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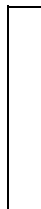
Dear Brother Viggiano,

We are pleased to provide you with the Fall 2011 E-Newsletter.
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Brothers Attend 147th National Convention in St. Louis, MO

This past August, three Alpha Chapter members attended the 147th National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Past Chapter President **Eric Jordan A1618**, Chapter Treasurer **Barry Fortuna A1628** and Assistant Rush Chair **Dagmawi Yifru A1630** attended a number of legislative sessions and workshops; one such session was a *Phired UP!* recruitment presentation in which they learned a number of ways to implement a more **effective dynamic rush program** as opposed to the more common static rush. The ideas they brought back from this seminar have been in use this past semester and have contributed to a very successful rush. They also were present at a number of awards and recognitions banquets; during one of these, Alpha Chapter was specifically **recognized for achieving the highest GPA on campus** for the past semester. Finally, a presentation was given regarding the details of the upcoming 150th National Convention in Troy, NY which included a detailed picture of a **proposed monument on RPI's campus**. For more details, visit the alumni website at www.alpha6294.com.





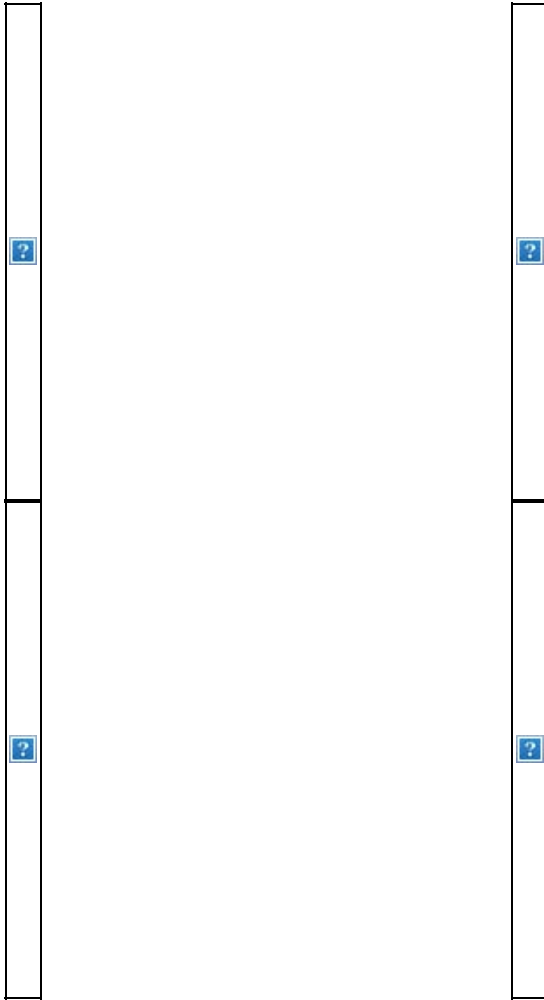
Work Weekend/Summer Renovation Work 2011

House Manager **Matthew Laird A1616** reports that the newly **renovated second floor showers and bathrooms** are a hit among brothers living at the House. No longer do second floor brothers needed to go upstairs because the stalls are full. Also, third floor brothers no longer have to wait because there are 2 floors of people showering upstairs. The actives are quite thankful for the new showers to say the least.

Work Week saw many outside maintenance issues addressed such as landscaping and tidying up the grounds, fixing broken windows and painting window frames. Staining woodwork, replacing carpeting on the stairs, adding new benches for the basement, creating a secure tool room, and procuring a new secure 42" television are just some of the improvements made to the interior of the House. More details and pictures may be found on the alumni website.



Strong Rush by Chapter Delivers



Clockwise from top left: Brothers and Rushees mingle in the front yard after the Car Bash rush event; Brothers and Rushees enjoying a game of volleyball in the backyard; Brothers host Rushees at the House to help with homework; Brothers and Rushees compete during our wing eating contest event. This semester's rush was coordinated by Rush Chair **Graham Cabrey A1617** and Ass't Rush Chair **Dagmawi Yifru A1630**.

