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## AlumFest 2004

A perfect summer day – warm, but not hot, and sunny...that was Sunday, July 25, 2004 and our second all-class picnic – AlumFest 2004. Several hundred King alums found their way to the King athletic field to meet friends, to eat the hot dogs sold by the 2004-2005 football team, and to honor our first four distinguished alumni. Members of the Rufus King chapter of the National Honor Society offered tours of the school building.



The 2004 Inaugural Class of Distinguished Alumni includes Dr. Robert K. Adair '41, Major General Gerald H. Bethke '53, Dale Gutzman '62, and Alderman Willie L. Hines, Jr. '83. Bagpiper George Childs piped Dale Gutzman and Gerry Bethke to the podium for the awards ceremony. (Dr. Adair and Alderman Hines could not be present.) Dale and Gerry spoke briefly to the alumni assembled.

- Dr. Robert K. Adair '41 is professor emeritus of physics at Yale University and author of a renowned book, *The Physics of Baseball*. He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences.
- Major General Gerald H. Bethke '53 retired from the U.S. Army as Deputy Commanding General of the Second U.S. Army after 28 years of service that included tours in Vietnam, Korea, Germany, Hawaii, and Alaska.
- Dale Gutzman '62 is Milwaukee's premiere impresario having produced and directed hundreds of plays. He is artistic director of Milwaukee's *Off the Wall Productions*.

- Willie L. Hines, Jr. '83 is president of the Milwaukee Common Council and has served as an alderman since 1996.



(For more information and photographs of the honorees visit the Alumni Association website – [www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com).)

The class of 1964 won recognition for having the largest contingent present – 28 signed in at the association table. AlumFest 2004 was the last event of their “fun-filled” 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion weekend. Hopefully future reunions will be planned for AlumFest weekend so that classmates returning for reunions will have an opportunity to enjoy the all-class picnic as well.

It was especially exciting to have a retired teacher, Sylvia Wolf, at AlumFest. Miss Wolf taught commercial subjects at Rufus King. Some of her former students brought her to the picnic.

Alums left the grounds with AlumFest t-shirts, King sweatshirts, sunburned noses and plans to return for AlumFest 2005 on Sunday, July 24, 2005.

### It happened on Olive Street

Brunhilde Haas Meyer, Rufus King Class of June, 1938 shared this fascinating coincidence in a January 3, 2005 letter to the Alumni Association.

“Here is an oddity:

I was in the *first graduating* class of a *newly built* high school on *Olive* Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sixty years later: My granddaughter, Katie Hadden, was in the *first graduating* class in 1998 of a *newly built* high school on *Olive* Street, Grants Pass, Oregon.”

## HOMECOMING – 2004

We were there to cheer them on to victory on Saturday, September 25, 2004. Rufus King defeated South – King, 42, South 28.



Alums from the 50s through 2000 marched in the parade down Sherman Avenue or waved from a bright red convertible or decorated van, joining current students and their colorful floats.



At the game, we were the only fans who could sing the fight song and alma mater.

The fun ended at the Silver Spring House with toasts to the team and to our fine singing.

Watch for the date of Homecoming – 2005 and join the parade.

### UPCOMING RUFUS KING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNIONS *RUFUS KING ALUMFEST* *ALL SCHOOL REUNION - 1938 - 2005* *SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2005 - RUFUS KING* *TRACK (formerly North Stadium)*

**1940 - January and June Classes –  
September 16, 2005 - Luncheon**

Harold Vanselow: (715) 276-6509 or  
havmlvanselow@ez-net.com

Marian Klepetka Butzen: (414) 351-1963

**1941 - June Class - Four times a year - Sunday  
Champagne Brunch - Midway Motor Lodge**

Kenneth Weidt: (414) 525-5555

**1945 - January Class - Luncheon - Late summer or  
early fall**

Bob Weber: (414) 744-9725 or weber@juno.com

**1945 - June Class - June 10, 2005 - Luncheon**

Bill Kaiser: (262) 251-6922 or fishbyte@milwpc.com

**1946 - June Class – Planning luncheon in June, 2006**

Cliff George: (262) 798-7078

**1950 - January Class - July, 2005**

Arlene and Ed Ettl: (262) 242-2335

**1955 - January Class -**

Helene (Troka) Ellei: (262) 251-0121 or  
helenetanker@sbcglobal.net

**1955 - June Class - September 24, 2005**

Barb (Schomer) Puls: (262) 781-8795 or  
bpuls910@aol.com

**1965 - January and June Classes - September 24, 2005**

Don Johnson: 1-800-627-3484 or info@jhrellc.com

**1995 - July 22-24, 2005**

Jennifer Cummings: jennycummings@wi.rr.com  
Mashunda McGlastone: mmcglaston@yahoo.com

If your class reunion is not listed above, we were unable to obtain information on it. If you are having a reunion and want information about your reunion published, please leave a message on the Alumni phone: (414) 267-0940.

