



## Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina Newsletter

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### **President's Message from Bob Rhinesmith**

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

We welcome any and all feedback to better serve you, our members. We are in the process of adding Chapters around our State so that there will be social events within reasonable driving distance of where you live, work and play.

We are collaborating with neighboring clubs, (Charlotte, NC to start), to host joint social events in many areas of South Carolina moving forward. We sanctioned a northwest chapter a few 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 just held our annual Stingrays Hockey Game last weekend where all in attendance enjoyed a thrilling victory for our hometown team over the Florida Everblades! We have our annual meeting right around the corner on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, beginning at noon, at the Longhorn Steakhouse in downtown Columbia, followed by a separate social event to be determined. After this, we have our annual Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We begin this event with our all-you-can-eat BBQ at 5PM.

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

## **Purpose and Mission Statement**

The Organization provides alumni and friends of Rutgers University interested in/within the State of South Carolina the opportunity to connect and interact with each other, and to promote Rutgers University through outreach to alumni and friends of Rutgers University by hosting events, programs, and activities.

*Any alumni that needs to update their email or mailing address, please update your information here: [www.Ralumni.com/update](http://www.Ralumni.com/update). If someone that is an alumnus that is not currently receiving notifications, please have them send an email to [volunteer@ruf.rutgers.edu](mailto:volunteer@ruf.rutgers.edu) to request to be added back in to receive emails.*

## **Rutgers Alumni Club of South Carolina – A History and Personal Reflection by Janet Churchill**

### ***Reminiscing***

In the early 90's my husband, Dave, (RC '52) came across an article in a Rutgers publication that interested him greatly. The University was looking for volunteer alumni recruiters. He was retired, and this appealed to him. He called the number and was put in contact with an enthusiastic young lady, Annette Romeo. Within a short period of time, she flew south, and spent a few days with us at our home in Florence. She and Dave visited the area high schools, talked to Guidance Counselors, and she explained to Dave how to recruit. After her visit, our home began to fill with boxes of brochures, catalogs, interest cards, table placards and all kinds of literature.

He joined CACRAO, (The Carolinas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers), who provided a detailed list of where and when College Fairs were being held. And he was ready to start. Well, I soon realized how much fun he was having and decided to go along. We visited many high schools in Columbia, made the trip to Hilton Head where we learned the principal was a Rutgers grad. Dave had a keen interest in history and we began to include historic sites in our trips, enjoying the Revolutionary battlefields of Kings Mountain and Cowpens in the Spartanburg area. One of our favorite towns was Ninety Six with its own historic site where two battles were fought in 1775 and 1780.

At the high school we met a student whose aunt was on the Board of Trustees at Rutgers. And for all baseball trivia lovers, yes, it's the home town of Bill Voiselle who wore the number 96 when he pitched for the NY Giants in the 1940's. Dave, a diehard Giants fan had seen him play. The recruiting season ended, and we realized how excited people had been to have us at their Fairs. Rutgers was indeed held in high regard. However, we learned two things, recruiting was way too big a job for 2 people, and we heard there were a few folks in the Charleston area who wanted to start a Rutgers Alumni Club in South Carolina.

Bob Johnson and Ray Frisch were graduates of Rutgers College and Jan Karesh, from NJC and they wanted a club that would include men and women. Dave met with them several times, Contacted the University about how to get started, and soon we had a Club with Robert E. Johnson as our first President. Part of our Mission Statement included continuing recruiting.

At that time the University provided us with a wonderful tool, an annual printout of all Rutgers grads in SC. The list was divided by towns, provided addresses, phone numbers, the name of the College attended, and the year of graduation. We had a way of finding additional recruiters where we needed them, and our group grew. Dave took over as President in 1996, the year we moved to Summerville. In 1998 Dave received the

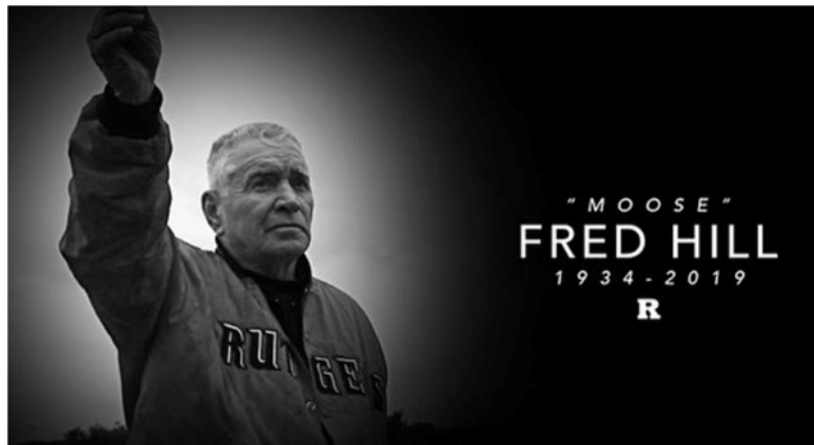
Loyal Sons of Rutgers Award. In 2001 the Club earned The William of Orange Award for Reliable and Consistent Service to Rutgers Alumni in Support of the Mission of the Regional Clubs Programs and in 2003 the Meritorious Service Award, followed by the RAVIN award in 2005, and in 2007 the big one, the William H. Campbell Award for Best All-Round Regional Club Program.

