



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Summer 2016

Join Us August 26-28 for Work Party 2016 *RSVP for the Weekend's Events Today!*

Come join the party and do a little work too! The 11th annual celebration of our alumni and active pre-semester work weekend is fast approaching. Work Party 2016 will soon be here, and all alumni brothers are invited back to Troy to participate in this fun-filled event.

Can you believe that it has been three years since the Bill Pomeroy Chapter House of the Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Chi was dedicated Homecoming weekend in 2013? PEP President **John Pfaff '71** and Chapter Advisor **Bob "Justa" Eckart '73** conducted the spring semester year-end review and found the house to be in good condition. The active brothers are commended for the fine job they are doing in maintaining the house. But, as always, there are things to be done to prepare the chapter house for the upcoming school year. Our foreman, **Bob "Beo" Bedard '75**, apprentice foreman, **Gary Stottler '82**, and chief home remodeler, **Alan "HJ" Hanbury '74**, along with input from the chapter, have compiled a task list for Work Party 2016 with lots of little repair and improvement jobs for everyone. Professional skills are not needed; just a desire to work alongside the active brothers in caring for our house. As always, there are landscaping projects,

clean-up activities, painting, minor repairs, and other general maintenance projects. Please help us shine up The Pomeroy for the fall!

But wait—there's more! Let's not forget about the Friday golf outing, the Friday evening active and alumni dinner followed by the PEP Corporation meeting and elections, the weekend of great camaraderie, and the Saturday night ritual house meeting. This is a chance to strengthen our bonds with each other, swap stories, and tell tall tales of bygone days. To sum it all up, it's simply a good time!

This should be on everyone's bucket list. Join us this year and check it off yours. Please let us know if you are attending so we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you all back at 58 Pinewoods soon!

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DELTA PSI NAMED CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION AUGUST 26

Last August, alumni elected **Bob Bedard '75**, **Dan Zuber '10**, **Jim Rosetti '79**, and **Thom Kouletsis '76** to two-year terms on the board. At the following meeting, I was reelected by the board as president, Dan was reelected secretary, and Thom was elected treasurer.

According to our bylaws, **Ken Miller '80**, **Jim Campbell '70**, and I, **John Pfaff '71**, are up for reelection at our annual meeting on August 26. In addition, **Tony Morelli '96** has volunteered to run for election as well. If there is anyone else interested in serving on the board, please let me know. The more active we are as alumni, the more successful our undergraduate chapter becomes.

This year, in addition to the elected board members, we have consistently had 23 alumni take part in our monthly meetings as active contributors. I especially want to recognize **Larry Heininger '77** and **Gary Stottler '82** for their

help this year. I ask that each of you fill out the enclosed proxy form and either mail it to Phi Epsilon Phi, P.O. Box 494, Averill Park, N.Y. 12018, or e-mail it to dzuber321@gmail.com. Please be diligent about this, as we need about 90 votes, proxy or present, to have a quorum for the annual meeting.

The House Corporation functions mainly as the landlord for the house. As such, we believe our primary duty is to try to keep the house as close as we can to as-new condition. After our semester-end inspection in May, we decided to go to an every-other-year schedule for refurbishing the common area hardwood floors. We all should be very proud of the condition of our house, thanks to our undergraduate brothers.

Other contracts we have include a lawn mowing service and a snow

plowing service. The lawn sprinkler service was discontinued, as this year's house manager, **Chris St. Onge '18**, is familiar with the system and has taken care of it. Thanks to our risk manager, **James Crist '16**, the fire alarm monitoring service, annual kitchen hood cleaning and inspection, annual fire alarm inspection, and annual internal sprinkler system inspection has been placed under one contract. This will save us money and will be more efficient. In addition to these safety inspections (required by our insurance policies), RPI does an independent annual inspection, which is part of their 5-Star competition. This has led to RPI designating Delta Psi as a 5-Star fraternity and naming us Chapter of the Year. Overall, our infrastructure systems have all been performing well and we keep a close eye on things such as filter replacements.

Proxy Enclosed—
Vote Today!

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Congratulations, 2016 Graduates!

Delta Psi seniors moved on to become alumni brothers. They have contributed so much to this chapter and have truly made a tremendous impact on what the chapter is today. We want to thank all of them for their hard work, dedication, and brotherhood during their time as undergraduates. Take a look at their future plans below.

