

# ALPHA *bet* SOUP

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**A482 Raymond Dumser** is 93 years young and is now living in sunny California.

**A578 George Shingle, Jr.** is enjoying the fine weather of California.

**A635 Benjamin Marshall** has let us know that his wife of 61 years, Margaret, passed away on October 19, 2008. Adding, she used to love dancing at the socials held at the chapter house. He is interested in reconnecting with classmates and can be reached at 978-535-0326 or [bentmarshall@netzero.net](mailto:bentmarshall@netzero.net).

**A681 George Thomas** regrets to announce that Joan, his wife of 52 years, passed away in July. He resides on St. Simon Island on the Georgia coast and enjoys biking around the island.

**A848 Bob Bozzone** has been named a 2008 recipient of the Albert Fox Demers Medal

by the Rensselaer Alumni Association. Find out more details here: <http://www.alumni.rpi.edu/board/awards/raa2008winners.html>

**A1243 Victor Galante** - He changed jobs and started with Cross Telecom on May 1st. His wife, Cynthia, also picked up her Smart car on the 10th in Jacksonville, FL. Cute little thing. [Sign in on website to see photo.]

**A1261 Mike Rivera** - He's small but he's feisty and the neonatologist said he's doing fine. Here are the stats: Gabriel Michael Rivera, born 2:44 PM, September 2, 2008, 4 lbs 11.7 oz, 19 inches. Paula is doing fine. The little guy is being taken care of at hospital until he's had enough spinach to grow more muscles and come home. He arrived about 3-4 weeks ahead of schedule. [Sign in on website to see photos.]

**A1265 Mike Anderson** - He stopped by the

## Chapter Eternal

A463 F. Burrows Esty 10/16/2007  
A490 Robert R. Heidemann 3/8/2008  
A493 William H. Browne 2/11/2007  
A499 Jack A. Eckardt 2/3/2007  
A553 Thomas G. Gilcoyne 1/3/2008  
A600 Edward M. Rowan 7/13/2007  
A605 Robert F. Sharpe 2/10/2008  
A651 David W. Campbell 11/14/2007  
A725 Richard C. Newell 4/30/2007  
A770 Jack L. Feininger 11/14/2007  
A771 Robert A. Webster 10/31/2007  
A778 Robert H. Johnson Jr. 8/4/2007  
A1004 Philip J. Gregoretti 3/26/2008  
A1097 Philip M. Brooks Jr. 4/12/2007

house for just a few minutes recently - And he made these comments: - House looks great, such good care has been taken and the updates really show. It is amazing that the carpet, furniture, and wainscoting still survive after nearly 25 years! - Everyone was friendly - this was something my wife commented on: whenever we enter the house we are made to feel special and important, there is respect shown to alumni (this was a direct contrast she made with the fraternity that our nephew joined)!

Great job, keep up the good work! See a pic of my boys [on the alumni website] at the Corning Ferrari show in August 2007.

**A1276 Bret Greenstein** - Is living in China for the next two years. He was at dinner one night and met a new couple, and he not only went to RPI, but is also a Theta Xi alumnus....

**Ron Fraser A1324.** They knew many of the same people and had a great time getting to know each other. So, even though China is pretty far away, there is now an unofficial Alpha Alumni Club in Shanghai!

**A1293 Jeff Thompson** - His son, Henry Hardy, was born on 2/16, 7lbs 7oz, 19" [Sign in on website to see photo.]

**A1314 Mike Brown** - Mike's wife had a boy on Dec 18, 2007. See photos at: [www.harrymbrown.com](http://www.harrymbrown.com).

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## David Fowkes A1275 Joins Grand Lodge of Theta Xi



The Alumni Association congratulates **David Fowkes '89 A1275** on being voted on to the Grand Lodge of Theta Xi this past October 4th at a meeting in Chicago, Illinois. It is believed that he is the first Alpha Brother to serve on the Grand Lodge since **C. Leonard 'Len' Ager, Jr. A327** did in the early 1960's.

Alpha Alumni Association President **Tom Doherty A1448** commented, "Congratulations to David Fowkes! He has always been an advocate for Alpha Chapter and the Grand Lodge is better for having him."

"I can't think of a better choice. The Grand Lodge is lucky to have an outstanding Alpha alum join them and I'm sure that's already become apparent," wrote Alpha Alumni Association Member-at-Large **John Reinhardt A1358**.

Brother Fowkes is involved in many Theta Xi efforts including chairman of Alumni Communications and Fundraising for Alpha Chapter. He recently participated in the initiation ceremony for the newly re-chartered Zeta Chapter at Cornell University and has coordinated efforts toward having Alpha Chapter act as host for the 150th Anniversary Convention of Theta Xi in 2014.

