

# Red Hook Alumni Association

## RED HOOK ALUMNI NEWS

- MAY 2009 -

### Message from the President

Congratulations Red Hook Alumni Association! This year marks our thirty-second anniversary and our thirtieth annual dinner dance.

When our organization began, it was started by a few who thought it might be nice to have some sort of a Red Hook alumni group. After having met, their picture appeared in the local paper, and before long, they received numerous telephone calls from other interested alumni. Now, here we are just a little over thirty plus years later, bigger and stronger than ever! I do hope we have measured-up to the vision that our "founding alumni" pictured in their minds. Our first award was one \$50 scholarship. This past June at the high school awards night, the Red Hook Alumni Association presented fifteen \$500 scholarships and two \$500 awards totaling \$8,500. Since our establishment, we have presented to graduating seniors a grand total of \$78,700 in scholarships and awards.

Thanks to the generosity of our alumni, including many of you, we have made tremendous progress. We on the council would like to take another step forward by inviting you to assist us in gathering updated address information. Many times we mail out newsletters, and they are returned for inaccurate address information, costing the association a considerable amount of money. The council is asking for alumni to take two steps, please. One is to notify us of an address change. Two, we are seeking representatives from each class to step forward and assist us in updating any address changes. We truly would appreciate any assistance that you could provide.

Please remember your generous support helps us in maintaining our web site [www.redhookalumni.com](http://www.redhookalumni.com). When you are strolling around the village on Apple Blossom Day and Hardscrabble Day, stop by our table! We can get reacquainted, and you can check out all the old yearbooks. We also would love to see you attend the annual "get together" on July 25th.

Your dues and generous donations allow us to keep the vision of our "founding alumni" and to make a difference for our future graduates. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Celine Lorang Turchetti '67

### 30th Annual Dinner Dance

Once again, *Cappuccinos* will be the setting for our 30th Annual Dinner Dance on July 25, 2009. Please join with us for an evening of good food, dancing and much reminiscing.

This year, we will be honoring: **Denise Gardner**, English teacher; **Marion Perz Mergendahl '53**, LA Middle School secretary; **Charles Harrison '53**, bus driver; **Margaret Fitzmaurice**, long term substitute; and posthumously, **Herbert Elsemore**, social studies and driver ed teacher and track coach.

Class years ending in 4 and 9 will be honored. Some of these classes have already made plans to include the dinner dance as part of their respective reunions. More specific information about these reunions can be found in the Class Reunion section of this newsletter and on our web site. ([www.redhookalumni.com](http://www.redhookalumni.com))

A cash bar cocktail hour begins at 5:30 with a roast beef buffet to follow at 7:00 pm. DJ Seth Turner will provide music for dancing at 9:00 pm. The cost is \$38 per person and the **reservation deadline is July 16, 2009**. *Cappuccinos* is located at 4604 Route 9G in Red Hook, directly across from the main entrance to Bard College. When making your reservations, please remember to include your 2009 - 2010 dues (\$5) if you are an alumnus.

## REUNIONS

**Class of 1949 - 60 Year Reunion**  
July 25 - 26

Cliff Gubler, [thegubs53@hvc.rr.com](mailto:thegubs53@hvc.rr.com)

**Classes of 1953 & 1954 - 55-56 Year Reunion**  
July 24 - 26

Joanne Saltzman Clarke, 845 876 - 7741

John Yonke, 845 452 - 3678

Marion Perz Mergendahl, 845 758 - 5678

**Class of 1959 - 50 Year Reunion**  
July 24 - 26

Dick Miller, 919 431-0566, [greysonalex2@yahoo.com](mailto:greysonalex2@yahoo.com)

**Class of 1964 - 45 Year Reunion**  
July 25

Thomas Budd, 845 758 - 6027

[tabudd@frontiernet.net](mailto:tabudd@frontiernet.net)

**Class of 1974 - 35 Year Reunion**  
Charles Nugent, 845 758-9919

[thenugents@frontiernet.net](mailto:thenugents@frontiernet.net)

**Class of 1984 - 25 Year Reunion**  
Tracy Dober, [tadober@frontiernet.net](mailto:tadober@frontiernet.net)

**Class of 1989 - 20 Year Reunion**  
July 24 - 25

Diane Frey Chamberlain, 802 863-3833

[rhclassof89@gmail.com](mailto:rhclassof89@gmail.com)

<http://redhookclassof89.wordpress.com/>

Check out our web site

[www.redhookalumni.com](http://www.redhookalumni.com)

The FORUM is back in business!

