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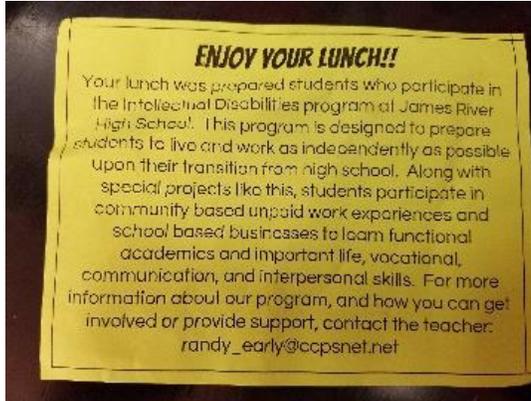
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A note from the President....

As I write this, we just finished our annual golf tournament and a great day was had by everyone who joined in raising money for the baseball program at James River High School as well as the high school. The lunch provided by Randy Early and the special kids at James River was outstanding. In buying our lunch from this program, we help them meet their mission and raise money, too. Wayne Huggins, Executive Director for the Virginia State police Association, came to the golf tournament specifically to thank RBI for all it did for the First Responder event. It was very special to be touched by a tragedy and turn that around to a fundraising event to hopefully leave some good for the future, in spite of such sadness and confusion borne out of the tragedy. RBI takes on quite a number of events during the year to continue its



progress to enhance the facility so that the baseball events can raise money to give back to the James River and greater community. Being fairly new to this nonprofit world as RBI's president, I am fulfilled by achieving our mission this past year and have enjoyed working with the others who share that joy. Best wishes to you and your family for a healthy and happy end to 2016 and a new beginning in 2017. If you are so moved by the efforts we communicate in this newsletter, please donate. With your continuing encouragement, we will continue to work hard at our mission. We ask that you go to our website and volunteer to help out at any of our events – or suggest one we can help you to accomplish! No experience necessary.

Best regards, Jordan Berryhill, President

A brief word from Coach Hannum.....

I am excited to be leading the James River High School baseball program. Since taking the helm June 1, I have been busy on the field getting it ready for our summer league and then our summer tournaments and then finally fall ball. We host so many events there so that we can continue to pay the lights for the field and maintain the quality of the playing surface given its heavy use. I can speak for the other coaches when I tell you how much more difficult it is maintaining two fields instead of just one. We keep the fields looking the way they are as a team. I want to thank Greg Dommissie for all he does to maintain that grass looking the way it does, it takes so much time each week. Bill Bray has been my



lifesaver this summer and fall - helping me with all the events - and our success is directly attributed to his assistance. Last year at this time we asked you for funds because we had holes in the roof of the dugouts on the varsity field. I'm happy to report that we replaced the roofs and we also created locked closet space to protect our equipment and our supplies from vandalism, but it could not have happened without you and the support of the greater community. We worked many events in order to be able to make that happen and the summer league would not have taken place on our field if we could not fix those roofs. My goal for 2017 is to build the Rapids baseball program and commit to leading those boys in ways that are much more relevant off the field. My expectations will be high. I will set the standard for the character that I expect from my team and hope that we have an exceptional season together. More than baseball, my goal is to continue to put my personal time into making the facility one that others will want to come and use so that we can continue to achieve the RBI mission. I'm grateful to the Board of Directors and to the other officers of RBI who worked tirelessly to help me be the best I can be on and off the field.



First Annual Hallowstream Event

RBI provided marketing and printing for this new event that brought together faculty at James River High School who wanted to create a fun event for kids in their feeder community. The event was creative and students helped. The goal is to earn funds for their clubs and activities.



