

Our Beloved Cook Winnie MacKay Retires After Four Decades

After 41 years behind the stove at Phi Delta Theta, Winnie MacKay has decided to retire, due to health reasons. While her mind remains as sharp as a tack, and her spirit is stronger than ever, the prolonged recovery from her multiple surgeries last winter has limited her mobility and restricted her ability to carry out many of the physical duties required in the kitchen. Due to the failure of her kidneys, she requires kidney dialysis treatments (usually in Oneida or Utica) three days a week.

With her retirement taking effect on Dec 31, 2005, Winnie has started the process of applying for Social Security and Medicaid benefits. Her Medicare coverage started in September.

The Board is currently exploring ways to further assist Winnie with her future medical expenses and we hope she can continue to be an active part of New York Zeta in an alumni relations capacity.

I visited with Winnie at her house in Hamilton the day after Thanksgiving. While disappointed with the slow pace of her medical recovery, she has accepted her condition with grace and appears to be at

peace with herself. She is generally pleased with the quality of the medical care she is getting. She remains in close contact with a number of alumni and undergraduate brothers and continues to care deeply about the success of the chapter. While her health

has prevented her from spending much time in the chapter house this fall, she has been actively involved in the management of the kitchen via telephone.

Since Winnie was hired by Phi Delta Theta in February 1965, she has touched the lives of more than 900 brothers as our cook, housemother, property manager, mentor and friend. The brotherhood owes Winnie a huge debt of gratitude for her loyal service over the years.

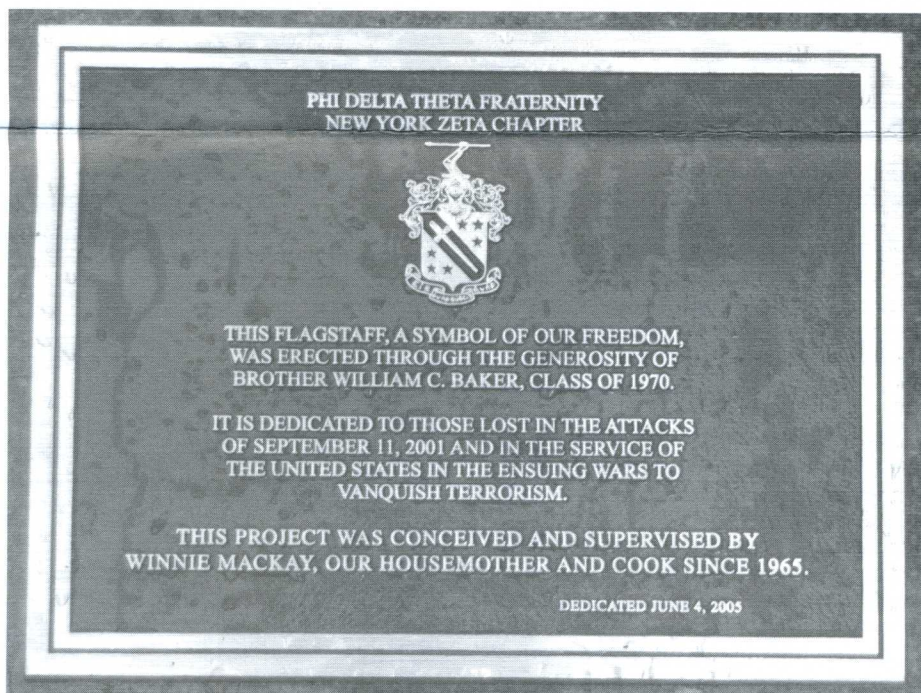
Anyone wishing to contact Winnie can call her at 315-824-1279 or write to her at Winnie MacKay, P.O. Box 353, Hamilton, NY 13346.

Yours in the Bond,

Bruce Clayton '89
Alumni Treasurer



Winnie MacKay



The new flagpole monument at 114 Broad Street.