



**Alumni of Alpha Chapter  
Theta Xi Fraternity  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**

**Fall 2008 E-Newsletter**

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Dear Brother Viggiano,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fall 2008 E-Newsletter.  
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**RPI Homecoming and Parents' Weekend is October 17-19: Alumni/Parents' BBQ on Saturday**

October 17-19th mark RPI's Homecoming and Parents' Weekend. These days will include several events held by both RPI and the Brothers of the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi Fraternity. On Friday from 4:00-5:30pm, the brothers have invited several RPI faculty and staff as well as surrounding neighbors to an evening snack. Food provided will include finger foods, crackers and cheese, vegetables with dip, and other similar items. RPI events for Friday will include EMPAC grand opening and Greek ChowderFest (6pm-8:30pm). On Saturday from 11:30-1:00pm, the brothers will be holding a barbeque for the Alumni and parents of all the brothers and associate members. For more details, contact the Homecoming Chair, [Anthony Campos](#) A1595. The RPI football team will be having their homecoming

game at 1pm. RPI will also be having several EMPAC opening weekend events as well as a men's hockey game versus Bentley. For more information on other events being held by RPI, please visit <http://www.alumni.rpi.edu/Homecoming/>

## **Grand Lodge Votes to Hold 150th Anniversary Convention in Troy in 2014**



The Alpha Alumni Association is very pleased to announce that the Grand Lodge of Theta Xi has voted to hold the 150th Anniversary Convention in Troy, New York, in 2014. National President Jon Luning will name a committee over the next few weeks to explore details. Thank you to all who have worked hard on behalf of Alpha Chapter to make this honor a reality.

## **Blood Drive and Community Service Projects Planned**

The brothers from the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi Fraternity have set up several community service projects in which they will continue to give back to the Capital District region. On December 3rd, the brothers along with the aid of the American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive located at the RPI campus. They hope that their efforts will be great contributions to saving the lives of many people in need of the blood. Along with the Blood Drive, the brothers are keeping in contact with the Oakwood Cemetery and Habitat for Humanity staffs. There they plan to continue the Fall clean-up of the cemetery site as well as aid the Capital District in building many necessary homes.

## **Fall Rush Goes Well**



Brothers take rushees out for a good time during this past Fall Rush. Some of the event highlights on the Theta Xi Rush calendar included the CarBash, Broomball, a Wing Eating Contest, Casino Night, Co-ed Twister, and a visit to Six Flags.

## **Welcome to our New Associate Members**



Induction for the Class of Fall 2008 took place on Tuesday, September 30th 2008.

The information listed is for the associate members as seen, seated, from right (front) to left (back):

Matt Thompson	FR	CompSci	Waldorf, Maryland
John Li	FR	Aero/Mech Eng	Brooklyn, New York
Matt Laird	FR	Management	Wilmington, Delaware
Matt Warbrick	FR	Materials Eng	Tuxedo, New York
Sean Garvey	FR	Aero/Mech Eng	Queensbury, New York
Marco Balducci	FR	Material Eng	Lancaster, Massachusetts
John Minor	FR	Civil Eng	Niskayuna, New York
Alex Quirk	JR	Aero/Mech Eng	Essex, England
Dan Harris	FR	Nucl/Mech Eng	Sherman, CT
Neil Longfellow	FR	Aero/Nucl Eng	Atlanta, Georgia
Jaime Tabanao	FR	Mech Eng	Newburgh, New York

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

### **Alpha Brother Joins the Grand Lodge**

The Alumni Association congratulates David Fowkes '89 A1275 on being voted into the Grand Lodge of Theta Xi. Brother Fowkes is involved in many Theta Xi efforts including chairman for Alumni Communications and Fundraising for Alpha Chapter. He recently participated in the initiation ceremony for the newly rechartered Zeta Chapter at Cornell University. Brother Fowkes was recently named the 2007-2008 Outstanding Regional Director by the Theta Xi National Fraternity. He also has coordinated efforts toward having Alpha Chapter act as host for the 150th Anniversary Convention of Theta Xi in 2014.



## **Brother Bob Bozzone '55 Awarded Albert Fox Demers Medal by the RAA**

Brother **Bob Bozzone A848** has been named a 2008 recipient of the Albert Fox Demers Medal by the Rensselaer Alumni Association. Find out more details here on the [RPI Alumni website](#).

## **Annual Fund Update**

We are off to another great start to our Annual Fund. Thank you!! *We have set a goal of \$40,000 and 150 donors for the 2008-09 fraternal year.* To see the fraternal 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.

## **Theta Xi City Clubs**

Alpha Chapter alumni are banding with other Theta Xis nationwide to establish or re-establish area Theta Xi alumni clubs.

Boston Club – Look to get together the third Thursday of each quarter. Chris Blanc A1404 is hosting a Poker night on 10/16/2008. [Contact Chris](#) for more information.

NYC Club – Next meeting in Hoboken, New Jersey. Tentatively booked for December 4th at 7pm at Texas Arizona in Hoboken. [Contact David Fowkes](#) for more details.

## **Last Call at Uncle Ming's**

**Phil Cutrone A1388** invites all Alphas to meet one last time at Uncle Ming's, 225 Avenue B, New York, NY, on October 15th, 2008 at 6pm. Phil's bar is closing at the end of October.

## **Call for Photos/Yearbooks**

WANTED: Alpha Chapter composites for pre-1958,1962,1963,1964,1969 to 1978, miscellaneous pictures or any yearbook that you would like to donate to the chapter's collection. If you have one of these, please contact Matt Glaccum at [mglaccum@geosphereinc.com](mailto:mglaccum@geosphereinc.com)

## **District Leadership Academy for Northeast Region**

This year's District Leadership Academy for the Northeast Region will be held February 28, 2009, at Eta chapter at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

## **2009 National Convention in Chicago**

Put it on your calendars. Next year's National Convention is scheduled for August 6-9th at the Marriott Lincolnshire in the Chicago suburb of Lincolnshire, Illinois.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Want to help out but not sure how? Contact David Fowkes ([david.fowkes@db.com](mailto:david.fowkes@db.com)), Matt Glaccum

([mglaccum@geosphereinc.com](mailto:mglaccum@geosphereinc.com)) or Chris Baldauf ([chris.baldauf@gmail.com](mailto:chris.baldauf@gmail.com)) to find out what you can do to help the chapter organizations continue to grow. Whether it is acting as a mentor to the Actives, working on the website or joining in organizing alumni events, please consider helping to strengthen the chapter network connection.

### **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](http://www.alpha6294.com) or [update your contact information](#) if it is incorrect or missing as listed below.

### **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](http://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.

### **Send Us An Update - News Wanted for the Alphabet's Alumni News Section**

Have news about your family or work that you want to share with your fellow Brothers? You can send text and pictures to [alumni-update@alpha6294.com](mailto:alumni-update@alpha6294.com) or use the form box below. Updates will be included in the Alphabet's Alumni News Section and will be posted where Brothers signing in to the alumni website can see what you have been up to.

Yours in the Bonds,  
Theta Xi Association of Troy, New York