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ALL SCHOOL



RIVER'S 2019 ALUMNI REUNION/HOMECOMING WEEKEND

OCTOBER 11 & 12, 2019

20TH ALL SCHOOL REUNION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 RIVER HIGH SCHOOL, New Cafeteria

Homecoming Parade and Football Game on Friday, October 11th. Honored Classes are: 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994. Founding Alumni Board members from 2000 will also be honored.

Any other Board Members who have served during the 20 years will be recognized.

Any River alumni, former teachers & staff, & their guests are invited to attend. River High School is handicapped accessible.

ALL-SCHOOL REUNION

REGISTRATION & PICTURES 12 NOON TO 2:00 P.M.

CHINESE AUCTION

PROGRAM - 2:15 P.M.

DINNER - 3:00 P.M. PROGRAM CONCLUDES AFTER DINNER

All activities will conclude around 5:00 p.m. Honored classes could meet after that off school grounds with just their class members & guests.

Or the classes could meet elsewhere on Sunday.

MEMORIAL TO VIETNAM VETERANS DEDICATED

A monument dedicated to Dwight Ball, Steve Janeda, and James Ravencraft sits in the memorial garden in front of the entrance to RHS. These 3 graduates gave their lives serving in the Vietnam War. The monument also represents service by all Veterans. Thanks to the efforts and donations of River Alumni and River graduate, Ty Dierkes, president & owner of Bolin-Dierkes Funeral Home and Crematory of Zanesville, a long-lasting memorial was dedicated on Friday, May 24, 2019.

PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS IN BY SEPTEMBER 30TH. HELP THE REGISTRAR, CATERER, & REUNION COMMITTEE PREPARE FOR THE EVENT!

HOMECOMING PARADE ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

All classes, especially honored ones, are invited to be in the parade. Find a vehicle, contact your class members, & reserve a spot in the parade with JORDAN (WRIGHT) JONES, 2001. Contact her by phone (304) 639-2710 and tell JORDAN you will ride in the parade.

Former cheerleaders are invited to join parade. Contact Kim Johnston by e-mail: g.kim.johnston@gmail.com



A NEW WEBPAGE IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

For over 15 years, Valerie (Miller) Fisher, has volunteered to develop and maintain our website, www.riverhighalumni.org. We wish to thank Valerie for all her service to River Alumni. She revised the webpage several times and constantly updated information. Valerie has wanted to give up her task for a few years. Now RHSAA has found a webmaster who runs a business that builds webpages. Currently, if you try to access the website with a mobile device, you may not be able to open the website. However, you can reach it using a computer. With newer technology we need to have a website that is mobile capable and can be reached by cell phone. We will need your interest and financial support for the Domain name, Web hosting, and Site maintenance. Keep tuned for further details.

RHSAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER 2019

Secretary - Kim (Flannery) Johnston (1975)

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TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER 2020

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TERM ENDS SEPTEMBER, 2021

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Lynn Davis, (1975)

Vldavis1577@aol.com

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Lindsey.romick-rosendale@cchmc.org

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

PLEASE REPORT ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CONTACT INFO and/or your asking to be on the ELECTRONIC MAILING LIST for next year (2020) to Darlene Boston, PO Box 232, New Matamoras, OH 45767 or e-mail to darleneboston@att.net

RHSAA maintains a safe mailing list & does not share the database with anyone outside the Alumni. We need to get more current e-mail addresses from graduates so that we can cut the postage costs. Electronic mailing is easier to prepare and is delivered quicker.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER **HELD ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2019** A "Kick-Off Cruise" was held on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler in Marietta, OH. Appetizers of all kinds with DJ Peyton VanCamp playing requests made a good time for all. Thanks to all those who supported this event.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY THAT WE KNEW ABOUT (READ AT 2018 REUNION)

Kenneth Barhite, 1960 David Byers, 1973 Robert Bryte, 1957 David Craig, 1973 Tom Dye Jr., 1966 Sandra K. Edgell, 1979 Mike Eisenbarth, 1963 Lois Ann (Novak) Gibson, 1957

Aaron Haines, 1967 Art LaFollett, 1971

Sue (Lude) Leasure, 1959

Don Rothenbuhler, 1969 Susie (Roth) Shockley, 1957 Wanda (Henthorn) Slider, 1957 Dale Warner, 1955 Mark Warner, 1974 Nancy (Dangel) Weiss, 1964

Richard Logston, 1959 Donald Ludolph, 1969 Jack Roth, 1959

OTHER DECEASED WE LEARNED ABOUT WHO DIED: Frank Joseph Berka, 1973

Phyllis (Kelley) Hurt, 1968 Susie (Gehrig) Keenan, 1956 Roger Kelley, 1964 Jules "Rusty" Knight Jr. 1980 Robert Keith Nething, 1967 Melissa (Hoskins) Wildman, 1978 Richard Lee Weber Jr. 1967

RIVER ALUMNI MEMORIAL LIST continues by Joyce Fetty (1978).

You can continue to report any deceased alumni by e-mail to jafetty78@yahoo.com Every alumni & staff member that we know about who has died since the 2019 reunion will be mentioned in a display at the 2019 reunion. Joyce continues to post the Memorial list on the RHSAA website.

