



ROSS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Dates to Remember

October 5, 2012

Ross Homecoming Parade and Football Game. Join the Alumni as we ride in the parade and man our booth to give out information and sell T-shirts and sweatshirts.

March 9, 2012

We will again have a concert to raise money for our association. We have engaged "Ooh La La and the Greasers" to perform in the high school's Performing Arts Center. The concert will be 7-9 p.m. and tickets will again be \$10 per person. We will need sponsors, so let us know if you can do that or know someone!! Look for more information to come in emails.

Alumni Board Meetings

We hold our regular meetings every month (except July) on the 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend to contribute ideas and maybe even volunteer!

Multi-Class Reunion: Past and Coming Up!

"In the garden, Autumn is indeed the crowning glory of the year, bringing us fruition of months of thought and care and toil..." (Rose G. Kingsley)

Autumn leaves, painted pumpkins, and fields of gold (and maroon) all helped to set the scene on Saturday evening, October 22, 2011 for the first ever multi-class reunion of Ross High School. The largest group of RHS Alumni to ever assemble for a reunion (450) met to celebrate their shared beginnings as Rams that went forth into the world to make a mark. Classes in attendance went as far back as the class of 1936 which was represented by Mrs. Edna Schwing Appleton. We celebrate her connections to Ross! Mrs. Appleton has now set the bar for commitment from the rest of us Ross Rams Alumni!

From beginning registration at the door of Stricker's Grove Pavilion to the final notes of the last song signaling the evening's end, many events took place as friendships were remembered, renewed and created. A buffet dinner was shared during the evening and piano music was provided by '71 Ross Alumni, Bill Garland. Later, DJ, Dale McKee, '84 Alumni, kept the dance floor filled with his oldies but

goodies and some newbies. Several split-the-pot raffles took place supporting the Ross Alumni Scholarship Fund. Group pictures were taken to remember the event and to provide a comparison to old class photos for those of us that like to see how well we have (not) aged! A candle-lit memory table was in place to honor fellow alumni that are no longer with us but are always in our hearts. This provided an important place for many to recognize and to remember important people in our lives.

The first Ross High School Multi-Class Reunion was a year and half in the planning. The second such reunion is set for October 19, 2013, once again to be held at Stricker's Grove. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Let's make the second Ram gathering even larger than the first. See you there! GO RAMS!

The multi-class reunion was a huge undertaking and was a success due to all of the volunteers. For next year's reunion, we would like to have representatives from as many classes as possible; not only to help plan and execute, but to assist in finding classmates to notify. Please email Diane Jacks (djacks@trivaco.com) if you're interested.



The Avalons Did It Again!

The concert in March of 2012 was once again a great fundraiser for our association. We heartily thank each and every one of our sponsors, as well as everyone who attended and generously put cash in the fishbowls after the performance. The Avalons also greatly reduced their normal fee (again!) to help us out, which is exceptional considering this year they performed with their band—a terrific addition to an already great show. This event will enable us to continually increase the amount of our scholarships each year. Thanks to everyone!!!

2012 Scholarship Recipient



One of The Alumni Association's main goals is to raise money so we can award scholarships to Ross High School seniors who will enter technical or vocational schools after graduation. We are thrilled to announce that Sydney Stricker is this year's recipient of a \$1000 scholarship. Sydney is the daughter of Leah and Rob Lewis. She attended Butler Tech, which she says fortified her decision to become a graphic artist because it was there she was able to improve her skills and learned how to use them. She plans to attend the School of Advertising Art to continue her education and enable her to apply her skills in the real world. Congratulations, Sydney!!

New Alumni Board Announced

At our annual meeting in June, new officers were nominated, voted on and installed. Here is the new Board:

President:	Diane Jacks, '71
Vice President:	Darryl Huff, '70
Treasurer:	Cara Lee Sullivan, '68
Secretary:	Connie Sullivan, '70
Trustees:	Kathy Hilton Lauer, '71 Donna Eschenbrenner Pittman, '71 Tammy King Hall, '68
RHS Liaison:	Greg Young, '71

With Our Appreciation...

The Ross Alumni Association would like to thank the following for helping us to accomplish many things this past year:

- Cash Donations:

Larry Sphani, '77	Stan Rowland, '44
Irene Swartz Wallace, '44	Clayton "Bill" Garland, '71
Andy Wyenandt, '90	Robert L. Snyder, '45
Bo Wyenandt, '85	Jean Cain Mills, '41
Ora Jane Tipton, '38	Amber Stitt, '01
Bob Anderson, '69	Class of 1974
Harvey Seeger, '47	
- Tammy King Hall, '68, in memory of Linda Baker Links, '68
- Ruth Guenther in memory of Roland C. "Butch" Guenther, '46
- All who sponsored the Avalons Concert—without you, our fundraiser would not have been successful!
- Because of your generosity we were able to give \$100 to the After-Prom Committee and a \$1000 scholarship to graduating senior Sydney Stricker.

