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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## **THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH**

We have been working steadily on the Sixth Triennial All-Class picnic that will take place on Sunday, August 21, 2011 on the Reno High campus. You can contact your class representative or download the flyer and return it by snail mail. The flyer can be found on our website at

<http://www.renohighalum.com/Happenings/New.html>.

Please talk with your class members and encourage them to attend this wonderful event.

Speaking of class representatives, we are missing several representatives. Please check our website and look for your class representative. If there is none listed, you may want to consider volunteering for this position or contact someone in your class who might be interested. Contact us by e-mail [rhsaa@renohighalum.com](mailto:rhsaa@renohighalum.com) or call (775) 825-2586).

If your class is planning a reunion this summer, why not plan to have it in conjunction with the all-class reunion in August? Let us know of your plans.

I would like to welcome the newest member of the Board of Trustees - Brien Karlin from the Class of 2001. Brien is a history teacher at RHS and is an assistant coach of the freshman football team. For the first time in many years we have a full board composed of 14 members.

As always, you and your family are invited to visit the RHS Alumni museum next to Reno High on Friday afternoons (2:00 - 5:00 P.M.) and Saturdays (10 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.). We welcome donations of yearbooks, *Red and Blue* newspapers, or other memorabilia.

I would like to recognize, Howard Moy, Class of 1969, for his outstanding work as a volunteer in the RHS Alumni museum for the past six months. He spent many hours organizing and updating memorabilia in our computer and assisted board members in many ways. Howard recently obtained a new job that has taken him away from Reno.... That is good for him but bad for us. Thanks and good luck, Howard.

J.D. Schnabel  
President

## My Term Paper

### "WHAT I LIKE ABOUT RENO HIGH SCHOOL"

by Carmine Ghia Sept. 1957

I am writing this under dire pressure for Mrs. Lehnert's English class so I'm supposed to use good grammar and spelling but I'd rather just write down a bunch of stuff I like about Reno High School without all the fall-de-rall and let her correct it if it's that big a deal to her.

Miss Stern let me borrow this typewriter but it's almost out of ribbon. Mr. Marean told us in his Physics class that someday there would be a typewriter that puts letters up on a "screen" like a television's with a typewriter hooked to it that you didn't even have to touch. That's pretty hard to believe! In Mr. Daniels' journalism class we're learning to use a "Speed Graphic" camera, a great big thing with film on slides that slip into the back of the camera. We go across the hall to a darkroom and develop the film for the *Red & Blue* school paper. Then we take it down to a printer on West Fourth Street by Central Jr. High who re-types what we write on some kind of machine called a Mergenthaler then prints the newspaper. An older guy in our class named Cal Pettingill Pettengill said that someday we'd all be "alumni" of Reno High and the alumni would put out a newsletter on a "computer," whatever that is, in about 20 minutes without the typesetter, print it and mail it out for 44¢ a copy which is about eight times what a stamp costs now. I'd like to work on the newspaper if I could learn how to type and spell and use that camera.

They're adding a new building for auto shop and stuff along Foster Drive so they can move all the shops out of the basement under the cafeteria. Mr. Morgan and Mr. Cline are in charge of that. The cafeteria is a nice place to eat and has good cinnamon rolls. It's a good thing we have one because there's nothing for blocks around the school, maybe Tony's Delicatessen downtown on First Street, Ramos Drug on California Avenue or Hale's at Fourth and Vine. That's about it. We hear that someday they're putting up a bridge over the Truckee from Keystone Avenue but no one can figure out how to connect it to California and Booth Streets. So they'll probably never build it and we'll walk over the old Booth Street bridge to Hale's Drugs or that new

place they're building on Vine, the Silver ` Gold, or something like that.