For years the Club hosted the Rutgers men's rowing team in Hilton Head as they traveled to or from Florida for Spring practice, then the women's tennis team when they played in an area tournament. We also had many luncheons in Charleston, Kiawah, Seabrook and Mt. Pleasant. Dave's health limited his involvement and prior to his death in 2013 we found a new President, Sumter resident, Bob Rhinesmith who received his degree in 1996. Bob has the task of overseeing the change by the University in the Club's primary mission from recruiting to alumni involvement. We've hosted annual outings to Stingrays hockey games and trips to Myrtle Beach to watch the Pelicans play baseball. The Club moves forward under Bob's capable guidance.

In the Spring of 2018, my Douglass College (NJC) Class of 1953 celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> reunion. I am stunned by the cost of a college education today and troubled by the fact that so many young people have large debt when they graduate. Several years ago, I came across the September 1950 bill for the first semester of my sophomore year at NJC hand stamped PAID by someone in the Bursar's Office. The total included "tuition, room rent and board" There was also a charge of \$13 for "Undergraduate Fee" and \$5 for "Registration" bringing the final charge for the semester to \$541.

When I look back on my years with the Club, I realize how many good people I've met along the way. What a gift to my life. UPSTREAM RED TEAM1

### Remembering Fred Hill



The Rutgers baseball program and community mourns the loss of **Fred Hill**, who passed away Saturday, March 2 at age 84. The Verona, New Jersey, native totaled 1,089 collegiate wins, including 941 in 30 years leading the Scarlet Knights. Hill is a member of American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the Rutgers Athletics Hall of Fame.

"Fred Hill was more than a hall of fame coach, he was a hall of fame person," said Director of Athletics **Pat Hobbs**. "His impact is far greater than 1,089 career baseball victories. It's beyond measure and lives within the

countless individuals he coached, mentored and inspired. The entire Rutgers community will miss him dearly. Our sincere condolences to his wife Evelyn and the Hill family.”

### **Congratulations to Nick Suriano and Anthony Ashnault – The first 2 NCAA Wrestling National Champions in Rutgers History**



### **Rutgers University and Alumni News:**

- Curious about continuing education opportunities? The RUA provides all the resources you need for lifelong learning, professional advancement, and more - <https://bit.ly/2FnnKdv>
- Next week on Rutgers Giving Day (March 27, 2019), the university community will come together to make an impact. Share your scarlet pride by taking part in on-campus events and social media challenges throughout the day. [#RUGivingDay](https://bit.ly/2SDxBmJ) <http://bit.ly/2SDxBmJ>
- It's [#NationalWomensMonth](https://bit.ly/2FnnKdv) and we're celebrating with some of our successful female Scarlet Knights! Natalie Morales '94 earned a dual degree in Journalism and Latin American Studies here at [#RU](https://bit.ly/2FnnKdv). Today, you can find her hosting "Access" and broadcasting the West Coast's "Today."
- Rutgers Student Helps NASA Discover New Planets - <https://bit.ly/2TrJFUr>
- Congratulations to Rutgers professors Jeffrey D. Laskin and Thomas Nosker GSNB'83,'88 for being elected senior members of the National Academy of Inventors! - <https://bit.ly/2Fv1Bd8>

**Where are the Rutgers Alumni in South Carolina? 2018/2019 Comparison (By County Effective February 2019)**

**2018**

***South Carolina – 2642***

***County***

Beaufort – 408

Charleston – 399

Horry – 382

Greenville – 253

York County – 184

**2019**

***South Carolina - 2615***

Beaufort - 407

Charleston - 394

Horry - 377

Greenville - 251

York - 180

Top 5 Cities: Myrtle Beach – 177 / Columbia – 158 / Fort Mill – 158 / Bluffton – 147 / Charleston - 137

**Cheers**

**Go Scarlet Knights**

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