

Red Hook Alumni Association

RED HOOK ALUMNI NEWS

- MAY 2010 -

Message from the President

The Red Hook School District plays a big part in Red Hook community and the surrounding area. When I was starting a family and becoming a parent, my wife and I thought a good deal about where our children would go to school. I chose to come back to my roots and returned to Red Hook in the 90's. I am proud to be the father of a Red Hook alumnus - Class of 2008 and a Red Hook Junior - Class of 2011.



The Red Hook Alumni Association sign at the Father Carroll Little League Field on Route 199 opposite the Red Hook High School.

I myself was not very involved in my years at RHCS...only wanting to graduate and get out in the world. However, having two daughters in RHCS over the past 15 years meant reacquainting myself with the school and what it has to offer. I watched my daughters flourish and accomplish so much as students at RHCS. I knew that we had made the right decision to move into the district. I was never involved in sports or clubs while a student – I just wanted to get in and out. I was now faced with two young daughters who were involved in everything. Sports, clubs, dances, fundraisers, etc. Since my children are 3 years apart, my wife and I had to split our time to attend all these events. I have certainly grown to appreciate what a special time that your school years can be. I know that through my two children, I have learned to appreciate all that Red Hook Central has to offer.

I have enjoyed being part of the Alumni Association and serving as its President for the past months. We have a very dedicated group who meet monthly to coordinate our mission. Through the contributions of our members we have been able to provide more graduates with this special recognition. It is very rewarding to attend the awards ceremony and announce the scholarship recipients with their families looking on.

We, the Red Hook Alumni Council, would like to extend our gratitude to all of you who take the time to make that contribution of membership and beyond. It does matter and it has made a difference. We hope you enjoy the newsletter as we prepare to celebrate another group of graduates this June, Class of 2010. Please take a moment to renew or become a member and don't forget to visit us at www.redhookalumni.com where you can find old classmates and friends.

As I write this, the Boy's Basketball Team is preparing to play in the NY State Finals in Glens Falls...even if they are not the victors after this weekend...the Red Hook community is proud of them and guess who plans to be there rooting them on!!!

May you all have a wonderful year ...Go Raiders!!!

Charles Nugent '74, President

31st Annual Dinner Dance New Restaurant

Due to the unexpected closing of Cappucino's in late April and thanks to the quick work of several council members an alternate site for the dinner dance has been secured. Please join us at *Hillside Manor*, located at 240 Boulevard, Route 32, Kingston NY 12401, on July 24, 2010.

This year we will be honoring the classes that end in 5 and 0. See the Class Reunion section below and check our website (www.redhookalumni.com) for more specific information. We also will be honoring Myrtle Knuschke, middle school aide; Elizabeth Roberts Thomas '60, elementary teacher; Ernest Gamble, middle school science teacher; and John Kuhn, high school English teacher, golf coach and girls varsity basketball coach.

A cash bar cocktail hour will begin at 5:30pm followed by a buffet at 7:00pm. DJ Shane Sullivan '95, will provide music for dancing at 9pm. The cost is \$38 per person and the **reservation deadline is July 15, 2010**. Please include your 2010 – 2011 dues when making your reservations.

REUNIONS

Class of 1940 – 70 Year Reunion

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Class of 1940 invites the Classes of 1938, 1939, and 1941 to join them at the annual Red Hook Alumni Association Dinner on July 24, 2010. Members of those classes were "Hoffman Inners." In September of 1939, all classes left the Hoffman Inn to attend the new central school. A rough count of surviving members of these classes comes to a total of 27. A great weekend will be planned for us to share our memories and anyone interested in joining the Class of 1940, contact Emma Engles Coon at 16 Cherry Street, Red Hook NY 12571; 845 758-4154.

