

Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association



The Alumni Gazette



Spring 2004

From the President

Like many of you, each year I come up with some New Year's Resolutions or goals for the year such as healthy eating, fitness and so on... As the President of the Alumni, I also feel it is equally important for any organization to have some short term goals that complements their by laws and purpose. During our 1st meeting in January 2004, the board agreed on four goals.

The first and most important goal is to increase our membership. Currently our paid membership is hovering around 150. We need to at least double this amount to 300 by the end of the year. We now have a special sub committee chaired by Haven to work on this issue. Also, we really need your help on this, please talk to some of your former classmates, friends or relatives that graduated from Spaulding and ask them if they are members and if not, ask them to consider joining. We, as an organization can do much more if we only had more members.

Our second goal is to develop a plan to increase our scholarship awards. Presently we give out two \$500 scholarships each year to Spaulding High School Graduates. The board wants to double the number of recipients to four \$500 scholarships to deserving students starting in June 2005. I believe this is one way as Alumni that we can really make an impact.

Our third goal is to increase our participation in school and community events. During this year we will participate in a number of events. On Saturday, May 22, 2004 we will be participating in the Eleventh Annual Lilac Family Fun Festival at the Spaulding High School Field. This event draws crowds up to 8,000 people and offers families a great way to enjoy themselves without spending much money. We will be manning a booth that will consist of Al's famous nachos and cheese, Lou's carnival popcorn, raffle tickets and information on the

alumni. On June 5th, the alumni will sponsor a tennis clinic at the Rochester Community Center for ages 5 and up to promote interest in beginners and newcomers to tennis. There should be no cost to the association on this event. This fall the alumni are also planning on participating in the Spaulding Homecoming. The football game will be Spaulding against Alvine and the date is September 27, 7:00 PM.

The fourth goal for the association is fund raising. Unfortunately as any nonprofit organization, fundraising is necessary in order to keep it alive and healthy. Right now we are relying on membership dues, sales of Spaulding High School Replicas and donations. We are doing a spring raffle with the drawing to be held at the Lilac Family Fun Festival. Tickets are \$1 a piece or six for \$5 dollars. Some of the great prizes include a beautiful quilt made by Joyce Winders, gas grill donated by Rochester Stove, gifts certificates from Windjammers and Pops Claim Shell. If you would like to buy some tickets you can contact any of the board members or me at telephone (603) 332-3863. Also, we will be selling the raffle tickets and the Spaulding Replicas at the Lilac Mall in April.

I know that I have rambled on for awhile, but I truly believe the Alumni is a worthwhile organization that not only benefits the members, but more importantly our children and graduates of our great High School. With your help, I am looking forward to a very successful year in 2004.

P.S. Please check out our website at srhsaa.homestead.com and continue with your comments. We have received some great suggestions and ideas. All input is appreciated. Remember, this is your alumni.

David Stevens
Alumni President

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ALUMNI COMMENTS

The photo below is a copy of the original Rochester High Marching Song by Roland Chesley copyright 1916 and dedicated to Anna Allen.

The Rochester Fair Rag composed by Lawrence L Willey and dedicated to Frank B Maguire , who was Secretary and Manager of the Rochester Fair Association dated September 22 - 25, 1914.

They were sent in by Lorna Tripp Clough class of 1944 who now lives in CT.

We would like to " Thank " Lorna and her husband Donald for sharing these with us .

Any one else who has mementos of past High School years that they would like to share with us would be welcomed !

it. The gazette is splendid as it is and you are to be commended for your fine work .

It might be of interest to all your readers, not just old , old graduates to add a tiny profile of some graduate who has lived , or is living an interesting life. Rich or poor , old or young , butcher , baker or candlestick maker . Just nice and just interesting .

We "Thank " Russ for his comments and have tried to add a bit of this in the Spring newsletter. Hope you all find it interesting.

Elizabeth Ruel Osgood class of 1928 and oldest alumni member writes:

Not knowing when the 2004 dues are due maybe sending them to early. I want to continue to be a member so it is never too early and as I am 93 why wait !

I think the Association is doing a great job and hope the membership drive will be a success.



Shirley Leslie class of 1941 and the Alumni Historian asked some of the alumni to reminisce and share with us special events or changes in school since they attended. The following are some of their ideas :

A '24 graduate told us that all the girls wore dresses and silk stockings. Wow! Ruth Wood.

Young (class of 1935) remembers the hours spent at the library and the heavy books brought home to accomplish their assignments .

Our grandchildren are able to find anything they need on their computer to make the teacher happy.

Robert Dame recalls the school paper " Hi Y Sentential " which Robert Johnson was the editor , he was the business manager and Barbara Horne cut the stencil . The popular paper sold for 2 or 3 cents.

A '37 graduate tells us that the students from Gonic, East Rochester and North Rochester used public transportation. It cost a nickel each way for this service. Many of the boys didn't want to wait for the bus to take them home and started walking and would not get far before they were picked up . Imagine, this saved them a nickel .

Nonnie Guay (class of 1939) tells us that a friend became over come with gas when doing an experiment in chemistry and they hung her out the window !!!!!!!

Have you got something that you would like to share? If so let us hear from you.

Russ Thompson class of 1937 writes: As an exile from Rochester and having lived in Charleston SC for many years , am still subject to attacks of nostalgia for Rochester. The lilacs, white birches and Macintosh apples. So it must have been one of those attacks that I jotted down a plaint . Pay no attention to

ALUMNI: WHAT ARE THEY DOING NOW? !

