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"I will endeavor to retain the spirit of youth"  
~Sigma Chi Creed, George Ade ΔΔ 1887

## Ben Taylor Award Recognizes Jim Dora '58

What a special evening. Friends for over 60 years gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Indianapolis to recognize the lifetime contributions of a very special Delta Delta brother.

**Life-Long Contributions to Sigma Chi**  
James E. Dora, Sr. '58 was the recipient of the first **Ben Taylor Award** presented by Delta Delta. This honor is given to a Delta Delta brother who has made life-long contributions of their time, talent and treasure to enhance the Delta Delta Chapter and its historic and beloved Chapter House.

Brother Dora was recognized for his dedicated leadership of the "Secure the Future of Delta Delta" campaign to renovate the chapter house; his ongoing support of building a strong foundation for maintaining the house; and the numerous occasions when he quietly supported both Delta Delta and the International Fraternity financially and with his time.

**Sigs, Family and Many Guests Take Part**  
Brother Dora and his wife, Shirley, were feted by the almost 50 brothers, spouses and family members in attendance. The evening was hosted by Bernie Sergesketter '58 who directed the evening's program which included remarks from Jim's son, son-in-law and Sigs George Valaoras, Dick Hester and Harold Force. Bart Burrell, Delta Delta's House Corporation President presented Jim with the Ben Taylor Award.

**Bennett Taylor Early Contributor to Delta Delta**  
For those who have forgotten their pledge material, Bennett Taylor, ΔΔ 1887, along with Clarence Bivens, was responsible for procuring and donating the land that the Delta Delta chapter house was built upon. Taylor remained engaged with the chapter throughout his life. His portrait is one of those that grace the chapter Library.

**Spirit of Sigma Chi Lives On**  
The evening was filled with fond memories, great stories and the rousing rendition of several Sigma Chi songs led by Bernie. The entire event was just one more example of how the spirit of Sigma Chi continues to live in the hearts of so many for so many years.



L-R: Harold Force '73, Jim Dora '58 and Bart Burrell '81 after the presentation of the Ben Taylor Award.



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