

Raymond High School

Alumni Association

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RAYMOND HIGH RESPONDS TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Covid-19 has required changes in all aspects of life. That is certainly true when it comes to the education of the students in Raymond, as the following timeline shows. Our thanks to Principal Woodward for this information.

Mid-March 2020: With Covid cases rising daily, Governor Sununu announced that all schools in NH must move to remote learning. Districts were given a week to get technology in place, and teachers had a week to come up with lesson plans that fit this new way of educating their students. RHS was up and running in 48 hours. Thus began a new system of learning that would remain in place for the rest of the school year. All sports and extracurricular activities that had been part and parcel of school life at RHS were cancelled.

June 2020: Class Night (where awards and scholarships are given to Seniors), and Celebration of Excellence night (awards given to underclassmen) plus Senior Night had to be held remotely. While graduation technically happened in June, the Graduation Ceremony itself did not take place until July 19th at Fisher Cats Stadium in Manchester, where proper social distancing could be observed. Gov. Sununu was the guest speaker, and it turned out to be a beautiful occasion during a very difficult time.

Summer 2020: Governor Sununu, along with state education officials, determined that the best course of action for all students was to offer a choice of systems. All schools needed to offer fully in-person, hybrid and remote learning options.

Fall 2020: Raymond chose the hybrid model. Students with last names beginning A-K were to be in-person Monday and Wednesday. Names beginning L-Z were in-person Tuesday and Thursday. Assignments were to be completed on the off-days. All students would be remote on Fridays. Sports resumed with restrictions: masks and social distancing on the sidelines, only home team fans at outdoor games and no fans at all for indoor competitions. Some schools cancelled their sports all together so there was a scramble to fill holes in the schedule. An outbreak of Covid required RHS to go solely remote after Thanksgiving to the end of 2020.

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Question: Would you have been able to handle this type of schedule?

IMPORTANT GOLFING NEWS

RHSAA has been notified by Candia Woods officials that

GOLF OUTINGS AT CW WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 72 PLAYERS BEGINNING WITH THE 2022 SEASON.

Your RHSAA committee members will continue to meet with CW staff to resolve this requirement and at the same time are putting out the word to alumni, friends, school staff and others that more golfers will be needed for a June 21, 2022 outing. The Golf Outing is our one and only fund-raising event each year. From the proceeds of this tournament we have been able to award \$170,500 in scholarships to deserving RHS seniors to further their educations.

RAYMOND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2021 GOLF OUTING NETS OVER \$11,000

The 18th annual RHS Alumni Association golf outing was held on June 22 at Candia Woods.

Awards: The Low Gross award went to the team of Ryan Johnson, Dan Johnson, Dave Anzalone, and Jake Yaris with 60 by a match of cards with team of Bud Dodge, Tom Perkins, Scott Ross & Don Moulton, also at 60. The Third Low Gross went to Jeff Weakley, Ken Brosnahan, Lou Eunari and Stephanie Prince with a 61 and Fourth Low Gross with a 67 was the team of Joe LaFond, Dan Frost, Paul Haddad and Kevin Callahan by a match of cards with Dave Bailey, Nick Soldano, Cole Collins, and Tyler Clark, also at 67. **Special prizes** awarded: Longest Drive on Hole #10 for Senior Men to Roger Paradis and Longest Drive for Men under 75 to Jeff Weakley. Longest Drive on Hole #10 for Senior Ladies to Cynthia Ross and Longest Drive for Ladies under 75 to Jane LaDuke. Nearest to Pin on Hole #8 was Dan Johnson, and Winner of the putting contest was Joe LaFond.

The event's **Platinum Donor** was I. C. Reed & Sons, Inc.

Gold Donors: John (Jack) Ornell, RHS Class of 1975 and Hi-Volt Electric Line Construction & Maintenance, Inc.

Silver Donor: Wal*Mart Distribution Center of Raymond.

