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Alumni of Alpha Chapter

Theta Xi Fraternity
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Spring 2007 E-Newsletter

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Dear Brother Fowkes,

We are pleased to provide you with the Spring 2007 e-newsletter.

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Successful Rush Year at Alpha Chapter

Alpha Chapter's Fall semester rush went well with 9 new brothers initiated into the Bonds. The actives followed up with a successful Spring semester rush and currently have an Associate Member class numbering 5. Please visit our [chapter news section](#) of the alumni website for details about these and other active chapter updates.

Chapter Accomplishments



Alpha Chapter rates highly among Theta Xi Chapters nationally and received high marks in National Headquarter's 2006 Accreditation process. The boys from Troy earned 7 out of a total 9 available points. Only 2 of our 53 Theta Xi groups nationally (47 Chapters, 6 Colonies) scored higher (2 earned 8/9 and 5 had 7/9). In addition, it has just been announced that Alpha is a "4 Star Fraternity" at RPI, scoring 625 out of a possible 750. You can review both the [National Summary Report](#) and RPI's Star [RPI's Star Report](#) online.

Annual Fund Report

Your donations to our annual fund continue to pay for physical improvements to the chapter house, such as those shown on our [renovations page](#), alumni communications like this e-newsletter and the most recent issue of the [Alphabet](#), and help cover the cost of our updated alumni website www.alpha6294.com. If you have joined the 78 alumni who have donated this year or the 220 individual alumni who have donated in the past 4 years, thank you for your support. If you have not donated yet this year, please go to our [Alpha Fund Drive web page](#) and join in our effort. You will find donation instructions, summaries of donations to date by year and category and a list of all alumni who have helped us this year and to date.

Alumni Officer Elections

Wanna Run???? Association officer elections April 28th in Troy NY at our annual corporation meeting (currently scheduled for 3 pm, on campus location TBD). We will vote for both executive (president, vice president and treasurer) and open member at large positions.

Alpha Alumni Association updating our By-Laws: Our alumni association is undertaking the effort to bring our By-Laws up to date to better meet our current needs. The Association will vote on the proposed changes at our Annual meeting on April 28th in Troy, New York. Please visit our [Alpha Bylaws page](#) to review our proposed changes and join us at the meeting to cast your vote.



Alpha Chapter History

Alpha Chapter has a long and storied history. We are at 143 years of continuous operation and 75 years in our current home at 1490 Sage Avenue. We have begun to collect a digital archive of interesting historical

information including pictures, unique documents and alumni spotlight articles. Please visit the [Alpha History section](#) to see our collection to date and to submit any pictures or other items you are willing to share.

Upcoming Events:

6294 Dinner

Come join us for our 143rd Founder's Day celebration weekend. 6294 is scheduled for April 28th this year. Join us for our annual corporation meeting (and run for or vote for our Association officers), the first Alumni-Active football game in many years and our Founder's Day dinner. We have had over 80 alumni return to Troy each of the last 2 years. 50 are signed up already for this year. Please visit the [6294 Evite](#) to sign up and receive directions to discount hotel accommodations in Troy.

RPI Reunion

If you plan to be on campus for this year's RPI reunion, plan to join us for an Alpha Chapter alumni update presentation on June 9th. Time and campus location TBD to complement RPI's scheduled events. Check back on [calendar page](#) for updates



National Convention

Join Theta Xis from across the country at our 143rd Anniversary National Convention, July 27-30, 2007 in Louisville, Kentucky. Go to www.thetaxi.org for details and to register.

Work Week

A group of handy alumni plan to join our active members again this year to participate in pre-school year work week activities. The first weekend (August 18-19) will focus on house maintenance projects TBD. The second weekend (August 25-26) will focus on Active Chapter mentoring and planning activities, Rush preparation and planning and final house preparation activities. Please email David Fowkes (dfowkes@comcast.net) for details or to discuss your participation.

Homecoming

RPI's homecoming is October 20th. Alumni from the 1940s-1970s are organizing Theta Xi's first homecoming in years. Please join us for activities coordinated with RPI's scheduled events. Let us know if you are planning to return. Details can be found at our [Homecoming Evite](#) link.



Theta Xi City Clubs

Alpha Chapter alumni are banding with other Theta Xis nationwide to establish or re-establish area Theta Xi alumni clubs. To date we have started or joined organizations in New York City (meeting 5/16), Boston (meeting 4/12), Washington DC (meeting 4/27) and Troy/Albany (meeting 3/30). Please visit our [calendar page](#) for details.

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.

Yours in the Bonds,

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