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### RHSAA PROUDLY PRESENTS ALUMNI WEEKEND

### 6th Annual Alumni Basketball Tournament

Saturday, September 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday, September 6 from 1:00 p.m. until ???

All games will be played in R.L. Potts Gymnasium at RHS. Men's Bracket and Women's Bracket

Who can play? All graduates of RHS & past & present employees of RHS

Shooting contests for students in Grades 3-5 and 6-8.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF BASKETBALL ATHLETES

Please find time to come, bring friends & neighbors & watch some of the games. The alumni like to perform in front of a crowd. Don't forget to visit the Concession stand for some great food. And you will be supporting the RHSAA Scholarship Fund together with all the athletes who participate.

SEE PAGE 3 IN THIS LETTER FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ALUMNI TOURNAMENT.

The Reservation form to sign up to play on a team in the Alumni Basketball Tournament OR to tell us that you will attend the special recognition of basketball athletes at the tourney is printed on Page 3.

# 10th Annual All-School Reunion with Dinner & Program, Saturday, September 5 at RHS in Air-conditioned Old Gym

**3:00 to 5:00 p.m**. - Registration, Group photos, Social time, Browse through pictures and scrapbooks, See the Memorial display featuring deceased alumni, View the collection of Alumni who have served & currently serving in the Military Service, watch the Slide show of pictures from the honored classes. River Alumni t-shirts & sweatshirts will be for sale. Please consider buying raffle tickets for Mrs. Kindelberger's afghan, Jayne Maxwell's oil painting, and a 50-50 drawing. A "Chinese Auction" has been added this year. You purchase tickets and then choose where to put them to take a chance on 16 items.

Picture Schedule for Honored Classes, Alumni Board, & Honored Basketball Athletes: Alumni Board (3:00), 1959 (3:15), 1964 (3:30), 1969 (3:45), 1974 (4:00), 1979 (4:15), 1984 (4:30), 1989 (4:45), 1994 (5:00) Honored athletes (6:45). Orders for pictures are taken the night of the reunion. Price is \$15 for an 8 x 10 color picture, includes postage/handling/tax.

5:00 p.m. - Seating of Honored Classes & Other Honorees

5:15 p.m. - Program begins

6:00 p.m. - Catered dinner by Quinet's

7:00 p.m. - Program continues following dinner

The 50-year reunion belongs to the Class of 1959. Class officers Dave Miller, President; Judy Potts, Vice President; Sue Abbott, Secretary; Patty Persinger, Treasurer; were the leaders of 74 class members.

Reunion will also feature outstanding Basketball athletes who scored 1,000 points during their RHS years. The men's championship team of 1973, women's undefeated team of 1983, women's championship teams of 1987, 1988, 1997, and 2004 will all be honored at the dinner and program on Saturday evening, September 5th, at RHS in the air-conditioned old gym. Group pictures will be taken of all honorees who attend the All-School Reunion as well as group pictures of all honored classes, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, and 1994.

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

SEE the SIGN-UP PAGE on Page 4 in this letter to pay dues and/or donations, to vote by ballot for 3 board members, and to make dinner reservations for the reunion and purchase tickets to the dance.

Also, you can print BOTH PAGE 3 AND PAGE 4 from the website at www.riverhighalumni.org

### Dance after Reunion on Saturday night at the Union Hall in Clarington

**8:00 p.m. till Midnight** - Tickets for admission are \$10.00 each for ages 21 and older. Steve Clegg, a 1985 RHS grad, will be the DJ and play your favorites. Pop, chips, and ice will be available for all who attend.

SEE PAGE 4 WHERE YOU CAN ORDER TICKETS BY FILLING OUT THE FORM TO SEND IN THE MAIL. TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE UNION HALL SATURDAY EVENING.

Questions: e-mail riverpilot66@hotmail.com

### Picnic at Bruce Park in New Martinsville, WV, on Sunday

11:30 a.m. - Bring a dish/food to share, drinks & table service to the large picnic shelter reserved for River Alumni. Meal will start around noon. You can stay as long as you wish. If you would like to see some of the Alumni Basketball Tournament that will be going on Sunday afternoon at RHS, it's possible to do that after lunch. A nice playground and a ball diamond are available at the park. Directions to Bruce Park: Go south on St. Rt. 2 from the Ohio River Bridge. Go to the 3rd traffic light from the bridge & turn right into the park.