I like the music teacher at Reno High, Mr. Tellaisha and his wife Ruby. They built a great pep band for basketball games and assemblies. Assemblies are fun, each class gets to put on one a year and this year we're doing "South Pacific." One of our teachers said that there was a lot of language and meaning in that play that Rogers and Hammerstein wouldn't be able to write fifty years later. But we had fun and sang "Nothing like a Dame" in spite of Mr. Finch telling us to sing "...like a girl." What does he know? There's a play opening on Broadway called "The Music Man" that the school will get to put on in a few years with a lot of "Barbershop" singing, whatever that is. Lauren House would probably like it, he's a pretty good base baretonne altow tenor. We had an assembly the other day with a man named Pete Echevarria, who was the first guy in charge of the new Gaming Control Board and he was really funny. The Huskiettes marched in one assembly; they won't date dumb guys like me but go for the jocks. We'll see what they look like in 50 years.

The school has a club called "Huskie Haven," once a building downtown on Center Street with pool and ping pong tables and stuff to read and movies, but they closed it a few years ago. Now the Huskie Haven, which we all pay a couple dollars for on our Student Activity cards each year, has dances at the California Building and the State Building downtown, and skating nights at Idlewild Park with music and a weenie roast (the fire department floods the ice during the day so it'll be smooth by dark). They've held a few ski days. They get a lot of good records for music at the dances, last Friday night the new Chordettes and Buddy Holly songs. Buddy Holly flies in a little airplane called *American Pie* to a lot of shows, which sounds pretty dangerous to me.

Mrs. Lehnars probably won't like my sentences chopped up like this but I've got to get this turned in by second period next Friday. I don't understand the "Sessions" baloney; at Mary S. Doten we just stayed in one room and at Central we had "Home Rooms," now we have "Sessions" with numbers and the only people I get to meet are the people with names close to mine, Ghia, so all I know are people with last names beginning in F, G, or H, and the cute chicks are in other sessions. To make it sillier, we have Sessions officers, so we have a president of a group that meets 12

minutes a day.

We're decorating the gym tomorrow for the Sophomore Dance tomorrow night, and after the Senior Ball decorating fiasco last year, the girls were told to bring their dungarees and their father's ~~Oxford~~ Oxford shirts if they wanted to change after school to work in the gym. The Senior girls came to school in their dungarees and ratty shirts and were sent home before school to get into skirts or dresses. Mr. Finch said this is a school, and no student from Reno High is going to be seen in dungarees with torn-out knees, straps showing under sleeveless blouses, short tight skirts, red-and-blue hair, nose rings, belly buttons, tattoos, and boys with "Bite Me" on their t-shirts. When we walk across to the new Village Shopping Center being built across Foster Drive, we're going to look **GOOD!**

That's some of what I like about Reno High, and the ribbon in Miss Stern's typewriter is starting to run out. If this were 50 years later I could write, "send me an 'e-mail' with your favorite things about Reno High, to [carmineghia@live.com](mailto:carmineghia@live.com) " and if we have an "alumni" newsletter going by then - maybe we'll call it the *Huskies Trails* - something like that, kind of catchy, you could put your favorite memories in the newsletter along with mine.

But heck, who knows now what an "e-mail" is in 1957...?

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## **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**

**Contact us by email [rhsaa@renohighalum.com](mailto:rhsaa@renohighalum.com)  
or call (775) 825-2586).**

## THIS & THAT

- Seniors Lisa Bryant and Alexandra Vallas have been selected National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists
- Ken Fujii, RHS girls varsity basketball coach from 1974 to 1985 came out of retirement to coach the top-rated Eureka High 1A girls basketball team. While coaching at Reno High his team won three state championships and set a then state record of 76 game winning streak. He taught P.E and Health from 1963 to 1984
- Senior Megan Winkel was named the Volleyball Player of the Year and a member of the 2010 All-North 4A Volleyball team
- Seniors Folau Peanua and Chase Kabisch were named members of the 2010 All-North 4A Football team
- The Rifle team ended the season with a 9 win - 2 loss record
- Former RHS basketball standout, Olek Czyz, Class of 2008, who was transferred from Duke University, now plays for the Wolf Pack
- Les Hawkins, Class of '42, who taught English at RHS from 1952-1958 and coached the ski team, passed away on Jan. 8, 2011. He was the first principal of Roger Corbett Elementary School, vice-principal of Clayton Middle School, and principal of Swope Middle School
- RHS science teacher Tracy Armstrong died on Dec. 28, 2010. She taught biology, chemistry, and anatomy for 23 years (1987-2010). She was 49 years old. Our condolences go out to her family
- Dorothy Lyons, Class of 1942, passed away at the age of 86. In 1973 she became the first woman patrol officer for the Reno Police Department