Alpha Welcomes 12 New Associate Members

| Name | Class | Major | Hometown |
|------------------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Vincenz Buhler | Sophomore | Chemical Eng | Switzerland, FL |
| Brian Deignan | Junior | Aero/Mech | Westbury, NY |
| Alexander Flores | Junior | Industrial Management | Livingston, NJ |
| Roland Judd | Freshman | Physics | Cropseyville, NY |
| Andrew Kelly | Sophomore | Communications | Papillion, NE |
| Brian Le | Freshman | Comp Sci and EMAC | Wynnewood, PA |
| James Lee | Sophomore | BC BP | Ramsey, NJ |
| Jon Matla | Freshman | Nuclear Eng | Melrose, NY |
| David McWilliams | Sophomore | Aero Eng | West Harwich, MA |
| David Miller | Freshman | Math | Atkinson, NH |
| Josh Plitnick | Freshman | Comp Sys | Castleton, NY |
| Chris Salva | Freshman | Biology | Ledyard, CT |

Alpha Chapter welcomes 12 new associate members. After the induction ceremony on October 8th, 2011:

Front, left to right: Brian Deignan, Vincenz Buhler, Alex Flores, David McWilliams.

Back, left to right: Andrew Kelly, Chris Salva, Jon Matla, Roland Judd, Josh Plitnick, James Lee

Not Pictured: Brian Le, David Miller

Reunion & Homecoming Weekend - October 21-23, 2011

FRIDAY, October 21st

4:30-6:00pm -- Wine and Cheese Reception -- The Brothers of the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi will host their annual Wine and Cheese Reception at the Chapter House. Alumni, RPI faculty and staff as well as the surrounding community are invited to attend in order to promote interaction between alumni, the actives and RPI staff. In addition, the event allows the active brothers to share the virtues of the fraternity to the surrounding community. Contact Alumni Relations Chair **Rob Malhotra A1635** at malhotra.robert@gmail.com for more details.

6:00-8:00pm -- 5th Annual Greek ChowderFest Competition -- Greek ChowderFest, held at Rensselaer Society of Engineers House at 1501 Sage Ave, is a free event during Reunion & Homecoming Weekend (Oct. 21 - 23, 2011) for all Greek alumni and students. The event is a chowder making competition between different Greek organizations for the top prizes of The People's Choice & The Judges' Choice. Greek Organization bragging rights and a \$300 prize will be given for each category. Greek ChowderFest is sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) & Alumni Inter-Greek Council (AIGC), Panhel and the IFC. **Last year's winner of the People's Choice award was the 'Zoo Chowder' entry by the Brothers of Alpha Chapter.**

SATURDAY, October 22nd

1:00pm - Varsity Football -- RPI vs. St. Lawrence (East Campus Athletic Village Stadium).

4:30-6:00pm - Annual Alumni Barbeque -- The Brothers of the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi will host their annual Alumni Barbeque at the Chapter House. This is a great opportunity to visit the house and get to know the current brothers as well as meet the new associate members. Contact Rob Malhotra A1635 at malhotra.robert@gmail.com for more details.

[RPI's Reunion & Homecoming event schedule](#)

Alumni Contact Database in Need of Refreshing

The information in our chapter contact database is in **need of refreshing**. The last time we had a major overhaul was in the **2007-2008 time frame**, and **information has become stale**. If you have not filled out the online registration form in some time (or ever), please do so. It only takes a few minutes. As an organization, we are only as strong as our ability to work together, and timely communication with our alumni base counts in supporting efforts that will keep Alpha Chapter at the top.

[REGISTER or UPDATE NOW](#)

150th Anniversary Update

150th 6294 is April 26, 2014. A number of alumni including those from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s are working to coordinate a large reunion so hold the date. If you are interested in more information, please contact **David Fowkes A1275** at dwfowkes@verizon.net.

Theta Xi City Clubs

Albany, NY Club - Brad Spencer A1517. Email Brad at bspencer1517@gmail.com about upcoming events.

Boston Club - Chris Blanc A1404 - For more information please contact Chris at cblanc@gmail.com.

Chicago Club - Weston Harding Gamma Tau 1 - Contact Weston Harding by email at Weston.Harding@xplusrealestate.com

NYC Club - David Fowkes A1275 - E-mail David at dwfowkes@verizon.net for more info.

