

RICHMOND SECONDARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – NEWSLETTER 2017

2016- 2017 DIRECTORS

We are so fortunate to have such an active Alumni Board of Directors. All of these volunteers donate their time and effort to continually support Richmond Secondary School. Each year we try to find ways to become more involved with events at the school. This past year it was suggested by the Drama Department to have an “Alumni night” for the Spring 2017 production – “The Ash Girl”. This is something that will be happening each year, so please check the webpage and watch for upcoming events. The Alumni also helped to sponsor ‘Breakfast with Santa’ and helped out in the kitchen as well.

Currently the RSS Alumni Board of Directors consists of seven volunteers that meet once every month to six weeks throughout the year to discuss; issues as they relate to the Alumni, distribution of donations of funds generated from the Gaming Commission from the Provincial Government., special projects, fundraising, planning other events and finding ways that we can support the students, staff, Alumni and parents of Richmond Secondary School. We do have an email address and a website to provide information for events, fundraisers and reunions, but we need to be contacted to have the information first.

Media	John Montgomery	1958	Treasurer	Donna Matheson	1973
President	Beth McKenzie	1972	Secretary	Patti Dean	1973
Newsletter	Jenny Gilles	1972	Fundraiser	Lori Davis	1975
Fundraiser	Peter Mitchell	1975			



PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

This past year has just flown by. I accompanied the Global Perspectives students to Jamaica in March 2016 for 19 days. What a humbling experience as sometimes I think that we forget how very fortunate we are to live in Canada. The three teachers and I guided the 30 students (7 boys & 23 girls) in building an internet classroom for the Barking Lodge Primary School. We began the 10 day project by building the foundation from the bottom up by manually cutting rebar & bending it. Mixing cement on the ground and carrying buckets of cement to be poured into the forms and cinderblocks. The students worked very hard and long days to complete the classroom. I am so grateful to have been a part of this experience.

Over the past 25 years the Alumni has allocated over \$675,000.00 of B.C. Gaming Commission funds to help out all areas of the school. Funds were distributed this year to the following: Art Club, Athletics, Dry Grad, French Club, Gardening Club, Hall benches, Music, Math, Robotics Club, Science, Student Council, Weight Training & Scholarships. We all have commitments of work, family, friends and so much more but without the Alumni Directors our fundraising and Luncheon would not happen. I am so appreciative of the time and dedication our Directors contribute to the R.S.S. Alumni Association. We hope to see many of you at our Annual Luncheon on May 17th. In closing Richmond High will celebrate its 90th Anniversary this Fall – to date we have not been made aware of any special event.

Beth McKenzie Gibson

SCHOLARSHIPS



Congratulations Grads from the Class of 2016 that received \$750.00 Alumni Scholarships in June 2016.

Mabon Foo, Katie Hung, Jessica Jiang, Valerie Leung, Michelle Ng, Cathy Yan & Sarah Wang (PAC Scholarship)



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Every year at the Valedictory Ceremony held at the Chan Centre, the RSS Alumni Association selects a recipient for the Special Recognition Award. At the Valedictory ceremony in June 2016 we recognized Mrs. Kay Sakata who was born in Steveston in 1916 – which made her 100 years old – for a life “well lived”. She was a grad of the Class of 1934 – 82 years ago. The Richmond High she attended was on Bridgeport Road across from where Costco is today. Mrs. Sakata’s response: “Thank you. It is an honour to be here. I never imagined I would be at a high school graduation like this with almost 300 students graduating. When I went to Richmond High School it was from grade 9 to grade 12 and it was located on Bridgeport Road. I lived in Steveston, by the river near where Britannia Shipyards is today. I took the Inter-urban tram from Steveston to Bridgeport to go to Richmond High School. When I started Richmond High School there were only 35 pupils, but in those days many students had to quit school to go to work, so by grade 12 there were only 11 students who graduated. We were called Matriculation class of 1933-1934.” Sadly Mrs. Sakata passed away a few weeks later.

2002 - Hugh McNair	2006 – Ken Lorenz	2010 – Jim McLeod	2014 – Marni Glier
2003 - Darlene Macklam	2007 – Frank Crema	2011 – Fred Dietrich	2015 – John Bezzasso
2004 - Bill Disbrow	2008 – Ray Gora	2012 – Ian Tom	2016 – Kay Sakata
2005 – Remi Vicente	2009 – Jeff Lochbaum	2013 – Tony Sheppard	



FUNDRAISING – MEATDRAWS

We have been hosting one or two Meat Draws a year at the Pioneer’s Pub at 10111 No. 3 Road & Williams Rd. Our next one will be held on Saturday May 13th from 2:00pm to 4. Proceeds go to the Cinderella Project which helps students attend the Graduation events by providing dresses, tuxedos and shoes for the students to wear for these events.



