



SIGMA ALPHA EPSILON NEW YORK EPSILON CHAPTER

Fall 2015 Alumni Newsletter



Work Week 2015

As always, the year began with Work Week for the undergrads at New York Epsilon. With projects ranging from planting new hedges, installing a flagpole, and re-creating the foyer wallpaper, it was another successful start to the semester. The majority of projects done were repairing and maintaining the house (such as fixing the central railing, painting, endless yard work...) however the focal point of the week was certainly the row of hedges planted along the front yard. Many neighbors approach us to voice their appreciation to the project, and the consensus was they are a beautiful addition to our property. I cannot wait to return as an alumnus in years to come and see them fully grown, as a testament to the hard work done by my brothers.

To speak to the organization of the week, each project was led by an older brother assisted by his younger peers, so he could both motivate them and teach them how to maintain our beautiful property. Preparation for all the projects required weeks of planning throughout the summer and input from all members of Executive Council, however I must express my appreciation to all the brothers who put in hours of hard work to ensure our house would be even more magnificent than the day we purchased it. I am certain that the knowledge and work ethic passed on to our younger brothers will be beneficial both to their careers, as well as the future of our chapter.

I hope to see you all at Alumni Weekend and share firsthand all the work done at 12 Myrtle this year. **Phi Alpha, Drew Yonchak '17**

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Repairing wallpaper in the Foyer



EA and New Member Ed Planting some nice shrubbery



DC Alumni at Erik Anderson's '97 before the Nats

80th John O. Moseley Leadership School 2015



NYEP sent brothers Kelson Case '16, Matt Krecicki '17, Tom Riegelman '17, and Drew Yonchak '17 as delegates to leadership school cruise this summer partially funded by the James M. Joly Zeal Fund and the National Farkouh/Hier Endowment Fund. Kevin Neumann '82 served on a faculty as he has several times in the past.

Tom Riegelman reflected, "With all the negative press that ΣAE has been getting in the past few months, being able to spend time at the 80th John O. Moseley Leadership School revamped my zeal for our National fraternity. I had the privilege of attending the Leadership School with four other Brothers from our chapter, New York Epsilon. During my time on the Majesty of the Sea, I also talked with many brothers from across the realm. During these conversations, I learned not only of effective ways to fix a few of our Chapter's problems, but I also gained a lot more appreciation and

pride for being a Brother of New York Epsilon. I also gathered that our house it is one of the bigger and better kept houses in the realm due to the support of our Alumni. My time attending the 80th John O. Moseley Leadership School has not only given me new ideas on how to make our chapter more successful and efficient but also has given me more zeal towards our local and national fraternity. Being a member of the New York Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon is truly a one of a kind experience."

Kelson Case commented, "What proceeded to happen from the start is a blur of late nights talking on deck and long days discussing and trying to absorb just an ounce of what the instructors and guest speakers were trying to teach us. To be perfectly honest what I remember most is really just talking to Brothers from all over the nation. I talked to Brothers from Pensacola Florida who told me about how they had a chapter that was the same size as my pledge class and the interesting challenges that brought. In the end, Leadership school taught me three things. Each and every one of us is a brother of not just one chapter, but of a fraternity that spans the country and that we all have an amazing connection because of it. I learned that my chapter is one of the best and that we have an amazing thing going for us here at RPI. Finally I learned that despite all of this, there is always a way to improve upon what we have which is evident in the great improvements that the current EC has made to the running of the chapter for the current semester."

We hope to continue sending significant groups of brothers and we thank the alumni for their financial support .

A Message from the Eminent Archon

I am pleased to notify you that we are off to a great start of the fall semester at New York Epsilon. The brotherhood has come into this year with an inspiring amount of zeal. We had a productive work week and have had a lot of interest in the house from freshmen during the first two weeks of rush. Going into the second year of the True Gentleman Experience program, New York Epsilon is well positioned to leverage the positive aspects of the program under the leadership of Tom Riegelman '17. As always, I am proud of our brothers involved in student government, IFC, various clubs, varsity and club sports, community service, and nearly every other aspect of university life. We are proud to have won the ΣAE Housing Award and being runner up for Alumni Relations. At RPI, we were a 5-STAR chapter again and runner's up for the Barker sports trophy. With a large graduating class this past spring, we now have a brotherhood of 61 (before bids go out next week). We are hoping for a new member class of more than 20 again this year. I am especially impressed with how quickly, and with what force, our younger brothers have stepped up to continue the great traditions of our brotherhood. I am looking forward to a rewarding semester and continuing to improve the chapter that we all love. I hope to see many of you at our Alumni Weekend events this fall.



Phi Alpha, Shamus Wheeler '16

Breakout group at retreat assessing SWOTs of the Chapter to help set goals

Phoenix Task Force—Future of Housing at 12 Myrtle Ave.

