



Huskies Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Alumni:

At our January Board meeting, the Trustees voted unanimously to re-elect the same Executive Board that has served so well this past year. We are grateful for the trust placed in us and look forward to another challenging year. I will continue to serve as President, Daryl Pelizzari remains as Vice President of Operations, Joan Anglin is 2nd Vice President in charge of Membership, Maurine Tuckett is Secretary and Virginia Zorio is Treasurer.

Committee Chairs were assigned as follows:

Activity Chairs (Picnic) – Daryl Pelazzari and Betty Jo Baker
Budget – Virginia Zorio
By-Laws – Jerry Fenwick
Elections – Gloria Garaventa
Museum – Ed Fair
Newsletter – Nettie Wong
Organization Laison – Daryl Pelizzari and Betty Jo Baker
Parliamentarian – Gene Hillygus
Legal Council – Matt Gray

Eleven classes have scheduled Reunions this summer. All but one are planned for the same weekend as the All-School Picnic on August 17.

As a reminder to the Class Representatives for those reunions, our Museum will be available for any of your planning sessions. Please contact us if you wish to use this facility.

We have been unable to contact Class Representatives for information on the classes of 1983 (25 years), 1993 (15 years). If either of these classes are planning reunions, please contact us so that we may add it to our calendar and provide any assistance you may need.

Plans for the All-Class Picnic are progressing and flyers announcing details are available. Volunteer Committee members will be contacting all Class Representatives to schedule flyer pick up.

The monthly luncheons at the Gold 'n Silver didn't prove to be successful. The suggestion has been made to have a monthly or bi-monthly box luncheon at the Museum. We would appreciate your comments. It has also been suggested that in order to accommodate prospective new Board members, we schedule our Board of Trustee meetings to start at 5:30 PM or later, instead of the 4:00 PM schedule we have now. We would like to hear your opinions on this.

Looking forward to all the exciting things to come,
Betty-Jo Baker, RHSAA President

2008 CLASS REUNIONS

1938 – 70 Years – Class Rep: Rita Daniels
1476 Gaucho Lane
Reno, NV 89521
(775) 851-6050

1943 – 65 Years – Class Rep: Len Crocker
4255 Palomino Circle
Reno, NV 89519-2939
(775) 747-2774

1948 – 60 Years – Class Rep: Jackie Rossow
70 Robin Place
Reno, NV 89509
(775) 323-0520

1951 – 57 Years – Class Rep: Betty Jo Baker
2060 Rockhaven Drive
Reno, NV 89511
(775) 851-3203

1953 – 55 Years – Class Rep: Joanne Petre
869 Daniel Drive
Reno, NV 89509
(775) 323-7770

1958 – 50 Years – Class Rep: Jerry Gribble
811 West Musser Street
Carson City, NV 89703
(775) 883-3004

1963 – 45 Years ----- NO REUNION

1968 – 40 Years – Class Rep: George Hajdakas
2116 Thomas Jefferson Drive
Reno, NV 89509
(775) 815-7000

1973 – 35 Years – Class Rep: Karen Manca
4385 Lloyd Way
Reno, NV 89502
(775) 826-0776

1978 – 30 Years – Class Rep: Kris Wines
25 Martell Place
Sparks, NV 89411
(775) 834-7583 work#
(775) 848-3583 cell#

1988 – 20 Years – Class Rep: Leslie Smith
4259 Water Hole Rd.
Reno, NV 89519
(775) 746-1696
Email address: leslie_smith@charter.net

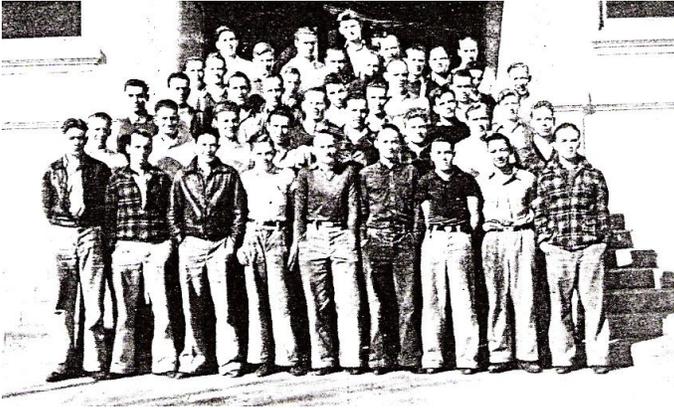
1998 – 10 Years – Class Rep: Rachel Johnson
200 Talus Way
Reno, NV 89503
(775) 813-7870
Email address: project.manager80@gmail.com

RETIREE HONORED



At our January Board meeting, the Trustees paid tribute to retiring Trustee and long time Board member – Larry Pizorno. Shown here, he is receiving a Certificate of Appreciation from Board President Betty Jo Baker. Since he is an active member on the All-School Reunion Picnic Committee, he won't be far away.

