

# KING'S PAGE *Revisited*

*Make plans for AlumFest on July 27, 2008*

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Spring 2008

*Dear Alumni,*

It is always my privilege to communicate with you and our great privilege to have your continued love and support. Not every high school is fortunate enough to have an alumni group dedicated to the continued excellence of their alma mater.

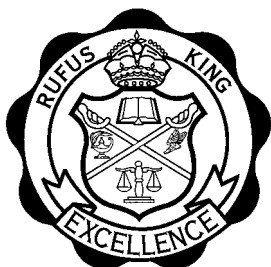
It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the second semester. In just a few short weeks we will have graduated another class, which of course, I will encourage to join our excellent alumni association.

In the continued quest for excellence we are pleased to announce that one our seniors scored a perfect 36 on the ACT again this year. March 19 marked the induction of 45 new students into the National Honor Society. On April 3, we held our orientation for 400 new ninth graders.

Although it's a bit early, we are anticipating celebrating the 75th anniversary of the opening of Rufus King High School in September, 2009. Our Diamond Jubilee year promises to offer lots of opportunities for involvement, fun, and of course, fund raising. I encourage you to offer ideas and participate in any capacity that your time and fiscal resources allow.

The alumni mentoring program is up and running. We welcomed 2006 Distinguished Alum recipient Bernice Buresh '59 to speak to students in media/communications classes. This program has powerful potential, and we are excited to benefit from your wisdom, knowledge, and expertise. Thank you for your willingness to share and give back to your school community.

Until next time.....Go Generals!



Sincerely,

*Marie Newby-Randle*  
Principal

## The Principal's Desk



*Marie Newby-Randle*

**Save  
These  
Dates!**



**Saturday,  
May 17**

Noon-3 p.m.  
Annual Meeting,  
Alumni Association  
Carleton Grange Pub

**Sunday, July 27**

11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
AlumFest  
Rufus King HS  
1 p.m. Program, after--  
Basketball Game

**Saturday, Oct. 11**

10:45 a.m.  
Homecoming Parade  
McGovern Park



## New Alumni Directory

Please respond when you receive a message from Harris Publishing, so we can have an updated directory.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Barb Piel Pozorski '57 (June)** died suddenly on Feb. 4, 2008.

Barb was a founding member of the Alumni Association steering committee and continued on the board after the Association incorporated. She never missed an association event, often hosting the classes from the 1950s at AlumFest. And who can forget Barb and her cart marching in the King homecoming parades, selling beads and pompons.

She retired from work as a registered nurse, but never gave up her secondary occupation as alumni sleuth. She helped many classes find classmates at reunion time. You couldn't stay lost when Barb was on your trail.

Barb is survived by her husband, John; four children, Mark, Ann, John Jr., and Beth; and five grandchildren.



Memorials in Barb's name be made to The National Kidney Foundation, 280 Regency Court, Brookfield, 53045 or the Rufus King Alumni Association, 1801 W. Olive St., Milwaukee, 53209.

## The Verdict is In... Rufus King Continues Tradition of Excellence

In May, 2007, Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School was recognized by *Newsweek Magazine* as one of nation's top ranked high school. Its rankings are based on the total number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate tests taken per graduating senior. Rufus King was the highest ranked school in Wisconsin.

The school continues raking in honors.

Five students under the leadership of social studies teacher **Mark Guardalabene** won the Wisconsin state LifeSmarts championship in February and will represent Wisconsin in the national competition in Minneapolis in April. The competition focuses on knowledge about consumer rights and responsibilities, personal finance, health and safety, environmental issues, and technology.

Rufus King and Bradley Tech HS competed in the FIRST Robotics Regional Competition in

March, building a robot during a six week period from a kit of parts.



(Photo: Milwaukee Journal Sentinel photographer Gary Porter) - **Mohammad Mohammad '08** (back) was among IB diploma candidates presenting papers.

A record 93 Rufus King International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate seniors presented 4,000-word research papers on silver platters to their advisors in late January (see photo, above). This silver platter ceremony culminates weeks of research in areas ranging from history and religion to science.

The speech and debate squads, coached by alum and teacher **Adam Jacobi '95** continue excellence, with several students qualifying to the national tournament in Las Vegas in June.

## Mentoring Program: Connecting Past to Present

Our alumni student mentoring program assists current students in planning their careers. The scope of mentoring could include academic, professional, vocational and technical coaching.

