
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY

SUMMER 2014 ISSUE

RHODES GRADUATES AND MEMBERS

(Please read this important article)

Over the years we have been thankful for the contributions, time and effort that many people have given to further the education of students at James Ford Rhodes High School and the subsequent benefit to (Old Brooklyn). Giving back to the school and neighborhood which provided us our start in life is a noble undertaking. In order to continue this direction we hope you will take the time to consider how you may become a part of our heritage.

People make charitable gifts in many ways through both their time and financial donations. They do this for many reasons and with many objectives in mind. There are those who are passionate about making the educational institutions they attended successful in preparing students both academically and in ways they can be of service to their fellow man. Providing scholarship help to both college and technical training students is one of the ways these goals can be achieved.

ENDOWMENT FUND

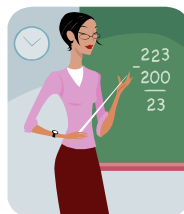
As covered in our last issue (Spring 2014) we are ready to embark on a mission to build an ongoing “Rhodes Scholarship Endowment Fund”.

We hope you are passionate about the education you received in your “Old Brooklyn” neighborhood and James Ford Rhodes in particular. Providing the resources to assure that those who follow us receive the same opportunity as we did is a responsibility we must all share.

Whether you feel a desire to “give back” for the education you received at Rhodes; as an expression of a passion for a cause or to energize family and friends along with loved ones, we know you will feel you have made a good choice in helping others. In our next newsletter we will have a space for the scholarship Endowment Fund news and we hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity to help our fund.

We ask that you consider a donation honoring:

- ◆ Your best friend in high school
- ◆ A deceased classmate
- ◆ A class or activity for which you are passionate
- ◆ A favorite high school sports team or activity
- ◆ A favorite teacher, coach or administrator
- ◆ Your graduating class by leading a class donation program



Donations can be made now in the following ways:

- ◆ Checks—which are an income tax deduction and an immediate benefit to the Alumni Association.
- ◆ Long-term appreciated securities—which can be deducted at full value as a tax deduction.
- ◆ IRA funds
- ◆ Real or personal property—”often allows an individual to contribute more than thought possible”, (i.e. car, coin collection, paid up insurance policies, etc.)
- ◆ Remembering James Ford Rhodes High School in your will or trust with the ability to designate how it is to be used.
- ◆ Pledges—Knowing that personal financial circumstances change as the years go by and donation funds that don’t exist today may exist tomorrow. If you wish to support our scholarship endowment fund you might want to show your commitment through a yearly pledge of a smaller amount over a longer period of time.

Rhodes Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) organization and ALL donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

The Cleveland Foundation is one of the organizations being considered to handle our endowment fund. We would benefit from their investment expertise. They are the oldest (1914) community foundation with current assets of \$1.8 billion. They require an annual administration fee for handling the fund but it would allow us to save legal expenses, etc. to set up our own fund. The advantage of having the fund professionally handled with continuity is a valued consideration. You will be informed as we consult with fellow Alumni and Hall of Famers.

We set a goal of \$200,000 on which a 3% return would allow us to continue to pay for our current yearly scholarship help for Rhodes seniors. Officers and Trustees of the Rhodes Alumni Association along with close friends have thus far donated \$34,497.00 to start our way to the \$200,000 goal. We also have received a pledge of \$25,000.00 from a Trustee’s estate trust. Our goal may seem like a lot but with your help we can do it.

Grateful Scholarship Recipients

Excerpts from thank you notes

ERIN MILLER wrote to thank the Alumni Association for our generous contribution to her education. She will be going to school to become a computer engineer. Erin also enjoyed engineering and robotics at Rhodes and said it will help prepare her for her future occupation. Good luck to Erin in her next endeavor.

ARLENA WILLIAMS said she would like to express her appreciation for the Rhodes Alumni Association choosing her for a scholarship and would like to thank the members. We wish Arlena a great and bright future in whatever she pursues.

KORALYS CARRUCINI was very happy to have been awarded a scholarship from the Alumni Association. She really wanted to continue her education but the funds were not available so this will help her achieve her dream of pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology at CSU. We wish her all the best.

VALERIE ARNETT wrote a thank you note to Mr. Busch for her scholarship. She is planning to use the funds to help pay for tuition expenses. She is very grateful for the money from the John Busch scholarship fund.

