
DELTA CHI FLYING EAGLE

Spring 2000

Chapter Completes 25 Years at 538 South Ridgewood Avenue

The house gets a fresh look for the new millennium

Dan Turner

House Corporation President

The house at 538 South Ridgewood has been a valuable and reliable asset of the Embry-Riddle chapter for 25 years. As in any partnership there have been ups and downs, but the long-term benefits warrant the effort. This marriage of give and take between the Chapter and house is no different and has endured successfully since 1974.

Today's property bears little resemblance to the house the young Embry Riddle Chapter began renting in 1974. Years of planning and renovations, along with hard work in upkeep, have transformed the former doctor's residence and office into today's custom fraternity house. Over those years, the property has faithfully hosted a multitude of functions for the chapter and alumni: rush events, work parties, every imaginable (and some not) social scene, alumni reunions and faculty dinners. At

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Founders Day Reunion

Congressman John Mica is Guest of Honor

Paul Giacomuzzi

Scholarship Committee Chairman

Over 120 brothers, alumni and guests gathered at the Daytona Hilton on a sunny Fall day to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the founding fathers wisdom.

"Believing that great advantages are to be derived from a brotherhood of college and university men, appreciating that close association may promote friendship, develop character, advance justice and assist in the acquisition of a sound education."

The evening began with a welcome reception where Alumni and spouses enjoyed the reunion of old friends. An invocation from Brother Rich Paulsen began the evening's program. After dinner, Steve Rubin "A" presented an overview of the chapters recent successes. He revealed that the Embry-Riddle chapter would be the host site for the Region Leadership Conference in February 2001. Bill Tallman then administered the reaffirmation of the oath to all brothers, which reminded everyone that friendship is the reason we enjoy Founder's Day each year.

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Spence Price, Pat Phelan, Ed Fusco, Terry and Pete Bix, Cheryl and Paul Giacomuzzi celebrate together.

the eye of this hurricane of activity, 15 brothers reside in the three buildings. This is asking a lot from any property, especially one almost a century old.



New house is delayed but not derailed.

Prospects for a new house on campus in the near future were delayed when Dr. Sliwa resigned last year from Embry-Riddle. Jeff Ledowitz, VP and Dean of Development reinforced the University does envision a Greek Row in its long-term growth plan. However, this positive outlook is tempered by the five to ten year time frame Ledowitz estimates is necessary to acquire desired property large enough to accommodate future Greek growth on campus. Dr. Ledowitz's vision for the campus is to grow westward toward 17-92. This direction is consistent with the recent completion of new dorms and other facilities along Richard Petty Boulevard. The vision is transitioning the University to a cohesive institution, which will one day become a walking campus. It is vastly superior to the assortment of scattered classrooms and buildings of the past.

The House Corporation and the chapter have agreed and prepared a plan using the Ledowitz time frame to financially position Delta Chi to build the first new house on Greek Row. The architect's concept above is based on actual Greek housing at UCF. Construction costs for this class of house, as provided from Ball State and Georgia Tech house development plans, start at \$750,000 and exceed \$1 million. The keys for the Embry-Riddle chapter to achieve this financial goal are the continued care of today's property and the ability to build the house reserves. The task of maintaining today's house and simultaneously assembling reserves for a new house is a financial balancing act. The housing challenge facing today's alumni and chapter is to

keep the existing property attractive, fully occupied and profitable. The chapter, ABT and House Corporation communicate each term to prioritize needed house repairs. Recently, a list of projects was completely funded from the reserves available in the house account.

Work began on the deck with the removal of the old warped and splintered 2 X 4's. The frame was then reinforced and strengthened. A new surface of wider 2 X 6 planks was installed and secured with stainless screws. Next, HVAC contractor's pulled the old A/C and ductwork from the side house. A new insulated duct system and A/C was installed. The back house on Seagrave received a professionally installed new shingle roof with wood repair to the soffit and fascia. Lastly, painting contractors pressure cleaned 10 years of road grime and applied fresh paint in our traditional colors to the main house.

Credit for funding the house reserves goes to the chapter who unfailingly staffs a concession booth at every Jacksonville Jaguar home game. In the spring is the Daytona 500, where Delta Chi has been a fixture for 30 years. To date these efforts have successfully grown the new house "war chest" to over \$100,000. Together, devotion and focus on the goal contribute mightily to the results.

