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Ritenour Names 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

Aug. 19, 2009 – Three new outstanding alumni have been selected for the Ritenour High School (RHS) Hall of Fame Class of 2009. The new members will be inducted during a special ceremony on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1997 to honor RHS graduates who have demonstrated outstanding professional achievements, civic involvement and community service.

The 2009 inductees are:

Carole Rose Ebert Klein – (Class of 1965), *personnel manager for many orchestras in the San Francisco (Calif.) Bay Area*; known as one of the Bay Area's most respected, talented and creative musicians; leading member of the professional musical community; currently serves as personnel manager for many of the Bay Area's top orchestras; led orchestras for such touring luminaries as Mannheim Steamroller, YES, the Moody Blues and the Papal visit to San Francisco; active free-lance trumpeter and singer; has performed with the Oakland Symphony, San Francisco Opera and many more.

Sarah Elizabeth Leen – (Class of 1970), *Senior Photo Editor at National Geographic in Washington D.C.*; award-winning photo journalist for *National Geographic Magazine* for more than 20 years; risen to the most prized level of photographic careers - working her way from freelance photographer to senior photo editor; oversees story concepts, budgets, photo editing and layouts; known for her creative talent, steadfast journalistic sensibilities and for having the highest of ethical standards; tireless generator of new ideas for *National Geographic*; *National Geographic* published a book of her work titled *American Back Roads* in 2000.

Dr. Giles McCoy – (Class of 1943/deceased), *World War II War hero, member of United States Marine Corps*; served as a Marine aboard the legendary cruiser USS Indianapolis in 1945 when Japanese torpedoes struck, sinking the ship; helped save the lives of many soldiers; survived five days in shark-infested water in what has been described as the worst single-incident sea disaster in U.S. naval history; awarded two purple hearts during his military career; featured in many books and television programs; instrumental in the exoneration of the ship's captain, Charles McVey, who was court marshaled after losing the ship; organizer of reunions for survivors of the Indianapolis; leader behind the creation of the USS Indianapolis National Memorial in Indianapolis, Ind.; active in community endeavors – after leaving the military, devoted his life to helping others; practiced as chiropractor in Booneville, Mo. for 37 years prior to retiring in 1988. Passed away on April 30, 2009 at the age of 83.

Tickets are on sale now for the induction ceremony and banquet on Friday, Oct. 2, 2009. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Graphic Arts Banquet and Conference Center in Maryland Heights, Mo. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (314) 493-6105.

For more information about Ritenour's Hall of Fame or to nominate an outstanding graduate, contact Ritenour High School at (314) 493-6105. To see the complete list of Ritenour Hall of Famers, visit www.ritenour.k12.mo.us and click on the "Alumni" tab.

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