In an effort to identify the who, what, why and how of mentoring activities, the mentoring committee consisting of **Tom McFarlin '59**, **Dean Filandrinos '59**, **Gene Gilbert '44**, **Adam Jacobi '95**, and **Jim Jacobi '64** has conducted meetings with school administration and faculty. Once the faculty has decided on the scope and direction for the program, the committee will formally seek out interested alumni from the vast number of Rufus King High School graduates.

Among recommendations was the development of a resource list of alumni in a variety of professions, trades, vocations and academics whom teachers could call on when required. They also recommended a job-shadowing program to provide students

opportunity to explore various professions and vocations in real life situations.

The faculty suggested that alumni address students on specific subjects in classroom or assembly formats, followed by any personal mentoring or student coaching as interest surfaced.

A speaker's bureau was also recommended which would be organized around specific subjects that would be plans for the mentoring program are not complete, the mentoring committee would like to hear from any alumni interested in participating. The committee requests that interested participants provide a description of their "expertise," along with a written synopsis of their personal scenarios, anecdotes, case examples and valuable insights into their particular subject.

The committee will provide an informational "template" to interested participants. Interested alumni can contact the mentoring committee at [www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com), e-mail Tom McFarlin, [tmcfa7241@aol.com](mailto:tmcfa7241@aol.com) or call him at 262-717-9776

## Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Rufus King Alumni Association will be held **Saturday, May 17, 2008, Noon to 3 p.m.** at the **Carleton Grange Pub**, 3807 S. Packard Ave., St. Francis.

Directors and officers will be elected, a 2008-2009 budget approved, and the 2008 distinguished alumni will be chosen.

If you are interested in attending the meeting or would like further information, contact Joy Adams at [joy.adams@sbcglobal.net](mailto:joy.adams@sbcglobal.net) or 414-482-1597. For more information on the Carleton Grange Pub, check their website at [www.carletongrange.com](http://www.carletongrange.com). Each person attending the meeting will pay for his/her lunch. Lunch choices will be made from the menu.



## Nominations Sought for Distinguished Alumni

The Rufus King Alumni Association recognizes distinguished alumni at its annual July all-class AlumFest. Here's a re-cap of past honorees:

**2004:** Dr. Robert Adair '41, Alderman Willie Hines, Jr. '83, Gen. Gerald Bethke '53, Dale Gutzman '62.

**2005:** Benjamin Harrison '91, Diane Moore '64, Sen. Lena Taylor '84, Joanne Williams '67.

**2006:** Bernice Buresh '59, Craig Hickman '86, John R. Kalwitz '60, Lois M. Kois '86.

**2007:** Jerry Ziesmer '57, John Gilbert Luebtow '62, Sonia Wolff Vogl '55 and Robert Vogl '54, Willie Perkins, Jr '70.

We are seeking nominations for distinguished alumni to be honored on Sunday, July 27, 2008. Thousands have graduated from Rufus King and we 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 no later than April 30, 2008 for the Rufus King Distinguished Alumni Awards to Carol Schaefer Broman, 602 S. 3rd Ave, West Bend, WI, 53095 or to [cbroman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbroman@sbcglobal.net). Applications are available at [www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com), or you can call Carol at 262-335-1647 for a form or simply provide the material outlined below.

- 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.

Keep up to date on what's happening at *your* alma mater. Log on to [www.rkhs.org](http://www.rkhs.org) today!



## AlumFest 2008 Picnic, Awards & Basketball Game Preparations Underway

The sixth all-class picnic, AlumFest 2008, will be held on **Sunday, July 27, 2008** from **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Rufus King athletic field. This annual event is always scheduled for the fourth Sunday in July.



Members of the football team will sell refreshments. (Some attendees have been known to set up grills and cook their own food.) The Athletic Department will sell King T-shirts, sweatshirts, and other memorabilia. Current National Honor Society students will offer tours of the building. Alumni are welcome to set up tents or shelters.

There will be a **program at 1 p.m.** to honor the four 2008 distinguished alumni. Bring your singing voices because you'll also have an opportunity to sing the King Victory Song and Alma Mater.

Plans are underway for an **alumni basketball contest** between alumni from King and Washington to be held at about **2:30 p.m.** on the same day. Stay posted for more details. Contact **Dave Reinelt '99** at 414-531-3283 or [reineltk@yahoo.com](mailto:reineltk@yahoo.com) for more information.



