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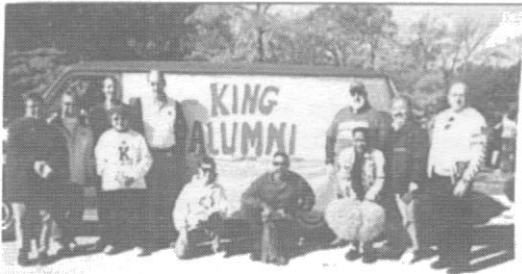
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HOMECOMING 2003

by Carol Schaefer Broman '57

Saturday, October 18, 2003 was beautiful, a perfect autumn day.

On that day about 20 Rufus King alums gathered at McGovern Park for the Rufus King Homecoming Parade. Our entry was less elaborate than most of the student contributions to the parade—a decorated van and a bright red Mustang convertible. However, we matched the students in enthusiasm. Since the van and convertible couldn't hold all of us, a contingent marched (or ran) behind the convertible, waving to those along the parade route and handing out brochures for the Alumni Association.



The parade traveled along Sherman Boulevard to the stadium at Custer High School. There we found a large, enthusiastic crowd of King Supporters in the stands ready to cheer the team. The excellent King cheerleaders kept up our spirit during the game.

Unfortunately our cheering didn't carry the day. The team must have felt our support, but still fell to a strong Custer team (36 to 0.)

The Rufus King Marching Band impressed us at halftime and our alum group surprised the crowd by knowing the words to both the King Fight Song and Alma Mater. (Most current students haven't learned them.)

We will be back next year, hopefully in greater number. We may even have the students singing the Fight Song.

Postscript: A few of us enjoyed a post-game beer at the Silver Spring House, hopefully establishing another tradition.

Alumni Association Mission

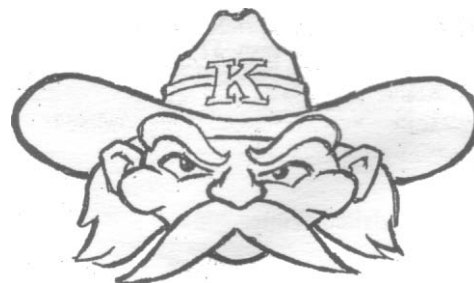
The Rufus King Alumni Association began at a meeting of alumni organized by Andy Meuler, King's Principal, in February 2003. Its first accomplishment was the alumni picnic (Alum Fest) on Sunday, July 27, 2003.

The steering committee of the association has defined its mission: to facilitate communication among alumni and to strengthen their connection to Rufus King High School, promoting school spirit and supporting the excellence of its programs.

Alum Fest will be an annual event (4th Sunday of July), along with participation in Homecoming activities in the fall. We are working with Harris Publishing in the production of an alumni directory. Please respond to their postcard when it arrives at your home. Their work will provide Rufus King and the alumni association with current addresses for its 10,000 plus graduates.

JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY!

There is an application in this newsletter. Your contribution helps the association in its mission. If you'd like to help in other ways, please contact a steering committee member or call



From the Principal's Desk:

I'd like to take this opportunity to bring the alumni up-to-date on some of the many activities going on at Rufus King. First and foremost is the International Baccalaureate program, the cornerstone of our curriculum for the past 25 years. The program is an internationally recognized college-prep program that sets world-class standards for student achievement and has become an exemplary model of standards-based education. Rufus King is **recognized** as one of the leading schools in North America, based on the number of courses and exams that are administered to our students each year. Last year, *Newsweek Magazine* rated King the top high school in Wisconsin based on the rigor of our academic program and the high number of exams that are taken by our students. This year, King students will take over 630 exams, a number that grows steadily each year.

Rufus King was also chosen as one of only ten schools in the U.S., out of more than 4000 considered, to participate in a study on how schools prepare students for success in college work. According to the ACT and The Education Trust, King was chosen because of its diverse student body and its students' strong performances in both math and **science**. In addition, Rufus King was **selected** as the Best Public School in the Milwaukee area by the readers of the local *Shepherd Express*. The kudos **keep** rolling in!

This year's senior class is also well represented in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship program. Seven seniors were recognized as Semifinalists, two others as Commended Students, and two as National Achievement Scholars. And this is just the tip of the iceberg -- our students **consistently** win about \$2 million worth of scholarships every year.

Rufus King also continues to **excel** in many extra-curricular areas. Our academic quiz bowl team consistently places high in tournaments throughout the area and they recently claimed a resounding win at the Beach Ball Classic in South Carolina, where they accompanied the basketball team, who also placed a respectable **4th** among nationally ranked teams. The Math Track and Science Olympiad teams also do well in local and state competitions as do the Debate and Forensics teams. In addition, the Rufus King Band and Orchestra continue to represent

the school quite admirably in their various performances.

