



NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kindest regards to the Alumni, Grads, Staff & Students

This past year it has been another year of challenges, changes, frustration and loss. The Alumni has remained active in the background. We did manage to have one fundraiser and all events at the school were done virtually – including Remembrance Day, the Winter Concert and Valedictory 2021. The staff and students at RSS have been so creative and resilient in finding new ways for events to happen. At Christmas, the Annual Luncheon was held and open to the staff with a special invite to the Alumni Board of Directors. We continue to strive to do our best. This past year we lost one of our previous Board of Directors ~ Dorothy Harvey ~ Class of 1951. (see on next page)

As things begin to open up, hopefully we can go back to the way things were, but for this year we are still being cautious.

Wishing you all the best,
Beth McKenzie Gibson
 President



R.S.S. ALUMNI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS



- President - Beth McKenzie Gibson - 1972
- Treasurer - Donna Matheson - 1973
- Fundraising - Jenny Gilles - 1972
- Fundraising - John Montgomery - 1958
- Secretary - Lori Davis - 1975
- Secretary - Patti Dean - 1973
- Events - Peter Mitchell - 1975

We are looking for people to come join our Board of Directors. We typically meet 4-6 times a year as well as a couple of fundraisers. We also have attended various events at the school. To be a Director, you need to be a member of the Alumni. Please contact us if you are interested.

POSTPONED

34th ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Once again, we have had to postpone the luncheon due to the current COVID guidelines at the school.

We truly appreciate everyone's patience as we try to make our way through this challenging time.

We hope that 2023 we will be able to have you all come back and join us at the school.

We look forward to seeing you next year - 2023

MEMBERSHIP

Since 1988 over 5100 Alumni & Grads have joined the RSS Alumni. If you would like to join, fill out a membership form that can be found on the website: rhsalumni.weebly.com



FUNDRAISING

A lot of our fundraising has been paused due to Covid, but we hope in the future to be able to resume the in-person fundraisers. This year we were able to give just over \$20,000 raised through the BCLC Community Gaming Grants. This past year the monies were dispersed to Scholarships, Valedictory, Grad Composite Display, Athletics Banquet, First Responders Training, Science and Math competitions and contests. As well we were able to help out with the Holiday Hampers and the Food Drive.

Fall Events will include Meat Draw at the Pioneer Pub and a Shredding Event coordinated with the school.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On behalf of all the current students and staff at Richmond Secondary School, I extend my sincere gratitude to the RSS Alumni Association for their ongoing interest, loyalty and support of our school. While our students are focused on learning and striving to achieve their personal and academic goals, the current generation is also aware of the proud traditions of academic and extracurricular excellence at Richmond Secondary School. The RHS graduating class of 2022 will be the 95th graduating class in the tremendous history of our school, and it is their responsibility to build on this legacy of excellence.

We 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 support of the RSS Alumni has helped sustain many of the traditions, legacy and history we value, while also encouraging innovative ideas to help our current students be prepared to lead and thrive in an ever-changing world. The Alumni Association's support was especially evident during the pandemic and for that our school is so thankful and appreciative.

We encourage all former Richmond High students to stay in touch with the school by attending Alumni meetings or connecting with the school on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook and all links are located on our school website at <http://rhs.sd38.bc.ca>

Respectfully yours,
 Anita Kwon - Principal



Awards and Scholarships



VALEDICTORY 2021

Richmond High's second 'Virtual Grad'. The event was even more successful than the first. It was once again carefully choreographed so the students were safe and socially distanced. We congratulate the Administration and Staff for doing such a fantastic job.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Grads received Scholarships from the Alumni:

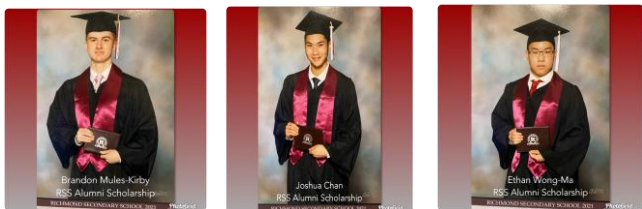
Brandon Mules-Kirby	Joshua Chan
Ethan Wong-Ma	Roxanna Ng
Jessie Li	Theresa Xiao

PAC Scholarship - Jessica Huang

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD 2021

This year's recipient was a teacher at Richmond High from 1972 - 1982. He is someone who has contributed to the school and to sports in an outstanding manner: coaching badminton, curling, volleyball, soccer, cross country and track and field. Upon retirement he worked part time with BCSS which concluded over 30 years of service to BC School Sports. Congratulations Bob - and thank you for your dedication and service.

Bob Jackson Special Recognition Scholarship
Jordane Nyirenda



~ ~ ~ IN MEMORY ~ ~ ~

Dorothy Marion Agnes Harvey (Werseen)
15 Feb 1933 - 28 Nov 2021 Class of 1951

Dorothy is survived and loved by her daughter, Karla; son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Brenda; her grandchildren Aaron and Tamara; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dorothy was born in Manitoba but made Richmond her home and was a pillar in her community. She has been a strong presence in the Richmond High Alumni Society, volunteered for many years with the Canadian Cancer Society and Delta Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop, and was a stalwart member of South Arm United Church.

Dorothy was awarded the RSS Special Recognition award as well as both Citizen of the Year 1985 from the Kiwanis Club of Richmond and the Certificate of Merit Canada Volunteer Award 1987 in recognition of her remarkable voluntary service in improving the health and wellbeing of Canadians.

*Once A Colt ~ Always a Colt
Until we meet again*



Over the past two years many reunions have been cancelled or postponed. We do have some in the planning stages. If you do hear of an upcoming reunion, please contact us and pass along the information ~ Thank you ~

1961 – 60th Reunion - May 31st, 2022

Barry Parson – 1961rhs1961@gmail.com

1972 – 50th Reunion – September 24th, 2022

Email: richmondhighclassof1972@gmail.com

1973 – 50th Reunion – Fall of 2023

Donna Matheson – dmatheson55@gmail.com

1974 – Happy Belated 65th Birthday on Facebook

Heather Clifton rhs.classof1974@gmail.com

Please contact your Grad Class for more information



AGM will be held April 27th. It will be a small gathering of the Board of Directors. Regular AGM to resume 2023, hopefully.

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