

Rock Creek Alumni Newsletter

April 2017

It's that time of year again!

This year will mark the 116th year that former graduates and classmates will return home to the Rock Creek School auditorium to greet old friends and share cherished memories. We will welcome you with open hearts and open doors on May 27th, so mark your calendars!

As in years past, the doors will be open promptly at 4pm



with dinner served at 5:30pm. Tony's Catering from Ashtabula will once again cater the banquet.

The menu will be Rigatoni w/meat sauce, baked ham, red roasted potatoes, vegetables, Rolls & Butter, Hot & Cold Beverages, and Dessert. The cost will still be \$15.00.

Deadline & Information

Please send your reservations ASAP!

You need to get your reservations in by **May 16th** along with your check, so we will be assured of ordering enough food.

We encourage classes, family or friends who wish to sit together to reserve a table. Please let us know how many chairs you will need in the comment section of the reservation. We will reserve a space for you.

The classes of 2017 and 1967 (50th Year) will be our honored guests.

Alumni Archives

The Alumni Room is down stairs. There are photographs, articles, yearbooks, and bits of history on view. Visit the room and re-live your past! Archive donations keep coming in and we thank everyone for their generosity. If you have a picture to donate, please make sure to print the information on the back. Please contact Loretta Stone Panzarella if you have memorabilia you would like to donate.

It Happened at the 2016 Alumni Dinner

The 115th Alumni Banquet was attended by 144 classmates and guests and was held on Saturday, May 28th starting at 4:00pm with dinner being served at 5:30pm.

The 'Pledge of Allegiance' was recited and the invocation was given by Robert Schultz.

The Class of 1966 was honored for their 50th year and welcomed 6 members.

There were 41 Rock Creek Falcon graduates in 2016. But, unfortunately, none of them attended but we wished them well in the start of their lives!

The Roll-Call of Classes was performed.

Awards were presented:

- First Reservation: Eleanor Stuart
- Closest Alumni: Carol Goodge (Main Street)
- Farthest – Frank Harnist from Huachuca City, AZ
- Oldest Alumni Members: Class of 1941, Mrs. Alice Allen, and the class of 1943 year, Mrs. Doris Rich
- Newest Member – Travis Vanek from the class of 2008.

Other Fun Facts:

- The 2016 banquet reunited of 7-Cheerleaders.
- And 6 former teachers joined us.

Memories were shared:

- Connie Thomas (Class 1944): Regrets her not being here. Shared her fond memories of the covered bridge.
- Cliff Sutcliff shared a memory that Rock Creek was like one large family.
- David Gynn – Dr. Smith – Began his career here in Rock Creek.
- Don Dietrich – Ashtabula Skyway or the Grand River at Cork Cold Springs Rd were both wonderful places to go to pass the time.
- Richard Burko's sister fondly remembered him and reminded everyone how much he loved coming to alumni and helping out.

A short business meeting was held:

The Financial Report was given. The ending balance was \$3469.32

The Nominating Committee approved the slate of officers to remain the same.

Meeting was closed with the benediction led by Douglas Camp.

50th Anniversary Class of 1966

We honored and remembered the following:

Louise Christ (Alleman)
Beverly Martin (Beckwith)
*Bonnie Brown
*Daniel Camp
Sharon Vincent (Czayka)
John Dyrzcz, Sr.
Connie Cone (Errington)
Diane Wilber (Frye)
Janet Stuart (Gray)
Robert Gurkin
John Kennedy
James Lipp
David Masirovits
Michael Miklacic
*Virginia Buehner (Miller)
James A. Ritter
Alana Thrower (Shott)
Linda White (Skidmore)

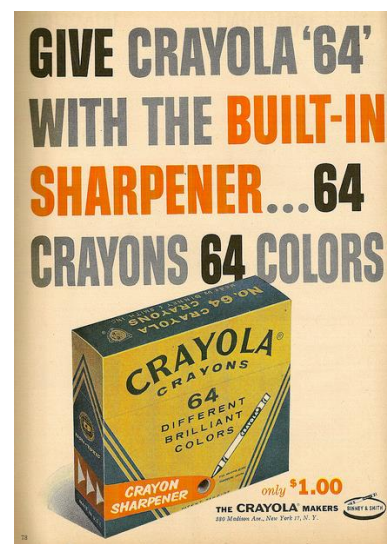
Dale Stoltz
Janice Supplee
Jack Wessell
Rodger White
Ivan E. Wilber, Jr.
Herman Woodworth
Suzanne Hayes (Zakowski)

*Deceased

In Remembrance

We Cherish and Hold In Our Hearts...