Bronze Donors: D. F. Richard Inc., Tuckaway Tavern, Gemini Valve, American Legion Riders Post #90, Littlewoods Landscaping, and Radio Grove Hardware

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Winter and Spring 2021: School returned to the hybrid model in January. By March the Governor wanted all schools back in person with masks and social distancing. Spring sports followed the pattern of Fall sports.

June 2021: 'Class Night' where the Alumni Associations Scholarships were awarded, plus the underclassmen's 'Celebration of Excellence' programs were held indoors at Raymond High School. Graduation was held outside on the RHS grounds for 78 graduates.

Fall of 2021: Plans formulated this past summer meant that school re-opened as fully as possible, with as few restrictions as possible, in September. There was one minor outbreak on two of the athletic teams that required going fully remote over Columbus Day weekend. But because of the long weekend only 3 school days required remote learning to be back in place.

\$10,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Once again the Raymond High School Alumni Association was pleased to award four scholarships of \$2500 each to these 2021 Raymond High School graduates.

- Anya Cunningham**
- Kathryn LaCasse**
- Scott Philibert**
- Madilyn Robinson**

Congratulations and best wishes as you continue your educational journey.

THANKS TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND THIS PAST YEAR

- Beverly Smith Wright**
- Michael Ryan**
- John Gordon**
- Ken Downing**
- Audrey Renaud**
- David & Terry Reed King**
- Alison Carver Schmidlein**
- Maxine Brown Carver**
- Glidden Family Trust**
- Elaine Erwin Mont**

Every contribution, large or small, helps us reach our goal to provide 4 scholarships each year.

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Hole Sponsors: In Memory of Chris Derzanski, the Brewitt Funeral Home, Excel Physical Therapy, Hampshire Family Dental, Hurd-Welch Unit #90 American Legion Women's Auxiliary NH, In Memory of Romeo & Bessie Levesque, In Memory of Romie & Norah Levesque, J.a.m.b.s. Jewelry, Lamprey Family Dental LLC, People's United Bank, Poole's Oil Burner Service, Prince Limousine LLC, Raymond Chiropractic Clinic, Raymond Septic Tank Service, Scissors Edge Salon, Severino Trucking Co., Inc., Michael Stevener, DDS, Supreme House of Pizza, Family Mechanical and Tucker Masonic Lodge #99.

Raffle prizes or cash were received from area businesses and friends including, Candia Woods, Cello's Restaurant, Fremont Pizzeria, Good Heart Media Services, Gordo's Mexican Restaurant, Hannaford's of Raymond, Jackson Lumber & Millwork, Onway Woodworking, Piney Woods Farm, Dan Rollins, Salon 27, Wal*Mart Distribution Center of Raymond.

Memorial sponsorships were received for the following: John Stewart, Class of 1963; Paula Porter Greenglass; Fred & Hazel Bailey; John J. Callaghan; Don & Irene Smith; John & Jean Fernald; Thomas J. Robinson, Class of 1950; Joanne Rock Welch, Class of 1962; Frank Langford, Class of 1962; Bruce Clark, Class of 1964; Deceased Members of the Class of 1965; Class of 1970; Deceased Alumni from Deerfield; Warren Cross, Class of 1958; Janice Cross Noel, Class of 1968; Leo Plante, Class of 1975; Scott Griffin, Class of 1982; Cote Twins; Louis & Virginia Paquette; Gordon and Helen Greenwood Cammett, their son Jake, daughters Kathy & Susie, and grandson Greg Lafond.

Of course, the big winner of the day was the RHS Alumni Scholarship Fund that realized \$11,000 from the event and will ensure that four scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each can be awarded in 2022. The Association is proud to announce that since 2000, \$170,500 has been awarded to RHS seniors by the Association through the proceeds of the annual golf outing. The Association extends its thanks and appreciation to ALL those who contributed to the success of the outing this year—you are all on a winning team!

Thanks to our tournament day volunteers:
 Donna Doherty Greenaway '67; Janice Houle Roux '69
 Tara Greenaway Campbell '95.

