



# The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Spring 2015

## Delta Psi Maintains Investment at 58 Pinewoods Avenue

### *A Message from Your Phi Epsilon Phi House Corporation*

**Y**our house corporation is focused on maintaining Pomeroy Chapter House at 58 Pinewoods Avenue in as close to new condition as possible. To achieve that goal, we have conducted formal inspections at the beginning and end of each semester. Additionally, we have made informal inspections at least once in the middle of each semester. The results of these inspections have been translated into action by our contractors to make sure that all warranty work is conducted. Recently a bent shaft on an air circulator fan was discovered and replaced, loose window sills in several bedrooms were fixed, and several wall dings were repaired by the undergraduates. Another result of our inspections was a deduction from the security deposits of various undergraduates to repair or replace specific damaged items that have occurred.

During winter break, we had all the woodwork and wainscoting in the living room, hallway, and dining room repainted with a two-part epoxy. As a result of this work, the house looks good and the undergraduates generally can keep it clean with their regular work sessions. During the summer 2015 shutdown we plan to continue the hardwood floor maintenance.

Plans for house improvements include new privet hedges along the front sidewalk where the old driveway entrance was, towel bars for the bedrooms, and possibly construction of a patio during August's pre-semester Work Party, August 21-23. **Larry Heinniger '77** is working on the landscaping and the patio plans.

Two other items the house corporation is working on with Chapter Advisor **Bob "Justa" Eckart '73** are to meet every four to six weeks with RPI's deans and to participate in the Alumni Inter-Greek Council. This is intended to expand our Sigma Chi alumni participation in the greater RPI Greek community and the overall RPI community, thus helping to fulfill Pinewoods Educational Foundation's charter.

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*The Phi Epsilon Phi board includes **John Pfaff '71**, president, **Ken Miller '80**, secretary, **Jim Campbell '70**, **Dan Zuber '10**, **Bob Bedard '75**, and **Jim Rossetti '79**. Many thanks to the current board members and to the past board members, **Bill Wurst '71**, **Ben Tashjian '07**, and **Anu Srivastava '07**, who stepped down recently.*

## CONTINUED SUPPORT HELPS DELTA PSI THRIVE

### UNDERGRADUATES MAKE PLEDGES TO POMEROY HOUSE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**T**he capital campaign for the reconstruction of the chapter house has been essentially completed. We are still in the collection period for many contributors who have chosen to pay their pledge over a period of years, and that is particularly important to all of the undergraduates who have made generous pledges. So while the capital portion of the campaign is complete, we sorely need for all of those who made pledges to continue to make payments against those pledges since our financing relies on their good faith in completing their obligation.

We are fortunate to have instilled the spirit of giving to the new undergraduates who are making 1855 pledges—\$18.55 per bi-weekly paycheck for five years starting a year after completing school. This tradition is similar to the one **Arch Love '42** started so many years ago and is critical to ensuring that the Pinewoods Educational Foundation has a continuing source of income to fund its scholarship and educational mission. The undergraduates have overwhelmingly bought into this concept and will help ensure that the Delta Psi tradition continues.

The fruits of the effort are beginning to show—we received an unsolicited donation from an RPI professor who attended the Pinewoods Dinner and another very generous donation from **Foss Hooper '66** that went above and beyond his already generous pledge and donations to the Foundation! Foss has also volunteered to assist with a course that the Pinewoods Educational Foundation will be offering for older alumni who are starting to think about estate planning and their legacy. Educational programs are not only for the undergraduates! Stay tuned for more on that front later.

In Hoc,  
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*The Pinewoods Educational Foundation is appointed by the Phi Epsilon Phi House Corporation. The members are **Jim Manocchi '75**, who recently became president, **Larry Mentz '68**, secretary, and **Dan Hudson '70**, treasurer. Many thanks to these volunteers and to our former president, **Paul Cosgrave '72**.*

See page 2 for details on Sigma Chi's 65th  
Anniversary, Homecoming, and Work Party 2015!

