

RICHMOND SECONDARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL NEWSLETTER 2012

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year has come and gone and the Richmond Secondary Alumni Directors have been very busy. They have been working hard planning activities for all of the grads to have an opportunity to get together. This year we are planning our 2nd Golf Tournament, our Annual Pub Night and the AGM Luncheon. The Alumni supports the school in many ways: scholarships, social events, luncheons, grad and valedictory. To date we have donated over \$400,000.00 to Richmond High. Our goal over the next year is to go "paperless". We would really appreciate you contacting the Alumni in order for our database to be updated with your email address. I have been involved with the R.S.S. Alumni Association since its inception ~ 22 years ago. At some point it will be time for me to move on, so I would ask that you consider becoming a part of the Board of Directors. I hope that you will be able to attend some of our events that are coming up. I will look forward to seeing you at the Pub Night, AGM and Golf Tournament.

Yours truly,
Beth McKenzie Gibson.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Once a Colt, Always a Colt"! This is the motto of Richmond Secondary School and of the Alumni Association. It seems it is almost a way of life for anyone who has been involved with the Colt community. We hear it in the halls of our school. It is printed on our publications. Our grads comment that this motto explains why they come back to watch games, visit staff, attend performances or special events or volunteer at the school. It is what alumni tell us when they come back to look at their grad photos on the walls. As a returning Colt, it feels good to be home.

I am amazed daily by the variety of events that continually reflect the vibrant community we have here. You should be proud of what's happening at your Alma Mater. Our students excel in so many ways. Whether it is in academics, athletics, fine arts, service to the community or citizenship, it is clear that Richmond Secondary continues to be a school with a difference. RHS has been and continues to be a remarkably positive force and is recognized for its tradition of excellence throughout the province.

One important factor that makes RHS stand out from most schools is the enthusiastic and generous support of our Alumni. Our Alumni demonstrate how they live the best ideal of a Colt education, living up to our motto; "We strive to do our Best!" Alumni generosity is not just financial. Alumni actively coach our teams, provide work opportunities for students, and attend our athletic events, concerts and plays. The Alumni presence at school events means a lot to our staff and students.

The thoughtful leadership and support of the Alumni Board of Directors has made this school what it is today. The Board will continue, I am sure, to play a vital role in sustaining the traditions, legacy and history we value and, in supporting our future contributions and commitment to active citizenship. We truly appreciate everything you do to continue to make Richmond Secondary School a great place of learning!

Thank you for your gift of time, loyalty and support. And now I can once again join in and say 'Once a Colt, Always a Colt!'

Rose Sebellin

2012 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday – May 17th, 2012
AGM 11:30, Luncheon 12:00
Tickets \$18.00



FUNDRAISER ~ PUB NIGHT

Saturday, April 28th, 2012
Buck & Ear in Steveston
Tickets: \$15.00
Proceeds for the Cinderella Project
Pasta Dinner – served 7:00 – 8:30 PM



2nd Annual Golf Tournament ~ Come one come all

The Alumni is hosting our 2nd Texas Scramble Tourney 18 holes and lots of fun.....see insert

Saturday June 16th at Country Meadows

The cost is \$75 including Golf and Dinner, if you would only like to come for Dinner it is \$25.00.

First Tee Time 12:00 Noon and Dinner will be at 5:00pm

Contact Ray Gora: 604-270-3677 or email: RSS.AlumniAssoc@gmail.com

Golf Tournament proceeds to the RSS Athletic Dept.



see insert

2011 - 2012 Directors

The RSS Alumni Board of Directors meet monthly throughout the year to discuss; issues as they relate to the Alumni, distribution donations of funds generated from the Gaming Commission from the Provincial Gov't, special projects, fundraising, planning of the Annual Luncheon, Golf Tournament and many other ways that we can support the students, staff and parents of Richmond Secondary School. We try to provide information to other Grads regarding upcoming reunions and we also have accumulated some extra Annuals from various years that can be purchased.

President	Beth McKenzie	1972	Treasurer	Donna Matheson	1973	Archives	Ray Gora	1954
Newsletter	Jenny Gilles	1972	Media	John Montgomery	1958	Secretary	Patti Dean	1973
Fundraiser	Anne Scott	1951	Fundraiser	Trish Vogler	1962	Fundraiser	Helen McDiarmid	1966
Fundraiser	Lori Davis	1975						

Note: Elections to take place at the AGM/Luncheon on May 17th, 2012.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Farah Kassam Florence Hui Sheila Yang Joanna Zhu Tony Wei
Linda Wang – Class of 1962 Scholarship
“Congratulations”



REUNIONS IN 2012

If your grad class is planning a reunion please be sure to let us know so we can post information for all your fellow classmates.

