



The DELTA PSI SIG

DELTA PSI CHAPTER OF SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY AT RPI

Winter 2012

\$54,565 RAISED TOWARD \$100,000 MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Step Up Now and Help Reach Our Goal

In November, four alumni issued a \$100,000 matching gift challenge to their Sigma Chi brothers to spark new and increased giving and to bring us closer to the *Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence* campaign goal. These generous alumni, who have all made prior pledges to the campaign, are stepping forward once again. They will match every new dollar donated to the campaign—up to \$100,000—between now and March 31, 2012. The campaign stands to gain \$200,000: \$100,000 in new gifts matched by \$100,000 from the challenge donors.

Success Vital in Securing Future of 58 Pinewoods

In the first year of Delta Psi's campaign, we have made major strides in fundraising for the renovation and preservation of our chapter house. We are extremely grateful to our 202 alumni, undergraduates, and friends who have made financial contributions. **Because of the generosity of these individuals, we are over 89% of the way to our \$1.5 million goal, and the matching challenge will help propel the campaign to a strong finish.**

Delta Psi Needs You to Make a Commitment Today

To secure the full \$100,000 match, that same amount of new donations **MUST** be pledged before the March cutoff date. For those of you who have already contributed, please consider increasing or extending your five-year pledge by adding a sixth year to your commitment. If you have not given, **NOW IS THE TIME**. Delta Psi is fortunate to have this wonderful opportunity, and broad participation is essential to the success of the

challenge. We are indebted to these four brothers for their generous challenge. It is only with equally generous new and additional pledges that these gifts can be matched.

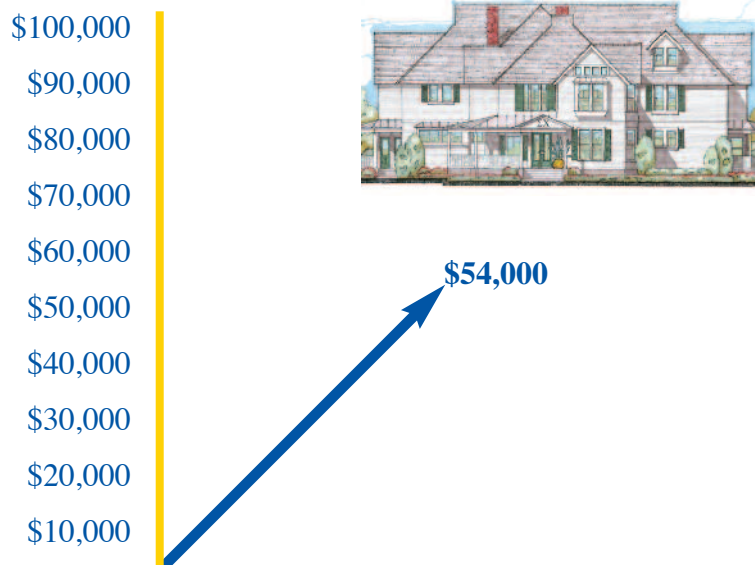
The *Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence* campaign, the first-ever major capital campaign in our chapter's history, represents the opportunity to preserve the incredible legacy we were given for future generations. It is time to join together; our goal is achievable and within sight. To date, we have raised more than \$54,000 as a result of this matching gift challenge! Please consider a contribution to help us reach our goal. We need all 735 Delta Psi brothers to make a commitment today.

Join us at 58 Pinewoods for the events listed on page 4, meet our current chapter members, and see your donation at work—not for an hour, a day, or a college term, but for a lifetime.

In Hoc,
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LET'S COMPLETE THE \$100,000 CHALLENGE



Remember, four brothers have stepped forward with a matching gift challenge to help us reach our goal. We have raised more than \$54,000 as a result of this \$100,000 challenge! To reach our goal, we need the continued support of alumni. Contribute now to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in helping the Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence campaign reach the \$1.5 million goal.