## Delta Psi Prepares for Homecoming, 65th Anniversary, and Work Party 2015

### *Save the Dates— Don't Miss Out*

**W**ork Party 2015, our annual refurbishment of the Pomeroy Chapter House at 58 Pinewoods, is a joint alumni and undergraduates celebration event. August 21-23 will be the Work Party 2015 weekend, a week+ before school starts.

October 2-3 will be RPI's Homecoming and Sigma Chi's 65th anniversary. We will also mark 95 years since Phi Epsilon Phi was started. Classes ending in five and zero are targeted for milestone reunions but all classes are welcome to attend according to event chairman **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71**. The final performance of the '60s house band Oedipus and the Muthers is planned, and the secret identity unveiling of Oedipus is rumored.

## Alumni Support Needed for Derby Days 2015

**T**he Delta Psi actives have set out to improve upon last year's Derby Days campaign and make this a historic year. The goal is to donate more than \$25,000 to the Huntsman Cancer Institute, and through efforts in the fall, we have already raised nearly \$10,000! We are looking to expand campus involvement and are seeking alumni and corporate sponsorships. If you would like to donate, please visit [derbychallenge.org](http://derbychallenge.org) and donate to the Sigma Chi Delta Psi team, or contact me at [csago136@gmail.com](mailto:csago136@gmail.com). Thank you!

In Hoc,  
**Cory Sago '16**  
Social Chairman  
Derby Days Chairman



*Fall 2014 initiates with Magister Louis Zanette '15*

## Resilience in the Face of Adversity Chapter Initiates 26 New Members

**L**ast semester the chapter was buzzing with energy and determination. Before Thanksgiving, we initiated a class of 26 great men—a feat that took a lot of patience on their end and a lot of work from the actives. In traditional RPI fashion, we pushed through the adversity, and we were able to initiate one of the best new member classes our chapter has seen in recent history.

Looking back over this past year, I can honestly say that our chapter has made strides in improving our brotherhood, new member program, recruitment, chapter operations, and our growing public image. We had the biggest and most selective new member class on our campus. Our new member program jumped light years ahead of where it was, transforming the program into a values-based and character-building experience. In addition, we had our first professional speaker sponsored by the Pinewoods Educational Foundation with a presentation about DiSC. This was not by any means a painless effort and these results took countless hours from many brothers to accomplish.

### New Chef Michael Volpe Spices Things Up

Last semester we also lost our amazing chef, Chris Brunette. He had been with the chapter for the last four years but decided it was time to look for new opportunities for his career. He felt as much a part of this chapter and our brotherhood as any brother. Fortunately a number of brothers stepped in to cook dinner, and after a long search and a number of interviews for the new chef these past several weeks, we hired Michael Volpe. Mike was retired but was also the private chef of a very wealthy family. Among a number of other positions he also was the chef for a fraternity in Colorado. The undergraduates are eager to see what he can cook up.

### Proud to Be a Delta Psi Today, Tomorrow, Always

Our chapter is in a much better place today than it was a year ago, but we still have a long road ahead of us. Over the four years I have been a brother, our chapter has slowly transformed to become leaders on this campus for others to follow. I strongly believe it is possible to be a social fraternity without having to be one of the many sited in the news recently for alcohol-related deaths, drug problems, sexual assaults, and hazing. These are challenging times to be in a fraternity, but challenge and adversity will separate the real fraternities from the "frats" and where leaders of men shine.

It has been a great year for Delta Psi, and I know next year will be even better. Thank you for all the support throughout this year from all the brothers at 58 Pinewoods Avenue.

