

Fall 2009

ROUGH RIDER Recall

Message from the President

I first want to thank all Roosevelt supporters for their efforts and hard work on our recent renovation project! My name is Chris Steele, class of '99, and I wanted to introduce myself as the new President of the Roosevelt Foundation Board. I served as President-elect for the 2008-2009 term and I am looking forward to my upcoming term and helping serve the Foundation and its mission. Our mission is: "The Roosevelt High School Foundation/ Alumni Association is organized for

educational purposes in order to advance, support, and assist in the development and growth of the students and faculty at Roosevelt High School." Our board drives several committees that work towards this mission. These committees are scholarship, reunion, renovation, rider cup, hall of fame, marketing/membership, newsletter, by-laws, website, finance, and R party. Thanks again to the Rider Community for your support during such an exciting and important time!



UPDATE ON BUILDING CAMPAIGN

When the economy went south last November it became increasingly difficult to convince potential givers to respond with generous contributions. Almost every prospect told us to give them some "breathing room" and let things settle down to a new normal before they gave us an answer. So, the Foundation Board decided to do just that and go "on hold" for a few months.

The results of the first 20 months of fund raising were very successful and sufficient to provide the Des Moines School District with the \$3,800,000 that was required to build the Fine Arts Addition, which from the outset was the first phase goal of our fund raising. That construction commenced during last winter and is on schedule to be completed by the fall of 2010. The school district plans on using the Fine Arts Addition as temporary class rooms for the students displaced by the general renovation of the rest of the building. When the total renovation is complete they will then redo those temporary rooms to the Fine Arts original design. The school district is grateful for your donations that have created the way to save them thousands of dollars of cost in housing the displaced students.

The second phase goal is to raise the funds to complete the Athletic Commons. We are well on our way to achieving that

goal. Construction of this phase will begin near the end of the total renovation time table which will be sometime in 2011-12. The exact number of dollars needed to accomplish the new locker rooms, hall design and commons is under review and will be determined shortly. One positive in the current economic downturn is that construction costs are lower than first anticipated. Therefore, it made sense to do a review which is currently under way.

Once we know exactly what is left to be raised, the steering committee will again become active and begin an effort to raise the required amount to finish the second phase. We fully expect to be back with a concerted effort to finish the job beginning this fall.

The committee looks forward to working with all Roosevelt Alums in making our success possible. Approximately 1200 givers have gotten us to this point. That means there are literally thousands of alums that have yet to be reached. If each of them gives just a little something, we can reach our goal. Thanks to all of you that have responded already. Your support is very much appreciated. I look forward to working with everyone this fall.

Fund Campaign Chair. Chuck Betts



GO BLUE GO WHITE

A Message from the Roosevelt Principal



The long-anticipated renovation of Roosevelt High School is happening right before our eyes. During the summer we had to cope with no sewer, no water, and no access to most of the

building; however, it is exciting to watch the transformation! Let me take you on a tour and describe our progress.

Hallway ceilings show nothing but exposed concrete as workers prepare to put in new electrical conduit and geo-thermal heating and cooling units. This will not be completed until most phases of work are finished in 2011. When school begins, it will be evident to all of us that we are in the midst of renovation as we walk through the hallways and look up.

The library is an empty shell as workers are spraying fireproofing on all steel. Walls are missing as the new circulation desk and computer lab are relocated and increase space. One former large office will become a special education classroom. This will be completed in the fall.

The old girls' gym bleachers are gone that used to be storage above the

industrial tech. room, and footings and steel beams now hold up four new classrooms that we will access on the 2nd floor hallway by the nurse's office. There will also be new stairs at the southeast end of the industrial tech. room. The 4 added classrooms will be new computer labs and business rooms. Both areas will be completed and ready for students in the fall.

What used to be room 143A is becoming an electrical room, and the new electrical transformer is located outside to the east, between the band room and industrial tech. area. Rooms 234A, 234B, and the old receiving room located on the north side of the building are gone! They are building the new kitchen in their place; this won't be completed until next summer when they also renovate the cafeteria. Every window in the building is being replaced.

