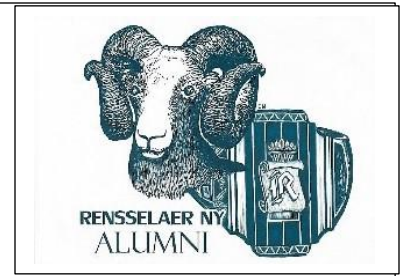


# Ram Notes

Alumni Association of Rensselaer NY Newsletter

Summer 2025



## President's Message

I hope everyone has had a wonderful Spring! The Alumni Association has had an extremely busy Spring with a successful Craft Fair and the Hall of Fame dinner. Our senior breakfast gave us a chance to welcome seniors into being school alumni. We just finished our apparel sale so you might see more alumni hats and t-shirts around the neighborhood. Our senior awards are being prepared for commencement and our summer events are now being finalized. We hope you will be able to join us for some of our events and meetings. Any participation is always greatly appreciated.

Denise Roberts-Wright '83 President

We will be having a table at the Music Behind the Firehouse on July 23 and August 6 at 5:30pm. We will have our photo board and membership materials available. Any help on those evenings would be greatly appreciated. Bring a chair and come listening to some great music.

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP**



Come have your picture taken and share them on your social media! Be sure to tag us!

## Social Event Calendar:

**July 18-** Dinner and music at Schodack Island State Park 5-8pm. Admission to the park is free

**August 20-** Irish Night with the Valley Cats. There is a pre-game concert at 5 pm with the band "Hair of the Dog".

Link: <https://tv1.glitnirticketing.com/tvticket/web/loggingroup1.php>

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**August 14-** Day at the Races in Saratoga

**September 17, October 15, November 19-** Trivia Night at the Recovery Sports Grill in East Greenbush at 7pm

## OUR NEXT MEETING:

Our next meeting is June 3 at 6:30 pm in the Large Group Instruction room at the high school.

If you can't make it in person-visit our YouTube channel.

## The Alumni Association Creates New Graduation Award

At the April meeting members approved creating a new award for students who specialized in vocational skills. In May members revised and approved the wording of the award and the first presentation will be this June. Here is the description:

### Trade Star Award

Career and Technical Education (CTE) equips students with the practical skills and knowledge necessary for specific careers or trades, preparing them for immediate employment or further specialized training. The Alumni Association has created this yearly award of \$500 to one CTE student who meets the following qualifications:

- 2.5 or higher GPA
- has had good attendance and behavior
- has received his/her CTE certification upon completing the 2-year program
- has submitted a letter of recommendation from a CTE teacher to the guidance department

This award is chosen by the Guidance department at the end of the year.



## Good News!

Because of your generous donations, we have been able to increase the Deborah Reimann Community Spirit Award to \$500 a year from \$100 a year. Thank you so much!

## Solar Lights for Flagpoles

Since the flagpoles at the school have not had any illumination, solar lights have been purchased and are awaiting installation on the three flagpoles at the school. The Rensselaer Fire Department will be assisting with the installation. Thank you to members for your generous donation and support of this project.

## Veterans' Memorial Update

We have just received a generous donation from the Gerald O'Neil post to assist with adding a base to the monument. Once the concrete base is poured, we will be able to set the stone. We are planning on having a ceremony where our alumni veterans will be able to participate. Stay tuned as this exciting project unfolds.

## Meet our candidate for Vice President

### Patricia Martinez Stevens '80

Pat has been active in the Alumni Association for the past two years. She presently is the Coordinator of Departmental Operations for the Rensselaer County Probation Department and has been working for that department since 2010. She has also worked for the Rensselaer County Highway Department and Town of West Sand Lake. Pat loves to volunteer her time to her community and presently is involved with the Elks, Eagles, Tunnels to Towers Foundation, and the Bloomingrove Cemetery.



## Nomination Committee is proud to present the slate of officers for 2025-2026

This tentative slate of officers will be presented at the June meeting and voted on at the September meeting, please be sure to attend. Your vote counts!

President: Denise Roberts Wright '83  
Vice President: Patricia Martinez Stevens '80  
Treasurer: Tracey Stock '80  
Secretary: Tracey Boniface Foust '83  
Ex-officio: Doris Nichols Roberts '61  
Lynne Beiermeister '69

## How to Keep Informed

Keep informed about the Alumni Association by visiting:

Facebook: [\(4\) Rensselaer Grade Schools and HS Alumni | Facebook](#)

Instagram: rcsdalumni

Rensselaer City School district website:  
[rcsd.k12.ny.us/high-school/alumni-news](http://rcsd.k12.ny.us/high-school/alumni-news)

Alumni Association website:  
[rensselaernalumni.org](http://rensselaernalumni.org)

Email:  
[alumniofrensselaercity@gmail.com](mailto:alumniofrensselaercity@gmail.com)

**Apparel Sale:** Thank you to everyone who purchased a t-shirt and/or hat. We sold 23 items! Keep an eye out for future sales!

Come to Irish Night with the Tri-City Valley Cats. Here is the link to purchase tickets

Link: <https://tv1.glitnirticketing.com/tvticket/web/loggingroup1.php> Password: raa

## Senior Breakfast: On May 2

Alumni members held a breakfast on the morning of the prom for all seniors where members were able to talk to seniors about being an alumni members and talk about the senior awards that the Alumni Association has available. The Association would like to thank Alumni members Jim Cochran and Fran Pilato for their generous support of this activity as well as all members who assisted with the set up.



T. Stock, D. Wright, T. Foust, D. Roberts, T. Kent, S. Hover, D. Brown (taking the picture)