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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023 EDITION

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Alumni Weekend April 28-30!

Not to be missed, RSVP Today!

MIKE GAGAS '75
SPECIAL PIZETES REPORTER

Something for everyone, that's all I can say. **Are you a devoted and faithful brother of the Pi Chapter?** For you, we have the annual Alumni Brothers meeting at the Chapter House on Saturday Morning. Your wives and others will be attending the Troy Community Farmers Market. You can join your significant other or attend the walking tour of historic downtown Troy (it's not your grandfather's Troy anymore, not sure, that could be and oxymoron, but I'm an engineer, how would I know?)

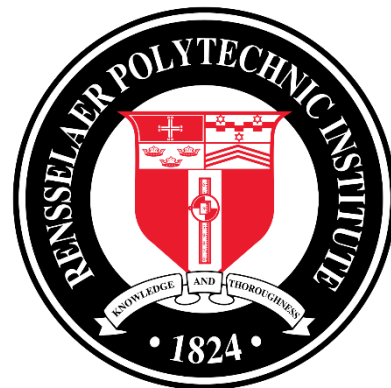
Like to golf? On Friday, you can join us, with your significant other to play at a nearby public golf course (TBD). If you actually beat Tom Moberg '71 you get a special prize. Spoiler alert, it's a sleeve of Kirkland golf balls. You can either cry in your beer or celebrate your victory at Brown's Brew Pub on Friday evening.

Are you yearning for an elegant, upscale event? Dig out your sport coats, boys, its business casual. The Great Room of Heffner Alumni House has cathedral ceilings, wall of windows and deck to do whatever. Food is catered by Sodexo, and there will be two bartenders so there will be no waiting.

If you are not too hungover, you can return to the "Heff" for a breakfast buffet with a brief talk by Mr. Ethan Stubbs, Greek Dean.

Please take this opportunity to reinvigorate your memories and celebrate your accomplishments. **If you are celebrating your 50th, 25th, 10th or ANY anniversary of your graduation, call your brothers and make plans.** Seize the moment. They don't come along every day!

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ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING

TOM MOBERG '71
PIZETES EDITOR IN CHIEF

The annual meeting of the Capital District Association of Zeta Psi will be held at the Pi Chapter House, 25 Belle Avenue, Troy NY at 9:00AM, adjourning at approximately 11:00 AM. All Alumni are encouraged to attend. We will conduct all business at this meeting, the only in-person meeting of your Alumni Association. Tom Moberg '71, Alumni President, will preside.

There are elections for all officer positions and nominations are taken for the Board of Directors position.

Alumni are welcome to join spouses/dates at the Troy Waterfront Farmers Market for lunch on your own. (See below). The Board of Directors will meet immediately after the Annual meeting.



OLD TROY, NEW TROY

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If you have not been to Troy, NY recently, you are in for a very pleasant surprise. **The Courtyard Albany Troy/Waterfront at 515 River Street is in the heart of the historic district, on the extended River Walk (think Rescue funding).** Famous Monument Square is located virtually across the street and it is walking distance to all the downtown restaurants and bars. There is a view of the Green Island Bridge from the patio. The new bridge, that is. One may walk to campus but it's a hike and uphill. Take an Uber.

For the past 2 years, Troy has become a sought-after movie and TV filming location due to the historic nineteenth century look and feel. After lunching at the [Waterfront Farmers Market](#), located in the Troy Atrium, we have reserved a "Gilded Age" tour of historic downtown Troy starting at the [Hart Cluett Museum](#) at 2 PM. Kathy Sheehan, Exec Director of the museum will conduct the mile long tour that finishes near the Courtyard.



Old Troy, during filming of "The Gilded Age"



Duh, New Troy. The Albany Troy/Waterfront Hotel

RPI on HBO?!

Did you know that RPI alumni Aldrich, Boller, and Cassatt are the stuff of a TV hit? RPI alumni sparkle in the HBO series "The Gilded Age" like the steel arms of George Ferris' (Class of 1881) 250-foot-high Ferris wheel at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. This epoch has special significance to our institute, as HBO's The Gilded Age series films in Troy throughout the month of August. Troy's streets and colorful facades are highlighted on screen in the age marked by industrial activity and federal government investment post-Civil War.

RPI alum Truman H. Aldrich (Class of 1869) poured effort and innovation into opening new coal veins in Alabama, making Birmingham, AL a hub of the steel industry for decades to come. RPI alumnus Alfred P. Boller (Class of 1861) envisioned new structural support for New York City's novel skyscrapers such as the Singer Tower, the tallest building in the world from 1908 to 1909. RPI alumus Alexander J. Cassatt (Class of 1859) introduced the air brake en masse to trains, helping make the Pennsylvania Railroad system the reliable, standard railroad system of the world.

