Spring 2014

A Message From the President

I am so sad to report that our esteemed past President, Dave Churchill, RC 1952, past away this past November. Dave had many accomplishments during his life. He published our first Club newsletter over 17 years ago when he took over the Presidency of our Club. Dave was passionate about Rutgers and in particular about our young people who applied to and attended Rutgers. He was always a hands-on, leader who was results driven. The first RACSC Newsletter was published 16 years ago, and two editions have been published each year since except for last year. In that first issue the lead item stated that over 700 Rutgers graduates were residents of the Palmetto State, a number which has grown to over 1,800. A list of the RACSC Executive Committee members included President, Dave Churchill, RC ’52, Summerville; Vice-President, Karl Engelman, RC ’55, Hilton Head; Secretary, Janice Karesh, DC ’45, Charleston; Treasurer, Ray Frisch, ENG ’45, Charleston; Bob Johnson, RC ’41, Johns Island; Deane Oliver, RC ’56, Johns Island; and Don White, RC ’43, Johns Island. Sadly, Janice, Ray, Bob, Deane, and Don have all passed. These loyal alumni were the founding members of the Rutgers Alumni Club of SC (RACSC). Three of them were members of the greatest generation, serving in World War II; Bob and Ray as naval officers in the South Pacific and Don as a combat infantry officer in Europe. At Rutgers Don played varsity lacrosse, Bob was manager of the football team, and Deane wrestled. He retired many years later as the long-serving coach of the Rutgers wrestling team.

In that first issue, the RACSC recruiting effort was also featured - “an active student recruitment program has been underway statewide under the leadership of Dave Churchill. A group of dedicated alumni volunteer recruiters has represented Rutgers at more than 40 selected public and private high school college fairs.” A list of the recruiters included Bob Andrews, RC ’56, Salem; and Rich Bigger, RC ’69, Greenville. Remarkably, Bob and Rich are still active recruiters and this past fall continued to represent their alma mater. Dave was in replaced in 2012, by Isle of Palms resident Dan Kubek, ENG ’68, as coordinator of the program. This edition of the newsletter includes the names of this year’s alumni volunteer recruiters and the fall college fairs which they attended.

The inaugural issue also listed the names of 17 SC undergraduates then enrolled at Rutgers, including two whose fathers were Rutgers graduates, and made the following statement about a student scholarship fund - “Having been successful in recruiting outstanding students and student-athletes from this state, the club would now like to initiate a scholarship program to assist an outstanding Palmetto State student at Rutgers.” One year later the first RACSC Scholarship (then worth $500) was awarded to Darlington resident Sterling Victoria Jones, a graduate of the Mayo Magnet High School. This award, now known as the Robert E. Johnson Scholarship and worth $1,000, has been granted every year since that first winner was announced in the fall of 1997.
DAVID L. CHURCHILL REMEMBERED

David Churchill

David L. Churchill SUMMERVILLE - David Leroy Churchill, 83, of Summerville died at home on Sunday, November 24, 2013 surrounded by family. He is survived by Janet Churchill, his wife of 59 years, and two children whose love he cherished, son Glenn (Lisa) Churchill of Mt. Pleasant and daughter Ellen (Lamar) Carney and grandchildren Christine, Cotter, and Samantha Smith, all of Summerville. Two brothers also survive, Thomas Churchill of Albrightsville, PA, and Charles Churchill of Sun City Center, FL. He was pre-deceased by his parents, Leroy P. Churchill and Olive S. Churchill, and a son-in-law, Spencer M. Smith. Dave was born June 12, 1930 in Bloomfield, NJ. He graduated from Pompton Lakes High School in 1948 and magna cum laude from Rutgers University in 1952 where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. He received an Air Force ROTC commission, spent a year becoming fluent in Russian, and served for three years as a cryptologist for the National Security Agency. In 1956 he was hired by the Linde Division of Union Carbide and began a 35-year career working mostly as a manager in the marketing of industrial gases and related equipment for Linde and two successor companies with offices in Buffalo, San Francisco, Cleveland, Wilmington, NC, and Florence, SC, retiring as Product Business Manager for ESAB Welding Products. He was a voracious reader and loved learning. In his retirement years, he took six courses at the College of Charleston, taking all of the tests and writing all of the papers. He also served as a literacy tutor, guardian-ad-litem, and found host families for 21 foreign high school exchange students. He was the President of the Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina from 1996 until just prior to his death. Under his guidance, the club received many honors, and he was recognized by the University as a Loyal Son of Rutgers and given the Meritorious Service Award. He was a member of Chi Phi Fraternity, the Sons of the American Revolution, and was a founding board member, past treasurer and scholarship chairman of the Lowcountry Phi Beta Kappa Association. Dave was a member of Summerville Presbyterian Church and a service celebrating his life will be held there on Monday, December 2, at 11:00 AM. The family would like to thank Roper Hospice and Dave’s nurse and aide for their kindness and loving care. A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.bloomfieldmortuary.com
ARRANGEMENTS BY TRI-COUNTY CREMATION CENTER, 11000 DORCHESTER ROAD, SUMMERVILLE, SC (843) 821-4888.
Visit our guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/rutherford

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Dave Churchill speaking to the Rutgers Ladies Tennis Team at a luncheon held in their honor.
I would like to congratulate the members of RAVIN, led by Dan Kubek, for their tireless efforts and commitment to the future of Rutgers students and Rutgers University on the whole. They could use your help. They attend dozens of fairs each year in the pursuit of attracting talented, capable SC high school students to our University.

