

KING'S PAGE *Revisited*

Make plans for Homecoming on September 29, 2007

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Fall 2007

Dear Alumni,

It is indeed my great privilege and pleasure to serve as principal at your beloved alma mater. I am also the proud mother of a 1995 Rufus King graduate, Diana Newby, who was classmate to current teachers Adam Jacobi and Thomas Wozniak. Because of the solid academic preparation my daughter received, I have a special respect and appreciation for Rufus King, and a passionate commitment to move the school to higher levels of success than it has previously enjoyed.

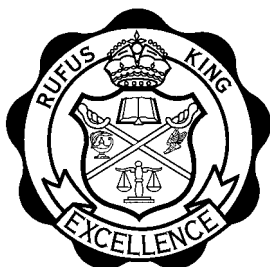
This year's AlumFest provided an opportunity for me to meet many of you on a beautiful Sunday in July where I had the opportunity to witness your lively school spirit. Just this past week we enjoyed a surprise visit from a 1937 graduate who now lives in Tucson, Arizona. Clearly Rufus King is held dear in the hearts of those who matriculated here, and your continued involvement and support will naturally serve to strengthen us as we move forward. Sharing your connections to private industry and corporate entities with us would be greatly appreciated as we attempt to meet students' needs through oversized classes and a budget that is too small to serve our student population adequately.

Despite fiscal obstacles, it has been our good fortune to experience a smooth beginning to the new school year, and we trust that the remainder of the year will be successful and safe for all of us. To that end we cordially invite all alumni to join us on **Saturday, September 29, 2007**, for the Annual Homecoming Parade and Football Game. ***Won't you come fill the stands at Custer Stadium, proudly wearing your blue and gold, and cheer your beloved Generals to a rousing victory over the Custer Cougars?*** What a great opportunity to show our current students "old school" spirit. Homecoming really loses its flavor if nobody comes home. Our hearts and doors are open to greet you.

I'll be looking for you in the parade and in the stands on September 29th. I am eager to meet and work with you to maintain the excellence that characterizes your alma mater, Rufus King.

Sincerely,

Marie Newby-Randle
Principal



Our New Principal



Marie Newby-Randle

Join the Parade

At 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 29, alumni will gather at McGovern Park's Sherman Avenue parking lot to march together to Custer Stadium, 5075 N. Sherman Avenue for the 2007 Homecoming game – King v. Custer.

Kick off is at noon. Alumni sit in the bleachers at the 50 yard line. If you miss the parade, look for us there. **(There is free admission for everyone over age 55).**

What a way to spend an autumn afternoon... watching kids play football, a championship marching band, and spirited cheerleaders.



DARE TO DREAM...

Jerry Ziesmer '57 was honored as a 2007 Distinguished Alumni by the Alumni Association. He was present as a Distinguished Alumni at the 50th Reunion of the class of 1957 which was held on Saturday, July 21, 2007 and shared the following words with his classmates.

"Thank you very much. I'm honored to have graduated along with you from Rufus King High School, Class of 1957. I want to thank our King Alumni and Reunion Committee members who have provided us with these events over the years.

"My wife, the former Suzanne Rosandich and also a 1957 King graduate, and I have spent the last many years out in California raising a family and making motion pictures. Now retired, we're blessed with time to ponder what was the most instrumental in helping us find and then guiding us along our life's path.

"When Suzanne and I talk about our years at King, we begin by talking about YOU: our friends and teachers...the proms, the football and basketball games, our teenage hopes and dreams, but now in July of 2007 we're able to look back over the years and identify what guided our first steps on the very beginning discovery of our life's path.

"At Rufus King we were taught to honor a sound work ethic that insured our survival no matter what our world might be. We were trained in the academic tools to seek out and conquer our personal goals. We were given a moral and ethical base to enrich and guide us all during our lives no matter how our worlds might change.

"Rufus King High School and the Class of '57, I hail you for all you've given to me. You are the true cornerstones of my life...a foundation that has served me well for over fifty years. BUT I hail you most of all, Rufus King for guiding a very young student to discover the courage to follow his own dreams wherever they would lead him. Thank you."

Read Jerry's memoir, *Ready When You Are, Mr. Coppola, Mr. Spielberg, Mr. Crowe* (Lanham, Maryland: Scarecrow Press, 1999) to learn about Jerry and Suzanne's dreams and achievements.

AlumFest 2007 & Distinguished Alumni

On Sunday, July 22, 2007, the Alumni Association sponsored our fifth "AlumFest." The alumni who attended enjoyed roaming the school guided by student members of the National Honor Society, eating hot dogs cooked by the 2006 football team, and seeing friends and former classmates.