Class of 1960 – 50 Year Reunion

July 23 – 25, 2010

Lolly Humphrey, 845 758-4597

Class of 1970 – 40 Year Reunion

Weekend of July 24, 2010

Steve Bowman, cell 704 308-1399, home 704 483-5083,

sabowman@bellsouth.net

Maureen Spagnoli Boyd, 845 758-6273,

wboyd@hvc.rr.com

Class of 1980 – 30 Year Reunion

July 16 – 18, 2010

Karen Sipperley, sippinredhook@aol.com

Class of 1990 – 20 Year Reunion

Weekend of July 24, 2010

Kate Buerkert Wigginton, 281 392-6610

3918 Bianca Spring Lake, Katy, TX 77494

Congratulations to...

Alex Kahn '85, one of the designers of the Walking on Air parade featuring a Grand Puppet Procession for the opening of the Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge turned pedestrian *Walkway Over the Hudson*, conducted in connection with the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial and to **Taylor Klose '54**, whose article about Henry Hudson's voyage up the river, "On the river with Hudson" was published in the *Kingston Daily Freeman*.

Andy Bruno '86, a teacher at Astor School, one of three teachers awarded the Gold Star Award by the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie.

Christy Kowalsky '10, recipient of the *Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts Award* given by the Dutchess County Arts Council for her involvement in Irish dance.

Ithaca College, in an effort spearheaded by the men's rugby alumni, named the new Athletics and Events Stadium Turf Field in memory of **Marty Higgins '78**, who played rugby for Ithaca before his untimely death.

Nancy Vogel Kelly '55, Town of Rhinebeck historian, whose second book *Rhinebeck's Historic Architecture* has recently been published.

Tom Jantzen '79, recipient of the Red Hook Raiders Sports Club Booster of the Year Award.

East Carolina Assistant Athletics Director for Medical Services, **Mike Hanley '78**, who was named the National Athletic Trainers' Association 2009 College/University Head Athletic Trainer of the Year for Division I. He also earned the 2005 North Carolina College/University Trainer-of-the-Year accolade.

William O'Neill '56, elected and **James Ross '69**, re-elected to the Red Hook Town Board, **Jack Campisi '49**, re-elected to the Town of Milan Town Board and **Ben Traudt '09**, elected to the Dutchess County Legislature, representing the Town of Red Hook.

David Wright '77, elected President of the Red Hook Rotary. The **Class of 2010**, our newest alumni.

The **Red Hook High School Boys Basketball Team**, and coach **Rod Chando**, the MHAL and Section IX Class A Champions. They lost their only game of the year in the Class A NYS Final Four Championship semi-final playoff against Jamesville-DeWitt at Glens Falls in March.

Larry Burud '66, Assistant Principal of the Chatham Middle School, credited along with his principal, with creating the environment leading to the school receiving the 2009 K – 12 *New York State School of Character Award*. **Marc Molinaro '93**, New York State Assemblyman and member of the Education Committee presented them a copy of the citation, as read on the Assembly floor on January 25, 2010.

Sabrina Eggink '11, Red Hook High School Girls Basketball player, for reaching a career mark of 1000 points this past season.

Ann Marie Spiciarich '78 & Michael Horkan '81, retired from the City of Poughkeepsie Police force with 23 and 21 years of service, respectively.

Rev. Douglas Leonard '87, appointed Director of the Al Amana Centre, dedicated to promoting peace between Muslims and Christians, in Muscat, Oman.

Dana Sperry '95, one of several professional CPA's, who participated in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* Dial-a-CPA event offering free tax assistance for eligible taxpayers.

Charles Harrison '53, recipient of the *Grand Lodge of the State of New York Dedicated Service Award*. He has been an active member of the Hendrick Hudson Masonic Lodge for 45 years.

Mary Ann Tinklepaugh(Knauss) Fish '48, awarded the *Martha Washington Woman of History Award*, at Washington's Headquarters State Historic Site in Newburgh at the site's annual event, "The General's Lady." A founding director of the Palisades Parks Conservancy Inc., she is also a member of several national and state historic preservation organizations.

Christopher Byrne '02, Hospital and Community Service Specialist who coordinates the donations for the Center for Donation and Transplants in Albany, NY.