William A Harrigan Class of 1938



PICTURE FROM THE 1938 YEAR BOOK

During my high school years at RHS, the boy's clothing styles were dull enough to evoke little commentary. Shirts, pants (most often corduroy) and shoes were the typical dress. The one thing that may be considered unique was the treatment of the corduroy pants. In September, at the beginning of the school year, many of the boys showed up in new "cords". Typically the cords were a yellowish color and would look great for a while. The fad was to wear them as long as possible without washing before they disintegrated. Over time, as well as becoming disgustingly grimy, the cords tended to develop horizontal rips. These defects would be repaired by applying strips of wide adhesive tape over the rips on the inside of the pants. Any boy who could nurse a pair of cords through two semesters of constant wear was looked upon with high esteem. In most cases, by January or February about all that would be left intact were the belt loops. The forced disposing of a pair of disintegrated cords may have been the first attempt at a hazardous waste program.

NOTE: This is the third article in a series of stories from William A. Harrigan.

The story behind the "Block R"

A couple of weeks ago, having again been stumped by stupidity or amnesia, or very possibly both, I sent out a distress call: "Hey all of you out in Reno Gazette Journal readerland! Is there someone among you who knows the history of how the limestone "Block R" came into being on Peavine Mountain?"

Reno accountant Virginia Pucci Zorio bailed me out. The 1955 Reno High class member said that the Block R did not exist when she graduated. The Block R was born in the spring of 1962, just weeks before graduation by a group of RHS senior boys.

The about to graduate Class of '62 senior boys hiked to the future Block R site and designed and mapped the soon-to-be-born signature, using stakes, string and a basic understanding of geometry.

The boys called themselves the Rock R Society, and they kept their membership low to keep their endeavor a secret. Even so, word of their undercover project leaked out before the R could be painted and the principal of RHS told the boys that if they continued their Peavine endeavor, they would not graduate. Not a boy was willing to take that risk, so they backed off. Their persistence did not remain dormant and a few weeks after graduation the Block R glowed down on Reno. (The foregoing is a condensed version of an article written by Rollan Melton in the July 2, 2001 issue of the Reno Gazette Journal.)

4th Triennial All-Alumni Picnic

2008

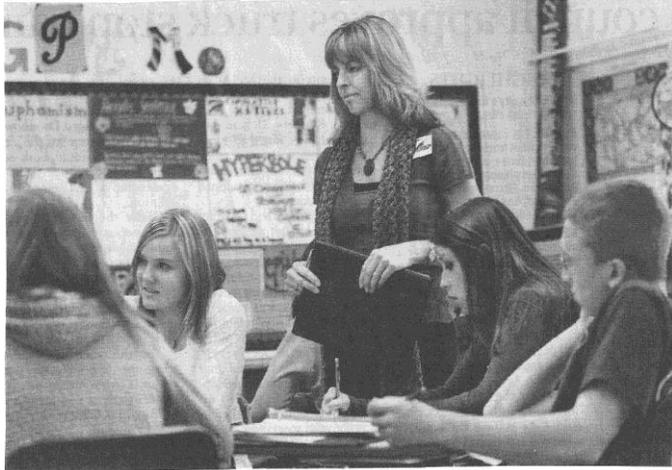
For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff
At Reno High School

August 17, 2008

11:00 am until 5:00 pm

For information, call 825-2586 or go to our
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RENO HIGH NAMED ONE OF TOP 505 U.S. HIGH SCHOOLS



English teacher Marie Affinito and her class at RHS

A national magazine has named Reno High School one of the country's top 505 high schools, but a teacher and principal say most of the credit goes to the school's students and parents.

U.S. News and World Report used statistical information to rank schools from 40 states and awarded those schools gold, silver and bronze medals for excellence in education.

Reno High School was the only Northern Nevada school to get a silver medal.

