
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY

SPRING 2014 ISSUE

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

As previously reported we are now in the process of building a scholarship endowment fund, possibly managed by the Cleveland Foundation. Our officers and trustees will determine the amount of our total funds to be allocated for the startup of the scholarship endowment fund. As you know the fund will be used as scholarship help for deserving Rhodes seniors. The growth of this fund will be based on the success of our upcoming endowment fund campaign.

An endowment is a fund that is restricted. Only the interest and earnings from the fund can be spent, not the principal that anchors the endowment. Usually only a portion of the interest or earnings from the endowment (typically 5%) is spent on an annual basis in order to assure that the original funds will grow over time. Professional money managers will oversee the fund, investing the money in stocks, bonds, and other instruments.

We believe that you would agree that education is the foundation for the future success of our students. Our country, more than ever, needs better educated and trained workers. Current worker skills are not where the jobs are. We are determined to help our Rhodes high school students get the best education and training that will allow them to build a strong foundation and help them to be successful in their endeavors.

We are dedicated to do our part in making them the best that they can be as they move along in life. We will all be better off as they succeed. We hope that you feel the same. With your understanding and help we can make a big difference. Let's be part of the solution. Our future is now!

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Thanks So Much!

Whenever there is a program to build an endowment fund it behooves the officers, trustees and individuals close to the founding association to first make their donations and pledges to show their commitments. Our commitment thus far is \$34,497.00.

Our special thanks go out to Mike Kraynak, class of 1948, for his extremely generous donation of \$25,000 for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Mike kicked off our campaign by recognizing the importance of education. Mike also showed his desire to “pay back” for the success he enjoyed after graduation from Yale University when he donated substantial monies to their scholarship programs. As a senior at Rhodes, Mike was the recipient of a Yale scholarship. Thanks again, Mike, for your “give back” philosophy.

Many future Rhodes seniors will benefit from your generosity!

Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.

-Ladybird Johnson



Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

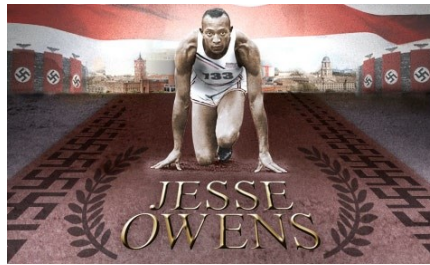
-John W. Whitehead

There's nothing wrong with the younger generation that becoming taxpayers won't cure.

- Dan Bennett

If our American way of life fails the Children, it fails us all.

-Pearl S. Buck



[A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN](#)

Let's Have Some Historical Perspective. Let's Honor the Past

U.S. track star Jesse Owens made history at the 1936 Berlin Olympics 75 years ago, when he destroyed Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy by winning four gold medals. But his feat also set in motion a decades old mystery, about a unique gift Owens and other Olympic champions received from Hitler. In 1936, the German Olympics Committee gave athletes an oak sapling for each gold medal they won. The U.S. team received 24 such saplings; Owens came home with four of them. One of Owens' trees towers over Rhodes High School where he trained. There is no plaque marking it, but former track coach, Tyrone Owens says it has long been a source of pride. "Several track coaches have sent champions down to the state meet over the last 70, 80 years," he said. "And we always have taken pictures when the kid places down state, underneath this tree."

Coach Owens is a distant relative of Jesse Owens, and he says it's a happy coincidence that he spent 31 years at Rhodes as a teacher and a coach. While alumni come and pick acorns, and occasional visitors drive to see the huge oak, Tyrone said that not everyone cares. "To the regular student body, it's just a tree." "Just a tree," he said. It's a very important piece of history that sits here in Cleveland. While this tree is a part of history, what happened to Owens' other oaks is probably better thought of as a legend.

