



DELTA CHAPTER LOSES A TRUE “RESOLUTE MAN”

By Bill McIntyre '74

On August 18, 2020, Delta Chapter of Theta Chi lost a valued treasure when Rich Boroway '73 passed away.

The creed of Theta Chi Fraternity, learned as pledges by every brother, begins with “I believe in Theta Chi, its traditions and ideals.” Rich was a true believer in Theta Chi and all that it stood for. He never wavered or questioned the value of the brotherhood or his association with the fraternity. The fraternity was as much at the core of his person as his love for all things Ohio (where he grew up).

The creed continues with “It inspires true friendship; teaches truth,

temperance, and tolerance.” Okay, being honest, Rich never really got that temperance idea, but he certainly grasped the idea of friendship and lived it every day. Sometimes you had to wonder if Rich had cloned himself, as he always seemed on the go, showing up someplace to play golf, go for a hike, or just visit for a while. These visits inevitably got around to his photo albums that he always traveled with. Some of the photos were ancient, allowing us to reminisce and laugh at our younger selves. Some were recent, chronicling his comings and goings with so many other brothers that it knitted us all closer together.

The creed concludes with “I shall do all in my power to perpetuate its ideals,” and this is where Rich truly excelled, and why it is so important for



the bylaws of the Alumni Corporation Board, making it more representative, more active, and more helpful to the undergraduate chapter. He then went on to serve on the board, including a term as president of the corporation

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Flag at half-mast at National Headquarters, September 25, 2020.

us to acknowledge what he has done for Delta Chapter and what a vacuum his death leaves. It was in his involvement with the Alumni Corporation Board that Rich truly left his legacy. After graduating from RPI in 1973, Rich stayed in Troy for another year, working on campus in the business office before heading off to graduate school and the corporate world. But his thoughts and heart never wandered far from 2100 Burdett Avenue. From the late 1970s, he was involved in the Alumni Corporation Board, spearheading initiatives such as closer alumni relations and renovations to the physical plant. In 1986, he was instrumental in rewriting

from 1987 to 1988. After his term on the board, he became the treasurer of the board, a position he held for over 30 years, steering the fraternity through recessions, reorganizations, capital campaigns, and several suspensions.

As treasurer, he worked with each new group of officers, mentoring them in their new roles and trying to keep them on a productive path to ensure the continuation of the fraternity that he loved so much. His financial advising to each new group of officers was always relevant and he was able to connect to each generation effortlessly. This led to strong friendships that he

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MY FRIEND, RICHIE

By Bob Baker '73

I first met Rich in the fall of 1969. We were close friends and brothers for 50 years after that meeting.

Getting to know Rich in depth began during pledge week in the spring. When we neophytes assembled, we were lined up in alphabetical order. So, I was first and Rich was always right next to me. One night, when the brothers told us to elect a leader, in a loud, clear voice, neophyte Vasiloff stepped forward and said, "I nominate Rich Boroway." I was thinking to myself, "Who would want that job during pledge week?" Much to my surprise, Rich was honored and accepted. Thereafter, every time one of us did something wrong (which was quite often), Rich got yelled at and took the heat for the rest of us. That was the beginning of understanding Rich and his commitment to Theta Chi.

We got to know each other better during the next few undergraduate years at the house. In our sophomore year, Rich and I started the house "D" league hockey team. The house had an excellent "A" team, which precluded Rich and me from playing, so we created our own league.

Our relationship really blossomed after graduation. During the next 10 or so years, Rich visited us in the Boston area often. So often, in fact, that my wife, the fabulous 'Jonsey,' used to say, "Rich is here, must be time for my period!" He was always accompanied by his damned camera and we were required to pose for a picture or two. The photos went into his massive albums. He took so many photos over the years that he was a bit of a pain in the ass. However, the first thing we would ask him when he arrived was, "Do you have new photos?" Which, of course, he always did. A perfect example of how he kept us connected.

Our enthusiasm for RPI and ECAC hockey continued for the next several decades. Together, we attended many RPI games, ECAC playoff games, and NCAA tournament games in Boston, Albany, and a couple or three trips to Lake Placid. Rich, for many years, organized a TCFC hockey night for the Harvard/RPI game in Boston. It was usually the one time each year when local Boston brothers got together. But, it took Rich to pull it together. He did the same for the Princeton/RPI game. I know many of you cyclists, hikers, and

golfers across the country had similar experiences. Rich was at the center of it all. He intentionally visited all of us. He was the glue that kept all of us connected, even though we were separated by distance and life. I learned of all the important events in your lives because Rich made a point of keeping me connected with you with his visits and photos.

The frequency of the visits decreased a bit as we turned into old men (likely because Rich had that many more years of brothers with whom he had to connect), but were no less appreciated. He would always give me an update (whether I wanted one or not) on current house activities and issues and the new brothers. He never lost his enthusiasm. He never gave up on the house. I was always encouraged and sort of amazed by his energy and his involvement with the board.