Rufus King also shines on the athletic field. This fall, the Cross Country team continued their dominance of the City Conference, with the Boys capturing their **4th** championship in a row and the Girls finishing as runner-ups. Both the volleyball and football teams also had fine seasons, as did the Boys' soccer team. The winter seasons have gotten underway and our basketball teams are both doing very well. The Girls' team is once again at the top of the conference and the Boys' team, defending State Division I champs, are again ranked #1 in Wisconsin. They have also been recognized nationally this year.

As you can see, the **place** is still bopping with activity. The enthusiasm on the part of our students and staff for all that goes on both in and out of the classroom is what helps keep Rufus King a school of excellence. As alumni, I know you are also very proud to be Generals. Please know that with your continued encouragement and support, we will do everything we can to **keep** the proud tradition going strong.

Andrew Meuler, Principal

REUNIONS

RUFUS KING ALUM FEST - ALL SCHOOL REUNION - 1938 -2004-Sunday, July 25, 2004
- Rufus King Track formerly North Stadium

1940 - **65th** Reunion - September 16, 2005
% Harold Vanselow: (715) 276- 6509 or
E-mail: havrnlvanselow@ez-net.com
Marion Klepetka Butzen (414) 351-1963

1944 - 60th Reunion-June '04 -% Bill King: (262) **242-0345** E-mail: bkiss359@wi.rr.com

1945 - 60" Reunion - In the planning for 2005.
% Bill Kaiser: (262) 251-6922 or
E-mail: fishbyte@milwpc.com

1949 - 55" Reunion January Class-May 21, '04
% Bill Tetzlaff- (414) **258-4424** -
E-mail: agtatgt@aol.com

Joe Krusbas - (262) 255-4653
1949 - 55" Reunion June **Class -Oct.** 8-9, 2004
% Ginny Behling Fessmann: (920) 582-4225
Carol Tank Laine: (262) 377-5389

1954 - 50" **Reunion** - May 28-29, 2004
 % Jerry Clausing: **(847) 244-2917** or
 E-mail: ghclausing@yahoo.com
 1955 - SO" **Reunion - September** 24, 2005
 % Barbara Schomer Puis: (262) 781-
 8795 or E-mail: hpuls910@aol.com
1964 - 40" **Reunion** - July 22 - 25, 2004
 Website - http://home.wLrr.com/rkhs64/
 % E-mail: RKHS-64@wi.rr.com
1984 - 20th Reunion - planned for 2004
 % Tamar Schoendorf: E-mail:
 sChoentd@milwaukee.k12.wLus
 1994 - 10" Reunion - August 6-8, 2004
 % Courtney Martin:
 E-mail:courtneymatin@excite.com
 Jenna Hatton: E-mail: ss54@hotmail.com

- Name, address, phone number, and email address of nominator.

Under One Sky . by *Mark Skelton*

A friendship that began in Mr. Wittkop's homeroom 304 in 1960 was reaffirmed forty years **later** and halfway across the globe. In September 2003 three Rufus King graduates voyaged to Athens, Greece to visit an old friend. Joy (Markert) Adams, Sandy (Fihn) Seitz, and Sue (Hackney) Skelton, all graduates of the class of '64, along with Sue's sister Kathy, embarked upon a three week adventure to reunite with Eula (Stavros) Matika in her Grecian paradise.



Eula's father **passed** away shortly after graduation and her mother decided to immigrate to **her** native land of Greece. Eula and her sister Electra, '65 graduate, accompanied their mother to **her** homeland. Eula returned to the **states** for the 35th reunion of the Class of 1964. The **friends** were reunited.

While vacationing they toured Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini with Eula as their helpful guide. They viewed the the Greek country side and breathed in the fascinating culture while tasting unique cuisines, delicious wines The visiting quartet were curiously dubbed the W.W.O.W., Wild Women Of Wisconsin.

The ladies should **be** commended for holding on tight to the beauty that a true friendship can impress on the heart. (**Mark is** Sue Skelton's son.)

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS - DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Rufus King Alumni Association will **be** recognizing distinguished alumni at their annual July picnic, the Alum Fest.

Thousands have graduated **from** King and the Association would like to honor those whose contributions have **been especially** outstanding. Areas of endeavor could include arts and entertainment, media and journalism, sports, science dmedicine, public **service**, nonprofit enterprises, and husiness. Their stories will **serve** as inspiration to **today's** King students.

Please submit nominations for the Distinguished Rufus King Alumnus/Alumna Awards to Carol Broman, 602 S. 3rd Ave, West Bend, WI, 53095 or to chroman@charter.net

Your nomination should include the following:

- Name of Nominee (including name at graduation.)
- Current address, phone number, and email address (if available.)
- Date of graduation or years the nominee attended Rufus King.
- Brief **résumé** of nominee.
- Reason for nomination in **paragraph** form. (Why should the nominee receive this award?)