ALEXIO DELGADO wishes to thank the Alumni Association for the generous scholarship donation and says that it will help him tremendously to further his education. All the best to you Alexio.

DEREK MANCINI thanks the Alumni Association for his scholarship as well. He is going to college to pursue computer engineering. He will be going to CSU to further his studies and we all wish him a wonderful college experience.

JAZLINE POLO writes that words cannot explain how grateful she is to receive the scholarship and that it will help her in many ways in her continuing education.

REECE THEBERGE is going to use his scholarship money for tuition help at Baldwin Wallace College. He is humbled by the choice of him as a recipient. Good luck Reece!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION -PLEASE RESPOND!

2014—2015

Dear Fellow Rhodian—by joining the Alumni Association or renewing your membership you will be providing a small (\$10.00 per year) but important contribution toward the fulfillment of the purpose of the Association. Our organization provides:



- Scholarship money for graduates
- Rewards for outstanding effort / success in school activities
- Improvement of equipment to aid students in academic and other school activities

As a member, you will be notified of the progress of the Association via newsletter.

Please make an effort to become a member and sustain it annually. We would appreciate you helping to keep Rhodes the best high school in the Cleveland District. Please make a commitment **now** to become a yearly member. Thank you.

Membership Committee

Bill Putich—'48

Frank Crisafi—'52

Bill Loeb—'48

Dick Schnaterbeck—'52

Kim Regan—'89

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_____ \$10.00 yearly membership dues
 _____ Donation for scholarship endowment fund
 _____ Donation for academic & extra curricular activities
 _____ Total

Please return this form with your check or money order **no cash please.**

Make checks payable to: **RHODES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

First Name _____ Maiden Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____ Class (year) _____ January _____ June _____
 City, State, Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

In order for us to estimate funds available for disbursements for the student programs would you please **respond at the latest by October 15, 2014.**

Remember all donations are tax deductible!! Your Alumni Association is a 501 (c)(3) organization recognized by the IRS!

Thank you for your consideration! Questions? Call Bill @ 440/526-4433

PLEASE RETURN IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Mail to:

Rhodes Alumni Association - P.O. Box 41463 - Brecksville, Ohio 44141

THANKS TO SOME RECENT SCHOLARSHIP DONORS!

Also, we are very grateful to BILL and PEGGY PUTICH for their very generous donation of \$5,000.00 to the scholarship endowment fund. This will definitely help us with our future goals. Bill is the greatest proponent of the scholarship endowment fund and he is showing his support with his finances. Thanks very much to Bill & Peggy Putich.

Another wonderfully thoughtful donation came from one of our long time members DOLORES (MAKOWSKI) LEIBOLD-KRUZER to honor her late husband and her late son as well, both were graduates of Rhodes High School, class of 1949 and class of 1979 respectively. We are very grateful and appreciate the wonderful sentiment to celebrate the lives of family members.

JACK BELCHER pledged \$25,000.00 from his estate trust to the Rhodes Alumni Association Scholarship endowment fund. Thanks so very much, Jack. This is another great way to donate to Rhodes High School.

STEVEN SCUBA—Our sincere thanks for his thoughtful donation of \$300.00 for the scholarship endowment fund. Steven is from the class of 1940. We really appreciate his gift to help us to increase our fund.



RHODES HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS

James Vasquez from Rhodes High School was a member of the East team in the recent East-West All Star Game.

Go Rams!!



STILL LEARNING

Just recently we attended a seminar given by John Naisbitt, author of several “megatrends” books. His main point was the need of a balance of “hi tech—hi touch” in the business world today and in the future. For instance, do you like to call a business and get a nine item selection menu? Definitely hi tech! Or, do you like to deal with voice activated recordings, giving 14 digit account numbers and your name and the spelling of it as well? How many chances are there for errors or omissions? But, definitely hi tech! Is the amount of time wasted by this hi tech—correction of errors, omissions etc. warranted? Is it truly better for the other party?



There is no question that hi tech has greatly contributed to increased productivity but the value of some of this is offset by the elimination of the hi-touch (personal touch). Hi tech must and will be used to produce materials, products and information more efficiently but, as long as there are people on this earth, a good balance of “hi-tech hi-touch” has to be the best way to achieve things.