As I stand on the south walkway by the weight room and look down, I see the progress of what will eventually be the Fine Arts wing that will include the vocal music room, new band rooms, practice rooms, and commons area that will be the southeast entrance to the gym. Work will continue on this project, funded by the Roosevelt Foundation's Capital Fund Drive, throughout the school year. In the fall of 2010 as construction moves to other areas of the building, we will use the new space for temporary classrooms as we will need to relocate students and teachers. Vocal music and band will be

in their new spaces in 2012.

The middle part of the building (journalism room, new athletic director's offices, boys' and girls' restrooms, offices) is empty and will be renovated during first semester 2009. The area will be partitioned off in the fall so students can walk down only one side of hallways. We will have fewer lockers and fewer restrooms available.

The 4 science rooms above the library are being renovated and will be ready in the fall - new whiteboards, wireless technology, new heating and cooling, and other amenities.

Sewer lines are being replaced north of the building on Chamberlain Ave, but new staff parking lots will replace the dirt and the machinery a few weeks before school begins. Geo-thermal wells are being dug in the front lawn, and this will continue into fall. It may be spring before we get our green lawn back.

Some may look at this as a huge interruption, inconvenient, and an added burden. I see it as positive change. I envision numerous benefits to future Roughriders, improved conditions for staff and community, and state of the art facilities that will enhance teaching and learning. We will certainly have to make adjustments along the way, but amidst the dust, noise, and debris, we will end up with a fabulous Roosevelt High School.

Kathie Danielson

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CLORIS: QUEEN OF TRHS

Cloris Leachman spent a wonderful week in Des Moines working to improve the facilities at her old high school. Performing her one woman show, "Cloris!", at the Des Moines Civic Center on Mothers Day Sunday, an enthusiastic crowd was impressed with her talent as she sang, danced and narrated her life's experiences. With no fee for herself and all the net proceeds going toward the new Fine Arts Wing, over \$13,000, she certainly proved her loyalty to Des Moines and to Roosevelt.

To help promote her show she willingly came to Des Moines four days early to do interviews and appearances all around the city.

Local TV stations reported her arrival, she appeared on Molly Cooney's show, Van and Bonnie's show, at Wesley Acres, The Boys and Girls Club, The Iowa Hall of Fame, a 60th high school reunion and visited Roosevelt students' homes. One of her highlights was her visit to the Farmers Market on Saturday morning. She was impressed with the scope and quality of people and products.

She was very cordial and fun at the Patron Party following her performance.

As the official starter of the Rider Cup Golf Outing at Waveland she accomplished a first as she rode around the course and gave advice to whoever would listen. It was a first for her as her golf knowledge is minimal. As an extra thank you to her, we assisted her in selling her new book, "Cloris", wherever she went.

Cloris mentioned many times the importance of an early exposure to the fine arts in developing young talent. She was surprised that Roosevelt didn't have a more updated facility for teaching drama, chorus, music, orchestra and band. This was behind her willingness to help us raise sufficient funds to build our new Fine Arts wing. All in all it was a very enjoyable week with a very noble goal. Thank you Cloris, one of many Queens of TRHS!



Cloris Leachman and Laura Leonard right before the shotgun start.

RIDER ALUM RECALLS OLD DAYS IN NEW BOOK

TRHS grads, especially those of the late 60's/early 70's vintage, may take particular interest in *Far From the Trees: The Troubled Sons of an American Neighborhood* [Outskirts Press], a memoir written by Roosevelt alum Mike Wellman, class of 1972.

The book is a bittersweet account of the author's childhood on Kingman Boulevard and deals extensively with his years at Roosevelt.

Earlier this year it was named a finalist in the category of Regional Non-Fiction in the 2009 Indie Book Awards. *Far From the Trees* is available in Des Moines at Beaverdale Books and The Bookstore Downtown and also online at both Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

The author may be reached at wellmen@mchsi.com.