The good members of the South Carolina RAVIN (Rutgers Alumni Volunteer Information Network) turned out in force to represent Rutgers at high school college fairs in South Carolina. From early September thru early November, 33 college fairs were attended throughout the state in the areas of Myrtle Beach, Charleston, Hilton Head, Columbia, Greenville, Rock Hill, Clemson, and Aiken. Literally many thousands of high school seniors and juniors attended these college fairs, being exposed to as many as 100 colleges in one place. By far, most of the colleges represented were from SC and the adjoining states, with only a few from the Northeast or Midwest. But Rutgers was one of them, and this could only be accomplished through the gracious and energetic volunteer efforts of our RAVIN Alumni, with stellar support from the Admission Office in New Brunswick. Both the faculty and guidance counselors at the schools were quite pleased that Rutgers was there, and the students were intrigued and interested that an academic & arts & sports powerhouse near NY City came all that distance to speak with them. This is aligned with the Admissions Office objectives of seeking geographical diversity in the student body at Rutgers. The college fairs attended and the RAVIN Representatives handling each event are provided in the table.

So why do so many of our Alumni expend their time and effort to prepare for and then conduct a college fair? Well, a part of it is showing their Rutgers pride and camaraderie – we had 8 new Alumni step forward this year when they heard this opportunity existed – they wanted to be a part of it.

FALL 2013 COLLEGE FAIRS

Recognizing a need for additional alumni volunteer recruiters to back up current members and provide assistance at large centralized college fairs, new RACSC Recruitment Coordinator, Isle of Palms resident Dan Kubek, ENG ’68, asked Alumni Relations to publicize the RAVIN program to Rutgers graduates in selected areas of the Palmetto State via broadcast e-mails. This effort succeeded in adding the following alumni to the program:

- Ed Rigtrup, RC ’72
  Seabrook Island
- Alan Taber, RBS MBA ’01
  Coosaw Creek
- Deatra Gabriella, GSED ’76
  Pawleys Island

Eric Hanson, RC ’65
Summerville

Don Tomasik, CC ’67
Mt. Pleasant

Carol Rutgers, DC ’66
Bluffton

Each of these new alumni volunteer recruiters represented their alma mater at one or more 2013 college fairs. This edition of the RACSC Newsletter lists all the fall college fairs at which Rutgers was represented and the alumni who attended them.

*RAVIN – Rutgers Alumni Volunteer Information Network
RUTGERS STUDENTS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA

CLASS OF 2018
Shawanna Herion
Lamar,
Lamar High School
Newark College of Arts & Sciences

Edward Izett
Columbia,
Dreher High School
School of Environmental & Biological Sciences

John Johnson
Myrtle Beach,
Palmyra High School
Camden School of Arts & Sciences

Fanyi Kong
Summerville,
Pinewood Preparatory School
Rutgers School of Business
School of Arts and Sciences

Olufunmilola Pedro
Hilton Head,
Hilton Head Preparatory School

Kelsie Peta
Clemson,
Haddonfield Memorial H.S.
School of Arts and Sciences

Reshma Patel
Bamberg,
Bamberg-Ehrhardt High School
School of Environmental & Biological Sciences

Junteng Zheng
Charleston,
Pinewood Preparatory School
School of Engineering

CLASS OF 2017
Hyungwoo Cho
Republic of Korea,
Hammond School (Columbia)
School of Pharmacy

Alexandra Johnson
Columbia,
Dreher High School
Mason Gross School of the Arts Dance
(BFA Program) RACSC Robert E. Johnson Scholarship

Amira Wright
Columbia,
Ridge View High School SEBS

CLASS OF 2016
Lindsey Rhinesmith
Sumter,
Sumter High School
School of Arts and Sciences
Psychology

CLASS OF 2015
Briana Paparozzi
Charleston,
West Ashley High School
Mason Gross School of the Arts
Graphic Design FA Program
(BFA Program) RACSC Robert E. Johnson Scholarship,
Carr Scholarship

Diana Lem
Columbia,
Richland Northeast High School,
SEBS, Environmental Planning and Design

CLASS OF 2014
Chas Dodd
Lyman,
Byrnes High School
School of Arts & Sciences
Football Scholarship

Michelle Green
Hilton Head,
Heritage Academy
University College (Camden)
Psychology
RACSC Robert E. Johnson Scholarship

SAVE THE DATE – Saturday, May 31st, 2014

On the date shown above the Columbia IOWA Alumni Club is inviting us to a Big Ten Alumni and Fans Gathering. This event will be held at the British Bulldog Pub, located at 1220 Bower Parkway, just off of Harbison Boulevard, in Columbia, beginning at 12 NOON. Join us as they welcome Rutgers and Maryland to the Big Ten! They will be collecting food and monetary donations for Harvest Hope Food Bank. This is a family friendly event.