Over the past year, a lot of work has been done by the Phoenix Housing Committee to look into the future of 12 Myrtle. As talked about in pervious newsletters, we hired an architect, did many programming sessions, and even met with the neighbors about a potential renovation. Each of these was used to help give us confidence with our process being used to make a decision.

At the end of July, we officially finished our work with the architect. The outcome's of both Phase 1 and 2 were promising. In Phase 1, the evaluation of the existing building conditions showed that our house was in better structural shape then we thought. There is still some work to be done to sure-up some floors and walls, but not as extensively as first thought. Overall the engineering firm we used believes house could be renovated without incident and that a total tear down would not be necessary to move forward with any plans. With Phase 2, the development of the programming and concept led to many great discussions between alumni and undergraduates about what was missing from the house, what needed to be added to enhance the undergraduate experience and help bring the brotherhood closer together. From these talks, the architects gained some ideas about how to move forward with a potential renovation or addition.

We want the members (alumni and actives) to have a say in the decision to move forward or not, as well as how to move forward. This conversation will take place during alumni weekend this fall (the weekend October 3rd) so please try to attend! We will unveil what we have so far, show everyone floor plans and let everyone have a say in the discussion of the house which has been the home for New York Epsilon and which we want to continue to do so for another 50+ years.

Additional posts about the project as well as updates beyond this newsletter can be found on the chapter website: <http://nyepsilon.com/housing.php>

As always feel free to email or Facebook message me with any question. In a few weeks, we will send out a more definitive date and time that this housing discussion will take place during alumni weekend.

Phi Alpha, **Lucas Rice Class of '14**



Scenic 12 Myrtle Ave in 1966 - check out the size of the row of bushes on the side!

Alumni Weekend Schedule — October 2-4, 2015

First, some of you have 10, 15 or 20 year reunions coming up. We would love to see you back! In addition to the normal alumni weekend events listed below, we will have a special overview and discussion about the work of the Phoenix Housing Taskforce for the future of 12 Myrtle Avenue housing. See our tentative schedule below. We look forward to seeing all of you October 2-4. You will see more on Facebook and an on-line RSVP on the NYEP website (<http://nyepsilon.com/alumni.php>). You can find RPI's schedule of events on the RPI homecoming website. **Phi Alpha, Matt Jeffers '95 LAE House Corporation Board Member**

FRIDAY NIGHT—Check in and chill out—Downtown has new establishments to check out and Sutters (aka Ruck) wings still exist.

SATURDAY

10:30 AM	Alumni v Actives Soccer Game	Lower Renwyck grass field
12:30-2 PM	BBQ and House Tours	12 Myrtle
2 PM	Annual LAE Shareholders Meeting	12 Myrtle
	- Elections to the Board—Nomination Accepted up to voting time	
3:30 PM	Phoenix Housing Taskforce	12 Myrtle
	- Architecture Plus, Phase I & II Assessments and Concepts	
5-7 PM	Reception and Dinner	12 Myrtle
	- Happy Hour, Announcements, Awards, Fine dining	
7-8:30 PM	Alumni & Active Career Networking Roundtable	
	- Alumni share Fraternity & Life Lessons to help Undergrads	

SUNDAY

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Brunch at the Chapter House
- Will Jerry Witter '82 cook again?
1 PM - LAE Board business meeting

Minerva's Shield and RPI risk management policies require BYOB and no kegs and it is better if you make plans to not stay at the house but at a area hotel.



Brothers Conversing during Alumni Weekend 1965

LAE News and Activities

We've had a busy year spending money on some major maintenance projects to help ensure good standards of living and reducing the physical damage to the structure by replacing the main roof (it was leaking a lot) and many bedroom windows (many weren't working from the somewhat cheap replacements many years ago). We helped fight for a new freezer after getting jerked around with a bit of a lemon recently purchased. We've sealed the driveway and paid for the new shrubbery around the front of the property. The front walk flower boxes will be adorned with address plaques by alumni weekend. We've fixed some plumbing issues, including the basement drains which were clogging up.



The crew at the annual LAE/EC retreat in York, ME hosted by Mark Wilensky '95

We held another successful LAE/EC retreat in July (our 14th). We've work hard on developing concepts for the future of housing for NYEP by having a task force work with an architect and hosting several development meetings/surveys with undergraduates and alumni. We were happy to be of help for the chapter to be named winner of the ΣAE Housing award and runner up for Alumni Relations at this year's ΣAE Leadership School. If you are interested in helping out with our committees or serving on the LAE Board, let me know and visit us during alumni weekend.

