

# Raymond High School Alumni Association

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## REUNIONS GALORE!

### CLASS OF 1969 CELEBRATES THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

Then . . .



And Now . . .



Left to Right: Kathi Bailey, Ed Thompson, Ed Wallace, Bill Brown, Sharon (Cronin) Colgan, Gilbert Estey, Nancy (Goldsmith) Elley, Tim Brusso, Linda (Lyden) Rousseau, Bill Hastings, Caroline (Horne) Tucker, Audrey (Renaud) Dohse, Lee (Arnault) Gibson, Carol (King) Davis, Edmund Murray, Janice (Houle) Roux, Claudia (Guyette) Fredette, Bruce Aston, Harold Titus, Shirley (Colligan) Surgent, Frank O'Brien, Wayne Prince

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## "Let's party like it is 1969!"

That was the theme as the RHS Class of 1969 gathered to celebrate 50 years since graduation. The reunion was held on September 21, 2019 at The Falls Event Center in Manchester, NH. Of the original 43 graduates, 22 attended along with 13 guests for a total of 35 people enjoying our event.

What fun reconnecting with fellow classmates and sharing stories from the past! Presentations were given by several classmates, which included highlighting entries from our yearbook, remembering our graduation ceremony, reminiscing about our class trip, and reliving our Class Night Awards. Of course there was dinner and dancing. It was a heart-warming and fun evening for all!

We hope to have another reunion in 3 - 5 years, so watch for information and plan to attend.

## Class of 1968 Celebrates 50+ Reunion



Standing (left to right): Mike Foley, Carol (Karpinski) Chase, Wayne Bailey  
 Carlene (Carver) McCarty, Patty (Cottrell) Goff, Wanda (Abbott) Langford-Welch,  
 Barbara (Stetson) Reczkowski, Charlie Malette, Kerry Clock, Larry Stevens, Cal Preston  
 Seated (left to right): Susan (Cronin) Eagan, Jan (Perron) Szelest, Bonnie (Pence) McCormack

The RHS Class of 1968 held a reunion the weekend of September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to celebrate 50+ years since graduation. The reunion began on Saturday in the decorated barn at the Nottingham home of Wanda (Abbott) and Joe Welch, with 23 people (14 classmates + guests) in attendance. It featured a catered BBQ, music, sharing of class memorabilia, and fireworks. This was followed by a Sunday afternoon luncheon at the Candia home of Barbara (Stetson) and Frank Reczkowski, in their backyard poolside cabana. A great time was had by all!



The Association is happy to post the details about any class reunion in the Alumni Newsletter or on our Facebook page. Just send the details to [jams0531@comcast.net](mailto:jams0531@comcast.net)

The First Class to Graduate from the “New High School”

## CLASS OF '89 CELEBRATES THEIR 30<sup>TH</sup> REUNION

By: Michelle Reynoso

We were young, naïve, and hopeful teenagers in 1989. This October 23<sup>rd</sup> thirteen class members and spouses met at the American Legion on Harriman Hill Road, just down the street from RHS. We got together to celebrate our thirtieth reunion. We shared food, drinks and music, and once we got to talking it was as if no time had passed. We talked of old times, fond memories, family, struggles, jobs, careers, class members lost, and updates on class members unable to attend. We reflected on a message from our Class Advisor, Pat Nardone, who continues to teach at RHS. Here is part of her message to us.

“The Class of 1989 set the standard for the new RHS. Your class had more students attend college (two or four year) than any class before you. In addition, you were the first class in at least five years (probably more) to take a class trip. Of course, you were also the first class to have an Academic Challenge as part of Spirit Week. All of these continue at RHS because of the leadership and commitment to excellence that the members of your class shared.”

We are proud of our legacy. The best part of the evening? The reminder of our foundation at RHS and in Raymond, NH, in our memories and shared life lessons, in honoring each other and our journeys. Life has thrown us all some curve balls we would never have anticipated, but all of it shapes who we are, and in the end, a reunion, no THIS reunion, was a great reconnection to people who came from the same place, a place we all called home at one point or another— Raymond NH. We look forward to our next get together, with hopes we don't have to wait another ten years to do so.



