Tee Off With Rutgers-Newark Alumni and Friends

Don’t miss out on the fun this year!

Ladies and Gentlemen are Welcome.

Here are some highlights from last year’s golf event.
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Message from the President

For those of you who have followed the Rutgers-Newark Alumni Association (RNAA) closely you must have noticed that we have been in a state of transition the past couple of years. The Rutgers University Alumni Association (RUAA) is now the center of the universe when it comes to alumni relations for the whole university. However, the RNAA is still an active part in alumni life on the Newark campus. We are dedicated as an organization to provide information, promotional support and manpower that will help keep you connected as alumni of NCAS/The Newark Campus.

The first major change the you will notice is here on these pages. Our first e-newsletter by editor Dennis McGorry and his team will guide you through some of the happenings of the last 12 months. Going forward we will send you periodic e-newsletters during the year alerting you to upcoming events and reporting the news that pertains to your Alma Mater.

We have provided support to RUAA and Alumni Relations for running three major events that support our campus and NCAS alumni. We have partnered with the Rutgers-Newark athletic department, the Rutgers Business School and Alumni Relations in running our annual Rutgers-Newark golf tournament. This year those who participate have a chance to win a new car. We also lend a hand and provide prizes during the Homecoming festival in the fall and the Reunion in the spring. All proceeds were donated to “RAH” --- Rutgers Against Hunger. We continue to administer and support the RNAA scholarship and this year we have added individual one-time grants for incoming freshmen.

On May 17th I had the pleasure and the honor to speak at the commencement for the NCAS of 2010. The one thing that stood out most in my mind from that day was when I mentioned how I like to tell people I graduated from “Rutgers in NEWARK.” The response from the class of 2010 was thunderous! From 1978 (when I graduated) until 2010 nothing has changed. We, the Alumni of Rutgers-Newark, want everyone to know “we all went to a great school.” But without our alumni we are nothing, with you the sky’s the limit.

So, the RNAA as well as the RUAA urges you to be involved. Share with us your knowledge, expertise and whenever possible your valuable time. It’s easy to reconnect at Ralumni.com. We hope to see you soon. As part of the Rutgers family, the door will always be open.
Corrado Gigante Receives the Prestigious “Block R Award” from Rutgers University Alumni Association

Former 3-year-President Corrado Gigante of the Rutgers-Newark Alumni Association was honored recently with the university’s “Block R Award.” Unable to attend the awards ceremony in New Brunswick due to a previous commitment, Corrado accepted his honor in Newark.

The Rutgers University Alumni Association presents awards annually to recognize those alumni and other members of the university community who devote their time and talents to further the mission of the alumni association and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Block R Award
Recognizing service to the alumni body through volunteer involvement in charter organizations, work with university partners (e.g. Undergraduate Admissions, Career Services), in support of Rutgers’ community initiatives and through other specific volunteer roles. The nominee is required to be an alumnus. The RUAA is accepting nominations for the Rutgers Excellence in Alumni Leadership Awards through June 30, 2010. Visit www.rualumni.com for more information.

Presenting the award to Corrado Gigante is Jim Rhodes (left), President of the Rutgers University Alumni Association and Dennis Mahoney, immediate past president of the Rutgers Newark Alumni Association.

Rutgers-Newark Reunion Dinner at Rio Rodizio
The alumni of Rutgers-Newark celebrated at one of the most popular Ironbound establishments, Rio Rodizio. There was a full buffet of Portuguese dishes with dancing and musical entertainment provided by Mosaic, the Rutgers–Newark Jazz Band, led by director Robert P. Smith, Graduate School-Newark, ’09.

2010 RNAA Board Members
Elizabeth Akian • Jim Bachant • Jerald Baranoff • Anthony Berlangieri • Robert Birnbaum • John Bobko • Shannon Brown • Margaret Derrick • Melodie Dhondt • Corrado Gigante • John Gillon • Robert Koehler (member emeritus) • Susan Somers Kozinski • Dennis Mahoney • Dennis McGorry • Tom O’Connor • Cosmo Palmisano • Tom Watts • Carl Wyhopen

Alumni Board Members Shannon Brown and Jim Bachant at the Reunion in Newark this past March.

R-N Alumni Director Lisa English and NCAS grad Corrado Gigante at Rio Rodizio’s for the Rutgers-Newark Reunion 2010.

Rutgers Newark Alumni Association officers (l-r) James Bachant, NCAS ’78, President; Melodie S. Dhondt, NCAS ’89, Secretary; Elizabeth Akian, NCAS ’89, Vice-President; Robert Birnbaum, NCAS ’86, Treasurer.
Homecoming 2009 Was a Special Treat with an Alumni Social at McGovern’s Tavern


R-N alumni members reconnected with classmates and friends at our favorite college hangout, McGovern’s which was just a part of the three-day Homecoming Festival.

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- Thanks, Dennis McGorry, Editor