My last visit with Rich was last summer, when he called to tell me he was coming for a visit. (Now that I think of it, I don't think he ever asked to visit, it was always an announcement that he was coming!)

Lin and I had recently moved to Gloucester, Massachusetts. Rich wanted to see the new place and, more importantly, we were going to discuss the logistics of his upcoming hospital visit to Dana Farber hospital for the experimental stem cell therapy. The three of us went for dinner and were sitting outside, looking over the harbor on a beautiful night. We had a couple of cocktails and Rich had broiled scallops. When he finished, he looked at me and said, "This is the best meal and the best time I've had it a really long time." He had that big Boro smile on his face that we all know. At the time, I thought it nice of him to say that after all he had been going through. Now, it means the world to me to know his last visit with me was so wonderful. That is a memory I will keep in my heart. Rich was and is the best of the best.

While we all respect and honor the ideals and tenets of Theta Chi, Rich lived them every day. He was my pal and my brother for 50 years. I miss him greatly.



Neophyte Boroway and Larry Allocco '70.



Rich with Bob and Linda Baker at the ECACs



RICH BOROWAY '73: A TRUE "RESOLUTE MAN"

19 YEARS OF RICH BOROWAY... IT CHANGED MY LIFE

By Ray Rumanowski '73

September 11, 2001, was a day that changed the world. It was also a day that changed my life.

First, let me set the stage about where I was in 2001. At that time, I was one of the owners of a large civil engineering consulting firm in Albany, New York, and owned a modest house in rural Rensselaer County. I had divorced in 1996 and concentrated my life on business pursuits. About that time, Rich had a series of financial setbacks and had to sell his house in Warren, New Jersey, so he needed a place to stay for a month or two. He quickly commandeered two-thirds of the second floor, and within two weeks had moved all his belongings into the house. A previously empty basement filled up with his treasures dating back to childhood and would remain there untouched to this day. What started as a typical Boroway visit lasted over 19 years until his untimely passing. Rich's arrival changed my focus and provided me a better balance. From being alone, I now had someone to share things with and get to know.

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The next 18 years flew by in a flash. I introduced him to many of my friends and he was accepted readily. We both joined Van Schaick Country Club in Cohoes, where we had many competitive golf matches and teamed to win several club tournaments. Rich and I traveled to Ireland and Scotland on five occasions and played all the renowned golf courses. Every year, Rich and I met up with fellow brothers John Lippold '73 and Carl Nasca '73 to play a highly competitive three-day golf event at a significant venue. We played at many high-end resorts and nearly accomplished our goal of playing in every state in the continental U.S. Rich rarely won, but bested us in Las Vegas in 2005 and at Pebble Beach in 2011. We organized and were captains of opposing teams for a Ryder Cup event in Myrtle Beach every October, where 20 to 32 Theta Chi brothers competed. He was highly competitive and had an obnoxious quality that brought out the best in the individuals that he teamed with or played against.

At home, Rich had many foibles. His diet consisted of



Carl, Rich, Ray, and John at Pebble Beach in 2015.

fried chicken, canned ravioli, and snack foods washed down with Yellow Tail chardonnay. He could not watch live TV because he could not stand commercials and taped everything. There would be hell to pay if you inadvertently mentioned the score of an Ohio State game before he had a chance to watch the taped, condensed version. I could never record anything because the DVR was always 99% full and sometimes could not watch live television because he was taping five shows simultaneously.

Rich's life changed in 2009 when he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Upon receiving the news, he became depressed initially but snapped out of that very quickly. He underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments and had numerous PET scans and other diagnostic tests. He had five remissions, but each time the cancer returned in a heightened manner. Throughout all of this, he led a normal life with little to no degradation of his physical and mental abilities. All that changed in the summer of 2019, when Rich was in line to get a stem cell transplant at Dana Farber in Boston. They discovered that he likely could not survive the procedure because the course of the cancer had affected his vital organs. From that point, a downward slide in his health began and it progressed rapidly.

Rich Boroway gave me 19 years as a true friend and brother. He gave Theta Chi much more. He changed my life and countless others for the better just because he was Rich Boroway. The precious memories he provided us will allow him to continue to live in our hearts and minds forever.



Rich and Ray in France in 2011.



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Memories of Rich Boroway, 1970-2020

By John Lippold '73

I was also one stop on the Boroway traveling show that pulled into my driveway at least twice a year. Being near Rich's hometown, I was guaranteed a stop at Christmas and at least one other time during the year, in addition to our yearly get-togethers at the Homestead Cup and the Myrtle Beach shoot out. Rich was the TC internet, LinkedIn, and Facebook well before any of those existed. As others have noted, Rich's visits were much anticipated since he brought news and pictures (lots of pictures!) of our TC brothers who we no longer stayed in close touch with. I will never forget the big Boroway smile that greeted me when I opened my front door.

