

A *few* Highlights of Beta Sigma Phi

1931 – Walter W. Ross, a young man with great plans for the future, founds Beta Sigma Phi with the first chapter established in Abilene, Kansas.

1935 – Beta Sigma Phi becomes International when a member moves from California to Canada to establish a chapter.

1942 - Beta Sigma Phi members accept a challenge from the U.S. Government to sell \$14 million worth of war bonds and exceed that figure by an additional \$8 million.

1951 – The financial need of a member after a tragic automobile accident is responsible for the establishment of the International Loan Fund, begun with contributions from individual members.

1975 – Encyclopedia Americana recognizes Beta Sigma Phi in the latest reference books.

1979 – Marks the 10th anniversary of the Walter W. Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$89,000. have been awarded in \$1,000 scholarships to students.

1981 – U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Canada's Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau recognize Beta Sigma Phi's Golden Anniversary.

1986 – Beta Sigma Phis raise \$130,000 for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project – 30 percent beyond the set goal.

1992 – Beta Sigma Phi Disaster Fund is created to help sisters who were victims of Hurricane Andrew and Iniki. More than \$180,000 is raised and distributed within a few months.

1998 – International Honorary Member roster continues to increase with the addition of Nancy Goodman Brinker (Founder of Race for the Cure) Others included on the list before and after this date are notables including Eleanor Roosevelt, Barbara & Laura Bush, Nancy Reagan, Nancy Pelosi, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Astronaut Sally Ride.

2001 – Beta Sigma Phi has donated nearly half a million dollars to breast cancer research to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute through the Endowment Fund established in 1994.

2005 – The Disaster Relief Fun has given more than \$240,000 to victims of Hurricanes Katrina & Rita and wild fires victims in East Texas.

2011 - Beta Sigma Phi continues to be strong and celebrates the 80th Anniversary of the organization.