Patsy Braig Vogel '58 who compiled a presentation of Red Hook in the Roaring Twenties at the Elemndorph Inn and **Kevin Rifenburg '87** who exhibited his paintings and woodcut block prints of the Jazz Age at Ulster Savings Bank in conjunction with the Town of Red Hook's THE BIG READ based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's novel, *The Great Gatsby*. The students and faculty of all three schools joined in the celebration through English, history, art and music classes.

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.

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.

Marion Perz Mergendahl '53	Danny Pasco '62
Frances Rall, Faculty	James Roe, Faculty
Patricia Collins, Faculty	Coach Lindsay Northam
Lorraine Harrington, Faculty	Classes of 1946, 1951, 1952
Elizabeth Kane Trow '35, Faculty	1954, 1958 & 1963

Retirements

The Red Hook Alumni association extends a wish for a long, happy, and healthy retirement to **Connie Watson**, secretary; **Margaret (Flynn/Devaux) Clinton**, elementary teacher; **Nancy Fabbie**, special ed teacher; **Joan Metzler**, high school art teacher; **Joseph Nero**, high school business ed teacher; **Jeanette Sargent-Hill '66**, high school Spanish teacher; **Ann Tipple**, middle school science teacher; **Frank Coluccio**, bus driver; **Lena Courtney**, middle school aide; **Kathy Ham Helsley**, cafeteria; **Lorena Smith**, elementary aide; **Charlotte Vellake**, bus driver; and **Edward Wilbeck, Jr.**, bus driver. *Thank you for serving the Red Hook Central School District and its students.*

Dues & Dinner Dance Reservation Form

NAME MAIDEN NAME CLASS YEAR

GUEST NAME(S) for name tag If RHCS Graduate - 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
 Check here if you do not want your e-mail address listed in the Web Site Directory

DUES (July 2010-June 2011) \$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 15, 2010.**
 \$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**

\$7500 Awarded in Alumni Scholarships and Awards

Thirteen \$500 Scholarships were awarded to the following graduates from the Class of 2009. **Stephanie Doty**, daughter of Alice & Keith Doty '78 and granddaughter of Margaret (Riddleburgh) Doty '49; **Jacob Picard**, son of Leslie (Brassell) Card '86 & Joseph Picard '79; **Gedney Mosher**, son of Venus & Michael Mosher '80; **Nicholas Theisen**, son of Laura & Daniel Theisen '79; **Kaitlyn Murray**, daughter of Lisa (Hoffman) '79 & William Murray Jr. '75; **Robinson Greig**, son of Norman Greig '69 & Michele Robinson Greig; **John Edward Moore**, son of Diane (Banks) '82 & Laurence Moore; **Courtney Boice**, daughter of Melanie (Coon) '83 & Henry Boice; **Caleb Wright**, son of Amy Wright '83; **Kelly Craft**, daughter of Patricia (McTernan) '74 & Michael Craft; **Thomas Jantzen**, son of Nancy (Reid) '81 & Thomas Jantzen '79; **Anthony Fraenkel**, son of Deborah (Zenker) '81 & Tony Fraenkel; and **Camille King**, daughter of Vicki & Matthew King '74. **Congratulations**, students and parents!

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. 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 two \$500 awards to **Nick Fortune & Ana-Miren San Millan**, for excellence in their trades at the BOCES Career and Technical Institute. The recipients of these awards do not have to submit an application and are chosen directly by the Faculty Scholarship Committee.

IN MEMORIAM

Linda Markle Schleuter '66
 Jennifer Minn '92
 Ann McTighe, aide
 William F. Murray, bus driver
 Glen A. Rhoades '77
 Carol Poisman, aide
 Richard Arcoleo '50
 Daniel Butler '07
 Gretchen Krish Randall '81
 Edward Warren Lewis '40
 Gilbert Hein
 Doreen Bock Colwell '69
 Loretta Martin, cafeteria
 Nancy Murphy '66
 Jane Sawner, elementary teacher
 Colleen Mergenthaler Agnew '47
 Betty Martin '54
 Gladys Pease, bus driver
 Shane Leone '93
 Richard Douglas '76
 Jessica Levine '80
 Robert B. Coon '66
 Edward Holt '47
 Vincent Kelly '74
 Robert Kilgour '54
 Doris McDermott Tremper '55
 Grace Winters Aldrich, faculty
 Marvin A'Brial
 Raymond (Brud) A'Brial Jr.
 Madison Sipperly '46
 Judy Whalen, Elementary Teacher

