



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Fall 2010

Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence

DELTA PSI ANNOUNCES \$1.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN TO FUND CHAPTER HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Loyal Supporters Raise \$810,000



For more than 60 years, Sigma Chi has enhanced the lives of more than 1,000 young men at RPI. Delta Psi has always been a place where men excel as leaders on campus, in the classroom, and as alumni through civic leadership across our country. Lifetime friendships, business and community contacts, social opportunities, and fond memories are a few of the many benefits of our Sigma Chi membership.

The Delta Psi chapter house is more than 100 years old, and the Arch Love addition is nearly four decades old. The house has served us well, and it has withstood decades of use but is in dire need of significant renovations. Fire safety regulations have reduced the legal live-in capacity by 10. While the alumni work sessions of the past five summers have gone a long way to fixing some of the most glaring issues, there are structural, systems, and design issues that cannot easily be fixed in a few weekends. A vibrant chapter at 58 Pinewoods needs a facility that is safe and comfortable, with proper study areas congruent with the expectations of students of this century and the new requirements dictated by the Institute. We can't expect to continue attracting the best leaders of tomorrow without upgrading our facilities.

When we joined Sigma Chi, we knew we would share the ongoing responsibility for our college home at 58 Pinewoods. Among those responsibilities is our financial responsibility for the chapter to flourish for another 60 years.

Over the last several years, a vision-driven group of Delta Psi alumni has worked diligently to develop a solid strategy to build a high-quality facility and to provide a living experience that truly promotes excellence, enabling us to continue attracting the best young men at RPI. Their hard work has resulted in increased alumni support and

programming for the chapter and a first-class design and plan for a major house renovation. With a very generous commitment from **Bill Pomeroy '66**, we have already raised more than \$810,000 toward our goal of \$1.5 million for the \$2.8 million renovation/expansion. With this strong early support, we are excited to kick off a major capital campaign to make this vision a reality.

We hope you are as excited about this project as we are. In the coming weeks, you will receive more information detailing the ways alumni have taken an active role in the chapter and how you can become involved in our mentoring programs and in our capital campaign.

Sigma Chi has always been the place where we develop and promote friendship and brotherhood, but we also train boys to become men, encouraging them to excel in all that they do. It's an experience one can't get living in a dormitory or an apartment. Think what your experience at 58 Pinewoods meant to your growth and development, and you'll remember why it is our turn to support the next generation of Sigs.

We hope you will take a moment to reflect on what Sigma Chi means to you and join our growing list of loyal supporters who wish to ensure the lasting impact of the Delta Psi experience on the lives of men at 58 Pinewoods.

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Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future



Delta Psi is presented the Peterson Award and the Risk Management Grant at the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in July. From left: Sam Feldman '11, Chapter Advisor Bob Eckart '73, Isaac Nault '12, Consul Adam Weltz '11, past Grand Consul Bob Jones '73, Grand Consul Wayne Tucker, Eta Omega '85, Ken Sobel '12, Matthew Karnick '12, Ben Tashjian '07, and Phil McGrath '12.

Delta Psi Wins Coveted Peterson Award

At the Balfour Leadership Training Workshop in July, the Sigma Chi Foundation announced that the Delta Psi Chapter had been selected as one of 38 chapters to receive the Peterson Significant Chapter Award for the 2009-10 school year.

Named for past Grand Consul **J. Dwight Peterson, Lambda '19**, the award recognizes superior performance in 11 areas of chapter operations,

including scholarship, financial stability, chapter and member character and reputation, campus activities and leadership, community service, faculty and alumni relations, pledge programs, and use of the Ritual.

The Peterson Award was established in 1963, and this marks the sixth time Delta Psi has received this honor. The other years were 1982-83, 1986-87, 1994-95, 1995-96, and 1996-97.

Basement Room Converted into Study Zone

New Study Space Will Help Members Attain Academic Goals

Anticipating a year filled with milestones for the Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity, I write this letter with humility and great excitement. I am blessed to be involved in an organization that exists and thrives because of alumni support.

