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Alumni Association of Rensselaer NY Newsletter Fall/Winter 2024



President's Message

I hope everyone has had a wonderful fall. It is amazing how quick the weather has been changing. The Alumni Association has been preparing for a productive 2024-2025 school year with many projects and activities ranging from assisting the theatre program, honoring alumni who have served in the armed forces, and providing enrichment grants for the elementary and junior/senior high school. Our annual craft fair will also be happening in March which helps fund our awards we give at graduation as well as all of our other activities/projects. With all of our activities and plans we are always in need of volunteers to help us. I am sure when you went through school there was a teacher, staff member, a coach, or a club advisor who made a difference in your life. Wouldn't it be nice to have an opportunity to be able to pay it forward for future Rensselaer alumni? The Alumni Association is a great way to make a difference and we would love to have you be a part of that experience. Our meetings are typically the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Large Group Instruction room at the high school. Please stop by! We would love to see you!

Denise Roberts-Wright '83 President



If you haven't voted on the new Constitution and Bylaws, it is not too late! Please check your emails for the ballot or email your vote to

<u>alumniofrensselaercity@gmail.c</u> <u>om</u> by November 4! Please be sure your name in the email.

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 $Hall\ of\ Fame$: The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor the accomplishments of those who have, through their high school years and post-high school career brought pride and inspiration to Rensselaer City School District students and the city of Rensselaer or their current community. Applications will be out in December. Start thinking of someone you would like to nominate to be honored at the dinner on April 26 at the Franklin Terrace Ballroom on Campbell Avenue in Troy. We are planning a basket raffle for that evening. If you are interested in helping us have any questions, please feel to email us alumniofrensselaercity@gmail.com.

Membership Drive:

Be on the lookout in December for membership letters and information in your mail and email. Keeping your information up-to-date is vital for alumni to stay connected. We would truly appreciate you returning your membership form in a timely fashion. It would help us complete some of our projects.

We will also be placing information on our website and on our Facebook page.

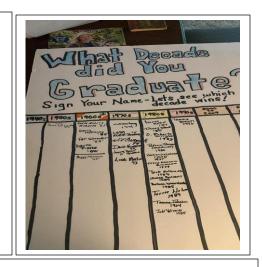
SAVE THE DATE:

CRAFT FAIR: MARCH 29, 2024

HALL OF FAME DINNER: APRIL 26, 2024

All Class Reunion Picnic

Our Reunion picnic on September 8 at the Schodack Town Park had a great turnout! Over 40 alumni and family stopped by for some lunch, conversation, raffles, and fun! We had alumni from classes ranging from the 1950's to the 1990's enjoy the day with us. Congratulations to the classes from the 1980's for winning our Decade competition.



Officers elected for the 2024-2025 School Year

Officers for 2024-2025 school year were finalized at the September meeting.

President: Denise Roberts Wright '83
Vice President: Tracey Stock '80
Treasurer: Liz Rooney Ryan '89
Secretary: Tracey Boniface Foust '83
Ex-officio: Doris Nichols Roberts '61
Lynne Beiermeister '69
Webmaster: Tom Mulyca '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

Alumni Association website: rensselaernyalumni.org

Email:

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Meeting date change: Due to election day-Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:30 pm, in the Large Group Instruction Room in the High School (25 Van Rensselaer Drive, Rensselaer, NY 12144). We hope you will be able to join us!

Craft Fair: We will be working with the class of 2025 on our third annual craft fair. It has been scheduled for March 29 from 10am-3pm at the high school. Vendor contracts will be available in December. Any time you could donate that day would be greatly appreciated. This is our major fundraiser for the year.

Open House: Members of the Alumni Association had a table at the Open House in October. We had inquiries about our projects and membership.

