

Raymond High School

Alumni Association

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ALL CLASS REUNION – SEPTEMBER 20, 2014

Over 270 alumni and guests gathered and enjoyed an afternoon of reminiscing with friends and classmates. It was a great day as old friends rushed to greet one another. We were happy to see many new faces that have not attended the reunions in the past. The decades tables were set up in the gym which provided a backdrop of RHS history as friendships were renewed. The Refreshments were served by former Raymond Alumnus, Kelly Adams of Hospitality Catering and enjoyed by all. The reunion concluded with a gathering in the Cafeteria where prizes were awarded and we all sang "Fair Raymond".

Dr. Wilbur Miller, Class of 1932, was recognized as the oldest graduate in attendance and took the podium to speak to the audience. June Brown Deaton, Class of 1957, was the winner of the Lifetime Membership to the Association. Various other prizes were awarded, including to the Alumni that traveled the furthest distance (California), to attend. The Class of 1964 was the winner with 12 alumni present from their class. We were pleased to see Mrs. Bolduc, former Business Education teacher, in attendance and also more alumni from the 80's and 90's attending.

For those alumni that could not be there, we missed you and perhaps, we will see you the next time around. We are already thinking ahead to our next reunion in 2018 as a celebration of 100 years of Raymond High School!!



The 60's



67-68-69



1970



1972



1973



1974



1975



1980's

A special Thank you to those that set up and helped at the 80's table: Terry Gove, Jenny Hutchins, Michelle Ingram, Dale Jellison, Leanne Robinson, Alison Welch. Without your help we would not have been able to have an 80's table and your display was great!!



DONNA TOTO CORVAIS – CLASS OF 1975

This is a story about a person who has overcome many obstacles and not let them get in her way. When Donna lost her sight at the age of 40, she thought her gardening days were over. But with inner courage and help from friends and family, Donna is a gardener once again.

Donna had been running a successful flower shop when she lost her sight. Now she had to learn to live all over again. Her first step was enrolling in a school for the blind where during the 16-week program, she learned how to navigate the world anew. She began settling into her new life, but getting reconnected with gardening seemed like a dream that would never happen. Then one day, an employee at Gardener's Supply who had heard about Donna, gave her a call and told her they wanted to get her back into gardening. Thus began her second life as a gardener.

Since getting back into gardening Donna has learned many tricks. She uses self-watering planters because she can feel when the water reservoir is low. She has learned to lift a pot and tell, by its weight, if watering is needed. She uses scented plants like marigolds to mark specific areas of her yard. Because of her strong background in flower design and her memory, she can still do flower arranging and workshops for the local flower shows. She has the flower wholesaler describe the flowers they have, the colors and then she can put them together into arrangements.

Since Donna has lost her sight, she has earned a degree in Horticultural Therapy and is now Vermont's first registered horticultural therapist. She has spoken before many professional groups including at the United States Botanical Garden in Washington, D.C. Donna resides near Burlington, Vermont with her husband Joe, who is a Clinical Psychologist and also lost his sight at the age of 40.

TRIBUTE TO RHS ALUMNUS DR. WILBUR H. MILLER - CLASS OF 1932

A highlight of the recent reunion was the attendance of the oldest alumna from RHS, Dr. Wilbur H. Miller. Dr. Miller was "delighted" to have been invited and amused the attendees with his sharp wit. He recalled life in Raymond as the son of the local barber. He also spoke with fondness of his mentor and teacher, Iber Holmes (Gove), who welcomed him as he was a new student having moved from Deerfield to attend high school. Wilbur left RHS to make his way in the world with a diploma and the hand of Harriet Harmon, daughter of then Superintendent of Schools George Harmon.

Wilbur was presented with a painting done by RHSAA committee member, Shirley Holt Dodge '49, of the house on Main Street where he and his father lived. Wilbur was very pleased to renew his long-standing friendship with Rae-Rae Smith Pratt '53, who was his next door neighbor during those years.

Before leaving the building, Wilbur at "99 years young" and accompanied by daughter Donna, made the long walk to the main entrance of the school to pay his respects to his life-long friend, Iber Holmes Gove. Her picture and biography are displayed there.

Dr. Wilbur Miller has long been looked upon by his contemporaries as a man of great accomplishment in the country and the world. The Raymond High School Alumni Association is pleased to have had this opportunity to pay tribute to Wilbur and extends all good wishes to him in the years ahead.