We will drive the capital campaign by showing alumni the dedication of our active members and by building on our past successes. Last summer, our chapter was awarded the Peterson Award, a five-star status, and the first place Risk Management Foundation award for outstanding risk management for the second consecutive year.

Last spring, we set a goal to improve our scholastic achievement. In our persistent endeavors toward that goal, we turned a large room beneath the living room in the basement (used as the Cave bedroom 35 years ago) into a fully finished study room during this year's pre-semester work party. The project included the installation of a new acoustic ceiling, improved lighting, an in-wall heater, and computer networking. Interest income from the Arch Love Scholarship Fund helped us purchase study tables and chairs, lounge chairs, a whiteboard, and a printer.

The resulting private, quiet room includes three separate work areas with tables and eight desk chairs, allowing brothers to work together as necessary on projects and to facilitate tutoring. In addition, there is a separate area with four soft lounge chairs. Almost every night all chairs are occupied. As one brother said shortly after school began, "I think more people have been in the study room doing work in the three



Danny Delphino '11, Alex Manocchi '12, Michael Hanson '12, Matthew Karnick '12, and Michael Cunningham '12 enjoy the new study room.

weeks that the semester has been in session than occurred all of last year." Thank you to the undergraduates and alumni who worked together to make this project a success. The improved study conditions will help us achieve our objective of surpassing the all-men's campus G.P.A. by spring.



Finally, we hope you enjoyed the 60th anniversary celebration. It was our pleasure to host alumni for this memorable weekend.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Adam Weltz '11
Consul
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"I think more people have been in the study room doing work in the three weeks that the semester has been in session than occurred all of last year."

Generations Mingle at Work Party

The annual active and alumni work party was held August 20-22. This year's event was the culmination of a successful five-year plan designed to spruce up the chapter house at 58 Pinewoods Avenue before the 60th anniversary celebration of the Delta Psi Chapter. More than three dozen alumni brothers returned to Troy to work alongside the 30+ actives on a myriad of projects, including:

- constructing a new study room
- remodeling the first floor women's bathroom
- repainting
- yard work and landscaping
- updating the party room

The cross-generational camaraderie on display the entire weekend was awesome. Actives and alumni of classes 1960 through 2010 enjoyed a welcoming dinner on Friday evening at The Red Front Restaurant & Tavern; a steak barbecue feast on Saturday; a House Corporation meeting followed by a Ritual chapter meeting on Saturday night; and hours of stories, jokes, and hearty laughs mingled in with the hard work that was accomplished. The strength of the brotherhood was clearly evident.

Most gratifying of all was unveiling the improvements to everyone at the anniversary celebration. Thanks to all who helped returning brothers witness the resurging chapter firsthand.

In Hoc Signo Vincens,
Thom Kouletsis '76



Work party volunteers remodeled the first floor ladies' restroom.



Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '72 and Jared Wall '09 rake the lawn during the work party in August.



The work party cooking crew serves up a feast. From left: Dennis Dominguez '12, Bill "Evil" Hanson '73, Bob "Barney" Shortle '74, Thom Kouletsis '76, Phil McGrath '12, and Aaron Squier '13.

FALL ALUMNI DINNER DRAWS CROWD OF SUPPORTIVE BROTHERS

Delta Psi Welcomes 14 New Pledges

The September 28 bid day hailed yet another great generation of men to our family, which will undoubtedly continue the growth of our chapter. I would like to thank all the alumni who came to the alumni dinner the previous weekend.

It meant a lot to future Delta Psis to show the commitment we make to Sigma Chi is for life, not just college. Another sincere thanks is due to **Isaac Nault '12**, our recruitment chairman, for putting his heart and soul into yet another successful recruitment program. We offered 19 bids and received 14 pledges. Great work, everyone! We are truly a league apart.

