



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Fall 2014

Join Us for the 2014 Work Party August 15-17

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by, but it's true! The inaugural year of the new Pomeroy Chapter House at 58 Pinewoods Avenue has been completed, and Work Party 2014 is coming up soon, Friday, August 15, through Sunday, August 17. This is the ninth annual event, and it's sure to be the best yet!

Though we've been blessed with a new house, it has been lived in for a year and we need to ensure it is maintained, and kept pristine and ready for the new school year. Our foreman, **Bob "Beo" Bedard '75**, and chief home remodeler, **Alan "HJ" Hanbury '74**, have compiled a task list for Work Party 2014 Weekend. Remember there are jobs for everyone—professional skills are not needed—just the desire to work alongside our active brothers in caring for our house.

If the promise of work isn't enough to excite you and draw you back to Troy (as it is for me!), let's not forget the Friday golf outing, the Friday evening alumni/active dinner, the weekend of camaraderie, the Saturday night ritual house meeting (a major highlight), and the chance to strengthen our connections with each other, swap stories, tell tall tales of recent and bygone days, and generally have a ton of fun. You want to be there! Please let us know if you can join us so we can plan accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you all back at 58 Pinewoods!

In Hoc,
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Work Party Projects At-a-Glance

- Landscaping and garden maintenance
- Adding steps to north entrance
- Installing shelves to library and study room
- Hanging composites and wall décor
- Organizing and updating the garage
- Painting garage of our Delta Psi neighbors, the Bells
- Completing electrical tasks
- Addressing rotting wood on front porch
- Installing a backyard patio
- Organizing the basement
- Cleaning of common spaces

PROJECT PLANS IN PLACE FOR WORK PARTY 2014

Brothers, we are blessed to have a gorgeous new house at 58 Pinewoods Avenue, melding the old lady with a new energy efficient, state-of-the-art facility integrated both visually and physically. As any of us who has purchased a new house knows, there are some things that you wished you had asked for as the structure went up, stuff you forgot would need a place to be stored, hung, or enjoyed and, worst of all, it loses its new house smell pretty quickly. And that is without 50 people living in the space and more dropping by to enjoy it. So here we are looking at the ninth annual Work Party in 2014.

Fortunately, the builder is taking care of some of the stuff that is not weathering the first year in a fashion we all thought it would. That leaves us with minor issues to improve on, some lingering issues in the old house, and finishing touches to electronic projects and study aids that we knew were going to have to wait. We don't have any large scale projects; it will be the chance to have a normal work day and finish on Sunday rather than asking folks to stay late into the week to keep the projects moving to completion. Speaking for those folks, I am thrilled that we will have a small, manageable, and yet important list.

Some of the projects that are on the slate are more landscaping and garden issues, and adding a set of steps off the north side of the walkway to the

kitchen entrance that goes down to the driveway. It is a steep slope, a little dangerous to walk on when wet, but a short cut used way too often to ignore that opportunity. We need some display shelves and bookshelves for both the library and study room to house our old textbooks and files and a place to display old plaques, awards and trophies, possibly not in the library which we are keeping minimally adorned. We are looking at moving some of the composites off the hallways and adding some other hanging features as well as adding some of our fraternal symbols to the stair towers and landings.

The garage has gotten overhead doors but it is still a rough place, and fixing the stairs, adding better lighting, and cleaning and organizing the stuff we keep there is a priority as well as painting the outside and other minor chores. As a neighborly gesture, the undergraduates are also suggesting that we help update/paint the Bells' garage, which is directly next to ours. There are miscellaneous electronic issues to complete, like our camera system, some speaker wiring, a place for an LCD projector, and other small opportunities to get us wired for the future.

There is some rotting wood under our front porch that has been patched several times in past sessions and in 2001 before work party was born, so that will require some attention as well. The

rest of the structure is pretty much new or clad in new durable materials, so going forward our maintenance will be minimal.