Although Rich and I were in the same TC class of '73, I really got to know him during the summer of '74, when we were both living in the house. It was a melancholy time with lots of tennis, golf, good conversation, and a few beers. We became quite close—he even entrusted me to search for his broken teeth (yes, teeth) in a Hyannis junkyard. If you have not heard this story—I will save it for another time.

We reconnected in 1978 when I moved to California. Rich was on a short-term assignment at a company in the Bay Area, and that opportunity allowed us to socialize frequently and play golf. His going away party and my transporting him to the airport afterwards are the subject of another great story that many of you have heard, and I will again save for another time.

In 2004, Rich, Ray (Rumanowski '73) and Carl (Nasca '73) invited me to participate in the "Homestead Cup" competition—an annual golf event that they had started several years earlier with the winner taking home the cup. This wonderful tradition brought us together every year in a different state. These were fabulous times with nothing to do but play golf, drink, eat, and be fraternal. Our last cup competition



L to R: Rich, Ray, Carl, John, Paul, and Chris at Alpe d'Huez in 2011.

was May 2019 in French Lick, Indiana—Rich was still able to compete even in his weakened state. We had hoped to play this year in the Albany area (with Chris Vasiloff '73 as our new member) so we could be with Rich. Unfortunately, the COVID situation scuttled our plans.

Probably my best memory of Rich (and other brothers) is the trip to the French Alps in 2011 to celebrate our 60th birthdays. The plan was to ascend (on a bicycle) the famous Alpe d'Huez. Seemed like a crazy idea, but Chris (and Cyndie), Carl, and Paul (Reynolds '73) were all in and the plan was set. Rich and Ray agreed to accompany us and drive the "sag wagon." It was a fabulous week of riding and we all (eventually) made it to the top of Alpe d'Huez. Those memories will endure forever.

So, I have many emotions when I think about Rich. There are so many good times and funny stories to tell, and there are some sad ones too. It has been difficult the last few years seeing Rich in decline and knowing that the life of such a vibrant, upbeat, and caring person would be cut short. We are now left with our memories—and wow!—there sure are a lot of them. As many of you have mentioned in your tributes, he was a one of a kind, dedicated to his Theta Chi brothers like no other.

In closing, I want to give a tip of the Theta Chi derby to Ray, who picked up Rich when he was down and gave him a roof over his head and financial stability. Hey, Rich was a great guy, but which of you would invite him to stay in your guest bedroom for 10-plus years? (Maybe Bob Baker '73—but he would have to find an apartment for Linda!!) Seriously, my thanks to you, Ray, for giving Rich the opportunity to keep doing what Rich did to the benefit of all of us.



Photo shoot for GQ in Paris in 1990.



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nurtured for decades, friendships he would call upon in the ensuing years. He was always assessing the talent of the officers, looking for the next "hot shit" who he would stay in touch with and eventually recruit for the Alumni Board. He also spent years as the Theta Chi representative to the Alumni Interfraternity Greek Council, lending his experience and expertise to voicing the fraternities' concerns to the institute's administration.

In many ways, Rich never stopped fulfilling his role as an undergraduate rush chairman. Instead of meeting undergraduates and getting them interested in the fraternity, he now recruited alumni brothers to interest them in serving on the alumni board. He did this not only with brothers from his era in the 1970s, but drew upon the extensive friendships that he had cultivated with brothers from every era since then. He was instrumental in attracting brothers of all ages and various walks of life to contribute their time, talents, and energy to "perpetuate the ideals of Theta Chi." He was smart enough to recognize how the culture and the mindset of college students changed across generations, but was able to adapt to those changing circumstances because he believed the IDEALS of Theta Chi existed at a higher level than societal changes and trends.

At the Dusty Day celebration in 1976, Carl Westerdahl, the Dean of Students at RPI at the time, described Dusty (Mr. Theta Chi) as an "eternal sophomore"—someone who never lost the wide-eyed enthusiasm, boundless energy, and unwavering belief

that anything was possible. Rich, who was mentored for years by Dusty, possessed many of these same qualities and applied them day in and day out to help Delta Chapter. Although a realist, he maintained an optimism for the future of Theta Chi and worked tirelessly to attain that future. The concluding remarks of Dusty Day were, "With this man as our foundation, we shall go forward for the advancement of brotherhood." Before Dusty passed away a few years after that celebration, he was able to pass the baton to Rich, who kept the advancement of brotherhood as his core value. Rich was able to build on that foundation for generations of Delta Chapter brothers to come by keeping the history of Delta Chapter alive through the stories he told and the pictures he shared, allowing him to



The past and future of Delta Chapter. (Theta Chi National Convention—Scottsdale, Arizona, 1972.)

find commonality with the stories the undergraduates told him, reinforcing the reality it was still Theta Chi despite the passing of decades and generations. As important as Dusty was to Delta Chapter for several decades, Rich Boroway deserves equal recognition for his 40 years of devotion to the fraternity, earning him the title of "Mr. Theta Chi, version 2.0."