1933 & Teacher: Ruth G. Kish (Friedstrom) Nov 13th, 2015
1939: Lucius D. Brettell – Dec 20th, 2015
1939: Georgia D. Frey (Wilber) – Apr 14th, 2016
1941: James M. Jameson – Feb 7th, 2016
1945: Richard L. Clark – Sep 10th, 2015
1945: Evelyn Fernandez (Wilber) – May 5, 2016
1949: Arvina Eastman (Anthony) – Nov 15th, 2015
1950: Joseph Leo Painter – Sep 7th, 2015
1951: William L. Phillis – Jul 27th, 2014
1953: Gale E. Barber (Crislip) – Nov 7th, 2014
1955: Thelma McDaniel (Fink) – Mar 19th, 2016
1956: Donald P. Sidley – Jan 22nd, 2016
1958: Thomas W. Hubbard – Jan 29th, 2016
1959: June A. Hopes (Swickard) – Nov 8th, 2015
1960: Richard A. Burko – Jan 7th, 2016
1963: Susan Novak (Krueckenberg) – May 11th, 2015
1965: Susan C. Masirovitz – Apr 25th, 2016
1968: Patrick H. Laughlin – Oct 11th, 2015
Teacher: Marcena Dilley – Jun 7th, 2015



In years past, I've written human interest stories on people from graduating classes who had a story that should be remembered. People that had done something remarkable or have died too young. This year, I researched the death of a young man that died in 1944 who should have graduated with the class of 1946. Kenny Welton's parents, Virgil and



Cleveland's City Hospital

Dorothy, owned a home on East Water St and earned their living by owning a green house and taking in boarders. In the early summer of 1944, Kenny became very sick and was taken to Cleveland's City Hospital. He died in August of complications from Acute poliomyelitis. He was 16 years old. After this, his parents closed their business, sold their home, and moved their family to Ashtabula. Kenny's story was about to become all too common.

In 1946, there were 25,000 new cases of polio in the United States and the numbers were increasing by alarming rates every year. During the 1940's and 50's, people had two great fears...the atomic bomb and Polio. It was reported that of the 100 beds at City Hospital, all of them were filled with polio

patients from 1948 to 1954 and according to the history of Metro-Health (Cleveland's City Hospital): "Dr. John Toomey, Director of Contagious Diseases, was one of the first physicians in the country to prescribe physical therapy for polio patients. City Hospital's reputation as a leading polio center was heightened when, in 1952, Dr. Frederick C. Robbins joined the staff as Director of Pediatrics and Contagious Diseases. Dr. Robbins was a pediatrician with strong research interest in infectious diseases. While in Boston in the late 1940's and 1950's, he and Drs. John Fenders and Thomas H. Weller developed techniques for growing the polio virus in test tubes. This work paved the way for Dr. Jonas Salk's development of the polio vaccine. In 1954, Dr. Robbins and his fellow researchers were awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine for their work."

2016 – 2017 Rock Creek Alumni Officers

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Thank You!

Every year we are thankful that the evening happens like clockwork. The Alumni Officers appreciate the hard work and dedication from the following:

- Tom Bowen – Sound
- Tony's Catering – Food & Beverages
- Decorating Committee
- Red Stone Daycare
- And most importantly...ALL OF YOU!

See you on May 27th, 2017

Do you have any memories of this shop? If so, share them (either mechanical or theatrical):



Rock Creek Alumni Banquet Reservation Form

Saturday, May 27th, 2017

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

The Old Rock Creek School Gym

We must have your reservation no later than May 16th, 2017

Please list all Alumni members who are attending the banquet and their class year.

(Ladies, please include your maiden)

Name _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Attending? Yes _____ No _____

Number of dinners _____ at \$15.00 each \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Memorial Plaque listing at \$25.00 each \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Name and class year for Plaque

Make Check Payable to **“Rock Creek Alumni”**

Mail Reservations to: **Rock Creek Alumni
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Comments or Table Reservations:

