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**ALL-SCHOOL REUNION
WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007
LABOR DAY WEEKEND AT
RIVER HIGH SCHOOL
IN AIR-CONDITIONED OLD GYM**

**Join the 50-year reunion celebration
for the Class of 1957.**

**Reunion will also feature all former & current
RHS Valedictorians and Salutatorians**

The 50-year anniversary of their high school graduation belongs to the Class of 1957. Class officers of Jerry Allen, President; Roger Miller, Vice President; Bill Stout, Secretary; Junior Pyles, Treasurer and John Bradfield, News Reporter; led 64 class members. They were the last class to graduate from the old high school building at Buck Hill Bottom. Special attention to the 50-year class will include (1) interviews with volunteers from 1957 class shown on video, (2) each grad receives a keepsake program with memories of their class, the school and the country from 1957 and (3) a cake decorated with the class flower and motto will be on display and is served only to the 1957 class and guests.

Also, all former and current Valedictorians and Salutatorians will be introduced at the alumni dinner and program on Saturday, September 1 at RHS in the air-conditioned old gym. A group picture will be taken of all top-ranking honorees who attend the All-School Reunion.

Group pictures of all honored classes, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, and 1992 will be taken.

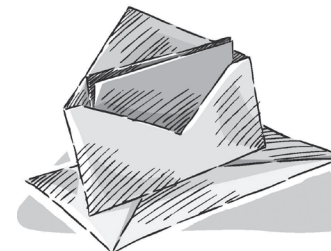
The popular miniature woodcuts of RHS, raffles for an afghan by Mrs. Kindelberger and an oil painting by Jane Maxwell, 1963 grad, will be for sale.

Any alumni, former teacher and staff, and their guests are invited to attend the reunion.

Who will be chosen for the Alumni Hall of Fame? Who will join the seven honorees so far for the Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award? Which honored class(es) will win the Alumni Reunion Attendance Award? Please show your support for all River Alumni and come to the Eighth Annual All-School Reunion. Plan to enjoy the fellowship, program and food.

Use the SIGN-UP PAGE in this letter to make reservations, and/or to pay dues, and/or to vote by ballot for 3 board members. Also, you can print the SIGN-UP PAGE from the website at www.riverhighalumni.org Each year the crowd continues to grow. EVERYONE HAS TO PRE-REGISTER especially honored classes and guests as well as other honorees. Please pre-register by mail or phone by the deadline. Otherwise, you will have to wait at the reunion until the registration is completed before you can register and be seated. Hope to see YOU on Saturday of Alumni Weekend.

RHSAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On behalf of the RHS Alumni Association, I would like to welcome all of you to join in on our growing organization. The past 3 years have been a wonderful experience for me to explore new ideas with such hard working people, who truly have the best interest of the high school at heart. I have enjoyed being part of an association that creates opportunities for students,

helps to develop character with graduates and promotes a positive atmosphere for future members to build upon.

Our association is always looking for people who are willing to take

the challenge of meeting the needs of the alumni and our building. I invite you to participate not only in the alumni dinner but throughout the year. Good things can happen when people give of their time, share their vision, and cherish their memories of dear old River High. I hope to see you and your family at our All-School Alumni dinner on September 1st.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Haught, Class of 1992, RHSAA President
www.riverhighalumni.org

If you go to our website, you should see links to this RHSAA 2007 Newsletter, Alumni Weekend from 2006, Alumni Basketball Tournament, Class Coordinator contact information, Reservation Form for the 2007 Reunion and member web sites. In the future we want to add current photos of RHS. Valerie (Miller) Fisher (1991), current webmaster, continues to be so helpful to the RHSAA

CLASS COORDINATORS

These people are the link to each class from 1955 to the present who are helping to keep their class membership list up to date. To reach your class coordinator, just contact Darlene Boston at PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or <bigdog36@roadrunner.com> or Crystal Longwell at PO Box 152, Hannibal, OH 43931 or <keykle@1st.net>

1955 – Bernice (Raper) Jones
1956 – Shirley (Ritchie) Moore & Donna (Goddard) Potts
1957 – Mary (Fuchs) Boston
1958 – Stella (McDougal) Forni
1959 – Sonja (Thomas) Taylor
1960 – Darlene (Jackson) Boston
1961 – Carolyn (Pinkerman) Crawford & Bonnie (Schaum) Logston
1962 – Judi (Luikart) McIntire
1963 – Karen (Reese) Hupp
1964 – Cheryl (Litman) Dennison
1965 – Mary (Winkler) Sebring
1966 – Sue (Stack) Grossenbaugh/Jeanne (Spear) Ritchie
1967 – Dennis Dietrich & Sandy (Baker) Brookover
1968 – Don Longwell
1969 – Cheryl (Moore) Gilmore
1970 – Rita (Dierkes) Walters
1971 – Sandy (Schneegg) Dietrich
1972 – Joyce (Komer) Rosnick
1973 – Kathie (Schneegg) Darrah/Teresa (Pryor) Knowlton
1974 – Adele Armann
1975 – Diane (Danford) Baker & Connie (Miller) Thompson
1976 – Carol (Karpacs) Smittle
1977 – Jill (Isaly) Schumacher
1978 – Kelly (Massie) Wright
1979 – Pam Beisel
1980 – Julie Miramont
1981 – Ty Gates
1982 – Tabitha (Potts) Dierkes & Amy (Williams) Eggleston

1983 – Valerie (Crawford) Williamson
1984 – Jim Bryan & Tina (Gallaher) Miller
1985 – Lori Williamson
1986 – Kristie (Langsdorf) Turner & Faye (Smith) Smith
1987 – Sheila (Amos) Thomas & David Hammond
1988 – Missy (Curtis) Earley
1989 – Crystal Longwell & Kiley (Talbot) Hammond
1990 – Christina (Crothers) Logston
1991 – Dana (Fuchs) Hendershot
1992 – Jennifer Haught
1993 – Jennifer (Gallagher) Tank
1994 – Kris Rothacher
1995 – Heidi Blattler
1996 – John Martin
1997 – Jamee (Greenlee) Stewart
1998 – Lydia McIntire
1999 – Amanda Cochran
2000 – Natalie Gehrig
2001 – Jordan Wright & Jessica Gehrig
2002 – Shannon Bailey
2003 – Lindsey Romick & Kayla Matesick
2004 – Michelle Clement & Jared Thompson
2005 – Shana Swan & Jamison Gehrig
2006 – Kelsie Tisher
2007 – Taylor Abbott
Swiss Hills – Joyce Fetty, 1978,
& Pam (Ludolph) Sparkman, 1978
Staff, Employees, Board – Mary (Winkler) Sebring

2 4th Annual River High School Alumni Association Basketball Tournament by Crystal Longwell

On April 6 and 7th the River High School Alumni Association hosted their 4th Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament. Four men's teams and two women's teams participated in this two-day event. All proceeds from this event are directly deposited into the Association's Scholarship Fund and to date has generated over \$6,000 and provided scholarships to sixteen graduating seniors.

Sponsors for this year's event were: Silver sponsors (\$100): Jon Dierkes (1982), State Farm-Tim Blue (1985), Jerry Gust Masonry and Concrete, Inc. (1972), Charlie (1956) and Judy (Fuchs) Isaly (1958), and Dr Carl A Novak, DDS (1963). Red sponsors (\$50): Bayer Employees Federal Credit Union-Theresa (Stine) Piatt (1991), Ron Isaly (1959) Construction, Ables Cheese-Rhea (Brown) Caldwell (1980), F.W. Schumacher Ins. Agency-Don Longwell (1968), Wetzel County Hospital-Yvonne (Smittle) Grimes (1969). The Association encourages all members to not only frequent those businesses that provided sponsorships, but to also personally thank them and the individuals, for without their monetary support this event could not be the huge success it is.

Kicking off the two-day event was the women's game on Friday evening. This year the teams were divided into odds and evens, with graduation years ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9 playing on odds; and graduation years ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, and 8 playing on evens. Red team held the lead at the end of the first quarter, 16-6 and ended the game victorious, 53-30. 1989 graduate, Gayanna Wohnhas led the winners with 19 points, while Mandy (Beisel) Wohnhas (1994) led the gray team with 12 points. During half-time of this event, David Collins (1987) attempted a half-court shot for \$100 but his efforts fell short.

Saturday morning saw a ten o'clock tip-off featuring the red men's team taking on the gray men's team. Red team won 77-70 with 1982 graduate Jon Dierkes scoring 33 for the winners. Heath Miller (2004) and Chris Isaly (2001) led the gray team with 20 each.

Game two featured the men's black team vs. the men's white team. Dean Caldwell (1977) chipped in 17 points and helped seal the win for the white team, 65-63. Rob Fuchs (1989) led the black team with 21.

Game three was the first game in the loser's bracket. The black team was the winner 72-65, with Rob Fuchs leading his team once again with 23, while teammate Justin Isaly (1998) scored 21. The gray team was led by Brandon Grimes (1995) with 27.

