



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

**Spring 2013 E-Newsletter**

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Dear Brother,

We are pleased to provide you with the Spring 2013 E-Newsletter.  
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**Successful Fall and Spring Rush Delivers 8 New Brothers, 6 Associate Members**

Alpha Chapter initiated 8 new brothers in November.



Left to Right: **Patrick Whelan (A1669), James Wang (A1668), Kody Ballard (A1667), Chris Flood (A1664),**

**Carson Hotard (A1665), Beren Evans (A1670), Patrick Wasil (A1666)** Not pictured: **David Wen (A1671)**

Led by Rush Chairman **Roland Judd (A1656)**, Alpha enjoyed another excellent Rush that resulted in six new Associate Members.



Robert Strang, Matt Miller, Sean Rudowsky, Trevor Langley, Sean Hennings (Not Pictured: Zach Holmes)

### **Brotherhood Remains Strong at Alpha**



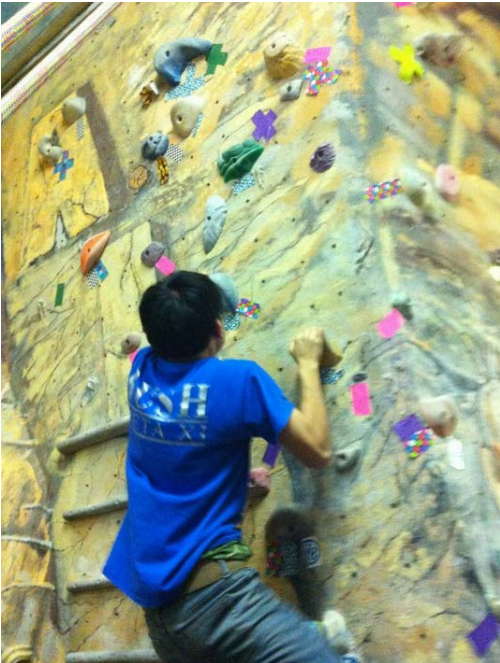
(Brothers **Billy Gibbons (A1623)** and **Carson Hotard (A1665)** just before our Steak Dinner Rush event)



Bother **Alex Flores (A1651)** and new Associate Member Sean Rudowski at our Dodgeball Rush event)



**Billy Gibbons (A1623)** scales a wall at the Albany Indoor Rock Gym



**James Wang (A1668)** climbs a boulder at Albany Indoor Rock Gym



Brothers enjoy the Super Bowl on our newly installed HD projector screen in the basement

## **Alpha Brothers Remain Active in Theta Xi Leadership Curriculum**



Alpha president **Alex Fredette (A1642)**, pictured above with presidents from other Theta Xi chapters) and **Chris Flood (A1664)** attended the Vredenburg President's Academy and Rising Stars Academy in St. Louis, MO, hosted by Theta Xi National Headquarters.



Brother **Carson Hotard (A1665)** (on left) talking with brothers from Gamma and Gamma Xi Chapters.

### **Alpha Brothers Attend NDLA at Gamma Xi Chapter**

The Newell District Leadership Academy ("DLA") is another component of Theta Xi's National leadership programming initiative. It is a one day seminar addressing leadership skills and allows brothers to meet with brothers from all the chapters within their district to exchange ideas. The following brothers attended the Northeast NDLA at Gamma Xi Chapter (Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ) on 2/23/13:

- A1642 Alex Fredette
- A1660 Carl Whatley
- A1661 Alex Pentland
- A1662 Bobby Fohrenbach
- A1665 Carson Hotard
- A1666 Patrick Wasil
- A1667 Kody Ballard
- A1668 James Wang
- A1670 Beren Evans
- A1671 David Wen



Brother on left is **A1665 Carson Hotard**, and he's talking with brothers from Gamma Chapter and Gamma Xi Chapter.



Pictured: All brothers from Alpha Chapter who attended.

### **Actives work hard to maintain chapter house**

The active brothers have worked hard to maintain our 82 year old chapter house. It's been over 25 years since our alumni association completed our last renovation. We've been serially addressing some of the more critical maintenance issues as funds have allowed (more to come in the next few months), but the actives have gone above and beyond to invest into our house.

