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Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina Newsletter

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Message from the President of the Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina – Bob Rhinesmith

I hope when this message reaches you, you are well and safe. During this period of uncertainty and stress due to Covid-19, I wish you Godspeed in circumventing this hideous virus for you and your families. If you know of elderly neighbors who may benefit by your attentiveness and kindness, please reach out. If there is anything your Club or your University can do to help get you through this period of anxiety, please let us know.

Your South Carolina Alumni Club Board has continued to work on promoting your Club and to improve and expand communications with all South Carolina alums.

We welcome any and all feedback to better serve you, our members. We continue to discuss and consider adding Chapters around our State so that there will be social events in reasonable driving distance of where you live, work and play. To do so however, requires volunteers to serve as Chapter Officers like you. If you have any interest in starting your own chapter in your region, with our help and support, please let us know.

We continue to collaborate with neighboring clubs, (Charlotte & Raleigh, NC as examples), to host joint social events in many areas of South Carolina moving forward. We sanctioned a northwest chapter many months ago. The first Chapter President will be Mickey Zarra from Salem, SC. Mickey will be reaching out to all alumni in his region as this year progresses seeking volunteers to serve on that Chapter Board, as well as interested persons to participate in social events.

As a quick recap, we held our first ever Mardi Gras Social on February 29th. We would normally have our annual meeting on May 2nd, however, due to the self-quarantines, we have postponed this event until Saturday, August 22, 2020, at 4:00 PM. We will be holding this year's meeting as a webinar this summer. Details are contained in this newsletter. Our annual Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game and BBQ was supposed to be June 28th, but was cancelled due to COVID-19.

I look forward to meeting and sharing experiences with all of you. Hope to see you at an alumni event in 2021!

Sincerely,
Bob

Robert Rhinesmith
President
Rutgers Club of South Carolina

Important Info:

- Save the date: Annual Meeting (Virtual Webinar) – Saturday, August 22, 2020, **register here**.
- Robert Johnson annual scholarship - Karina Jimenez was this year's winner!
- Nomination Committee for 2020 - Officers
 - Eric Hansen - Chair
 - Armand Glassman
 - Mark A. Leon
- Call for experts!
 - Do you have a talent or hobby you'd like to share with the rest of the club? We'd like to have a few virtual "lunch and learns" throughout the summer and fall. Please contact Kisa Grate at kisagrate@gmail.com, if interested!

Rutgers University and Alumni News:

- [Rutgers campus will stay closed until August with summer classes online](#)
- [Rutgers Launches Genetic Testing Service for New Coronavirus](#)
- [Rutgers' Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy to Move Up Graduation of New Pharmacists](#)
- [Rutgers women's basketball: C. Vivian Stringer receives 'Legends of Coaching' award](#)

- [Rutgers Launches Azithromycin, Hydroxychloroquine Clinical Trial](#)
- [Rutgers University to Cut Fees for Students due to Coronavirus](#)
- [Day One: Rutgers President Jonathan Holloway](#)

In Memoriam

Eugene “Gene” Wohanka of Murrells Inlet, SC, died March 6, 2020. Eugene served as a carpenter at Rutgers for more than 25 years. [Read more.](#)

Cheryl A. Wall, the Board of Governors Zora Neale Hurston Professor of English, long admired for her expertise in African-American literature, American literature, and feminist criticism, died Saturday, April 4. [Read more.](#)

The Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina celebrates Mardi Gras with its inaugural Mardi Gras Social in Charleston, with special guests Marco Battaglia and Nevin Kessler



Rutgers Alumni Mark A. Leon still enjoying nature in isolation, Rutgers style, in Charleston



March 28, 1982: National Champs! Tournament MVP Patty Coyle DC'82 scores 30 points and Terry Dorner DC'83 adds 25 as Rutgers wins the AIAW National Tournament title with a thrilling 83-77 victory over Texas at the Palestra



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