

House Corporation Continues to Mentor and Support Undergrads

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Greetings, fellow alumni and undergraduate brothers.

It's been a busy couple of months at Rho, and we had an interesting October when Hurricane Sandy rolled through our area. On behalf

of the house corporation, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe as we slowly return to normalcy. Rho Chapter started off the summer with the LAD Memorial Golf Outing and raised approximately \$1,700 for our annual undergraduate scholarships. Karnea, the National DTD conference, was held in Austin, Texas, this year, and Rho was well represented by alumnus Mike Malter and members from the undergraduate chapter. We started off the fall semester with our annual Career Connections event, which featured seven alumni panelists with varied career backgrounds. I would like to thank the following alumni for donating their time and sharing their wisdom and career advice with the undergraduates: George Couto '06, Joe Llano '00, Shahin Guity '91, Jason Perez '00, Matt Cannon '05, Ryan Stecher '01, and John Stegenga '04. It was a great event to showcase the success of our alumni and the different careers that are out there for Stevens's graduates. If you would like to volunteer for future Career Connection events, please contact me by email (peterbakarich@gmail.com).

Our next big event is our Casino Night fundraiser, planned for Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Babbio Center. All proceeds will go to the Seek A Wish (seekawish.org) cancer charity, founded by George Couto '06.

To purchase tickets and/or make a donation, please visit www.rhodelts.org. It will be a great evening to catch up with old friends, win some excellent prizes, and raise money and awareness for a phenomenal charity.

Since there are approximately 1,150 Rho Chapter alumni, I just wanted to take the opportunity to share the house corporation's organizational goals and objectives:

1. Provide general advice and guidance to undergraduate officers about managing the property, inspiring ownership behavior, and chapter programming.
2. Continue as stewards of the long-term relationship with Stevens regarding housing, university maintenance services, upkeep of the physical plant, financial details, and direction of planning for future housing needs, including management of the reserve fund.
3. Coordinate general alumni activities, communications, and reunions to encourage the alumni to continue their interest and support of the chapter and the fraternity.
4. Continue to develop the alumni and undergraduate relationship through member and leadership development program, through events such as Career Connections, Fireside Chats Series, and The Road Programming.
5. Oversee long-term management, increased funding, and distribution of the Rho Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity Endowed Scholarship Fund.

We are a very large group with many alumni living in and around the Hoboken area,

so we are always looking for new volunteers to join the house corporation. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please let me know. In addition, if you have any ideas about potential fundraising or networking events, please feel free to email me, as we are always looking for ways to improve our activities. Visit our website (www.rhodelts.org) for updated event activities and stay connected through our Rho Delt groups on Facebook and LinkedIn.

A correction from the September mailing: My letter stated that "[the alumni] don't pay for our alumni volunteers to attend conferences." We, in fact, do pay for a select group of Rho Chapter house corporation volunteers to attend conferences and cover registration, meals, hotels, and transportation. My apologies for the oversight. Every consideration is made to travel inexpensively, as your contributions are used prudently for the benefit of our beloved Rho Delt.

Thanks, and I hope to see everyone on February 9.



Joe Llano '00 and Shahin Guity '91 share their words of wisdom with the undergraduates at the Career Connections event this fall.

Treasurer Provides Breakdown of House Corporation Spending

By Ken Henriques '06

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Through communication with many of Rho Chapter's generous donors, we feel that it would be appropriate to update the Rho Chapter community on the financial state of the house corporation. Over the years, the house corporation has morphed from an organization designed to handle the administrative and financial burdens of leasing The Shelter and overseeing renovations (during a time when the house corporation would lease the house from Stevens Institute of Technology and then handle subletting to undergraduate members) to more of an extended advisory arm of the chapter's alumni membership (members currently enter into individual leases with Stevens Institute of Technology to live in The Shelter).

In a general sense, the house corporation is serving the undergraduate members directly while also acting as a central point of contact for alumni. The funds of the house corporation are used for a variety of scholarly, philanthropic, and youth/student development needs that vary from year to year. These funds are predominately raised through donations via our website (rhodelts.org), alumni mailing solicitations (managed by Stewart Howe), and a variety of fundraisers held by the undergraduates and alumni. These fundraisers vary each year and have included events such as Casino Night, Career Connections seminars, and alumni weekend barbecues.

Funds raised through such events are generally used in two ways:

1. They are contributed to the Stevens Institute of Technology endowment, which funds our annual scholarships—

you can view the scholarships, recipients, and criteria on deltagolfouting.com.

2. They are included in the general operating budget of the house corporation (e.g., quarterly newsletter, undergraduate development events, alumni attendance of regional/national meetings, Karnea, etc.).

