

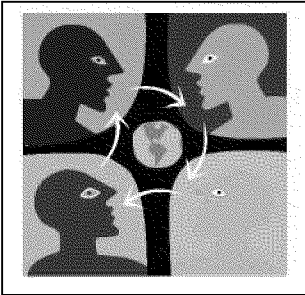
# Spotlight Spin-off

Richfield Senior High  
Alumni Newsletter

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## REUNION SCHEDULE!

Nine class reunions are scheduled for this summer:

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- 1956 (50 year) - September 16 at the Richfield American Legion
  - 1960, 61, and 62 (Tri-Class) - September 23 at Bearpath Country Club
  - 1971 (35 year) - July 29 at Knights of Columbus, Bloomington
  - 1976 (30 year) - August 11 at Park Plaza Hotel Ballroom, Bloomington
  - 1981 (25 year) - TBD
  - 1986 (20 year) - August 12 at The Airport Hilton, Bloomington
  - 1996 (10 year) - June 10 at Fort Snelling Club
  - 2001 (5 year) - July 1 at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern, Bloomington

For more details about reunions, RHS, and former classmates, check out the Alumni website at <http://deckernet.com/rhs/>. Thanks to RHS alumnus Martha Decker (Class of 1974) for maintaining this site!

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Todd Durand (Class of 1996)** was the keynote speaker at the May 8 RHS Academic Recognition. Now an elementary teacher in the Bloomington Public Schools, Todd used the story of "Super Dog" to convey that "heroes" are not *born*; rather, they are *made* as the result of positive decisions and actions. At RHS, Todd was active in music and theatre. He also took Honors English as a senior from Marie Abele, who coordinates the academic recognition program. Todd acknowledged that his heart skipped a beat when he received an e-mail message from Mrs. Abele. His first thought was, "Did I forget to turn in the final 're-do' of my last essay? Mrs. Abele couldn't withdraw my diploma now, could she?!"

**Janice Hanson (Class of 1972)** works for Christian Life Fellowship in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After Hurricane Katrina, Janice appealed for help from her former RHS classmates. Janice reports that the Class

of 1972 responded with over \$3,000 in "generous financial gifts," along with new clothes to help families who were displaced by the storm. Thanks to the Class of 1972 for your generosity and caring!

Except for his pre-school and college years, **Lee Herman (Class of 1989)** has never left the Richfield Public Schools! Lee is a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Richfield Intermediate School and was recently named head coach of the RHS Football Team. Recalling how important athletics were to him at a young age, Lee worked with high school coaches and athletes to organize an elementary sports recruiting day at RIS! Lee reported, "The elementary students were very excited to see the high school athletes in their game jerseys promoting their sports. The athletes were friendly, well mannered, and represented our high school with a tremendous amount of class." Go Spartans!!