The Pinewoods Educational Foundation Sponsors Phone-a-thon

Look for a Call from Delta Psi During January

We are excited to announce that the undergraduate Sig brothers are holding a Phone-a-Thon during January. Phone-a-thon Chairman **Ed Kellogg '60** will assist the brothers' calling to update you on the chapter's progress. The undergraduates have planned the calls during the week of January 15-21, before the spring semester start. Through the help of Rensselaer Alumni Association President **Paul Cosgrave '72**, the undergraduates will be able to use the Rensselaer Development Office phone room.

Consul **Ken Sobel '12** reports that "the undergrad Sig brothers look forward to sharing an update from Delta Psi and hearing your stories about the "old days" at 58 Pinewoods. Please be ready to answer their calls (from unfamiliar numbers) that week." This will be a wonderful time to show your support for the capital campaign and show these young men that Sigma Chi truly is a lifelong commitment; it will also be an opportunity to take advantage of the remaining funds in our matching gift challenge. We look forward to speaking with you.

**Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence
Honoring Our Past, Securing Our Future**

THANK YOU, LOYAL BROTHERS, FOR COMMITTING \$1,344,744

We are deeply grateful to the following Delta Psi brothers for committing \$1,344,744 to the *Building Our Bridge to ΣXcellence* 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 Jr. '66

SEVEN FOUNDERS SOCIETY

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

CONSTANTINE SOCIETY

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

Foss Hooper '66

DELTA PSI 1950 SOCIETY

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

Dennis W. Powers '63

Bruce S. Allen '65

Barbara and William C. Wurst '71

In honor of

Peter K. Wurst '04

Paul J. Cosgrave '72

Robert C. Eckart Jr. '73

William A. Hanson '73

Christopher F. Serocke '73

In memory of

Kenneth Sullivan '73

Robert J. Feldman '75

James C. Manocchi '75

Daniel B. DeSantis '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

William G. Numann '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Paul E. Roughan Jr. '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Kevin R. Casey '79

Howard A. Schneider '79

Steven A. Thompson '81

John A. Murray '07

In honor of the

Murray Family

WHITE CROSS SOCIETY

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

Edwin M. Kellogg '60

James M. Banghart Jr. '69

James M. Campbell III '71

David L. Lewis '70

John E. Belletete '71

Robert H.W. Jones III '73

Richard Mallicote '73

Jeffrey H. Cooper '74

In memory of

Peter "Bopper" Collins '74

Robert J. Shortle Jr. '74

Bedard Family Gift

Robert Bedard '75

William T. Maslyn '92

Joshua P. Nichols '05

Geoffrey M. Cohen '06

Adam S. Edelstein '06

In honor of

Christopher C. Gribbin '00

Anubhau Srivastava '07

In honor of the

Class of 2007

Nathanial E. Murray '11

BLUE AND GOLD SOCIETY

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

James K. Mitchell '51

Robert H. Boehringer '55

Charles B. Hodges '55

Warren "Hap" Farr '57

Spencer Radnich Jr. '60

In honor of the

Class of '60

Rod Blumenau '65

Louis M. Chiappetta '65

Sharon and Paul Davis '66

Jonathan Oram '67

Lawrence W. Mentz '68

C. Ray Allshouse '70

Daniel W. Hudson '70

Janan and Larry "Guzz" Frey '71

John F. Golden '71

John Pfaff III '71

Alan R. Crain '73

In honor of

Robert Shortle '74

Thomas Regan '73

Gregory F. Chilson Jr. '75

Paul J. Persico '75

Thomas A. Kouletsis '76

Laurence E. Heininger,

P.E., PMP '77

In memory of

William J. Stevenson III

Jon F. Merz '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Stephen P. Noe '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

John M. Ulm '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Alan Eisman '79