Phi Alpha, Kurt Spiegel '04, Chairman of the LAE Board

Phonathon 2015 Update

As of September 1, the results from phonathon look pretty good, even though the number of donors was only 126. On average the alumni donated \$156 and we deposited a total of \$42,650 in donations. We pretty much reached our initial goal of \$25,000, especially after getting a special large 2 year donation. We've sent out some reminder letters and "missed you" letters, so donations leading up to the fall Alumni weekend are sure to rise. If you'd like to make a donation online you can visit <http://nyepsilon.com/donate.php>. The phonathon is an important part of our operations for maintaining the current chapter house, supporting educational opportunities for the undergraduates with scholarship funds, and saving for future major housing projects. Thank you all for your help in sustaining the great New York Epsilon Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Checkout the Top 10 Classes and the donor roster for 2015 as of the start of September. **Jerry Witter '82**

Top Ten Classes in Donations and Participation

Rank	Class	Donation	Class	Participation
1	1995	\$2,450.00	1982	47.06%
2	1982	\$1,650.00	1965	33.33%
3	1972	\$1,250.00	1978	30.77%
4	1988	\$1,200.00	1972	27.27%
5	1989	\$1,100.00	1983	27.27%
6	2001	\$900.00	1969	25.00%
7	1994	\$750.00	2013	25.00%
8	1996	\$719.96	2012	22.73%
9	2004	\$668.56	1995	21.74%
10	1983	\$650.00	1989	21.43%

* Special Class of 1999 donation not included

≥\$500

James Smith (1971), David Colten (1972), Richard Terek (1979), Jonathan Witter (1982), Glenn DeFriest (1983), Eric Wenberg (1988), Erik Aarts (1989), Michael Weiner (1989), Robert Filbey (1994), Matthew Jeffers (1995), Mark Wilensky (1995), Jeffrey Young (1995), David Raphael (1999), Nicholas Mandelenakis (2001)

≥\$250

Robert Athanasiou (1962), John Higgins (1964), Michael Quan (1970), Robert Vaughan (1972), Carlos Hidalgo (1982), Eric Saenger (1986), Pedro Riveros (1993), William Valls (1993), Andrew Drazic (1994), Christopher Downey (1996), Tito Toro (1996), Joseph Pinheiro (1999), Michael Szczepanski (1999), Peter Marafioti (2001), Jason Malyil (2004), Kurt Spiegel (2004), Dave Herkenham (2010)

≥\$100

Herbert Clark (1953), Stephen Ruggles (1954), Wilbur Highleyman (1955), James Mosteller (1962), John Busse (1963), Thomas Katra (1963), John Steinhoff (1964), John Decker (1965), Robert Dorsch (1965), Richard Woolley (1965), David Hoffman (1966), Andrew Morawski (1966), Robert Wayne (1967), David Bischoff (1968), Steven Seelinger (1968), Robert Whitby (1968), Leonard Bower (1969), Jerome Kunkel (1969), Peter Riba (1969), Thomas Morgan (1972), Robert Clagett (1974), Francis Pitts (1975), R. William Berg (1978), Richard Pond (1978), David Ho (1980), George Earle (1982), Andrew Ford (1982), A. Lester Hoogeveen (1982), Kevin Neumann (1982), Timothy Pillow (1982), Timothy Powell (1983), Mark Lepofsky (1985), Jeffrey Wilcox (1985), Douglas Hunter (1987), Stephen Perreault (1988), Cletus Arciero (1989), David Gutmann (1990), Thomas Irick (1990), David Lowe (1990), Tim Bakos (1992), Roger Bly (1992), Angel Martinez (1992), Donald Vanderhoef (1993), Richard Chiafolo (1995), Dan Gaur (1995), James Kennedy (1996), Francisco Ferrer (1999), Christopher Malloy (2001), Kumar Jambunathan (2005), Ankit Narechania (2006), Todd Reynolds (2007), John Camp (2008), Salvatore Mangano (2008), Stephen Knapp (2009), Adam Rivard (2009), Jeffrey Sangillo (2009), Jim Croke (2010), Aaron King (2011), Justin Grimm (2012), John Hennessey (2012), Kyle Moise (2012), Benjamin Clemence (2013), Joshua Ingram (2013)

Sustaining

Ronald Byer (1955), Richard Schmidt (1956), Robert Kosky (1958), Arthur Mason (1961), Dieter Rollfinke (1963), Christopher Roper (1964), Robert Mazzaferro (1967), Richard Randall (1969), Gerard Sztakowski (1973), Robert Olsson (1975), Donald Parker (1978), Frank Parlino (1978), Thomas Sayuk (1980), Daniel Buechler (1981), Leland Hoff (1982), Roderick Kunz (1983), John Beaudoin (1986), Donald Birks (1987), Joseph Mannino (1991), Daniel Griswold (2004), Cary Klemm (2007), William Kohut (2007), James Aram (2011), Charles Scheide (2011), John Knight (2012), Alexander Morin (2012), Stephen DiPalermo (2013), Derek Roberts (2013), Nathan Aparo (2014), Paul Detwiler (2014), Jordan Stambler (2014), Colin Steifel (2014)