Attendees included (left to right) classmates Darlene (Valance) Brown, Michelle (Sinclair) Lang, Michelle (Ingram) Reynoso, Dawn (Hussey) Marquis, Tracy (Moland) Hines, Stacey (Olivier) Daigle, Melody (McGall) Currier, plus spouses.

Thank You to each of these classes for sharing their reunion stories with us.

The Raymond High School Alumni Association  
announces

## **GOLF OUTING NETS OVER \$10,600**

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual RHS Alumni Association golf outing was held on June 25 at Candia Woods Golf Course. The low gross award went to the team of Ryan Johnson, Dan Johnson, Dave Anzalone, and Jake Yaris with 60. The first net prize went to Jay Long, Gary Knowlton, Glenn Gosselin and Frank Crumb with 54. Second net also with a 54 was the team of John Porter, Jeff Porter, Tony Fiel, and Mike Healey. Third net also at 54 went to the team of Bud Dodge, Scott Ross, Nick Usher, and Don Moulton. (Net placement determined by a match of cards.) Low net of 57 award for the all ladies team went to Denise Johnson, Karen Turcotte, Claire Kounelas & Shirley Dodge.

The Alumni Association Committee is thankful for the generosity of the following, and we encourage everyone to patronize those businesses that support our fund-raising efforts. Their commitment to our program is vital.

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Knot Sew Plain Jane  
Onway Wood Working  
Piney Woods Farm  
Pizza by George  
Dan Rollins  
Salon 27  
Scissors Edge Salon**

Thanks to Dunkin' Donuts of Raymond for contributing morning coffee and doughnuts for the 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

**SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE  
CLASS, FAMILY AND MEMORIAL  
SPONSORSHIPS**

Class of 1950

Class of 1951

Class of 1957

Class of 1966

Girls - Class of 1970

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**In Memory of**

Deceased Members of the Class of 1965

Deceased Members of the Class of 1970

Deceased RHS Alumni from Deerfield

In Memory of Hazel J. Bailey

John J. Callaghan

Bruce Clark, Class of '64

The Cote Twins

Scott Griffin, Class of '82

Frank Langford, Class of '62

Don & Irene Smith

John & Jean Fernald

Joanne Rock Welch, RHS '62

Thomas J. Robinson

Paula Porter Greenglass

Leo Plante

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The Wallace Family

Gordon & Helen (Greenwood) Cammett,  
their daughters Kathy & Susie, son Jake,  
and grandson Greg Lafond

Please consider making a class, family or memorial  
sponsorship next year.

Of course, the big winner of the day was the RHS  
Alumni Scholarship Fund that netted over \$10,600  
from the event, thus ensuring that four  
scholarships of \$2500 each will be awarded again in  
2020.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THE  
FOLLOWING WHO CONTRIBUTED TO  
THE RHS GENERAL & SCHOLARSHIP  
FUNDS**

- Joyce Hyre
- Marion McBride Guthrie
- Beverly Smith Wright
- Karen Levesque Bernier
- Nancy Bohle Darby
- Judy (Bouchard) Sullivan
- Michael & Linda (Downing) Schou

The Association extends its thanks and appreciation  
to ALL those who contributed to the Alumni  
Association this year in any way. Your support  
helps us to continue our work.

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**SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED THIS YEAR  
EQUAL \$10,000**

In June 2019 four scholarships of \$2500 each were  
awarded to these Raymond High School seniors.  
Congratulations!

Nova Clifford

Gregory Gibby

Naomi Schneider

Kiana Sherman

We wish you the best on your continuing  
educational journey.

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**THE SCHOLARSHIP  
PROGRAM HAS GROWN!**

From its humble beginnings of two \$500 awards, to  
the present day when we award four \$2500  
scholarships, your Alumni Association Committee  
has been hard at work to assist deserving students  
who go on to further their educations.

We are proud that since 2001 a total of \$138,000 has  
been awarded to RHS seniors through the proceeds  
of events like the annual golf outing.

  
**IN MEMORIAM**  


Our sympathies go out to the families of alumni who have lost loved ones since the publication of the last newsletter.