## Congratulations to...

A group of 3 dentists and 13 support persons, including **Dr. George Michael '67, Eileen Coon Zeliph '74, Laura Woods Cohen '79, Heather Michael '03**, and students **Mike Matthews '09, Erin Hoagland '09, Christopher Knight '09** and **Emily Avis '13**. They participated in a mission trip to the *Shadow of His Wings Orphanage* in Monjas, Guatemala last summer.

**Joel Griffith '92**, *Painter Laureate of Twoli*, who exhibited paintings at the Bendheim Gallery at the Greenwich Arts Council in Greenwich, Connecticut last fall.

**Brian Moore '76** and his mother, Rosemary, Red Hook Raider Sports Club Boosters of the Year.

**Kirsten Mannion '97** and her sister, Stephanie, part of a 30 member work team volunteering in Biloxi, Mississippi last summer.

Organizers of the RACE FOR MAGIC, to benefit Camp Kesem, a college student -run summer camp for kids whose parents have cancer, in memory of **Gale DeLaurentis Fenn '72**.

**Russell Seymour '93**, Dutchess County Sheriff Deputy, honored with the American Legion of Dutchess County Award for Heroism and Merit.

**Sgt. Ramon Miller '96**, honored by the Hendrick Hudson Masonic Lodge upon his return home from Afghanistan. The Red Hook Alumni Association salutes Ramon and all of our other graduates who have served in the military and given so much to keep us safe here at home.

**Tom Donahue '86**, director of the film, *Guest of Cindy Sherman*, which has been shown at many film festivals across the country including the Tribeca and Woodstock Film Festivals.

**Kay Tremper Verrilli '47**, who received a Dutchess County Historical Society award for her several decades of work in preserving northern Dutchess history.

**Phillip Ackert '50**, awarded the Purple Heart after 56 years, for wounds received on Bunker Hill (Hill 122) in Korea on August 13, 1952.

**David Wright '77**, Red Hook Rotary Rotarian of the Year.

**Steven Constable '88**, CFO of Dutchess ARC, awarded a *Forty Under 40 "Shaker Award"* by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. This award is given to young, successful business people who are significantly helping to shape their communities.

The **Class of 2009**, the newest members of the Red Hook Alumni Association.

**Todd Baright '79**, president of Foam and Wash Car Wash and Oil Change Plus, and the Baright family for raising \$21,000 during their annual fundraiser for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. On Veterans Day, they washed 620 veteran's vehicles for free.

**Sue Crane '58** and **Brad Keil '70**, elected first and second vice chair, respectively, of the Northern Dutchess Hospital Foundation board.

**Chrisie Mitchell '97**, coordinator of instructional support services at Dutchess Community College, recognized by the college as committed to fostering the effective use of instructional and administrative technology for both the faculty and staff at DCC.

**Greg Nero '06**, a junior basketball player for the **Fairfield Stags**, who was named to the All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference third team.

**Yvonne Turchetti '98** selected to coach the first Red Hook High School Girls Varsity Lacrosse team.

**Rod Chando**, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach who recently became the winningest basketball coach in Section 9. He has 568 wins and counting.

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## Retirements

The Red Hook Alumni Association wishes a long and happy retirement to **Elizabeth Burns**, HS business teacher and **Marc Phelan**, Director of Facilities and Operations. Thank you for serving the Red Hook Central School District and its students.

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## Yearbook Donations

Donations of old yearbooks are always welcome. We keep some to display at Hardscrabble and Apple Blossom Days and our annual Dinner Dance. The rest can be found at the Red Hook Library.

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## Honor Donations

Donations have been received during the past year in **Honor** of the following associated with Red Hook Central School and the Alumni Association. **Thank you** to all who contributed.

Ross Robinson '45	Alma Bowman, Staff
William Lewis '46	Classes of 1947, 1951,
Lindsay Northam, Faculty	1952, 1956, 1958, 1959,
Barbara Field, Faculty	1971, 1967, 1980 & 1994
Robert Bowman, Bd of Ed	

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## John Kuhn Honored By Former Players

**John Kuhn**, retired Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and the all-time winningest coach for high school girls basketball in NYS history, was recently honored at a reception attended by many of his former players, friends and supporters. Many players spoke about their experiences on the team and everyone enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days."



Earlier that day, many of John's former players participated in a game at the high school and during the high school girls basketball game the previous evening, he was presented with a plaque from his former players. The plaque will be hung in the lobby by the gymnasium.

