



# Arizona Alumni Association of Beta Theta Pi

Dear Alumni:

It has been quite an exciting and eventful year for the Delta Beta Chapter – from closing on the new house in December, enduring the fix-up phase and now the second semester in our new home is nearly over. There have been many triumphs and frustrations, I can assure you. Anyone that was at our recent alumni event can tell you that the future looks very bright and we are encouraged by this step towards even greater alumni involvement.

Thus far we have raised over \$600,000 and have had over 100 of our Beta brothers participate with gifts ranging from \$100 to \$100,000. These generous gifts helped us to achieve our primary goal of acquiring the house, but several ongoing needs still need to be addressed.

Our goal over the next year is to raise at least \$200,000 for the following projects:

- 1) **Scholarship & Pledge Retreats** – Several years ago, Garry Morfit DB#57 and Dan Dunlap DB #27 started a weekend pledge retreat and active scholarship program. These have been very well received and we hope to continue these traditions for years to come.
- 2) **House Improvement Projects** - We are considering several projects, including swamp cooling on the third floor, paving the parking lot, and perhaps walling in the yard. These improvements would improve both living conditions and community relations.
- 3) **Debt Reduction** - We borrowed \$500,000 from the seller when we purchased the new house. Our goal is to significantly pay down that loan and reduce the monthly burden on the undergrads and alumni budgets.
- 4) **Alumni Dues Program** – There is a certain amount of cost for the Alumni Association to run effectively (Websites, Mailings, Alumni Events like Homecoming, for example). We are hoping that even if you are unable to make a significant contribution to some of the projects above that everyone can consider a \$100 annual gift to enable us to continue operations comfortably.

We look forward to gathering together to celebrate our accomplishments, enjoy special alumni events and recognize all of your generous contributions. Thank you for continuing to support your Delta Beta alumni.

Yours in –kai–

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