Event slated for Saturday, March 7

HOMECOMING CONTINUES THEME OF ‘FUN ‘N GAMES’

With the success and positive feedback from the events held as a part of Homecoming 2014, alumni officials are once again going with the theme of “Fun ‘n Games” as plans are announced for Homecoming 2015 festivities slated for Saturday, March 7. While athletes and Roadrunner sports fans from the past will enjoy activities in the “Roadrunner Roost,” there will be ample opportunities for everyone to partake in activities in each tournament. Pay-out will be 75% of the cash prizes awarded to the top three finishers and 10% to third place finishers. Contact Jessica Laeseke for details and/or to register in advance. Her e-mail is: jessica.laeseke@uwc.edu. Registration for the tournaments will be available on the day of the event, but for those who’d like to register in advance, send your name and contact information to Jessica at: UW-Richland, 1200 Hwy 14W, Richland Center, WI 53581. Be sure to include a $5 per person registration fee with checks made payable to UWR Alumni Association.

Important note to athletes:

Volleyball and basketball players are asked to register no later than Friday, February 13. Registration details are found on the back page of this newsletter. And, while final details were not available at the time this article was prepared, two coaches have been confirmed for the athletic events. Gail Hoffman will coach one of the women’s volleyball teams; Don Fitzgibbons will coach one of the men’s basketball squads.

Join us in the Roadrunner Café

The atmosphere in the Roadrunner Café last year was electric. Lots of people having a lot of fun! Many enjoyed the competition in bean bag and pool tournaments, while others enjoyed the delicious specials provided by the Lunch Ladies, and others just enjoyed seeing old friends. That’ll all happen again this year! This year the Lunch Ladies will be running several food specials from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

With the “Fun ‘n Games” in the Roadrunner Café not starting until after the men’s alumni basketball game, anyone who wishes to participate in one or both tournaments will be able to do so. There will be a $5 per person registration fee with cash prizes awarded to the top three finishers in each tournament. Pay-out will be 75% of the registration fees collected with 50% going to first place finishers; 15% to second place finishers; and 10% to third place finishers.

We look forward to seeing you on March 7. Be sure to contact your friends and encourage them to come to Homecoming 2015 at UW-Richland!

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Nominations now being accepted

Outstanding Alumni Award Program Revised

Revisions to the Outstanding Alumni Award program were recently approved by the UWR Alumni Association Board of Directors. The program was initiated in 1974 when Marjorie Wallace (’41) became the first individual to receive this special honor. At that time just one award was made each year; starting in 1982, two awards were made—and it has been that way ever since.

Changes recently approved will allow for a maximum of five (5) awards to be made each year, with consideration given to providing equal representation for UW-Richland and County College nominees.

In addition to three Alumni Association board members on the Selection Committee, the Alumni Board will invite both a Campus Foundation and faculty/staff representative to participate.

Nominations must be eligible for membership in the association, but need not be paid members. Nominations should be recognized as outstanding in their profession and show qualities of leadership and dedication in professional and/or community activities.

Nominations for the 2015 Outstanding Alumni Awards are now being accepted and must be received by April 15. Nominations may be submitted to Association president Kathy Granger by mail:

Kathy Granger, President
UWR Alumni Association
E17384 Cty Hwy V
Hillsboro, WI 54634

Or, contact John Poole via e-mail at: john.poole@uwc.edu.
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Tobin Shucha (pronounced shoe-ka) is the new music director at UW-Richland. He joined the campus community in the fall of 2014. A UW-Madison Ph.D. candidate, he earned a master’s degree in music education from UW-Madison and a bachelor’s degree in music education from UW-Eau Claire. Shucha previously worked as a UW-Madison teaching assistant 2010-2013; Director of Bands for the Lodi School District 2006-2009; Band Director and instrumental music teacher for Waunakee Community Schools 1999-2006; and Director of Bands at Franklin Public Schools 1995-1999. A lifelong Wisconsinite, he’s most recently from Waunakee. An Eagle Scout, Shucha is married to Bonnie Shucha, assistant director for public services at the UW-Madison Law Library. They have a daughter, Kate, and a son, Cal.

