

# RHSAA NEWSLETTER

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## RHS ALUMNI ENJOY COOL A/C AT SECOND ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

On September 1, 2001, nearly 300 former students and guests from fourteen states attended the second all-school reunion at RHS. The newly installed A/C units made the gym amazingly comfortable.

## HONORED CLASSES FOR 2001

Graduates from 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, and 1981 were recognized by president, Don Longwell. Group 8 x 10 color pictures of each honored class were taken and special tables were reserved for them.

## ALUMNI HONOR MARTY FLANNERY

The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award was presented posthumously to Martin Flannery, former teacher and coach at RHS.

Gloria Flannery accepted the award in memory of her husband. Angie Vancamp shared memories of her grandfather on behalf of the Flannery family. Mr. Flannery's name will be added to a permanent plaque that will hang at the school.

## REPORT ADDRESS CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

Tell us about any changes in your address, marital status, e-mail address or phone number. Let us know if you are married to another RHS Grad. Contact Bonnie Logston, whose phone and e-mail are listed in the Board of Directors on page 2.

## TWO SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Amber Tustin and Neil Thompson, 2001 RHS graduates, were selected to receive the first RHSAA scholarships. Both recipients attended the 2001 Reunion and accepted their award certificates from Mary Sebring and Van Morris, members of the scholarship committee. After completion of their first semester or quarter of college, Neil and Amber each received a check for \$250.00 made out to the college they are attending.

## AFGHAN RAFFLES TO BENEFIT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Janice Kindelberger, former RHS English teacher from 1965 to 1986, has knitted two beautiful afghans for RHSAA to raffle off. Mrs. Kindelberger requested that the sales from raffle tickets go towards the scholarship fund. Linda Lude is the lucky winner of the first afgan. Tickets for the second one will be sold at the 2002 Reunion on August 31.

Consider sending a donation to help build the scholarship fund.

## AIR CONDITIONING INSTALLED IN RHS AUDITORIUM

Bill Beisel, a 1965 graduate, coordinated the installation of two 10-ton air conditioning units in the auditorium. More than 20 other individuals, many who are RHS alumni, donated labor and materials. They include Tom Ash, Billy Beisel, Brian Blatt, Carey Brown, Guy Brown, Dale Butler, Mike Durig, Kenny Fuchs, Jerry Gust, Jim Hensel, John Irvin, Charlie Isaly, Don Longwell, Rick McKeever, Ralph Peterson, Carolyn Potts, Dean Potts, Matt Potts, Ted Potts, Bill Reynolds, Dave Rose, Ron Sebring and Roy Thomas. Also, thanks go to over 150 alumni who made monetary donations to the A/C Fund.

The project, which could have cost nearly \$15,000, was completed for approximately \$7,000.

## CLASS REUNIONS

Tell us about them so we can share in the newsletter.

## 2002 REUNION—AUGUST 31

The RHSAA Third Annual Reunion will be held on Labor Day weekend on Saturday, **August 31, 2002**, at River High School. To attend, please fill out a RESERVATION FORM on page 3 of this newsletter and return by the deadline.

## THE PILOT'S LOG TO APPEAR IN THE MONROE COUNTY BEACON

Look for a special Tab section in the Beacon in August which features River High Alumni and the RHSAA.

Some highlights will include graduation pictures of each honored class for the 2002 Reunion, pictures of honored classes that attended the 2000 and 2001 All-School Reunions, a short history with pictures of schools that feed into River High School, snapshots of alumni from any honored class for 2002, features on graduates from the honored classes for 2002, scholarship winners from 2001, and tributes to Harry Mallett and Marty Flannery.

Some copies of the Tab section will be available at the 2002 Reunion for those who cannot get the Beacon.

## RHS WEB SITE

Angie Moeller, current Math and Computer teacher at River, is working on a RHS web site. She hopes to have it done by the end of this school year. We plan to work with her on adding an alumni section.

## BASKETBALL PLAYERS, SINGERS AND MUSICIANS WANTED

Are you willing to get a team together from your class or group of classes to play in an Alumni Basketball Tournament? Would you enjoy singing in an Alumni Choir? Playing with an Alumni Band? The tournament could be fun and a great fundraiser. Choir & Band could perform on the program at the annual reunion. Mark your interest on MEMBERSHIP FORM on page 3 and join the fun.

