



Alumni Association of the Rensselaer NY School District

Newsletter
Summer 2024

Officers

President: Denise Roberts Wright
Vice President: Tracey Stock
Secretary: Tracy Boniface Foust
Treasurer: Liz Rooney Ryan
Ex-officio: Doris Nichols Roberts
Webmaster: Tom Mulyca

President's Message

I hope everyone is having a great summer. It is so wonderful to be able to spend time with friends and family. This summer officers have been busy finalizing the Constitution, Bylaws, and election ballot. Please be on the lookout for communications on the voting of these items from us in August with information. We truly will need your attendance and participation voting on these items in September in order to keep the Alumni Association running smoothly. Your vote definitely matters. Our next meeting will be September 10th at 6:30 pm in the LGI at the high school. We hope you can join us for our upcoming all class reunion in September-it should be great fun and give you a chance to learn about the Alumni Association. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Best wishes, Denise Wright

Constitution and Bylaws Update

By Tracey Stock

The Amendment Review Committee finished the draft versions of the Alumni Association's updated Constitution and Bylaws documents and the documents were emailed to the active members in June for their review. Active members were asked to have any comments and questions from their review of the documents sent to the committee by July 12th. The committee will evaluate all feedback that is received to see if any necessary changes need to be made to the draft documents. The finalized documents will be sent to all active members in August with instructions on the voting process to accept the amended documents. In person voting and mail in ballots will be counted at the September meeting.



Alumni enjoy the Valley Cats game

On June 7 members of the Alumni Association, some RCSD staff members and their families enjoyed the Valley Cats game at the Joe Bruno stadium on "Wizard Night" followed by some fireworks. Even though it was a wet night, a good time was had by all.



Ballot of Officers for the Upcoming Year

Below is a description of the officers for the upcoming year that will be voted on at the September 10th meeting. Please try to attend. Your vote does matter.

President, Denise Roberts Wright, Class of 1983



Denise is seeking re-election for a second year as President of the Alumni Association. She also served one year as Vice President of the Alumni Association. Denise worked 33 years for the Rensselaer City School District as a high school English teacher and was the faculty liaison for the Alumni Association until her retirement in 2020. While teaching, Denise advised the school's Alumni Club where students could learn about the city and school's rich history. She is looking forward to continuing to support Rensselaer students with the Alumni Association

Vice President, Tracey Stock, Class of 1980



Tracey is seeking re-election for a second year as Vice President of the Alumni Association. She was a Girl Scout leader and helped chaperone trips in Europe for high school students. Tracey is an active volunteer member of the Rensselaer County Medical Reserve Corps, learning how to support the county during large-scale emergency situations and helping at health related training events for Rensselaer County residents.

Secretary, Tracy Boniface Foust, Class of 1983



Tracy is seeking re-election for a second year as Secretary of the Alumni Association. For over 30 years she has been working for the Rensselaer City School District in the Guidance Department as the registrar and department secretary. Tracy has been heavily involved with many school and athletic activities while her children attended Rensselaer City School District as well as after her children graduated.

Treasurer, Liz Rooney Ryan, Class of 1989



Liz is seeking re-election for a third year as Treasurer of the Alumni Association. She has been a Girl Scout Leader and Cookie Mom, a VITA volunteer with the military, a church administrator, treasurer of VBS, a Budget Analyst with NMCRS and has assisted the Red Cross with Holidays for Heroes. Liz is currently a Trustee with the Eagles and is the COO of Audubon International.

Ex-officio Advisor, Doris Nichols Roberts, Class of 1961



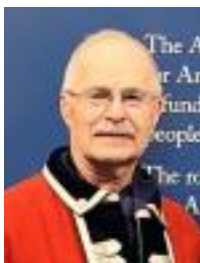
Doris is seeking re-election for an eleventh year as an Ex-officio Advisor of the Alumni Association. She worked for the Rensselaer City School District for 22 1/2 years as clerk for the Maintenance Department and the secretary to the Special Education Department. Doris currently plans the social events for the Alumni Association. She is a lifetime resident of Rensselaer and her children are graduates of the Rensselaer City School District.

