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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

Alleluia! The Sixth Triennial All-Class Alumni Picnic is over. It was a beautiful day for the 830 alumni and their guests to gather once again on the grounds of Reno High School. There was a great BBQ catered by Pinocchio's, tours through RHS, a look through the museum, classic cars around the circle, a chance to buy Reno High clothing and souvenir water bottles, but the best part was getting together with "old" classmates and sharing memories. The Class of 1961 was there in force celebrating their 50th Anniversary. I would like to personally thank the following people and groups who worked extremely hard to make sure the picnic ran smoothly: Joanne Petre, Gilda Strawn, Betty Jo Baker, Daryl Pelizzari, Joe Granata, Bill Thorton, Arnie Arzoian, Lt Col Scott Maryott, Assistant Principal Linda Feroah, leadership students and JROTC cadets, alumni volunteers, class representatives, and the Board of Trustees. A big thanks to all the RHS alumni who attended this year's picnic, and we hope everyone had a memorable time. If you have any suggestions for the next all-class reunion or have comments about this picnic, please send them to us. We might just put you on the committee.. Ha!

It appears our museum roofing problems are over with the sealing of the stucco by Kodiak roofing services. Thanks to those who helped defray some of the cost. We also replaced the flooring in the ladies room just before the picnic... looks great..... So I'm told!

Welcome Class of 2011! You will have one year free membership, then I'd like to encourage you to become a permanent member after that. We wish you the best of luck this next year.

J.D. SCHNABEL
President, RHSAA

PICTURES OF THE ALUMNI PICNIC



REGISTRATION



CLASSIC CARS



RHS ALUMNI ITEMS FOR SALE



VISITING THE MUSEUM



STUDENT SHELBY PAULETTO TALKS WITH ALUMNI



CLASS OF 1961 TENT



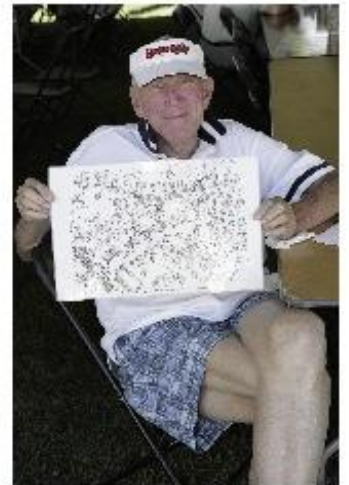
LUNCH IS SERVED



MIKE MANSFIELD & JERRY SMITH



GILDA STRAWN & JOANNE PETRE



J.B. HARRIS '49



BRONZE LEVEL DONATIONS

In the spring of 1951, 217 members of the last senior class out of the “old” Reno High School graduated. Sixty years later, 92 members of that class and their guests, including two former teachers - - Dick Trachok and Ivan Flotto - - celebrated with a great get together dinner and a wonderful afternoon at the all-class picnic. We are pleased to announce as a result of this celebration, the Class of 1951 voted to donate \$1,000 to the RHSAA, and in addition, one of our classmates donated another \$1,000 in memory of her teachers and friends. Plaques will be placed in the Bronze Sponsorship Level section in the museum lobby saying, ”**RHS Class of 1951**” and “**Vicky Vickrey Howard, Class of 1951.**”

We are also pleased to announce that an additional plaque will be placed in this section to honor **Mickey Munley, Class of 1943**, who also donated \$1,000 to our association.

These donations will greatly assist the on going preservation of this unique establishment. Thank you to everyone who donated.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

The following is the address by RHS Principal Robert Sullivan at the 2011 graduation ceremony:

“ I would like to begin my comments by recognizing some of the accomplishments of the Class of 2011. The Class of 2011 was the state of Nevada large school recipient of the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) award of excellence in academics, athletics, and citizenship. Seven students earned a perfect 4.0 G.P.A. for their 8 semesters of high school. Two students were recognized as commended scholars in the National Merit Scholarship program. Two students earned National Merit Scholarship Program Semi-Finalists status and two students earned National Merit Scholarship Finalist status. One student was named U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidate, Sixty-seven graduates are advanced diploma candidates. One hundred and fourteen graduates are honor diploma candidates. Ninety-four graduates are members of the National Honor Society. The total scholarship dollars awarded to the Class of 2011 is.... \$3,419,105.00.”

“...The bond of Huskie pride has no doubt made this one of the most fulfilling experiences one can encounter. This pride, fostered by the love for each other, has motivated you to strive to be the best. .. What Reno High School is and what is will continue to be, is in large measure, determined by the contributions and successes of you, the Class of 2011.”

--RHS Principal **Robert Sullivan** was the RGJ’s featured principal in the August 28, 2011 issue.

-- Senior **Nathaniel Haas** was named special advisor and liaison to the WCSD Board of Trustees. He is also involved with “Ready for Life Community Compact,” comprised of community leaders to improve school support.

William Clarke Webster's 1910 Diary

This diary was found at a yard sale in Oregon by Richard Dreiling, Class of 1956, and provided to the RHSAA museum. The following is a portion of the diary:

Wednesday, January 5, 1910 - Had a swell time at the party last night. Gee, but it was cold when we were coming home this morning. The river was steaming just like a hot springs. One of the water pipes upstairs burst this morning and flooded the bathroom before I could get it turned off. It's been cold enough to freeze the blazes of a camp fire all day.