Hal Chait '80

Bill Casey '81

Robert W. Stone '82

Gary P. Stottler '82

Thomas J. Hamlin '83

Andre Turenne '83

Andrew Muras '85

Shad McNair '94

Christopher Lopinto '02

Peter K. Wurst '04

Brian V. Kimball '05

Jonathan Sullivan '05

In honor of Bentley

Scott R. Mitchell '07

Benjamin J. Tashjian '07

Chaz A. Goodwine '12

Joseph Salomone '12

Kenneth Sobel '12

QUEST SOCIETY

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

Sharon T. Sullivan

In memory of

Kenneth H. Sullivan '73

Alan G. Lutz '67

Daniel Burt '69

Mike Spalding '70

Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71

Al T. Lubrano '71

Gary D. Wood '71

Thomas J. Hey '72

Alan E. Hanbury Jr. '74

In memory of

James E. Vaeth Jr. '74

R. Brad Harvey '75

Eric R. Spalding '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Christopher C. Gribbin '00

Matthew Cieloszyk '04

Ronald R. DeMara '09

Eric C. Pulvino '09

Jared Wall '09

Daniel L. Zuber '10

Daniel E. Delpino '11

Samuel B. Feldman '11

Christian E. Foster '11

Cesar A. Dominguez '12

Dennis D. Dominguez '12

Michael S. Hanson '12

Alexander J. Klafehn '12

Alex J. Manocchi '12

Philip McGrath '12

Rodney Mendez '12

Jameson M. Price '12

James W. Schneider '12

Roddy Yagan '12

David G. Dausman '13

Alex Devik '13

Kyle R. Finver '13

Nicholas C. Hyman '13

Joseph A. Pumper '13

Christopher A. Roche '13

Aaron H. Squier '13

Michael Villeneuve '13

Christopher Ryther '15

NORMAN SHIELD SOCIETY

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

Wayne K. Gilman '48

Van Ness Harwood '60

B. Thomas Lofft '63

Richard A. Ross '66

Cort Van Rensselaer '68

Larre Nelson '69

Robert L. Barnes '71

William Crowe '71

James M. Davies '71

Russell Myers '76

Loren Forrister '77

In memory of

William Stevenson III '77

Matthew Miller '77

Garth Gibson '78

Dave Laliberte '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Michael K. Prescott '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Joseph M. Wahl '78

In memory of

Anthony "Rusty" Potts III '78

Michael J. Crowley '79

Steve O'Shea '79

James C. Rossetti '79

Stewart W. Smith '79

Scott Dukette '80

Campaign Status At-a-Glance

As of December 16, 2011

\$1,344,744
Total Commitments

202
Contributors

25.5%
Participation

\$1.5
Million Goal

Phil Cichanowicz Jr. '81
Roger Shahnazarian '82
Doug Daskocil '83
Bernard Badami '85
Justin J. Perreault '85
Steve Rosato '85
Gerry Hatcher '86
Steve Baker '87
Rich Williams '87
Greg Russotti '88
Stephen French '89
Michael A. King, Bradley '90

In honor of
Delta Psi's Alumni Leaders

Klaus Fuerst '92
Michael Clark '94
Albert Maier III '95
Rui G. Soares '95
James A. Rolfe Jr. '96
Jeff Battles '02
David Amirbekyan '09
Colin J. Haynes '10
Daniel R. Morse '10
Sean Piela '11
Brian W. Allen '12
Michael Amador '12
Michael T. Cunningham '12
Matthew S. Karnick '12
Benjamin W. L'Bassi '12
Isaac M. Nault '12
Seth P. Wagner '12
Thomas V. Erickson '13
Timothy Loh '13
Philip J. Maas '13
Jay Cady '14
Joseph Chandler '14
Vincent Kocher '14
Raymond Kowalski '14
Gary Krivo '14
John McLaughlin '14
Dylan Parker '14
Stephen Sobel '14
Connor Tighe '14

Edward "Foss" Hooper '66 Reflects on His Sigma Chi Experience

An Open Letter on Why He Contributes to Delta Psi Chapter

Several years ago, I was asked to think of the best advice I ever received. As a high school student, I joined every organization that remotely interested me. My dad wondered why I chose to do that and advised me to never join an organization to be a member, but only if I intend to be a leader. That advice served me well as an undergraduate and continues to be relevant as an alumnus of Delta Psi Chapter.