WELCOME NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Since June, 2018:

Karen Romick, (1975)

Shannon (Nelms) Smith, (1982)

Helen (Weber) Potts, (1968)

Karen (Lower) Berry, (1978)

Thomas H. Boston, (1980)

Regina (McDougal) Blake, (1974)

Allison Blake, (2006)

Amy Logston, (1989)

Sharon Huffman, (1966)

The total Life members in RHSAA is now 321!

WELCOME TO NEW PLATINUM MEMBERS

Since June, 2018: Bonnie (Schaum) Logston, (1961) Crystal Longwell, (1989) There are 31 Platinum members. Please consider joining either

level of membership.

2019 **SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

RHSAA AWARDED TWO \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS TO THESE 2019 GRADUATES:

• Thad Indermuhle is the son of Dana & Joy Indermuhle of Sardis. He plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in Chemistry. Carsyn Reynolds is the daughter of Jon Reynolds and Jodie Turner of Powhatan Point. She plans to attend Marietta College, where she will major in Biochemistry.

RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI & FRIENDS FUND

At the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio (FAO) is still another way for you to support student scholarship awards by

- 1. Make a donation online at www.AppalachianOhio.org by designating River High School Alumni & Friends Fund OR
- 2. Mail your gift & please designate the River High School Alumni & Friends Fund. Mail to RHSAA, PO Box 80, Hannibal, OH 43931

Gifts to the fund are tax deductible. You can send a check at any time of the year. If your gift is \$100., then you will also get recognition for a Lifetime Membership or if \$500., a Platinum Membership.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS & MORE LANDSCAPING PROJECTS FOR RHS CAMPUS & SCHOOL

Mr. Ed Trifonoff, principal of RHS, has requested that River Alumni contribute toward some projects for the campus and school and include the following:

- Hedges that spell out River Pilots on the hillside between the football field and the elementary school
- · Standing desks for teachers
- Grants for teachers (teachers submit proposals)
- · Gates for the campus to be placed near the bus garage to deter anyone from driving on campus during non-school hours

RHSAA encourages all alumni to donate to these projects. See the SIGN-UP PAGE 3 in this newsletter where you can contribute to these projects.

Feel free to photocopy this SIGN-UP PAGE for anyone who needs it. This page also appears on the RHSAA Website, www.riverhighalumni.org, where you can print off a copy.

Return this page to Kathie Darrah, Reunion Registrar 44863 State Route 78, Woodsfield, OH 43793

Please make your check payable to RHSAA for the total amount of General Fund Donation and/or Project Fund, Dues, and Reunion Reservations

For scholarship gifts, see below. Send a separate check to a different address.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE ABSOLUTELY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 SO THAT WE CAN PLAN SEATING, SETUPS, FOOD, AND PROGRAM DETAILS. EVERYONE MUST PRE-REGISTER BY MAIL OR E-MAIL BY THE DEADLINE.

If you have questions especially for reunion & need to pre-register by e-mail, please contact: Shannon (Nelms) Smith, ssmith@wetzelhealth.org

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Greetings fellow alumni!

Your alumni board is working diligently to make 2019 Alumni/HoCo weekend the best yet! It is our hope that all of you are actively making plans to join us for a weekend full of reminiscing. We continue to add more and more options to the three-day event, and we hope that each of you will find something that you enjoy. From the parade to the "Welcome" center at the game, to the banquet and the event sponsored by "The Clair," it is quickly becoming one of the most anticipated weekends of the year!

As my term comes to an end, I'd like to applaud the board members I've had the pleasure to work with over the past three years. We have bridged the gap between the current student body at River and our organization. We have alumni speaking to students about stepping out of their comfort zones, as well as making connections and serving as mentors to students who need guidance in career choice, college choice or just simply need to be reassured that there is indeed someone in their corner. Giving back to those students is the main goal of your alumni association and for those of you who are continually reaching into your time and your pockets, THANK YOU! The over 6,000 of us who have graduated from RHS are where we are today because someone believed in us, pushed us out of our comfort zone. Why wouldn't we do the same for the students who walk the same halls of River?

The past three years have been filled with networking, making connections with alumni who may not have been involved in the past, reaching out and sharing our motto of "giving back" and having them say "I want to help" or "We want to start a scholarship". We are all "PILOTS" of this ship, as it takes each of us to guide and influence our most precious resource the students of River. Jump aboard and join us as we make this world a better place, one RHS student at a time.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in October!

Crystal Longwell, 1989 RHSAA President

2018 REUNION AWARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Class of 1968 won the Attendance Award.

The Harry E. Mallett Distinguished Service Award was presented in Memoriam to Fred Boston, former RHS teacher.

His brother Ned Boston accepted the award and niece Pam Becca gave a response.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Awards were presented to Kelly (Massie) Wright, 1978 grad, and also to Dr. Chester "Rocky" Slonaker, 1988 grad.

Please submit nominations for either one of these awards to any Alumni Board Member who is listed on page 2.



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You do not have to be a member of Facebook to view our page. If you type in https://www.facebook.com/River Alumni you will reach the Facebook page for River Alumni and the River High School Alumni Association.

THE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

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