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13th ANNUAL ALL—SCHOOL REUNION WITH DINNER & PROGRAM & DANCE  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2012 AT THE LEWIS WETZEL CENTER IN NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV  
LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**ALL EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT LEWIS WETZEL CENTER SINCE RHS WILL BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.  
THE CENTER IS AIR-CONDITIONED WITH AMPLE PARKING SPACE. EVERY FIFTH -YEAR CLASS FROM 1957 TO 1992 WILL BE HONORED.**

**3:30 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, . 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" will be held again where you purchase tickets and then choose where to put them for a chance on several items.

**Mrs. Kindelberger's last afghan:** Janice Kindelberger, retired teacher, has made 10 River Pilot afghans through the years for a raffle at the RHSAA all-school reunions. After this year, Mrs. "K" is discontinuing this tradition. However, she has made a generous donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Be sure to buy tickets for her afghan!

**Picture Schedule for Honored Classes & Alumni Board:** Kelly Merideth, photographer, has revised the time schedule & wants the 50-year class to be at the end of the time schedule since typically that is a large group. 1957, (3:45), 1967, (4:00), 1972, (4:10), 1977, (4:20), 1982, (4:30), 1987, (4:40), 1992, (4:50), 1962, (5:00). Alumni Board, (6:45). Orders for pictures are taken the night of the reunion. Price is \$15.00 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**

**7:00 p.m. – Program continues following dinner**

Class of 1957, will be celebrating their 55-year reunion. **Congratulations!** The 50-year reunion belongs to the Class of 1962. Class officers: President, Jim Jones, Vice President, Martin Fry, Secretary, Evelyn Walters, Treasurer, Evelyne Ewers were the leaders of 70 class members.

Any alumni, former teachers and staff, and their guests are invited to attend the reunion. The Lewis Wetzel Center is handicapped accessible. 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.

## Dance after Reunion in the Lewis Wetzel Center

8:00 p.m. till 11:00 p.m. – Tickets for admission are \$10.00 each for ages 21 and older. Dave Ivey, a 1996 River grad, 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 LEWIS WETZEL CENTER SATURDAY EVENING.**

Questions: e-mail [kbwright59@hotmail.com](mailto:kbwright59@hotmail.com)

## FIRST ANNUAL RHSAA SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

**AUGUST 11, 2012**

Fairway's Riverview Golf Course,  
37800 SR 7, Sardis, OH,

Tee Time: 7:00 AM.,

Same Day Registration:

7:00 AM EARLY BIRD (07-28-2012 & BEFORE)

\$200.00 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

REGULAR (AFTER 07-28-12)

\$220.00 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

Field STRICTLY LIMITED to 18 Teams.

Shotgun Start. Open to BOTH MEN & WOMEN GOLFERS  
SCORING PRIZES: \$300.00 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE SCORE, \$200.00  
2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE SCORE, \$100.00 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE SCORE

\$10,000.00 Hole In One Prize, Closest to the Pin Contests,  
Golden Spot Challenges, Putting Contests

**FREE FOOD & MUSIC AFTER THE TOURNAMENT**

REGISTRATION: Fairway's Riverview Golf Course Desk,

Any RHS Alumni Board Member, or ONLINE AT:

[WWW.RHSTOURNAMENT.COM](http://WWW.RHSTOURNAMENT.COM)

STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THIS EVENT: Ben Duvall, Dennis Lively, Duane Goddard, Ron Jackson, Matt Potts, John Ischy, Mike Miracle, Mike Flannery

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](http://www.riverhighalumni.org).

**RIVER ALUMNI MEMORIAL LIST & MILITARY LIST CONTINUES ON OUR RHSAA WEBSITE, <[www.riverhighalumni.org](http://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](mailto:jafetty78@yahoo.com), phone, (740) 483-1164; or 46028 Benwood Rd., Sardis, OH 43946

Every alumni & staff member who has died since the 2011 Reunion will be mentioned in a display at the 2012 Reunion.

Any donations for frames & candles in the display will be greatly appreciated.

**TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2012**

Secretary  
Sandy (Grossenbacher) Dierkes (1977)  
[sldierkes@msn.com](mailto:sldierkes@msn.com)

Vice-President  
Ben Duvall (1975)  
[benandholly@windstream.net](mailto:benandholly@windstream.net)

President  
Kelly (Massie) Wright (1978)  
[kbwright59@hotmail.com](mailto:kbwright59@hotmail.com)

**TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER 2013**

Tim Blue (1985)  
[tim.blue.lzkl@statefarm.com](mailto:tim.blue.lzkl@statefarm.com)

Treasurer  
Melissa (Heslep) Krempasky (1984)  
[mlkrempasky@yahoo.com](mailto:mlkrempasky@yahoo.com)

**TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2014**

Valerie (Kriechbaum) Brown (1981)  
[wchlab@yahoo.com](mailto:wchlab@yahoo.com)

Dennis Lively (1970)  
[dennislively@Gmail.com](mailto:dennislively@Gmail.com)

Bonnie (Schaum) Logston (1961)  
[hklogston@hotmail.com](mailto:hklogston@hotmail.com)

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

**WELCOME NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS SINCE JUNE 2011**

Ben Duvall (1975)

Jane (Thomas) Fuchs (1961)

Connie Graham (Retired Faculty)

Paula (Byers) Ruble (1981)

Gordon Wells (1966)

See the website [www.riverhighalumni.org](http://www.riverhighalumni.org) for the entire list of 254 life members and 18 platinum members.

**LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO**

On April 29, 2012, the RHSAA raised \$5,215.06 for the RHSAA scholarship fund. Generous donations of food, money, and items for raffles and auctions, and sale of tickets for bingo, all contributed toward this successful event. Thank you everyone. Watch for the date of the next RHSAA fundraiser.

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

We would like to e-mail River Alumni with updates on activities.

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 printout of grads & addresses from the RHSAA Membership chairperson, Darlene Boston. 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. We are missing addresses especially for those graduates who are not local from some of the classes from 1990 through 1999. If you have addresses for your class, please contact Darlene Boston.

**PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES to Darlene Boston,**

**PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to <[darleneboston@att.net](mailto:darleneboston@att.net)>**

**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 2012 GRADUATES**

RHSAA awarded scholarships of \$500.00 each to these 2012 graduates:

Landon Baker is the son of Lance & Lisa Baker of Powhatan Point. Landon plans to major in Accounting. Leeanne Karpacs, daughter of Kevin & Cecilia Karpacs of Sardis plans to attend the University of Cincinnati & complete a master's degree in Accounting. Stephanie Murdock, daughter of Michael & Karen Murdock from Clarington is hoping to have her own business for Horse training & riding. Mark Petho from Powhatan Point is the son of Steve & Pauletta Petho. Mark plans to attend WVNCC. Courtney Porter of Sardis, daughter of Phillip Porter & Teresa Boggs plans to enter the Nursing program at Hocking College. Jadon Rush is the son of Charles & Shereen Rush of Sardis. Jadon will attend The Art Institute of Pittsburgh for a four-year degree in Culinary Arts.

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY READ AT 2011 REUNION**

Gloria Flannery, Faculty spouse  
Jeff Smith, 1981

Robert Martie, 1956

Lila (Walters) Williamson, 1955

Dorothy (Jones) Wilson, 1972

Debbie (Howell) Winland, 1974

Charles "Rick" Merckle, 1968

Janeen (Gibson) Graham, 1968

Carl Richard Ady, 1971

Mary "Sue" (Tuel) Ritchie, 1961

Lisa R. Brown, 1979

James Michael Johnson, 1966

Clarence Leasure, 1958

Carl Willis Goddard, 1959

"Jimmy" Clark, 1980

Clayton Richard Boston, 1986

Christopher S. Merckle, 2005

Tyler Ash, 2009

Paul F. Gates, 1962

Eric Gilmore, 1993

Judith (Price) Haught, 1961

Darlene (King) Rastetter, 1962

Erma Tisher, Custodian

**2011 REUNION AWARD HIGHLIGHTS**

*The 50 Year Class, 1961, won the attendance award.*

*The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award was presented to Don Miracle, retired teacher.*

*The Alumni Hall of Fame Awards were presented to Col. Art McDougal (1955), Dr. Russ Woda (1977), Jeff Woda (1983).*

***The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award goes to an individual who has performed outstanding service to RHS.***

***The Alumni Hall of Fame awards are presented to individuals for their outstanding achievement and/or service to their community, county, state or the nation.***

*Please submit names for either one of these awards to any Alumni board member who is listed on the left side of page 2.*

**501 (c) (3)**

***We are making application for 501 (c) (3) status as a charitable and educational organization, which will enable donors to the RHSAA to make tax-exempt contributions.***

**TO ALL USERS OF OUR WEBSITE - [www.riverhighalumni.org](http://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 18, 2012**

**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 4600 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** to the Scholarship Fund..Same options as explained above. **Donation for RHSAA** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DUES:** Please check your category if already a: **Donation for Scholarship** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- 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. \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 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 Lewis Wetzel Center.

**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 2012 to September 2015.**

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.

- Ben Duvall (1975)   Mike Logston (1988)   Illa Jean (Shook) Lower (1969)
- Kelly (Baranich) Merideth (1978)   Elmer Nichols, Jr. (1989)

**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 18, 2012) 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

PILOT LOG TAB IN BEACON AUGUST 30, 2012  
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RHS Alumni are featured.

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## RHSAA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

It can be said that nothing gets better by chance; it gets better by change. Although our "dear old River High" may have a changing look, one thing remains the same - the pride we share for RHS. As we move forward to the new face of River High School, we can all be certain that the change will bring opportunity for future students in education and technology. As alumni, we should embrace the new beginning and encourage school pride by our words and actions. Be proud to be a Pilot!

*Sincerely,*  
*Kelly Massie Wright*  
*Class of 1978*  
*RHSAA President*



**All**



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LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
RHSAA PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 13th ANNUAL  
ALL-SCHOOL REUNION WITH  
DINNER & PROGRAM & DANCE AT THE  
LEWIS WETZEL CENTER IN  
NEW MARTINSVILLE, WV  
HONORED CLASSES AT THE REUNION ARE**

**1957 (55 YEARS)  
1962 (50 YEARS)  
1967 (45 YEARS)  
1972 (40 YEARS)  
1977 (35 YEARS)  
1982 (30 YEARS)  
1987 (25 YEARS)  
1992 (20 YEARS)**