The University of Southern California had an oak in honor of the 4x100 meter relay team, on which Owens won his fourth medal. Another tree was said to be planted at the Cleveland home of Jesse Owens' mother, but it fell when the home came down in the 1960s. Others reportedly were destroyed during and after WWII because of anti-German sentiment. A few died of natural causes, which was the fate of the other USC tree. But a random few of the Olympic trees are known to be standing tall all around the world, mostly in public settings such as the Paterno Polo Field in Argentina and at our James Ford Rhodes High School.



It is believed that only four of the U.S. trees are thought to be alive. An English oak near Ohio State's library has long been rumored to be the lost Owens tree. Arborists determined it is the same species, age and size as the famous oak in Cleveland. The university wants to prove the tree's identity by comparing its DNA with other Olympic trees.

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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 , 2014 at the Bob-O-Links golf course in Avon. The course is located at 4141 Center Road (Route 83) in Avon, OH 44011. Registration will begin at 11AM 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, 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 your clubs and 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 the tee.
Cost is \$55.00 with a check made out to Rhodes Alumni Association—
P.O.Box 41463—Brecksville, Ohio 44141. Thank you!

call Debbie or Bill @ 440/526-8600 or Jeff Burke @ 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 please be an early bird
by paying before 8/20, cost will be \$63.00 per golfer—after 8/20, \$70.00 per
person. Register EARLY!!!

Name _____

Number (Names) in your group _____

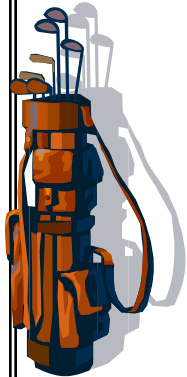
Address, City, Zip _____

Phone # & Cell # _____

Amount of check \$63 per golfer (after 8/20, \$70 per golfer) _____

Make check payable to: **Rhodes Alumni Association**
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2014 Financial Report

General Fund

<u>Balance as of December 31, 2013</u>	\$54,200.10
Income for 2012	
Membership	\$ 1,680.00
General Donations	\$ 1,606.00
Golf Outing	\$ 7,669.00
Total Income	\$10,955.00
Expenses for 2013	
Alumni Newsletter printing	\$ 1,327.29
Postage	\$ 59.74
Operating	\$ 950.62
Fundraiser (golf outing)	\$ 4,341.38
Robotics Team Donation	\$ 2,500.00
Total Expenses	\$ 9,179.03
 <u>Balance as of December 31, 2013</u>	 \$55,976.07

Scholarship Endowment Fund

Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$55,736.08
Income for 2012	
Interest	\$ 206.79
Donations	\$29,290.00
Total Income	\$29,496.79
Disbursements for 2013	
3—\$ 500.00 Scholarships	\$ 1,500.00
1—\$1,000.00 John Busch scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
1- \$1,000.00 Mike Kraynak scholarship	\$ 500.00
2—\$500.00 Joe Rocco Scholarships	\$ 1,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 4,000.00
 <u>Balance as of December 31, 2013</u>	 \$81,232.87

Hall of Fame Inductees

THE INDUCTEES FOR THIS YEAR ARE:

Nancy Wagner Elliott

Nancy Graduated in the Rhodes High School class of 1959. She was nominated by Erika Jordan Wagner (no relation). Nancy has been working with the University of Arizona in alternative crops for southern Arizona. She graduated from Oberlin College in 1963. She and her husband formed their own company after moving from Michigan to Yuma, Arizona in 1978. Currently, in addition to her plant breeding work and crops research, she is a volunteer English teacher at the Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center. Nancy also serves on the Board of Directors for the Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Pamela Barker

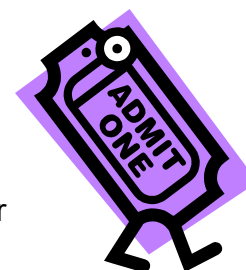
Pamela graduated from Rhodes in 1975. She is a common pleas judge for Cuyahoga County. She achieved this position by an appointment from the Governor of Ohio when the seat was vacated. She has since been reelected by the people to retain her judgeship. Pamela graduated from Kenyon College and The Ohio State University Law School. She practiced law for many years before becoming a magistrate and then a judge. She has had 28 years in the practice of law, primarily civil litigation, Mayor's court and Juvenile Diversion Magistrate, City of Brecksville. You may best remember Judge Barker for insisting that Ariel Castro look her in the eye and listen as she read the many criminal charges in her courtroom.