Contact iowalubsc@gmail.com, for more information.

Also, if any alumni owns or manages a restaurant, bar and grill, or any other entertainment venue or club, and would like to host a Rutgers Alumni event, we’d like to know about it! Please call
WHERE WE LIVE

*Below is a list of all the SC locations in which 20 or more Rutgers graduates reside:

As of 12/1/2013 the following communities in SC were home to 20 or more Rutgers graduates:

- Aiken – 58
- Bluffton – 102
- Charleston – 102
- Columbia – 120
- Conway – 26
- Florence – 21
- Fort Mill – 87
- Greenville – 67
- Greer – 33
- Hilton Head / Hilton Head Island – 149
- Johns Island – 34
- Lexington – 25
- Mount Pleasant – 114
- Murrells Inlet – 52
- Myrtle Beach – 76
- North Myrtle Beach – 29
- Pawley’s Island – 36
- Rock Hill – 34
- Simpsonville – 50
- Summerville – 51

RECENT GATHERINGS OF ALUMNI UPDATE

On Saturday, December 14, 2013, Rutgers Alumni Club members shared in the holiday spirit at a social get together hosted by Duncan MacRae, RC ’68, at his family’s restaurant, “Yesterday’s”, located at 2030 Devine Street in Columbia.

On Saturday, December 28, 2013, Rutgers Alumni Club members were invited by the Notre Dame Alumni Club to share the afternoon with them at their “tailgating” party for the New Era Pinstripe Bowl football game. This event was held at Hinchey’s Chicago Bar & Grill, 36 South Forest Beach Drive, Hilton Head Island. Those in attendance had a wonderful time. Our hosts, the Notre Dame Alumni Club of SC, treated us like family!
REPRESENTING RUTGERS AT THE FALL 2013 COLLEGE FAIRS

Aiken
11/1/2013 Aiken High School College Fair, Lee Larison & Ed Rigtrup
11/1/2013 South Aiken H.S. College Fair, Lee Larison & Ed Rigtrup

Beaufort / Bluffton
09/19/2013 Beaufort Consolidated Program, Carol Rutgers
09/20/2013 Ridgeland Hardeeville High School College Fair, Carol Rutgers

Clemson
10/17/2013 Pickens-Oconee Consolidated College Fair, Bob Andrews & Kathy Worthington

Charleston
9/16/2013 Charleston County Consolidated Program, Rich Tyler & Armand Glassman
9/17/2013 Berkeley High School College Fair, Dan Kubek
9/17/2013 Cane Bay High School College Fair, Dan Kubek
9/17/2013 Goose Creek High School College Fair, Dan Kubek
9/18/2013 Summerville High School College Fair, Dan Kubek & Eric Hansen
9/18/2013 Ashley Ridge High School College Fair, Dan Kubek & Eric Hansen
9/18/2013 Fort Dorchester High School, Dan Kubek & Alan Taber

Columbia
9/9/2013 Richland Northeast H.S. College Fair, Wendy Fuess
9/9/2013 Spring Valley High School College Fair, Wendy Fuess
9/9/2013 Ridge View High School College Fair, Wendy Fuess
9/9/2013 Blythewood High School College Fair, Wendy Fuess
9/10/2013 Richland One Consolidated College Fair, Kisa Grate & Ernest Odom
9/10/2013 Columbia Area Private H.S. Fair, Jeff Morehouse & Kisa Grate
9/11/2013 Brookland-Cayce High School College Fair, Jeff Morehouse
9/11/2013 Dutch Fork H.S. College Fair, Joan Tucker
9/12/2013 White Knoll High School College Fair, Jeff Morehouse
9/12/2013 River Bluff H.S. College Fair, Jeff Morehouse
9/12/2013 Lexington High School College Fair, Jeff Morehouse

Conway/Georgetown
9/4/2013 Horry County Consolidated Fair, Dan Kubek
9/5/2013 Horry County Consolidated Fair, Dan Kubek
9/6/2013 Georgetown County Consolidated Fair, Ruth Farb

Florence
10/10/2013 Williamsburg Consolidated College Fair, Kisa Grate

Greenville
9/23/2013 Greenville County Consolidated Fair, Rich Bigger & Linda Stazer & Dianne Clarke-Kudless
9/24/2013 Greenville County Consolidated Fair, Rich Bigger & Linda Stazer
9/28/2013 South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities, Rich Bigger & Adrienne Montare

Rock Hill
9/30/2013 Region College Day, Anna Melvin & Scott Walton
10/1/2013 Region College Day, Scott Walton & Anna Melvin