Sigma Chi was an opportunity for me to not just belong but to actively participate. I started modestly enough by washing dishes as a sophomore. I served in a leadership role my junior year as the quaestor, and my senior year I was selected as a member-at-large of the executive committee. I actively participated in the chapter and so I received a tremendous amount of experience from my membership in Sigma Chi. Lessons taught in RPI classrooms were a small portion of what I needed to develop the skills for success after graduation. Sigma Chi filled that void and helped me succeed.

As with many things in life, momentum is important in keeping involved, and I really blew it as an alumnus. I joined the Army as an officer, returned from Korea, and took a job with IBM that was demanding and required a lot of travel. My wife, Mary, and I were also starting a family and that gave me a different focus in life.

I became a Life Loyal Sig but that was mainly to keep getting the magazine. Whenever a new issue arrived I would check to see if anything was written about Delta Psi. The chapter house was in the process of construction of the Arch Love addition and I was invited to participate. I never jumped in with the necessary commitment and Delta Psi continued to become a more distant memory.

When I was 49, I decided to follow what I believed to be my life's calling and attended law school. It was a unique situation to be in class where most of the students were the same age as your children. In what should come as a shock to anyone who knew me as an undergraduate, I managed to graduate first in my class. I found that you do not grow smarter as you get older, but rather you begin to understand

the importance of having the proper focus. I now am an estate planning attorney, own my law firm and, at an age where most people retire, I am working harder than ever.

I reconnected with Delta Psi at the 50th anniversary in December 2000. It was a wonderful occasion but I left with conflicting feelings. I experienced the euphoria of seeing many old friends, but that was balanced with an empty feeling when it was over. The next time I got back to campus was for my class' 40th reunion and we had a truly great turnout. Because the reunion was held in June, there was hardly anyone at the chapter house and I still didn't feel any connection with the undergraduate chapter.

My moment of clarity happened at the 60th anniversary where the plans for updating and expanding the chapter house were unveiled. During the weekend, I realized if I waited to support Delta Psi with a contribution from my estate after my death, there would be no chapter and no 58 Pinewoods left to support. If Delta Psi is to continue to compete on campus, the chapter house must meet the standards of the 21st century.

It took some time for me to understand the impact Sigma Chi has had on my life. I encourage you to not wait to generously support the capital campaign. Please remember, it is important to lead not merely belong. It is also necessary to give not just financially but through other means. When I returned for the August 2011 work session - and I will continue to return until I can't swing a hammer because I need both hands on the walker, I began to form a connection to alumni from other classes and with the undergraduates.

It is so important that all alumni understand the vital role you play in the success of the chapter. Through financial contributions we can build a sound structure, but only through giving of ourselves can we build a strong chapter. I'm proud to be a Sigma Chi.



Academics, Community Service, and Brotherhood: Delta Psi Excelling in All Areas

Happy New Year, Brothers! In the months since my last update we have experienced considerable success at 58 Pinewoods. Our accomplishments rival some of the best years in Delta Psi's history. After years of hard work to rebuild our chapter, we are proudly resuming our title as the premier fraternity at RPI.

CHAPTER RECEIVES SEVENTH PETERSON AWARD

Our biggest achievement occurred on July 30. The chapter received its seventh Peterson Significant Chapter Award. To obtain the award, the chapter must meet a standard of excellence in 14 categories of chapter operations. This is the best indicator, to date, of our chapter's performance. This year, we are positioned to win a Peterson for the third year in a row - a coveted accomplishment within Sigma Chi.

