



# Huskies

# Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

On behalf of the Reno High School Alumni Board of Trustees, I would like to wish all Reno High alumni a very happy and safe holiday and hope you enjoy family and friends during this festive season.

We have enclosed in this newsletter an invitation to the Sixth Triennial All-Class picnic to take place on Sunday, August 21, 2011 on the Reno High campus. You may take this invitation, fill it out, and mail it back with your check or you may wait for your class representative to send you one. The invitation also appears on our website [www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com). We are hoping for a great turnout so talk to your classmates and make plans to attend.

Speaking of our website, it has undergone some upgrades, and I invite you to pay us a visit at [www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com). Here you will find a list of every student who graduated, every teacher who taught, as well as class representatives, reunion information, RHS history, newsletters, and much more.

The Board of Trustees would like to sincerely thank our past president Daryl Pelizzari (Class of 52), for his 10 years of faithful and dedicated service to the association. Daryl will be rotating off the board but has taken a new position of Office Manager, which was established last year in the by-laws. Also past board president Betty Jo Baker (Class of 1951), will be rejoining the board after a year off.

Lois Nuernberg, Class of 1963, will be joining us as a new board member

Congratulations to Link Piazza, Class of 1937, for having the RHS basketball court named in his honor.

J.D. Schnabel  
President

## **An old-time staff party**

What ho – a new tradition appeared last night on the Reno skyline: a Christmas tree standing two stories above the top of the brand-new Harrah's Hotel, and ringing the hotel's parapet is a new necklace of gold. Frosty and Santa – donated to the city by Del Chemical's kingpin Rocco Youse – now stand ten feet high on Belle Isle. The city, Sierra Pacific and Bell Tel crews are putting up candy canes on the streetlamp poles downtown and stringing colored lights across the Truckee. (This daydream is taking place in 1955; a flood two days before Christmas Day would take out those strings of lights and half of downtown with them.)

Therefore – the genius behind this column, the wind beneath our wings, our editor Carmine Ghia, together with photographer Lo Phat, typist Ophelia Payne, our driver Ashton Martin, proofreader Text Writer and all the others are looking forward to our annual RHSAA staff party, preferably in a candle-lit room, embers glowing in a fireplace and a hot-buttered rum nearby. In years past we've gone to Siri's on East Fourth and the Christmas Tree up Mt. Rose highway, whose name 50 years later would be changed to the Tannenbaum in order to remain Politically Correct. The Circle RB on West Fourth, named for singer Reno Browne and later to become the Chinese Pagoda and finally Micasa Too, has a great party room. Just west of that, is the old Villa Roma. You can call it the Glory Hole or you can call it Washoe, but it's a great place for revelry. And even further west, one of the grandest party rooms ever is at Lawton's Resort. The El Cortez Hotel has the Squire Room and the Trocadero Lounge. One of the prettiest night views in Reno has perennially been the view west up the Truckee from the private room adjoining the Holiday Hotel's Shore Room. (Still is, in the now-closed Siena.)

Some of the staffers suggested that we hire a van to take us out to Hagel's Villa in Washoe City, or to the Lancer, (or is it the Mesa?), across Highway 27 from the present Galena High School. We could go high-end to the Waldorf downtown, (Jack Joseph in the piano bar), or book the private room off the Mapes Sky Room. Or trek down Truckee River Lane to the River Front, oft-confused by holiday revelers with the Bundox lounge within the River House motel. Still downtown, the venerable old State Building in Powning Park – too big for our little group, but pleasant. Vario's has a private room, as does Eugene's – the "Gypsy" room. If we're going that far out of town on South Virginia we might as well go all the way to the Supper Club or the Willows. Or the Big Hat. In college we might have booked our party at Bish's Game Farm out by the swamp on the present Longley Lane, or Flindt's barn, where one more bullet hole in the roof wouldn't really merit too much attention, but we've matured beyond those places. Sort of. Always a favorite, the California Building in Idlewild Park.

Lots of parties were held at the Darrel Dunkle American Legion Hall on Ralston Street or the little Masonic hall upstairs above Statewide Appliance on North Virginia just north of Fourth Street/Highway 40 (easy parking on Sewell's parking lot.) That new-fangled Silver Legacy would change all that. OK, the Casa de Amor (bet you've all forgotten that name!), later renamed the Cove

and finally just Miguel's at the end of town on South Virginia by Mt. Rose Street caters to parties, if you can tolerate a reindeer chimichanga. Even further out, we can try to book the Continental Lodge, either in their Central Park Lounge or the private room in the south end of the restaurant. The Doll House out South Virginia has a good dance floor. We could go out East Fourth almost to the Sparks line and try for the Gay-Nor Room in the Big Y, or the private room in the back of the Chuck Wagon down the street but every time we go to Sparks the Stockwell twins and Geno Martini crash our parties. We've tried for the Nugget's once-convention-center-later-Trader Dick's on the north side of B Street in Sparks but it's a pretty popular venue.