Debate Team Takes Charge

Roosevelt Debate will start the season ranked 4th in Iowa and appears to have it's first shot at winning a state team speech or debate championship in 40 years. A strong senior and junior class will pace the Riders this season. 8 of the top 25 speakers in Iowa are from Roosevelt! Plus Roosevelt holds the top two speaker slots with seniors Amelia Martin and Mirza Germovic. Both are being recruited for college forensics and both have already received scholarship opportunities from collegiate top 20 programs.

Roosevelt currently has 3 alumni who compete on the college circuit. UNI Junior Anna McDermott and George Mason sophomore both return from strong seasons last year. Both semi finished in the national tournament. The Mason Patriots finished 2nd- just a few points shy of the national team championship in speech. When Grinnell junior Sam Fairfield is coaching for Roosevelt, he competes in their debate program.

Last season 3 Roosevelt students won individual State championships and two of the 3 return this year. A number of students spent part of their summer in speech or debate camps.

WE NEED FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES IN THE PROGRAM! If you have a son or daughter with any interest in speech or debate, please contact one of the coaches as soon as possible. We allow our students to compete in another fall and spring activity so fall sports or band is fine. Coach Harry Strong may be reached at 202-4078 and Coach Nathan Fredericks at 210-2159. Students may also just show up after school in room 139!

TEDDY TRIVIA

Last Issue Question: Which 1967 TRHS graduate was president of his senior class, played football (all city end) and basketball, and was co-captain of both, and was a doctor who was part of the team that delivered and cared for the famous Carlisle, Iowa septuplets.

Answer: Bob Shaw! Bob was also TRHS Man of the Year and President of the All City Student Council!

Hall of Fame Honors Three Outstanding Alumni

Teacher of the Year and Contributor Also Named

This past spring, the Roosevelt Foundation Board of Directors selected the 2009 Hall of Fame Class. An all school assembly and celebration was held on Thursday, April 16, to honor these distinguished alumni as well as our Teacher of the Year and our Outstanding Contributor. **This year's inductees are:**

Vincent E. Starzinger (TRHS 1946)



Upon graduating from Roosevelt in 1946, Vincent graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University in 1950, he then spent a year interviewing political thinkers and leaders in Europe on a

Sheldon Traveling Fellowship. He then went on to graduate from Harvard Law School in 1954, and began practicing law in Des Moines, Iowa. After serving in the army for 2 years, he returned to Harvard in a career change to complete a doctoral degree in political philosophy and become a teacher in that field.

He then went on to teach at Dartmouth College from 1960 – 1994, as a political science educator and earned many awards. He became a legend around Dartmouth College and had a wide network of friends, former students and colleagues. Vincent was inspired by great teachers that he had and by the words of Henry Adams, “A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.” He continues as Professor Emeritus at Dartmouth.

In his scholarly work, Vincent is best known for his book, *Middlingness—Juste Milieu Political Theory in France and England, 1813-1848*, and its revised edition, *The Politics of the Center*. He has also published articles and reviews in professional journals in his field.

In an article in the Dartmouth Alumni magazine about Vincent Starzinger they say he “is rife with intellectual challenge, respectful of opposing (read: liberal) opinions, and eager to participate in sympathetic debate over political philosophy.”

Vincent and his wife, Mimi, are lifelong mountaineers who have climbed over 200 high peaks in the United States, Canada, New Zealand and the European Alps.

John Keck (TRHS 1949)



After graduating from Roosevelt in 1949, John continued his formal education earning his bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and his Master of Business

Administration degree from the University of Michigan. John served in the US Navy where he rose to the rank of commander with an active duty emphasis in the amphibious forces.

As a talented athlete in high school and college, John gravitated to a highly successful career as a football official. He climbed quickly through the high school and Iowa college officiating ranks to become a Big Eight (now Big Twelve) Division 1 Football Conference official. He progressed rapidly on to the professional league and became a highly respected umpire with nearly 35 years in that capacity.

The Keck name is widely known throughout the Des Moines business community. John is the owner and CEO of Keck Inc., with emphasis on petroleum distribution, trucking and warehousing.