In Hoc,  
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Consul  
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# WELCOME, FALL 2014 NEW BROTHERS

**Damian Amiruddin '18**  
East Rockaway, N.Y.  
Chemistry

**Sam Daskocil '18**  
Andover, Mass.  
Aeronautical Engineering

**Matt Heimlich '18**  
Berlin, Conn.  
Chemical Engineering

**Edward Prettyman '18**  
Ridgewood, N.J.  
Aeronautical Engineering

**Chris St. Onge '18**  
Berkeley Heights, N.J.  
Mechanical Engineering

**Mitchell Busa '18**  
Medfield, Mass.  
Mechanical Engineering

**Hunter Eiss '18**  
Orlando, Fla.  
Mechanical Engineering

**William Mehner '16**  
Troy, N.Y.  
Sustainability Studies

**Kent Rapp '18**  
Ridgefield, Conn.  
Chemical Engineering

**Billy Sullivan '18**  
Norton, Mass.  
Biomedical Engineering

**Rob Carniero '18**  
Bayside, N.Y.  
Computer Science

**Andrew Ellis '18**  
Granby, Conn.  
Mathematics

**Conrad Mossi '17**  
Wallkill, N.Y.  
I.T. and Web Science

**Emmett Rogers '18**  
Overland Park, Kan.  
Engineering

**Daniel Sze '18**  
Clifton Park, N.Y.  
Computer Science

**Matt Cornell '18**  
Rye, N.H.  
Mechanical Engineering

**Timothy Fahey '18**  
Greenland, N.H.  
Electrical Engineering

**Ravi Ranse '17**  
Newton, Mass.  
Electrical Engineering

**John Romano '17**  
Lindenhurst, N.Y.  
Mechanical Engineering

**William West '16**  
Loudon, N.H.  
Mechanical Engineering

**Marvin Cosare '18**  
Germantown, Md.  
Electrical Engineering

**Ryan Gavin '17**  
Gillette, N.J.  
ITWS/Business and  
Management

**Martin "MJ"  
Petersen '18**  
Lincroft, N.J.  
Aeronautical and  
Mechanical Engineering

**Tim Saia '18**  
Clifton Park, N.Y.  
Chemical Engineering

**Kenny D'Aurizio '19**  
Wilmington, Del.  
Architecture

**Leo Santala '18**  
Port Washington, N.Y.  
Mechanical Engineering

## CONGRATULATIONS, 2015 SENIORS

**Colin Burbage '15**  
Aeronautical  
Engineering

**Kevin Marvin '15**  
Biomedical  
Engineering

**Charles Carletta '14**  
Business and  
Management

**Cameron Molloy '15**  
Electrical Engineering

**Andrew  
Greenstein '15**  
Industrial and  
Management  
Engineering

**Phil Morreale '15**  
Aeronautical  
Engineering

**Will Nobile '15**  
Chemical Engineering

**Max Jablow '15**  
Business and  
Management

**Oskari Rautiainen '15**  
Computer Science  
and Mathematics

**Joe Kalina '15**  
Chemical Engineering

**Benjamin  
Richardson '15**  
Chemical Engineering

**Drew Kopicki '15**  
Biomedical  
Engineering

**John  
Spangenberg '15**  
Electrical Engineering

**Chris Lee '15**  
Chemical Engineering

**Brandon Win '15**  
Psychology and  
Biology



Jim Cambell '70,  
Bill Crowe '71,  
Gary Wood '71,  
John Pfaff '71,  
Bob Eckart '73,  
John Golden '71,  
Bill Wurst '71,  
and Patty  
Rist-Brown '71  
at Slugfest on  
October 11, 2014.

## Jim "Cramble" Campbell '70 Led Surprise Visit to Gary "Sluggo" Wood '71

On October 11, 2014, **Jim "Cramble" Campbell '70** led a surprise visit (codenamed: Slugfest) to visit **Gary "Sluggo" Wood '71** in Bethel, Vermont. Jim was joined by Barb and **Bill "Turk" Wurst '71**, **John "Chuck" Golden '71**, **John "Leroy" Pfaff '71**, **Bob "Justa" Eckart '73**, **Bill "Kid" Crowe '71**, Joe and "Sweetheart" Pat Rist-Brown, and Sandy Bradley.