Thursday, January 6, 1910 - had a scrap with Miss Dillon (*Alice Dillon taught English until 1915*), one of the H.S. teachers and she told me to go to the office, but I couldn't see it that way and so I didn't interview Mr. Chase (*Ray Chase was the RHS principal for one year*) on the subject. I suppose I'll get into lots of trouble on account of it, but I hope not....

Friday, January 7, 1910 - Didn't go to school at all today for various reasons. Took Reta Pritchard to a party at Mollie Curler's this evening. I had a picnic.

Monday, January 10, 1910 - It is beginning to look as if I will graduate from High School just about six months ahead of time. When I arrived at school this morning, bearing an excuse for my unavoidable absence of last Friday, Mr. Chase looked ever stern and spoke thusly:- "Clarke!!!! I have a little matter that I would like to discuss with you, so just be seated until I finish another business!!!" So I seated myself and then I said to myself, "Clarkie, my boy, your time has come, prepare to meet it like a man." I said my prayers and thought of all of my sins and of my good deeds and prepared myself for the worst. While I was enjoying these gloomy reflections, Mr. Chase completed his business and then we discussed the little matter, and then Miss Dillon came in and discussed the little matter with us. And then Mr. Chase broke the sad news to me, that he would have to suspend me.

(He spoke as if he was mourning at his mother-in-law's funeral.) He gave me a complimentary little note for my father and I departed thinking that I would never more attend the "dear old High School (?)" When I gave the note to Pa he just asked me a few questions and then said that he couldn't see Mr. Chase today, but would speak with him tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. So tomorrow at 10 o'clock I'll find out when my graduation exercises are going to come off, and whether I will have to write a thesis or not. As I didn't have anything to do this afternoon, I went up to the Varsity gym with Cottrell and some other Preps and had a fast and exciting game of basketball. Went to the Wigwam this evening. It was great. I am enjoying myself even if I am exiled.



Tuesday, January 11, 1910 - Pa and I went up and had a pleasant chat with Mr. Chase this morning and I found out that I won't graduate until next June instead of immediately. I also had a talk with Mr. Billinghamurst (*D.B. Billinghamurst was the superintendent of schools in Reno*) and has definitely decided that he is alright. I went up this afternoon and apologized very sweetly to Miss Dillon and she accepted my apology just as sweetly. Then Chase gave me a note reinstating me and I went into the study room and played the angel for the rest of the afternoon. There is just one thing that I don't like about the arrangement. Chase says I have to stay out of all athletics until the faculty decides that I have reformed. I didn't say anything when he told me about it, but I raised a kick when I got home and tried to get the folks to let me go to Prep, but there was nothing doing.

Monday, February 7, 1910 - Chase called me down for monkeying in the hall this morning, so I guess my chances of being reinstated in athletics are pretty slim. I was just writing my diary this evening when a fire alarm came in from box 44. It was H. Leter's clothing store and there was a good deal of smoke in it but I couldn't see any fire. I guess he'll have a fire sale for the next week or so. If I want a new hat or a new pair of loud sox, I'll get them there.

Friday, February 11, 1910 - Hoo-ray! I was reinstated in athletics today by a unanimous vote of the Faculty. They all said that I had been real nice since I was put on probation. We have vacation next week because the grammar grades are moving into the new school house (*Orvis Ring Elementary*).

THE REST OF THE STORY - Clarke was reinstated to play sports a month later, graduated from RHS in June, 1910 with 21 other students and attended UNR majoring in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering. His father was William W. Webster, Reno Fire Chief, and grandfather, William, was a District Judge and owner of the Nevada State Journal newspaper. Clarke received an Army commission and served in France during WW I. He then worked for the International Red Cross and served in many foreign countries, mainly the Balkan states. In 1920 he moved to Portland, OR and worked for North-Western Electric company. He married Mildred Pegg, and had a daughter, Mary Peg, and son, William (1932-1995). Clarke died in January 1936 at the age of 43.

This background information was researched by Mrs. Patricia Hendrickson.



Reno High School 1879

THIS & THAT

John Larson, Class of 1967, was featured in the Reno Gazette Journal's "Captains of Industry" series. John is the co-founder and CEO of Port of Subs .

Lt Col Norbert Czech, District Director of all High School JROTC programs in Washoe County, was selected as the best director in the U.S. He maintains his office at RHS.

Amber Rais-Pierce, Class of 1999, won the women's division of the Tour de Nez cycling race in Reno this summer.

Stacy May-Johnson, Class of 2002, was a member of Team USA in the World Cup of Softball. Team USA won the championship. Stacy played softball for the University of Iowa.

Katie Hillson, Class of 2011, will compete with the University of Virginia rowing team in hopes of becoming a member of the Olympic rowing team. While at Reno High, she was played basketball, ran track and was the goalie on the soccer team.

Matthew Sharp, Class of 1985, was named Nevada's 2011 Trial Lawyer of the Year by the Nevada Justice Association.

Karl Breckenridge, Class of 1959, recently released his latest book, "You're doing WHAT to the Liberty Belle" This is a sequel to his book, "You're doing WHAT to the Mapes?"

Rick Trachok, Class of 1970, was selected by Governor Brian Sandoval to become a member of the Nevada Board of Regents.

U.S. District Court Judge **Larry R. Hicks**, Class of 1961, was selected as this year's recipient of the William Raggio Award honoring a current or former prosecutor who significantly improved the administration of justice in Nevada.

Bill Brown, Class of 1970, longtime local TV news anchor announced his retirement. He will be working on his wildlife paintings.



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