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WHY I LIKE RICH SO MUCH

DICK "STIGY" STIEGLITZ '67

Rich was always there to help...or to party...or to compete...whichever was needed to make brothers feel better! My interactions with Rich were at the annual Delta Theta Chi golf outings in Myrtle Beach every October for the past 15 years. As one of the perennial team captains, he was a prime mover in making the outings work. I enjoyed being on Rich's team because we always had the most fun, and we often didn't win. He brought all of us together even though there were 20 class years' difference among the brothers who played. The historical slide show he compiled and shared with us over a round of drinks was always a highlight of the weekend, and brought back so many fond memories of our years in Delta Chapter. I will miss Rich!



The brothers at Myrtle Beach in 2016.

DICK PODOLEC '70

I can't remember how we first became a stop on the "Boro" annual golf tour. There was little overlap of my class of 1970 with his of 1973, so I didn't get to know him at RPI. He, Rich Campbell '73, and Max Gowan '73 would arrive for two to three days of golf. We also played at Rich's place in Maine sometimes. He showed up alone occasionally, so we played with my local RPI friends, like Don Derrick '70, or with my son, if he was around. Melanie and I thought that he loved to visit us, and we loved to have him.

He would also make a trip each winter for the Dartmouth/RPI hockey game. He sometimes brought another brother, but we would also invite local RPI friends. Everyone looked forward to seeing him again. This also allowed us to see Theta Chi brother Charlie Urmson '59, who was a RPI hockey star in the late-1950s. Rich would always stay around to see my son's Hanover youth hockey games that weekend. My son always said it was like having another uncle.

Rich would fill us in on what the other brothers were up to and what was going on at the house. I was always amazed how he knew and kept so closely in touch with so many brothers and their families. It was like they were all part of "his" one big family.

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He also got to know my sister and family in Pittsburg. She arranged to get tickets to the U.S. Open at Oakmont, so Rich and I met there to spend a great weekend together before he headed west to see his mother.

The brothers and family members also bonded through the TC majors golf pool and later the TC Final Four basketball pool, which he and Ray ran. I always looked forward to the banter in emails from the brothers during each of the golf tournaments we bet on, and to learn from Rich who was DFL—Dead F***ing Last—for each tournament.

Rich was really one of a kind, who devoted his life to the brotherhood in so many ways. He helped to keep us all together and will be sorely missed.

ANTHONY TOPO DOMENICUCCI '72

Rich was a dear friend. I will miss playing golf with him—especially the outings he set up with himself, Bob Vetere '72, Ray Rumanowski '73, and me, and the yearly Myrtle Beach fraternity brothers golf outings where the Boro and Ray teams competed. Every year, my wife Judi and I looked forward to meeting Rich in Hudson, New York, on November 6 for a celebration of his birthday and our wedding anniversary. He was definitely a one of a kind brother who kept the fraternity going.

CHRIS VASILOFF '73

Rich will be sorely missed. He was certainly one of a kind. He was godfather to two of my children and took his role seriously with them. He was "the social media king" before it was invented. I've always felt close to our group through all these years, largely through Rich's effort to keep in touch and be our unofficial historian. He will be missed by all.



Rich takes a study break in 1972.



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Brothers celebrating Rich's birthday at Tony Domenicucci's '72 wedding reception in November 1982.

GLENN TAYLOR '74

One constant about Rich was the intensity he displayed in everything he did. I first noted that during freshman rush, when he would come to my dorm room—every single day—just to chat. When I asked Dave Hastie '73 about that, Dave simply said "that's Boroway." Little did I know how much that would foretell his future behavior. His intensity would be evident in many other things over the years, from his competitiveness in racquetball to learning a slapshot in hockey, to organizing a road trip to a sporting event to memorizing nearly everything about you that you may have casually mentioned to him late at night over a few beers. Rich was always enthusiastic and passionate about everything he did. He was definitely an "all in" kind of guy.

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Another uniqueness about Rich was his insatiable appetite for socialization. He would travel to visit (interpret that as "drop in"), call, write, stay up all night asking questions, or do whatever he needed to connect. As time went on it became very evident how Rich preferred to spend his time. The fact that he did that with all (and not just a few) of us is even more amazing. From going to New Zealand to see Paul "Hopper" Reynolds '73, to traveling cross country to play golf, to just happening to "stop in while passing by" in Buffalo, or Minneapolis, or (plug in your hometown), whenever he could, Rich dedicated a good portion of his life to visiting his fraternal brothers. Those pleasant and often spontaneous visits were evidence of his extremely extroverted nature. As a bonus, we learned to expect that he would bring his contagious smile, his incredible laughs, and his fun-loving upbeat

mood to every interaction.

Rich had many other attributes, but one other area which must be mentioned was his love for, and dedication to, Theta Chi. It was omnipresent, unparalleled (in my opinion), and became what could be considered a driving force in his life. Perhaps like no other, he displayed total and genuine commitment to our chapter, his brothers, the national organization, and the concept of lifelong fraternal brotherhood.

Congratulations to Rich upon entering the Chapter Eternal. We will all join him there some day. I sincerely hope that he knows how much we savored his brotherhood and friendship. We all thought of him more often, and more fondly than we probably ever let him know. As brothers, we can and will honor Rich by continuing to do so.

BILL "MUGSY" MCINTYRE '74

My interactions with Rich were somewhat different than many of you in that Rich never came to visit me. Then again, I only lived five miles from him and Ray for the past 20 years, so he never graced our guest room. However, I did have to collect him and Hopper from a bar on St. Patrick's Day a few years ago, but I won't go into that here. Whenever we did get together, inevitably Rich would start telling humorous stories from the past, complete with his "machine gun" laugh and occasional screech. One time, I made the mistake of trying to correct him on the facts of a story, to which he quoted, "never let the truth get in the way of a good story," attributing the quote to Satchel Page. I looked it up afterwards and turns out it was Mark Twain who said it. He certainly followed Mark Twain's advice.

One January, the Corporation Board and the undergraduate officers were on their annual "retreat" at the Sagamore Hotel in Bolton Landing. That evening, we were sitting in the elegant glass enclosed veranda overlooking the frozen landscape of Lake George, eating from a bowl of peanuts on the coffee table in front of us.

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Bill McIntyre's 50th birthday party in 2002.



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Carpenter Award Recipients (Alumni Weekend 1988): Rich Boroway '73, Bill McIntyre '74, Greg Seleman '72, Bob Baron '72, Ken Morris '72, and Marty Strauss '71.

Chapter), prolific travel, maintaining continuity with literally decades of brothers, and being the glue that kept most of us together better than any other existing social media.

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But the additional remembrance I have of Rich is that he genuinely cared about all of us, our significant others, kids, etc. By caring I mean that he stayed current with their lives, asked about them, sent pictures, tracked their careers, marriages. He was very interested and invested in an extraordinary number of lives from coast to coast and around the world. His reach was both detailed and broad. But, most importantly, it was deeply personal for Rich. He genuinely cared for everyone in his global network.

Unlikely to ever be replicated. And perhaps appropriately so.

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At that time, I was not aware that Rich had lost his front teeth to a steering wheel several years before. As the night progressed, we got telling stories and Rich started laughing uncontrollably, laughing so hard that he spit out his false tooth right into the bowl of peanuts. I never realized how similar peanuts and a false tooth look until we had to search that bowl of nuts for Rich's oral implants.

KEN SCHMALZ '76

I absolutely agree with—and echo other's experiences and platitudes about—Rich's electric smile, bottomless photo albums, dedication to the fraternity (especially Delta

CURT "BUSCHMAN" BUSCH '76

Why did I like Rich so much? It wasn't the excessive indulgences and silly and sometimes sad results that we all have memories of, as funny as many of them were.

What stands out to me was his genuine interest in our lives. He always wanted to know about us. My children, my sisters, my brother, my mom. Sue and I always felt that he loved to visit us in Pennsylvania. It seemed his life's calling was to travel to visit all of us—east coast, west, or in between. And he was wonderful at it. We all remember the excitement you felt when you knew he was coming to visit.

In his heyday, conversation was a blur as topics went by at light speed. His mind raced through one topic after the next for as long as you could stay with him, which was usually the wee hours of the morning.

His candle was the brightest imaginable. I will miss my dear friend immensely.

FRANK KRUSE '77

I'm very sad to hear about the passing of Rich. He was always passionate about Theta Chi and his involvement with alumni issues. There's no doubt that he was the "Dusty" of our generation!