## RHS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Congratulations to the new inductees to the Reno High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Art Collins	Ski Coach	1977-83, 1987-2003
Darrel Pastrell	Basketball, Football, Baseball	1954
Fred Dallimore	Baseball	1962
Allen Gray	Football, Baseball	1977
Jim Warner	Football, Baseball	1977
Joe Rissone	Football, Wrestling	1985
Jennifer Pace	Basketball, Softball	1985
Rhonda Dreher	Volleyball, Basketball, Softball	1986

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee include Brian Rothe, Jim Pace, Daryl Pelizzari, Scott Jordan, and Jeff Tomac.

## HEARING PROBLEMS

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of year. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again." The gentleman replied, "Oh I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times."

## WHAT?

Three old guys were out walking. The first on says, "Windy, isn't it?" The second one says, "No, it's Thursday." The third on says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer."

## WHY PARENTS DRINK

A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see that his bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then he saw an envelope, propped up on his pillow that was addressed to "Dad." With the worst premonition he opened the envelope with trembling hands and read the letter.

Dear Dad:

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you. I had to elope with my new girlfriend because I wanted to avoid a scene with Mom and you. I have been finding real passion with Stacy and she is so nice. But I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercing, tattoos, tight motorcycle clothes and the fact that she is much older than I am. But it's not only the passion.... Dad, she's pregnant.

Stacy said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children. Stacy has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people that live nearby for cocaine and ecstasy.

In the meantime we will pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Stacy can get better. She deserves it.

Don't worry, Dad. I'm 15 and I know how to take care of myself. Someday I'm sure that we will be back to visit so that you can get to know your grandchildren.

Love,

Your Son John.

P.S. Dad, none of this above is true. I'm over at Tommy's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than a report card that's in my center desk drawer. I love you.

Call me when it's safe to come home.

## **Dorothy and George**

**Dorothy Burns attended Reno High School in the early 50s. She was a quiet girl, but was active in girls sports - baseball, basketball, bowling, and volleyball. She also participated in the Senior Christmas Assembly and Huskie Haven.**

**George Morris also attended Reno High at the same time and was active in sports - basketball, tennis, and football. George was a Lieutenant in the ROTC program and a member of the Science Club.**

**Dorothy and George met at a school dance and dated each other for the remainder of their high school days. They graduated together in June 1952 - with the first graduating class of the new Reno High School on Booth Street. They both went on to UNR but after one year Dorothy transferred to the Reno Business College where she received an Executive Secretarial diploma. George graduated from UNR in 1956, and they were married on May 11, 1956.**

**George received his commission as an officer in the Marine Corps and became a jet pilot. For the next nine years they traveled the world and lived in many exciting places. Dorothy worked as an executive secretary on many military bases and served in various elected and appointed offices of the Officers Wives Clubs.**

**In 1965 George left the service to join Pan Am as a pilot. They resided in Reno while George flew out of San Francisco on all Pan Am's international routes and later joined United Airlines. Along the way they had two daughters, Kim and Torrey.**

**After retiring they moved to Arizona and enjoyed camping, golf and family, and toured the United States in their motor home. They often traveled back to Reno to see friends and attend class reunions.**

**On Saturday, January 8, 2011, George and Dorothy Morris attended the "Congress on the Corner" event sponsored by U.S. Rep Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson, Arizona. Dorothy was one of six who was killed in the shooting rampage while George was seriously injured. George tried shielding his wife and suffered two gunshot wounds. This loving couple was married for 54 years. Their friends and classmates in Reno were shocked and devastated by this senseless act as well as the rest of the nation. Our hearts go out to George, their two daughters, and three grandchildren.**

**Dorothy will be remembered by her classmates as a kind, quiet girl who married her high school sweetheart and had a great life that was cut too short.**



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