WE APPRECIATE ALL OUR SPONSORS

Please consider having your business join this group of contributors, or perhaps you would personally like to make a Class, Family or Memorial contribution to our Golf Tournament next year. Your name and the name of the one(s) being remembered will appear in the Golf Outing Program distributed at the Golf Tournament, as well as in the Newsletter published each Fall.

YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU



HELP US CONTINUE THIS GOOD WORK

We meet monthly in March, April, May, September and October. Those who are able, gather one afternoon in November to sort the Alumni Newsletter for mailing.

In April and May we solicit support from local businesses, plus contact golfers to participate in our annual fund-raiser - the **Golf Tournament**. We have two meetings in June to prepare for this event and then the tournament at the end of June on a Tuesday.

For more information/or to volunteer, write to RHSAA, PO Box 745, Raymond, NH 03077, or e-mail jams0531@comcast.net.

The Raymond High School Alumni Association is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In accordance with IRS Requirements, we will provide you with a written receipt for contributions that are \$250 or more, when no goods or services were provided by the organization, in return for your contribution

PLAN TO JOIN US IN 2022

This year we had an enthusiastic response to being on the course once again. It was a good day of golf, topped off with a delicious meal, tournament awards, great raffle prizes, and lots of fun and laughter.

We have kept our registration fee low, so watch for news on our website, on Raymond CTV, and mark your calendars.

See you on the links!



IN MEMORIAM

Our sympathies go out to the families of alumni who have recently lost loved ones. 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.

- Muriel Welch Proulx '42
 - Charlena Littlefield Thompson '44
 - Maxine Brown Carver '45
 - Jean Waterhouse Saladino '50
 - Charlotte Roberts Christian '50
 - Walter Vining '51
 - John Littlefield '52
 - Hilda Roberts Strandell '56
 - Louise Grace Fontaine '57
 - Warren Cross '58
 - Avis Butterfield Dellea '58
 - Joyce Houle Nielsen '59
 - Ellnor Boulton Rollins '60
 - Theresa O'Brien Elliott '63
 - Paul Houle '65
 - Cathy Pettengill '69
 - Tony Toto '71
 - Brian Campbell '74
 - Jack Stilkey, Jr. '77
 - Richard R. (Ricky) Rollins '79
 - Timothy Prince '81
 - Earl Strandell '82
 - Steven Lord '94
 - Melissa Marsland, 2000
 - Catherine Riley '16
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IN MEMORIAM:

**RICHARD (DICK) THOMPSON
RHS Science Teacher & More**

Mr. Thompson studied engineering at Tufts, and education at Salem State before beginning his teaching career as a science teacher in Raymond in 1963. He then earned his Master of Science Degree in physics at Cornell University in 1968. He served as the elementary principal in Raymond, and then Assistant Superintendent of Schools for SAU #15 comprised of Raymond, Hooksett, Auburn, and Candia, N.H.

TIME TO PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are \$10.00 and cover the period November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022. Your support is needed to keep this organization going.

Remember, you can purchase a Lifetime Membership for \$100.00.

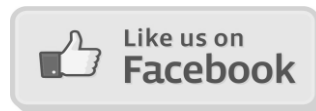
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Year you graduated

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- President: Ann Thompson Harris, '67
- Vice President: Carol Martin Levesque, '70
- Secretary: Sally Guptill Paradis, '58
- Treasurers: Carol Levesque & Ann Harris
- Members: Shirley Holt Dodge, '49
- Elayne Ingalls Clark, '65
- Judy Waterhouse Foley, '66
- Chris "Kip" Mataragas, '67
- Barbara Stetson Reczkowski, '68
- Michael Foley, '68

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We had 48 Golfers in 2021, but
NOW WE NEED 72 GOLFERS IN 2022
TO PROVIDE THE SAME QUALITY GOLFING
EXPERIENCE AND TO CONTINUE TO AWARD
FOUR SCHOLARSHIPS.**

**Watch The RHS WEBSITE and RAYMOND
CTV For More Information About The
2022 GOLF OUTING.
Currently We Are Planning Our
19th ANNUAL RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
GOLF OUTING for Tuesday, June 21, 2022**