



Huskies Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

HUSKIETTES **Wherefore Art Thou?**



1946 Huskiettes

Text from the 1946 RE-WA-NE

The Huskiettes, a pep club organized to create more school spirit, was originated by Andy Ginocchio, Barbara Carter, Ruth Daniel, Charlotte Bearss, and Nancy Hecker and sponsored by Herb Foster.

Captain Hickman, who agreed to teach the girls how to drill, conceived several different types of drills, and taught them to the girls during the Christmas vacation, during after-school practices, and during noon practices.

At the first regular business meeting, the election of Andy Ginocchio, President; Barbara Carter, Vice-President; Gwen Byrd, Secretary; Phyllis Willaman, Treasurer; and Charleen Audrain, Publicity Manager, was held and the costumes decided upon. Because the regular costumes (Eisenhower jackets, red skirts and red-and-blue socks) were unable to be sent for before the end of this year, a temporary uniform of dark blue skirts, white blouses, red suspenders, and saddle oxfords was decided upon. The Huskiettes made their first appearance before the Student Body at a pep assembly, February 22, and that same night at the Reno-Lovelock game. They also made several appearances during the Reno-Sparks game, the Zone Tournament, and the Western Conference. Their first social activity, an after-game dance held at the Recreation Center, after the Reno-Sparks game in January, broke all attendance records for the year. It has been decided to hold two semi-annual dances, one at the end of the basketball season and the other at the end of the football season.



1959 Huskiettes



1961 Huskiettes



1974 Huskiettes



1981 Huskiettes



1990 Huskiettes



1999 Flag & Dance Team

Becoming one of Nevada's premier drill teams has not come without difficulty for the Huskiettes. The team practices on an average of 10 hours a week during sports seasons. Such dedication has earned them first place in two competitions at the University of Nevada, Reno and included winning the honor of being named best drill team in Northern Nevada.

In 1999 the Huskiettes changed from a drill team to a dance team, added a flag team and became known as The Flag and Dance Team. Eventually they became part of the Reno High School Marching Band.

In the Fall of 2007, pending Reno High School approval, there will be an attempt to revitalize the Huskiettes as a Dance Team by Kate McKenzie, whose daughter Morgan will be a freshman and whose husband Jason was a 1985 RHS graduate. If you would like to give Kate a hand call her at 746-5075 or E-Mail at j.s.mckenzie@charter.net

ACTIVITIES AT THE ALUMNI BUILDING

1. Class of 1947 60-year reunion meetings
2. Class of 1952 55-year reunion meetings
3. Class of 1957 50-year reunion meetings
4. Class of 1987 20-year reunion meetings
5. Washoe County School District's "Read 180 Teachers Cadre" meetings – monthly
6. Reno High School Pre-freshman orientation from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
483 students from Clayton and Swope Middle Schools



7. Washoe County School District "Mathematics Department Heads" meeting
8. Scenic Nevada Photo contest.

THIS YEAR'S REUNIONS

1947 60-Year 25 Aug Geri Atwood 323-1192	1942 No Reunion Jackie Black 831-0297	1977 30-Yr. Jul 20-22 Karen Hunsader 834-3033 342-8250	1972 35-Year 11 Aug Liane McCombs 786-5186
1957 50-Year Sep. 7-8-9 Phyllis Wetsel 329-9698	1952 55-Year August 17-18-19 Mo' Tuckett 323-6738	1987 20-Year 18 Aug Patricia Lucas 321-3219	1982 25-Year August 17-18-19 Kim Karstens Maya 849-3590
1967 40-Year August 2-3-4 Earlene Forsythe	1962 45-Year No Reunion Mo Curtin Eaton 323-7035	1997 10-Year July 27-29 Tara O'Brien 97rhsreunion@gmail.com	1992 15-Year No Reunion 827-2630

QUESTIONS FROM THE PAST

1. When did Little League Baseball begin in Reno ?
2. What very popular business was located on the Northwest corner of Fourth & Nevada Streets?
3. A Shirley Temple and a Roy Rogers, refer to what?
4. Name the cartoon character made popular by WW II troops. He has a large nose hanging over a fence with his eyes looking down?
5. What was the name of the original Silver Sox Booster Club?
6. What did "DA" stand for? {Think 1950's}
7. Name Reno's first shopping center
8. Reno at one time had two newspapers, one morning and one evening. Name them.
9. What was Reno's first TV station and what year did they come on the air?
BONUS—What was their nickname?
10. What were the call letter of Reno's,(and the state's) first SUCCESSFUL FM radio station?

Class of 1957

This year's Golden Huskies

Abbott, Abbott, Adler. Abbott, Abbott, Adler. Democracy in action. Homeroom by alphabet. Karen Abbott, Kelton Abbott, Sharon Adler. For four years my school days started the same way. Those later in the alphabet never experienced that consistency – it would have been impossible. We were a class of 372 students, some of whom were outstanding, some of whom were indifferent; some of whom hated being at Reno High. Karen Abbott and Jeannie Zamboni were our bookends. For whatever reason, it was our fate to be there for better or worse.

Where did we all come from and where did we go? How did we treat life? How did life treat us? What did we bring, what did we take? Well 50 years of living certainly can lead a body to ponder such weighty matters.