Class of 1972 – 40 Year Reunion

Dates: Saturday, September 29 & 30th, 2012

Email: Classof1972rhs@gmail.com

For more information.

We have not heard from anyone of the following
Grad classes for an upcoming Reunion.

1962 – 50th

1982 – 30th

1992 – 20th

2002 – 10th

TREASURER'S REPORT



Please find enclosed 2011 Fiscal Report prepared by Donna Matheson.



There is a copy of the R.S.S. Alumni Association:

Balance Sheet, Regular Account & Gaming Account Disbursements.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Each year at the Valedictory Ceremony the RSS Alumni Association gives out a Special Recognition Award. This award can be given to a Past Grad, Teacher, Administrator or anyone in the community who has made a significant contribution to the Grads of Richmond Secondary School.

If there is someone you think should be recognized please contact the Alumni Association.

Below is a list of past recipients.

2002 - Hugh McNair	2007 – Frank Crema
2003 - Darlene Macklam	2008 – Ray Gora
2004 - Bill Disbrow	2009 – Jeff Lochbaum
2005 - Remi Vincente	2010 – Jim McLeod
2006 – Ken Lorenz	2011 – Fred Dietrich

The Special Recognition Award was given to **Mr. Fred Dietrich**. He is the Mechanic & Metal works teacher at Richmond High. He has been organizing the Annual Toy Drive at RSS for 40 years.



MEMBERSHIP – now 3000

Every year our list of Richmond Secondary School Alumni grows larger and larger. We are proud to be Colts and always will be. Unfortunately each year we also lose Alumni. Being the oldest Secondary School in Richmond is an honour and we should be proud of all of our grads - those from every decade since the 1920's.

This year we have 219 new members from the Class of 2012 – “Welcome to the Alumni”.

It is a difficult process to keep our records up to date - so please let us know if you have moved recently.

(if you haven't received a newsletter in the past year then we don't have your current address or email address)

If you have never officially joined the RSS Alumni please download the Membership Application (in pdf format) and send in to receive a membership and a pin on our web page at the following webpage –

Membership form available here at:

<http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/RSSAlumni-Web/membershipforms>

OR Email the Alumni at:

RSS.AlumniAssoc@gmail.com



ALUMNI CONTACT INFORMATION

There are many ways to contact the Richmond Secondary Alumni Association.

Website: <http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/RSSAlumni-Web/>

Email: RSS.AlumniAssoc@gmail.com

Address: 7171 Minoru Blvd, Richmond B.C. V6Y 1Z3

Phone: 604-668-6400 (Sept-June)

We have enclosed a card with the RSS Alumni Association contact info for your convenience.

“GOING PAPERLESS”

Over the next year the Alumni would like to go paperless. If you could please contact us, so that we can update our records with your email address ~ it would be greatly appreciated.



Hopefully, next Spring we will be e-mailing the Newsletter.



“Thank you so much & we hope to see you are some of our upcoming events.



2nd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI

Saturday, June 16^h, 2012 at Country Meadows Golf Course

8400 No. 6 Road, Richmond BC



*Payment in Advance
Non - refundable*

Golf & Buffet: \$75.00 – Buffet only: \$25.00

Please register in advance by calling: Ray Gora 604-270-3677 or Beth McKenzie 604-668-6400

We can accommodate a minimum of 32 players and a maximum of 48. Please book early.

**50/50
Draw**



ALUMNI FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

“PUB NIGHT” at the BUCK & EAR

TICKETS: \$15.00 – Call Beth at 604-668-6400

Or email rss.alumniassoc@gmail.com

“Come on out and have some fun”

**Door
Prizes**

RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI

AGM/LUNCHEON – May 17th, 2012



Time: 11:30

Place: Richmond Secondary School

7171 Minoru Blvd

Multipurpose Room

Tickets: \$18.00

Please purchase tickets in advance by calling

Beth McKenzie 604-668-6400

Or email: bemckenzie@sd38.bc.ca.

