
Rhodes Alumni Association Newsletter



LET US HELP CREATE YOUR LEGACY

SUMMER 2016 ISSUE

Thank You!

Our grateful thanks to all of you who have made donations to our scholarship endowment fund since our last update. We are getting close to our initial goal of \$200,000.

Hall of Fame Member, Nancy Elliott, class of 1959 has our sincere thanks for her recent \$1,000 donation to our endowment fund which provides scholarship help to both college and technical training bound seniors.

Perhaps you may consider a donation honoring -

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



Donations can be made :

- By check or money order
- By transferring securities to the Rhodes Alumni Association
- By transferring 401 K funds to the Rhodes Alumni Association
- Remembering James Ford Rhodes Alumni Association Endowment Fund in your will or trust, -part of your legacy.
- Real or Personal property—often allows an individual to contribute more than he/she thought possible (ie, car, coin collection, paid up insurance policies, etc.)
- 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 . Your contribution will allow your alumni association to move forward in making an endowed scholarship fund a reality. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Questions? Call Bill Putich @ 440/526-4433

The Director of Wisdom

There once lived a king, a very benevolent fellow, loved by his community. He ruled a little kingdom tucked away in a pleasant corner of one of those European regions that used to have little kingdoms tucked away in its corners.



One day an army came and overran the castle, making off with half the treasury. The king decided to tell the people he had to increase taxes to make up for the loss. He called in one of his court wise men.

“How can I break the news without inciting a revolt?” he asked.

The wise man pondered—that’s his job—and came up with a gentle way of explaining the theft as a tragedy for the entire kingdom, imploring people for their support. It went over well.

Time passed, and once again the neighboring army raided the castle, this time carting away much of the food stored for the winter. Once again, the king called upon his wise man—by this time, he was known as the Director of Wisdom—and laid bare the facts.

“What can I tell my subjects this time?” the king asked. “They will lose confidence in me if I can’t defend the kingdom’s food and money.”

Again, the wise man pondered. He advised the king to be frank about the loss, but to say only that it had gone to a neighboring kingdom that seemed to need it desperately. And the king told the people, and asked them to work even harder on the year’s harvest. And they did, and all was well.

By this time, the neighboring army was getting rather good at raids. Once again they struck, hauling away horses, hay and other foodstock and most of the royal jewels. Once again, the king summoned his advisor, the VP of Wisdom and Sagely Advice. This time, the king was despondent.

“They raid the treasury. They take our food. They steal our livestock,” the king wailed” and the queen’s going to kill me about those jewels. You are my most trusted advisor. What shall I do?”

The wise man hesitated. “I think”, he said, “the time has come for your highness to put the water back in the moat.”

The moral of the story is simple—solve a basic problem and you won’t have as many public relations problems.

- Harold Burson, chairman, Burson-Marsteller Public Relations

Let’s help educate our students to attack the basic problems of life!



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –PLEASE RESPOND!

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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 as soon as possible !!!! Thank you!**

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

I'M FINE THANKS!

To our golden (rust) age members

There is nothing the matter with me,
I'm as healthy as can be.
I have arthritis in both of my knees,
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
Arch supports I have for my feet,
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street.
Sleep is denied me, night after night,
But every morning I find I'm all right.
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin,
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.
The moral is this, as this tale I unfold,
That for you and me who are growing old,
It's better to say "I'm fine," with a grin,
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.
How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,
Of all the grand places "my get up" has been
Old age is golden, I've heard it said,
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed,
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,
My eyes on the table until I wake up,
Ere sleep comes o'er me, I say to myself
Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf.



Dear Rhodes High Graduate,

On Thursday, October 6th our Rhodes Alumni Association will induct a very special person, Mike Kraynak, class of 1948, into the Rhodes Hall of Fame. Beyond all his successes after high school he is the top donor for our scholarship endowment fund. Perhaps you have read about Mike’s accomplishments in our Spring 2015 newsletter.

The event will be held at St. Michael’s Woodside Event Center, 5025 E. Mill Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio from 5:30—10:30 PM. There will be a buffet dinner with a **donated** open bar and music furnished by the Highlighters Trio which you are sure to enjoy.

Please join us to welcome Mike into our Hall of Fame and thank him for all he has done for our high school. We hope to see you there!

Bill Putich—President

Bill Loeb—Trustee

Kim Regan—Treasurer

Jack Belcher, Trustee

Margery Gerbec—Vice President & Secretary

Leo Aukerman—Trustee



If you are able to join us—Please return this section with check in the self addressed envelope provided.

Name(s) Attending—\$45.00 per person _____

Registration list will be used for entrance.

Make check payable to Rhodes Alumni Association—No cash, please!!

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PUT IN HIS PLACE...

A self-important college freshman attending a recent football game took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen sitting next to him why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

‘You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one,’ the student said, loud enough for many of those nearby to hear. ‘The young people of today are much more advanced than people your age. We grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon and the Internet. We have cell phones, nuclear energy, electric and hydrogen cars, computers, automated manufacturing, amazing technologies,...and,’ pausing to take another drink of beer.

The senior citizen took advantage of the break in the student’s litany and said, ‘You’re right, son. We didn’t have those things when we were young.... So we invented them. Now, you arrogant _____, what are **YOU** doing for the next generation?’

The applause was resounding...