The majority of the income is raised through the solicitations included in our newsletter mailings. Putting together two to three newsletters per year, circulating donation registers, and maintaining our member database costs us roughly \$4,000–\$6,000, depending on which services we require in a given calendar year. Generally, the donations that are solicited by Stewart Howe through mailings and our newsletter allow us to break even on this front, and our other fundraising efforts serve as pure profit for the organization. In recent years, we have seen giving decline, so we have attempted to rein in costs by limiting our mailings and curbing miscellaneous spending. Over the past year, we have been able to help fund the scholarship endowment while also helping alumni and undergraduates attend the division conferences and Karnea. This is all in addition to funding multiple alumni and undergraduate retreats to coordinate the upcoming semester's goals and objectives. To better outline the operating budget for our donors, we have included a year-to-date

breakdown of costs in the illustration.

The house corporation has developed itself into a shoulder for the undergraduate chapter to lean on. Members of the house corporation are easily accessible to the undergraduates—many of them live in Hoboken or in the immediate surrounding areas—and without the financial aid of many of its alumni members, the opportunities would be fewer and farther between. For this, on behalf of the undergraduate members of Rho Chapter, I would like to say thank you to those alumni that generously donate.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Rho Chapter of Delta Tau Delta House Corporation 2012 Fiscal Year to Date Expenses

* October 10, 2012 YTD

Opening Balance	11,411	
	Oct 2012 YTD	%
Revenue		
Career Connections / Casino Night (Jan 2012)	1,250	15.5
General Donations	5,070	62.9
2012 Lee Allan Dowches Golf Outing Revenue	1,744	21.6
Total Revenue	8,064	100.0
	Oct 2012 YTD	%
Expenses		
Stewart Howe Alumni Services		
Newsletter, Mailings, & General Correspondence	4,603	47.3
Costs Associated w/ Credit Card Transactions	203	2.1
Donation to Stevens Institute of Technology Endowment		
2012 Lee Allan Dowches Golf Outing Revenue	1,744	17.9
Web Hosting / Maintenance		
Web Hosting w/ Netcetra LLC (\$90/quarter)	270	2.8
General Maintenance of Websites	140	1.4
Undergraduate Development		
Executive Committee Transition Retreat (Jan 2012)	646	6.6
Fall 2012 Retreat / Semester Planning Meeting	262	2.7
Easter Division Conferences / Karnea 2012		
Eastern Division Conference / Planning	50	0.5
Karnea 2012 (Undergraduates & Alumni Representatives)		
Registrations	379	3.9
Flights	431	4.4
Food	372	3.8
Hotel	641	6.6
Total Expenses	9,741	100.0

* Above excludes any donations made directly to Stevens Delt Scholarship Fund

Delts Commemorate High School Friend Dan Zolotorofe

By Timothy Culloty '14

On November 3, 2011, Dan Zolotorofe passed away at the age of 20 from diabetes. If you knew Dan, you know that he absolutely loved playing and watching basketball with his friends and family. It didn't matter to him if it was a casual pick-up game in his driveway, at the playground with strangers, or being the loudest fan at both home and away games in high school. He loved the

vibe, the atmosphere, and the togetherness basketball brought to his life. And for that, in his great honor, we will attempt to host and recreate the atmosphere and togetherness he loved so much on the hardwood at his beloved high school.

When we were seniors on the Mahwah lacrosse team in 2010, the program was only in its second year, and no one really came to our games. When we made it to the championship, it meant a lot to see Dan Z.

leading the charge into the stands and getting the crowd fired up. After witnessing that display, I knew Dan was a true friend. He had that effect on people—no matter where he was, people followed; no matter what he did, people mimicked; and no matter what he said, people listened. By the age of 20, he had already touched so many people. That is why Delta Tau Delta will be representing the DZ Foundation for a 3v3 basketball tournament on December 8, 2012.

2011–2012 in Review: A Report From the Chapter President

By Sean Devlin '14
Undergraduate President

The past year has been quite productive for Rho Chapter. We began the year with some major problems—the house was being abused, there were holes in the walls, the roof was caving in, and waste was unmanaged. Our meal plan was up in the air after our cook's controversial departure in December 2011. Communication on all levels within the house was lacking. Our scores on the FAAR report were poor, putting us in the bottom-10 chapters nationally. On top of all of this, we neglected to attend the divisional conference, which led to the divisional president surprising us at a meeting with a stern warning for the chapter. From the outside, it couldn't be much worse for the Rho Chapter.

