

# RHSAA NEWSLETTER

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## FIRST ALL-SCHOOL REUNION A SUCCESS

The first all-school reunion of River High School was held September 2, 2000 in the old gym at River. More than 400 former students and guests gathered to renew old friendships and walk the halls of the high school once again. Nineteen states were represented and 282 alumni paid membership dues for the year 2000.

## HONORED CLASSES FOR 2000

The classes of 1955, the first to graduate from River, 1960, 1965, 1970 and 1975 were the honored classes. The alumni of these classes were given special recognition and special seating for the evening. Group 8 x 10 color pictures of each class were taken.

## HONORS FOR HARRY MALLET

It was a unanimous decision to present Harry Mallett with a Distinguished Service Award for his many years of service to River High School. Mr. Mallett was unable to attend. However, most of his family did attend.

Each year a person will be selected to receive this award which will from now on will be called The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award.

The recipients of this award will be those individuals who have given great service and dedication to River High School over the years. A permanent wall plaque which will hang in the school will be presented at the 2001 reunion. Each year the recipient's name will be added to the plaque.

## RHSAA FORMED

Starting with telephone calls in February 2000, a steering committee was assembled of willing volunteers. Ideas were thrown out and the River High School Alumni

Association (RHSAA) began to take shape. Many hours were spent contacting classes to get addresses of fellow alumni. Information was entered into computers to make labels. More than 1500 envelopes were labeled and stuffed for the classes from 1955 through 1975. Unfortunately we were unable to send mailings to all alumni. There have been more than 5,000 students graduate from River so it was impossible to get the addresses of everyone in such a short period of time. In order to reach those not receiving a letter, the reunion was announced in the local newspapers. If you didn't receive a letter, don't feel slighted. We either did not have your address or we had the wrong address.

## 2001 REUNION

The RHSAA Reunion will be held on Labor Day weekend on Saturday, September 1, 2000 at River High. Mark your calendar now! See RESERVATION FORM at the end of this newsletter. On Friday, August 31, there is a home football game that you may want to attend.

## HONORED CLASSES FOR 2001

Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976 and 1981 will be the honored classes. If you are an alumnus or alumna of one of these classes, you'll want to be there!

## RHSAA COMMITTEES 2000-2001

According to Article VII, items a thru f, in the RHSAA Bylaws, the standing committees and duties with current members are as follows:

**PUBLICITY:** Shall coordinate all inside publicity to members and outside publicity to media and the public. Barbara Thode, chairperson; and Chuck Merckle.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Shall maintain name and address records of members and potential members by virtue of their graduating from

or attending RHS. Committee will work closely with class coordinators. Carolyn Crawford, chairperson; and Bonnie Logston.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Shall coordinate the awarding of annual scholarships. Mary Sebring, chairperson; and Lila Jones and Van Morris.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** Shall recommend the recipient to the Board of Directors and will arrange for presentation of the award at the annual reunion. Annette Mobley, chairperson; and Linda Byers Colvin and Don Longwell.

**AUDIT:** Shall review the Treasurer's records each November. Sandra Brookover, chairperson; and Evelyn Potts and Don Longwell.

**NOMINATING:** Shall propose Board of Director candidates and serve as Election Tellers. Phyllis Jackson, chairperson; and Bonnie Andersen.

## CHANGES FOR MEMBERSHIP

We have a computer database for each class that we have addresses for. Are there ANY CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS, MARITAL STATUS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, etc.? ARE YOU MARRIED TO ANOTHER RHS GRAD? This will prevent double mailings!

When you send in registrations, dues or donations, tell us about any changes. Contact these people any time with changes:

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The By-laws of RHSAA specify that a Board of Directors will oversee the business affairs of the organization. Each year 3 new board members will be elected for a three-year term. Alumni who pay their dues will vote by written ballot and the new Board members will be announced at the annual all-school reunion. The full Board of Directors will elect officers each year.

## ROTATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Current Board members are: Carolyn Crawford, 1961; Phyllis Jackson, 1960; Lila Jones, 1957; Bonnie Logston, 1961; Don Longwell, 1968; Chuck Merckle, 1968; Mary Sebring, 1965; Barbara Thode, 1960; Van Morris, Retired Teacher.

Three new members need to be elected for 2001. See BALLOT at the end of this newsletter. Anyone interested in serving in the future on the RHSAA Board of Directors should contact any Board member to make your interest known.

## OFFICERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Current officers of the Board of Directors are: President, Don Longwell; Vice President, Chuck Merckle; Recording Secretary, Lila (Kurtzman) Jones; and Treasurer, Barbara (Schaub) Thode. New officers will be elected at the October, 2001 board meeting.

## DONATIONS REQUESTED FOR 3 FUNDS

Any amounts will be greatly appreciated.

AIR CONDITIONING FUND: If you attended the 2000 Reunion, you were warm. The RHSAA is looking at installing a roof air conditioning unit in the gym. The unit would only be turned on for group

functions for school and community during the warm months. It will not be used on a daily basis making a utility bill that the school could not afford.

Preliminary cost estimate is around \$10,000. It is hoped that enough donations can be made to make this a reality. Total donations so far are \$2,175.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Any donation specified for scholarship will be earmarked for awarding annual scholarships.

GENERAL FUND: This includes newsletter production/ mailing, advertising, supplies, etc. The cost of printing and mailing this newsletter to 2,300 or more individuals is approximately \$1,000.

DONATIONS CAN BE SPECIFIED ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

## MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND DUES

It is important that all alumni support the RHSAA. Even if you are unable to attend the reunion, your financial support for the alumni is appreciated.

According to Article III, items a thru f in the RHSAA Bylaws, membership shall be available with categories and fees as follows:

a) Lifetime — A membership for RHS graduates or those that attended RHS shall be available upon one-time payment of \$100 minimum.

b) Full — A membership for RHS graduates or those that attended RHS shall be available upon annual payment of \$5 minimum.

c) Associate — A membership for spouses of alumni, past and present employees of River school system and past and present

members of the Board of Education shall be available upon annual payment of \$5 minimum.

d) Complimentary — A membership is automatically provided at no charge for the first year following graduation of each RHS student.

e) Life Members and/or those that contribute \$100 or more to the Scholarship Fund are designated as members of the River Pilot Club.

f) The Platinum River Pilot Club recognizes those that at one payment or through the years provide \$500 of support through Lifetime Membership, Scholarship Fund or combination of Lifetime Membership and Scholarship Fund contributions.

## LIFETIME MEMBERS TO DATE

The following people have made a one-time payment of \$100 and are therefore life members of RHSAA and members of the River Pilot Club:

Darlene Boston  
Carolyn Crawford  
Barbara Crites  
Sue Evans  
Clyde Gilmore  
Jerry Gust  
Rita Gust  
Emily Holdenried  
Robert Indermuhle  
Lois Kenney  
Don Longwell  
Arthur McDougal  
Doris Miller  
Ruth Ann Ridgeway  
Lynn Riethmiller  
Roy Schnegg  
Barbara Thode  
Dave Walters  
Rita Walters