Brothers **Josh Plitnick (A1655)** and **Roland Judd (A1656)** put a lot of time and effort to enhance the basement. The bar plumbing is now fully functional, a fridge has been installed, a cabinet has been installed to protect the AV electronics that feed the projector screen (donated by **David Fowkes A1275** and installed last summer), and the mounted flat screen.

The actives have also purchased and installed a professional quality stove to replace our ancient unit.



### **6294-April 27, 2013**

#### **6294 -- Celebration April 27, 2013**

Friday, April 26th

- 5:30pm - Get together at the House.

Saturday, April 27th

- 12:30 pm - Alumni & Active BBQ lunch at the House.
- 2:00-4:00 pm - Annual alumni corporation meeting and elections on campus. Meeting place TBD.
- 6:00 pm - Annual alumni/active awards ceremony and photos at the Chapter House.
- 6:30 pm - Buses arrive at Chapter House for transporting brothers and guests to Formal.
- 6:30 pm - Fourth Annual Theta Xi Texas Hold Em Fundraising Tournament. If you plan to participate in the

poker tournament, you must physically be at the house between 5-6pm on Saturday and see **Mike Petronino A1359** to register and buy in. No early or late registrations allowed. \$50 donation to be paid to Mike on Saturday during registration period only. Top three places paid. 50% of the proceeds go toward the Chapter Fundraising Campaign. Custom Alpha Chapter decks of cards (these make good gifts!) are available for \$10/deck. Proceeds also benefit Alpha Chapter.

- 7:00-10:00 pm Formal – E-mail **Alex Fredette A1642** at [fredea2014@gmail.com](mailto:fredea2014@gmail.com) if you wish to attend the actives' dinner Saturday night. Details and price to follow.
- 10:30 pm - Buses return to Chapter House

details including discount hotel information are available through the 6294 Evite Link [http://new.evite.com/#view\\_invite:eid=000CNC2ZTL7RSYAS4EPBSJPSY64O7Y](http://new.evite.com/#view_invite:eid=000CNC2ZTL7RSYAS4EPBSJPSY64O7Y)

## **Annual Corporation Meeting April 27, 2013**

The Alpha Alumni Association will hold its annual corporation meeting on April 27th, 2013 at 2:00pm in Troy, NY. Meeting place to be announced. Elections will be held for expired seats on the Alumni Board. All Alpha chapter alumni in good standing are eligible to run for election and to vote (you must attend the meeting to vote). If you have any questions about the positions or are considering running and would like to discuss the positions, please email questions to David Fowkes A1275 at [dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto:dwfowkes@verizon.net) or to any alumni board member.

## **Alpha Chapter to Initiate Longtime Friend Ned Spain**

For nearly 50 years, Ned Spain who lives in the Troy area has been organizing reunions with members of his former pledge class at Alpha. Unfortunately, Spain who pledged Alpha in 1952, left RPI and was never initiated. Ned stayed in touch with his former pledge brothers and organizes regular reunions in Troy.

Recently the active members voted to initiate Ned. This Spring Ned will officially join the Alpha Chapter of Theta Xi. A full interview and details will be in the upcoming issue of the Alphabet, so stay tuned for this great story!

Ned and his pledge brothers plan to attend the 150th anniversary 6294 celebration in Troy in 2014. Please join us in formally welcoming Ned to our brotherhood. Please contact David Fowkes ([dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto:dwfowkes@verizon.net)) for more details.

## **Alumni Association Investigating National Historic Registry status for Chapter House**

In early March, Bill Krattinger (New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation) and Karen Kummer (architectural historian and consultant to the alumni association) visited Troy to inspect Alpha's chapter house. Brother Ron Vogel '90 A1288, who has spearheaded an investigation into attaining historic registry status for the 80+ year-old structure, accompanied them on a tour of the building. The next day, Ron and Karen met with Dr. Chuck Boylen A1593 and visited the Institute Archives to research the architect Joseph M. Lawlor, designer of the chapter house and many of the green-rooftop buildings on campus. **Matt Glaccum '92 A1324** has assisted in researching Lawlor's career and in providing Karen with access to records from the chapter's own archives including photos taken during the construction of the House in 1931. Ron has reported that both experts were impressed with the House and early indications are favorable that an application would be approved.