The Des Moines community has also benefited from the work and efforts of John Keck. He has provided leadership skills to Iowa Health Systems, Iowa Health Physicians, United Way, Greater Des Moines YMCA, Chamber of Commerce and Westminster Church to name a few.

Larry Geisinger (TRHS 1970)



Commander Geisinger graduated from Roosevelt in 1970, Larry enlisted in the United States Navy in August 1970, right out of high school and completed Navy Seal training.

While at Roosevelt he was on the Roosevelt swim team and he believes that the long hours of practice and training for that sport were helpful in the challenging seal training and his subsequent naval career.

He served our country for 34 years, having responsibilities in almost all areas of Naval Seal duties. He had a dynamic career. 34 years in Navy special operations, 12 years enlisted service, 5 years as a Navy Frogman, with Underwater Demolition Team 12 followed by 5 years as a Navy Seal with Seal Team One, 22 years as a commissioned naval officer.

Commander Geisinger had many interesting missions including: working with foreign nations to perform underwater reconnaissance, reconning and blowing up beach and harbor obstacles, sinking navy ships to create artificial barrier reefs, participating in the last NASA recovery of the Apollo-Soyuz command module, working in the Mideast and Korea, counter narcotics operations in Central America and making over 800 military freefall parachute jumps on land and water, to name a few.

While serving as a Navy Seal instructor he went back to school and received a BS degree from the University of Southern Illinois at Carbondale, Illinois, and completed his MBA at Franklin University, Columbus, Ohio in May 2004.

He retired from the United States Navy in 2004, and now works for the Department of Defense.

Commander Geisinger says he learned 3 very important lessons while on the swim team at Roosevelt that have carried him through all areas of his life. Those lessons are: Discipline, Knowledge and Attention to Detail.



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TENTH ANNUAL ROUGHRIDER CUP • May 11, 2009

By Laura Leonard ('79) & Mark Craiger ('86), Rider Cup Co- Chairs

Fellow TRHS graduates, long time friends and staff showed up to golf at Waveland Golf Course on May 11, 2009. Golfers representing classes graduating in decades starting with the 1950's and into the late 1990's as well as parents and community leaders, unselfishly gave of their time and money to support the Tenth Annual Rider Cup event and the TRHS Foundation. Our goal was to raise \$20,000 to continue support of our general endowment fund, earnings from which will be primarily used for college scholarships for graduating seniors.

By the end of the fun-filled day, more than \$13,000 was raised, evidence of the legacy of excellence established over the years by Roosevelt students and staff. In addition to the event's accomplishments, Cloris Leachman was the official starter and stayed around a good part of the day to trade stories and show her Roosevelt spirit!

A warm spring day greeted us that Monday and as usual, the rolling hills of Waveland Golf Course presented a robust

challenge for golfers. The competition was tough again this year but the team that emerged to take home the coveted Roughrider Cup was, Brooks Reynolds ('94) Emily Leder ('96), Pete Cownie and John Tiffany ('96). Congratulations to this championship group!

We continued with the tradition of the 19th Hole at the Star Bar. This has been a great gathering place for all Roosevelt alumni after the golf outing ended. Many golfers and quite a few non-golfers joined together to celebrate the day's event.

Many "Thank You's" are in order. The tournament would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and players.

Mark your calendars now for NEXT YEAR: May 10, 2010 Waveland Golf Course, 1:00 shotgun, 4-person best-shot format. Registration forms will be available at www.trhsfoundation.org. Get your form in before the field fills up! See you at The Wave!

Thank you to all the guests and supporters of the 2008 R Party!!! It was a huge success!

Named Scholarships are available for you or in memory of a family member. To inquire, please contact the Roosevelt Foundation at RooseveltFoundation@mchsi.com.



Hello! My name is Sandy Latch ('92). In March of this year, I joined the Foundation as the Administrative Director. I am delighted to be working with the Board and with my alma mater.



