

RICHMOND HIGH ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2009

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Principal's Message

The name "The Richmond Colts" is familiar to almost everyone in the Lower Mainland. We have a long and storied history in our community and in the province. We take great pride in maintaining our positive profile *by honouring our past, celebrating our present and looking forward to our future.*

At Richmond Secondary we work diligently 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 with satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment in the fact that we always strive to do our best. We have been provided with many opportunities to display our Colt pride during the past year:

- 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 showcasing the technical, musical and performance talents of our students
- By providing opportunities and by encouraging students to display their leadership capabilities
- By developing strong connections to our school and its history for our current students. This creates 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 beside 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.

The people, the tradition, the history and the legacy are what make Richmond Secondary School unique and special. 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 fostering the motto:

"Once a Colt, Always a Colt!"

Jim McLeod



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President's Message

We are now into our **19th** year!
We have had a great year, busy and fulfilling. "Thank you" to the Alumni Directors, for their continued commitment and support. To date the Alumni has donated over \$350,000.00 to Richmond High. Your Alumni Board of Directors, remain involved in all aspects of the school and attend many of the events such as; the Global Ed Dinner, the Remembrance Day assembly, the Winter Concert, the Drama Festival and the Annual Christmas luncheon. In June 2008 at the Valedictory ceremony six scholarships of \$750.00 were presented. (recipients listed below) Our Special Recognition this past year, was presented to Ray Gora. – Class of 1954. Ray has been involved with the Alumni for 5 years and he is well respected and very hardworking. Last year we had a special fundraiser event and it was so successful that we have planned another for this year. On Saturday, April 4th this fundraiser will be held at the Sportstown – Sports complex. The proceeds will be going towards various areas of the school that need a little extra help. We look forward to seeing you there and at the AGM.

*Respectfully,
Beth McKenzie*

SCHOLARSHIPS

Valedictory June 2008 -

Scholarship recipients:

Alice Liu	Faye Evangelista
Benjamin Israel	Seneca Law
Echo Lau	Tiffany Khuu



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"Once A Colt – Always A Colt"

2009 Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday – May 14th, 2009
AGM 11:30, Luncheon 12:15
Tickets \$18.00

FOR TICKETS call Richmond High at
604-668-6400

For information contact Ray Gora
604-270-3677

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

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\$ Casino Distributions \$

Gaming Contributions

Due to the fact that the Gaming allocation is awarded according to the school year and the Alumni accounts run January to June there is always an overlap in funds. In September 2008 the Alumni received \$23,740.00 from the Gaming Commission. During 2008/09 the following fund were dispersed:

\$1000	Athletics- Badminton
\$3500	Athletics- Intramurals
\$1000	Athletics - Soccer
\$1000	Athletics - Volleyball
\$2500	Breakfast & Lunch Program
\$1000	Cheerleading
\$400	Cinderella Project
\$250	Colts Connections
\$400	Colt Daycare
\$1200	Dragon Boat
\$500	Drama
\$250	Mandarin Club
\$1200	Math Competitions
\$1300	Modern Languages
\$1500	Music
\$280	Newsletter Club
\$1700	Robotics
\$5250	Scholarships
\$2000	School Grounds

For a total of over \$29,000.00

(Amounts of been rounded off)

2008-2009 Directors

The 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 and 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 – 72
Treasurer	Donna Matheson – 73
Heritage week	Ray Gora – 54
Newsletter	Jenny Gilles – 72
Media	Deb Robson – 72
Secretary	Patti Dean – 73
Fundraiser	Anne Scott - 51
Fundraiser	Trish Vogler - 62
Member at large	Helen McDiarmid -66

Note: Elections to take place at the AGM/Luncheon on May 14th, 2009.

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.

2008 – Ray Gora	2007 – Frank Crema
2006 - Ken Lorenz	2005 - Remi Vincente
2004 - Bill Disbrow	2003 - Darlene Macklam
2002 - Hugh McNair	

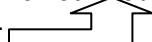
Treasurer's Report

Please find enclosed 2008 Fiscal Report prepared by Donna Matheson.

MEMBERSHIP - now over 2000

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.

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 the following webpage – 

Membership form available here at:
<http://www2.sd38.bc.ca/RSSAlumni-Web/membershipforms>

2ND Annual ALUMNI Fund Raiser.....

Date - April 4th 6:30pm
Place - Sportstown (on 5RD)

Canucks vs Oilers @ 7:00pm **This is a great event to meet old friends. Bring a group and have some fun. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 draw.** Contact Ray Gora 604- 270-3677

TICKETS - \$15.00 (DINNER SERVED 6:30-8:00)

INCLUDES DINNER AND A DRINK

REUNIONS IN 2009

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. Check out our web page for more info.

1969 - 40 year Reunion – May 30th

Contact: Kit Grauer - kit_grauer@ubc.ca

1989 – 20 year Reunion – Sept. 26th

Contact: Kari Powell Dickinson – 604-303-0905 OR kari.mattddickinson@shaw.ca,

Nalini Prasad -nprasad9@shaw.ca

Cathy Aporta Empey -empey8@telus.net



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Are you having a Reunion?



1969- 40 year Reunion
May 30th at the
Steveston Britannia
Museum.

contact :

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Class of 89 -September 26,2009,

Please contact:

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