

Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association



The Alumni Gazette



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Edgar F. Raab Memorial Plaza Dedication
20 September 2003



Spaulding High School - Rochester, New Hampshire



You are cordially invited to attend the dedication of the

Edgar F. Raab Memorial Plaza

Saturday, September 20, 2003 at 10:00 A.M.

*The ceremony will be held in front of Spaulding High School
130 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH
(In lobby in case of rain)*

A reception will follow in the high school cafeteria

From the President

Now that the cool fall nights are upon us and the leaves are turning bright colors, it is time to turn our attention to the Spaulding Rochester High School Alumni. During the past nine months the alumni board has been very busy in providing such things as a spring and fall newsletter, participation in the Lilac Family Fun Festival, \$500 scholarships to two 2003 Spaulding High School graduates, fund raising activities, and working with the Raab Family on the Edgar Raab Memorial Plaza. Unfortunately, we cannot continue on this same course alone, we need your help! The alumni board is a very dedicated group, but we need more paid members and involvement.

Currently our paid membership for 2003 has dropped to approximately 150. I am asking everyone that receives a copy of this newsletter to help out in two ways. First, please renew your membership in January and second, encourage at least one Spaulding High Graduate to join the alumni. I know everyone has a number of things going on and unfortunately we sometimes forget small things like this, but your membership is important to the success of our organization.

Also, if you live in the area, I encourage you to take part in the meetings, which are held on the 1st Thursday of the month, 6:00 PM at the Rochester Community Center. The more support and participation we have, the more we can contribute to Spaulding High School.

Sales Pitch: The Spaulding High Replica Statues are selling extremely well. In fact, we sold out of the first order and hopefully we will have the rest of the second order sold by November. If you haven't purchased one yet, please do. The statues are a great memento of our beautiful school and they make great holiday gifts.

In closing, as Edgar Raab, the founder and 1st President of the Spaulding-Rochester High School Alumni, stated at the first meeting on 13 January 2000, "there are so many thing to de done and there are no losers here, only winners; kids, parents and taxpayers." As a tribute to Edgar, let's continue to make this alumni association grow and be an important part of our school and community.

Thank-you

David Stevens
President

New plaza honors founding member of Spaulding High Alumni Association

ROCHESTER — Families and friends gathered at the Spaulding High School flag pole on Saturday to dedicate a new plaza in honor of the founding member of the school's alumni association. Edgar Raab, who was not only remembered as a proud graduate of Spaulding High School, but as a caring father and public servant, started the Spaulding-Rochester High School Alumni Association to help build a stronger community of the high school's graduates, friend said.

Superintendent of Schools Raymond Yeagley said the new plaza, which consists of a granite bench, a small brick courtyard and a plaque all focusing on the school's refurbished flag pole, is a symbol of Raab's love for Spaulding. "We invite all who visit Spaulding to enjoy the beauty of this site," Yeagley said during a dedication ceremony on Saturday. The memorial was paid by the family of Edgar Raab and the Spaulding High School Alumni Association. Raab, who graduated from Spaulding in 1941, died Sept. 10, 2002, at the age of 79 and was instrumental in starting the alumni association from the ground up two years before. He lived in the Rochester area all his life and graduated from Spaulding in 1941.

His oldest daughter, Elizabeth Willard, said his father hoped that the alumni association would be a strong organization to develop unity among all Spaulding High School graduates. "(The association) was his passion," Willard said, "he dreamed of having a big homecoming one weekend, have everyone come back to Rochester and have an evening where everybody can renew friendships and old acquaintances," she said.

City Councilor Dave Stevens, from the Class of 1979, said he will continue Raab's legacy by working to keep the association he now heads to grow with more members.

From the Editor

Pictures and the speches from the Edgar Raab Memorial Plaza dedication are on the Alumni web page.

They can be found at srhsaa.homestead.com The link is in the middle of the page

Do not forget to also sign the Guest book
Frank H Swain Jr. (58)

Newsletter Editor and Web Site Wemaster

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Alfred Benton "Class of '53"

"The man who gives his all and then gives some more!!"

Al has been active in support of youth activities since 1971 and his commitment continues into 2003. (32 years of giving to others.) His years of service include:

Roger Allen Baseball	1977 - 99	23 years
Roger Allen Rec. Assoc. (chairman)	81 - 2003	22 years
Rochester Little Red Raider Football	71 - 91	20 years
Rochester Sports Hall of Fame	84 - 2003	19 years
Rochester Athletic Assoc.	70 - 2003	32 years
Rochester Youth Football (midgets)	71 - 91	20 years
New Hampshire Sr. League Football	74 - 91	17 years
City of Rochester Recreation Com.	80 - 91	12 years
Combined years of service 165		

Al has been recognized by various organizations because of his selfless commitment to the youth of the area. Some of those include: Rochester JC Distinguished Service Award, UNH Carl Lundholm Award, Inductee Rochester Sports Hall of Fame, Rochester Citizen of the Year, Spaulding Red Raider Award and the Boy Scouts of America Webloes Award.