During his stay on the bench, the Raiders racked up 23 divisional crowns, 16 league championships, 13 Section 9 titles and had an appearance at the New York State Final Four. John amassed an amazing 619 victories while suffering defeat only 124 times. During his 35 years at the helm, John's teams were state-ranked for 18 years and perhaps an even more amazing stat is that the teams he coached never had a losing season.

# Dues & Dinner Dance Reservation Form

NAME	MAIDEN NAME	CLASS YEAR
GUEST NAME(S) for name tag	<i>If RHCS Graduate -</i> MAIDEN NAME	CLASS YEAR
ADDRESS	E-MAIL ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP
PHONE NUMBER		

This address is a change       This address is correct on your current mailing list

**DUES** (July 2009-June 2010) \$5.00 per person  
*(All dues paying members will be put on our first class mailing list.)*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOLARSHIP DONATION**  
 Restricted     Unrestricted      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 This donation is given in  memory  honor of \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**DINNER DANCE**  
*Deadline for dinner reservations: July 16, 2009.*  
 \$38.00 per person      Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED**      \$

Please make check payable and mail to: **Red Hook Alumni Association, PO Box 353, Red Hook, NY 12571**

## \$8500 Awarded in Alumni Scholarships and Awards

Congratulations to the following graduates from the Class of 2008 and their alumni parents. The following fifteen graduates were awarded \$500 each from our scholarship fund. The recipients of these scholarships have to submit an application and are chosen by the Faculty Scholarship Committee after verification that they are descendants of alumni.

**Matthew Burud**, son of Margaret (Carter) '74 & Scott Burud '75; **Glen Coon Jr**, son of Linda (Maleonskie) '82 & Glen Coon '78; **Steven Fraleigh**, son of Karen & David Fraleigh '71; **Lucas Kelly**, son of Kelly Mosher '77 & John Kelly '76; **Kathleen Manetta**, daughter of Beth (Jordan) '77 & Thomas Manetta '83; **Karen Nugent**, daughter of Deborah & Charles Nugent '74; **Maxwell O'Meara**, son of Sandra (Rancich) '75 & John O'Meara; **Jennifer Picard**, daughter of Colleen & Mark Picard '74; **Jeffrey Ransford**, son of Carol (Mason) '79 & James Ransford '77; **Leonard Richmond**, son of Prudence (Tinklepaugh) '79 & Leonard Richmond; **Adam Roberts**, son of Rochelle (Iracca) '72 & Arthur Roberts '71; **Kristen Roff**, daughter of Claire & Robert Roff '72; **Brittany Ross**, daughter of Cheryl & Robert Ross '74; **Christina Saulpaugh**, daughter of Donna & Laurence Saulpaugh '60; **Emily Van Ness**, daughter of Anne Oja '74 & Alan Van Ness '72.

If you are the parent of a future senior, please encourage them to apply for these scholarships. The criteria for the scholarships are as follows: 1. A RHHS graduating senior who is a direct descendant of an alumnus. 2. He or she must be an active participant in the activities of the Red Hook Central School District. 3. The graduate must be accepted at a 2 or 4 year college or a recognized field of post high school study. 4. The applicant must complete the necessary form (available in the student services office), have it postmarked by the due date and mail it directly to the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association also gave \$500 awards to **Michael Jacoby** and **Gregory Verrilli** for excellence in their fields at the BOCES Career and Tech Center. The recipients of these awards do not have to submit an application or be descendants of alumni. They are chosen directly by the Faculty Scholarship Committee.

## IN MEMORIAM

Carrie Ellen (Coon) Burger '29  
 Benjamin Bromiley '56  
 Richard Rhynders '58  
 Elizabeth (Bloomer) Coons '46  
 William Quinlan  
 Vincent G Newland '79  
 Charles Rose Sr, Bus Driver  
 Marvis Richardson '69  
 Thomas Rabbett '57  
 Barbara Volp '71  
 James Atwell Jr '78  
 Robert Burkhardt '50  
 Amandus Fuchs Sr '59  
 Pamela (Bard) Morano  
 Patricia (Thorley) Hart '43  
 Burton Bathrick '49  
 Paul Mezzacappa '85  
 Carol (Lown) Cole '67  
 Kathryn (Feller) Serino '46  
 Michael Butt '81  
 Margaret Potts, Faculty  
 Beatrice (Feller) Pulver '41  
 Charlene (Coon) Hammond  
 Selma Hardeman, Nurse/Teacher  
 Lee Ann (Ryder) Hansen '60  
 Rachel Perrottet  
 William Anagnos '49  
 Theresa Cegelka, Cafeteria  
 Cheryl Hanlon '88  
 James Wirehouse  
 John Wesolowski '77  
 Carolyn (Brightly) Grotzer '66  
 Clarence (Sonny) Lown '44  
 Marie DuBois Fross '53  
 Patricia P DeCarmine, MR Aide  
 George Saulpaugh '56