Season 1 of "The Gilded Age" is available on HBO now. See how many local Troy establishments you can spot!

Submitted By Sara Sass '12 and Bill Criss '68, '69G

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Bill Grossman and Randy Burns meet as Keith Warner looks on, Alumni Weekend 2022.

RPI CAMPUS TOUR

JAY WEBB '61
AT LARGE PIZETES REEPORER



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute aerial view from the West

From 4:00-5:00 on Saturday we will be treated to a campus tour via bus and a student tour guide. This is a chance to get an overview of recent developments including new housing, renovated old football field, bioscience building, Electronic Media and Performing Arts building, new athletic fields and support building on the east campus near the Field House.

Meet the bus in front of the Chapter House.



Josh McWilliam and John Spohn plot strategy while Lauck Walton mixes it up with the actives, Alumni Weeked 2022



Ten Pi Zetas Attended the Zeta Psi Convention in Brooklyn, NY. Count em, two Actives and 8 Elders

GALA EVENT

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The Alumni Weekend Dinner/Reception will be held at the Heffner Alumni House in the Great Room. As you can see in the picture to the right, it is an elegant space with a cathedral ceiling and two working fireplaces. It's on the main level and accessible to all.

We expect some special awards to alumni this year and will present the Ivor Preiss '59 Award for academic achievement to an active brother. Of course, Tom Moberg '71 will be the master of ceremonies.

We invited Rensselaer President Martin Schmidt '81, Ph.D., nineteenth president of RPI and his wife Lyn, along with Ethan Stubbs, Associate Dean of Greek Life and Dawn McCarthy from the Alumni Office. My wife Gail and I met Marty and his wife Lyn in Hartford, CT on the presidential tour. It's pretty commendable that they want to meet and hear from as many alumni as possible.

In keeping with these historic times, 175 years for Zeta Psi, 200 Years for RPI (next year), and the "Gilded Age" in Troy, we will have a brief presentation on the History of Zeta Psi.

Sodexo is catering. In addition to full course dinners, we will have some passed hors d'oeuvre and plenty of refreshments at the cash bar.

Attire will be business casual.

SUNDAY BRUNCH

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Enjoy a wake-up Brunch at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday at the Heffner Alumni House located at 1301 Peoples Ave.; parking at the rear or side lots. Partake of juices, coffee/tea, fruit, breads, sausage/bacon and scrambled eggs in a bright comfortable setting. We have invited a campus speaker (Ethan, at right) to join us so there will be opportunity to hear about the new campus atmosphere and how the Greeks fit into the campus community.



Great Room of the Heffner Alumni House



Heffner Alumni House, Peoples Avenue



Ethan Stubbs, Associate Dean for the Fraternity and Sorority Commons.

WEEKEND AGENDA

Friday, April 28

- Noon – 5:00 PM Golf at Public Course nearby, TBD. We will have Men's and Women's foursomes or mixed.
- 7:00 PM - Informal gathering at [Brown's Brewing Company](#), 417 River St, Troy, NY 12180

Saturday, April 29

- 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Alumni Association Annual Meeting at Zeta Psi - Pi Chapter House, 25 Belle Avenue
- 11:00 AM – Noon Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting at Zeta Psi - Pi Chapter House
- Noon – 1:45 PM Lunch – On your own, suggest [Waterfront Farmers Market](#) in the Atrium, Troy, New York
- 2:00PM – 3:30 PM “Gilded Age” Historical Walking Tour, starts at Hart Cluett Museum, 99 2nd Avenue, Troy NY
- 4:00PM – 5:00 PM Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Campus Tour, starts at Chapter House (bus)
- 7:00 PM – 11:00PM Gala Reception with Passed Hors D'oeuvres, Dinner, and Cash Bar at the “Great Room”, Heffner Alumni House, 1301 Peoples Ave, Troy, NY 12180

Sunday, May 1

- 10:00 AM – noon Breakfast with Ethan Stubbs, Greek Dean, “Dining Room”, Heffner Alumni House, 1301 Peoples Avenue, Troy NY
- Noon – 3:00 PM Engineers Baseball Game and “Senior Day”, Robison Field

EDITORIAL

Its Now or Never Brothers

After a two-year drought caused by the global pandemic, Alumni President Tom Moberg '71 led a small, but undaunted group, of very special Pi Zetes, who planned and attended a highly successful Alumni weekend (see photos on page 3). Inspired by this awesome event, this reporter joined with an equally special group of Alumni and Actives to plan a unique and literally existential Alumni Weekend 2023.