In Hoc,
Arunesh Ghosh '12, Chapter Editor
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Delta Psi welcomes the fall 2010 pledge class. Back row, from left: Vincent Kocher (Parish, N.Y.), Jay Cady (New London, N.H.), Chris Heinbokel (Westfield, N.J.), Chase Krivo (New Canaan, Conn.), Tim Loh (Summit, N.J.), Brendan McLaughlin (Glen Ridge, N.J.), Daniel Sampliner (Rockville, Md.), Connor Tighe (Wyckoff, N.J.). Front row: Ray Kowalski (Woodbury Heights, N.J.), Joseph Chandler (Salisbury, Mass.), Kevin Kendall (Stamford, Conn.), Michael Amador (New York, N.Y.), Dylan Parker (Hereford, Md.), Stephen Sobel (Monroe, Conn.); (*Legacy, Brother Ken Sobel '12).*

Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence

Thank You, Loyal Brothers, for Committing \$810,000

We are deeply grateful to the following Delta Psi brothers for committing more than \$810,000 to the *Building Our Bridge to EXcellence* campaign. These brothers recognize the importance of ensuring the future of the Delta Psi Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal and complete this major project.

ARCH LOVE SOCIETY

(\$250,000 and above)

William G. Pomeroy '66

SEVEN FOUNDERS SOCIETY

(\$100,000 to \$249,999)

CONSTANTINE SOCIETY

(\$50,000 to \$99,999)

DELTA PSI 1950 SOCIETY

(\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Bruce S. Allen '65

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In honor of

Peter K. Wurst '04

Paul J. Cosgrave '72

Robert C. Eckart '73

William A. Hanson '73

James C. Manocchi '75

Daniel B. DeSantis '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

William G. Numann '78

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Paul E. Roughan Jr. '78

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Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

WHITE CROSS SOCIETY

(\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Edwin M. Kellogg '60

James M. Banghart Jr. '69

John E. Belletete '71

Robert H.W. Jones III '73

Robert J. Shortle Jr. '74

Bedard Family Gift

Robert Bedard '75

Joshua Nichols '05

Geoffrey M. Cohen '06

John Murray '07

In honor of

the Murray Family

Anubhau Srivastava '07

In honor of

the Class of 2007

BLUE AND GOLD SOCIETY

(\$5,000 to \$9,999)

Lawrence Mentz '68

Jon F. Merz '78

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Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Stephen P. Noe '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Robert W. Stone '82

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(\$2,500 to \$4,999)

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Alan Hanbury Jr. '74

In memory of

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In memory of

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Alex Manocchi '12

Phil McGrath '12

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NORMAN SHIELD SOCIETY

(\$1,000 to \$2,499)

Michael Prescott '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of November 1, 2010

\$810,000

Total Commitments

81

Contributors

\$1.5

Million Goal

Joseph M. Wahl '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Rui Soares '95

Colin Haynes '09

Daniel Morse '10

Brian Allen '12

Michael Cunningham '12

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Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future

A Man Is Only As Good As His Word

Spotlight on Bill Pomeroy '66

Palo Alto, California, 1969. While working for IBM, as yet unaware of the professional eminence ahead of him, **William G. Pomeroy Jr. '66** stumbled across an advertisement that read: "A man is only as good as his word. I'll do what I say I will do. I'll deliver on time!" Though the company responsible for the ad has long been forgotten, Bill cut out the passage and has posted it in his office ever since. The bedraggled piece of paper has served as Bill's daily reminder over the years to work with integrity and enthusiasm. Judging by the immense success he has met, those words are good advice to follow.

Bill's career has come a long way since his days at IBM. After taking a two-year hiatus from the corporate world for a South American adventure in a VW bus, he returned to the U.S. and the computer industry and founded CABLExpress Corporation in 1978. Thirty-two years and a name change later, CXtec is a \$100 million enterprise helping customers reduce the cost of their networking infrastructure and has fathered a spinoff company, TERACAI. For his efforts, Bill has won an abundance of awards, including entrepreneur of the year honors from RPI, Ernst & Young, and Syracuse University. And all this from the man who was happy to leave the pressure of college because "it seemed most everyone else was smarter."