Ex-officio Advisor, Lynne Beiermeister, Class of 1969



Lynne is seeking her first election as an Ex-officio Advisor of the Alumni Association. She previously held the office of President of the Alumni Association for 10 years. Lynne was instrumental in starting the Alumni Association in order to ensure the continuance of the Centennial Award created by the Class of 1948. In addition to the preservation of the Centennial Award, she established the Association's Constitution and Bylaws to ensure the Association's status as a Not-for-Profit entity, Annual Membership Drive, Enrichment Grant for the school and the annual Hall of Fame induction.

Telecommunication Advisor/Webmaster, Thomas Mulyca, Class of 1969



Tom is seeking re-election for a thirteenth year as Telecommunication Advisor/Webmaster of the Alumni Association. His first career was in the Army and he had a second career as the Vice President for Information Systems of the West Point Alumni Association. Since retiring in 2011 he has continued to stay involved in IT as the database administrator and webmaster for the Rensselaer Schools' Alumni Association. Tom recently moved to New Hampshire where he likes to stay active sailing, kayaking, hiking, and attending sessions at the local YMCA gym.

Graduation Awards:

Graduation occurred on June 25th. We would like to thank Jim Cochran for presenting our awards during the ceremony and Fran Pilato for taking pictures of the event. Here were our award winners:

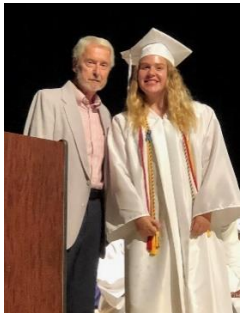
2024 Centennial Award winners

Seth Krause



Member of Builders Club, Key Club, Junior National Honor Society, National Honor Society, Bridge Builders Club, Little League, East Greenbush Soccer Club, Modified and Varsity Cross Country, Outdoor Track and Field, Varsity Wrestling, Concert and Jazz Band. He takes private drum lessons at Rocky's music studio, martial arts class, sporter rifle and junior rifle at the Nassau Sportsman Club, drivers' education, HVCC Precalculus class. He hopes to become an electrical engineer where his job will be "to design systems for the betterment of humanity and the advancement of technology that will assist humanity".

Lillie Shaw



Lillie has been a member of Student Council, Key Club, Drama Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Girls Varsity Soccer, Girls Varsity Basketball, Girls Varsity Track and Field, Country Mills Eagles AAU Track and Field, French Club, Club JC (church club), dance class. She has also helped the PTA at their Trunk or Treat event.

Deb Reimann community spirit award-

Lillie Shaw



As a Rensselaer transfer student in 2022 Lillie immersed herself into the community. She is a great role model, good friend, respectful and kind to all who meet her. She is a hard worker and continuously pushes herself to be the best version of herself. Lillie has given back to her community numerous ways including volunteering at many events. She will be attending Pratt Institute in the fall to major in Film.

Pat and Judy Lewis Award-

Jack Melchior



Jack will be attending SUNY Plattsburgh in the fall. He will be majoring in Fitness and Wellness and working toward a minor in nutrition. Jack is a well-rounded student and a role model in the community. He has been volunteering his time at the Rensselaer Little League. Jack will be playing baseball for the Cardinals at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Don't forget about our upcoming trips!

Visit our website to learn more about each trip!

Twin Lobsters at the Log Cabin: Tuesday, August 6th \$143-This trip includes round trip motorcoach, twin lobster or prime rib luncheon, Simon & Garfunkel Tribute show

Other trips on the agenda-we just don't have a due date yet for these are:

Lake George Dinner Theatre: Wednesday, August 28 \$113-This trip includes round trip motorcoach transportation, lunch & show at the dinner theatre, stop at Martha's for ice cream (on your own)

Catskills Fall Foliage trip: Wednesday, October 23 \$101

Save the Date:

August 1: Day at
Saratoga Race
Track

We "hang out" near
the big screen.
Look for our alumni
signs. Bring a
snack to share and
enjoy the Saratoga
experience with
alumni!

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Music Behind the Firehouse

We attended on June 26 and hope to attend again on July 10. Our photoboard and our popsicles were a hit with the kids!



Save the date! Come to our All-Class Reunion Picnic on September 8th



Be sure to come to our membership event this year! We are holding an all-class reunion picnic at the Schodack Town Park on September 8th from 12:30 pm-4pm. Bring a snack to share and play some lawn games, walk some nature trails, play on the playground, and learn about the alumni association. Bring your family and classmates and enjoy the afternoon. If you are interested feel free to email us with any questions at alumniassociation@rcsd.k12.ny.us.