*The Red Hook Alumni Association
 extends its sympathy to their
 families and friends.*

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PO Box 353

Red Hook, NY 12571

FIRST CLASS

U.S. Postage

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Address Service Requested

Alumni Council 2009-2010

Charles Nugent '74, *President*
Celine Lorang Turchetti '67, *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*
Mary Kay Fraleigh Budd '63, *Asst. Comm. Records*
Janis Clum Lawson '56, *Newsletter Editor*
Paul Laibach '78, *Data Base Administrator*

Todd Allard '00
Emma Engels Coon '40
Jack Dillon '78
Robert Fowler '71
Kristin Ring Insogna '86
Susan Becker Mead '70
Bonnie Day Millard '84
Brian Moore '76
Ann Jantzen O'Connor '74
William O'Neill '56
Mary Greene Strieder '81
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 1946, 1949, 1950,
1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1959,
1960, 1964, 1966, 1977, 1979,
1989
Peter Collins '70
Greg Martin '73
Carrie Ellen Coon Burger '29
Robert (Bobby) V Becker Jr. '69
Paul Kreider-Mueller '69
Edgar & Rosemary Fisher,
Faculty
Lois Shaw Smith '49
Ben Bromiley '56
Catherine & Robert Pickert Sr.
George Saulpaugh '56
Rudy Troeger '58
Nancy Smith Bauer '66
Helen Phillips Campbell
Rockefeller '28
Roscoe L. Williams,
Supervising Principal

Ethel & Francis Rabbett, Bd. of Ed.
Ruth Fraleigh Ackert '60
Barbara Campbell Feist '60
Lee Ann Ryder Hansen '60
Bill Barringer '69
Loretta Hacker Bollenbecker '56
Kathryn Feller '46
Dorothy Palmatier Wegman '28
Karen Odak Nieder
Bruce Pickert
Margaret Schutte Stockenberg '28
George F. Michael Sr., Bd. of Ed.
Edythe Redder Michael '33
Robert Schultz Sr. '41
Ashley Gruntler '00
Wayne R. Holsapple '70
Charles "Bussy" Hanlon '65
Clifford B. Alexander Sr. '39
Tim Thayer '66
William Veit '54
Bernard Veit '65
Karen Nugent '80

Dr. Fred Zipser
Robert Bowman, Bd. of Ed.
Donald Conn '56
Brent D. Pine '74
Donald H. Coons '57
John E. Bishop '39
Carol Lown Cole '67
Margaret Potts, Faculty
Theresa Cegelka, Staff
Peter Amsler '65
Alan Saulpaugh '68
Woody Klose '56
Campbell Stevenson '38
Elizabeth Schott Neal '78
Donald F. Triebel '47
Harriet Johnson, Staff
Donald Brooks, Faculty
Warren H. Shaw '43
William Anagnos '49
Patricia Thorley Hart '43
Katherine Fraleigh, Faculty
Irving Fraleigh '38

Edythe & Eugene Budd Sr.
Karl Hettling '89
Reinert & Ursula Frey
John Cioffi Jr. '69
Andrea Rifenburg Juranic '65
Doreen Bock Colwell '69
Herbert J. Elsmore, Faculty
Richard L. Battenfeld, '35
Doris Wolcott Lawson '39
Clare O'Neill Carr '60
Donald VR Coon Jr. '66
James A. Demboski Jr. '60
Marguerite Moore Snyder '36
Edward "Bud" Lewis '40
Charles Riddleburgh '52
Fred Weterick '48
Donald R. Schultz
Thomas J. Rabbett '57
Donald "Red" Moul '89
Richard Arcoleo '50
Jack Townsend '71