Good luck defined: "When preparation meets opportunity"

The house has seen hundreds of brothers since 1974. It remains the envy of many chapters both within and outside Delta Chi. It celebrates 25 years with Delta Chi looking better than ever and stands ready to carry the chapter to the new millennium and a new facility on the Embry-Riddle campus. ❖



Newly painted buff with red trim, the house proudly stands on the hill over looking Ridgewood Avenue

DELTA CHI CONVENTION PHOENIX, AZ AUGUST 2-6

The 2000 biennial convention will be August 2-6 at The Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak. To attend, you must make reservations directly with The Pointe Hilton by calling 800-876-4683 by July 3, 2000. Identify you are with the Delta Chi Fraternity to receive the group rate. Standard suites start at \$89 per night. Additionally, registration must be made with Delta Headquarters. Call 319-337-4811 or log on <http://www.deltachi.com/convention-info/>. The Embry Riddle delegation of alumni and undergraduate brothers is always one of largest groups in attendance. You can arrive early or stay late and still get convention rates. Make it a family vacation to visit with old friends and meet new ones.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2000

PM REGISTRATION
PM WELCOME RECEPTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2000

AM GENERAL SESSION 1
PM LUNCHEON
PM GENERAL SESSION 2 & ELECTIONS
PM RITUAL EXEMPLIFICATION

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2000

AM LEADERSHIP COLLEGE & CONVENTION PHOTO
AM EMBRY-RIDDLE CHAPTER ABT AND HOUSE CORPORATION MEETINGS
PM BASEBALL AT THE BOB: DIAMONDBACKS VS. METS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2000

AM LEADERSHIP COLLEGE
PM LUNCHEON
PM LEADERSHIP COLLEGE
PM RECEPTION AND BANQUET (BLACK TIE OPTIONAL)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2000

Next, Paul Giacomuzzi spoke fondly of Greg Nelli and described the scholarship which brothers and alumni established in his memory. Each year the Greg Nelli Scholarship award is presented to a brother who exemplifies the ideals Greg lived. Paul related how Greg loved Delta Chi. Greg's service as Regent, devotion to improving the houses and his willingness to assist any brother with expert aviation experience were all recounted. Paul observed that the chapter's success today is due to Greg's leadership and example of excellence he set for the group to follow. Paul concluded with announcing Steve Rubin "A" as the 1999 winner and awarded him a plaque and \$1000 check in recognition of his efforts.

*John Mica recalls Dr. Brasted's advice
"If it is to be, it is up to me".*



United States Congressman and Brother John Mica (R, FL) presents the second Greg Nelli Scholarship award for outstanding achievement to Steve Rubin "A"

As past "A" of the Florida chapter and one of the first field representatives for the Headquarters Office, Congressman Mica knows well the motivations of the founders and their dreams for the fraternity. He spoke of their desire to improve the quality of their life as well as that of future brothers who will share these ideals. Mica reminded us that teaching and helping others is at the core of our values. Reminiscing on his first days as a rookie Delta Chi field rep working for Dr. Brasted, Executive Director, Mica said Dr. Brasted's advice was ten, simple profound words. "If it is to be, it is up to me". ❖

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THE GREG NELLI SCHOLARSHIP

- The scholarship was established to honor Greg's love of Delta Chi and dedication to the chapter. It is managed by the Educational Foundation. Balance is \$20,000.
- Annual awards of \$1000 are currently made from interest earned. Your gifts will increase the amount given.
- Send all donations, clearly marked "ERAU Account" to The Delta Chi Educational Foundation, 314 Church St., Iowa City, IA 52244
- Contributions are fully tax deductible.

Success is Never an Accident

Ed Fusco-House Corporation

GOAL THE well-organized chapter is a pleasant and satisfying place to live. It provides close and enduring friendships that are so often mentioned in connection with such groups. Most of the problems of living and working with people occur in the normal course of living in a fraternity house. Members learn through first hand experience the necessity of give and take.

Reality A group can do its members more harm than good if it is poorly organized. If its operating procedures are not in good working order, it will eventually fail. Development of the conditions necessary to promote the growth of the individual members is never an accident. Rather these conditions can only result from an intentional, purposeful and continuing effort on the part of many people. More shoulders make for a lighter load.

Gap Most of this effort must come from the members themselves, but it can and should be supplemented by interested alumni. Thanks to alumni brother Dave Alber for helping to close the "gap" by hosting a B-B-Q for local alumni this summer. Distant brothers can keep the momentum going on the House Corporation. Help is needed to plan and develop the new house and manage and improve today's property. Please call Dan, Pat or Ed anytime to cuss or discuss. ❖

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