Questions: e-mail valeriefisher483@yahoo.com

### MEMORIAL LIST & MILITARY LIST ADDED TO RHSAA WEBSITE, <www.riverhighalumni.org>

If you go to our website, you will see two new sections. On one section titled River Alumni Memorial List, you will see the class year, name, & date of death for deceased alumni starting with the Class of 1955 up to the present. A separate list titled RHS Employee Memorial List will show staff members for RHS over the years who are deceased. The second section is called Military List. You will see the class year, name & branch of service someone served in or are currently serving and a notation if the individual is deceased.

Joyce Fetty, a 1978 grad, has been working on this project for years! She would appreciate any additions or corrections to these lists. You can reach her by e-mail jafetty78@yahoo.com, phone, (740) 483-1164; or 46028 Benwood Rd., Sardis, OH 43946

Joyce & Chris Williams, 1994 grad, started a new display at the 2008 Reunion & will continue with it this year. For every alumni & staff member who has died since the 2008 Reunion, there will be a framed Obituary and a candle with their name. The candles will all burn during the entire Reunion. Family or friends may take these items home at the end of the reunion.

### DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS?

Whenever your class reunion approaches, you can contact Darlene Boston, PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to darleneboston@att.net and request a printed class list of names & addresses. Also, all alumni should report any changes in mailing address to Darlene so a Master Database can be current.

### PATTY NICHOLS METZ MEMORIAL AWARD PRESENTED AT 2008 REUNION

Last year would have been Patty's 40th class reunion with the Class of 1968. To commemorate the 40th year since Patty (Nichols) Metz graduated from River High School, her children, Bob Nichols (1966), Elmer Nichols (1967) and Monette (Nichols) Schupbach (1969), made a donation to the Service Project Fund. Widowed in 1964 with three teenage children and no high school diploma, Patty enrolled at RHS in 1966 and graduated in 1968. Her family wanted to help the school that provided all of them with a good education. It is her children's hope that their mother's perseverance and eternal spirit will live on through this memorial award.

### Service Project Fund

River Alumni "stepped up to the plate to donate" in 2008. Three A/C units were purchased for the computer classrooms at RHS. Since September, 2000, River Alumni have donated over \$17,000.00 to River High School and \$700.00 to the Dally Memorial Library. Thanks to our Alumni the RHSAA continues to support the school and community.

#### New Project in 2009

Currently, the Alumni Board has voted to help buy uniforms for the RHS Volley-ball teams. The coach, Sarah Smith, eventually wants to buy 30 uniforms that cost \$40.00 each. The parents & relatives of players are continually buying from the fund-raisers for the team which help pay for other expenses required to run a volleyball team. PLEASE SEE PAGE 4, THE SIGN-UP PAGE, FOR DETAILS ON HOW TO DONATE TO THIS PROJECT.

### **CLASS COORDINATORS MEET FOR 6TH YEAR**

On March 26, 2009, 11 coordinators gathered in the RHS library to work on missing alumni mailing addresses. Those attending were: Taylor Abbott (2007), Darlene Boston (1960), Megan Ensinger (2008), Jordan Jones (2001), Bonnie Logston (1961), Lydia McIntire (1998), Amanda Rahr (1999), Jeanne Ritchie (1966), Mary Sebring (1965), Sonja Taylor (1959), and Kelly Wright (1978). RHSAA needs coordinators to help keep their class list up to date.

The list of class coordinators for classes beginning with 1955 through 2009, Swiss Hills, & RHS Staff can be found on the website **www.riverhighalumni.org**. If you need to reach your class coordinator, just contact Darlene Boston.

### TEMPORARY HANDICAPPED RAMP AT RHS FRONT DOOR FOR THE REUNION

If you use a wheelchair or walker, the only handicapped accessibility to the main building at RHS is a door in the rear of the building across from the football field. Then, you go down the long hallway toward the main office to reach the old gym. A security gate can be opened near the office.

