



# Alumni of Alpha Chapter Theta Xi Fraternity Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Fall 2007 E-Newsletter

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Dear Brother,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fall 2007 E-newsletter.

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## Alpha Homecoming Events

RPI Homecoming **October 19-20, 2007**: RPI's Homecoming and Parent's Weekend are scheduled for October 19-20 in Troy, NY. Alpha Chapter has scheduled events to complement RPI's activities. Please visit our [Alpha Calendar](#) on our website for details on the timing of events and limited remaining hotel rooms reserved for our alumni.

To RSVP, please visit our [Alpha Homecoming Evite link](#) and let us know if you are returning this year. Of particular note, we have a number of alumni from the 1960's coming back to Troy.



### Dr. Boylen To Be Initiated!

It's about time! The active members unanimously voted to initiate long-time friend, neighbor and faculty advisor **Dr. Charles Boylen**. The Actives approached Dr. Boylen recently with the invitation for membership and he accepted.

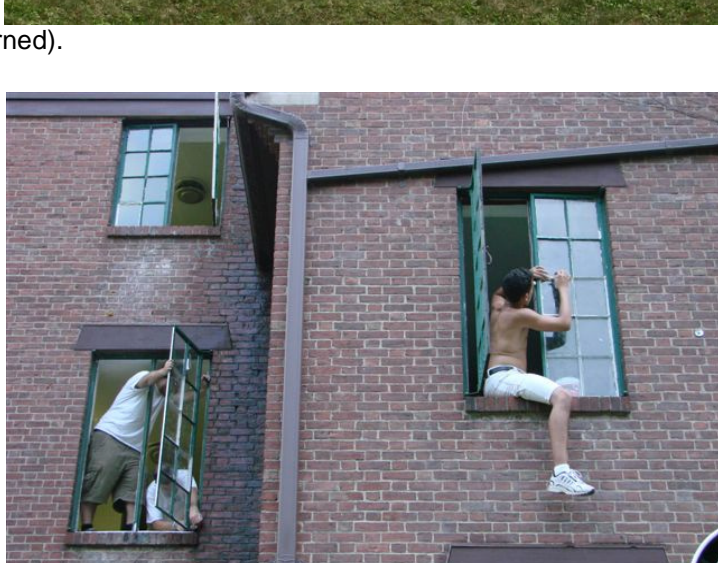
Initiation will be in conjunction with Homecoming in October. Currently, the ceremony is scheduled for **Friday October 19th at 9pm**.

## Work Weekends

We had 15 alumni join the Actives each of the two work weekends (**Aug 18-19 and 25-26**) and spent nearly \$6,000 of your donations in the best organized and attended work week(ends) in recent memory. We painted the entire first floor and basement bar area, removed 25+ house windows from their frames to repair, replaced all first floor outlets, numerous broken switches and lights, and repaired the lighted exterior house sign. We installed siding in the back airlock, repaired and painted the shed and removed 4 dead and dying trees from around the house (with all wood split and neatly stacked near the refurbished volleyball court, all brush burned).



We spent countless hours landscaping. We rented a 12 foot boom lift both weekends (1 day each) to paint the gables and fix wood siding and gutters. We went through close to 25 gallons of paint and stain, 2.5 gallons of window glaze, over 50 panes of newly cut glass, and 6 yards of mulch. Thank you to all that donated and to all that attended. Please visit the [Alpha Renovations page](#) on our website to view photos of the work.

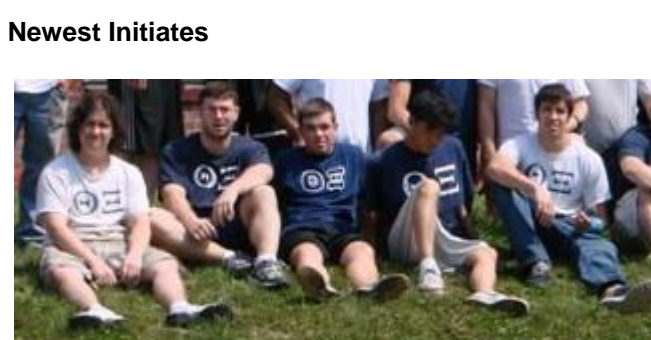


Here are the 24 alumni listed as helping out over the two work weekends not including the Actives and Associate Members.