Daniel (Danny) Gissing joined the staff of UW-Richland housing for UW-Richland students in the fall of 2014. Gissing lives on-site and serves as residence hall director working under the supervision of the executive director. His professional background includes two years in residence life at UW-Stout and a bachelor’s degree, completed in August 2014 at UW-Stout in human development and family studies. His work experience includes service as a housing intern, resident advisor, and summer camp assistant in the UW-Stout department of housing and residence life. He’s also served as an interim associate director of administration and finance with an international organization that focuses on best practices to improve student residential communities.

Ann Triphan joined the University of Wisconsin-Richland Student Affairs staff in October. In her position as student affairs coordinator, she assists students, prospective students and their families in a variety of ways—career and academic advising, veterans service among them. Triphan comes to UW-Richland with experience that includes five years of advising in a higher education setting gained when she served as assistant director in the Student Affairs Division Career Center at the Illinois State University (ISU) in Normal, IL. She previously worked as a grants director for Illinois Campus Compact and served as interim coordinator in the ISU Office of Diversity and Affirmative Action. Triphan is well acquainted with the Richland area and education in southwest Wisconsin. Born and raised on a Richland County dairy farm, the then Ann Stafford attended Kickapoo Public Schools from kindergarten through high school graduation.

Gregory Nathan Johnson is the new art instructor at UW-Richland. He joined the campus community in the fall of 2014. Johnson is well-acquainted with the UW Colleges as he earned his associate of arts and science degree in 2001 at UW-Fox Valley, one of UW-Richland’s sister two-year campuses. Johnson went on to earn his bachelor of fine arts degree at UW-Milwaukee and his master of fine arts degree at Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Katherine (Katie) Burnley, Richland Center, joined the University of Wisconsin-Richland business services staff in October. As a financial specialist, she assists students and their families, faculty, staff, and community patrons. Burnley earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration, marketing and international business at Bowling Green State University and studied abroad at the Universidad De Alcala de Heneres in Spain. Since 2007, she’s served as the office manager at the Rockbridge Sawmill. Her prior work experience includes service as Human Resources Recruiter at a law firm in Arlington, Virginia.

Of interest . . .

- UW-Richland welcomed 52 international students from 20 different nations or autonomous regions in the fall of 2014. We have the largest international student population of all the UW Colleges campuses.

- UW-Richland’s fall 2014 student headcount was 560—44% male and 56% female, ranging in age from 17 – 60.

- Dr. Cathy Sandeen began service as chancellor of the UW Colleges and UW-Extension in mid-December 2014. She most previously was vice president for Educational Attainment and Innovation at the American Council on Education.
Klaas retires from College of DuPage

Don Klaas, Roadrunner basketball coach from 1975-78, retired as head coach of the College of DuPage Chaparrals, following an extraordinary thirty-five year career. Klaas was also a professor of Physical Education and directed the Aerobic Fitness Lab at COD. During his career at DuPage, Klaas-coached teams posted a 743-382 won-loss record and made seven trips to the NJCAA national tournament, earning the national title in 2001-02. Klaas was inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame in 2003; and the UW-Platteville Hall of Fame in 2002. His teams have won the North Central Community College Conference 12 times and won the Region IV tournament 7 times.

Coach Klaas’ record at UW-Richland was 60-24 and included two conference championships. His 1975-76 Roadrunner team was the #1 ranked defensive team in the nation (NJCAA). Don and his wife Peggy live in Wheaton, but spend a considerable amount of time at Dutch Hollow Lake near LaValle, Wisconsin.

We’d like to hear from you...

Tell us “what’s up” in your life. Where are you? What are you doing? Graduate from college?
Got a new job? Got married? Got some interesting activities to share? Received some recent honors/recognition?

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Return to: John Poole, UW-Richland, 1200 Hwy 14W, Richland Center, WI 53581.
Or, e-mail John at: john.poole@uwc.edu.
Over 200 fest-goers enjoyed the UW-Richland Alumni Association’s 2nd Annual Brew Fest on Saturday, October 11. Because of the popularity of the event in 2013, the venue was moved to the gymnasium—and it worked out very, very well. Guests could stroll around the room at their leisure, use their special ‘taster’s mug’ to sample, and also enjoy a very Oktoberfest-like atmosphere, complete with polka music, brats, and other food items.