Bill's collegiate years weren't all bad, he admits. The brotherhood of Delta Psi and the Sigma Chi Creed made an impression on him, and the time he spent at 58 Pinewoods holds some of his most precious memories. Among the highlights: being elected GOP by the 1963 pledge class and his inaugural toss into Ida Lake; dubbing the front study room he shared with **George Reynolds '66** and **Steve Matthews '66** the "small bore range" in 1963, a title that has stood the test of time despite name spelling changes; and Thumper and sing-alongs with **Rod Blumenau '65** at the piano.

Bill is grateful for the life lessons he gained as a Delta Psi as well as the camaraderie. He advises undergraduates to volunteer for offices within the chapter. "It will help build your ability to lead in the future." Bill served as historian and assistant house manager, "not really big roles," he concedes, "but they helped me learn. You can lead, follow, or just get out of the way." Bill has decidedly chosen the former. In addition to heading one of the best companies to work for in America, he serves on a variety of community and national boards ranging from historical societies to the Salvation Army.

Greater than any of his accomplishments, though, is his triumph over AML. Bill was diagnosed with the aggressive form of leukemia on October 19, 2004. Thanks to a superb team of doctors and a stem cell transplant in May 2005, he has not only survived, but his donor's stem cells have completely taken over his bone marrow. With his new perspective on life, Bill established the William G. Pomeroy Foundation to help other patients find a bone marrow donor match, the key element that saved his life.

Now fully recovered, Bill has been able to return to his favorite hobbies. Amateur radio has served as his outlet for years, but for the past decade ancestry research has been competing for his free time. He and his wife, Sandra, live in Syracuse, New York. Contact Bill at bpomeroy@cxtec.com.



Bill Pomeroy's Words of Wisdom for Young Alumni

- ◆ Early on, be prepared for long hours
- ◆ Follow your bliss, and do it better than anyone else
- ◆ Enjoy what you are doing; then it's not work
- ◆ Live below your means, and save for an unexpected opportunity
- ◆ Take calculated risks
- ◆ Keep an open mind, explore all alternatives, and never say no to anything
- ◆ Embrace change
- ◆ Ask lots of questions
- ◆ Be as good as your word



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CHAPTER ETERNAL

Edward R. Miller '58 passed on to Chapter Eternal on March 31 after a battle with prostate cancer.

Alfred "Ding" Arbeiter '72 entered Chapter Eternal on June 16 after suffering from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). He is survived by his twin brother, **Herb "Dewey" Arbeiter '72**.

Ding was active in ΣΧ sports at RPI and regularly attended Delta Psi alumni functions after graduation, including 34 Belmont Stakes, five Great Southern trips to Florida, and six **Ken Sullivan '73** Memorial Golf Tournaments in York, Maine.

Ding and Dewey partnered with **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71** to buy a 30-foot boat after college, which they named In Hoc. Ruff led an effort to collect funds to help defray Ding's medical costs during his ALS battle. Last spring, a group of Sigs presented Ding and his wife, Jane, with a check for \$6,149.54.

Ding was a good man and a great friend. He loved to play basketball and tennis and now has a prime seat for his beloved World Cup, NBA Finals, and every other sporting event on the globe. We will miss him, especially his smiling face.

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78 passed on to Chapter Eternal on July 9 after a nine-year struggle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Jon Merz '78 led a group of Sigs to honor Rusty's life at the funeral services in Media, Pa.



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Attention: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents.

If your Sigma Chi son is still attending RPI, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.



On October 15-17, 325 brothers and guests returned to RPI to celebrate the chapter's 60th anniversary. We kicked off the reunion weekend with an Oktoberfest-themed welcome, catered by Wolff's Biergarten. Emcees **Bill Maslyn '92** and **Paul Cosgrave '72** hosted the Saturday night celebration dinner at the new Hilton Garden Inn to honor our brothers and those who have entered Chapter Eternal. Grand Consuls **Bob Jones '73** and **Wayne Tucker, Eta Omega '85**, awarded grand consul certificates to five founding members from 1950. The night was capped off with a performance by Oedipus and The Mothers back at 58 Pinewoods. With 210 alumni and active members in attendance, this was the largest gathering of Delta Psi brothers ever. Look for more anniversary celebration pictures and news on the chapter web site, www.sigmachi-rpi.org.