We are considering doing a patio in the rear yard where all the sidewalks converge as it is easier to have picnics on a dry surface rather than wet grass. This is great because there will be less to mow as well!

Additionally, the old basement, which is now completely cleaned out, needs some rearranging. We need shelving assembled, as well as a sports closets constructed, and in general, to weed out the unnecessary. Our party room might be getting some wall décor to make it feel homier as well.

Lastly, the house needs a complete cleanup of all the common spaces, and there is a lot of that! Flooring in the kitchen is being replaced under warranty and first floor oak floors refinished in some areas which will make those spaces like new again.

I will be there for a 10th time, and hope to see many of you join me there on Friday for golf and the active dinner, and stay through Sunday so you don't miss the ritual house meeting on Saturday night.

In Hoc,
Alan "HJ" Hanbury '74

1950 SIGMA CHI PETITION DISCOVERED

Brother **Jim Mitchell '51**, an original member of Sigma Chi at RPI, found a pristine copy of the 1950 brochure from when local fraternity Phi Epsilon Phi petitioned to Sigma Chi requesting membership. The petition is 5 x 9 inches with 32 glossy pages showcasing an aerial photo of RPI on the front and back covers; a picture of the membership, profiles of the members, pictures of fraternity life in 1950; and countless supporting letters from school officials, local members, and prominent Sigs (including former Grand Consul L.G. Balfour of Balfour Jewelry). Special thanks to Significant Sig Jim Mitchell, recipient of both the RAA Fellows Award and the Rensselaer Davies Medal, for the safekeeping of this memory. Brother Mitchell has donated the booklet to the chapter. A copy can be found on the alumni page of our chapter website at www.sigmachi-rpi.org/newsletter/1950SigmaChiPetition.pdf.

Pinewoods Educational Foundation Announces New Board Member Dan Hudson '70

In June, the house corporation approved the recommendation of Pinewoods Educational Foundation (PEF) to add **Dan Hudson '70** as treasurer to the board, replacing **Paul "PJ" Roughan '78**, who has served Sigma Chi and Delta Psi with distinction as the treasurer for both the PEF and the *Campaign for Excellence*.

Dan's financial background is highly regarded as he recently retired as a certified public accountant. We are fortunate to add Dan to the board and have him accept the treasurer's role, particularly at a time when RPI is focused on the financial stability of the entire fraternity system. Dan's integrity is impeccable as many of us can testify having known him during our undergraduate years.

During PJ's tenure, we were successful in exceeding our fundraising goals. In addition, PJ, **Jim Manocchi '75**, and the entire construction team completed the building program on time and on budget, and he leaves the PEF treasury in really good shape. We were truly fortunate to have had PJ's financial expertise during this major construction period. As the principal person working with our bank lenders, PJ's performance was exceptional.

Please join me in thanking PJ for his contribution and welcoming Dan to the PEF as he looks forward to working with us all.

In Hoc,
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN *THE* *BUILDING OUR BRIDGE* *TO EXCELLENCE* CAMPAIGN

Thank you to the brothers who continue to show their support to Delta Psi and its capital campaign. Recent donations were received by **Clarence Quillin '54**. We will always be grateful to our loyal donors. Thank you.

Chapter Anticipates Fall Semester Successful Transition Back to 58 Pinewoods

This past year was an exciting one as we moved into the renovated Pomeroy Chapter House, but it was also full of challenges as we tried to get accustomed to the new building. There were a number of kinks to figure out as far as weekday and weekend work sessions, how to clean the new kitchen, making small repairs overlooked by the contractors, how to use the living spaces effectively, as well as miscellaneous others.

Living at 58 Pinewoods all together has been almost surreal compared to the multiple apartments and dorms the prior year. Looking back, I can say we have made a lot of fond memories in the new chapter house, and begun a new era for Delta Psi. It has definitely taken a lot of work from the countless alumni and undergraduate brothers to get our chapter to where it is today.