Ten home brewers took part this year, including two UWR alums, brothers Wayne Harper and Mark Harper. In addition, Potosi Brewing Company provided several of their specialty brews for tasting as did Vintage Brewing Company of Madison. Bryan Manning (’91) is a co-owner of Vintage Brewing and was on hand for the event.

Several other alumni were either on hand or had samples of their products on hand to share with fest-goers, including Craig Huth (’98) of the Richland Locker Company, Jason Schultz (’97) of Alcam Creamery, and Scott Meister (’84), president of Meister Cheese. In addition, the Lunch Ladies sold brats and other food items.

Door prizes were awarded to Gail Hoffman who claimed the home brewing kit. Other prizes were awarded Harvey Bastian (Center Lodge gift certificate), and Dundee McNair, Richland Center, and Anne Walker of Boscobel both winning $25 U.S. Cellular gift cards.

Members of the Brew Fest Committee included: Ken Thiede, Derek Kalish, Mark Harper, Chris Nolet. Kathy Granger and John Poole also assisted.

The 3rd Annual Brew Fest will take place on Saturday, October 3, from 2:00-5:00 in the UWR gymnasium. You won’t want to miss it!

Meet your Alumni Board members

The annual meeting of the UWR Alumni Association took place as part of the Fall Alumni Day on October 3, and included elections for board seats. As a result of those elections the following individuals were elected:

Kathy Granger (‘63), President
Derek Kalish (‘03), Treasurer
Emery Wontor (‘08, Board Member
Ryan Zoellick (‘11), Board Member

Meet the board members …

In two previous issues of Alumni News we have introduced you to board members Jessica Laeske, Barbara Wentz, Francis Braithwaite, Mark Harper, Ken Thiede, Derek Kalish, and Emery Wontor. In this issue we are introducing you to two more of our board members, including: Ryan Zoellick, the newest member, and Dory Wallace.

Ryan Zoellick

I’m Ryan Zoellick, UW-Richland Class of 2011, a lifelong resident of Richland Center and still currently reside here. I just want to say that I am honored to have been nominated to the Alumni Board, and take pride in having attended UW-Richland. After UW-Richland, I transferred to UW-Platteville and majored in Communications emphasizing in Audio & Video Production also with a minor in Political Science. For the past 5 years, I have worked for Fruit Broadcasting, WRCO AM-FM, in Richland Center as a part time on-air staff member. I also will be doing play-by-play for Hornet Replay on local access channel 12 for Genuine Telecom, 984 for Charter, and shown on You Tube. During the summer months, I do independent video work for different people, which has allowed me the opportunity to travel to different parts of Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and into Eastern Iowa.

One of my favorite moments since UW-Richland was being able to help with Wisconsin Badger Camp Telethon on the UW-Platteville campus. All money raised goes to support the camp for those with mental and physical disabilities. The event is held the first Saturday of December and is something I would recommend marking on your calendars for next year. Since my time at UW-Richland, I have always looked back on the great memories, people, and just how lucky I am to have UW-R in my hometown. UW-Richland gave me a great foundation for college and life. No matter where my I go down the road UW-Richland will always be a part of me.

Dory Wallace

I got my BS degree in 1969 from UW-Platteville and my MS degree in 1970 from UW-P. I taught 2 years in the Fennimore School District and 34 in the Boscobel District, retiring in 2002. All my teaching was at the elementary level.

We have 4 children, 24 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. We spend the winters in Florida and the rest of the year in Richland Center. My teaching still goes on since I sometimes help our children with teaching since they all homeschool their children.
The annual Fall Alumni Day for the UW-Richland Alumni Association was a festive and enjoyable one as over 60 alumni and friends gathered in the Wallace Student Center to reunite and celebrate success. Alumni Association President Kathy Granger ('63) presided over the event and welcome special guest speakers, including Terry Sebranek ('05), President of the Richland Campus Foundation, and Dr. Patrick Hagen, CEO/Dean of UWR.