The renovation project is a tremendous endeavor. Thank you to all of the supporters of this campaign, as well as the supporters of our scholarship and membership programs.

Over the past several months I have been working with the Board to ensure a smooth transition. If you need anything or have any questions, please contact me at RooseveltFoundation@mchsi.com or at 515-256-6472. Thank you!

Genuine Rider Apparel

The Rider Shop offers a wide range of Roosevelt Roughrider apparel and merch-andise. All profits from these sales go to the Riders Club for its support of Roosevelt Athletics. Merch-andise purchased through the Rider Shop is the ONLY Official Roosevelt Roughrider merchandise that supports Roosevelt Athletics.

Don't be fooled! -- If you buy merch-andise at other retail outlets NONE of the profit goes back to Roosevelt.

The Rider Shop is operated in Roosevelt High School and is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on school days. It is also open during conferences, several home football and basketball games, at various times during homecoming week, plus other events through the school year.

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ROOSEVELT ATHLETICS

By Keith Ellingson

Congratulations to Coaches Deb and Roger Stetson and the entire Roosevelt Tennis program on a tremendous tennis season. The Riders captured both the boys and girls CIML Metro Championship with Coach Deb Stetson being awarded CIML Metro Coach of The Year Honors. Charlie Caris captured his 3rd straight Class 2A IHSAA Singles Championship becoming the 3rd player in state history to achieve that accomplishment. The team of Harrison Kruse and Will Hemminger captured the doubles championship to give the Riders a sweep of both the state singles and doubles competition. Roosevelt captured the IHSAA State Team Championship as well by defeating Bettendorf 5-0 in the finals. The Riders completed a truly outstanding season by capturing the State Co-ed Tennis Championship with the Roosevelt team

of Libby and Charlie Caris defeating the co-ed team from Iowa City West. Congratulations to all the tennis players on a great year.

The 2008-09 athletic season has drawn to a close and with it another successful year for the Riders. The activities office appreciates the support of the parents and appreciates the hours that are volunteered to help us run our events.

Congratulations to the following CIML Metro Conference Champion teams:

- Boys Cross Country
- Girls Swimming/Diving
- Wrestling
- Boys Swimming
- Boys Soccer
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Track and Field

Basketball Coaches Hired

Roosevelt has hired new head boys and girl's basketball coaches for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Chris McMahon has been hired to coach the boys program after 3 years as the head coach at Saydel High School. Chris is a Roosevelt graduate and was an assistant coach with the Hoover Huskies that captured the state boy's championship in 2006. Steve Angel is the new head girls coach and returns to the girls program after 5 years in Decorah. Prior to becoming the head coach at Decorah Steve served as an assistant coach at Roosevelt. While at Decorah his girl's team made two consecutive state tournament appearances reaching the 3A semifinals in 2007.

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Update on Building Campaign



When the economy went south last November it became increasingly difficult to convince potential givers to respond with generous contributions. Almost every prospect told us to give them some “breathing room” and let things settle down to a new normal before they gave us an answer. So, the Foundation Board decided to do just that and go “on hold” for a few months.

The results of the first 20 months of fund raising were very successful and sufficient to provide the Des Moines School District with the \$3,800,000 that was required to build the Fine Arts Addition, which from the outset was the first phase goal of our fund raising. That construction commenced during last winter and is on schedule to be completed by the fall of 2010. The school district plans on using the Fine Arts Addition as temporary class rooms

for the students displaced by the general renovation of the rest of the building. When the total renovation is complete they will then redo those temporary rooms to the Fine Arts original design. The school district is grateful for your donations that have created the way to save them thousands of dollars of cost in housing the displaced students.

The second phase goal is to raise the funds to complete the Athletic Commons. We are well on our way to achieving that goal. Construction of this phase will begin near the end of the total renovation time table which will be sometime in 2011-12. The exact number of dollars needed to accomplish the new locker rooms, hall design and commons is under review and will be determined shortly. One positive in the current economic downturn is that construction costs are lower than first anticipated.

Therefore, it made sense to do a review which is currently under way.