Charlie Isaly, a 1956 grad, and former alumni board member, has constructed a portable wood ramp to use at the front door of the school. The lobby & old gym are right inside this door. THANKS CHARLIE for making easier access!

### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2008 GRADUATES

RHSAA awarded six scholarships of \$350.00 each to 2008 graduating seniors. The winners were: Phillip Colvin, son of Ron Colvin & Terri Cross. Phillip attended Swiss Hills. Cari McKelvey, daughter of Timmy & Kathie McKelvey of Sardis; Tracy Richter, daughter of Larry & Connie Richter of Sardis; Laighnell Roberts, daughter of Rodney and Tanya Roberts of Hannibal; Brittany Stalder, daughter of Doug & Rhonda Stalder; Troy Starr, son of Clyde and Gwen Starr of Powhatan Point. The Annual Basketball tournament is the main fund-raiser for the Scholarship Fund.

### ANNOUNCING THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI SIXTH ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Proceeds from this tournament to date have raised over \$9,000.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, September 5, 2009, and Sunday, September 6, 2009, on Alumni Reunion Weekend

**Saturday** 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. Registration for team players.

**8:45 a.m.** Drawing names for teams.

9:00 a.m. First game in Men's Bracket begins. (Other men's games to follow.)

1:30 p.m. All athletes invited for Special Recognition will be introduced. Honorees include all athletes who scored 1,000 points during their RHS career. Plus the 1973 Men's championship team, Women's undefeated team of 1983, Women's championship teams of 1987, 1988, 1997, and 2004. Athletes will also be honored at Reunion Dinner Saturday evening.

2:00 p.m. Last game starts for Saturday. Games continue on Sunday afternoon.

1:00 p.m. Women's Game begins. More Men's games follow including the Championship Game. Sunday

1:30 p.m. (approximately) Any Elementary student in Grades 3-5 will participate in Foul-shooting and 3 point shot contests. Bring your kids!

2:45 p.m. Any Elementary student in Grades 6-8 will participate in the same contests. Bring your kids!

### Medals will be awarded to the elementary students. Men's games continue until a winner is determined.

Registration for each player is \$25.00. You may return your registration form to Crystal Longwell OR you may register on Saturday, Sept. 5th from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. at RHS. Same format as in 2008 team selection will be used for 2009.

### 2009 RIVER ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT AND HONOREE REGISTRATION FORM

You can go to our website at www.riverhighalumni.org and sign u	ip for the tournament or fill or	it form below!
NOTE: If you are an <b>honored athlete</b> & plan to attend Saturday fill out this form (except shirt size and participants signature) & return <b>Sponsors</b> are appreciated. Please consider one of the following Please circle which honored athlete you are on the next line. <b>INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE SCORED 1,000 PTS TEAM MEMBER of 1973, 1983,</b>	to Crystal. <i>No money requir</i> : Silver \$100 □ Red	red unless you're playing. However,
IF YOU ARE PLAYING ON A TEAM, <b>THEN</b> 1. Please print & fill in the blanks. 2. Sign by Participant Signature. 3. Cut on the line above 4. Write a \$25.00 check made payable to: RHS Alumni Assoc 5. Return this form & a check on or before August 22, 2009 to Crystal Longwe RHSAA Alumni  Any questions contact Crystal	o: II, Chairman, Basketball Tournament, P.O.	Box 152, Hannibal, OH 43931
NAME:	Grad. Year	PhoneNo.
Address:		State Zip
e-mail:		
Shirt Size:		
Participant Signature:		

### NEW SCHOOLS FOR SWITZERLAND OF OHIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you have moved away, you'll be interested to know that the district voters approved a tax levy. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall on the new buildings, including a Beallsville K-12 building, a combined Hannibal/Sardis Elementary, Skyvue Elementary, Powhatan Elementary, Monroe Central High School and a completely renovated River High School.

By signing above I agree to not hold the River High School Alumni Association or its members responsible for any injury I may sustain while participating in this event.

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.

### Return this page to Barbara Thode, Reunion Registrar 30 Kern Dr., Marietta, OH 45750-7882

Please make your check payable to RHSAA for the total amount of Donations and/or Dues and/or Dinner Reservations and/or tickets to the Dance.