A very special part of the program included presentation of the Outstanding Alumni Award recipients for 2015: Barbara Cody, Class of 1966; and, Robert (Rob) Gander, Class of 1984. Cody is a retired area educator with a long and distinguished career; Gander currently serves as associate professor of speech communication and theatre at the University of Nevada-Reno where he also serves as department chair.

Fall Alumni Day honors Cody, Gander

Are your dues due?

Your UWR Alumni Association depends on your membership dues to cover operating expenses. If you’ve not yet become a dues-paying member, we ask you to do so. Rates are very, well, cheap.

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Check the mailing label of this newsletter to see if your dues are due. If you see a membership date of 2014 or earlier, your dues are due; if you see no date, that means you’ve never been a paying member. Whatever the case, we do need your support.

Questions? Contact John Poole: john.poole@uwc.edu

In Memoriam

Brian Green, Cazenovia, died on November 20, 2014, as the result of a traffic accident. Brian was a 2001 graduate of UW-Richland.

Joy (Reith) Gander, 78, died suddenly at The Richland Hospital on November 6, 2014.

Bradley Cummings, formerly of Plain, died unexpectedly on July 24, 2014. Brad attended UWR during the 1992-93 academic year; he was living in Whitewater at the time of his death.

Dirk Boelman ('74), Platteville, died unexpectedly on July 16, 2014. Dirk was married to the former Karen Thompson, also a UWR alum.

Jeanne S. Anderson died on August 5, 2014, at the age of 84.

Eva Henderson, Hillsboro, died on June 2, 2014.

Kevin Bruckner ('84), Richland Center, died unexpectedly on December 9.

Carwin Schwanz ('62), Richland Center, died on October 26, 2014. He had been a longtime member of the Richland Center Police Department

Roland McCauley, Richland Center, died on July 20, 2014. Roland and his wife Madaline owned the farm where the University of Wisconsin-Richland is now located. He and his wife have been longtime supporters and friends of UW-Richland.

Jeff Spielman, former assistant professor of physical education and men’s basketball coach at UW-Richland, died suddenly on November 19, 2014, as the result of an automobile accident caused by a heart attack. At the time of his death, Coach Spielman was serving as the Director of Advancement for the College of Biological Sciences at the University of Minnesota; he had held similar positions at Iowa State and Purdue Universities, following a career of coaching, teaching, and fund-raising at Buena Vista College in Iowa. Jeff coached the Roadrunners from 1978-1983. A memorial service for Jeff was held in Hudson, WI, on November 23.

44th Annual Roadrunner Road Rallye is Friday, May 1

Relive the fun and excitement of this spring UW-Richland classic as the 44th Annual Roadrunner Road Rallye takes flight on Friday, May 1, 2015. There is a special division for alumni and you’re more than welcome to participate.

The event begins with a meeting of participants in the Roadrunner Café at 2:30; the first car departs at 3:00, with others following at two-minute intervals.

So, mark your calendar now … and join us in the spring.
President’s Column
Kathy Granger (’66)

We wish everyone a happy and healthy 2015. The Alumni Association is looking forward to another exciting year with our various activities. We are honored to be able to support the activities of the alumni family, including all who’ve attended and the County College.

I would like to thank everyone that attended the Fall Alumni Day and Brunch in October. We had a wonderful day with great fellowship, celebrating our Outstanding Alumni and enjoying a delicious meal. We also had a successful Brew Fest #2 a week later in the campus gymnasium. We appreciate all the support of everyone that made this event possible.

We are grateful to all of you that renewed your annual, three-year or life memberships. And a special thanks to all of you that gave us additional funds for scholarships. You make it possible for us to do the things we do.

I would like to ask a favor of those of you who know former County College President and UWR Dean Marjorie Wallace: I think it would really be great if you would send a note and remind her of what a difference she made in your life (opportunity to attend college, career, life lessons, etc.) It goes without saying what a special lady she is and I’m sure she would love hearing from us. Her address is Room 100, Schmitt Woodland Hills, 1400 W. Seminary, Richland Center, WI 53581. And for those of you UW-Richland grads that did not know her: the campus probably would not be here if it were not for her dedication that made it happen!

Just a reminder: please let John Poole know of any address changes/corrections. If more than one newsletter comes to your address, please let him know of that also. We want to keep our data list as accurate as possible.