High school and adolescence is a challenging time. I remember feeling that almost everyone but Sharon was smart, talented, attractive, athletic, energetic, well-liked and competent. You name it. Whatever "it" was, I was not. I'm sure I wasn't alone in these insecurities. I believe we all felt that way to one degree or another. Those feelings come with the territory. No one asked if we wanted to forge on. We had to just keep going – growing into life. Damn! I wasn't sure I wanted to move forward...except I had to, and so did you.

During our time at Reno High, RHS was the largest school in the state. Academically it had a national reputation for student achievement. By and large, the faculty was dedicated, demanding, and darn good. And for that I have been eternally grateful.

But when people start doing "Do you remember...?" it seldom has to do with the scintillating discussion of *Wuthering Heights*. It usually has much more to do with "Weathering the Highs/Lows of High School."

I was *SO* happy to graduate. I remember gliding across the stage to receive my diploma from R. Guild Gray (bet you didn't remember that, did you?) and dancing on clouds back to my chair. Mrs. Aldaz caught my eye and mouthed, "You don't have to look *quite* so happy."

Except I *was*. I felt I'd really done something. (My gosh, I'd passed chemistry!) My brother was the first high school graduate in our family: RHS 1950. Seven years later I became the second: RHS1957.

Three and one-half years later, after three somewhat squandered years, I became the first college graduate in my family. It was 1961. I almost quit university in my sophomore year during ski season. I thought seriously about becoming one of those people who would follow the snow and eat the leftovers of those who could afford to buy food.

I remember one day standing on our university campus, gazing at the mountains. Should I drop out of college and follow the ski bum inside? "Indeed not, Miss Adler," deeply intoned Mr. Finch. "Sharon, where do you get these crazy ideas of yours?" asked Mrs. Aldaz. Mr. Piccolo pondered thoughtfully, "Think it through *very* carefully, Sharon." Dorothy Kalmeyer rolled her eyes, yet again (I'd known her since Girl Scout camp) and, well, actually I'm not even going to report what she said to me in my head. The long and the short of it is, I stayed in college and graduated. I did it partly for myself and partly for the voices in my head from RHS who always challenged me to confront the unsure girl of my adolescence and reach out and nudge the person I might become in maturity.

So I got a lot from Reno High. What did you get?

Don't know about you, but I'm still working on it – and still with the help of the faculty who worked on me, for me, and through me. How lucky can ya get?

Gimme a nine spot on the red. Life's a gamble, a great big roll of the dice.

...Sharon Adler Walbridge



Sharon Adler, Claudette Koepp, Pat Pinana and Merrie Jensen

4th Triennial All-Alumni Picnic

For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staf

At Reno High School

August 17, 2008

11:00 am until 5:00 pm

For information, call 825-2586 or go to our website @ www.renohighalum.com

ANSWERS

- 1 . 1951**
- 2 . The Spudnut Shop**
- 3 . They were the children's grown-up soft drinks. One 7-UP base, the other Coca Cola based, with grenadine and a cherry**
- 4 . Kilroy**
- 5 . The Knothole Club**
- 6 . Duck's Ass - a boy's hairstyle that resembled the rear end of a duck**
- 7 . The Village Shopping Center on Califronia and Booth Streets**
- 8 . The Nevada State Journal and the Reno Evening Gazette**
- 9 . KZTV channel 8, (later KOLO-TV), in 1953, nicknamed "Crazy TV"**
- 10 . KNEV FM 95.5 in December 1953. The first FM station on the air was KWRN FM 1946, but never had a customer and folded after 6 weeks. Most FM set were part of the TV consoles and Jerry Cobb, the owner of KNEV also had Modern Radio & TV, which sold Hoffman TVs**

JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

All are welcome

The First Friday of every month at 11:30 a. m.

Order from the menu – separate checks

GOLD 'N SILVER ~ West Room

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, we continue to sing the praises of the Association and our one-of-a kind museum. One of our goals is to give our building as much exposure as possible. In addition to the attached list of activities, here are a few more to add to the list:

We have lots of resources available and volunteers willing to help anyone seeking information on Reno High School history. At the present time, Mrs. Coffee, an English teacher in Sparks, is doing an article on the old Huskies Haven. We've been able to provide her with some information. Dan Halcomb, head of the Journalism Department at RHS, continues to bring his classes into the Museum for exposure and history.

Colonel Schnabel, (Lt. Col. Ret'd) and now with RHS' ROTC is working on the history of the ROTC at Reno High School. He has spent more than a few hours in our archives.

At the RHS Convocation ceremony, I was pleased to present four \$1,000 scholarships to four outstanding seniors, thanks to the generous contributions made in the memory of some of our deceased members, and to donations for our shirts, cups, and merchandise in the museum, our scholarship fund is growing.

As you can see, rapport from the staff, faculty, and students is good – witnessed by all the activities back and forth.

We have an opening for a Trustee on the Board. Right now, it's made up of alumni from the 40's and 50's. Let's face it—we won't be around forever, so we need new, young blood from the 1960s, 70s, and 80s to carry on what we've started. If you're interested or know someone who is, please contact me.

Regretfully, Karl Breckenridge has decided not to chair the 2008 All-School Picnic Committee (he remains a Trustee). So, if anyone out there is interested in the job, please contact me. We have a lot of helpers in place – we just need a Chairperson!

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the passing of two of our oldest friends and supporters – Earl Avansino and Al Solari. Their contributions over the years have been invaluable.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments. I always enjoy the phone calls.

Happy summer!

Betty Jo Baker, RHSAA President



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