### Reservations are due by August 22, 2009 -

Absolutely no later than August 29 so that we can plan seating, setups, food, and program details. SEATING AT THE REUNION IS TIGHT. EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL OR PHONE BY THE DEADLINE. IF NOT PRE-REGISTERED, YOU MAY HAVE TO WAIT AT THE DOOR 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: Kelly Wright, cell phone (740) 359-3481, or e-mail valeriefisher483@yahoo.com

DONATIONS, DUES, REUNION RESERVATIONS	S and DANCE TICKETS	
<b>DONATION</b> to help buy 30 uniforms for Volleyball teams at RHS. Any dollar amount *Note. If donation is \$100, then you will also get recognition for a Lifetime members	it appreciated.	ership.
	Donation for Service Project	\$
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	Total enclosed for DUES	\$
DINNER RESERVATIONS: Noat \$16.00 for each grad & each guest	Total for RESERVATIONS	\$
TICKETS FOR DANCE: For 21 years & older No at \$10.00 each		\$
PLEASE FILL IN NAMES BELOW ON THIS FORM! SEE BALLOT BELOW T	O VOTE!	
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### RHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### **TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER. 2011**

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If you want to know more about the alumni or events, just ask any board member.
HOW CAN YOU JOIN RHSAA?

Just complete the Donations & Dues form on the sign-up page.

#### **MEMBERSHIP TYPES and DUES:**

- Lifetime Individuals are designated as members of the River Pilot Club. You still pay for dinner when you attend the reunion. Payment of \$100 dues.
- Full For RHS graduates or those who attended RHS. Payment of \$5 dues every year.
- Associate For SPOUSES of alumni, employees, or Board of Education members. Annual payment of \$5 dues. Non-voting.
- Complimentary No charge during the year of 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.

### FIRST FOOTBALL TEAM, VARSITY CHEERLEADERS, and COACHES FLANNERY & RICH FAMILIES HONORED AT 2008 REUNION

The ninth annual RHS Alumni Reunion was held in Hannibal on August 30, 2008 during Labor Day Weekend. Over 275 attended the reunion dinner & program.

Mike Flannery, current RHS football coach, gave moving remarks as he spoke of memories of Coaches Martin Flannery and Edward Rich who coached the first RHS football team of 1957. Marthe (Rich) Grohman expressed her thoughts about her dad, Ed Rich in a letter to all alumni. "My father never saw his grandchildren, but as I watched him teach and understood his patience with students, he never gave up on anyone's possibilities....Now it is time to give back, and you have graciously reminded me of where I come from and all the great memories that I have from there. I am enclosing a check for \$200.00 in the hopes that others will realize that even as time has gone by it is never too late to give back. I know, my father gave back every day."

Mike introduced the first football team members & cheerleaders from 1957 including: Virgil (Buck) Crawford, Bob Miller, Ted Potts, Sandra (Wilt) Raper, Shella (Bryte) Ross, Ron Talbot, Tonia (McKelvey) Appolloni, Jim Brown, Ken Drum, Martha (Remick) Ferenbaugh, Doodle (Abrigg) Huffman, Paul Turner & Bud Price. Ron Isaly attended on Friday evening. Also, Mike recognized Beth (Rich) Brown, Coach Rich's daughter. The entire Rich family including Marge, Coach Rich's widow, his children Ruth Ann (Rich) Byers, Kathy (Rich) Myles, Marthe (Rich) Grohman, and David Rich were recognized at the game on Friday night. Marty Flannery's family were introduced and included Gloria, Marty's widow; Mike's wife, Carolyn & their two children; daughter Kim & husband Jim Johnston, granddaughter Angie VanCamp & husband David & their two children, grandson Tony Ensinger & wife Marissa & their daughter.

#### **CLASSES HONORED & RAFFLE WINNERS AT 2008 REUNION**

Honored alumni who introduced other classmates attending were for 1958, Jim Miller; 1963, Gary Jones; 1968, Don Longwell; 1973, Kathie Darrah; 1978, David Colvin; 1983, Valerie Williamson; 1988, J. David Jones. River grad, Mary Alice (Rush) Reid, 1958, came the farthest from Leavenworth, WA, & won the miniature woodcut replica of RHS. Nancy Curtis won the drawing for the River Pilot afghan made by Mrs. Janice Kindelberger. Norma Frieden won 2 large doilies made by Sonja Taylor. Debbie Morgan won the painting done by Jayne Maxwell, 1963 grad. Bill Crawford won the 50-50 drawing & donated it back to the Alumni Association.

The 50-year class, 1958, won the Reunion Attendance Award & had the highest number of honored class members attending since the reunions started in 2000. Carole (Miller) Hindman, 1960, presented the trophy to the class.

### TWO ALUMNI HALL OF FAME OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS GIVEN AT 2008 REUNION

Two River grads, Don Longwell, 1968, and Jane Maxwell, 1963, were chosen for Alumni Hall of Fame. Don Longwell was recognized for over 25 years as owner of F.W. Schumacher Insurance Agency, which has achieved many agency awards. Don has been active in his community for over 20 years with an emphasis on Monroe County youth. In 2004, Don received the Robert McKelvey Memorial Award, which is given to an outstanding Ohio Valley figure who exemplifies dedication, hard work & leadership qualities serving our youth. Don served as the first President of the RHS Alumni Association & led the successful campaign to air condition the old gym at RHS. Jane Maxwell was selected for her outstanding Art career for over 30 years both as a teacher as well as an artist. Jane taught Art classes mostly in Tuscarawas County in Ohio. She has painted replicas of historical buildings, thousands of a Christmas ornament series, furniture for a company in Sugar Creek, OH; mailboxes for a Millersburg, OH business; and murals, the first of which were painted at River High School. In 1959, Miss Goodwin, RHS librarian, asked Jane to paint a mural showing the evolution of our school district. Jane did a second mural of a riverboat during her senior year. She has had a fantastic life as an artist which all began in Sardis & at River High School. These names will be added to the Alumni Hall of Fame plaque which hangs at RHS.

#### **WELCOME NEW LIFETIME & PLATINUM MEMBERS**

Here are the newest 19 life members and one platinum member since June 2008:

Beth (Rich) Brown (1978) Jim Brown (1958) Linda (Howell) Crago (1965) Valerie (Miller) Fisher (1991) Marthe (Rich) Grohman (1975) Bob Howell (1961) Ellet (Potts) Howell (1961) J. David Jones (1988) Carla (Walters) Kratz (1979) Mark Kratz (1977)

Mary Alice (Rush) Reid (1958)
Doug Ritchie (1981)
Sam Rollins (1959)
Jan Saner (Former Asst. Football Coach)
Iolene (Dennison) Sawyers (1969)
Robert Sawyers (1967)
Jane (Maxwell) Swartzwelder (1963)
Judith (Kemp) Wiggins (1963)
Platinum Member—Janeen (Gibson) Graham (1968)

See our website www.riverhighalumni.org for the entire list of 229 life members & 15 platinum members.

Ralph "Bud" Price (1958)

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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## RHSAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The RHS Alumni Association is ten years old! Like any ten-year-old we are excited and eager to try new things; but unlike most ten-year-olds, we have been listening. The Alumni Association has heard that during Alumni Weekend you want more time to visit with friends. The Alumni Board has planned more activities this year where you can visit, laugh, and remember the great times at RHS. Please attend all the activities or just one if you want—banquet, basketball tournament, picnic, or the dance. All River Alumni are welcome and we look forward to visiting with you during Alumni Weekend.

Sincerely, Janet (Witten) Conn Class of 1966, RHSAA President



RHSAA PROUDLY PRESENTS

ALUMNI WEEKEND

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

FOUR EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED

6TH ANNUAL ALUMNI BASKETBALL
TOURNAMENT
on Saturday & Sunday

10TH ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WITH
DINNER & PROGRAM on Saturday
DANCE AFTER REUNION on Saturday
PICNIC IN BRUCE PARK on Sunday

#### **PLUS**

Several businesses will give special discounts & offers during the weekend. See the website www.riverhighalumni.org for the names & discounts & offers for River Alumni.