LOOKING AHEAD WITH OUR OFFICERS

After living in a new house during these past two semesters, we are beginning to see the fruits of our labor thanks in large to former Consul **Joseph Karpie '14**, former Pro-Consul **Ben Richardson '15**, and all other 2013-14 officers. This past year set a foundation for the future success of our chapter. The 2014-15 executive officers are looking forward to attending Balfour Leadership Training Workshop this summer at Ball State, and planning for a very successful year. This coming year will act as a cornerstone on our foundation to guide the success of our chapter for years to come.

AIMING HIGH WITH CONTINUED ALUMNI SUPPORT

There is a very bright future ahead for Delta Psi, but we could not have gotten where we are without strong support from our alumni. As we aim high in the coming year, we need the continuing support of our alumni more than ever. If possible, I strongly urge you to attend the upcoming work party August 15-17, or come visit anytime you're around. We'd love to have you!

In Hoc,
Oskari Rautiainen '15
Consul

CONGRATULATIONS, 2014 SENIORS

Alumni, Help Out Our Recent Graduates!

Vincent Kocher '14

Harrison, N.Y.

On the job search

Joe Chandler '14

Salisbury, Mass.

Working at SPS New England Inc.

Ray Kowalski '14

Woodbury Heights, N.J.

On the job search

Jay Cady '14

Palo Alto, Calif.

Working on Whirl startup with

Ken Sobel '12 and **Steve Sobel '14**

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Palo Alto, Calif.

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Gary Krivo '14

Knoxville, Tenn.

Graduate school for master's in nuclear engineering

Brendan McLaughlin '14

Rensselaer/Troy, N.Y.

Working at Regeneron

Connor Tighe '14

Troy, N.Y.

Searching for a position in materials science and engineering

Resume: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B5-FDfPr_w3JMHp6RUtXR2FJMWM/edit?usp=sharing

Joseph Karpie '14

Williamsburg, Va.

Graduate School at William &

Mary for Ph.D. in physics

Jabari White '14

Washingtonville, N.Y.

On the job search

Blake Torres '14

Los Angeles, Calif.

Searching for a position in nuclear power, nuclear engineering, counter-terrorism, or engineering consulting

Resume: <https://docs.google.com/file/d/0BxFnUT9q19uyOXlGQ3g3ZDZyBg>



2014 seniors. Front row, from left: Dylan Parker '14, Stephen Cale '14, Vincent Kocher '14, Jay Cady '14, and Joseph Karpie '14. Back: Gary Krivo '14, Ray Kowalski '14, Mack Ott '14, Alex Cai '14, and Blake Torres '14.

Stephen Cale '14

Suffern, N.Y.

On the job search

Brandon Win '14

Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Taking some time off

Mack Ott '14

Somerset, Wis.

Searching for a position in the aerospace field in testing or design

Resume: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/ksd68k9yqpr915q/Mackresume%28Mech%29.pdf>

Phi Epsilon Phi Continues to Thrive with Help from Alumni

Greetings, brothers! May this newsletter find you and yours well and enjoying the summer. I hope that many of you will be able to come to Troy in a few weeks for Work Party 2014, August 15-17. Our annual house corporation membership meeting is Friday at 8 p.m., with popular ritualistic chapter meeting on Saturday night. Chef Chris Burnett is returning; we can expect great food with plenty of spirited brotherhood. Please plan to join us!

It is hard to imagine that we recently concluded the first year inside the brand new fraternity house. Time flies, even when things don't always go the way you hope they will. Overall the renovation has been an overwhelming success. We still have some plumbing problems with epoxy shower walls and kitchen and chapter room floors. The good news is that our general contractor is fixing them all under the one-year warranty. Kudos to Brother **Jim Manocchi '75** who continues to shepherd this remediation.

