lane!

Fraternally,
Jim Holman '82



John Polakowski '83



*John Polakowski '83
and John Stakoe '91.*



Eric "E" Peplowski '92, Mike "Andy" Anderson '91, Jamie "Sac" Stowe '86, Matt "Meaty" McNally '92, and Rob "Snake" Baker '92 on the course.



Thank You, Generous Alumni

Thank you for supporting the Michigan State Chapter. Thirty-seven brothers answered the call of our fall 2017 appeal, contributing \$6,400. Your contributions make a difference as we communicate with our alumni and make improvements at our Chapter house.

Listed below are alumni who have supported Michigan State Chapter's annual campaign. If we have mistakenly omitted your name or listed it incorrectly, we sincerely apologize. Please send corrections to Building Corporation member **Steve Rupe '76** at steve.rupe@gmail.com.

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ALUMNI UPDATE

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Raymond A. Schomer '35 entered Chapter Eternal on March 14, 2017, at the age of 105. His son, Matthew, reports that he still remembered the Delta Chi house when Matt showed him pictures. Ray was a founding father of the Michigan State Chapter.

Virgil J. Winfield '49 entered Chapter Eternal at the age of 92 on June 18, 2014.

Marvin E. Howell '51 entered Chapter Eternal on June 16, 2017, after a two-year battle with Parkinson's disease. His wife, Roberta, says he was a very proud brother of Delta Chi.

Leon "Lee" S. Monroe II '59 entered Chapter Eternal on February 11, 2016, due to an illness caused by severe pulmonary disease. Leon was born in Lansing, Michigan, on August 30, 1936, the only child of Leon Sabin Monroe Sr. and Myrtle Myra Rice. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in banking and finance. He was a 1974 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Graduate School of Banking. While at MSU, Lee earned a commission in the U.S. Army Reserve through ROTC. For two years he served on active duty as assistant adjutant general of the Military District of Washington. Returning to Michigan, he began his 26-year career with Michigan National Bank. Later, Lee was an employee of Eaton County for eight years.

Lee met and fell in love with Carol Baxter and they were married in Charlotte on September 29, 1979. Living in Charlotte for 45 years, Lee was active in many community affairs. He was a Rotarian for 30 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. He was also involved in the formation of several not-for-profit organizations. Lee was a proud member of Clan Munro Association and attended several Clan Munro gatherings in the United States and Scotland.

James Poshek '84 entered Chapter Eternal on May 16 in his sleep. Jim lived his life to the fullest and was optimistic and full of energy. He amassed a large number of friends who loved him and couldn't resist his spirit and energy, especially his Delta Chi brothers, with whom he maintained close, 30-plus year friendships and met up with frequently. Jim was a man who loved people; he'd do anything for his friends. He would spare no effort to be the best host entertaining any visitor—and entertain them, he would. Imitations of Rodney Dangerfield, Mickey Rourke in Bar Fly, President Trump, Jack Nicholson exiting jail in Easy Rider, Harry Carey at a Cub's game with a mouth full of beer, or The Great American Lover—he did them all with



a flair. But most of all, he loved to toast his friends old and new. "Let's drink to lying, stealing, cheating and drinking," he would say. "When you lie, lie for a friend, when you steal, steal the heart of a maid, when you cheat, cheat death, and when you drink, drink with me!" And he lived his toast until cheating death couldn't get him another day. Jim will be missed by all that had the good fortune to know him.



ALUMNI NEWS

Angelos J. Vlahakis '51 had a wonderful time celebrating his 90th birthday in June 2017 with 162 family members and close friends. E-mail: ajvlahakis@gmail.com

Charles A. Champ '54 and his wife, Lou Ann, were fortunate to remain high and dry around the destruction of Hurricane Harvey. 2017 brought their first great-grandson, born in Wichita, Kan. Chuck still plays golf, resumed flying after 53 years, and has enjoyed 25 years of retirement. E-mail: cachamp@comcast.net

