

RICHMOND HIGH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2008

Website: www2.sd38.bc.ca/RSSAlumni-web

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



"Once A Colt, Always A Colt"

This is the motto of Richmond Secondary School and of the Alumni Association. It speaks to the current culture and to the legacy of Richmond Secondary School. Say the words "The Richmond Colts" and almost everyone in the Lower Mainland knows what you are speaking about. We continuously try to maintain our positive profile by honouring our past, celebrating our present and looking forward to our future.

At Richmond Secondary we work hard in our classes, in our commitment to extra-curricular activities and to our service commitments in the local and global community and so that we can look back and take pride in the fact that we always strived to do our best. We have many opportunities to display our Colt Pride.

- Through our continued success in the classroom with our high graduation, post secondary admission and scholarship rates.

- Through our vibrant, competitive and successful Athletic Program.

- Through a commitment to Humanitarian and Service initiatives such as the Terry Fox Run, the Remembrance Day Assembly, and our Global Perspectives Program.

- By Show casing the technical, musical and performance talents of our students.

We strive to develop strong connections to our school and its history for our current students. We create the memories that will connect us to Richmond High forever.

The Alumni have played a vital role in setting the standards and the expectations for current and future generations of Colts. We truly appreciate everything you do to continue to make Richmond Secondary an excellent place to work, learn and grow. We appreciate the thoughtful leadership of the Alumni Board of Directors and their efforts to equitably distribute funds, which support various projects at the school. Every step of the way you have walked with us. It is through your efforts, through the culture that you have created and by your continued support of the efforts of future graduates that the legacy continues to grow and the "Colt Connection" has remained strong.

Again, ask someone about Richmond High and they will speak about people, tradition, history and legacy. The stewardship for these elements lies with the Alumni Association and you have done an outstanding job of keeping people connected and the legacy alive. Thank you for continuing to make Richmond such a great school and for remembering that: Once a Colt, Always a Colt!

Jim McLeod



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy year for the Alumni. "Thank you" to the Alumni Board of Directors, for their continued commitment and support. Your Alumni Board of Directors remains involved in all aspects of the school and attends many of the events such as; the Global Ed Dinner, the Remembrance Day assembly, the Winter Concert, and the Annual Christmas luncheon. Last June we attended the Valedictory ceremony and presented six scholarships of \$750.00. Our Special Recognition was presented to Frank Crema. Frank had been the Alumni Treasurer for 12 years. He was and is very hardworking and well respected and has done an unbelievable job as our Treasurer. This year we are planning an extra fundraiser, on April 5th, with the proceeds going towards the R.S.S. Cinderella project, the R.S.S. Lunch program and the Colt Daycare. *Beth McKenzie*

Richmond Secondary Alumni Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Tickets: \$15.00

-Please see Insert-

(Must be 19yrs old to attend)

Richmond Secondary Alumni Association Annual Newsletter 2008

"Once A Colt – Always A Colt"

2008 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday – May 15th, 2008

AGM 11:30, Luncheon 12:15

Tickets \$18.00

FOR LUNCHEON TICKETS call

Richmond High at 604-668-6400

Or for information contact

Ray Gora 604-270-3677

This is a fabulous lunch prepared by our own student cafeteria class.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Richmond Secondary School Alumni Association presented scholarships at the 2007 Valedictory Ceremony, held at the Chan Centre at UBC to the following graduating students: *Carol Chui, Venus Pang, Lily Qiu, Ruby Wu and Sisi Zhou*



CASINO DISTRIBUTIONS

2007 Gaming Funds – The Alumni received \$24,100.00 from the Gaming Commission. The monies were dispersed as follows:

\$980	Athletics - Boys Soccer
\$1000	Athletics - Girls Volleyball
\$1100	Athletics - Equipment
\$1000	Athletics - Badminton Prov.
\$1000	Breakfast Club
\$1700	Robotics
\$260	Colts Connections - t-shirts
\$1500	Concert Band - drums & cymbals
\$1300	Dragon Boat - registration
\$550	Drama
\$1500	Math - contest registration
\$170	Mandarin Club
\$1500	Modern Languages - camcorders
\$390	Newspaper Club
\$750	PAC - Scholarship
\$3000	Dry Grad
\$4500	Scholarships (6 X \$750)
\$2000	School Grounds - outside tables & benches



2007-2008 DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors meets approximately 10 times throughout the year to discuss issues as they relate to the Alumni, distribution of donations or funds generated from the Gaming Commission from the Provincial Gov't., special projects and other ways that we can support the students, staff and parents of Richmond Secondary School.

President	Beth McKenzie	1972
Treasurer	Donna Matheson	1973
Heritage week	Ray Gora	1954
Mem at Large	Dorothy Harvey	1951
Newsletter	Jenny Gilles	1972
Media	Deb Robson	1972
Secretary	Patti Dean	1973
Fundraiser	Anne Scott	1951
Fundraiser	Trish Vogler	1962

Note: Elections to take place at the AGM/Luncheon on May 15, 2008. Come and join the team - be "Director"

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find enclosed 2007 Fiscal Report prepared by Donna Matheson.

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 and some of the contributions that they have made to the school.

2007	Frank Crema – Treasurer for 12 years for the Alumni Association
2006	Ken Lorenz - Global Education Coordinator
2005	Remi Vincente - Teacher and IB Department head
2004	Bill Disbrow - Basketball Coach and Teacher
2003	Darlene Macklam - School Principal
2002	Hugh McNair - grad of the class of 1941 - founding member of Alumni Association

REUNIONS

Planning a Reunion let us know so that we can post it on the Alumni website.

These are in the planning stages:

1998 – 10 Year Reunion
1988 – 20 Year Reunion
1978 – 30 Year Reunion
1968 – 40 Year Reunion
1958 – 50 Year Reunion

MEMBERSHIP – NOW OVER 1600

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.

If 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.

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

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

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