Once we know exactly what is left to be raised, the steering committee will again become active and begin an effort to raise the required amount to finish the second phase. We fully expect to be back with a concerted effort to finish the job beginning this fall.

The committee looks forward to working with all Roosevelt Alums in making our success possible. Approximately 1200 givers have gotten us to this point. That means there are literally thousands of alums that have yet to be reached. If each of them gives just a little something, we can reach our goal. Thanks to all of you that have responded already. Your support is very much appreciated. I look forward to working with everyone this fall.

Fund Campaign Chairman Chuck Betts

TEDDY TRIVIA

What is the name of DM Register's Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, conservation pioneer, and personal friend to Teddy Roosevelt who, after Mr. Roosevelt's death, sketched a farewell cartoon to the Rough Rider. The sketch was adapted into the official Roosevelt emblem. It is entitled, “*The Long, Long Trail.*”

Special thank you to Molly Goodman ('03) for giving a TRHS scholarship donation in memory of her friends/ classmates Brian Ford and Andrew Holmes instead of favors for her wedding guests.



Class of 1960/50th Reunion

September 24-25, 2010

- Friday evening event at our headquarters hotel, West Des Moines Marriott
- Saturday lunch hosted by Don and Margo Blumenthal
- Saturday evening dinner at Des Moines Golf & Country Club

Contact: Mary Ann Meffert Jones, 515-987-5817

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Guess Who?

Can you name this TRHS Alum?



January '58 classmates Mike Polson, Fran Dwyer Carley, and JoAnn Scribner Davis reminisce at O'Charley's Restaurant during their monthly dinner club in Des Moines

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Rededication ceremony held August 2008 ...

Waveland tennis courts renamed for McCollums

By KRISTIN DANLEY-GREINER
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A municipal tennis court in Des Moines will be renamed for a couple whose love of the game spans 10 decades, numerous Iowa Senior Olympics matches and multiple national titles.

A ceremony on Aug. 9 will serve up recognition for the rededication of the Waveland Tennis Courts in honor of Harold McCollum of West Des Moines and his late wife, Margaret.

Harold McCollum grew up playing tennis on the sole public court at Waveland Park, where he first picked up a racket at age 9.

McCollum, 91, said his tennis playing has come full circle, as he spends many days back at the newly renamed McCollum Waveland Tennis Complex.

In his early playing days, McCollum said Waveland, then a private club, had six courts for members "and one on the outside of the fence that was public. That's where we kids waited around for our turn to play one set, because even though the inside courts were vacant with the club members not coming out until after work, they were private courts."

The McCollums met in a class at the University of Iowa and married two years later.

They played tennis together from early on and were members of the Des Moines Tennis Association, where they played in many competitions. McCollum was one of the earlier board members of the association and his wife served as secretary, he said. Starting a family never kept them away from tennis either. "Yes, the kids pretty much had to play tennis," he said. "When they were very young, we would take a play yard



Harold McCollum stands next to the new sign.
THANKS TO LIZ MALLANEY FOR SUBMITTING THIS PHOTO

to the tennis court and set it up outside, where they watched us play."

The couple played as mixed doubles in the Iowa Senior Olympics for almost two full decades. Five times they won national titles and their first win was most appropriate, McCollum said.

"It happened to be at the time of our 50th wedding anniversary in 1989," he said. "I thought it was fitting that we won a gold medal on our golden wedding anniversary."

In the first year of the Iowa Senior Olympics' Hall of Fame, Margaret McCollum was inducted. Harold was named a member the following year.

Alan Reed, president of the Greater Des Moines Tennis Association, said the group rallied for the renaming of the Waveland courts because the McCollums are known locally, statewide and nationally for their tennis prowess. The honor was "the right thing to do,"

Reed said. "They've competed in national tournaments and Missouri Valley tournaments," Reed said. "It was Harold and Margaret who actually got junior tennis going in the city of Des Moines and they've been big supporters all along of anything that supports the game of tennis."

