
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter

LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY
SPRING 2011 ISSUE

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT WITH COLLEGE

Cesar Sepulveda, a gentle bear of an 18 year old, was almost one more high school dropout, heading to a life of crime or a backbreaking job as a laborer. Instead, the June graduate of Cleveland's Rhodes High School packed his bags in August and moved to John Carroll University, the first step in his plan to become a pediatrician.

He couldn't have done it without his former calculus teacher, Audrey Schneider, prodding him to keep his grades up and acting as his mentor.

"My mom and dad didn't know how to put me into college or that I would even graduate from high school," said Sepulveda. This is not easy for many Hispanics. Nationally, only 13 percent of Hispanic adults have at least a Bachelor's Degree and it's easy to see why: many never graduate from high school. The Hispanic graduation rate in the Cleveland public schools is just 33%, well under the 54.3% graduation rate for the district. Hispanic youth recognize that a college degree is important for a successful future, according to a 2009 Pew Hispanic Center report.

The problem? Pressures to get a job and to help their families financially induce many Hispanic youth to cut short high school and sacrifice college. Sepulveda is an example of how the pattern can change with the help of a mentor reaching out to those who aren't getting that message at home.

One summer, Sepulveda wanted a job fixing roofs for extra money, and planned to pass up an internship with the Cleveland Clinic. His mentor, Schneider, had other ideas and a warning for him: "You will be 50 years old on a roof in 90 degree weather and you are going to be taking drugs to go to sleep because of the backaches. Is this the future you want?" "I just laid it out plain," she said. Sepulveda took the internship.

Mentors can make the critical difference, says Victor Ruiz, executive director of Esperanza, which offers three mentoring programs for students in 6th through 12th grades. Sepulveda surely needed one. He probably wouldn't have made it to college or even through high school without Schneider, a teacher who became his mentor.

After Sepulveda's parents divorced when he was in 9th grade, his life spun out of control and he started hanging out with teens who robbed drug dealers, even though just a year before he'd been in advanced classes and gotten good grades. About the time he began to have doubts about the wisdom of that life, Schneider started giving Sepulveda rides home after he stayed late at school to work on projects. "She felt like my mom," says Sepulveda. "She seemed like she cared for everybody."

Schneider pushed him to get his grades up to get into the National Honor Society. Now that Sepulveda is in college, Schneider worries about the pressure on him at home to take care of his younger sister. There's an upside to his decision to attend school near her home. She reminds him that "at least you're close enough that I can kick your rear end when you need it."

We will be watching for good things from Mr. Sepulveda as he continues to pursue his dream of becoming a pediatrician.

- article taken from Plain Dealer (author Sharon Broussard)



I Stand Corrected...

After our last newsletter I received a letter from the January 1960 50th reunion co-chairpersons correcting a mistake (of omission) I made in the last newsletter by not giving credit to their class for the monies collected at the January reunion. I am very sorry and it was unintentional. It was the January class that collected \$1525.00 for the scholarship fund and they then passed the baton to the June 1960 class who raised \$3445.00 for the scholarship fund. All of the monies collected by both classes are separate (as you will see on the financial report) and we want to tell both of these classes how appreciative we are of their efforts. What a great way to raise money for the students of Rhodes High School by challenging the next class to beat what was raised by the preceding class. The beneficiaries are, of course, the students and that is the most important thing. Thanks so much for the correction and again, I apologize for my mistake.

Building a Future of Funding to Help Students at Rhodes

If you are fortunate enough to be able to donate to the Rhodes High School scholarship fund, please consider a scholarship in your family name like John and Marcy Busch or if not a personal donation, may we suggest:

- Graduation class donations—such as the class of 1959, the January 1960 class and the June 1960 class. Perhaps challenging another class as the January 1960 class did to the June 1960 class.
- Possibly set up matching funds with employer or with another group.
- Donation of stocks that have appreciated over the years. Since we are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization the current stock donation value will be tax deductible and there will be no capital gains tax to you.

As we have all seen in the past from our newsletter articles, there are many deserving students at Rhodes High School and our goal is to be able to help them to succeed in whatever ways we can. We have been able to help with special projects and equipment at the school and also with the scholarship program.

Thanks for your consideration!

LEGACY

Preserving the past, enriching the present, inspiring the future

Let us help create your legacy!