Washington DC - Dan Daly Beta Omega 187 - The Washington DC Alumni Club has a happy hour the first Friday of every month. For more information, please contact Daniel Daly, DC Alumni Club President at dand187@gmail.com. **John Reinhardt A1358** has also recently gotten together Alphas in the DC area. Contact John at john@teamreinhardt.com for more details.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 21-23, 2011

RPI Reunion & Homecoming: Get together with your Brothers this fall on the RPI campus in Troy, New York. See details above.

January 13-16, 2012

Presidents Academy: In its 13th year, the Presidents Academy held in St. Louis, Missouri is an intensive weekend of leadership training for Chapter Presidents. This academy is an exciting and interactive program that enables each chapter president to improve his personal skills and chapter operations by joining with his peers from across the country for a high quality leadership and educational weekend that includes small group interaction, outdoor leadership experience and quality interaction with recent past presidents (peer facilitators) and alumni volunteers.

January 13-16, 2012

Rising Stars Academy: This academy held in St. Louis, Missouri is for first-year initiates (men initiated in 2011) and coincides with the Presidents Academy. The Rising Stars Academy concentrates on providing attendees an opportunity to assess and develop their leadership styles and skills, in an interactive and experiential setting. Along with meeting new members from across the country, they gather ideas they can take back to strengthen their chapters in the areas of recruitment, membership education and overall operations. Team building skills are strengthened by accomplishing tasks presented on an exciting outdoor leadership challenge course.

February 2012 (Dates and sites TBD)

Newell District Leadership Academies: A host chapter in each District hosts these academies designed to create a greater national consciousness by bringing together chapter members to meet, work and interact with one another and with officials of the Fraternity.

April 28, 2012

6294 Reunion Weekend: Join us on Saturday for our annual corporation meeting and 6294 Celebration in Troy, New York.

April 26, 2014

6294 Reunion Weekend -- Theta Xi 150th Anniversary: Join us in Troy, New York as the Chapter and the Fraternity celebrate the founding of Theta Xi and Alpha Chapter 150 years ago.

August 2014

Theta Xi 150th Anniversary Convention: Join Theta Xi's from around the world in Troy, New York to celebrate the founding of Theta Xi.

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

Get Connected through Online Networks

Connect with Brothers through online social and professional networks.

LinkedIn.com: <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=95974> (80+ Brothers) or search for ♦Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi♦.

FaceBook.com: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/zooalumni/> (228+ Brothers) or search for 'Zoo Alumni'.

Chapter Eternal

A482 Raymond C. Dumser '37 12/16/2009

A539 G. Clifford Marshall '38

A652 H. William Hannah '46 4/16/2009

A667 Richard L. Bruhn '46 5/11/2010 [obituary](#)

A677 Jorge E. Carnicero '46 10/28/2009

A683 Robert T. MacConnell '49 11/21/2010 [obituary](#)

A684 Frank X. Plattner '50 8/24/2011 [obituary](#)

A754 Paul O. Cline Jr. '51 5/30/2010

A803 Francis J. Zunino '54 3/15/2011 [obituary](#) (search for Zunino)

A975 Richard A. Tolmie '62 7/30/2011 [obituary](#)



Dick Tolmie, 70, passed away 7/30 at home in Greenville, North Carolina after a 7 month battle with cancer. Dick attended RPI on a NROTC scholarship, graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and spent 7 years in the Navy working with nuclear submarines. He subsequently worked as a facilities executive in the pharmaceutical industry eventually taking early retirement at age 55. He served on the school board in Greenville for many years. He would usually attend conventions in California every 2 years when we would get together and on one occasion went to the wine country with Dick and his wife; Dick was a serious wine connoisseur, and was greeted as an old friend in several of the wineries we visited. He is survived by his wife Patti, two daughters, and a son from a previous marriage. Sent in by Pete Bordas A969, Class of ♦62.

Volunteers Needed

Want to help out but not sure how? Contact David Fowkes (dwfowkes@verizon.net), Matt Glaccum (mglaccum@geosphereinc.com) or Chris Baldauf (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 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.

Find Alpha Alumni

Looking for Alpha Alum? Our website provider, alumni owned and operated Destined Studios (**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.

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 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

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