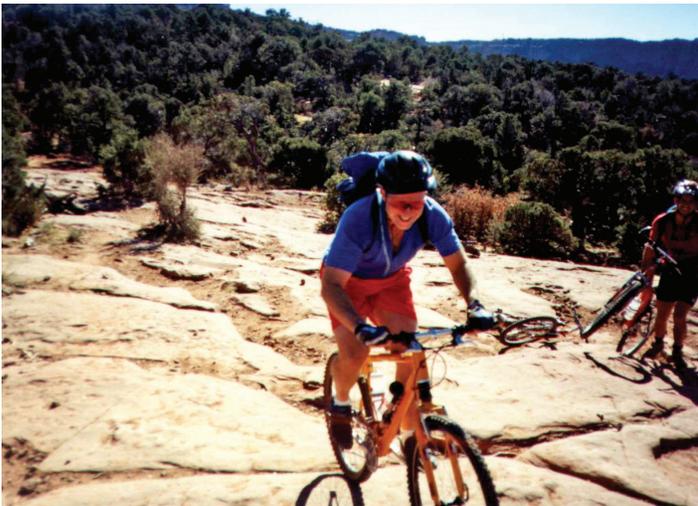
Although I was only a lowly neophyte from '77, we stayed connected through his efforts at inclusivity. This began in earnest after my family moved to New Jersey in 1984 while I was working at People Express. We saw Rich at RPI-Princeton hockey game get-togethers, arranged by Curt Busch '76, during the four-year period that we lived there. After moving to Utah in 1989, "Boro" made a point of visiting us in conjunction with West Coast golf visits on several



White water rafting in Maine in 1983.



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Mountain biking in Utah in 1991.



RPI at Princeton Hockey Game, 1985.

occasions. Since I don't really play golf, we managed to go mountain biking when he was in town.

I always enjoyed his stories, jocular, and smile whenever we got together and will miss him greatly.

STAN KAPLITA '84

Rich was a true pillar of Delta Chapter. I met him in 1983 when he came to visit the house to help the actives on alumni weekend preparations. In less than three years, I went from "Who is this guy directing us on what to do?" to "Wow, it's great to have Theta Chi alumni who care so much about the mission, the house, and the brothers." That cemented our ongoing relationship for 35-plus years. Rich was a connector across classes and even generations. He even developed a mentoring relationship with my son, who worked his way through RPI a few years back.

Rich's dedicated work on the board, as the treasurer, public relations at times, and as an advisor to actives was like a tribal wiseman who influenced Delta in a positive direction

throughout the years. Rich set an example of brotherhood and for many of us, made us realize the importance of Theta Chi in our lives. He always had stories to share of the greatness of brothers from Dusty going forward—but mostly, from his graduating class :). Always positive, always bigger than life, always because they were part of Delta Chapter. I think it is safe to say that Rich was proud of all of us in some way. I also think it is safe to say that we are all proud of you, Rich. Rest in peace brother! Thank you for being an impact player!

MATT SIEGEL '85

Over the last 35-plus years, Rich Boroway has been the singular force that has sustained our fraternity. There is no one more responsible for the experience that hundreds of brothers have had at Delta Chapter. Rich had an amazing way of providing guidance for our actives while still encouraging them to develop their own solutions. As a mentor, he always wanted them to have the experience of learning for themselves and to grow as leaders. I cannot imagine anyone who believed "in the usefulness of my fraternity, in its influence, and its accomplishments" or who did more to "perpetuate its ideals."

CRAIG WOOLHISER '86

I got to know Rich in 2007 when I started my three-year term on the alumni board. The following year, Rich convinced me to take over as *Delta Dial* editor, and he and I have worked closely on every edition over the 12 years since then. Rich always seemed to be well plugged in to what was going on with the undergrads and the house, and also had a good feel for what to include in the *Dial* to keep the alumni informed. His editing skills were ruthless—I sometimes felt sorry for our publishing company with all the edits he "recommended."

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Boston brothers celebrate Linda Baker (2003): Rich Boroway, Max Gowen '73, Rick Rice '76, Bob Baker '73, and Jack Angelosanto '75.



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WHY I LIKE RICH SO MUCH

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Rich has been the driving force behind Delta Chapter for many years. His dedication and powerful influence on the house and the hundreds of brothers who have passed through the 2100 Burdett Ave. doors over the past several decades cannot be overstated. At alumni weekends, you could always count on Rich to greet you with a wide smile and sincere appreciation. He had a unique ability to relate to his Delta Chapter brothers, from the "old-timers" to the recent graduates and undergrads. Rich's passing leaves a large void for Delta Chapter that will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill. He will be missed tremendously.



Skydiving brothers, 1972.

RAY MORAN '95

To me, Rich was impactful to Delta Chapter on par with one Dusty Rhodes! Steadfast and true, he was a standard bearer for what a great brother is, was, and should be. His loyalty to the chapter never wavered during the best and worst of times. He only had two colors—cherry and white. May we all have such passion to a life cause, in a selfless way, as Rich did for us all at Delta. Also, he was always good for a lost tooth during a Sagamore trip.