However, these events provided a catalyst for change. At the recommendation of Jesse O'Brien '02, we brought back weekly executive board meetings. These were extremely useful in getting the leaders of the house all on the same page. Eventually these were opened up to committee heads as well as brothers looking to contribute more. These small group meetings allowed us to better prepare for general body meetings and cre-

ated smoother, more informative sessions. This also enabled the lines of communication to run more efficiently from the top down.

The next step was to handle the issue of conditions at The Shelter. We were communicating to the school on a daily basis to make the necessary repairs to the house. We had all of the holes patched, repainted walls, replaced moldy drywall in the basement, cleaned the gutters, and fixed the roof over the pledge room. The school negotiated to close the house over the summer to facilitate many of these repairs, which was largely unsuccessful. It appears to me that, without the men of the house driving the school to act, they would accomplish nothing. In addition to the school's repairs, we rebudgeted \$1,000 per month for house improvement projects. Our fine system has been more stringently enforced, meaning less damage to the house and fewer holes in the walls. Waste management has been at an all-time high, with the chapter receiving no garbage fines—surely a record in recent memory. Overall living conditions have greatly improved, resulting in a much better environment to call home.

In the past year, we have also revitalized many old programs. We brought back Career Connections, and have Casino Night planned

for February. We brought back the PBJ sandwich program for the shelters in Hoboken, as well as the can drive. Our connection with the Jubilee Center has been re-established, despite JDRF replacing Adopt-A-School as our national charity. We also introduced new programs such as the Sausage Fest and DZ Foundation 3v3 basketball tournament. We also hosted our first mixer in several years. While the attendance was not stellar, it still contributed to improving our reputation on campus and is a step toward better Greek unity. We hope to continue to build upon these programs and further improve our community.

Brotherhood is what the concept of a fraternity really comes down to. It is often difficult for our chapter to achieve perfect brotherhood with everyone's busy schedules and sports. It is the mission of the current executive board to push this concept further than it has been taken at Rho Chapter. After attending a retreat at National in Indiana, and Karnea 2012 in Texas, it has become clearer than ever that we are part of something much bigger than our house in Hoboken. This is a huge organization with thousands of great people who are striving to make a better world. We need to realize that we are not just Delts for our time in school, but that we are Delts for life.

Brothers Represent Rho Chapter at Lone-Star Karnea in Texas

By Nick Philippi '13

This past June, three members of the current executive board joined Michael Malter '10 on a trip to Austin, Texas, to participate in the semi-annual Delt gathering known as Karnea. Lone-Star Karnea, as this year's event was called, was essentially a week-long celebration of being a Delta Tau Delta brother in Austin, Texas. The selected brothers from our chapter met with current members of other chapters, alumni, and important executives of the national fraternity to expand their knowledge of the brotherhood as a whole.

Knowledge of the fraternity's current goals

and mission is always a huge focus of Karnea, and this year's event was no different. The two delegates from our chapter voted on important changes to bylaws, listened to acceptance speeches from newly elected officers, and learned how to apply the current goals of the national brotherhood to our local chapter. All of those who attended gained a more in-depth understanding of what being a Delt really means by participating in both organized events and unofficial trips around Austin.

Meeting and networking with other brothers of the fraternity strengthened the beliefs and solidified the core values we all first learn as pledges. This was easily the most exciting

part of the entire trip. The Rho Chapter met brothers from Florida, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and many other places. Everyone was welcomed with open arms everywhere, whether attending an alumnus's speech or having a quick lunch.

At the end of the week, it was announced that the next Karnea will take place in the summer of 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana. If this event is even half as remarkable as this past summer's, I strongly recommend that brothers and alumni attend if they are able to do so. It's not only a celebration of being a brother; it strengthens our bonds to the fraternity and renews our beliefs in Delta Tau Delta.

Stevens Honors Former DTD Adviser Richard Widdicombe

By Stevens Development Office

Stevens has decided to honor Richard Widdicombe by dedicating a campus project in his name, commemorating his 40 years of service to the university (1966–2006).

Richard joined Stevens in 1966, hired by then-president Jess Davis as an assistant librarian. In 1973, he was promoted to director, a position he held until his retirement in 2006. Always the innovator, he was responsible for the computerization of the library's

reference tools and was also extremely active on campus, helping to found a number of campus organizations and clubs.

Throughout his tenure at Stevens, there

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alumni send their news

Keep in touch with **Howard McCall '45** at 9 Stratton Pl., Greenville, SC 29615.

"Of the eight people attending our 65th (class of 1945) Reunion, four of us were Delts," writes **Edward Wittke Jr. '45**. "The other Delts were **Howard McCall, Robert Eichman, and David Resch**." Write to Edward at 23 Scudder Rd., Westfield, NJ 07090.