Do you have any experience with the preservation of historic archives? See the article *1950 Sigma Chi Petition Discovered*. Your board is looking for one or more experienced archivists for our historic documents. So if you have the knowledge to help us out, or you possess or are aware of other historic material pertinent to Phi Epsilon Phi and Delta Psi, please contact me.

Board member **Ken Sobel '12** has served the past two years with distinction as treasurer of the corporation and completing numerous tasks to further our mission. Unfortunately, Ken needed to resign to devote all of his energies to a new startup that he and other Delta Psi alumni, including his brother **Stephen Sobel '14**, have been working on for the last year. We wish Ken and his brother colleagues much success in their new endeavor. Brother **Dan Zuber '10** has been elected to fill the year remaining in Ken's term. Congratulations, Dan!

In addition to the loss of Brother Sobel from the board, Brother **Ben Tashjian '07** has decided not to run for re-election this year. Ben has served on the board since 2008. More recently, he has divided his spare time between the risk manager office on the board and chapter advisor to the Syracuse chapter. During the planning stages of the renovation, he devoted much effort performing an energy analysis of the new building and how it would perform, providing tradcoffs between various heating and air-conditioning systems. We will miss Ben's contributions, as well as his thoughtful and well-reasoned decisions.

Finally, I have also decided not to run for re-election. I would like to spend more time with my expanding family—we are up to four grandkids now! In addition, as some of you know, I have been battling some wellness issues that will require more of my time in the coming year to hopefully

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ALUMNI NEWS

CHAPTER ETERNAL

Brother **Martin Mard '49** passed on to the Chapter Eternal on March 11. He visited 58 Pinewood for the 60th anniversary reunion in 2010, and was the eldest of three founding fathers at the gala. Brother Mard's obituary is located at <http://www.mvmtimes.com/2014/04/17/martin-h-mard-2/>.



Brother Martin Mard '49 in 1949.



Brother Mard in 2014.



Rich Molyneux '68 as the Christmas Elf in 1967.



Delta Psi's five founding fathers at the 2010 Reunion. Dan Burt '69, Rich Molyneux '68, Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71, Bob "Barney" Shortle '74, and Jim "Munger" Banghart '69.



Bob "Barney" Shortle '74, Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71, Clarence "Woody" Quillin, Jr. '54, and Dan Burt '69

ALUMNI UPDATE

Larre Nelson '67 reports that his family is very proud of three masters degrees: son, Paul (33), master's in civil engineering from Northeastern; daughter, Amanda (30), master of divinity from the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; and daughter-in-law, Jessalyn (26), master's in civil engineering from Tufts. *Congratulations on these profound achievements!*

Josh "Pickles" Nichols '06 married Tracy Brisson in Savannah, Ga., in March. Invitations to this beautiful wedding were sent to semi-recent alumni of Delta Psi. *Congrats!*

Jeremy Surprise '07 is engaged to Rachelle Victoria. Their wedding is set for May 2015. *Best Wishes!*

Max Schnur '09 writes, "Well, it finally happened! Larissa Helms and I were married on May 9 in Beverly, Mass. It was a really small ceremony—just us, with Amanda Pietraszewski as officiant and Jonathan Helms as photographer. It was awesome, and a bird pooped on me right after we said our vows!" *Congratulations, Max and Amanda!*

Dan Zuber '10 married Kait Saba earlier this month. *Congratulations to you both!*

Senior **Ben Richardson '15** was elected to join the executive committee of Sigma Chi during the June 2014 Grand Council. Ben will serve as one of two undergraduate brothers with the fraternity's top-level management team until Grand Chapter 2015. *Congratulations!*

If you would like to read more alumni news items, remember to report retirements, deaths, birth of children or grandchildren, new jobs, promotions, transfers, change of residences, house purchases (with an invite to the housewarming party!), marriages, especially class gatherings, individual gatherings with other Delta Psi Sigs, children going to college, old stories, and more. Photos are even better. On the Internet pages, there will be room for everything. If you don't see your news in the Delta Psi Sig, be sure to check out <http://sigmachi-rpi.org>. Submissions may be sent to bobshortle@gmail.com.