Frank Guyette '45  
 Joan Willey Rand '53  
 Iris Hutchins Richard '53  
 William Fullerton '55  
 Vance Ryan '56  
 Deborah Cheney Scott '64  
 Cindy (Campbell) Tirrell '64  
 Gary Cole '65  
 Gordon 'Jake' Cammett '67  
 Harriet (French) Wallace '70  
 Paula (Porter) Greenglass '70  
 Delbert Witham '70  
 Kevin Dionne '72  
 Michael Schou '73  
 Christopher Derzanski '78  
 Scott McGovern '91  
 Shane R. Allaire '93

*The Association wishes to receive news of RHS alumni who have passed away so the list in each newsletter is complete for the preceding year.*

## RAMS FOOTBALL HAS IMPRESSIVE SEASON

For many of us the idea of Raymond High School having a football team was beyond comprehension when we were at RHS. Our high school was small, and soccer ruled the fall sports scene for our boys. Cheerleaders rallied the spectators who were drawn from both the school and community. The boys shone in the Fall '63 and again in '65 winning the state title.

Flash forward to today. Raymond High School has grown and the interest in football has grown with it. In 2008 the football program was inaugurated, spurred on by Patrick Larney, head of the Food Services department, who wanted to see a football team established. The first few years were shaky with losses outnumbering wins. But there has been steady improvement.

## THE END OF R.H.S.?

These featured reunions testify to the life-long friendships and shared memories of these classmates. But, what if that all ended?

The voters in Raymond were faced with that possibility this past March. A warrant article sought to have the school district explore the possibility of sending our high school students to Pinkerton Academy in Derry. The argument was that Pinkerton offers more classes and activities, and some thought a better education than RHS. The high school would be turned into the Middle School and the elementary students would occupy the current Middle School (site of the former consolidated school).

The article went down to defeat by a substantial margin.

Raymond Rams pride continues. Future classes will one day celebrate their own reunions, greeting old friends, sharing stories, and reminiscing of what it means to be a Raymond Ram.



## GO RAMS!

This year the team has garnered an impressive record of 5-2, and is once again headed to the playoffs. Congratulations to Coach Tona McCarthy for a great season, and to all the players who have worked and played so hard to achieve this level of success.

So what's happened to the soccer program? It is still going strong.

The Boys' team has been in the playoffs and finals several times, winning the State Championship in 1997 for their division. However, they graduated 11 players in 2019 so this has been a rebuilding year and they show marked improvement.

The Girls' team has had wonderful success over the 25 years since the girls' team was formed, going to the finals numerous times and winning the State Championship in 2007 and 2017.

## FACTS ABOUT YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a dedicated group of alumni with diverse backgrounds and talents. We are all volunteers.

### WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?

- To foster a spirit of loyalty among alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends.
- Develop a sense of school spirit.
- Provide scholarships to deserving graduating seniors who plan to further their educations.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

- We have a yearly Golf Tournament to raise money for our Scholarship Program.
- We publish a yearly newsletter to update alumni about the classes as well as information of general interest.
- We award four \$2500 scholarships each year at graduation.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Come golf with us. No foursome? We'll provide one.
- Join the Alumni Association Committee.  
We'd love to have you join us. We meet monthly from September-November, then again March-June, with one or two additional meetings in May and June as we get ready for the Golf Outing.
- Please pay your Alumni Dues so we may continue our work.

#### NEED MORE INFO?

Call 488-1952 or write to us at  
RHS Alumni Association  
PO Box 745  
Raymond, NH 03077

### ANNUAL DUES PAYABLE

Annual dues are \$10.00 and cover the period from November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020. Your support is greatly needed to keep this organization going.

Want to save time and hassle?  
**A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**  
is only **\$100.00.**

Name at Graduation

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Year you graduated

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Has your address changed?

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Michael Foley '68      Barbara Stetson Reczkowski '68

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FOR A GREAT CAUSE!**



***SAVE THE DATE***

***18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
GOLF OUTING TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020  
CANDIA WOODS GOLF COURSE***

**Shotgun start, buffet luncheon, prizes & a raffle**

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