# King Grads Have Adventure of a Lifetime

By **David Reinelt '99**

**Ryan Heckel '99** and **Alex Jones '98** recently completed the Plymouth - Banjul Challenge. The challenge was to drive from Plymouth, England through Spain, Morocco and ending in Banjul Gambia. What made this change particularly interesting was that the rally had to be completed with a car worth no more than \$100 British pounds. The team purchased a 1987 VW Polo on eBay that they picked up on December 26th in Suffolk, England. They departed from England with 39 other teams coming from all over Europe and Australia.



Surprisingly the '87 VW got them through the Western Sahara and the treacherous back roads of Senegal that were more potholes than road. The inside of the car did take on a few buckets full of sand while driving on a desert beach in Mauritania. While driving through Africa the team had to deal with corrupt custom officials and were stopped by the police in Senegal and ticketed as they were pulled over.

Ryan and Alex arrived at their destination in Gambia nearly a

month after departing England. At the end of the rally the cars are donated for auction, with the proceeds going to Gambian charities. The Plymouth - Banjul Challenge will not become an annual event for Heckel and Alex, but they hope to try this, or a different rally again someday.

## New Alumni Directory to be Published

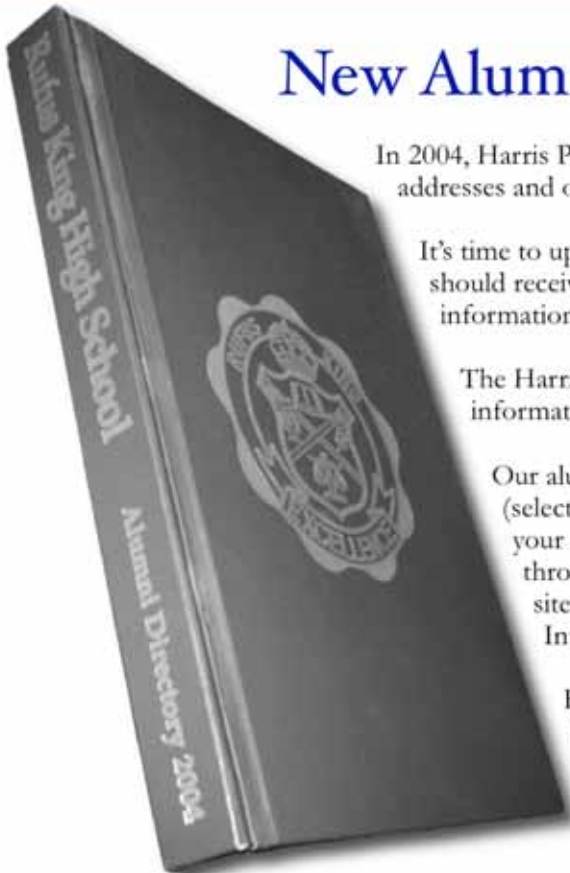
In 2004, Harris Publishing produced a handy directory listing many of Rufus King's alumni with addresses and other information.

It's time to update that directory. Harris Connect is at work on the 2009 edition. Each alum should receive a postcard after June 1 asking him/her to call and verify the directory information. *Please make that call so that the directory will be as accurate as possible.*

The Harris Online Directory will also be updated as Harris Connect receives new information.

Our alumni Web site [www.rufuskingalumni.com](http://www.rufuskingalumni.com) offers a link to the online directory (select "directory" from the menu, or click the graphic). If you are not listed, please add your name and email address. The Alumni Association uses the broadcast e-mail service through the directory to keep alumni up to date on our activities. The Rufus King Web site is also a great way of reading about current events and achievements at Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School.

For a small fee of \$9.95 annually, Harris Connect offers other services like class notes, message boards, job listings, and so forth are available to users.



## Make a Difference in the Lives of Young People

Early last year, the Rufus King Alumni Association created an endowment fund, managed by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The fund was opened with \$6000 from member dues and other gifts and has grown to \$6306 from the earnings of the GMF. When the fund reaches \$25,000, proceeds from will be returned to the alumni association each year to be used for designated projects at the school.



Alumni and friends of Rufus King may make gifts to the fund directly through the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, designating the Rufus King Alumni Association Endowment Fund as recipient. Since the Alumni Association is considered tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service, gifts can also

be made directly to the Association for transfer to the Greater Milwaukee Foundation fund. The lawyers at the Greater Milwaukee Foundation are also able to assist donors on how to include the fund in their wills. The Alumni Association also accepts gifts for designated use by the school. Recently a gift of \$200 was presented to the International Baccalaureate program to purchase calculators to be used for examination purposes. Additionally, our fine arts (music, theatre, visual arts), Forensics (speech, debate), and athletic programs welcome financial support.