David D. Robinson '59 continues part-time in solo practice as a licensed psychologist in Boulder, Colo. Dave has written a book that follows 107 members of his great-grandfather's Company K and the Third Michigan Volunteer Infantry Regiment, which was organized in Grand Rapids. His book profiles officers in Company K's chain of command up to and including each commanding general throughout this period, and officers commanding Confederate forces that opposed them. *Grandpa Hill's Civil War: The Third Michigan Infantry 1861-65*© is available as a pdf at no charge to Michigan State Delta Chis. When you email him to order your copy, please introduce yourself and tell him what kind of study/work you do or have done. E-mail: david.workerrehab@icloud.com

Thomas R. Baird '59 played full-court basketball for nine years, recently quitting at the age of 81 as he now needs a pacemaker. His group played two to three times per week. He believes exercise is important for a healthy life, especially after retirement. E-mail: sleepytrb@aol.com



Robert S. Winterhalter '66 transferred from DePauw University to MSU in 1964 and moved into the Delta Chi house. It was the easiest transition one could have from a Division 3 school to the Big Ten. Robert immediately transferred his interests from varsity athletics to student government. He became Chapter "B" during his first term and was elected to the Union Board shortly after. Robert helped AX place second in the 1965 IM track meet, winning both the half-mile and mile. He's been married 52 years to the Gamma Phi Beta he met at MSU. The couple retired to Marco Island 12 years ago. Both Diana and Robert have been active in the Marco Island Yacht Club, where he's currently their commodore. "Little known fact: **Phil Owen '65** and I rented a house in Okemos our senior year and Diana and I set him up with a Gamma Phi Beta pledge—Judy. We visited them a couple of years ago and they are still happily married."

Peter R. Bristow '68 has lived in Puyallup, Wash., for 41 years. He and his wife, Libbie, welcomed a granddaughter in 2017. Peter is very active in a local Kiwanis club, serving as club secretary/treasury and president. He and Libbie look forward to Michigan State's 2018 Homecoming, which will be the 50-year reunion for both of them. Peter keeps in contact with several brothers on Facebook. E-mail: bristowp@comcast.com

William Spaulding '68 spent 35 years teaching college classes in the hotel and restaurant industry at Northwood University and Grand Valley University until retiring in 2009. It was rewarding in many ways, and he still stays in touch with some students. William's son, Jason, opened the Brewery Vivant Restaurant in Grand Rapids, which has now gone into its seventh year and is very successful. William and his wife, Lois, have 12 grandkids and just celebrated a new great-grandchild. They live all the way from Michigan and Kentucky to Costa Rica. William joined a local branch of the Kiwanis club in Midland, where they do rewarding work with many young people worldwide. He believes in thinking about the legacy we all leave behind. E-mail: spaulding19@gmail.com

Craig D. Brown '73 is the owner and president of Greenville Drive in South Carolina. In 2017, Greenville Drive was the championship team of the South Atlantic League of Minor League Baseball. The Drive was also awarded the John H. Johnson President's Award—minor league baseball's top honor awarded annually. E-mail: cbrown@keelersridge.com

James P. Steiger '75 received an early Christmas present in the form of his second grandchild. He is now in his seventh year at Experian Automotive and enjoys his sales role. Jim recently bought a 2016 Ford Focus RS. E-mail: jamessteiger@comcast.net

Kenneth A. Aschom '76 merged his clinical research company with eight others late last year to form the Alliance for Multispecialty Research. It has been a busy year of consolidation, standardization, and change. They are now the second privately held clinical research company in the nation. They plan to grow the company for a year or two, then sell. Kenneth is hoping to wind down and semi-retire at that time. E-mail: kaschom@clinphys.com

Michael H. Thorne '77 retired to his cattle ranch, Trails End Ranch, where he produces grass-fed Angus beef, custom hay, and Trails End maple syrup. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two children and five grandchildren. Their son Joshua has two boys, a freshman and junior at Charlotte High. Their son Matthew has two boys and a girl. Matt is a MSU police officer. E-mail: mthorne5555@gmail.com

Robert G. Freeman '80 and Renee, his wife of 26 years, have lived in Troy for the last 22 years. Robert is retired and enjoys traveling, charity work, and walking their third golden retriever, Layla. Their daughter, Amy, is graduating with a hospitality degree from MSU and has accepted a position in the Marriott management program in Chicago.

Geoffrey S. Stow '97 retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years in November of 2017. His final tour was as the commanding officer of VT-21 (carrier jet strike training). He's now started his second career as a pilot for FedEx.



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