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## Address Service Requested

### *Alumni Council 2008-2009*

Celine Lorang Turchetti '67, *President*  
Charles Nugent '74, *Vice-President*  
Betty Poleschner Harte '67, *Recording Secretary*  
Barbara Nugent Biron '73, *Corresponding Secretary*  
Joseph Jozefowicz '56, *Treasurer*  
Shirley Doyle Kilgour '49, *Commissioner of Records*

Todd Allard '00  
Mary Kay Fraleigh Budd '63  
Emma Engels Coon '40  
John Douglas '80  
Robert Fowler '71  
Kristin Ring Insogna '86  
Paul Laibach '78  
Janis Clum Lawson '56  
Susan Becker Mead '70  
George Michael '67  
Bonnie Day Millard '84  
Brian Moore '76  
Patricia Rabbett Schultz '63  
Mary Greene Strieder '81  
Elizabeth Roberts Thomas '60  
Althea Hansen Triebel '55  
John Yonke '54

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*Parents: If your son or daughter no longer lives at the above address, please forward this to them and notify the Alumni Association of their present address.*

## Memorial Donations

*Donations have been received during the past year in Memory of the following deceased persons. Several people and classes received more than one donation in their memory, but in the interest of privacy and space, they have been listed only once.*

*Thank you to all who gave so generously.*

Deceased Members of the Classes of 1941, 1945, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1961, 1963, 1967, 1968 & 1980	Earl Tratnack '48	Flora Rider Teator '15	Vinnie Day
Woody N Klose '56	John E Bishop '39	Charles "Bussy" Hanlon '65	Robert Gerstenkorn '58
Chris Moore '87	Bill Barringer '69	H William & Aline Kessler, Staff	Mary Schoenewald '59
Laure Delage '81	Charles Riddleburgh '52	Mildred Babich '32	Fred Weterick '48
Jack Bowe '58	Ruth Fraleigh Ackert '60	Clifford Moore '38	Richard L Battenfeld '35
Greg Martin '73	Howard Snyder	Peter Amsler '65	Doris Wolcott Lawson '39
Rudy Troeger '58	Carrie Ellen Coon Burger '29	Richard Barringer, Faculty	Alan J Saulpaugh '68
Mark Hapeman	Donald Conn '56	Barbara Campbell Feist '60	Merle "Bud" Platner '75
Lois Shaw Smith '49	Henry Gropp '52	Nancy Smith Bauer '66	Donald R Schultz
Loretta Hacker Bollenbecker '56	Campbell Stevenson '38	Nancy Tatar Meyer '68	Francis & Ethel Rabbett
Dr. Fred Zipser	Grace Teator Weber '34	Katherine Fraleigh, Faculty	Thomas J Rabbett '57
Dorothy Palmatier Wegman '28	Bernard Gibson '56	Irving Fraleigh '38	Bruce Gurdon Pickert
Anne Roff, Faculty	Margaret Schutte Stockenberg '28	Eugene & Edythe Budd	Joyce Van Horn, Faculty
Jeanne Douglas	Harriet & Roscoe Williams, Faculty	Ruby & Hilda Aiken, Faculty	Lois T Saltsman, Faculty
Phyllis Decker, Faculty	Tom Hart, '65	Donald VR Coon Jr '66	Joann Kane Flynn '60
Robert Schultz Sr '41	Harriet Johnson, Staff	William Howard '58	Irene Mosqua Stramowski
Julia Schreiber, Faculty	Karl Hettling '89	Ed Thompson '68	Rose Marie Dengler Kilmer '56
Anna & Don Brooks, Faculty	Donald F Triebel '47	Edith Redder Michael '33	Ruthann Becker Empert '56
Shirley Lewis Kocher '39	Elizabeth Schott Neal '78	Marie Vincent Dorval '56	Katherine Rikert
Wayne R Hosapple '70	Mary & Harry Kane '29, Faculty	Clifford Alexander Sr '39	Gift towards Centennial
Barbara Volp '71	Ben Bromiley '56	Warren H Shaw '43	Bench, in memory of DM '63
	Donald H Coons '57	Jane Shaw '51	Robert (Bobby)V Becker Jr '69
	Christian Baldwin	Karen M Nugent '80	Paul Kreider-Mueller '69
	Brent Pine '74	Eileen Balsam Gubler '52	Timothy Rifenburg '81