

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors continued to meet one a month from September to June. Over the past year we:

- attended the valedictory ceremonies
- awarded 6 X \$500 scholarships,
- presented Remi Vincente with the Special Recognition award at the Valedictory Ceremony for his many years of service to the school and the International Baccalaureate program
- attended RSS Christmas luncheon
- coordinated an Alumni display at Heritage Week in the Library Center in Feb. 2006
- distributed over \$20000 in B.C. Gaming revenues to RSS clubs, teams and departments

GRAD PHOTOS

It seemed to take forever but we now have all of the grad photos mounted in the hallways of the new Richmond High.

With the class of 1926 right inside the front door of the school, the photos wind their way through the hallways. We appreciated the hard work of Marnie Maitland, a teacher at the school, who spent numerous hours measuring all the photos. Also a huge thanks to the Richmond School Board carpenters who installed all the photos.



GAMING DISTRIBUTION

In September 2005, the Alumni received \$24000.00 from the BC Gaming Commission as part of our annual Gaming Revenue. Monies were distributed to the school to purchase: outdoor basketball poles, library book racks, outdoor benches, computers, the dragon boat team, as well as scholarship money for the 2006 grads.

The Alumni provided the graduating class with six \$500 scholarship. Since 1992 we have distributed just over \$325,000 in casino funds to R.S.S. with \$35,000 going to scholarships.

In the spring of 2005 the Provincial Gov't provided holders of Gaming Grants with a one time Grant. As the holder Gaming Grant for RSS we received \$23,560.00. This money has been turned over to the RSS Parent Advisory Council to distribute to the school for special projects.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Please find the 2005 year end Fiscal Report prepared by Frank Crema. We would like to thank Frank who has been our treasurer for over 12 years. Frank is not standing for reelection and we will miss him greatly. Thanks Frank



SCHOLARSHIPS

In June 2005, the Alumni awarded six \$500 scholarships to the following grads; Edward Lo, Garrett Hopkins, Simon Eng,

Malvin Luk and Jonathan Soh.

We hope that these recipients had a successful year in their post-secondary studies.



This year's Valedictory Ceremony will take place on June 7th at the Chan Center at UBC. We look forward to being able to award more scholarships.

MEMBERSHIP

We have over 1600 members ranging from the Class of 1926 to 2006. Membership applications will be available at the A.G.M. Cost of a lifetime membership is \$20.00 and only \$10.00 to the Grads of 2006. Over 157 of the 2006 grads are now Alumni members.

If you have moved, thinking about it or know of any other Alumni who has moved please let us know by calling the school or dropping the Alumni a message at 7171 Minoru Blvd., V6Y 1Z3.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Official Opening of the new Richmond Secondary School occurred on Feb. 9, 2006. What a wonderful evening. The ceremony, hosted by the Richmond School Trustees, had the "Official" Key being transferred from the architect, to the district, to the school with Dorothy Harvey and Donna Matheson accepting on behalf of the Alumni Association.



ACCEPTING THE KEY

The "Key" to the school being accepted by Tim Kuo (student council president), Darlene Macklam (principal) Connie Johnson (PAC chair), Donna Matheson and Dorothy Harvey (Alumni Board of Directors)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

"Once a Colt, Always a Colt"

This is the motto of the Alumni Association. As well, we hear it in the halls of our school. It's on the grad clothing this year. Our grads say this as an explanation for why they come back to watch games, visit staff, attend theater or music events, or volunteer at the school. It's what you tell us when you come back to look at your pictures on the wall.

So what does this mean? At Richmond High we make a strong connection to our school. We get involved. We make the memories that will connect us to Richmond High forever. We work hard in our classes so that when we look back we will always know we did our best.

This year has provided many opportunities for us all to be involved and do our best. One of our school goals is Social Responsibility. We started this year off with our Colt Connections mentors welcoming our grade 8's and then our school wide Terry Fox Run. Everyone, staff and students participated; this was our way of saying we are committed to this important school community. We continued this commitment with the Global Ed Dinner in support of our Colts to Laos. November brought another outstanding Remembrance Day Assembly put on by over 100 students and attended by every student in the school. December saw our Cook Training students host a luncheon for our community.

Our enthusiastic, talented students have showcased their talent in a number of highly successful, well attended school events: our Winter and Spring Music concerts featured our amazing music students; our IB One Act Plays, our Showcase of Film & Video class work, and our RSVP Theatre Production of Conference of the Birds benefited from the unique talents of our Drama students. Colt Idol and the Mandarin Singing Contest provided a venue for many other talented students to be recognized by our school. Each of these many school events was supported by equally talented behind the scenes students who made sure that everything came together in a smooth polished manner.

Our Official School Opening and Open House in the Spring was a huge success, showcasing the humanitarian activities of our Colts that Care, Colt Humanitarian Aid, Colt Connections, Global Perspectives Class; the leadership activities of our Student Council and our Grad Committee; the community activities of our Mandarin Club, Japan Club, Christian Club, Dragon Boat Club, Library Club and our school teams.

You have continued to support us with your generous contributions of both time and materials. It means the world to us when you come to our school events to keep the connection strong. We appreciate so much the thoughtful stewardship of the Alumni Association Board of Directors who oversee funds for various projects at the school.

The common element in all these activities is the enthusiastic participation of our students, staff and Alumni, experiencing what it means to be a colt, building memories to last a lifetime. Thank you for making Richmond High such a great school.

And remember "Once a Colt, Always a Colt".

2005-2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Donna Matheson ('73) - co-chair
Beth McKenzie ('72)- Secretary
Frank Crema ('77) - Treasurer
Dorothy Harvey ('51)
Jenny Gilles ('72)
Kathy Miller ('74)
Patti Dean ('73)
Ray Gora ('54)
Trish Volger ('62)

2006-2007 Directors Ballot

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Elections will take place at the AGM/Luncheon on May 24, 2006.

We wish to thank Frank Crema, who is not standing for reelection as Treasurer, for his many years of dedication to serving on the Board of Directors.

Check out our web site - Link through Richmond Secondary at:
<http://rhs.sd38.ca/site/>

RETIREMENT

It is with much regret that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Darlene Macklam, the principal of Richmond Secondary. She has been at the school for 12 years and in that time the Alumni has had a remarkable relationship with Mrs. Macklam. We wish her a fantastic retirement.

Mr. Jim McLeod will be the new principal of RSS and we look forward to working with him on the many projects that the Alumni and the school undertake.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

AGM - 11:30

LUNCHEON - 12:15

TICKETS - \$16 EACH
PHONE DOROTHY HARVEY - 940-1403 OR
THE SCHOOL AT 668-6400

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