Reno High teacher Marie Affinito teaches advanced-placement students who take college-level classes at Reno High.

The teachers work hard to create an "environment where kids think it's cool to be smart," Affinito said. But she sees the same level of dedication at other Reno area schools.

Affinito said a lot of the success comes from students who push themselves, as well as parents with high expectations.

Reno High teachers are working not only with good students but also are trying to reach the students who are struggling, Affinito said.

U.S. News and World Report said this is an important part of its rankings, saying "schools have to provide a good education across their entire student body, not just for some students."

QUESTION AND ANSWER FUN

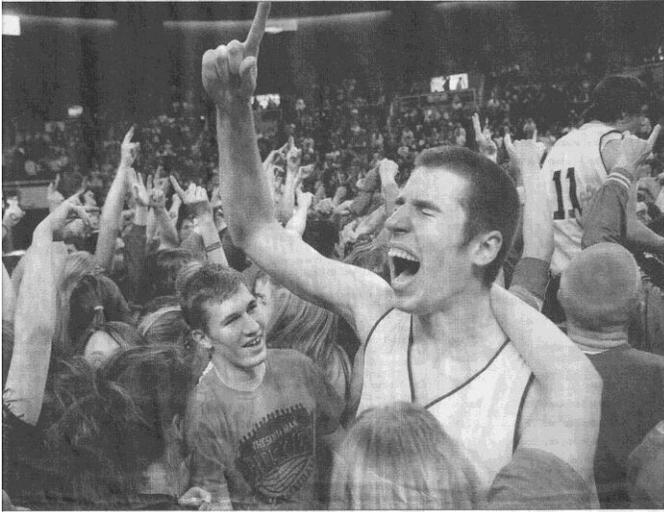
How well do you know Doo-Wop??

- When did "Little Suzie finally wake up?"
 - The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
 - The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
 - The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
- "Rock around the Clock" was in what movie?
 - Rebel Without a Cause
 - Blackboard Jungle
 - The Wild Ones
- What's missing? Earth _____
 - Angel
 - Head
 - Worm
- "I found my Thrill..." where?
 - Kansas City
 - Heartbreak hotel
 - Blueberry hill
- Please turn on your magic beam, _____
 - Dream Lover
 - Earth Angel
 - Mr. Sandman
- Elvis first recorded for which label?
 - Chancellor
 - RCA
 - Sun
- Who asked "Why's everybody always Pickin' On me?"
 - Bad Boy Leroy Brown
 - Charlie Brown
 - Buster Brown
- In Bobby Darin's "Mack the knife", who has the knife?
 - MacHeath
 - MacCloud
 - MacNamara

(Answers on last page)

SPORTS – NOW

RHS WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Reno High's Olek Czyz celebrates after Huskies beat the Cheyenne Desert Shields, 76 – 72 in the Class 4A state championship game on Friday, February 4, 2008.

SPORTS – THEN

January, 1954



Shown above is Darrell Pastrell putting in 2 of the 43 points he made during the Sparks game that ended as a RHS Huskies' win over the Sparks Railroaders 102 – 56. This was the first time in the States' history that 100 points had ever been scored in a high school basketball game. Pastrell set an individual scoring record for Reno High School.

RHSAA MUSEUM HAS ANSWERS

By Daryl Pelizzari

Pertaining to the origin of local high schools adopting their mascot titles, a news reporter recently approached RHS Principal Robert Sullivan asking for his input. Mr. Sullivan did not know, but he knew where to get the answer, the Alumni Museum. Sure enough, in the December 20, 1928 edition of the Red & Blue, it was revealed that a request was made for all students to come up with a name for the RHS athletic teams that would be “indicative of the strength, push and pep” of the teams. Among the suggestions were: Bearbreakers, Prowlers, Eagles, Huskies, Cyclones, Cossacks, Ramblers, and Great Red Machine. Coach Herb Foster thought “Huskies” brought out some of the better points. Obviously, Coach Foster's influence won out.

Remember, many RHS historical facts can be found at out Alumni Museum.

Answers to Q & A Fun Questions

1. c) The movie's over it's 4 o'clock
2. b) Blackboard Jungle
3. a) Angel
4. c) Blueberry Hill
5. a) Mr. Sandman
6. c) Sun
7. b) Charlie Brown
8. a) MacHeath



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	Gloria Garaventa	1951
	Betty Munley	1951
	Nettie Wong	1956

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