Game four saw two unbeaten battle for the lead during the first half. The white team went on an 18-11 run in the 3rd quarter and held on to win, 55-48, giving the red team their first loss. Dean Caldwell and Chris Wisvari (1991) each had 12 for the winners. Jon Dierkes had 17 for the red, while Jason Ensinger (2002) chipped in 15. At half-time of this game Emily Dierkes, a seventh grade student at Hannibal Elementary won the girl's junior high 3-point shot contest. She is the daughter of Kelly (1984) and Tabi Dierkes (1982).

Prior to the start of game five, Zach Wax, an eighth grade student at Hannibal Elementary won the boy's junior high foul shot contest. He is the son of Traci (Butler) Wax (1988).

Game five saw the red team playing again, taking on the black team. Rob Fuchs had 23, Tim Price (2001) 18 and Nate Eggleston (2004) 16 to help the black team win, 69-60. Mike Gehrig (1998) and Jason Ensinger each had 21 for the red team. During half-time of this game Emily Dierkes was again a winner, beating out the other contestants for the top female foul shooter.

Game six had the black team squaring up against the undefeated white team and was the most exciting game of the day, going into overtime. On the backs of Justin Isaly, with 15 points, Justin Cochran (2001) with 16 points, and Nate Eggleston with 13 points, the black team handed the white team their first defeat of the day, 71-61. Leading the white team were Bob Beaver (1980) with 11 and Jeremy Lude (2001) with 10. During intermission Zach Wax again prevailed winning the free throw competition.

Prior to the start of game seven, Francis Potts (1975) had

the winning ticket and was selected to shoot a half-court shot. After taking pointers from every spectator in the stands, Potts launched his shot and the ball hit nothing but the bottom of the net as it sailed through. The crowd erupted into cheers and Potts was the recipient of not only \$100 but many high fives. Potts generously donated half of his winnings back to the tournament.

Game seven was the Championship match-up. The white team slowly started to pull away in the 2nd quarter, and half-way through the fourth quarter the black team threw in the towel sealing the victory for the white team, 59-41. Leading the white team to victory was: Craig Sebring (1988) with 20, and present RHS staff member (and husband of alumna Theresa (Stine) Piatt, (1991), Scott Piatt with 17. Tim Price had 15 for the losers.

For the men's brackets the teams were created by a draft. Participants were put into piles by decade and then teams were made by drawing one name from each pile to fill the allotted twelve slots on the four teams. The majority of participants were satisfied with the outcome of the new set-up. The games were close and the teams were evenly manned. Many stated that it was just important to get to play, and pointed out that what was more important was helping out River students. "When I received my entrance form and read that in three years this tournament had raised over \$6,000 and helped sixteen graduating seniors continue their education, that did it for me. I'll continue to participate year after year," noted alumnus Chris Wisvari (1991). Added 1987 graduate David Collins, "I'll even pay the entrance fee when I am no longer able to play just because I know all the money is going to a good cause".

This year's event raised over \$3,000, with fourteen women and 32 men participating. Next year will mark the 5th year of the tournament and plans are already underway to make it even better than the four previous years. For pictures of this year's event as well as previous years, log onto www.riverhighalumni.org

Women's Teams

The victorious Red Team (odd years) consisted of Lisa Armann-Blue (1987), Michelle (Susac) Williams (1989), Gayanna Wohnhas (1989), Jennifer (Curtis) Marshall (1989), Shawna (Ivey) Conners (1989), Jamison Gehrig (2005), Jessica Gehrig (2001), and Andi Gehrig, wife of 1998 alumnus Mike Gehrig

The White Team members were Shereen (Ivey) Rush (1992), Arlene (Isner) Cross (1990), Mandy (Beisel) Wohnhas (1994), Jill (Miller) Bowers (1994), Dee-Dee (Beisel) Lucas (*1989), and Tamara (Sebring) Gibson (*1991). (Members with asterisks by their ODD years went to the EVEN team to even out numbers.)

Men's Teams

The Men's Red Team included Scooter Tolzda (1976), Jon Dierkes (1982), Rod Dennis (1984), Dan Lollathin (1987), Brett Grimes (1994), Mike Gehrig (1998), Austin Straub (1999), and Jason Ensinger (2002).

The Men's Gray Team consisted of Shannon Wohnhas (1982), David Collins (1987), Brandon Grimes (1996), Jason Trembley (1998), Brian Boan (2000), Chris Isaly (2001), and Heath Miller (2004).

The Men's Black Team was Kevin Winkler (1988), Rob Fuchs (1989), Nathan Barker (1997), Justin Isaly (1998), Justin Cochran (2001), Tim Price (2001), and Nate Eggleston (2004).

The champions, Men's White Team, included Dean Caldwell (1977), Shayne Wohnhas (1979), Bob Beaver (1980), Kelly Dierkes (1984), John Rufener (1985), Craig Sebring (1988), Chris Wisvari (1991), Jeremy Lude (2001), Ryan Potts (2001), and staff member Scott Piatt

For information about 2008 tournament, check the website or contact Crystal Longwell, phone (740) 483-1024 or e-mail keykle@1st.net.