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First Responders Festival

Imagine a pickup baseball game with adult coaches - former outstanding players in their own right - and young ones playing against one another followed by a game of hot competition between local travel teams who are playing out of normal position and all in good fun. Imagine further an umpire who, unbeknownst to the players, makes great fun with goofy calls to make for a fun game. That effort raised money for the Virginia State Police Association Emergency Relief Fund. Inspired by the tragedy about trooper Chad Dermeyer's end of service, RBI wanted to give back not just in a monetary way to the emergency relief fund but also to bring a community together to reaffirm the fabric that is Chesterfield County's first responder and citizen community: respecting one another and working together. With assistance from nonprofit organizations that provided games for kids to play while they advertise their nonprofit mission and other craftspeople selling their wares, RBI raised more than \$5,000. We are grateful to the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Community Outreach for making the event part of their day to remember September 11, 2001. Thanks to the JR NJTOTC for presenting colors.

Lisa Schaffner, MC, Jesse Powell, Festival Organizer, Bryan Hannum, Game Host with Lisa Germano who organized CPA Day of Service for volunteers at the Festival.

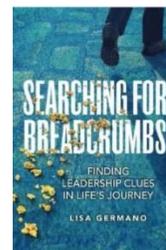


John Titus Honored

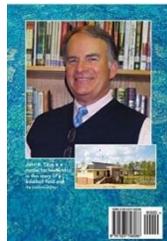


Mr. Titus believed in innovation when he agreed for a group of parents to help build the facility at James River High School. This year saw a book published that is dedicated to his leadership. The history of how his

influence led to the building of the building and lights on the baseball facility at James River High School needed to be told so that others may be inspired. We are grateful for Mr. Titus's ongoing support as a



member of the RBI Board. If you are interested in purchasing the book you may purchase it at Amazon by going to amazon.com. All proceeds go to RBI. At the First Responder Festival, the bronze plaque was placed on the side of the concession stand and dedicated to Mr. Titus by Lisa Schaffner.



Food Donations Net 631 Pounds

With all the events hosted this year, RBI donated more than 631 pounds of food to the Central Virginia Food Bank. It doesn't take much more than coordination and communication to help out those who are in need. RBI keeps this purpose in mind with all our events. Helping to serve the greater community is part of the mission for RBI and this is an easy way to help achieve that goal. Extra food originally purchased to create meals in concession was donated to The Daily Planet - this freezer food would have expired before the regular season would have begun.

Thank you to Craig Schwartz

Leaders often get away with going unnoticed and Craig Schwartz is one of those that typically does that very well. RBI could not have happened without the vision for something better for the kids at James River that embodied Craig Schwartz's philanthropy. "I have been blessed in my life, and want to give back what little I am able to." An understatement from Craig Schwartz as shown by his philanthropy at James River. Craig along with other parents had a little bit of fun while they took on the serious job of creating what is today the varsity baseball field and then further helping to negotiate initial funding for the building and lights on the varsity field. None of that would have happened without the dedication and vision of Craig Schwartz. We thank you Craig, and wish you well. We are grateful for your counsel and your generosity of spirit, time and funds over the past ten years.

Welcome Glenn Harper

While Glenn might be new to the RBI Board of Directors, he is an old hat when it comes to RBI, its mission, and all of the challenges in maintaining the facility that was created under his leadership as president of the James River High School Athletic Boosters in 2009 to 2011. Owning his own business, Glenn knows what it means to earn trust from individuals and to build a reputation based on character. He will be a valuable asset in bringing new energy to the Board and we are grateful. In his spare time, Glen coaches girls basketball at Thomas Jefferson High School. He is an advocate for all high school sports and has experience with strategic planning, business financials and stewardship for nonprofit use of funds.

Thank you Greg Dommissie

Although he retires as an officer leading the RBI organization, Greg will continue to support RBI in many ways. Very key to the facility, he will continue to provide help to maintain the fields year round. One of the visions that Coach Dommissie had for RBI was to bring inner-city kids out to the facility and have a program to hone their skills and offer mentorship. With all the work we've had to do to maintain the facility and to host the events to pay our bills, we haven't yet been able to make this happen. We hope to try a small program with the Boys and Girls Club in 2017, if we can find sponsors and the funds to get that concept started. We dedicate that effort to you Coach Dommissie for all the effort you have given to the kids at James River by your coaching and to the future kids who come behind them. Through your dedication of time - we know your most precious resource - you have built a solid foundation of giving back through RBI, and the James River High School baseball program.