This year we were sheltered by a 30' by 40' canopy set just south of the north goal posts. It proved a wonderful gathering place and perfect location for the 1 p.m. program. Thanks to the reunion committee from the class of '64 for providing a huge AlumFest sign that announced clearly what was happening on the field. People passing by on 19th Street saw the sign and joined the picnic.

The program at 1 p.m. introduced the fourth class of Distinguished Alumni. Four of five honorees were able to attend.



John Gilbert Luebtow '62 was honored for his accomplishments as a visual artist. His glass sculpture has been exhibited in many museums and has been commissioned for

hotels and other buildings throughout the world. He and his wife live in Chatsworth, California.

Willie Perkins, Jr. '70 is a busy entrepreneur and activist in Milwaukee. His family owns the Mr. Perkins Restaurant on 20th and Atkinson... right in King's neighborhood.



Sonia Wolff Vogl '55 and Robert Vogl '54 are environmental scientists who taught for many years at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. They are currently active in programs in



environmental education, especially in the area of energy alternatives.



Jerry Ziesmer '57 was also honored, but could not attend AlumFest. He came to Milwaukee for the 50th Reunion of the class of 1957, but had to return to Los Angeles early Sunday.

He had a thirty year career in the film industry as an assistant director and received the 2006 Frank Capra Achievement Award given to assistant directors by the Directors Guild of America.

Another highlight of the program was the presentation of a commendation from the Wisconsin State Legislature. **Rep. Josh Zepnick '86** and **Sen. Lena Taylor '84** (2005 Distinguished Alumni honoree) presented the commendation to **Principal Marie Newby-Randle**. It congratulates the school for being recognized as Wisconsin's leading high school on *Newsweek* magazine's list of the nation's top public high schools.

The program closed with a valiant rendition of the King Victory Song and Alma Mater (we sound better every year).

AlumFest 2008 will be held in July, 2008 on the King athletic field. Watch for more information. (We are accepting nominations for the 2008 class of Distinguished Alumni; they must be received by **April 30, 2008**). To receive a nomination form, e-mail or call Carol Schaefer Broman: cbroman@charter.net or 262-335-1647.)

Endowment Fund Created

Early in 2007 the Board of the Rufus King Alumni Association created the Rufus King Alumni Association Endowment Fund. We have chosen to establish this fund with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation. The Greater Milwaukee Foundation has \$434 million in assets in more than 960 charitable funds. In 2006 those assets earned 13%.

We opened the fund with \$6000 from member dues and other gifts. When the fund reaches \$25,000, proceeds from will be returned to the Alumni Association and used for designated projects at Rufus King International Baccalaureate School.

Alumni and friends of Rufus King may make gifts to the fund directly to 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.

If you have any questions about this exciting venture, contact Carol Schaefer Broman at **262-335-1647** or **cbroman@sbcglobal.net**.

Mission Statement & Background

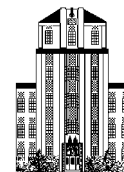
The Rufus King Alumni Association began at a meeting of alumni organized by former principal Andrew W. Meuler in February, 2003. Its first accomplishment was an alumni picnic AlumFest on Sunday, July 27, 2003 held on the Rufus King athletic field. AlumFests were also held in 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007. AlumFest will be an annual July event for the Association. The Association will also participate 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 **414-267-0990**.

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Service to School Committee

Get Involved in the mentorship program. After meeting with current students to talk about your field of expertise, we will help you stay in touch to further counsel students who are interested in your profession or skilled trade. All communication and visits will be arranged through the committee and the Alumni Association's Web site. If you are interested in dedicating some of your time, or if you want more information, contact Dean Filandrinos '59 at **(262) 717-0891** or **dfilandrinos@wi.rr.com**.



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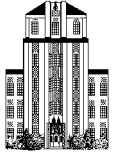
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Rufus King Earns 5th Consecutive State Recognition

Rufus King was named by the state Department of Public Instruction as a 2006-07 New Wisconsin Promise School of Recognition. The designation is given to schools that meet a number of criteria, including consistent academic progress. Each school must meet a combination of requirements to be recognized, including eligibility for Title I funding, a high poverty student population based on free and reduced price lunch data, above average academic achievement for the state in both reading and mathematics, and avoidance of being identified as a school in need of improvement.

Also, Rufus King again was the **leading school in Wisconsin** in Newsweek's annual rating of high schools. Go Generals!

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 _____

2007-2008 Calendar

Board meetings, unless noted

Wednesday, Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29, 10:45 a.m.

HOMECOMING 2007

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 19, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17, 12 to 3 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 20, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ALUMFEST 2008

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday in Sept. or Oct.

HOMECOMING 2008

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 5:30 p.m.

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