VIDEO PRODUCED BY JARED THOMPSON

Jared Thompson, a 2004 grad, of Thompson Video Productions showed a video at 2006 reunion titled "From Buckhill Bottom to Hannibal" which he produced. Jennifer Haught narrated portions on the video concerning the history of the beginning of River High School. Interviews with Don Miracle, retired teacher, 1955 grads Joe Dierkes, Carol Williams and Walter Gilmore along with 1956 classmates, Shelby Repco, Donna Potts and Dean Haslam were included.

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HOW CAN YOU JOIN RHSAA?

Just complete the membership section on the **sign-up page**.

PILOT LOG TAB IN BEACON AUGUST 30, 2007

Be sure to buy a *Monroe County Beacon* that week if you do not already subscribe to the newspaper. Your RHS Alumni are featured.

MEMBERSHIP TYPES and DUES:

1) Lifetime –
For RHS graduates or those who attended RHS. Individuals are designated as members of the River Pilot Club. You still pay for dinner when you attend the reunion. Payment of \$100 dues.

2) Full –
For RHS graduates or those who attended RHS. Annual payment of \$5 dues.

3) Associate –
For SPOUSES of alumni, employees, or Board of Education members. Annual payment of \$5 dues. Non-voting.

4) Complimentary –
No charge for the first year following graduation of each RHS student.

5) Platinum River Pilot Club – One payment of \$500. Or two annual payments of \$250.00 each within two consecutive years. Or Lifetime upgrade with one \$400.00 payment or two annual payments of \$200.00 each within two consecutive years.

ALL ALUMNI CAN GET TOGETHER!

We have knowledge of three class reunions held in the summer of 2006. The Class of 1986 met for a 20-year reunion, Class of 1976 held its 30-year reunion and Class of 1966 gathered for its 40-year reunion at the school for a brunch on the day of the All-School Alumni Reunion. There are plenty of opportunities for classes to meet on Labor Day Weekend anytime on Friday, Saturday morning, or Sunday. For example, the class could meet for breakfast, brunch, dinner or a social hour. We encourage all alumni to also attend the All-School Reunion on Saturday evening. Regardless, everyone can enjoy some good fellowship.

MONROE COUNTY RELAY FOR LIFE WILL BE HELD AT RHS JULY 27 & 28, 2007

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RHSAA:

- If you attended or graduated from River High School
- are a current spouse of a graduate
- are a past or present RHS employee
- are a past or present Board of Ed member

RHSAA COMMITTEES 2006-2007

PUBLICITY: Barbara Thode, Chair; Kelly Meredith, Lorraine Price, Mary Sebring & Chris Williams

MEMBERSHIP: Darlene Boston, Chair; Yvonne Grimes, Crystal Longwell, & Lorraine Price

SCHOLARSHIP: Jennifer Haught, Chair; Evelyn Fuchs, Lorraine Price, & Sherrie Stalder

HARRY E. MALLETT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:
Linda Colvin, Chair; Evelyn Fuchs, Alvin Thompson

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NOMINATING: Charlie Isaly, Chair; Mary Boston, Sandy Dietrich, Dan Lollathin

ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT:
Crystal Longwell, Chair; Diane Baker, Kelly Dierkes, Rob Fuchs, Jennifer Haught & Craig Sebring

ALUMNI HALL OF FAME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:
All current RHSAA Board members

The ballot form is on the **sign-up page**.

Please **VOTE** for 3 persons to serve on the Board of Directors from 2007 through 2010 if you are a current full or life or platinum RHSAA member or will be by Sept. 1, 2007



Feel free to photocopy this **SIGN-UP PAGE** for anyone who needs it.

This page also appears on the Website where you can print off a copy.

EIGHTH ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION, RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007

EVENTS AND TIMES:

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – Registration, Visiting, Browse through pictures and scrapbooks, Buy tickets for afghan, oil painting, & purchase wood miniature of RHS.

Honored Class Group Picture Schedule: 1957 (3:15), 1962 (3:30), 1967 (3:45), 1972 (4:00), 1977 (4:15), 1982 (4:30), 1987 (4:45), 1992 (5:00); Alumni Board and Valedictorian and Salutatorian Pictures (6:45)

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

5:00 p.m. – Seating of Honored Classes & other Honorees & Choir Sings 5:15pm - Program begins

6:00 – Catered dinner by Quinet's **7:00 – Program continues** following dinner with Video of 1957 grads & previous reunions

THESE FORMS are due by August 11, 2007, to Barbara Thode, Reunion Registrar, 30 Kern Dr., Marietta, OH 45750-7882

Absolutely no later than August 18 so that we can plan seating, setups, food, and program details. SEATING IS TIGHT. EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE BY THE DEADLINE. IF NOT PRE-REGISTERED, YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT AT THE REUNION UNTIL REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED BEFORE YOU CAN REGISTER & BE SEATED.