Earl Greenleaf Jr. '61 reports: "I enjoyed the latest issue of the *Rho Chronicle*, particularly the article about renovating the Delta Tau Delta Shelter—the table-building, specifically. When I lived in the house (from 1958 to 1960), it was on campus, just north of the field house and northeast of the field. It was reportedly the first house to be built as a fraternity house in the country. We had a live-in couple who raised their daughter in the house and lived on the lowest floor, where the dining room and kitchen were located. We enjoyed three meals a day, Monday through Friday, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday! It was great having the Klunders in that position for a long time! Lots of fond memories.

"I spent 48 years in the transportation industry—International Harvester, Theurer Trailer, and Freuhauf Trailer. In 1985, I started White Bear Equipment with a partner, selling and installing truck equipment; snow

plows; dump, utility, platform, small trailer, and wrecker bodies; and flatbeds. We then designed and built a six-to-10-car-hauling semitrailer in the Albany area, and then built a 45,000-square-foot plant in South Carolina. We had a great time, and then sold the business in 2003 to a truck equipment firm that already had three locations in New York, but wanted an Albany location. They hired all of our people and treated us all well. In 2009, with a recession setting in, I was laid off and without a job for the first time in 48 years. I got used to it quickly and decided that I enjoyed the time off, and since I was 70 at the time, it's been a great three years since!

"We were blessed with three daughters and one son (a Clarkson man). They are all married, and we are enjoying our eight grandchildren, ranging in age from two months old to a 24-year-old granddaughter—who is out of college, married, and just moved to New Zealand, where her husband is playing field hockey for the Auckland team. We have two mechanical engineers, one nuclear engineer, one architect/construction manager, two nurses, two physician's assistants, and one pre-med grad who is still enjoying home life.

"The Delt experience and the Stevens experience were both instrumental in my maturing and vocational experiences. Study and work at it, but don't forget to enjoy it!" Contact Earl at 2816 State Rte. 9, Malta Ridge, NY 12020.

Write to **Robert "Seethers" Dalie '66** at 175 Galicia Way, Apt. 207, Jupiter, FL 33458; rainlake86@aol.com

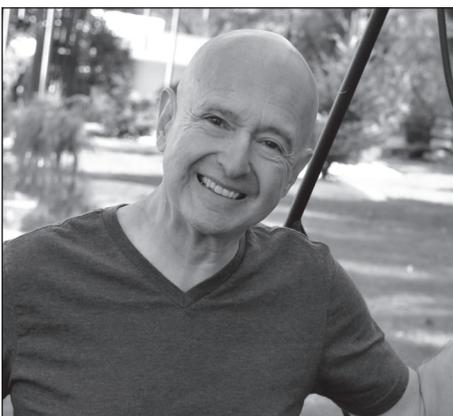
Keep in touch with **Richard Timmons '72** at 745 Wilson Ln., Hinsdale, IL 60521; rich@3rdcoastpr.com.

"Still splitting time between east and west, as it is now South Dakota vs. Nashville," writes **Patrick Caramante '80**. "My wife of 26 years died in October of 2011, and I am readjusting to single life and the dating scene. Brothers from the '76/'80 period will know that this wasn't good for me then, and it doesn't bode well now!" Write to Patrick at 969 Market St. #1702, San Diego, CA 92101; email him at pcaramante@yahoo.com.

"It's great to see the house doing great! Keep up the good work!" writes **Dave Manhas '88**. Catch up with him at 45 Rocky Hill Rd., Princeton, NJ 08540; email him at d.s.manhas@comcast.net.

Keep in touch with **Daniel Dragone '96** at 5 Jules Ln., Montvale, NJ 07645; email him at d.dragone@att.net.

Kevin Frei '01 has a new address! Write to him at 506 Scoslo Dr., Bel Air, MD 21014.



Former DTD adviser Richard Widdicombe.

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was no one more supportive of Delta Tau Delta than Richard. Richard truly affected the lives of countless members of Rho Chapter. Among his many contributions, Richard served as Rho Chapter's adviser for many years and extended himself as a friend and mentor to numerous Delts.

Rho Chapter is pleased to be able to work with the university in this effort to honor Richard. Stevens has asked Michael Antieri '78, Rho Delt house president in

1977, to serve as chair of the committee that will decide how to recognize Richard. Michael will work with the Stevens Development Office and Richard to establish the committee and identify a specific project to be dedicated in Richard's honor.

Once the project has been designated and the committee is fully formed, a fundraising effort will then commence. If you would like to participate in the effort, you may contact Michael Antieri at michaelantieri@me.com or send an email to the Stevens development office at development@stevens.edu.

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