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fully regain my health. When I first was elected to the board in early 2006, I had two objectives: to involve more alumni and to restore the physical plant to what it once was through alumni/active Work Parties. Together, we have achieved much more than I could have imagined, the most important of them being the character development of the many young men I have had the opportunity to know over the years, going back to 1999-2000 when my son, **Pete '04**, entered RPI and join Sigma Chi. No question, serving on the board has been a labor of love. To be sure, I will try to stay involved in some capacity. I leave having complete confidence in the brothers serving on the board, as well as those up for re-election.

Please don't forget to return the proxy form on page 6 ahead of the annual meeting. Your returned proxy will instill confidence in your board and ensure our forward momentum—we can't do it without YOU!

In Hoc,

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The Great Western Trip

Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71 led a cadre of brothers and spouses on the Great Western Trip (GWT3), a four-day tour of golf courses, travel sites, and brothers' homes from Santa Catalina Island through Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Tustin and Newport Beach on to Mission Viejo, Calif., in May 2014. Hosts were **Dan Burt '69** and his wife, Joan, as well as **Christopher Serocke '73** and his wife, Joyce. Californians on the tour included **George "Earth" Wurm '71**, **Richard Rishko '76**, and **George Sullivan '75**, **Mark Skarulis '96** and his four-year-old son, Owen, and **Bruce Pratt '96**. Visitors included **John Lerory Pfaff '71**, **Jack Billetete '71** and Marcea Gustafson, **Jim "Munger" Banghart '69** and Anne, as well as **Bob "Barney" Shortle '74** and Marion.

During the Great Western Trip, Dan, Jim, Bob Hutnick and Bob Shortle found **Rich Molyneux '68** on the streets of downtown Manhattan Beach. The five shared lunch and relived old memories. Rich has not been back to 58 Pinewoods but enjoyed the camaraderie commenting that it just melted away the years and the distance. Rich recently retired after a career that took him through IBM, GE, Matel, and Apple. He also worked at WET Design, which built the Las Vegas Bellagio fountains. Rich and his wife, Susan, have five kids and five grandkids and enjoy living the California lifestyle. Two of his daughters are Emmy-nominated TV writers on *Bob's Burgers*, which airs on FOX. Some of the memories relived including Rich's performance as a chapter dinner Christmas elf captured in the Transit yearbook 1967, the fun and camaraderie of singing along to the piano playing of **Rod Blumineau '65**, the enjoyment of KCAW (**John Krifka's '70** Creative Arts Weekend), Sarcas's (**Josef Stefens '69**) liberation of "the fish" (later named Jerry T. Bass) during Saturnalia 1967, and the special and very personal tribute to the reigning Sweetheart by **Denny George '66** and his roommate, **Steve "Squash" Matthews '66**, in the winter of '66. It was a fun visit.

Our GWT3 crew also visited with **Clarence "Woody" Quillin Jr. '54** at his home with a glorious Pacific Ocean view in Redondo Beach, Calif. Woody has not yet retired from his home-building business for the Hollywood stars, his living room adorned with autographed thank-you pictures from Sinatra and Satchmo. Brother Quillin also worked for Textron in the aerospace industry and has lectured in engineering at USC. Woody recalled practicing lacrosse against the trees in the backyard at 58 Pinewoods, as part of the 1952 NCAA championship RPI lacrosse team coached by the great Ned Harkness. Woody was in the first Sigma Chi pledge class to be initiated in 1951 after the founding of Delta Psi on December 2, 1950. Proudly displayed on Woody's living table we found his RPI lacrosse hat and his Sigma Chi porcelain mug.



The Great Western Trip crew enjoying California.