Recently, Harold McCollum strolled into the Waveland Park tennis complex for a quick match against guys at least 10 years younger. It was then he discovered the sign pronouncing the tennis courts the McCollum Waveland Tennis Complex. "I was excited and pleased," he said, "it's so neat."

"It's only right to make them a part of history," Reed said, "to make those courts that they've worked so hard and long on in honor of them."

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Steve Teter named Teacher of the Year

Although Steve Teter graduated from Des Moines Lincoln High School, he is a true Roughrider through and through. Steve has taught Physical Education at Roosevelt for the past 12 years and has been both assistant and head coach of the Roosevelt girls and boys swimming teams since 1985. This year, Steve was recognized at the Hall of Fame Assembly on April 16th as the TRHS teacher of the year for his many years of service and his tremendous dedication to the TRHS swimming program. Nominated by Junior Drew Turner, Steve has been an inspiration to thousands of students and athletes at Roosevelt. As Turner said in his nomination, Coach Teter is a role model for many students and athletes because he not only teaches Character Counts, he lives it by example. Congratulations Coach Steve Teter on being selected as this year's TRHS Teacher of the Year! You are an inspiration to all of us!

Husband and Wife Team Named Contributor of the Year

Each year, the Foundation recognizes an individual or in the case this year, two individuals who have made a difference in the Roosevelt community. This year's recipients are both Roosevelt graduates and actually met while attending Roosevelt. Janie (Sullivan) Wine '74 and Jim Wine '75 were also recognized at the Hall of Fame Assembly at Roosevelt on April 16th. Jane and Jim have three daughters who graduated from Roosevelt and they have been very active in the Roosevelt Foundation, where Janie served as President. They were also very involved in the Roosevelt PTA, Riders Club and they chaired the senior party not just once but TWICE during the time that their daughters attended Roosevelt. Janie and Jim are a wonderful team.... they have truly been great supporters of Roosevelt over the years. The Foundation would like to thank them for their tremendous leadership and commitment not only to Roosevelt High School but also to the Roosevelt community. Janie has her own stationery business out of her home and Jim is an attorney with the Nyemaster Law Firm.

RIDER COMMUNITY LOSES FOUR GREAT FIGURES

Sy Forrester Jr., prominent high school athlete, coach, community leader who founded the First Tee program in Des Moines. First Tee gives underprivileged children the opportunity to learn the game of golf at three local courses.

Don Prior, long time football coach and teacher at Roosevelt. Don was an integral part of TRHS and the community.

Mark Reno, served on the Roosevelt High School Foundation Board of Directors and served as Reunion Committee Chair.

Matt Duncan, great athlete and friend of Roosevelt.

These men will be deeply missed by the Roosevelt Community.

WELCOME!

We're pleased to welcome new President, Chris Steele ('99), Secretary, Lisa Turner, and new board members Marc Ward, Anne Whatley ('92), and Mary Cownie ('99).

JOHN STAUFFER ('77) WINS AWARD

GIANTS: THE PARALLEL LIVES OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND ABRAHAM LINCOLN won the Iowa Author Award, which I'm thrilled about. The award ceremony is October 1, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Des Moines, the Iowa Ballroom. Details can be found at: http://www.desmoineslibrary.com/about_us/foundation/author_awards.html

It has also won a Boston Authors Club Award, and was a History Book Club featured

selection, a Boston Globe best-seller, and an Amazon.com bestseller.

GIANTS tells the story of the parallel lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, how they rose up from the dregs of society to become the nation's preeminent self-made men, and how and why they were able to cross the racial divide and come together as friends in an age when most whites wouldn't let a black man enter their homes via the front door.

THANK YOU!

The Roosevelt Foundation would like to thank Kim Purdy for her years of service as Executive Director. We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

We'd also like to thank **Janie Sullivan Wine ('75)** for serving as President, **John Fisher** for serving as Reunion Chair, **Joel Jackman ('89)** for serving as Website Chair, and **Bill Riley Jr. ('75)**. Thank you all for your time and enthusiasm!

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