Additionally, Brother Fowkes was recently named the 2007-2008 Outstanding Regional Director by the Theta Xi National Fraternity. To read more about this award and all other Theta Xi awards, please visit Theta Xi National Fraternity: <http://www.thetaxi.org/Chapters/NationalAwards.php>

# Alpha Big Brother Project

Alpha Chapter has an extensive history; part of that history is the mentor among the Brothers each of us had while pledges or Associate Members: our Big Brother. Beyond being a valuable part of joining Theta Xi, Big Brothers also help define a sense of place for each of us among all Brothers in Alpha Chapter and therefore allow us a means to connect with Brothers of different years.

Over the years, efforts have been undertaken to catalog these Brother-Big Brother relationships and make them available for viewing. For instance, you can log onto the alumni website and 'drill' down or up through the Brother Database and explore your own 'family tree'. Recently, old notes of small family trees describing Brother-Big Brother pairings have been added to the online database. The accuracy of these records cannot be vouched for without confirmation from you.

Please take a moment and take a look at the information listed below. No doubt you will see names that, for some, may be only half-remembered or even forgotten. If you see what you think is an error in any of the provided information, please use the registration form on the alumni website at [www.alpha6294.com](http://www.alpha6294.com) to help us get the record straight. Have any funny stories you would like to share concerning your big Brother or little Brother? You can use the registration form to send it in or use [alumni-update@alpha6294.com](mailto:alumni-update@alpha6294.com).

We have the following big Brother-Little Brother information for: <<First>> <<Last>>

Big-Brother:

Little Brother(s):

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**A1322 Ron Fraser** - Ron and Kim packed up the family in January and moved from Michigan to the far Far East (or is it west?). Check out their awesome blog at <http://krfraser5.blogspot.com/> and see 'Fraser's World'.

**A1359 Mike Petronino** - Maria Sophia Petronino was born on Wed, 8/27/08 at 11am on the button. She clocked in at 21.5 inches and NINE lbs, EIGHT oz!!!! Both Mom and baby are doing well and already home resting. Dad is investigating how to join the NRA and obtain firearms to keep boys away. :-) [Sign in on website to see photos.]

**A1364 Dave Goldschmidt** - Is very happy to announce that he and Deanna Fox married on May 29, 2008 at the Mohonk Mountain House in New Paltz, NY. From there they went to Scotland and England for their honeymoon. Great trip (see more at <http://g-revisions.com/wedding/>), though Deanna was sad she couldn't drink all the Scottish ales because they found out they are pregnant with their first child! Their baby girl (Edie) is due December 2, 2008.

**A1392 Adam Berman** - Susannah and I are expecting our first kiddo this winter. Brother Blanco came to visit during the Republican Convention and we raged. Give a shout if you're ever in Minnesota!!!

**A1406 Mark Martel** - Is happy to announce the birth of his daughter: AnaRose Martel, born Saturday August 23rd at 7:30pm, 7lbs 7oz and 20.5". Both Mom and baby are doing great. Parenting tips on how to keep boyz away from your daughter are more than welcome!! [Sign in on website to see photos.]

**A1448 Tom Doherty** - After nearly four years in Purchasing at Avon Products Inc., he has accepted the position of Senior Manager of Development at L'Oreal U.S.A.

**A1487 Chris Baldauf** - He has recently been promoted to Manager of Software Engineering at GlobalSpec, Inc., which he has worked at since 1999. He also nearing the completion of his MBA degree, which he is earning through the SUNY Albany Executive MBA Program.

**A1488 John Viggiano / A1526 Ben Haynes** - VIGCraft Arts has been accepted as a residential member of the Syracuse Technology Garden. On October 31st, VIGCraft moved its offices into the 33,000 square foot facility in Downtown Syracuse which is shared by two dozen other businesses and provides a full complement of business and entrepreneurial resources. John and Ben are extremely excited about the move and look forward to continuing to serve their clients while they endeavor to grow their

business in Central New York and throughout the United States.

**A1555 Mike Baron** - The Grand Lodge has elected Mike Baron A1555 to fill the recently vacated Northeast Regional Director position. Mike works and lives in the greater Boston area and will be responsible for the Alpha, Delta (MIT) and the newly re-colonized Zeta (Cornell) chapters. Mike is excited to get involved on the national level and looks forward to working to bring the Boston Alumni Association closer to the actives at Delta.

**A1578 Kevin Guldner** - Still ballin'

**A1595 Anthony Campos** - is a senior graduating in May 2009. He will achieve a dual degree in Nuclear Engineering / Engineering Physics and a minor in economics and actively seeking a full-time position in the nuclear industry that can relate to his major. He is interested in Nuclear Design, Reactor Operations, and Risk Analysis, but willing to be open to other newer fields. If you know of any availabilities please contact him at [campoa@rpi.edu](mailto:campoa@rpi.edu).

**Have news? Be sure to send it to us for inclusion in the next AlphaBet!**