We Thank and Honor Steven Scuba

One of our long time members , Steven Scuba, just donated another \$300.00 to our scholarship endowment fund. We sincerely thank him for this generous donation. We would like to take this time to tell you some interesting facts about this unassuming man. He was awarded the French Legion of Honor Award which is the highest honor that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France. He received this award for actions he took nearly 70 years ago during the Battle of Metz which through an Allied victory resulted in the liberations of France from German forces. He was also awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal and the Combat Infantryman Badge in which he takes the most pride. Scuba graduated from Rhodes High School in 1940 and by the end of 1942



he was drafted into the military. Even at 91, Scuba remains involved in local veteran’s organizations. Thank you for your service to our country and thank you for your continued support of your alma mater, Rhodes High School.

Veteran and Brecksville resident Steven Scuba wears his Legion of Honor medal, a prestigious award given to people who have contributed to the welfare of France.



UPCOMING GOLF OUTING

We are hoping to increase the number of golfers in the Alumni Association who wish to take advantage of golfing with friends and colleagues. As in the past it will be a four-person scramble. If you think you might be interested in attending either as part of a foursome or as a single to join another foursome we would love to have you join the fun. As in past years, I am sure a great time will be had by all the attendees. This years event will take place on Friday, August 22nd at the Bob-O-Links golf course in Avon. The course is located at 4141 Center Road (Route 83) in Avon, Ohio 44011. Registration will begin at 11 AM with a light lunch at 11:30AM and a shot gun start at 12:15. The cost will be \$63.00 per golfer and that will include golf, golf cart, prizes, lunch, snack and dinner buffet. If you are not golfing but would enjoy having dinner with the golfers—think about attending the dinner which is \$25.00 per person. Thanks for your support. Dig out you clubs, dust off your shoes and have some fun while helping the Rhodes Alumni Association. Tell a friend! Bring a friend! Thanks, Jeff Burke!

Consider sponsoring a hole with personal or company recognition at a tee.

Cost is \$55.00 with a check made out to Rhodes Alumni Association

P.O. Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Thank you!

Call Bill @ 440/526-4433 or Jeff @ 216/780-6007

GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Get your reservation in as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

In order to eliminate some confusion at the golf course we request that you pay by 8/20—cost will be \$63.00 per golfer—after 8/20—\$70.00 per person.

Register EARLY!

Name _____

Number / Names in your group _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone # & Cell # _____

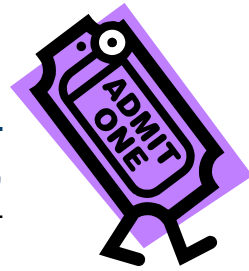
Amount of check (\$63.00 per golfer) _____

Make check payable to:
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P.O. Box 41463
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

Info? Questions? Call Bill @ 440/526-4433 or Jeff Burke @ 216/780-6007



Dear Rhodes Alumni members:



Our biennial Hall of Fame dinner honoring four new inductees (**NANCY WAGNER ELLIOTT—1959, JUDGE PAMELA BARKER –1975, FRANK CRISAFI—1952, JIM ZICKES teacher and coach**) is set for Friday, October 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM—11:00 PM.

The induction will be held at Ridge Manor Party Center at 4630 Ridge Road in Brooklyn, Ohio 44144. There will be a buffet dinner with donated beer and wine. The music will be provided for our enjoyment by The Bob Murnan Trio. Reservations are \$45.00 per person.

Please consider joining us and help to welcome the new Hall of Famers into this exclusive group. Thanks for your continued support.

**JAMES FORD RHODES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
HALL OF FAME DINNER RESERVATION ORDER FORM
We'll have a master list to check names upon arrival!**

Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony
Friday, October 10, 2014—6PM-11PM
Ridge Park Manor Party Center—4630 Ridge Road—Brooklyn, Ohio 44144
Corner of Ridge Road and Biddulph Avenue

(Keep this part for location , time and date of the event)

Name _____ Maiden Name _____
Names of Guest (s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____

\$45.00 PER PERSON—BY MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PRICE INCLUDES DINNER, BEVERAGES AND AN OPEN BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE.

Mail checks to: Rhodes Alumni Association—PO Box 41463– Brecksville, OH 44141

Questions? Call 440/526-8600

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