The group presented Gary and his wife, Sam, a check for \$9,000 from the campaign started by Jim and announced in our fall 2014 newsletter. Gary has been paralyzed from cancer growth pressing on his spine but gets around in his motorized wheelchair. The team's Slugfest event included work sessions to help with home mobility and winterization. For a complete report, visit <http://sigmachi-rpi.org/news>.



Gary "Sluggo"  
Wood '71

# 2015 Events At-a-Glance

April 5-11: Derby Days  
April 24: Relay for Life  
May 2: Initiation  
June 6: Belmont Stakes  
August 21-23: Work Party 2015  
October 2-3: 65th Anniversary and RPI Homecoming

## ALUMNI UPDATE

### CHAPTER ETERNAL

**John G. Herre '53** passed on to Chapter Eternal on June 5, 2014. Brother Herre pledged in fall 1950 as Phi Epsilon Phi and was initiated as the first new class of Sigma Chi brothers at Delta Psi at our founding on December 2, 1950. He was an industrial engineer at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati.

**Charles "Roger" Meeker '58** passed on to Chapter Eternal in June 2014. Brother Meeker was chief engineer for the department of public works in Yaphank, N.Y., and retired to Arden, N.C. He remained a loyal Boston sports fan.

Significant Sig **Dr. Les Stephen Coles '62** passed on to Chapter Eternal after his bout with pancreatic cancer in December 2014. Brother Les was recognized for his research with super-centenarians and aging and is featured on our Delta Psi Chapter website. **Roger H. Lourie '63** says, "Les Coles was my Big Brother when I entered Sigma Chi. He was generous, magnanimous and thoughtful. I corresponded with him occasionally, and when I congratulated him on becoming a Significant Sig, he suggested that I join him! My years at Rensselaer were made more interesting and engaging by his counsel and his presence. I will miss him."

### ALUMNI NEWS

**Rod Blumenau '65** reported that he and Lynn have moved from Penfield (Rochester) to Keuka Lake in Penn Yan, N.Y., 51 miles away and have invited all to visit. Rod will be back for the final Oedipus gig in October.

**Bill Pomeroy '66** was recognized for a financial donation by the renaming of The Crouse Hospital School of Nursing to The Bill and Sandra Pomeroy College of Nursing. "Crouse holds a special place in our hearts as Crouse saved my life," Bill said in a prepared statement.

**Tom Krause '71** is now a director and the national coordinator of labor productivity efforts at Tenet Healthcare in Dallas, including the regional labor efforts through the nine region/market productivity specialists.



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**John Krifka '70** was highlighted in an oil painting showing last summer at Lost Acres Vineyard in North Granby, Conn. *Congratulations, John!*

**Dan DeSantis '78** is the director of human resources for ISR & Space Systems at United Technologies Aerospace Systems (200,000 employees) in Westford (Boston).

**Rob Stone '82** is the technology operations manager at Debevoise & Plimpton, a law firm based in New York City. Rob is an information technology specialist with experience in multiple legal, financial, and consulting firms.

**Jerry Grassi '91** is sales vice president for Skuid in San Francisco. Skuid promises to reinvent your UI and empower your enterprise.

**Dean Peterson '93** is a procurement engineer at Siemens Energy in Charlotte, N.C. Brother Peterson is also a certified project management professional.

**John Murray '07** is a senior sales engineer with Cybereason in Cambridge, Mass.

**Nick Fortune '13** is a Ph.D. student at North Carolina State pursuing a degree in mathematics education with plans to teach.



*John Krifka '70 and Jerry Johannessen '68*

*Do you have news or updates to share? Submissions may be sent to [58pinewoods@gmail.com](mailto:58pinewoods@gmail.com).*