If you have questions especially for **reunion** & need to pre-register by phone, please contact:

Chris Williams, phone (740) 472-1558, or e-mail mbalmer1@sbcglobal.net

>PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, CLASS, & MAIDEN NAME IF YOU COMPLETE ANY SECTION BELOW; CLIP & SEND <

WE NEED EVERYONE'S NAME INCLUDING A GUEST WHO IS ATTENDING THE REUNION, AND/OR PAYING DUES AND/OR MAKING A DONATION AND/OR VOTING ON THE BALLOT.

Name(s): Mr. _____ RHS Class of _____
 Include maiden name Mrs. _____ RHS Class of _____
 Miss _____ RHS Class of _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 e-mail: _____ Telephone: () _____

I am interested in serving on Board of Directors, Committees I have an idea for a project _____

Please contact me about Alumni Basketball, Alumni Choir, Alumni Band (could play at Homecoming game)

Are you a former Valedictorian or Salutatorian? If so, please circle VALEDICTORIAN SALUTATORIAN

RESERVATIONS (This pays for the catered dinner, cook, janitor, decorations, etc.)

Number of Reservations ____ at \$15.00 each for members and guests **Total enclosed for RESERVATIONS \$ _____**

MEMBERSHIP See explanation of membership types on another page.

(This pays for each person's \$5.00 annual dues. Or you could pay \$100.00 for Lifetime or \$500.00 for Platinum memberships.)

(This helps defray expenses such as printing 4,500 copies of this newsletter, postage, supplies, the RHSAA website, & advertising in the RHS yearbook and athletic programs. Life & Platinum memberships are designated for projects.)

Please check your category if already a: Current Life member Current Platinum member

Full @ \$5.00 Associate @ \$5.00 New Lifetime @ \$100.00 New Platinum @ \$500.00
Total enclosed for DUES \$ _____

DONATIONS (\$99.00 or less goes into Scholarship Fund. \$100.00 or more goes into Projects Fund.)

DONATIONS \$ _____

Please make your check payable to **RHSAA**.

If you want a confirmation/receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope and check here.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

✂ ✂ ✂ CLIP & SEPARATE BALLOT FOR TABULATION OF VOTE ✂ ✂ ✂



RHSAA BALLOT. VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 3-year term for September 2007 to September 2010.

Each voting member can vote for 3 candidates. (Note: In By-Laws, Associate members (spouses) are **NON-voting** members.)

A married couple who **BOTH** attended or graduated RHS can both vote on one ballot.

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

- Dean Caldwell (1977) Janet (Witten) Conn (1966) Clyde Gilmore (1968)
 Bobbi Jo Luikart (1985) Kelly (Massie) Wright (1978)

Everybody check below (Life and Platinum please circle):

- I hereby certify that I am a current full, life, or platinum member of RHSAA (or will be by September 1, 2007) and am eligible to vote.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RHSAA!

KEEPING YOUR MAILING ADDRESS CURRENT IS

IMPORTANT!



Just suppose it's time for your graduating class to have a 20-year, 30-year reunion or even the 50-year reunion. The RHSAA honors classes every five years for the 15th and beyond. Or suppose the RHSAA wants to honor some special group, such as all current and former Miss/Mr. Rivers in 2006 or all RHS Valedictorians and Salutatorians in 2007. How is anyone

going to be able to contact you? If you keep your mailing address, etc. current with the RHSAA, then there is no problem contacting you.

Please report any changes in mailing address for **1955-85** grads to Darlene Boston at PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to bigdog36@roadrunner.com. For **1986 to present**, please notify Crystal Longwell at PO Box 152, Hannibal, OH 43931 or e-mail keykle@1st.net For **former teachers & staff members**, contact either Darlene or Crystal.

If you have paid LIFE or PLATINUM dues before May 2007, then an L or P is indicated on the address. Also, your two-digit class year should appear by your name if you are an RHS grad. Names of spouses who are not RHS grads are normally printed on the address since they can be Associate members and are invited guests to the annual all-school reunion.

In 2006, 4,501 newsletters were mailed. The USPS returned 194 with corrected addresses, 4 were deceased, and 338 had old or insufficient addresses. Please help us shrink the number of returned letters by keeping us informed of your correct address. Help keep mailing costs down.

