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ABAC Chapter raises more than \$8,000 for Alzheimer's Association

The Gamma Delta Chapter of AGR at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College marked Oct. 19 as a historic day for the organization. On that day, the Gamma Delta Chapter raised \$8,181.50 at its fourth annual barrel race philanthropy event for the Alzheimer's Association.

The afternoon attracted more than 150 barrel riders and 30 pole riders. This contribution to the Alzheimer's Association helped the organization surpass its annual fundraising goal of \$62,000. According to the Alzheimer's Association, the Gamma Delta Chapter placed in the Top 25 in the

state for the funds raised following behind an Atlanta fundraising event prior to the philanthropy barrel race.

Dan Phillips, South Georgia Regional Outreach director, said the men should be proud of what they have done for the Georgia Alzheimer's Association Chapter.

"With the amount of money raised, they have aided the Alzheimer's Association's endeavors for further research and caregiver training to help end Alzheimer's and take care of the people already diagnosed with the deadly disease," Phillips said.

AGR sees #GivingTuesday success

On Tuesday, December 2, Alpha Gamma Rho participated in the 2014 #GivingTuesday movement. Coinciding with Thanksgiving and the "holiday shopping season," #GivingTuesday is a national moment around the holidays dedicated to giving, similar to how Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become days that are synonymous with holiday shopping.

We asked AGR brothers and friends to give \$19.04 to The Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho commemorating the year of Alpha

Gamma Rho's founding, 1904. In just this one day, we received 31 gifts and

raised more than \$1,300 for important AGR programs like scholarships, Leadership Seminars, matching funds and chapter strategic planning sessions. In addition to gifts, we received many great "why I give" messages, like this one from BoDavid W.:

"I give to Alpha Gamma Rho because it gave to me first."

Thank you to the brothers and friends of AGR who showed their support on #GivingTuesday! We can't wait for next year!



Peek into this issue...

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"It's unfortunate about the circumstances regarding (Michael Phelps), but I am very grateful that I get to go and believe I deserve to be there," Phillips said.

Phillips will occupy the spot that was vacated when Phelps and USA Swimming agreed that he would

withdraw from the team after Phelps was arrested for DUI. Phillips' swim of 51.49 in the 100 fly from the U.S. National Championships in August made him next in line for that spot, and he'll join the National Champion Tom Shields (51.29) on the American team in that event.

The two will also likely be given the first shot at prelims and finals swims on the 400 medley relay, though Ryan Lochte (51.55 at Pan Pacs) should be a consideration there as well. Out of the 10-fastest Americans in the 100 long course fly last year, Lochte was the only swimmer to swim a best time at a meet other than U.S. Nationals, showing an ability to both swim well at the qualifying meet and still improve to the next meet.

On the other hand, Phillips' B-Final win in the 100 fly at Pan Pacs in 51.52 was faster than Lochte's 2nd-place time in the A-Final of 51.67.

In short: the Americans have a lot of great options for that relay with the deepest 100 fly group in the world, and will have a full meet to figure things out.

Phillips swam lifetime bests this summer in long course in the 50 free (23.17), 100 free (49.34), and 100 fly (51.49) – which are easily his three best events. The 100 free (with increasing relay potential) and the 100 fly are his primary opportunities as he rolls into his professional career.

Phillips says that he is finishing his degree up at Ohio State this semester, which he described as being "extremely important" to him. In January, he then plans to head to SwimMAC Carolina full-time – he's split his time between Ohio State and SwimMAC for much of the last few years.

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Excessive Snow Load Can Cause
Your Buildings to Collapse

When heavy snow meets fierce winds, even the best-engineered buildings can collapse. That's why it's important to be adequately in-

sured for this type of peril.

How snow load can damage your buildings

Snow load is the downward force on a building's roof by the weight of accumulated snow and ice. The roof

or the entire structure can fail if the snow load exceeds the weight the building was designed to shoulder, or if the building was poorly designed or constructed. It doesn't take a blizzard to cause problems; an imbalance of drifting snow can cause

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one part of a roof to give, causing a domino effect that affects the rest of the structure.

"Wood structures typically will give a warning of imminent failure with audible creaking or visible bowing of rafters," says Randy Tinker, P.E., Risk Management Property Engineer, Property Engineering Group, Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Company, Des Moines, Iowa. "Metal structures, unfortunately, often don't exhibit signs of stress before failure." Farmers need to keep a close watch on structures with heavy loads and be prepared to move livestock and equipment to safer quarters.

How much snow is too much?

Calculating the snow load on your barn takes more than an educated guess. The University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service says that a ballpark estimate of snow load can be made with the following formula:

Calculated Roof Loading (lb/ft²) = Depth (ft) x Density (lb/ft² /ft depth). The approximate density (lb/ft² /ft depth) for light snow is 5-20, packed snow 20-40, packed snow with ice 40-58, and ice 58.

For example, a roof with 3 feet of light snow has an estimated roof load of 60 pounds per square foot (3 ft depth X 20 lb/ft²/ft depth density = 60 lb/ft²). You should know the roof weight limits for your barns and outbuildings, and rebuild or fortify them to withstand worst-case scenario snow loads and meet local building standards.

What you can do

Some failures can be prevented with careful snow removal. The University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension Service offers the following suggestions:

- Use caution if standing on the roof, making sure to wear a safety harness and use securing ladders.
- Use a snow rake, and avoid chipping or picking away at ice as that may damage the roof.
- Remove snow in narrow strips to keep the load somewhat even.
- Not all snow needs to be removed. A thin layer of snow can protect the roof from damage while snow is being removed.

Insurance checklist

A few minutes can give you reinsurance during a heavy-snow winter. Check with your farm or ranch insurance agent to:

- Confirm that your property insurance covers roof or building failure due to snow load
- Make sure the policy pays for actual replacement costs, so you're not out in the cold if you have to rebuild
- Verify that valuable equipment stored in a barn or outbuilding is covered under your farm personal property endorsement

¹ Agriculture has the second highest fatality rate among youth workers at 21.3 per 100,000 full-time equivalents compared to 3.6 per 100,000 across all industries. Occupational Injuries and Deaths Among Younger Workers-United States, 1998-2007. Journal of the American Medical Association, 304 (1). 33-35 (2010).

Upcoming events...

Jan. 16, 2015

Local Alumni Luncheon
Bakersfield, California

Jan. 16-17, 2015

Recruitment School
Kansas City, Missouri

Jan. 16-17, 2015

Adviser Forum
Kansas City, Missouri

Feb. 13-14, 2015

Leadership Seminar
Ft. Worth, Texas

Feb. 20-21, 2015

Leadership Seminar
Chicago, Illinois

Feb. 27-28, 2015

Leadership Seminar
Reno, Nevada

March 6-7, 2015

Leadership Seminar
Baltimore, Maryland

April 17-18, 2015

AGR National BBQ
Lebanon, Tennessee