Successful 2010 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

We had a wonderful Hall of Fame celebration this year inducting four deserving individuals. We listed them in a previous newsletter but to refresh your memory, George Shuba, a renowned photographer from the class of 1955, Gayle Galan, a doctor and expert witness from the class of 1970, Edward Klima, an eminent linguist from the class of 1949 and Robert Sudyk, a sports writer and feature writer from the class of 1951. All were introduced by a friend or family member and then each inductee made a short speech as well. There was a buffet dinner and the music was provided by the Bob Murnan Trio with a few songs by Frank Crisafi. It is always nice to get together to honor some of the classmates from Rhodes High School and to celebrate their successes. According to those we spoke to, everyone enjoyed the evening immensely and we are looking forward to getting recommendations for the next Hall of Fame Induction in 2012. If you have someone that you believe is worthy of this honor please fill out the recommendation form on the following page and send it along with the supporting documentation to the Alumni Association @ 7650 Chippewa Rd., Ste. 311—Brecksville, Ohio 44141.



Myra Stone



Frank Crisafi singing
with the band



Group at Hall of Fame



Hall of Fame to be Held in 2012

Our nomination committee goes through all of the nominations received and then chooses those they feel are the most deserving of the award of Rhodes Hall of Fame inductee.

We really appreciate all of the nominations that are made on behalf of those you believe are worthy. When making a nomination please give our committee more information than just what is on the form in the newsletter. We need their accomplishments and what sets that individual apart from someone else. All those sent in will be considered for the Hall of Fame. We take this honor very seriously and make every effort to recognize excellence in all worthy endeavors.

<p><u>Please address the following concerns:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Development • Community Involvement • Vocational Achievement • Achievement Recognition • Social Impact <p>Return to:</p> <p>Rhodes Alumni Association Hall of Fame Committee 7650 Chippewa Rd., Ste. 311 Brecksville, Ohio 44141 Phone # 440/526-8600</p>	<p>Nominee _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City, State, Zip _____</p> <p>Phone # _____</p> <p>Faculty / Subject _____</p> <p>Occupation _____</p> <p>Nominated by _____</p> <p>Phone # _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City / State / Zip _____</p> <p><u>Please attach all pertinent information!</u></p>
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**BLESSED ARE THE YOUNG FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT
THE NATIONAL DEBT!**



Third Annual Rhodes Alumni Golf Outing

A good time and great success!

We had another very successful golf outing in 2010. If you haven't been able to join us for one of our Rhodes Alumni Association golf outings, do yourself a favor and plan on being there with your foursome and your clubs on Friday, August 26th, 2011.

This year Conley Schnaterbeck and Joe Zimiski won closest to the pin and both received a trophy. The first place foursome was Ron Courey, Jerry McGinty, Bill Coyne and John Stavole. The second place foursome was Bill Pullar, Dan Kalish, Jack Burke and Jim Delaney.

Sixty four golfers came out for the event this year which was an increase from last year. Six people came just for the dinner and we had eight hole sponsors this year. It was a great event and hopefully, it will continue to grow in the coming years. We had some very nice prizes that were donated by local businesses and a good time was had by all. Don't miss out this year! Get your reservations in early and help us with the planning. Thanks!

UPCOMING 2011 GOLF OUTING

We hope to be able to increase our golfers, hole sponsors and diners for this years Rhodes Alumni Annual Golf Outing so if you are interested or know someone who might be please plan on attending this fun filled event. We will make another announcement in the August newsletter but last year we had a problem with our printing and by the time the newsletter came out, it was too late to participate. If you think you might be interested in attending either as a part of a foursome or as a single to join another foursome, please fill out the registration on the following page and send it with your check as soon as possible to help us with the preparations. As in past years, I am sure a great time will be had by all of the attendees. This years event will take place on Friday, August 26th 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 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, cart, lunch, snack and catered dinner buffet. So, dig out your clubs and shoes and come on out and have some fun while also helping the Rhodes Alumni Association. Tell a friend! Bring a friend!

For more information call Debbie or Bill @ 440/526-8600 or Brian@ 440/933-3124

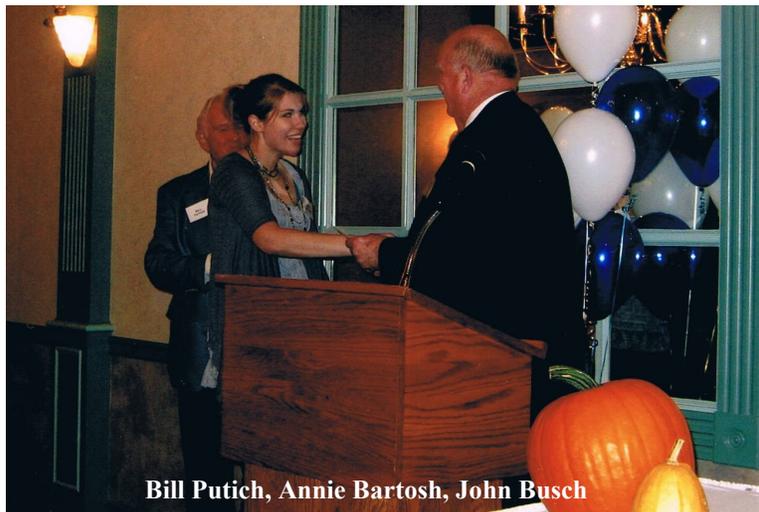
TEAR OFF REGISTRATION SHEET ON NEXT PAGE AND SEND IT IN!!