We the Spaulding "Alumni" salute you for your selfless commitment to the youth of Rochester.

President Dave Stevens

Class Reunions

When was the last time you attended your class reunion? Bet there were many changes here in your home town. Was the cute little red head who let you copy her history notes there? How about that football hero who had a smile that nearly swept you off your feet. What are the outstanding high school events that you remember? Class reunions are the perfect place to reminisce those good old days.

There has been quite a few class reunions here this summer and they found some changes in Rochester and their Alma Mater. Remember "Meaders" where you picked up office supplies. It once harbored Rochester's first Post Office. Well, it was torn down and it has become a parking lot. Oh, by the way, the Post Office which was built in the early 1900's is now the Court House and the Post Office is over on Alien Street.

There is an active Historical Society and Museum at 58 Hanson Street. You probably remember when it was the headquarters of the American Legion. They renovated the old livery stable in 1936 and when they moved to Eastern Ave. the City took it over and it became the Rochester Community Center and housed the Recreation Department and the Senior Center. After Rochester built the new Junior High the High School students were happy to go back into the old high school in 1992. The Community Center moved into the building the students had vacated and soon after the Historical Society had a place to hold their meetings and collect Rochester memorabilia. "Its purpose is to promote interest in the collection, preservation, and study of the history of Rochester and its people." If you have any questions about your home town contact them at PO Box 65 Rochester N.H. 03866-0065 or e-mail them at historical.society@rochestertermh.net and some one will help you. Your Alma Mater is still the most beautiful high school building in the state. It has expanded and offers many more interesting classes. It is easy to become envious of the students as they fill the halls, moving from class to class. There are 1470 students enrolled this year, 320 of them are seniors. Be sure you visit when you come to your next class reunion.

Edgar Raab Memorial



Plaza Dedication Pictures



Spaulding High School Sports

Lilac Family Fun Fest

Thone Recieves National Honors

Rochester-Former Spaulding High School wrestling standout Zach Thone has been named the National Wrestling Hall of Fame's Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award winner for the State of New Hampshire. The award is based equally upon athletic, scholastic and community achievement, and is named for the late Olympic and World champion



Thone will attend the University of Dubuque, an NCAA Division III school in Iowa, where he hopes to continue wrestling.

While at Spaulding, Thone's impressive four-year stint included three Class L titles, three state titles and the 2003 New England crown.

Thone closed out his high school career in late March by earning All-American honors at the National High School Coaches Association Senior National Wrestling Championships in Cleveland, Ohio.

His final record was 158-8, including 6-2 at the national championships, where he placed seventh.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association was able to present two \$ 500 scholarships this year again. The Awards Night Program was held June 2 , 2003 .

The recipient for the High School Scholarship was awarded to Cassandra MacIver who plans to attend the University of New Hampshire in the fall to study nursing .

The recipient for the Vo - Tech Scholarship was awarded to Tammy Fowler who plans to attend Thomas College to study Early Childhood Education.

We are proud to help them achieve their goals and wish them well for the future . "Good Luck "

We again had a booth selling popcorn, soda, nachos, homemade cookies and raffle tickets for various items donated to the association . A great time was had by all and the popcorn was the biggest hit. Winners of the various raffles were as follows :

- Grill (donated by Rochester Stove)Joyce Winders
- Gas Tank (Also donated by Rochester Stove).....Skip Smith
- Quilt (donated by alumni Joyce Winders)....Terry Desjardins
- Water can w/ seed.....Sylvain
- Red "goodie " basket.....Scott
- Red White Blue Pail.....Nancy Gilbert

The last three items were donated by alumni member Terry Desjardins .



New Grandstand Seating at Spaulding High School

After these many years of enduring those old wooden bleachers, which produced many a splinter if you shifted in your seat just right has now been replaced by new modern grandstand seating along with new efficient lighting



Spaulding - Rochester High School Alumni Association Membership Form

Enclosed is my Annual \$10 membership fee for the year 2004 (if you have not sent it for 2004)

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

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

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

Phone Number _____

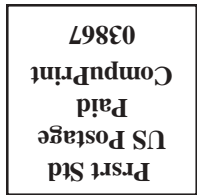
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Email Address _____

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Dues are now due for 2004

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