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**TO: ALL RIVER HIGH ALUMNI AND GUESTS**  
**WHAT: THIRD ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION**  
**WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2002 \*\*\*\*\* WHERE: RIVER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**HONORED CLASSES: 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982**

**EVENTS and TIMES:**

Casual dress is appropriate. NO Alcoholic Beverages, Please.

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Registration, School Tours, Visiting with other alumni, Group pictures of honored classes.

4:00 p.m. — Class of 1957 group picture    4:15 p.m. — Class of 1962 group picture    4:30 p.m. — Class of 1967 group picture

4:45 p.m. — Class of 1972 group picture    5:00 p.m. — Class of 1977 group picture    5:15 p.m. — Class of 1982 group picture

(Orders for pictures will be taken the night of the reunion. Price is \$15.00 for an 8 x 10 color, postage/handling/tax included.)

5:30 p.m. — PROGRAM including Recognition of Alumni, presentation of HONOREE of 2nd Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award, announcement of three new Board members, awarding of RHSAA scholarships.

6:30 p.m. — CATERED DINNER BY QUINET'S will follow. Honored classes will have tables reserved for them. Items for sale at the reunion will include River Pilot Teddy Bears for \$20 + tax sold by Linda (Fry) Clark; reunion T-shirts for \$5 for RHSAA; and raffle tickets, 6 for \$5, for the afghan for the Scholarship Fund. Entertainment following the dinner and program will be provided by a disk jockey. (Friday home football vs. Magnolia.)

RESERVATIONS and/or DUES and/or DONATIONS and BALLOT should be returned by **July 31** to:

**Barbara Thode, RR 7, Box 306, Marietta, OH 45750-9437.**

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Bonnie Logston, phone (740) 458-1735, e-mail logstonb@hotmail.com, Or Sue Grossenbaugh, phone (740) 483-2350, e-mail sueg@1st.net

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**RETURN RESERVATION FOR 2002 REUNION and MEMBERSHIP FORM and BALLOT by JULY 31.**

Name(s) of each person who is attending as you want it on your **name tag(s)**. We're preparing name tags ahead of time.

Name(s): Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ RHS Class of \_\_\_\_\_

**Include Maiden Name** Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ RHS Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Miss \_\_\_\_\_ RHS Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **RESERVATIONS** \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ 15.00 each. Total enclosed for **RESERVATIONS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP FORM – SELECT A CATEGORY and DUES:**

\_\_\_ Full @ \$ 5.00 \_\_\_ Associate @ \$ 5.00 \_\_\_ Lifetime @ \$100.00 \_\_\_ Platinum River Pilot Club @ \$500.00

I am interested in: Total enclosed for **DUES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Serving on Board of Directors OR I suggest \_\_\_\_\_ **DONATIONS: Any \$ amount is appreciated**

( ) Contact me about Alumni Basketball

( ) Contact me about Alumni Choir ( ) Alumni Band

**DONATIONS** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **RHSAA** **TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK BLANK BELOW and include a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) with your Registration if you need the following sent:

\_\_\_ CONFIRMATION/RECEIPT of Reservation(s) \_\_\_ LODGING available between Marietta and Wheeling

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**RHSAA BALLOT for Board of Directors, 3-year term for September 2002 to September 2005**

**Each voting member vote for 3 Candidates. (Note: In By-Laws, Assoc. members (spouses) are non-voting members.)**

**A married couple who both attended or graduated RHS can both vote on one ballot if you received only one newsletter.**

Two boxes are provided so that a married couple (both voting members) can both vote for the same candidate if they so choose.

Crystal Longwell (1989)     Judy (Luikart) McIntire (1962)     James O. Miller (1958)

Roy Schnegg (1964)     Ron Talbot (1961)

Write-ins:

\_\_\_\_\_ ( ),     \_\_\_\_\_ ( ),     \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

**Everybody check below :**

I certify I am a current full or life RHSAA member or will be by August 31, 2002 and am eligible to vote

**SURVEY: Which would you prefer for entertainment after the program & dinner in 2003?**

**Circle One: Singers, or Band, or Disc Jockey, or Alumni Sing Along? Are you willing to pay extra? Yes  No**

**What Style of Music?** \_\_\_\_\_

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