“ Emerson’s: 40 years of Bicycle Biz “

For more then 40 years Don Emerson, class of 1957 has spent time at home (Rochester, NH) fixing bicycles.

It was a hobby that turned into a business. Don’s Bicycle Service is a single story shop noticeable only by a small sign posted on the door .

Inside the shop walls are stacked with boxes, tools and equipment. Don and his wife Barbara spend hours each night fixing bikes ; Don doing the mechanical work and Barbara working at the computer keeping the books up to date .

The clientele is mostly children, who return with their bikes from grammar,High School and college. A testimony to the quality of their work.

Don’s Service Center is located at 11 Park Avenue and can be reached at 603 -332 - 0346.



Don Emerson class of 1957 & wife Barbara

A sub-committee made up of Haven Andrews ‘53, Alfred Benton ‘53 and Al & Pat Lachance ‘58 has been formed to determine the most effective means of increasing donations to our scholarship fund . They will be in contact with each of you not for a donation , but for ideas and assistance . Please support their efforts.

You will be receiving a letter in the very near future .



“Rochester Native Cruises UP Dale Earnhardt Ladder “

Rich Gilmore class of 1982 recently promoted to Director of Motor Sports at Dale Earnhardt Incorporated. (DEI)

Car racing was in his blood at a very early age, while his uncle Jim “ Cannonball “Landry (class of 1958) was tearing up stock car tracks at Lee and Epping NH.

Although he raced a little at first, he enjoyed working on cars more than driving them. In 1989 he relocated to North Carolina, there he worked on engines and never looked back.

In 1990 he worked with the crew that won the Daytona 500 with Derrike Cope in 1993 he celebrated another Daytona victory with Joe Gibb Racing and in 1998 was hired by Dale Earnhardt Inc. as its head engine builder.

He continued with DEI and is now the Director of Motorsports for Dale Earnhardt Inc.

Rich is the son of Richard Gilmore class of 1954 and Shirley Landry Gilmore class of 1956 and returns to New Hampshire when DEI races at the New Hampshire International Speedway.



SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

We are presenting two \$ 500 scholarships again this year. One purpose of our Association is Financial aid through the help of Scholarships .To date we have provided scholarships to 4 graduates for a total of \$ 2000 .

There is today a need for more aid and this need will only grow in the future and your Alumni Association is working to fill those needs.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

The Alumni Association has available replicas of Spaulding High. They are 5" X 7 1/2" wood replicas and depict all the actual color and details of our Alma Mater.

Along with the replica is a history of the schools construction starting in 1936 and completed for its Grand Opening September 11, 1939 with 945 students in grades 7 thru 12 .

Price of the replica is \$ 15.00 + shipping. They may be obtained by writing to our PO Box or calling Pat Lachance (Class of 1958) at 603-332-8283.



Time Share

Spaulding Hockey Coach Paul George (Class of 1988) uses his two senior goalies Pat Giguere and Danny Houle equally during the season.

They have shared that position for the defending Division II State Champion Red Raider Team and have held opposing teams to 1.56 goals per game.

The two enjoy the friendly competition and as the season winds down they both will give their best support to Coach George's decision on who will start during the upcoming playoffs.

Whatever happens picked or not , they will support his decision and know it was made in the best interest of the team .

Repeating as State Champions is what its all about.

A story of " truly " putting the Team before oneself. (There is no I in Team.)



Newsletter on line

You can share your Alumni newsletter now with friends and relatives.

Each issue of the newsletter will be posted on the Alumni website.

Goto srhsaa.homestead.com and look on the left for Newsletter and click on that link and then on the issue you wish to see.

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UP COMING EVENTS

We are having a Spring Raffle with the winners being announced at the Lilac Family Fun Festival May 22nd .

Through the generous donations of local merchants and alumni members we are able to offer some of the following items :

a handmade quilt by Alumni Joyce Winders, gas grille and chimney stove by Jim McManus at Rochester Stove ,

\$25 gift certificate from Windjammers , Collins Sporting Goods , Slim's Tex -Mex , Governors Inn , Studley's Flower Shop of Rochester.

2 \$25 from Pops Clam Hut in Alton Bay .

Also 2 "goodie " baskets made by another alumni. We want to" Thank "the above for their support which will help our Scholarship Fund . The tickets are \$1 for one and a book of 6 for \$ 5 .

Also in the works is sponsoring a Tennis Clinic for children ages 5 and up on June 5th held at the tennis courts behind the Recreation Center.

It will be a free of charge 3 hour clinic with USTA help along with Coach Rusty Whitehouse and the Spaulding High girls tennis Team .

World War II Veterans sought for Honorary SHS Diplomas

Students from the 1940's who left Spaulding High School prior to graduation to serve in our armed forces in World War II are being sought so they can be awarded honorary diplomas .

According to the Rochester Veterans Council men and women would have belonged to the classes of 1942 through 1946 and went off to war in support of our country

One such eligible veteran is Norman Erickson who left school to join the U.S.Navy in the Pacific Theater as an aircraft mechanic.



Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association Membership Form

Enclosed is my Annual \$10 membership fee for the year 2004 (If you have not already sent yours in)

Name _____
(Last, First) (Maiden) (Class Year)

Spouse _____
(Last, First Name) (Maiden) (Class Year)

Address _____
(Street or PO Box) (City, State, Zip Code)

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