Frank Crisafi

Frank graduated in 1952 from Rhodes. His family instilled in him the value of hard work and one of his first business tasks was selling Christmas trees—including the risks and profits involved in that venture. He was a member of the unbeaten and untied football team that won the Charity Bowl in 1951. After graduating from Rhodes, he attended Western Reserve University majoring in accounting and business. At the same time he ran his own business, warehousing and selling appliances. Having had sales experience, he gravitated to real estate with the firm of King and Smith and later became the first firm to build condominiums. Frank did not forget his promise to his father to finish his higher education and went on the get his law degree and become a member of the bar.

Jim Zickes

Jim graduated from John Marshall High School January, 1951. He graduated from Bowling Green University in 1955. He excelled as a teacher, track and cross country coach at Rhodes High School. Jim had the honor of coaching two time state champion, Ron Addison of Rhodes. Coach Zickes was inducted into the Ohio Track and Field Hall of Fame Class of 1984.



Dear Rhodes Alumni members:

Our biennial Hall of Fame dinner honoring four new inductees is set for Friday, October 10, 2014 at 6:00 PM—11:00 PM.

We would like to have as many people at this dinner as possible and strongly urge you to join us in honoring the new inductees.

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

(Return bottom portion with your payment)

Rhodes Sports Page

MAHAGONY JONES MAKES HER MARK AGAIN!

Rhodes graduate Mahagony Jones, now a Penn State student is an amazing athlete as she proves once again.

Penn State won the 2014 Big Ten Indoor Track & Field Championships at the Spire Institute. The Nittany Lions posted four individual crowns and one relay title to claim the championship. The title marks Penn State's third overall and first since 2010.

All big ten runner, Mahagony Jones won the 200 meter dash and was on the winning team of the 4x100 meter relay team. She has made the most of her gift for speed since her high school days at Rhodes. Miss Jones is a champion and we are proud to keep our readers updated on her blossoming career.



CHIEF WAHOO—HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM?

While this article is about Chief Wahoo, we are putting the emphasis on the artist who designed the cartoon, Walter Goldbach. He was a Rhodes graduate from the class of 1948. He said the last thing he would have intended by his art would be to offend anyone. His kids have told him he looks like Chief Wahoo due to the size of his nose.

Chief Wahoo is the mascot of the Cleveland Indians. He is represented as a cartoonish grinning Native American with a single-feather headdress. His image has graced the team's logo and uniform over the years, even being used on the team's caps some seasons.

Chief Wahoo was originally designed by artist Walter Goldbach in 1947, at the urging of owner Bill Veeck, who was looking to add to the sadly-lacking profile of his newly-acquired franchise. At the time, Goldbach was a 17 year old student employed by the J.F. Novak Company, a Cleveland, Ohio signmaker. The logo was updated in 1951 and has been unchanged since.

Beginning in the early 1990's, Chief Wahoo became a highly controversial figure, as many Native Americans protested the use of what they saw as a demeaning stereotype to promote the team. These protests culminated when the Indians reached the World Series in 1995 and 1997, providing the team with a level of national media exposure it had not enjoyed since the 1950s. As a result, the figure has become much less visible in recent years, but the Indians have not given in to demands to either officially retire it or change the team's name. Spokespersons for the team and Mike Veeck, Bill's son, have explained that the mascot was designed to promote joy and laughter and that no disrespect was ever intended. The figure remains very popular among supporters of the team.

- From the BR Bullpen



All I have to say is this—"GO TRIBE!" This is your year!