SERVICE PROJECTS FOR RHS IN 2006-2007

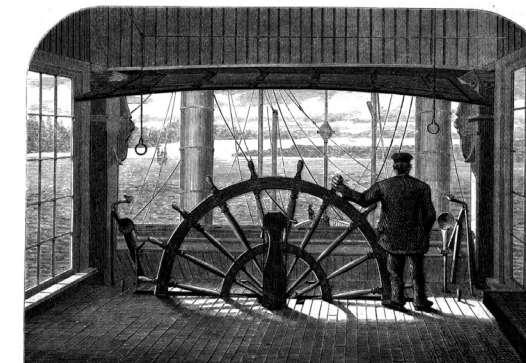
As previously reported in the summer of 2006, RHSAA donated \$500.00 toward the improvement of the landscaping in the circle area at the high school. Industrial style ceiling fans were purchased and installed for the kitchen area. The cooks report that it has really improved the air. A new cape was made by Helen Weiss and donated by RHSAA for Miss River Queens to wear.

In the summer of 2007, RHSAA will contribute \$1,200.00 to replace the carpet in the RHS office area. As plans progress for the Visitors' Pressbox at the football stadium, a donation of \$1,200.00 toward the cost of materials will be made by RHSAA.

The air conditioning which RHSAA installed in 2001 in the Old Gym continues to benefit community functions as well as RHS school events.

MISS RIVER CAPE PRESERVED

The RHSAA Board has dry cleaned and preserved the original cape that was worn by all Miss River Queens from 1959-2006. The cape is on display in a showcase located in the lobby of the new gym. A framed picture of Miss River I, Jo Wohnhas, 1959 grad, is also on display.



SWISS HILLS HISTORY to be compiled.....

Joyce Fetty, RHS 1978, who attended Swiss Hills, is compiling a history of Swiss Hills for their reunions. She needs junior and senior stories, school pictures, composite class pictures taken for yearbooks, and personal stories from all Swiss Hills alumni and staff, but especially the 1977-1978 alumni and staff for next year's reunion. Her contact information: Joyce Fetty, 46028 Benwood Rd., Sardis, OH 43946. 740-483-1164, jfetty78@yahoo.com.



CAN YOU HELP OUT WITH ALUMNI ACTIVITIES?

There are many, many little things that you can do to help carry out the RHSAA goals.

Provide food or make a monetary donation or take tickets or hand out t-shirts & register the team players or help keep score or keep track of the basketballs or sweep the floors between games or take pictures, etc. at the Alumni Basketball Tourney.

Try to locate alumni in your class that no one has an address for & help out the Membership Committee. Help organize a class reunion.

Help with registration at the all-school reunion, help decorate the gym, sing with the Alumni Choir.

Contribute names to the list of outstanding alumni who should be honored in the Hall of Fame.

Help to compile a list of prospective alumni board members on the Nominating Committee.

Submit ideas for Newsletter articles, Pilot Log tab, and Website information to the Publicity Committee. Can you prepare photos for the scrapbooks?

Just let any Alumni Board member know that you can do a small part to assist with the alumni, and they will let you know who to contact in order to help out.

THIRTY YEARS FOR RHS GRADS AT SWISS HILLS

During the past year, Joyce Fetty, 1978 grad, gave RHSAA information on RHS grads from Swiss Hills for 1977 through 2006. The list included the names of RHS students and their program of study such as, welding, cosmetology, etc. which has been added to the Master Database of all RHS Alumni. This demonstrates great cooperation and thanks to Joyce and everyone who helped her!

SURPASS 200!

Would you believe 204 lifetime memberships? These people have seen the advantage of supporting the alumni association and not having to pay anymore dues until possibly making an upgrade to Platinum membership. You still pay for dinner reservations any year you attend the reunion. Also, donations are always welcome.

If you graduated in 1987, then you are probably 38 years old. If you paid \$100.00, then your membership is paid for LIFE. That's a great deal for the younger graduates.

Here are the newest 16 life members who paid dues between June, 2006 and May, 2007:

Duane Bague (1960)
 Heather (Talbot) Cox (1992)
 Kenneth Drum (1958)
 Becky (Ensinger) Hall (1980 & Current RHS Faculty)
 Lila (Kurtzman) Jones (1957)
 Patty (Persinger) Lewis (1959)
 Susan (Weber) Malolepszy (1972)
 Chuck Meyer, Jr. (1967)
 Robert Nichols (1966)
 Ed Rollins (1961)
 Jay Saner (1998)
 Joanne Saner (Retired School Nurse)
 Kelly (Gates) Tilton (1977)
 Cathy (Meyer) Tisher (1977)
 Tim Tisher (1976)
 Scott Walters (2003)