I LOVE SENIOR CITIZEN!!!



HOW A CHILD LOOKS AT THE WORLD!

The mother of a little girl whose cat had died tried to console her daughter by saying, “Tabby is in heaven now.” The daughter replied, “What does God want with a dead cat?”

Scholarship News

Criteria for Scholarship help for Seniors who choose to enter college or vocational training program. This amounts to \$7,000 yearly:

- ♦ Two (2) \$1,500 for outstanding students (not necessarily a valedictorian but must have top notch grades). If there are several qualifying them solid resumes of other activities should help decide.

Donated by Mike Kraynak

- ♦ One (1) \$1,000 for senior who has contributed the most to Rhodes High School and the community.

Donated by John Busch

- ♦ One (1) \$500 for the senior contributing the most to the Rhodes Review Staff.

Donated by Mike Kraynak

- ♦ One (1) \$500 to a student for giving outstanding effort to get to college.

Donated by Mike Kraynak

- ♦ One (1) \$500 to the senior who contributed most to the Rhodes Wrestling Program.

Donated by Joe Rocco

- ♦ Three (3) \$500 for seniors who have expended great effort to prepare themselves in pursuit of college or vocational training.

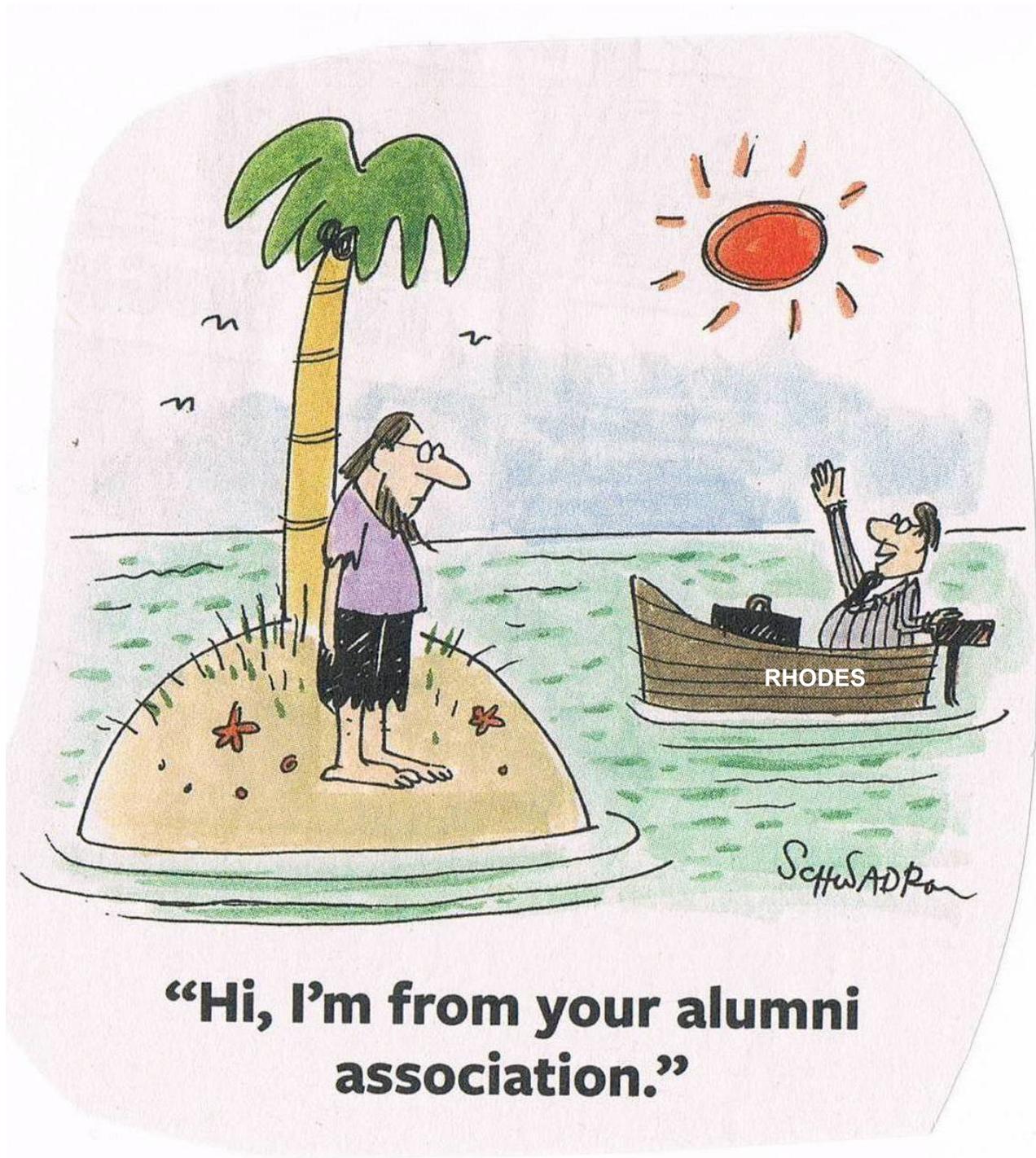
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Children are the living messages we send to

A time we will not see.

- John W. Whitehead



**“Hi, I’m from your alumni
association.”**

**We, at the Rhodes Alumni Association
would just like to
thank you all for
your continued support**