- 1192 Dane LeBlanc
- 1270 Ralph Buoniconti
- 1272 Dave Schuettner
- 1275 Dave Winkler
- 1289 Dale Winkler
- 1356 Chris Riismandel
- 1391 Mickey Mossaidis
- 1404 Chris Blanc
- 1427 Ben Rosenthal
- 1448 Tom Doherty
- 1487 Chris Baldauf
- 1488 John Viggiano
- 1492 Jamie Smith
- 1506 Alex Pelli
- 1507 Jay McGlothlin
- 1512 Paul Dalton
- 1514 Mike Champagne
- 1515 Rohun Gholkar
- 1517 Brad Spencer
- 1519 Bobby King
- 1537 Justin Scaduto
- 1555 Mike Baron
- 1561 Tim Wise
- 1562 Jake Woudenberg
- 1563 Mark Black



## Newest Initiates



On August 24th, Alpha chapter initiated 5 brothers from our Spring 2007 associate member class. Please help welcome **A1588 Jeff Murphy, A1589 Zach Purcell, A1590 Jin Yang, A1591 Mak Mendelson and A1592 Clayton Kotulak**.

Visit our [Alpha News](#) section on our website to read more news about Alpha and our members.

## Find Alpha Alumni

Looking for Alpha Alum? Our website provider, alumni owned and operated VigCraft (**John Viggiano A1488** and **Ben Haynes A1526**) have added a new feature to our website. Please sign in/register at [www.alpha6294.com](#) and look for the Google Maps logo and search field. Type in any address and a Google map will provide you with a listing of all Alpha alumni living near that address. Thinking of moving or going on a trip? Check out alumni who you may want to call to grab a beer.

## Alpha Leaders Within at National Level

After a hiatus in involvement at the national level, Alpha Alumni have begun to volunteer to assist National in its fraternity efforts. At the National Convention this past July, David Fowkes and John Viggiano were session leaders for 3 of the 8 presentations given to Alumni and Active convention participants (we would have done more, but there were only 4 time slots - 2 presentations were given each time). Also, newly elected National President Jon Luning has appointed **Matt Glaccum A1324** as chairman of a new national committee on Theta Xi history.

## Planning Weekend

Alpha Chapter held a planning weekend in conjunction with our second work weekend **Aug 25-26**. Alumni led 2 rush seminars, one on Saturday afternoon concerning Rush Marketing led by **Chris Riismandel A1356** and on Sunday afternoon regarding Rush Sales techniques led by **Chris Blanc A1404** (a repeat performance from last year). Thanks to Chris and Chris and all who helped. Following the last rush seminar, the chapter's E-board retreated to chapter advisor **Chris "Norm" Baldauf's** house for a planning session. Thank you to all alumni who helped the Actives to become one of the best organized and prepared chapters on campus as the critical Rush Season approaches. Please visit our website for pictures of the planning session and to review the new active chapter Mission Statement



## Annual Fund Sets Records

Thanks to many dedicated brothers, we had a record year this year with number of donors and total amount raised, thank you. Thanks to you, together we raised over \$39,000 this year from 151 brothers. We could not continue to move forward without your support. To see the fiscal year-end results, please visit our [Alpha Fund Drive web page](#). If your name is not in the list from this past year, you can give directly on the site via PayPal and get on this year's list. **We have set a goal of \$42,500 and 160 donors for the 2007-08 fraternal year**. Let's get the new year started off with a bang!

## Theta Xi City Clubs

Alpha Chapter alumni are banding with other Theta Xis nationwide to establish or re-establish area Theta Xi alumni clubs. **New York City Club** has a meeting on **October 3rd** at the Heartland Brewery. [Click here for the 10/3 meeting evite and to RSVP](#). Additionally, there will be a meeting on 12/5 in Hoboken. This will be in conjunction with Gamma Chapter with additional details to come soon. The **Boston Club** will be meeting on **Thursday, October 11th** at The Burren in Somerville. To RSVP and receive more information, [click here for the Boston Club Evite link](#).

## Theta Xi Circle

National has established a forum for all Theta Xis to communicate, network and connect. Brothers with like-minded interests may organize into "Groups" based upon chapter (Alpha has a group, as do many others), geography (NY, Boston, DC, Chicago and many others exist) or interest (Theta Xi Preservation organizes alumni to save Theta Xi specific items like Pins, books and photographs found on on-line sale and auction sites). To join and peruse, go to [thetaxi.affinitycircles.com](#) and click "Join Today!"

## Alpha Alumni Website

Have you visited our new alumni website? Have you updated your contact information so we can continue to send you your AlphaBet and electronic newsletters? Please visit our website at [www.alpha6294.com](#) or [update your contact information](#) if it is incorrect or missing as listed below.

## Alpha To Host Leadership Academy

Alpha Chapter has been chosen to host the 2008 District Leadership Academy. The date will be set in the near future (likely end of Feb thru mid March). It will be a one day (Saturday) event where area chapters (Gamma - Stevens Institute, Delta - MIT, Eta - Lehigh, Omicron - Penn, Gamma Xi - Monmouth U and Gamma Mu - Montclair State) will be invited to participate in the annual district meeting on the RPI campus. Details to come as they develop.

Yours in the Bonds,

Theta Xi Association of Troy, New York

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