2014 SENIOR BREAKFAST

The Senior Breakfast was a success with many students attending. The students were told a little about the Raymond High School Alumni Association and encouraged to join. We hope to continue the senior breakfast on an annual basis.





2014 Senior Breakfast

LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID!!!!

Your dues have helped accomplish:

- To award (4) \$2,500 Scholarships that are given each year
- To produce our Annual Newsletter
- To fund the RHS Senior Breakfast
- To help to sponsor the All Class Reunions

Do you Remember Christmas Caroling in the hallways at school?

Let us know... do you read the Newsletter on Facebook... do you read it on our website... do you wait for it to come in the mail? Would you rather have us send the Newsletter to your email address. If so, please send us an email at inquiries@rhsalumninh.org

ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

- President - Cathy Perkins DelTufo '74
- Vice President - Andy Maloney '66
- Secretary - Mike Quintal '70
- Treasurer - Terrie Brackett Dolan '74
- Elayne Ingalls Clark '65
- Shirley Holt Dodge '49
- Judy Waterhouse Foley '66
- Michael Foley '68
- Ann Thompson Harris '67
- Carol Martin Levesque '70
- Chris Kip Mataragas '67
- Sally Guptill Paradis '58
- Barbara Gosselin Porter '51
- Barbara Stetson Reczkowski '68



Find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/RaymondAlumni

RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

www.rhsalumninh.org

Special thanks to **Tom Paige**, Class of 1978. Tom set up our website and continues to maintain it for us. The current newsletter, events, activities and other information can be found there.

RHS REMAINING CLASS FUNDS

The class of **2005** has remaining funds being held by the Alumni Association. These funds are available until November, 2015. Contact the Association for information on accessing funds. Request must be made in writing to the Alumni Association, PO Box 745, Raymond, NH 03077. Release of funds will be by vote of the Executive Board.

Do you Remember attending the Spring Concerts that were held each year in May?

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Have you thought about joining the Association, but are not sure what it entails. We usually meet on Tuesday nights and meet about 9 times per year. Our major event and fundraiser each year is the Golf Outing which is held in June. Why not attend a meeting and see if you would like to join us!

ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE

It's that time again. **Your Annual dues are \$10.00 and cover the period of November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2015.** Your support is what keeps the organization going!

Name at Graduation

Year you graduated

Has your address changed?

If you would like to receive future Newsletters electronically please give us your email address below when paying your dues.

Clip and Mail with your check to:
RHS Alumni Association
PO Box 745
Raymond, NH 03077

CLASS OF 1974 REUNION

The Class of '74 is planning a reunion to be held next year. Visit our Facebook Planning Page - RHS Class of '74 Reunion or email sunriseone@myfairpoint.net for more info.

Do you Remember making Pine Needle houses on the Playground!

CLASS OF 2017

Did you know that this year's Sophomore class, that will graduate in 2017, will have the honor of being the **100th** graduating class at Raymond High School!



RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GOLF OUTING NETS OVER \$10,000

The 12th annual golf outing was held June 24th at Candia Woods. Fifty-seven alumni, staff and friends completed the roster. The winning team with a low gross of 58 was awarded to Don Hsu and Dustin Moreault. First low net with a 56 was the team of John Porter, Dave Hall, Peter Bouchard and Ken Stone. Second low net at 58 was the team of Ray Nye, Bill Karageanis, Dave Taylor and Mike Karageanis. Third low net went to the team of Gary Graham, Ryan Johnson, Pat O'Grady and Mark Dunham. Low net with a 60 for the All Ladies Team went to Shirley Dodge, Cynthia Ross, Stephanie Prince and Marilyn Sneiderman.

Special Prizes were Awarded: Longest Drive on hole #10 for Senior Men to Bill Weaver; Longest Drive for Men under 75 to Dustin Moreault; Longest Drive for Senior Ladies to Sandy Weaver; Longest Drive for Ladies under 75 to Deb Archambault; Nearest to pin on hole #5 to Ken Stone; Nearest to pin on Hole #15 to George Plante and Putting Contest winner was Sally Paradis.