## **Alpha Chapter and Theta Xi's 150th Anniversary Celebration – April 2014**

Mark your calendars! The alumni association is hard at work preparing for events surrounding the 150th Anniversary of our founding on April 29th, 2014. Events will surround the weekend of Saturday, April 26th, 2014. We expect events to start on Thursday April 24th 2014 with an informal brother get-together at the house, include class and era related social events and a banquet dinner and end on Tuesday, April 29th to mark the exact date of the 150th Anniversary. Stay tuned for updates on events, how to sign up to attend, and how to donate to specific house projects to be completed in preparation for the 150th Anniversary.

We expect over 200 alumni to return. We will announce a list of alumni who have committed to return at this year's 6294 and kick off more formal communications. We will announce a tentative itinerary. We already have alumni from the 1950s, 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s and 2000s committed to return and to organize reunions among each era. We want your input regarding planned events. We want you to join your brothers in a once in a lifetime opportunity to re-connect with so many of your brothers. Please come for the whole week or just for the long weekend to visit your home away from home in Troy.

If you have questions, comments, or would like to help with planning, contact Spencer Anunsen at [s.m.anunsen@gmail.com](mailto:s.m.anunsen@gmail.com) or David Fowkes at [dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto:dwfowkes@verizon.net). Please email David if you think you may join us. Hotel rooms will be tight in Troy that weekend and we want to provide you with the opportunity to hold your room in Troy to make your visit as convenient as possible.

## **Congratulations to our Outgoing Seniors**

It's a very exciting time for our outgoing seniors as they apply for jobs, graduate school, etc. We wish them all the best of luck and trust that the skills they developed as an Alpha will serve them well in all of their future endeavors.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Major</b>
Sean Garvey	1609	B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Jon Miner	1614	M.Eng. Environmental Engineering, B.S. Civil Engineering
Billy Gibbons	1623	B.S. Nuclear Engineering
Greg Weston	1624	B.S. Industrial and Management Engineering
JD DeWaard	1625	B.S. Industrial and Management Engineering
Barry Fortuna	1628	M.S. Financial Markets and Risk Analytics
Derek Loush	1629	B.S. Civil Engineering
Will Toth	1631	B.S. Computer and Systems Engineering
Brendan Lambert	1632	B.S. Aeronautical Engineering
Rob Malhotra	1635	B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Dilpreet Saran	1637	B.S. Industrial and Management Engineering
Jake Weinreb	1641	B.S. Chemical and Biomedical Engineering
Brian Deignan	1648	B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Pat Whelan	1669	B.S. Mechanical Engineering

## **Theta Xi City Clubs**

**Albany, NY Club - [OPEN]. E-mail David Fowkes A1275 at [dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto:dwfowkes@verizon.net) about upcoming events.**

**Boston Club - Chris Blanc A1404 - For more information please contact Chris at [cblanc@gmail.com](mailto:cblanc@gmail.com).**

**Chicago Club - Weston Harding Gamma Tau 1 - [Weston.Harding@xplusrealestate.com](mailto:Weston.Harding@xplusrealestate.com)**

**NYC Club - E-mail David Fowkes A1275 - Email David at [dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto:dand187@gmail.com). John Reinhardt A1358 has also recently gotten together Alphas in the DC area. Contact John at [john@teamreinhardt.com](mailto:john@teamreinhardt.com) for more details.**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**April 27, 2013**

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

**October 4-6, 2013**

**RPI Reunion & Homecoming:** Get together with your Brothers this fall on the RPI campus 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](mailto:mglaccum@geosphereinc.com).

**Lloyd Bauer A826**, Class of '55, recently sent in this photo of the chapter house circa 1953. Thanks, Lloyd!



Chapter House circa 1953

## Get Connected through LinkedIn.com and Facebook

Connect with Brothers through online social and professional networks.

LinkedIn.com: <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/95974/613485187C67> (121 Brothers - 18+ have joined in the last 6 months)

FaceBook.com: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/zooalumni/> (293 Brothers - 10+ have joined in the last 6 months) or search for 'Zoo Alumni'.

## Chapter Eternal

A747 Joseph C. Walker, Jr. '51 10/11/2009\* [obituary](#)

\*Brother Walker's family recently sent in notification that he had passed away.

## **Volunteers Needed**

Want to help out but not sure how? Contact David Fowkes ([dwfowkes@verizon.net](mailto:dwfowkes@verizon.net)), 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 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 Alums? 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](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