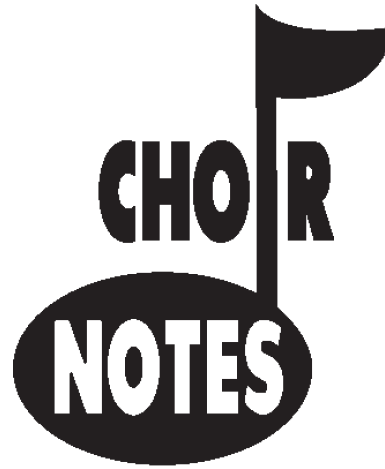
Ty Dierkes (1981), Janice Dierkes (Retired School Nurse), and Janice Kindelberger, Retired RHS Faculty, joined the Platinum Club bringing the total to 12 members.

Please consider adding your name to the lifetime or platinum lists.

CLASS COORDINATORS MEET FOR 4TH YEAR

On March 20, 2007, 15 coordinators met in the RHS cafeteria to work on missing alumni mailing addresses. Alumni attending were: Shirley Moore and Donna Potts (1956), Mary Boston (1957), Darlene Boston (1960), Mary Sebring (1965), Dennis Dietrich (1967), Sandy Dietrich (1971), Kathie Darrah (1973), Carol Smittle (1976), Pam Beisel (1979), Amy Eggleston (1982), Valerie Williamson (1983), Sheila Thomas (1987), Crystal Longwell (1989), and Jennifer Haught (1992). Ernie and Barbara Thode also attended and brought printouts of class lists.

Darlene Boston, Membership Chairperson, arranged the annual meeting. Darlene has been searching thoroughly for over two years to track down correct address information on any bad or missing addresses. Darlene is determined to get as many alumni as possible on our mailing list.



ALUMNI CHOIR SINGS FOR FIFTH YEAR

Sixteen alumni and one guest sang at the 2006 Reunion. The music will start earlier as background for the 2007 All-School Reunion. When the program begins at 5:15 p.m., the choir will sing one song popular in 1957 in honor of the 50-year class.

If you want to join the singers and have never sung with the RHS Alumni Choir before, you need to contact Vicki Voorhis, director, early by July 31st so you can find out about practices or how to get copies of the music. Please call Vicki at (304) 455-4347.

Those individuals who sang at the 2006 Reunion include:

Sandy (Arman) Dietrich, (1956)
 Betty (Gilmore) Gauding, (1956)
 Clyde Gilmore, (1968)
 Yvonne (Smittle) Grimes, (1969)
 Jackie (Underwood) Jim, (1969)
 Mike Kanzigg, (1966)
 Lois (Martin) Kenney, (1958)
 Glenna (Feisley) Kincaid, (1969)
 Stan Malolepszy, Guest
 Susan (Weber) Malolepszy, (1972)
 Bob Martie, (1956)
 Donna (Goddard) Potts, (1956)
 Lorraine (Meserve) Price, (1966)
 Jeanne (Spear) Ritchie, (1961)
 Susan (Feisley) Rowland, (1966)
 Nancy (Arman) Rufener, (1955)
 Charlotte (Rosenlieb) Wells, (1968).

Class Reunion

MEMORIES FROM 2006 REUNION RHSAA HONOR FORMER MR. AND MISS RIVER ROYALTY

The RHSAA held the seventh annual RHS all-school alumni reunion in Hannibal on September 2, 2006. The class of 1956 celebrated their 50-year reunion with over 250 alumni, former teachers and staff and their guests in the air-conditioned auditorium.

At the 2006 Reunion Jennifer Haught introduced 21 former Mr. & Miss Rivers including: Jo Brown, 1959; Carole Hindman, 1960; Barbara Kocher, 1961; Emily Holdenried, 1964; Chuck Meyer, 1967; Glenna Kincaid, 1969; Tom Carpenter, 1970; Dave Bonar, 1971; Carol Frye, 1972; Diane Baker, 1975; Kelly Tilton, 1977; Dr. Diana Barthlow, 1981; Christine Wolfe, 1985; Bob Smith, 1986; Faye Smith, 1986; Chris Beam, 1988; Monecia Nelms, 1989; Lea Baker, 2002; Ron Warrington, 2004; Megan Mellott, 2005; Alexandria Roberts, 2006.

On Friday night prior to the Magnolia and River home football game, 40 former Miss & Mr. River royalty were introduced. All Miss & Mr. Rivers wore a silver ribbon in memory of Tim Rush, Mr. River of 1998. Ribbons were donated by Tim's parents, Butch & Barbara Rush. Diane Baker and Carol Frye coordinated the special recognition of Miss/Mr. River.