SIGMA CHI INITIATES LARGEST PLEDGE CLASS

Our newest initiation class gives us reason to be especially confident of our

future. During fall 2011, we recruited, pledged, and initiated a class of 22 men. This is the largest initiated class in the history of Delta Psi. The class members include high school valedictorians, Eagle Scouts, and leaders in student government. Their initiation on December 3 was attended by nearly 90 Sigs, including Past Grand Consul **Bob Jones '73**. The support of all alumni is a true vote of confidence in their potential to lead our chapter.

UNDERGRADUATES INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND ON CAMPUS

Delta Psi held many special events during the fall. Reunion and Homecoming 2011 was attended by nearly 50 alumni and guests, with large contingents from the classes of '66 and '71. The dinner we hosted on Saturday evening received rave reviews. Sigma Chi also won Judges' Choice in the Greek Chowder Fest, earning us \$300 for charity. Traditional chapter events have continued to flourish. Derby Days netted nearly \$1,000 with par-

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SAVE THE DATE FOR 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

*Join Us to Reconnect with Brothers
and Undergraduates*

January 15-21

Pinewoods Foundation Phone-a-thon

February 22

Pinewoods Foundation Scholarship Dinner

April 13-15

Alumni Weekend

April-May

Great Southern Trip VII
Location: TBD

June 9

40th Annual Sigma Chi Belmont Stakes
Elmont, N.Y.
Golf will be held on Friday.

August 17-19

7th Annual Delta Psi Alumni-Undergraduate
Work Party
Golf will be held on Friday.

September 15

Alumni Recruitment Banquet
Troy, N.Y.
Location: TBD

September-October

Fall Golf Tourney
Location: TBD

October 5-7

RPI Alumni Homecoming
Delta Psi, Troy, NY
Classes of '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, and '97
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Academics, Community Service, and Brotherhood

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Participation by all five sororities. Parents Weekend welcomed more than 50 mothers and fathers to 58 Pinewoods. During Haunted House, more than 500 guests toured the chapter house and we raised nearly \$500 for charity. Finally, at the annual Men's Greek Hockey Night, Sigma Chi won the highest attendance prize.

Everything we did during the fall semester underscores a commitment to the values and principles of Sigma Chi. Thank you for your help with our success. For those of you who wish to reconnect with Delta Psi, there has never been a better time to do so. We hope to see you soon at 58 Pinewoods.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
Ken Sobel '12
Consul
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Congratulations to our 22 new initiates!

To see a full listing of their
names go to www.sigmachi-rpi.org.

Homecoming 2011 a Success

Alumni Join Undergraduates for Brotherhood and Festivities

Bob "Ruff" Hutnick '71 and **Foss Hooper '66** worked diligently to organize their classes for a reunion at the RPI 2011 Homecoming in October. The complete Homecoming group included more than 44 alumni brothers and guests. Considering the Big 60th reunion was only the year before, all hailed this as a significant turnout. Joining the group was the newly installed Rensselaer Alumni Association President **Paul Cosgrave '72**.

The undergraduates Brothers hosted a welcoming cocktail party on Friday afternoon for all alumni. The Sigs also won the RPI sponsored Chowder Fest contest on Friday night. Saturday events included the IBM Watson computer challenge, football game, a cocktail party, and dinner at 58 Pinewoods. The actives did themselves proud and the meal prepared by the new house chef, Chris Brunette, was outstanding.

The evening included a formal presentation of the new pledge class, followed by remarks

from co-fundraising chairs **Paul Cosgrave '72** and **Jim Manocchi '75**. The evening concluded with words by Consul **Ken Sobel '12** and House Corporation President **Bill Wurst '71**. **Larry "Grizzle" Frey '71** led the 60 brothers assembled in the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi and other Sig songs.

To see a full listing and complete description of Homecoming, and to plan for future events, check the chapter website at www.sigmachi-rpi.org.



Alumni enjoyed their time at Homecoming surrounded by brothers and family.