Annie Bartosh—the first recipient of the Busch scholarship

John and Marcy Busch were at the Rhodes Alumni Hall of Fame induction dinner to present Annie Bartosh with the first John and Marcy Busch scholarship. She is a very deserving young lady who was an excellent student. Just as important she has always been involved in many different aspects within her school and the community. She has worked with senior citizens, children, done trail clean up, trash pick up, worked at a soup kitchen and donated blood when eligible while also assisting in the implementation of school blood drives sponsored by the American Red Cross. She is a very well rounded young lady, both in her studies and school participation as well as community service. Everyone felt she was a perfect fit for this special scholarship and we all wish her much success in her pursuits.



Bill Putich, Annie Bartosh, John Busch

GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION FORM

Get your reservation in early to guarantee your spot!

Name _____

Number (Names) in your group _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Phone # & Cell # _____

Amount of check (\$63.00 per golfer) _____

**Make check payable to: Rhodes Alumni Association
7650 Chippewa Road Ste. 311
Brecksville, Ohio 44141**

Info? Questions? Call Debbie or Bill @ 440/526-8600 or Brian @ 440/933-3124



2010 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as of December 31, 2009 **\$45,868.69**

Income for 2010

Membership (354 members)	\$ 3,540.00
General Donations	\$ 1,369.00
Fundraiser (golf outing)	\$ 5,093.05
Hall of Fame dinner	\$ 3,680.00
Class of 1959 (Faculty Fund)	\$ 437.00

Total Income

\$14,119.05

Expenses for 2010

Alumni Newsletter printing	\$ 1,446.58
Postage	\$ 435.00
Operating expenses	\$ 83.00
Golf Outing	\$ 3,383.35
Hall of Fame Dinner	\$ 3,551.91
Class of 1959 (Music Dept.)	\$ 2,139.04
Championship Basketball team equip.	\$ 1,197.00

Total Expenses

\$12,235.88

Balance as of December 31, 2010

\$47,751.86

Scholarship Fund

Balance as of December 31, 2009

\$27,222.09

Income

Interest	\$ 864.25
Donations	\$ 4980.00
Jan. Class of 1960 (scholarship)	\$ 1,525.00
June Class of 1960 (scholarship)	\$ 3,445.00

Total Income

\$ 10,814.25

Disbursements

2—\$500.00 scholarships	\$ 1,000.00
1—\$1,000.00 scholarship (Busch's)	\$ 1,000.00
Operating	\$ 2.67

Total Expenses

\$ 2,002.67

Balance as of December 31, 2010

\$ 36,033.67



Rhodes Sports Page

Senate Championship

Rhodes 26, John Hay 20

Linebacker / halfback Josh Gonzales returned a fumble 33 yards for the winning touchdown with four minutes remaining in the Senate Athletic League Championship at Collinwood Athletic Complex. Rams halfback / linebacker LaKeith Walls had 10 carries 108 yards and two touchdowns, scoring on an 83-yard kickoff return and a 53-yard run. Defensively, Walls recorded nine solo tackles for the winners. Rhodes finishes 7-4; John Hay 6-5.

Way to go Rams!

Boys Basketball

**Boys Team—Senate Champions
Louie Moore—Coach of the Year in the Senate!**

Rhodes finished its regular season at 14-6, 12-2 in the league, by winning its first title game since 2005 and fifth overall. The annual game matches the Senate teams with the best league records that did not reach the Ohio School Athletic Association playoffs.

Alumni Association Rewards Boys Basketball Team

The Alumni Association rewarded the boys basketball team with some items from their “wish list” including 12 new basketballs, a security ball locker, 18 nylon bags and one travel team bag that holds 6-8 balls to show how very proud we are of their accomplishments. We donated \$1197.00 to the team and it was all spent on equipment at Adler Sports. We hope that this helps the team in the future. All of the alumni are so proud of our teams and celebrate every win with them!



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