

Alumni Association of Rensselaer NY School District Newsletter

Summer 2026

President's Message

I hope you have had a wonderful spring. The Alumni Association has been extremely busy. The Craft Fair in March was a great success and the Hall of Fame dinner in April was a terrific evening that celebrated some of Rensselaer's Alumni accomplishments. We held the senior breakfast in May for the soon to be graduates and have been preparing the graduation awards for the commencement program. Our annual membership letter will be coming out at the end of the month and I want to remind everyone to send in your membership form with updated information. Any donations you make would be greatly appreciated and helps us with all of our activities. I hope you will be able to join us for some of our summer activities. Have a great summer!

Denise Roberts Wright '83

Social Events

The Social committee has prepared a fun calendar for alumni events. Details for the events will be posted as they become available. A tentative list of events for 2026 at this point is:

- **A Day at the Saratoga Race Track on August 13th**
- **Trivia Night at the Topsy Moose restaurant on October 19**
- **Meet up at Schodack Island State Park on June 26**
- **Police National Night Out-August 4**
- **Rensselaer Farmers Markets-July 23 and August 20**

If you have any ideas....please contact us at alumni@frensselaercity@gmail.com.



The Hall of Fame dinner on April 26, 2026 was a great success. We had the honor of inducting 9 individuals into the Hall of Fame. The school's music department provided a saxophone quartet for our cocktail hour. It was a heartwarming evening highlighting Rensselaer's finest.

G. Tomisman, J. Mooney Jr., S. Harris, D. Van Vorst (nominator for C. VanVorst), C. Brown, T. Nixon, S. Hurley, T. Murphy (missing: L. Beiermeister nominator for D. Dutcher)

Craft Fair

On March 29th the Alumni Association worked with the class of 2026 to hold the annual craft fair. There were over 50 crafters and the Easter bunny visited from 11am-1pm. We raised \$1307 for each organization. The seniors were a great group to work with.

A huge thank you to all of the alumni who came out to help with this event! Without your help this event would not have happened. Next year's fair Has been scheduled for March 13 so be sure to save the date.



Join Alumni Association members on June 26 at Schodack Island State Park to see guitarist/singer John Daloia. Bring a chair, grab dinner at the Fire department booth, shop at some of the vendors, and have a great night with alumni members.



National Night Out
Come help with our table at this event. We will have our photo board available. Email us if you can help us!

Facebook posting: If you post on our Facebook page-please be mindful of the rules on the page. Violation of the rules will result in removal of the post. Some of the major rules are: Be kind and courteous, no hate speech or bullying, no posts using alcohol, drugs, or weapons, no promotion of events or fundraisers (unless associated with the school/students)-check out the other rules on our Facebook page



Rensselaer Farmers Market:

Is held at Riverfront Park every Thursday from 4-7pm. We will be having a table on July 23 and August 20th. If you can come help us for a little bit, we would truly appreciate it. It is an informational table. Hope you will be able to join us. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us.



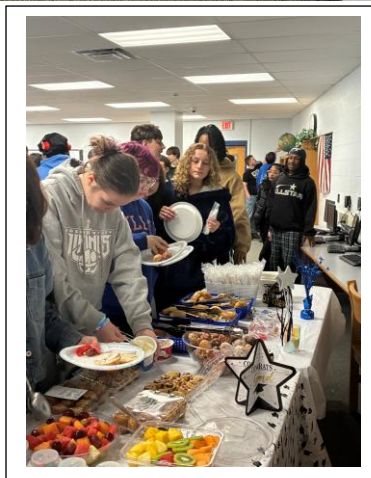
Senior Breakfast

May 8, 2026

Members of the Alumni Association provided breakfast for the seniors on the day of their prom. President Denise Wright had the opportunity to talk to students about the benefits of joining the Alumni Association as well as talking about the awards the association presents at graduation.

Students enjoyed the continental breakfast, games, puzzles, and watching a movie before they were excused to attend their prom.

Thank you to all the members who assisted with putting on this event for the seniors.



Membership Drive

Since our fiscal year has changed- instead of sending out our membership letter and form being mailed in December, it will now be mailed at the end of June. Be on the lookout for an email at the end of this month. Please be sure to send back the membership form with your updated info.

Donations gratefully accepted. We need you!!

Elections for 2026-2027

Ballots will be available in mid-July for those members who cannot attend the September meeting. Voting for next year's officers will take place at the September meeting.

The slate of officers is

President: Denise Wright '83; Vice President: Patricia Stevens '80, Secretary: Tracy Foust '83, Treasurer: Tracey Stock '80, Ex-Officio: Doris Roberts '61, Lynne Beiermeister '69

**Be on the lookout for the upcoming email/mail in July

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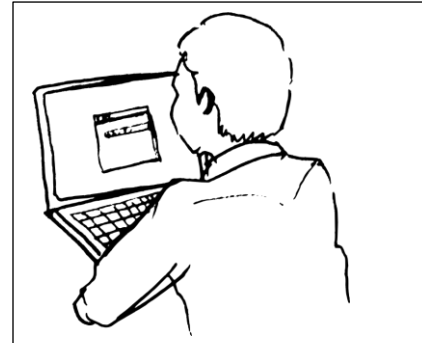
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New Alumni Association brochure – The revisions have been completed; and the new brochure has been ordered. It will be available at our summer events

Save the date!

Our meetings for the 2026-2027 school year are: 9/15, 10/6, 11/5, 12/1, 2/2/27, 3/2/27, 4/6/27, 5/4/27, 6/1/27

Meetings take place in the Large Group Instruction room at the high school. If you can't attend in person-we also have a YouTube channel where you can watch the meetings live or recorded when you have the time.

Centennial Award: The Alumni Association has given applications to all of the graduating seniors, judging took place in May. The awards will be presented at graduation. These awards first started by the class of 1948 provide a \$1000 award to two seniors each year.

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Thank you...

Bob Nash has made a donation to the Alumni Association to set up a fund to assist students with getting their caps and gowns. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping Rensselaer students!



May 19 Trivia Night at My Place Restaurant in Schodack with Alumni