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Annual Meeting Held; New Board Members Elected

Alumni representing four decades were elected unanimously to serve as members of the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Board of Directors effective July 2007. They are:

- Joanne "Jody" Day, Class of 1959
- Mary Ann Hinz, Class of 1965
- Laura Sadowski, Class of 1977
- Martha Mack, Class of 1980

Mary Ann Hinz also was elected unanimously to fill the position of vice president. She replaces Michael Petramalo, who moved to Florida.

Among those attending the meeting, held in the district's Transportation and Operations Center on Lehigh Station Road, was Nanette P. Hance, executive director for Community Relations. She will serve as the district's liaison to the Council, replacing Dr. Kenneth Hilton, who was named Superintendent of Schools in Sullivan County, New York. Ms. Hance shared a positive assessment from Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Graham regarding the work the Council has done in its first year.

Council President Joseph Bellanca, Class of 1965, provided the audience with a report of the year's activities, as well as a look to the future. Within the past year, two newsletters have been electronically distributed to all R-H alumni registered on the district's Web site at www.rhnet.org. In all, 3,800 graduates are registered, more than a 25 percent increase in the past 12 months. These newsletters also have been posted to the Web site.

Council members worked to become more visible this year, and were involved in a Henrietta Pride fundraiser at Gro-Moore Farms to benefit Camp Good Days and Special Times. In addition, RHAC worked with the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation (RHEF) to honor five individuals as Distinguished Alumni during Homecoming 2006.

Individuals who volunteered to serve as class contacts gathered in February 2007 at the former home of Mike and Debbie Petramalo in Rush, a successful event that brought graduates together from the 1940s to the present. During the R-H graduation ceremonies at RIT, President Bellanca and trustee Ann Grabowski were on hand to congratulate the district's newest alumni, and touch base with many friends and graduates who attended.

This year, the Council will induct two graduates into the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Hall of Fame. The Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation is providing the funding. The ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 29, at the Senior High School. This newsletter includes information about the inductees.

The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Board of Directors meets every other month. The next meeting is Monday, November 19, 2007, at the Transportation and Operations Center, 1133 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta. Alumni are cordially invited to attend.



Two Rush-Henrietta Alumni to be Inducted into Hall of Fame

A banking executive and a professor of microelectronic engineering are the first members of the newly formed Rush-Henrietta Alumni Hall of Fame.

Dr. Bruce Smith, of Penfield, N.Y., a 1977 Rush-Henrietta graduate, is an internationally known expert in lithography and is director for the Center of Nanolithography Research at Rochester Institute of Technology. He has authored more than 100 publications and is credited with a number of patents.

He also is an entrepreneur, having created a business based in Henrietta in 1998. Amphibian Systems sells multi-million dollar lithography research tools worldwide and employs a number of RIT alumni. While attending Rush-Henrietta, Dr. Smith took a number of photography classes at RIT. After graduating from the district, he earned B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in imaging science at the school.

The second Hall of Fame inductee is Karen L. Hayden Davis, of Farmington, N.Y., a 1973 Rush-Henrietta graduate. She is vice president and branch center director for ESL Federal Credit Union.

As a member of a 12-person management team, Mrs. Davis was involved in a project to separate ESL from the Eastman Kodak Company to form an independent credit union, one of the largest in the region. In her role as vice president, she is responsible for branch expansion, including managing of branch construction projects and overseeing sales and operations of an 18-branch network.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Mrs. Davis was a 2004 Women's Council Athena Award nominee and is active on several local and national foundations, including the Lakeside Hospital Foundation in Brockport.

Dr. Smith and Mrs. Davis were selected from a field of 12 nominees. They will be inducted into the Rush-Henrietta



Karen L. Hayden Davis, '73, and Bruce Smith, '77, are members of the inaugural Hall of Fame.

Alumni Council (RHAC) Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 29, at the Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road. The ceremony precedes this year's homecoming football game with Penfield.

During halftime, the new inductees will meet friends, family members, and fellow graduates in an alumni tent located on the north end of Elmer Gordon Field. All Rush-Henrietta alumni are invited to meet these two outstanding graduates and enjoy refreshments with other grads.

The Hall of Fame is funded through the Rush-Henrietta Education Foundation, the organization that underwrote expenses for past recognition of Distinguished Alumni. A new plaque naming all past Distinguished Alumni, as well as the two new Hall of Fame inductees, will be unveiled and displayed in the Senior High School. "The quality of this year's field of nominees was astounding," says RHAC President Joe Bellanca. "Any one of the 12 would have been excellent choices for the Hall of Fame."

Next spring, RHAC will seek additional nominees for this honor. Those whose names were submitted for this year's induction will continue to be considered for future recognition.

Leary, Winslow Celebrating 50 Years

Both Leary Elementary School and Winslow Elementary School are planning to commemorate 50th anniversaries this year, and seek alumni willing to share memorabilia, memories, photographs, and stories from those schools. To help Leary, please e-mail Sue Gillette at sgillette@rhnet.org. To help Winslow, please e-mail Travis Anderson at tanderson@rhnet.org. For inquiries specifically about the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council, contact Joe Bellanca, president, at cjbellanca@rochester.rr.com.