Why don't you join us? Wife wears the pants in the family? Got you covered. The Gala dinner event will be held Saturday night in the Great Room of the Heffner Alumni House. It's a grand space (see Gala Dinner article, page 2) **We have invited RPI President Martin Schmidt '81, his wife Lyn** along with some other, shall we say, people that should be of interest to any RPI Alum and their spouses.

Downtown Troy doesn't particularly appeal to you? Not your fondest memory? Well, your impression is dated. The Rensselaer County Historical society is providing us with a tour down 2nd Avenue, which was used extensively in the filming of “The Gilded Age”, the smash HBO streaming series (see article page 3).

Our international fraternity, Zeta Psi, celebrated our 175th anniversary of our founding last summer.

Ten Pi Zetes attended. Your Alma Mater, RPI, will be 200 years old next year. **Have you toured the campus? Have you seen the sports facilities?** (Hint, they don't play football on the '86 field anymore. **And we have women's sports teams, did you know that?**

Finally, the classes of 1973, 1998, and 2013 are celebrating 50th, 25th and 10th year anniversaries. Don't know about you, but attending and graduating from Rensselaer as a Zete was pretty special for me.

Seeing is believing. Be there or be square.

Michael Gagas '75
Special PiZetes Reporter

Registration

(Registration received and prepayment required by April 22, 2023)

Payment can be made by check made out to NYSCDA of Zeta Psi and sent to Jim Peta, 15 Blueberry Lane, New Hartford, CT 06057. Or register and pay online -> <https://www.memberplanet.com/events/zetapsi-nys/aw2023>

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<u>FRIDAY</u>				
Noon- 5:00 Golf	_____	_____		Cash for playing
7:00 Gathering at Brown's	_____	_____		Cash bar/food
<u>SATURDAY</u>				
9:00 Annual meeting	_____	_____		0
12:00 Lunch	_____	_____		Cash bar/food
2:00 Historical tour	_____	_____	_ 30 _	_____
4:00 Campus tour	_____	_____	_ 20 _	_____
6:00 Banquet				
Calabrian Chile Roasted Chicken	_____	_____	_ 50 _	_____
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VEGETARIAN Crabless Crab Cake	_____	_____	_ 45 _	_____
VEGETARIAN Cauliflower Manchurian	_____	_____	_ 45 _	_____
<u>SUNDAY</u>				
10:00 Brunch	_____	_____	_ 30 _	_____
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PI Donor Recognition as of February 4, 2023

The Pi Chapter has been prospering due to in large part the support of our Elders. This is an attempt to recognize and thank those who have been generous in their support since 1980. That is from when reliable data for a comprehensive review is available. Donations before 1980 were certainly valuable, and sometimes critical, but we would be uneasy publishing partial data from that time. Probably Elders from the era recall instances of important help for which we remain very grateful. Included are all donations made direct to the Pi, the Zeta Psi Educational Foundation, through PayPal and the Greek RPI Support Program.

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Thank you for supporting the Pi Chapter!

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NEWS FLASH TWO NEW ACTIVITIES ADDED TO ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023

RPI vs Vassar Baseball Game "Senior Day"

On Sunday, April 30, The Engineers will face Vassar College at the RPI baseball field (Robison Field at Karl Steffen Ballpark), on the corner of 17th and Eagle St, just next to Samaritan Hospital. Attendance at all baseball games is free.

Baseball seniors will be honored at 12pm ahead of baseball's last regular season home game. The Pizete brothers on the team are as follows:

Aidan Hicks #1, Sophomore OF
Alex Vallee #3, Junior LHP
Parker Gelfuso #7, Grad Student 3B
Cooper Hay #9, Junior LHP
Ryan Brown #11, Junior RHP
Martin Marintchev #14, Senior INF (First-team all- conference last year)
Joe Saia #15, Senior OF (All-conference honorable mention last year)
Evan Mahns #17, Senior LHP
Jack Moncur #23, Grad Student INF
Jack Ellis #28, Sophomore RHP
Sam Stone #30, Junior RHP
Cam Heuer #42, Sophomore RHP
Matt Chotiner #4, Freshman INF (Pledged)
Ryan Brewer #8, Sophomore C (Pledged)

See you there. Play Ball!

Tour Troy Music Hall

On Saturday Morning, April 29, we will have a private tour of the Troy Music Hall above the Troy Savings Bank at 30 2nd Street. The Beaux-Art building is the creation of Architect Paul B. Post (1837-1913) former President of the American Institute of Architects

The music hall, opened in 1870, is renowned for its acoustics and an Odell concert organ>

The Troy Music Hall is operated by a not-for-profit organization. Keith Warner '74 arranged the tour with this organization. It will be at 10:00 AM, so attendees should plan to meet in the Courtyard Lobby at 9:30 for a 9:45 departure. It is a 5-minute walk.