JAMES PORAMBO '08

During my time as an undergrad, Rich was always nagging us to clean things up or replace broken washers, dryers, and windows. There were endless questions about the money spent on food, "social" events, and why the heck we needed to buy new couches for a third time. At the time,

MEMORIAL EFFORTS

Shortly after Rich's passing, a group of brothers formed a committee to investigate ways that Delta Chapter could best honor and recognize Rich's lifelong commitment to the chapter and the National Theta Chi Fraternity. The committee of 13 brothers, whose classes span from 1967 to 2002, are currently investigating and evaluating several ways to recognize Rich. The following list is a sample of ideas that are being considered:

1. Celebrate Rich's life at a memorial service at Delta Chapter (anticipated to occur after the coronavirus is under control, most likely no earlier than Alumni Weekend in the fall of 2021). This will include scattering a portion of Rich's ashes, obtained from his family.
2. At the behest of the current Delta Chapter Alumni Corporation Board, to honor Rich, Theta Chi National Fraternity flew a Theta Chi flag at half-mast at their international headquarters in Carmel, Indiana, on September 25, 2020, and will present that flag to Delta Chapter.
3. The Alumni Corporation has previously announced the intent to create the Boroway Room, a permanent space within the chapter house at 2100 Burdett Ave. designed for reflection and emphasizing brotherhood, and dedicated to honoring the memory of Rich.
4. Submit an application to the National Theta Chi Fraternity for the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award.
5. Develop an interactive BOROPAGE within the ThetaChiRPI website that will:
 - 1.) provide biographical information for brother Boroway,
 - 2.) list current contact information (maintained) for all alumni brothers of Delta Chapter by class, and,
 - 3.) display composites, photographs, and "Why I Like Rich" testimonials by class.
6. Establish a Richard A. Boroway Brotherhood Award, to be given annually to the undergraduate brother who most closely demonstrates the Boroway passion for Theta Chi.

We think you will agree that this is a fitting list of efforts to memorialize a truly once in a generation Theta Chi brother.

The Rich Boroway Room and the BOROPAGE will require investment to complete. As many of you have been directly or indirectly touched by Rich's efforts in his dedication to the Theta Chi way, we would respectfully ask for donations to help accomplish these. Of course, any donation will be well received. The extent of these memorializations will, in large part, be determined by the success of your help in funding these efforts.

Please make your checks payable to Delta Theta Chi and list "Boroway Memorial" on the memo line, and indicate your gift is for the Boroway Memorial Fund on the enclosed contribution form.



RICH BOROWAY '73: A TRUE "RESOLUTE MAN"

I didn't understand why one person would care so much about the way a bunch of 20 year olds lived and how they spent their money, but as I transitioned to my role as alumni advisor, I saw that all Rich ever wanted was for every brother of Delta Chapter to have the best experience possible as a member of a true network of resolute men.

As time went on, I came to find that he pushed on every involved alumni member just as hard as the undergrads to organize events, bring in contractors to handle what the brothers couldn't, and drive huge initiatives. Rich was the constant force that let every brother live up to the oath we all took, both during and after our time at RPI. His determination will be sorely missed.

KYLE GROSS '18

During my brief three years of living in the house, there were no alumni who had as much of a presence and impact on the house than Rich Boroway. From the monthly visits to review financials to the alumni meeting—where you knew Rich was going to ask why we were still using paper plates,

to the alumni weekends where Rich always had a story that could relate to each brother, past or present, Rich was the embodiment of what it meant to be a Theta Chi Delta Chapter brother and was a cornerstone in making Delta Chapter what it is today. He will be greatly missed and has created a void for the Delta Chapter that will be impossible to fill.



Theta Chi National Convention in 1986

Alumni Send Their News

James "Jim" Schnabel '52 wrote in July: "We are living the retirement life at our home in Sherwood Forest, Maryland, just north of Annapolis on the Severn River. We hope to visit our second house later this season in Lake George, New York. We have three sons, one of whom is a doctor who lives close by. One is also at Lake George over the July 4th holiday. Give me a buzz." (216 Northern Hill, Sherwood Forest, MD 21405; jimschnabel@verizon.net)

"Living good in northern Michigan," notes **Roger Winslow '57**. "Hello to all the old buddies at 57 Second St." (5981 Graham Rd., Petskey, MI 49770; rogerwinslow@hotmail.com)

"So sad to lose Rich Boroway," writes **Rich Mowrey '68**. "Our Myrtle Beach golf trips will not be the same without him." (103 Camalt Ave., Punxsutawney, PA 15767; rdm@mergementor.com)

Bob "Orville" Wright '72 writes: "Thank you for dedicating a common



Chrissy Wright wedding (2002): Ray Rumanowski '73, Rich Boroway '73, Dave Cardillo '72, Greg Seleman '72, and Bob Wright '72.

area to my little brother, Rich Boroway. He truly deserves this honor for his years of dedication to Delta Chapter." (5330 N. Yale St., Portland, OR 97203; rjwright60@gmail.com)

Chris "Pence" Gent '95 wrote in July: "Whazzzupp my brothers! Could 2020 get any crazier? I hope you are all safe and healthy. Martha and I just returned from another glorious summer at our place in Ipswich, Massachusetts. I got my clamming license! I was the king of