For updated reunion information visit:

Rufus King High School Alumni web site at  
[www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com),

or the Milwaukee Public Schools Reunion Page at  
[www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/reunions/#king](http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/reunions/#king)

### Rufus King Alumni Association Annual Meeting May 21 at Pandl's Bayside

The annual meeting of the Rufus King Alumni Association will be held at Pandl's-Bayside Restaurant on Saturday, May 21, 2005 from noon to 3 p.m.

Directors and officers will be elected, a 2005-2006 budget approved, and the 2005 distinguished alumni will be chosen.

If you are interested in attending the meeting or would like further information, call Carol Schaefer Broman at 262-335-1647. Her email address is [cbroman@charter.net](mailto:cbroman@charter.net).

## ***From the Principal's Desk:***

First of all, let me extend heartfelt thanks to the members of our Alumni Steering Committee, who have worked very diligently the past few years to revive the Rufus King Alumni Association. Through their efforts, we now have an annual alumni picnic (AlumFest—July 24, 2005), an updated Alumni Directory (recently published by Harris Publications), and an established Alumni Foundation for the purpose of assisting and supporting the school and its students. The Steering Committee continues to do an outstanding job.

Let me also bring you up-to-date on the activities around your alma mater. The International Baccalaureate program continues to flourish as the center of our college-bound curriculum. Last year we again administered over 600 IB exams to our juniors and seniors, placing us among the top 4% off all IB schools worldwide. As a result of our strong academic program and our high achievement in the State assessments, Rufus King was cited by the Department of Public Instruction as a New Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition for both the 2003/04 and 2004/05 school years. Our school also continues to be represented in the National Merit Scholarship program, with three seniors being recognized this year. As Principal, I was also honored by being selected as one of fourteen school administrators nationwide to serve on the National Merit Advisory Council.

Last year, the students added to the tradition of excellence at Rufus King both academically and athletically. Numerous awards and competitions were won by students in art, math, music, and science. Our Debate and Forensics teams earned a number of accolades, among them a second consecutive State Championship in Student Congress and a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the State Debate Tournament. Our academic Quiz Bowl teams have competed admirably at both the State and National levels, and last spring the LifeSmarts team captured its third straight State Championship as well as the National Championship. The Chess team also took 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the State Meet.

In athletics, the Girls' Track team again won the indoor championship and the Cross Country team was champion of the City Conference for the third straight year. Our soccer, swimming, and tennis teams remain at or near the top of their conferences as well. Last year's Girls' Basketball team won the City Conference for the second consecutive year and qualified for the State tournament for the first time in school history. And of course our Boys' team captured their second consecutive State championship and their fifth since 1991.

As you can see, things are continuing to go well at Rufus King both in and out of the class-room. A big area of concern, however, is the ever-tightening budget that has forced the school to cut back in a number of areas lately. This is one of the reasons that the Alumni Association has established its foundation. Hopefully, through individual contributions from alumni, the foundation will grow to the point where annual earnings can help to supplement school funds. In addition, contributions to the foundation will support scholarships for our graduating seniors. This is a great way for alumni to give back to Rufus King and to show your pride in the "Generals." Please know that your continued support and encouragement is most appreciated.

**Andrew Meuler**

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at Rufus King? Visit our website at  
[www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/king](http://www2.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/king), or  
call the Activity Hotline at  
414-267-0750.***

## **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI**

The Rufus King Alumni Association will be recognizing distinguished alumni at their annual July picnic, the AlumFest. Four alumni were honored at AlumFest 2004. We are seeking nominations for the distinguished alums to be honored at AlumFest 2005.

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 and medicine, public service, nonprofit enterprises, and business. 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, West Bend, WI, 53095, or to [cbroman@charter.net](mailto:cbroman@charter.net). The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 30, 2005.

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

## Our 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 (AlumFest) on Sunday, July 27, 2003. A second picnic was held on Sunday, July 25, 2004 – AlumFest 2004 and the third annual picnic, AlumFest 2005, is planned for Sunday, July 24, 2005. AlumFest will be an annual event (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of July), along with participation in Homecoming activities in the fall.

The association has been incorporated as a nonprofit corporation and is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Contributions to the Alumni Association are tax-deductible.

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.

JOIN THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TODAY! Use the application form below. Your contribution will help our association in its mission. If you'd like to help in other ways, please contact a steering committee member or call (414) 267-0990.

Current members of the steering committee are:

Joy Market Adams '64	Eric Jacobi '00	Barb Piel Pozorski '57
Carol Schaefer Broman '57	Jim Jacobi '64	Jerry Roesch '61
Jerry Clausing '54	Lois Kuehn '47	Bärbel Ruppert Stell '82
Karl Freeman '82	Mark Lawrenz '67	Preston Young '73
Adam Jacobi '95	Andy Meuler, Principal	

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\_\_\_ I want to join the General's Alumni Army for 2004-2005.

___ \$10 Corporal	___ \$75 Major
___ \$15 Sergeant	___ \$100 Colonel
___ \$25 Lieutenant	___ \$125 General
___ \$50 Captain	___ \$500 General's General Lifetime Membership

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Grad name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mail a copy of this form with check to:

**Rufus King Alumni Association**  
**c/o Rufus King High School**  
**1801 W. Olive St.**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53209-6898**

**[www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com)**

**414-267-0940**

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