2006 HONORED CLASSES

Honored class members who introduced other classmates attending the reunion were: for 1956, Dean Haslam; 1961, Bob Indermuhle; 1966, Mike Kanzigg; 1971, Sandy Dietrich; 1981, Steve Jackson; 1986, Dwight Trader; and 1991, Tamara Gibson. Sharon Gorczyca from 1968 traveled the farthest from California and received a new miniature woodcut replica of River High School. Roy Schnegg won the drawing for the afghan which Barbara (Fry) Carroll from 1964 made. At least 100 of the new miniature woodcut replicas of the current RHS building were sold. All proceeds went into the Scholarship Fund.

Vic Mozena from the class of 1960 assisted with the Reunion Attendance Award. Jennifer Haught announced the 3-way tie went to the classes of 1956, 1961 and 1966. Those classes had the highest number of paid reservations by the deadline. Those class years will be engraved on the wall plaque of the Reunion Attendance Award.

THREE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS GIVEN

Jennifer Haught and Chris Williams presented the River High School Alumni Hall of Fame Outstanding Achievement Award to three River alumni. David Lee Walters, 1968 grad, was recognized for his dedication to and participation in the Masonic Lodge, the Presbyterian Church and support of RHS athletics. Donna (Price) Dally Day, a 1959 grad, was chosen for her efforts to establish the Dally Memorial Library for the riverfront schools and communities in Monroe County. The third River grad awarded in Memoriam was John Pierson, Jr., 1960, known as "Big John". John's two brothers, Ken, from 1962, who lives in Indiana, and George, from 1966, who resides in Virginia accepted the award. John was an outstanding supporter of River Alumni both as a Lifetime member and then as one of the first Platinum Club members. He served as a Vietnam Era veteran in the U.S. Army for 20 years and retired in 1982. He also retired from Lockheed Martin, a defense contractor, after 20 years where he worked as a Senior Logistic Engineer. He had an outstanding list of organizations he was involved with including Peace Lutheran Church, Retired Warrant Officers Club and the Masonic Lodge. These names will be added to the Alumni Hall of Fame plaque which hangs at River High School.

NEW ALUMNI BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Retiring alumni board members who served a three-year term from 2003 to 2006 were recognized and included Diane Baker, Linda Colvin, and Alvin Thompson. Jennifer Haught announced new board members elected for 2006-2009 are Sandy Dietrich, Dan Lollathin, and Sherrie Stalder.



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2006 GRADUATES

The Third Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament made over \$2,400. for the Scholarship Fund. So, six \$350.00 scholarships were awarded to 2006 RHS graduates. The winners were: Casey Arman, son of Brian and Barbara Arman of Clarington; Tiffany Arman, daughter of Jerry and Angel Arman of Hannibal; Allison Blake, daughter of Regina Blake, Clarington; Chelsea Clipner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Clipner of Clarington; Kelsie Tisher, daughter of Tim and Cathy Tisher of Hannibal; and Kayla VanDyne, daughter of Lori VanDyne, Powhatan Point.

Casey Arman is attending Ohio State University and majoring in Physical Therapy. Tiffany Arman attends West Liberty State College and will major in Dental Hygiene. Allison Blake is enrolled at WV Northern in the Nursing Program. Chelsea Clipner attends OU at Eastern and her major is Early Childhood Education. Kelsie Tisher is at West Liberty State College majoring in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. Lori VanDyne is at Alderson & Broaddus in Phillippi, WV.

Crystal Longwell recognized sponsors for the teams that played in the Third Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament. The sponsor for 2006 men's alumni basketball champs 1980-1984 team was Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home. Ty Dierkes, 1981, accepted a plaque with a picture of the winning team on it. Another identical plaque will hang at RHS.

MALLET AWARDS FOR 2006 GOES TO BARBARA (SCHAUB) THODE, 1960 GRAD

Alvin Thompson revealed that Barbara (Schaub) Thode had been chosen to receive the Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award. Barbara's plaque reads:

"One cannot think of the River High School Alumni Association without thinking of Barbara Thode! This 1960 grad of River High School had a dream eight years ago to form a River High School Alumni Association. It had been tried before but, for different reasons, never came into reality. But the difference this time was Barbara Thode. She had the pride, determination, dedication and commitment to devote the countless hours, days and weeks to form an alumni association and form it in a way that it would take off and flourish. Now, seven years later, it is bigger and stronger than ever and Barbara is still putting in those countless hours to make it a success. The Distinguished Service Award for 2006 is therefore given to this much deserving person, Barbara (Schaub) Thode with sincere "Thanks" from all alumni." A book has been donated to the Dally Memorial Library in Barbara's honor.