Connor Ameres '16 will be attending the University of San Francisco for a degree in data science in San Francisco, Calif. He majored in computer science.

Leo Antelyes '16 will be a software engineer at Viasat in Carlsbad, Calif. He majored in game design.

Robert Bishop '16 will be joining the U.S. Navy. He majored in aeronautical engineering.

David Cecchini '16 will be a biotech production specialist at Regeneron in Troy, N.Y. He majored in biomedical engineering.

Terence Farrell '16 will be a software engineer at Factset in Norwalk, Conn. He majored in computer science.

Andrew Ehlers '16 will be an Edison engineer at GE Aviation in Cincinnati, Ohio. He majored in material science.

Michael Han '16 will be a software engineer at Bloomberg in New York, N.Y. He majored in computer science.

Chris Higley '16 will be a software engineer at Bloomberg in New York, N.Y. He majored in computer science.

Ian Lahiri '16 will be a biotech production specialist at Regeneron in Troy, N.Y. He majored in chemical engineering.

WeiXuan Lai '16 is looking for a job in the Boston area and is interested in working as a mechanical engineer doing design work. You can check out his LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/weixuan-lai-06926982. He majored in mechanical engineering.

William Mehner '16 is deciding on which graduate school to attend. He majored in environmental science.



2016 Graduates bottom to top, L to R: Leo Antelyes '16, Terence Farrell '16, WeiXuan Lai '16, Cory Sago '16, Andrew Ehlers '16, Ian Lahiri '16, David Cecchini '16, Michael Han '16, Bill Mehner '16, Robert Bishop '16, Robert Jacoby '16, Connor Ameres '16, Lucas Silva '16, Chris Higley '16, and Marshall Shortledge '16. Not pictured: Dan Hernandez-Martinez '16 and Erik Vink-Lainas '16.

Cory Sago '16 will be attending Georgia Tech and Emory University for a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering in Atlanta, Ga. He majored in biology.

Lucas Silva '16 will be a software engineer at Google in Boston, Mass. He majored in computer science.

Marshall Shortledge '16 will be a software developer at Epic in Madison, Wis. He majored in computer science.

Erik Vink-Lainas '16 is still deciding on his postgraduate plans. He majored in electrical engineering.

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR

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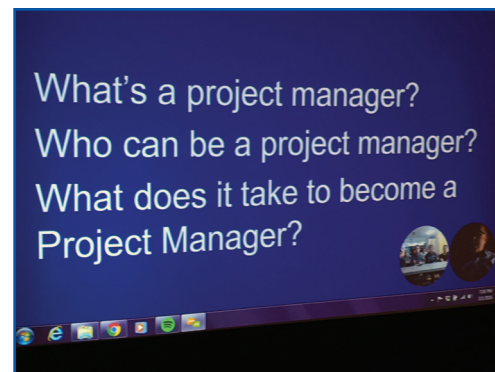
Finally, we perform physical inspections of every room at the beginning and end of each semester, as well as during the semester, to document the room condition and deduct any charges deemed necessary from each brother's security deposit. With this type of diligence, we feel confident our house will stay in great condition for years to come. If anyone has any questions or suggestions about our role or other maintenance suggestions, please contact me or any of the other board members.

In hoc,

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PINEWOOD EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION HOSTS SEMINARS UNDERGRADUATES TAKE AWAY VALUABLE SKILLS



Active members received a web-delivered course covering project management fundamentals. The training was hosted by PEF.

Pinewood Educational Foundation had a successful spring semester and hosted two more educational courses. Our first web-delivered course covered project management fundamentals. **Bob Shortle '74** and **Matt Miller '77**, with onsite support by Scholarship Chairman **Aidan Gorby '19**, delivered this course to the undergraduates. We also delivered our first major on-campus seminar this semester with Don Bell (our former next-door neighbor) about his new book, *Money Life\$avers: What Teens Need to Know About Money*. This course in financial management for young people drew a crowd of 50-plus to the biotech building auditorium on campus. Both were well received and were great prototypes of how we can deliver our content more broadly in the future.