The events Gold Donors were I.C. Reed & Sons of Raymond and an Anonymous Donor. Silver Donor sponsorships were shared by JCR Utility Construction; Wal-Mart Distribution Center, both of Raymond, and we welcomed back Lovering Volvo as a sponsor. Our Bronze Donors were IBEW Local 104; Littlewoods Landscaping of Raymond, an Anonymous Donor and Memorials to Romie Levesque by the Ted Langford family of Raymond Coin-Op Laundry and the Jewett family and Jewett Construction. There was also a Memorial to Romie Levesque, long time Association committee member, by the Members of the RHS Alumni Association Committee.

We also had many that sponsored a Hole, contributed a donation, gave us a gift certificate or contributed to a Memorial sponsorship. Many thanks to every one of them!

THE 13TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 23, 2015



These ladies come every year and help us sell Raffle Tickets at the outing. They are Carol Pare Reed, Louise Grace Fontaine and Glenna Severance Dunphy. Thank you for your help and continued support!!



Winning Men's Team



Winning Ladies Team

Do you remember Mrs. Houghton rewarding you with gum for staying after school to wash the chalkboard?

Thanks this year to the following Class, Family and Memorial sponsorships:

In Memory of Deceased Class Members 1950 and 1951
 In Memory of Deceased Class Members 1965
 In Memory of Deceased Class Members 1970
 In Memory of Bruce Clark Class of 1964
 In Memory of Scott M. Griffin Class of 1982
 In Memory of Fred W. Richard Class of 1989
 In Memory of the Cote Twins
 In Memory of Leo Plante
 In Memory of Irene & Don Smith and Jean & John Fernald
 In Memory of Gordon A. and Helen (Greenwood) Cammett Sr. and daughters Kathy and Susie
 In Memory of the Ingalls Family
 In Memory of the Quintal Family
 In Memory of the Waterhouse Family
 The Bailey Family
 The Ornell Family
 George (Skidder) Brown Class of 1959

LONGTIME MEMBERS

There are several members of the Association that have been with us for a long time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the time they have devoted and continue to devote to the Association!

Sally Guptill Paradis '58 has been with us since the beginning and for many of those years she served as our President. Shirley Holt Dodge '49 has also been on board since the start and just stepped down this year as the Association Secretary. Barbara Goselin Porter '51 is another longtime member who served as our Treasurer for many years. Thank you ladies, we appreciate all that you do! Romeo Levesque '55 had been a Member of the Association since the start up and his presence is deeply missed.

CONTRIBUTORS TO RHS SCHOLARSHIP FUND DURING THE PAST YEAR

\$500.00

Wayne Niemi '70

John Ornell '75

\$100.00 +

Lawrence Ornell '79

Carmen Lacouture Murphy '51
 and
 Jacqueline Lacouture Murphy '47

in memory of
 Carle Lacouture '55

Robert Lord '64
 in memory of
 Cynthia and Charlie Lord

William Mullin
 in memory of
 Dorothy Reed Mullin '52

Lydia Farr Peak '71
 in memory of Nettie Maynard Farr '32

\$25+

Karen Levesque Bernier
 in memory of
 Levesque family

To date we have awarded

\$ 88,000.00

in Scholarships!!



Our entry in Raymond's 250th Anniversary Parade

~ IN MEMORIAM ~

Our sympathies to the families of alumni who have lost loved ones in 2014. The Association appreciates receiving news of RHS alumni who have passed away so that the listing in each newsletter is complete for the preceding year.

Lois Phyllis Currier Chamberlain '38

James Hastings '39

Tuttle McClaran '39

James Clement '41

Francis DeMayo '47

Robert Dickason '47

Dorothy Reed Mullin '52

Evelyn Harvey Wilson '54

Romeo Levesque Jr. '55

Janet McBride Lemay '59

John Stewart Jr. '64

Willis (Skip) Smart '69

Ivan (Skip) Reed III '70

Susan Walton Prince '72

John Cronin Jr. '73

George (Robbie) Robinson '77

Thomas Wallace Sr. '84

Michael Mataragas '85

Lauriel Sanville

"This was my first All-Class Reunion and I'm already looking forward to the next one. What fun, great people, good food, and a connection to this wonderful place I'll always call home."

Michelle Ingram Reynoso - '89

\$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THIS YEAR

Four awards of \$2,500 were made at June Graduation to the following college-bound seniors.

**Mitchell Sytolek
 Miranda Money
 Sabrina Vail
 Cameron Corriveau**

Congratulations and we wish you the very best on your continuing educational journey.