Anyway, the RHS Alumni Association's Staff Christmas Party will be a doozy, if and wherever somebody will have us.

*And at this point, somebody with more sense than editor Ghia should point out that the above is in jest, to bring back a few pleasant recollections of Reno High parties of yesteryear – we're not really having a "staff" party in 2010....*

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## **2011 RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS**

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Lorrie Hadlock (1967)  
Betty Munley (1951)  
Lois Nuernberg(1963)  
Larry Pizorno (1956)

### **Office Administrator (non-board member):**

Daryl Pelizzari (1952)

If you would like to serve on the board, contact the office at 825-2586. You are also welcome to attend our monthly board meetings, which are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month.

## THIS & THAT

- **RHS Principal Robert Sullivan**, while a teacher at Manogue High School, was the Reno High varsity girls basketball coach from 1989 to 1991. Also, he was named Principal of the Year by *Reno News & Review* ... for the third time.
  - **Lt Col Scott Maryott**, Senior ROTC Instructor, received the KRNV Channel 4 Excellence in Education Award for October.
  - **Reno Municipal Court Judge Paul Hickman**, Class of 1962, died in an automobile accident on October 21, 2010. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.
  - **George Ochs**, Reno High wrestling coach and science and math teacher from 1973 to 1996, was inducted into the Nevada Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.
  - We have over 1,000 hits on our website each month. A hit is someone who logs on and views the site.
  - The Reno High boys and girls tennis teams were the High Sierra League Champs and won the Northern Nevada 4-A championship but lost in state competition.
  - The girls soccer team was the High Desert League champs and the 4-A Academic State champions.
  - The volleyball teams were the High Desert League champs.
  - The marching band placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Nevada State Band competition and was named the best Percussion at state.
  - At the Nevada Day Parade, the marching band, Huskie Battalion, and Cheerleaders placed first.
- If you have some interesting tidbits that you would like to share, please pass them along to us.

### WHAT JEFF FOXWORTHY HAD TO SAY ABOUT NEVADANS:

- If it is 75 degrees one day and 45 then next, you live in NV
- If you ski in the morning and golf in the afternoon, you live in NV
- If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there, you live in NV.
- If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed the wrong number, you live in NV.
- If you measure distance in hours, you live in NV.
- If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, you live in NV.
- If you know all 4 seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter, and road construction, you live in NV.



RHS Student Body President Shawn Choo-Murphy presents a plaque to Link Piazza

## RHS BASKETBALL COURT NAME FOR PIAZZO

At a school assembly in September, Reno High School honored Link Piazza, Class of 1937, by naming the basketball court after him. Thanks to his donation, the gym was renovated last summer that included a new floor. Link's signature was placed on one side of the floor in commemoration of his generous donation of \$40,000. An innovative floor design of a leaning Huskie on a block R was created by teachers Tomas Macaluso and Matt Ochs. The bleachers were also replaced with beautiful blond colored ones that allow for large middle isles with handrails for walking up and down. The old bleachers have been there since 1951 when the school was built. Over the years, Link has donated funds for cheerleader uniforms, a soundproof wall in the band room, and equipment for the flag team. Eleven years ago, Piazza made a \$400,000 donation to help fund the building of the alumni center/museum that bears his name. At the school ceremony a video was shown depicting Link's life as a war hero, an entrepreneur, and a valued and adored member of the Reno High School family.





# 6th Triennial

## All Alumni Picnic

For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff

At Reno High School

Sunday, August 21, 2011

395 Booth Street

11:00 am until 4:00 pm

Food served from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm

FOOD CATERED BY PINOCCHIO'S

*Bring your cameras*

*Tents for shade*

*Reminiscence with old friends  
remembering  
The good old days*

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school property  
Pre-registration is required and reservations close on August 1, 2011  
Food and drink tickets will be at the check-in tables.

Make checks payable to : **Reno High School Alumni Association**

Send to P.O Box 5807, Reno Nv. 89513

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————— Please cut off and send in lower section for reservations. Keep upper portion for your information —————

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni \_\_\_\_\_ Guests \_\_\_\_\_ Payment @ \$20 Per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I'm sorry, I won't be able to attend, but please keep me posted for the next event

Preference: Sausage sands.  Hamburgers  Chicken Sandwiches  Sodas  Water

Would you like to volunteer to help with the picnic? Yes  No

**Lunch includes sandwich, salads, drinks and a dessert**

## *A new RHSAA Web Page is launched!*



On October 7<sup>th</sup>, our new web page was launched with all new graphics, photos and guest book entries, built with Microsoft Expression Web/Design by our webmaster Cal Pettengill ('56).

The first Association web page was created by Joe Granata ('55) in 1999, and rebuilt by Cal a year later, this time with our own domain name [www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com).

In September of 2001 Cat Brown ('84) of Chaosdesigns launched a new web page using Dreamworks web software. It was a true masterpiece, by a professional web designer.

Responding to the need to update that page with expanded RHSAA information, Cal rebuilt the page in July of 2007.



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