If you have any questions about how you can help King and its fine students, contact Carol Schaefer Broman at 262-335-1647 or [cbroman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbroman@sbcglobal.net).

## REUNION WATCH

We received the bulletins below by April 1. Please contact us if others are planned or give us contact information for your class, so that we can publish the information in the future: Carol Schaefer Broman [cbroman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cbroman@sbcglobal.net) or 262-335-1647.

**1944 Annual lunch** July, *Alioto's*  
Bill Kissinger, 262-242-0345,  
[bkiss359@wi.rr.com](mailto:bkiss359@wi.rr.com)  
Joe Kaufman, 414-351-6749

**1958 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**, July 12, 2008  
*Bluemound Country Club*  
**Golf Outing**, July 11, 2008  
Sandy Jefferies Severin,  
262-238-1224,  
[sasev1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sasev1@sbcglobal.net)

**1959 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**, July 23-26, 2009  
Dean Filandrinos,  
262-717-0891,  
[dfilandrinos@wi.rr.com](mailto:dfilandrinos@wi.rr.com)  
Marge Peplinski Reisner,  
262-895-7791,  
[marsner@aol.com](mailto:marsner@aol.com)

**1973 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion**, Sept. 3-9, 2008  
Preston Young, 414-527-0309,  
[prestonyoung3@aol.com](mailto:prestonyoung3@aol.com)

**1983 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion** - anyone interested in planning a reunion contact:  
Dana Kader Robb,  
414-463-0813,  
[dana@barefoot-marketing.com](mailto:dana@barefoot-marketing.com)

**1988 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion**, July 25-27, 2008  
Robert Morris ("RM") Lathan,  
404-915-6151,  
[RM@vipuniversal.com](mailto:RM@vipuniversal.com)  
Larissa Lampkins Cobb,  
414-418-2374

**1998 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
Jennifer Schwalbach,  
608-658-4506,  
[jlschwalbach@msn.com](mailto:jlschwalbach@msn.com)

## Mission & Background

The Rufus King Alumni Association began at a meeting of alumni organized by former principal Andrew W. Meuler in February, 2003. Its first accomplishment was an alumni picnic AlumFest on Sunday, July 27, 2003 held on the Rufus King athletic field. Annual July AlumFests were also held in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. The Association also participates in homecoming activities each fall.

The Board 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!* 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 an Association board member or call **414-267-0940**.

## Homecoming Reflections

By Carol Schaefer Broman '57

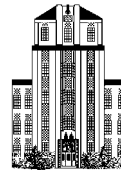
For the fifth year the Rufus King Homecoming Parade on September 29, 2007 included members of the Alumni Association. We proudly marched down Sherman Boulevard from McGovern Park to the Custer Stadium and then cheered King to victory over Custer (29 to 17.)

As usual, it was a perfect fall day. (We say that every year.) The band with its spectacular drum line and the energetic King cheerleaders are always exciting.

We'll be parading and cheering again on October 11, 2008 when King meets Madison for the Homecoming game. Join the parade in the McGovern Park parking lot at 10:45 a.m. The game begins at noon. (Note: we senior citizens have free admittance to the game.)

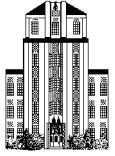
## Board of Directors

**Carol Schaefer Broman '57, President**  
**Joy Market Adams '64, Vice-President**  
**Jerry Roesch '61, Secretary**  
**Preston Young '73, Treasurer**      **Marie Newby-Randle, Principal**



Victor Brazil '66, Jerry Clausing '54, Katy Collin '00,  
Richard Cwiklinski '64, Dean Filandrinos '59, Gene Gilbert '44,  
Catherine Harrison '99, Adam Jacobi '95, Eric Jacobi '00, Jim Jacobi '64, Lois Kuehn '47, Mark Lawerenz '67, David Reinelt '99, Bärbel Ruppert Stell '82.

# Join the Alumni Association



*I want to join* the Alumni Association, with the rank selected below. I will mail this form with check to:

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

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

Name – First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Last name at Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008 Calendar

*Board meetings, unless noted*  
 Saturday, May 17, 12 to 3 p.m.  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
 Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, July 27, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
**ALUMFEST 2008**  
 Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, Oct. 11 - 10:45 parade  
**HOMECOMING 2008**  
 Football vs. Madison, Noon  
 Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.

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