The first course for the fall 2016 semester will cover interviewing skills. This session will be led by **Dennis Powers '63** on Saturday, September 17, at Pinewoods Avenue. We chose this date



Don Bell, author of Money Life\$avers, delivered a presentation regarding financial management.

because it corresponds to the alumni recruitment dinner and we need at least eight alumni volunteers to participate in the mock interviews. Why not come out and have fun participating in both? If interested in volunteering, please contact me.

We are nearing the end of the pledge donation

period for the initial donors to the *Building Our Bridge to Excellence* capital campaign that made the new chapter house possible. There are still some stragglers out there who we encourage to settle up as soon as possible. We continue to have great success in getting new brothers to also commit to pledges that they begin paying after graduation and getting a job. They are to be commended for their efforts to help build the bridge for those who come after them!

Finally, PEF is supporting the drive to get fiber optic cable to the Pawling Avenue area houses. Details are still being worked out, but the foundation has offered assistance in fundraising to help make this a reality for all those living out in the Pawling area.

In hoc,

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Sigma Chi Succeeds during RPI's 5-Star Award Ceremony

The RPI Greek system provides awards based upon a college organization rating system called 5-Star. **Sean Waclawik '18**, initiated this past fall, won the New Member of the Year award. Along with Sean's award, the chapter won the Communiversity and Housing award; the Fire, Life, and Environmental Safety award; and the Personal Development and Scholarship award.

Finally, the **Delta Psi Chapter** was also awarded the **2016 President's Cup**, which is given to the **top fraternity on campus!** We are so excited that all of our hard work this past year has paid off and that we have shown that Sigma Chi is not just a place of friendship, justice, and learning, but of leadership, service, and excellence. Congratulations to all!



Delta Psi's ultimate Frisbee team won the intramural championship.



Bob Eckart '73, WeiXuan Lai '16, Cory Sago '16, Michael Han '16, Alex Mikelis '16, Sean Waclawik '18, and Ryan Gavin '17 after Sigma Chi was named top fraternity on campus!

Save the Date!

UPCOMING DELTA PSI EVENTS

Work Party 2016
August 26-28

Pinewoods Dinner and
Interviewing Skills
September 17

Homecoming 2016
October 6-9

If your class is planning a reunion event for Homecoming, please contact **Harrison Ma '18** at shmarrison.ma@gmail.com or **Bob Huntick '71** at bobhutnick@gmail.com to help with planning and communications.

Alumni Update

Chapter Eternal

Jim "Dad" Kirkland '50 entered Chapter Eternal on February 15. He was a resident of Kenmore, N.Y.

Willard Ford '53 entered Chapter Eternal on February 17. He graduated from RPI with a BSEE in 1953. He was an active founding member of Delta Psi Chapter and had a 40-year career with Raytheon, where he became a consulting engineer, the highest professional and engineering level attainable at Raytheon.

Alumni News

Jared Wall '09 was married in December 2015.

Eric Pulvino '09 and his wife, Diana, who was the 2010 Sigma Chi Sweetheart, are expecting their second child.

Dan Zuber '10 and his family skied 55,000 vertical feet over three days at Whistler, British Columbia, in March.

Alex Manocchi '12 graduated with a J.D. from Albany Law School and an MBA from the University at Albany.

Arunesh Ghosh '12 graduated with a J.D. from Vermont Law School.

Alex Devik '13 has purchased his first house and resides in Massachusetts.

Chris Lee '15 moved to Schenectady, N.Y., as part of his rotational program at GE.

Joe Kalina '15 moved to LaCrosse, Wis., for a six-month training program for his sales engineer position at Trane.

Max Jablow '15 moved to Chicago, Ill., and will live with **Joe Pumper '13**.



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Belmont Stakes Blanket Crafted

For the past 44 years, **Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71**, Order of Constantine member and our party planner and event coordinator extraordinaire, and **"Lucky" Eddy Youngkin '74** have attended the Belmont Stakes in June on Long Island. Hundreds of brothers and friends have joined over the years, and the crew witnessed four Triple Crown winners. In recognition, **Herb Arbeiter '72** collected annual Belmont party t-shirts from brothers to craft this blanket. As we went to print, the 2016 Belmont had not yet been raced, but we got a sneak peek of the Belmont blanket.



Herb Arbeiter '72 crafted this Belmont blanket to commemorate the 44-year tradition of Sigma Chi brothers attending the race together every June.