



Greetings From Your Chapter Leader

WELCOME TO THE FIRST edition of the Rhode Island Chapter newsletter! You can expect to see this newsletter in your mailbox twice per year, in February and July. We hope to keep you up to date on upcoming events and give a recap of recent events. We had a busy 2004 and look forward to an even busier 2005!

I have taken over the reins as Chapter Leader from Lisa King '81, who has worked tirelessly for the past four years. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Lisa's efforts as well as the efforts of Steering Committee members Jen Coleman '93, Victor Alibrandi '70, Gina Ankner '93, Bob '78 and Mary Beth Merrill '78, John Cregan '84 and the many others who have helped to organize and plan events for the Rhode Island Chapter over the past few years.

NEW WEBSITE

Thanks to some help from the Boston College Alumni Association, I am pleased to announce a new Website for our chapter, www.bc.edu/chapters/rhodeisland. In addition to chapter-specific news and events, you can find a list of Steering Committee members who are responsible for planning chapter programming. We hope to use this site as a portal to keep you up to speed on dates for our events as well as recap past events and post pictures from them. Be sure to bookmark the site and check it regularly!

There is also a link to the Boston College Alumni Online Community, where you can update your contact information and add your e-mail address. We plan to use e-mail as a communication vehicle for updates on events in the future, so making sure we have your correct e-mail address will help to keep you informed.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our mission for the Rhode Island Chapter is to provide alumni events that are fun, community-minded and spiritually enriching. As you will see in the events section of the newsletter, we have planned a diversified list of events that are aimed at touching on all three of these areas. One of our goals is to get more alumni involved in our chapter events, so if you have ideas on events that you would like to see, don't hesitate to get in touch and let us know. I look forward to working with all of you to take our chapter to the next level. Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at an upcoming event.

Best Regards,
Matthew McConnell '98

2005 Chapter Dues Drive

AS PART OF THE NATIONAL chapter program, the Boston College Alumni Association is implementing a national dues structure. All dues-paying members and first-year graduates receive a chapter membership card that provides a variety of BC and travel-related discounts. Your annual dues contribution is extremely important in offsetting costs for mailings, events and other chapter initiatives. In the coming weeks, you will receive information from the Alumni Association on how to become a dues-paying member of the Rhode Island Chapter. We are counting on your support to make this chapter a success and look forward to your participation.

Alumni Online Community

THE ONLINE COMMUNITY is your connection to BC and the Rhode Island Chapter. You can look up friends and former classmates, sign up for an @bc.edu e-mail forwarding address and stay up to date on BC and chapter news. Signing up for the online community is easy; just log on to www.bc.edu/friends/alumni/ community. While you're there, be sure to verify that your mail and e-mail addresses are accurate in the online directory so that we can continue to stay in touch.

CONTACT US:

BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
825 CENTRE STREET
NEWTON, MA 02458-2527
TEL: 617-552-4700 OR 800-669-8430
FAX: 617-552-4626
WWW.BC.EDU/ALUMNI

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: LORI PIO
LORI.PIO@BC.EDU
617-552-4754

Upcoming Events

RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER MASS – MARCH 6, 2005

On Sunday, March 6, 2005, the Rhode Island Chapter will host a Mass at St. Francis Chapel, located at 58 Weybosset Street, Providence. A reception will follow. We have not yet finalized the Mass time or the priest who will be saying the Mass. We hope to get a member of the BC community to join us. Please check our Website, www.bc.edu/chapters/rhodeisland, for details.

RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK – APRIL AND MAY 2005

We hope you can join us when the Rhode Island Chapter volunteers at the Rhode Island Community Food Bank in Providence. Join fellow Eagles and friends as we help sort donated food items and package them for distribution. Our volunteer dates this year are:

Thursday, April 14, 2005, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

We hope you can attend on one or both dates and bring friends and family along. If you need more information or directions, e-mail Gina Ankner at gankner@umassd.edu or call 508-999-8589.

WINE TASTING – APRIL 2005

We are planning a wine tasting event for April 2005. We have not finalized the date or location at this point. Please check the Rhode Island Chapter Website, www.bc.edu/chapters/rhodeisland, for details on this event as we update them.

Recent Events

OKTOBERFEST 2004

The Rhode Island Chapter hosted an Oktoberfest beer tasting on Saturday, September 18, 2004. About 50 people attended the event, held at the Buttonwoods Casino in Warwick, and enjoyed sampling the authentic German food and drink. Due to circumstances beyond his control, our planned beer presenter, Kerry Byrne '92, was not able to make the event, but beer brewer and former Germany resident Ray McConnell was able to stand in and do a great job! We look forward to making this an annual event!

RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

We had two volunteer dates for the RI Community Food Bank this fall. On November 16, 2004, there were 22 volunteers and on December 11, 2004, we had 14 volunteers. Class participation ranged from the Class of 1960 to the Class of 1998. As usual these events were a huge success with much work accomplished and a good time had by all who attended. Thanks to Gina Ankner for coordinating these events. Please join us in the Spring for our next volunteer dates!

BC VS. PROVIDENCE HOCKEY GAME

About 30 Rhode Island alumni and friends attended the November 19, 2004, hockey game between Boston College and Providence. It was a great game and ended as a tie in overtime. The group got together before the game for pizza and refreshments at McPhail's Pub on the Providence College Campus.

Annual Golf Tournament

THIS YEAR'S GOLF tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, at the Agawam Hunt Country Club, 15 Roger Williams Avenue, East Providence. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity to play at one of the best private golf courses in Rhode Island! This beautifully manicured course features very fast greens and wide-open fairways. There are creeks flowing through the course that come into play on several holes. The course offers panoramic views of the countryside. The May 2003 issue of *Golf Digest* rated Agawam's golf course as fourth in the state.

Alumni, parents and other friends of Boston College are welcome to bring their family, friends and business associates. Whatever your level of play, the day will be filled with fun and good company! If you don't play golf, join us for dinner and the raffle. If you are able to donate raffle items, we will be grateful and acknowledge them in our program.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Registration at Agawam Hunt Club

12:00 p.m. (noon) – 12:45 p.m.

Buffet lunch in Clubhouse

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Players to carts

1:00 p.m.

Shotgun tee-off: best ball format

6:00 p.m.

Reception, steak fry, raffle & awarding prizes

FEE AND SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

\$100 Tee Sponsorship

\$775 Foursome and Tee Sponsorship

\$700 Foursome – best ball format (lunch, golf/cart, dinner)

\$250 Individual and Tee Sponsorship

\$175 Individual (lunch, golf/cart, dinner)

\$50 Individual Dinner Reception Only

We are seeking corporate sponsors and raffle donations – please let us know if you are able to help in any way. For more information, please contact John Cregan (401-273-6100), Victor Alibrandi (401-863-8422) or Matthew McConnell (401-213-6011 or matthew.c.mcconnell@aexp.com).