Best wishes for the remainder of the winter and a bright, sunny spring. I hope to see many of you at our Homecoming Day in March.

Remember, life is good!

Dean’s Column
Patrick Hagen, CEO/Dean

One of my favorite events of the academic year is UW-Richland’s Annual Donor Reception. For me personally, it brings back memories dating from the 80’s. Throughout my years as an undergraduate, I benefitted from the generosity of many people, some whom I never met.

As CEO/Dean, the campus donor reception has a much greater significance. It is an opportunity to bring together many of our donors with their scholarship recipients. One of the unique things about our small campus is that we can make personal connections with ease.

This year’s donor reception was marked by the presence of Mr. Jim Himel, Administrative Trustee of the Garrison L. Lincoln Trust. Now, for those who are familiar with Richland Center history, the name Lincoln rings a bell. Garrison Lincoln’s father, Perl Lincoln, was mayor of Richland Center during the period when the Civic Auditorium was built. Garrison Lincoln and his wife Mora built their own legacy.

The Garrison L. Lincoln Trust, which Mr. Himel administers, has provided $400,000 in post-high school scholarships over the past 13 years. Many of the recipients of these generous scholarships are students attending UW-Richland. As Jim Himel stated in his remarks, it is amazing the impact a person can make in the community if they put their mind to it. Garrison Lincoln spent his career as a teacher in the Madison East School District. The interest of the $1 million trust will continue to provide educational opportunities in the years ahead.

It is important for people to come together and celebrate academics and the spirit of giving. Donors are good citizens who’ve lived successful lives. They desire to share some of the fruits of their harvest with others. Donors make sacrifices for things that reach beyond their own immediate needs.

At UW-Richland, we are extremely fortunate to benefit from the generosity of generations of donors. Providing scholarships to our students has its roots in the county teachers college that existed some 60 years prior to the opening of UW-Richland in 1967.

Having lived in Richland Center for nearly 5 years now, I am convinced that the spirit of generosity is in the air. We breathe it in. If you look around, there are so many manifestations of people helping people. The Richland County Campus Foundation is one beneficiary of this spirit. As a result, the Foundation is able to award $100,000 in scholarships each year.

In closing, please permit me to mention two things. If you know of a worthy college student who is attending or will attend UW-Richland next academic year, please encourage the student to contact our Student Affairs Office. Applications for new freshmen and continuing scholarships are due on April 1, 2015. And secondly, if you desire to donate to the Richland County Campus Foundation, please contact Darlo Wentz, Executive Secretary, at the campus.

Alumni can help
Athletic department seeks gymnasium improvements

Tracy Krueger, Director of Athletics for the University of Wisconsin-Richland, has announced plans to up-grade the audio system in the UWR gymnasium, also known as “The Roost.” The objective will be to replace and better utilize technology in the gymnasium for classes, sporting events, continuing education events, community events, and alumni activities.

The current sound system is the original sound system, dating back to 1967.

Alumni and friends who’ve had occasion to participate or attend events in the gym know about the short-comings of the current sound system. Krueger points out a new system would offer a multitude of uses not currently possible—including incorporating music in the curriculum, improving the game day atmosphere, providing a much more professional system for educational, student affairs, and various community events.

Cost of the project is estimated at nearly $30,000 and so Krueger anticipates improvements may need to be made in phases.

Alumni and friends interested in donating to this project are invited to send donations to:

Darlo Wentz, Executive Secretary
Richland Campus Foundation
ATTN: Gymnasium Audio System Project
1200 Hwy 14W
Richland Center, WI 53581

Donations are fully tax-deductible. If you have questions or would like further details concerning the project, please contact Coach Krueger by e-mail at: tracy.krueger@uwc.edu.
Volleyball & Basketball Player Registration Form – Due February 13

Name _________________________________________________________________________________

E-Mail Address _________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address _______________________________________________________________________

___ Yes, I plan to play on March 7.

What year(s) did you play at UWR? _______ Your coach:  _____________________________________

Circle shirt size:  S M L XL XXL*

Registration fee:  $15 (includes t-shirt)  *$17 for XXL size

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Registrations are due by Friday, February 13.

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