Chapter Eternal

Warren W. Ball '45
May 13, 2020

Richard A. Boroway '73
August 18, 2020

William E. Brook '50

W. Roger Nast '51
June 11, 2020

Ronald F. Silver '54
March 20, 2019

Donald D. Stoltman '47
July 27, 2018

William A. Sylvester '55
October 24, 2018

Henry F. Thorne Jr. '65
November 6, 2019

the steamers, and even earned the nickname 'Clambo' by some of the locals. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Ocktoberfest!" (1 Duane St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; gent38@juno.com)

CHAPTER HOUSE ADJUSTS TO “NEW NORMAL”

By Morgan Hamilton '00 | Alumni Board President

Brothers,

What a whirlwind eight months this has been since our winter retreat. First off, there is nothing that overshadows the loss our fraternity has suffered with the passing of Rich Boroway. As you will see in this memorial *Dial*, his impact extended across the country and throughout the decades. As you read this, we will have had a very “new-normal” board meeting, not on an official alumni weekend, and will have helped the actives to clean and repair ole’ 2100

Burdett. Expect pictures in the next *Dial*, on Facebook, and on our website.

A year ago, I never would have thought that I would look back at the issues with the institute as the good times. However, in comparison to the hardships I see affecting our fellow alumni—with their families and businesses—to our actives dealing with remote learning, weekly COVID-19 tests, and no sports, to our inability to fill the house and ensure we are financially sound, last year was easy. I want to save as much space as possible for memories of Rich, but I also want to make sure that I ask for your helping hand in giving to

the Annual Fund this year. If you normally don’t give, please think about it. If you do, please don’t hesitate to give a little more. The money goes directly to this publication, to repairs on the house, and to many other emergencies that pop up when you have a house to run.

For those who have already donated, we thank you very much. For anyone who wants to know more about the goings on, always feel free to email me (introy@gmail.com). It’s OUR house, we all built it to what it is today, and we are happy to keep you informed on where it is going.

CHAPTER WELCOMES NEWLY INITIATED BROTHERS, CONGRATULATES SENIORS LANDING JOBS

By Jack Cairns '21 | Undergraduate President

As the fall semester comes to an end, I would like to applaud our brothers for enduring what has felt like a rollercoaster of a year. Continual development of our professional selves and sacrificing the present for a success in the future is what makes me proud to oversee such a great group of young men.

Ever since the spring semester abruptly ended in March, five brothers who were unable to relocate due to travel restrictions or current employment remained in the house for the better part of the next five months. Despite the absence of extracurricular activities—including athletic facilities, work-study opportunities, and undergraduate mentoring positions that brothers have held on campus in the past—these brothers managed to stay productive. Throughout the spring and summer, they transformed the house into a position to succeed during a national pandemic for the coming semesters. I would like to recognize brothers Samuel Jones '20, Ryan Trudeau '20, Jonathan Byers '21, Mitchel Epstein '21, and Joe Deptula '22 for their dedication

to the continual transcendence of this chapter.

Because of the work of these brothers, we were able to safely host an initiation ceremony for our spring pledge class and provide the proper protective equipment throughout the event for everyone involved. On August 16, 12 hard-working and dedicated pledges were initiated into the fraternity as brothers. I wish the best for this promising class of young men and hope the brotherhood they develop here will help alleviate any stress or anxiety that they may be experiencing with so much uncertainty in the world.

On another note, I would like to recognize our brothers who have received offers for full-time employment as a result of their undergraduate arch away experiences. Upon completing his arch away experience, brother Hayden Denny '21 will continue working for Andritz Group in Springfield, Massachusetts, as a manufacturing engineer. Brother Mitchel Epstein '21, will continue working full-time for Unilever in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, participating in their Supply Chain Future Leadership Program. As for

myself, upon completing a technology co-op at Vistrada in Albany, New York, I will be continuing my employment as a technology consultant.

Last, but certainly not least, on behalf of the undergraduate brothers, I would like to recognize Rich Boroway for his outstanding service to this fraternity. Giving back to the fraternity is what allows it to develop and provide opportunities for our brothers to succeed. Giving back to the fraternity is what motivated me to become chapter president. Rich represents the pinnacle example of this idea. May his legacy live on eternally within the house. As part of honoring Rich, we are developing an area in the house to be named after him. Undergraduate brothers Ryan Trudeau '20 and architect Frank Ditomaso '22 have spent a lot of time developing plans for an area in the house dedicated to his legacy. I have also taken it upon my self to nominate Rich Boroway for the Earl D. Rhodes Theta Chi for Life Award, which is awarded to members of the fraternity who have demonstrated a lifetime of dedication and outstanding service to Theta Chi Fraternity.