May 13th, 2017

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"Once a Colt Always a Colt"

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Strive to do your best!"

As a person who grew up in Richmond and a long serving teacher and school administrator with the Richmond School district, it has been an honour to join the Richmond Secondary School community as principal this past year. I am very aware of the proud traditions of academic and extracurricular excellence that have been established by all of the graduating classes at our school and we have reminded our current grads that, as the 88th class in the tremendous history of our school, it is their responsibility to carry on this legacy of excellence.

Richmond Secondary School remains an important part of our growing community and this includes students, families, community organizations, businesses and our thousands of alumni. We believe in our saying "Once a Colt, Always a Colt" and are grateful for the ongoing, dedicated and active presence of the Richmond Secondary School Alumni Association and the generous support they have provided since their inception in 1988. The thoughtful leadership and support of the RSS Alumni executive have helped sustain many of the traditions, legacy and history we value, while also looking ahead for ways to help our current students be prepared to lead and thrive in an ever changing world.

On behalf of all the current students and staff at RSS, please accept my genuine gratitude for your interest, time, loyalty and support of Richmond High School. We encourage you to stay in touch with the school and the Alumni Association by attending meetings or connecting with our website and links to Twitter or Facebook. <http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca>

Gratefully yours, Jim Allison - Principal

~~~~~ AGM- 29th LUNCHEON ~~~~~

"Please join us for the 29th Alumni Luncheon"

*We would like to invite you to our Annual General Meeting Luncheon
Please join us on Wednesday, May 17th, 2017 at Richmond Secondary.
AGM – 12:00 & Lunch will be served at 12:30pm*

The Colt Cafeteria will be serving you a delicious lunch followed by dessert.

We would appreciate payment in advance.

"Thank you"

We will be unable to provide refunds.

*Email us at: RSS.AlumniAssoc@gmail.com or call the school at
604-668-6400 for tickets—after April 19th
Please make your cheque payable to R.S.S. Alumni Assoc.*

Tickets: \$20.00
Available April 19th



RSVP by May 10th



TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find enclosed the 2016 Year End Financial Report as prepared by Donna Matheson – Treasurer.



SOCIETY ACT – CHANGES

The new Societies Act for the Province of BC is requiring all societies to amend their By-laws to conform to a unified format. In doing so, the Alumni's Constitution and Bylaws need to be rewritten and electronically submitted to the Provincial Government by 2018. There are a number of "wording" and "organizational" changes being proposed but the biggest change will allow for the Alumni to disperse the annual newsletter to its members by email. This will save us thousands of dollars each year. A copy of the proposed changes will be on the Alumni website prior to the May AGM. Please take a moment to review the Draft Constitution and Bylaws as we will be voting on the proposed changes at the AGM.



RSS Alumni website: <http://rhsalumni.weebly.com/>



RICHMOND SECONDARY SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – CONTACT INFO

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RSS homepage: <http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Richmond-Secondary-Alumni-Association-101445736606895/>

One of the challenges that we face every year is keeping up with contact information for all of our members. Annually the cost to print, label and mail out the annual Newsletter is over \$2,500.00. Each year we have at least 100 – 150 newsletters returned to us due to members moving. This is money that could be used to help students in so many ways. **We need you to keep us advised of your e-mail address so that we can get the information to you.** By 2018 we will only be sending electronic newsletters and posting it on the website, unless we have heard from the members that they would like a printed newsletter.



Please update
your contact information



Class of 2007 – 10 Year Reunion

Saturday, June 17th at Devil's Elbow

Limited Tickets – cost is \$35.00.

Contact Kari, Chelin, Adrienne at 250-902-8628

Website: <https://2007colts10years.eventbrite.ca/>



REUNIONS IN 2017



Class of 1987- planning a 30 Year Reunion

Planning

Contact information will be on
our website when available

Class of 1977 40th Reunion

Saturday, September 10th, 2017
at Milltown Bar & Grill.

Limited Tickets Please email your
inquiries to 1977rhs@gmail.com