Gary "Sluggo" Wood '71

GARY "SLUGGO" WOOD '71 RETURNS HOME TO CONTINUE HIS BATTLE AGAINST CANCER

One moment he was up and walking about, living life as he had always for his 60 plus years. The next, he couldn't stand or move his legs. No, this isn't the opening of some work of fiction, but is actually the beginning of what will be a long journey for Brother **Gary "Sluggo" Wood '71** and his wife, Joann. Gary has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone that has affected his spine and caused some lower extremities paralysis. In May, after 10 weeks of surgery, chemotherapy, and rehabilitation, Gary and Joann moved into his parent's home in Bethel, which was more readily adapted for wheelchair access. Joann recently reported that **Tom "Big Joe" Regan '73** and **Tom "Hobie" Hey '72** stopped by to visit with Gary.

When he wasn't riding his motorcycle for a weekend charity event, Gary was putting in time at countless August work parties. To help Gary and Joann with the enormous expenses that health insurance doesn't come close to covering, the house corporation has started a fundraising effort.

Brothers, please take the time to read the letter by Brother **Jim Campbell '70** at <http://sigmachirpi.org/newsletter/GaryWoodFundraiserLetter.pdf> and consider a heartfelt donation so they will feel the strong arms of Sigma Chi around them. Checks may be made payable to the Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation and mailed to: PO Box 494, Averill Park, NY 12018. On the memo line of the check, please note "Gift for Gary Wood." Gary and Joann are not receiving this newsletter, so let's keep this a surprise for them. All cards, e-mails, and calls are also welcomed and appreciated. Contact Joann Samalonis Wood at joanns@myfairpoint.net.

Save the Date for 2014 Events

August 15-17: Summer Work Party

August 17: Mission 365 Recruitment
Training Seminar

September 13: Alumni Dinner

October 10-12: Reunion and Homecoming

October 15: Pinewoods Foundation
Education Dinner

October 24-26: Family Weekend

November/December TBD: Fall Initiation

Contact 58pinewoods@gmail.com or call
(518) 620-1774 or for more information.

Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation Notice of Annual Meeting

Dear Brother,

You are cordially invited to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation to be held at 58 Pinewoods Avenue, Troy, NY, on Friday, August 15, 2014, at 8 p.m. for the following purposes:

- Receive the report of the directors and the accounts for the year of 2013-14; AND
- To elect or re-elect board members to two-year terms for the positions currently seated by:
- **John L. Pfaff III '71**

Please return the completed proxy form by August 8 if you are unable to attend the meeting in person. Your cooperation in this matter is essential if we are to realize a quorum of 100 as required by NY State Law.

Please mail this form to: **Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation, Sigma Chi Fraternity – Delta Psi Chapter, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, P.O. Box 494, Averill Park, NY 12018** (or email completed form to Anu Srivastava, Secretary at: asrivasts@gmail.com).

Thank you for your cooperation
in this important matter.

For the Board of Directors,
Anu Srivastava '07, Secretary

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to vote, and attend, instead of him.



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Revocable Proxy Phi Epsilon Phi Corporation

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints William Wurst, Robert Bedard, or Anu Srivastava or any one of them to represent and to vote as designated below, standing in the undersigned's name at the Annual Meeting of Members of the Corporation to be held on August 15, 2014, at 8 p.m. at 58 Pinewoods Ave, Troy, NY, and at any and all adjournments thereof. The undersigned hereby revokes any and all proxies heretofore given.

YOU MAY VOTE FOR UP TO THREE (3) CANDIDATES.

Please be sure to date and sign this proxy card above the line below.

- ☐ Election of the following member to a two year term as Director: **James M. Campbell III '70**
- ☐ Election of the following member to a two year term as Director: **Kenneth D. Miller '80**
- ☐ Election of the following member to a two year term as Director: **John L. Pfaff III '71***

***Incumbent**

Signature and date

Printed Name and Class year