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**12TH ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WITH DINNER & PROGRAM,
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011, AT RHS OLD GYM
DANCE AFTER REUNION ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT UNION HALL IN CLARINGTON**

DRESS IS CASUAL & PLEASE WEAR COOL CLOTHING.
QUINET'S RETURNS AS THE CATERER FOR THE DINNER.
DON RAPER, 1961 GRAD, WILL SING AT REUNION
EVERY FIFTH-YEAR CLASS FROM 1956 TO 1991 WILL BE HONORED

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 & are currently serving in the Military Service, watch the Slide show of pictures from the honored classes & the 2001 and 2006 Reunions. River Alumni t-shirts & sweatshirts will be for sale. Please consider buying raffle tickets for Mrs. Cindelberger's afghan, Jayne Maxwell's oil painting, and a 50-50 drawing. The popular "Chinese Auction" will be held again where you purchase tickets and then choose where to put them for a chance on 16 items.

Picture Schedule for Honored Classes & Alumni Board:

Alumni Board (3:00), 1956 (3:15), 1961 (3:30), 1966 (3:45), 1971 (4:00), 1976 (4:15), 1981 (4:30), 1986 (4:45), 1991 (5:00)
Orders for pictures are taken the day 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

5:15 p.m. - Program begins

6:00 p.m. - Catered dinner by QUINET'S

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

The class of 1956 will be celebrating their 55-year reunion.

Congratulations!

The 50-year reunion belongs to the Class of 1961. Class officers Sharon Persinger, President; Ann Carter, Vice President; Carolyn Schindler, Secretary; Linda Geokler, Treasurer; were the leaders of 93 class members.

Any alumni, former teachers and staff, and their guests are invited to attend the reunion. A temporary handicapped ramp will be available at the front door to the reunion. Be sure to look at the display to honor deceased alumni & staff with printed obituaries & candles. Family or friends may take these items home at the end of the reunion.

SEE the SIGN-UP PAGE on Page 3 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 PAGE 3 from the website at www.riverhighalumni.org.

DANCE AFTER REUNION ON SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE UNION HALL IN CLARINGTON - 8:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m.

Tickets for admission are \$10.00 each for ages 21 and older. Doug Hoffman, "The Dougger" will be the DJ and play your favorites. Pop, chips, and ice will be available for all who attend.

SEE PAGE 3 WHERE YOU CAN ORDER TICKETS BY FILLING OUT THE MAIL-IN FORM. TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE UNION HALL SATURDAY EVENING.

Questions: e-mail kbwright59@hotmail.com

ALL RIVER ALUMNI INVITED TO MONROE COUNTY RIVER MUSEUM

The River Museum is celebrating their First Anniversary. It is located on the entire second floor of the Ohio Valley Community Credit Union in Clarington. Barbara Rush, founder and curator, announces that all River Alumni are invited to visit the Museum on Saturday, September 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday, September 4th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Admission is by donation. A new exhibit debuts including Locks 14 & 15 that were replaced by the current Hannibal Locks & Dam, as well as the Hannibal (Baresville) history. If you stop by, you'll be glad you did!

RHSAA SPONSORED LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, the RHSAA raised over \$4,000 for the RHSAA Scholarship Fund through Longaberger Basket Bingo. Generous donations of food, money, & items for raffles & auctions & sale of tickets for bingo all contributed toward this successful venture. Although there is not enough newsletter space to list all the donors, many of those were displayed at the fundraiser. In May 2011, \$500 was awarded to six RHS Seniors for a total of \$3,000 in scholarships. THANK YOU EVERYONE! Watch for the date of the next RHSAA fundraiser.

RIVER ALUMNI BOARD ORGANIZED HOMECOMING PARADE

In October 2010, the RHS Homecoming Parade needed helpers and the Alumni Board stepped up to assist. The parade would not have happened without the assistance of the Alumni. Needless to say, the students at RHS were grateful for the help.