If you have any ideas for fundraisers and/or would like to be a involved in the execution of a fundraiser, please contact us at rossalumni@fuse.net.

The History of Ross High School—Part 1



Beginning with this issue of our newsletter, we will include some history of Ross Schools. Here is the first installation, written by current Superintendent (and Ross Alumni), Greg Young.

Ross High School was formed in 1931 through the consolidation of the village schools in Shandon, Venice (Ross), and Millville. The Shandon school building became the high school for the consolidated school district. The Venice and Millville school buildings were used to house grades 1 thru 8. The Shandon building proved too small to house all of the high school classes, so the two-story brick house at the corner of State Route 126 and Alert-New London Road was used for the library, business classes, and science. The I.O.O.F. Hall in Shandon served as the auditorium and gymnasium. In the early years of Ross High School, a school newspaper was established and named Ross Rays. The first

yearbook was called the Ross Reveille. Several years later the name of the yearbook was changed to its present title of the Rossonian. Mr. John Kilburn was the first principal of Ross High School.

Where Are They Now?

By Kathy Lauer



Lee Moore graduated from RHS in 1956. You may remember him as "Monk." He received his nickname when he was about 10 years old. That was short for monkey; he described himself (as a youngster) as little and wiry, perhaps that is why he became interested in sports! Monk played football, basketball and baseball at RHS, and often

hitchhiked to his home on Black Road after practices, as most of his teammates did in our quaint, rural community. While still in high school, Monk approached the general manager of WMOH and pitched his idea to start a county sports show on the radio. The manager agreed, Monk got a sponsor, and every Wednesday night during football and basketball season, for two years, he would broadcast the 15-minute show that earned him \$5 per show! Around the same time, he was also writing sports articles for the Journal News. When asked if he had a favorite RHS teacher, he said that Ida Nolte was his inspiration, as she encouraged him to take typing class (all girls except for him) because it would help him with writing. You might surmise that these events in high school set the wheels in motion towards his illustrious career in sportscasting!

Monk served his country in the United States Air Force. During that time, he was the sports editor for McGuire AFB in New Jersey. After duty in the states, he went overseas for 2 years to Japan and worked for the Stars and Stripes newspaper and was a sportscaster for the Armed Forces Network. He also was the sports editor for the base newspaper, The Itazuke Sonical. At that time, he was the only American who belonged to the Japanese Sportswriters' Organization. Communication in the Japanese language was necessary and he can still recall many words and phrases.

Upon returning home, Monk continued his work in sportscasting and sports writing and in 1963-64 broadcast the Miami of Ohio Basketball Network with Joe Nuxhall. It was Monk who introduced Joe Nuxhall to sports broadcasting and later on Joe became the

voice of the Cincinnati Reds, a career that lasted over 40 years.

In 1967, Moore returned to college on the GI Bill at Morehead State University. He received his BA in 1971. Shortly after, Monk and his wife, Pinkie, moved to North Carolina where he became the sports director for WCTI-TV. From 1971 to 1989 he received numerous honors for his work, including in 1979 he was North Carolina Golfcaster of the year, and in 1982 and 1989 was named the North Carolina TV Sportscaster of the year.

In 1991, he began his career in the golf industry. His work included several tours as director of public relations and also hosted several television productions for the Hooters Sports Marketing Division that reached more than 40,000,000 homes nationwide! He started working with the Celebrity Players Golf Tour in 1999 as the director of public relations and the voice of the tour for several nationally syndicated shows that reached more than 50,000,000 homes. Monk has recently been named the Executive Director of the Celebrity Players Golf Tour. Featured players, to name a few, have been Dan Marino, Michael Jordan, John Elway, Dan Quayle, and Johnny Bench. Through their efforts they help support many charities and foundations.

Monk has lived in New Bern, NC for the last 40 years. He recently coordinated a special weekend event for the world renowned author, Nicholas Sparks, who also lives in New Bern. This included the movie premier of his latest book called "The Lucky One."

Last October he attended the Ross Alumni Multi-Class Reunion at Stricker's Grove. He fondly recalled stories of days gone by, when he (#32) made a touchdown against Batavia, and enjoyed hayrides with classmates. I'm fairly certain, as Monk drove along the back roads of Ross, that he may have noticed the sweet aroma of fresh, threshed country hay and was transported (via "memory lane") right back to his good old days at Ross High School.



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If you would like to make a memorial donation, please include a note with the name of the person whose memory you would like to honor. *Please note: All donations are tax deductible.*

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