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TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2013

Tim Blue (1985)
tim.blue.lzkl@statefarm.com

Bob Howell (1961)
(740) 865-2557

Treasurer
Melissa (Heslep) Krempasky (1984)
mlkrempasky@yahoo.com

TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2012

Secretary
Sandy (Grossenbacher) Dierkes (1977)
sldierkes@msn.com

Ben Duvall (1975) replaced Vicki Voorhis (1962)
benandholly@windstream.net

President
Kelly (Massie) Wright (1978)
kbwright59@hotmail.com

TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2011

Valerie (Miller) Fisher (1991)
valeriefisher483@yahoo.com

Bob Fuchs (1966)
boblin23@yahoo.com

Vice President
Cathy (Meyer) Tisher (1977)
cjtmeier59@hotmail.com

*If you want to know more about the alumni or events,
just ask any board member.*

WELCOME NEW LIFETIME & PLATINUM MEMBERS

Here are the newest 8 life members and 2 platinum members since June 2010:

LIFE MEMBERS:

Charlie Brown (1970)
Jerry Clegg (1960)
Melody (Carpenter) Fiely (1980)
Sam Harrigan (1980)
Karen Medure (retired faculty)
Rich Merryman (1966)
Ralph Price (1981)
Gene Reed (1961)

PLATINUM MEMBERS

Martha (Henthorne) Rankinen (1957)
Barbara (Schaub) Thode (1960)

See our website www.riverhighalumni.org for the entire list of 249 life members & 18 platinum members.

RIVER ALUMNI MEMORIAL LIST & MILITARY LIST CONTINUES ON OUR RHSAA WEBSITE, <www.riverhighalumni.org>

Joyce Fetty, a 1978 grad, 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

Every alumni & staff member who has died since the 2010 Reunion will be mentioned in a display at the 2011 Reunion. Any donations for frames & candles in the display will be greatly appreciated.

CLASS COORDINATORS HOLD YEARLY MEETING IN MARCH

On March 31, 2011, the following coordinators met at RHS: Diane Baker (1975), Darlene Boston (1960), Mary Boston (1957), Kathie Darrah (1973), Dennis Dietrich (1967), Sandy Dietrich (1971), Stella Forni (1958), Teri Knowlton (1973), Carla Kratz (1979), Bonnie Logston (1961), Mary Sebring (1965), Carol Smittle (1976), Sheila Thomas (1987), and Kelly Wright (1978).

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NO., or E-MAIL ADDRESS?

Keeping information current is vital both to the alumni association and to your class. Postal mailing addresses, e-mail, or phone number changes have been made for over 420 graduates in 2011. If your newsletter is returned to us by the post office, we are charged 44 cents for each returned letter. In 2010, 350 newsletters were returned. Some had bad addresses that the post office could not update for us. Still others had changes of address since our last mailing that the post office was able to update. Needless to say, we need you to keep us informed of any changes. The number returned has declined steadily each year because we find updates and class coordinators keep us informed.

RHSAA's keeping a master database of all River grads & former staff members helps EVERY GRADUATING CLASS from RHS. Any time a class wants to have a reunion, the class coordinator can get a printed list of grads & addresses from the RHSAA Membership chairperson, Darlene Boston. Then, the class can communicate with many of its members. During a year's time many, many phone calls are made to find a correct address for grads in the RHSAA database. GIVING DONATIONS TO THE RHSAA WILL ALLOW FOR THAT TO CONTINUE.

PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES to Darlene Boston, PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to <darleneboston@att.net>

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2010 and 2011 GRADUATES

RHSAA awarded scholarships of \$350.00 each to five 2010 graduates. The winners were: Zachary Haines, Ashlee Henry, Desiree Hinkle, Stephen Price, and Kyrstin Ritchie.

In May 2011, RHSAA awarded six scholarships of \$500.00 each to these 2011 Seniors: Kylie Brown, Ryan Doty, Alexa Isaly, Samantha Knowlton, Nadia Potts, & Jordan Ramsay. In addition to the RHSAA-sponsored scholarships, several former River graduates and staff have generously contributed toward scholarship funds: the Woda Family Scholarship provided by Russell & Jeff Woda to Jordan Ramsay, the Dierkes Family Scholarship provided by Joe & Jan Dierkes & family to Chelsey Smith, Jordan Ramsay, & Kylie Brown, the Tim Rush Memorial "Mr. River" Scholarship provided by the Rush family to Zachary Wichterman, and the Tim Haught Family Award of Excellence to Erica Duvall. Tim Haught is a former English teacher & Assistant Principal at River High.

A WORD ABOUT MONEY: THE PRICE OF DINNER RESERVATIONS COVERS MORE THAN A CATERER. It also covers table decorations for dinner & other displays, plaques & certificates for awards, payment to a cook from RHS to help the caterer, to pay a janitor, pay a photographer to take group pictures of honored classes & other informal photos. Also, any of the reservation fee left over will be used to pay the cost of having the website on the Internet, printing & mailing over 4,500 newsletters, paying for ads to support RHS yearbooks and RHS football programs, & support the Varsity basketball T-shirts, and other projects. The association depends upon donations from River grads to pay the expenses required by the association. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

TO ALL USERS OF OUR WEBSITE - www.riverhighalumni.org

Please give your friends who are River grads on Facebook & other social network sites this URL & encourage them to visit our website. When you go to our website, you will find Class Coordinators, Memorial & Military Lists, Platinum & Lifetime members, write-ups of previous basketball tournaments, RHSAA newsletters, Alumni Reunions, photos, etc.

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 20, 2011

Absolutely no later than August 27 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

DONATIONS, DUES, REUNION RESERVATIONS and DANCE TICKETS

DONATION to help defray Operating Expenses for RHSAA. Any dollar amount is greatly appreciated.
Donations help the RHSAA print & mail 4500 newsletters, support the website, pay for expenses during Alumni Weekend etc.
**Note. If donation is \$100, then you will also get recognition for a Lifetime membership or if \$500, a Platinum membership.*

Donation for RHSAA \$ _____

DONATION to the Scholarship Fund..Same options as explained above.

Donation for Scholarship \$ _____

DUES: Please check your category if already a:

- Current Life member Current Platinum member
- Full-one year @ \$5.00 Associate @ \$5.00 New Lifetime @ \$100.00 New Platinum @ \$500.00
- (Spouse non-voting)

Total enclosed for DUES \$ _____

DINNER RESERVATIONS: No. _____ @ \$16.00 for each grad & each guest

Total for RESERVATIONS \$ _____

TICKETS FOR DANCE: For 21 years & older No. _____ @ \$10.00 each

Total for DANCE TICKETS \$ _____

Tickets to the Dance will also be available at the door at the Union Hall in Clarington.

PLEASE FILL IN NAMES BELOW ON THIS FORM! SEE BALLOT BELOW TO VOTE!

Please make your check payable to RHSAA. Total Enclosed \$ _____

If you want a confirmation/receipt, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.
WE NEED EVERY GRAD'S NAME & ADDRESS, etc., & NAME OF ANY GUEST WHO IS ATTENDING. EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST SENDING MONEY BUT NOT ATTENDING, IT KEEPS YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT FOR OUR MAILING.

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** _____

CLIP & SEPARATE BALLOT FOR TABULATION OF VOTE

RHSAA BALLOT. VOTE FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 3-year term for September 2011 to September 2014.

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.

- Valerie (Kriechbaum) Brown (1981) Dennis Lively (1970)
- Bonnie (Schaum) Logston (1961) Heather (Talbot) Cox (1992)

Everybody Circle your membership status: Full Life Platinum

I hereby certify that I am a current full, life, or platinum member of RHSAA (or will be by August 20, 2011) and am eligible to vote.

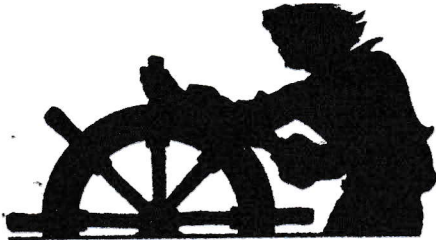
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE RHSAA!

River High School Alumni Association
 c/o Barbara (Schaub)Thode
 30 Kern Drive
 Marietta, OH 45750-7882

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

PILOT LOG TAB IN BEACON SEPTEMBER 1, 2011
 Be sure to buy a Monroe County Beacon that week
 if you do not already subscribe to the newspaper. Your
 RHS Alumni are featured.

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RHSAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

The primary objective of the River High School Alumni Association is to promote scholarship and to recognize scholars of each year's graduates of RHS. I am pleased to announce that with our successful fundraiser this spring, we were able to increase our scholarships to \$500.00 each to six deserving seniors. The outpouring of help, donations and support from many, many alumni with our 1st annual Longaberger Basket Bingo was overwhelming. As president, and proud River alum, I would like to encourage even more members to participate and become active in this great organization. You can start by attending this year's All School Reunion on Saturday, September 3rd at the high school and then the dance afterwards at the Clarington Union Hall. Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
 Kelly Massie Wright
 Class of 1978
 RHSAA President



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2011

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**RHSAA PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 12th ANNUAL
 ALL- REUNION WITH DINNER & PROGRAM AT RHS
 DANCE AFTERWARDS AT UNION HALL IN CLARINGTON**

HONORED CLASSES AT THE REUNION ARE

**1956 (55 YEARS)
 1961 (50 YEARS)
 1966 (45 YEARS)
 1971 (40 YEARS)
 1976 (35 YEARS)
 1981 (30 YEARS)
 1986 (25 YEARS)
 1991 (20 YEARS)**