



Huskies

Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

I trust you all survived the holiday season. With the start of a new year, we have a few changes to the RHSAA Board of Trustees. Last year Daryl Pelizzari was our office manager and now he is back on the board. I would like to welcome a new member - Joanne Backer Ripplingham, Class of 1954, to the board. She will be a great addition. I am sad to announce that Maurine Tuckett, Class of 1952, who faithfully served as our secretary had to resign. She will be greatly missed and wish her well. Brien Karlin will be taking over her duties. We are in need of a volunteer who is knowledgeable in the Quicken computer program in order to enter financial data. If any one is interested, please contact us.

We were honored to be the judges for the best homecoming float this year. The theme of the floats was playing board games. Check out the pictures.

We held our annual board meeting in October but no one showed up, therefore, I am including an overview of the year in this newsletter. Next year we will combine Octobers meeting with the annual meeting that will start at 5:00 P.M. Perhaps some of you could attend this meeting.

I hope you are enjoying these newsletters. I could use your help by submitting interesting stories from your time at RHS or information about alumni that we might like to hear about. Additionally, please contact and encourage your fellow alumni to join the association. We are a non-profit organization that only receives funds through donations and member dues.

J.D. SCHNABEL
President, RHSAA

HOMECOMING FLOATS - OCT 14, 2011



FIRST PLACE - SOPHOMORES
"OPERATION"



SECOND PLACE - SENIORS
"LIFE"

THE THEME WAS BOARD GAMES WE LIKE TO PLAY



THIRD PLACE - FRESHMAN
"MONOPOLY"



FOURTH PLACE - JUNIORS
"CANDYLAND"

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2011

1. We had the stucco sealed on top of the center to stop further leaking and had the tile replaced in the ladies room.
2. The 6th Triennial All-Class Alumni Picnic was a huge success with over 830 alumni in attendance on August 21. Thanks to all the volunteers, class representatives, and alumni board members who spent many hours preparing for this event.
3. We again awarded four scholarships to deserving students and coordinated the awarding of the Westover Family Scholarship in May. For the first time we established an RHS Alumni Leadership medal given to an outstanding third year ROTC cadet.
4. We were judges for the Homecoming float competition held in October.
5. The Alumni Center was used by the Principal for 8th grade orientation in May. We provided the incoming students with a brief history of Reno High and Alumni Association. The center was open for Parent Night in September and also used for three days by RHS teachers for Freshman Seminar. The museum continued to be open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays but closed on holiday weekends.
6. We provided quarterly input to the school's parent newsletter as well as publishing four *Huskie Trails* alumni newsletters.
7. Daryl Pelizzari, Neal Cobb, and I were guests on the TV and radio show, *Nevada Tales*, in June. We discussed the history of Reno High and the establishment of the RHS Alumni Association.
8. We received four \$1,000 donations from the Class of 1951, Class of 1956, Vicky Vickrey Howard (Class of 1951) and Mickey Munley (Class of 1943).
9. We are currently financially sound. There are 563 members who pay dues. This is very low compared to the many thousands who are alumni but not members of the association.
10. For the second year, we provided a year's free membership to the graduating class in hopes some will become paying members. We will evaluate the success of this initiative in the spring.
11. Two board members, Scott Jordan and Daryl Pelizzari, are on the RHS Hall of Fame committee.
12. RHS Alumni are on FACEBOOK. There are currently 500 friends and growing everyday. Former students use the sight to find and send messages to their old high school friends.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS



1. Reno High School was awarded the Washoe County School District Gold Status Award. This highly prestigious honor was awarded over the summer for the performance of last year's students. Reno was the only school to receive this award in the school district. The award is based on test scores, attendance, graduation rate, and other academic achievements.
2. Reno High School also received the NIAA Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics, and Citizenship. The award honored the school for both classroom performance of it's athletes, their achievements on the sports arena, and overall sportsmanship.
3. One of Reno Gazette-Journal Northern Nevada's high school athletics Most Valuable Player was **Nick Sexton**, Reno High's tennis player. He was selected for his leadership, devotion, inspiration, motivation, production and sacrifice.
4. Reno High's boys tennis team earned the Northern 4A team title as well as state champs. The girls tennis team won first place at regionals.
5. The National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist from Reno High are **Patrick Briggs, Connor Dayton, Jade Eriksen, Lucas Gallo, Nathaniel Haas, Erike Root, and Andrea Sanford**.
6. Science teacher **Valerie Porter**, Class of 1989, received the KRNV TV, Channel 4's Excellence in Education Award. She was nominated by her students.
7. Cross Country team were regional champs. **Jordan Cardenas** won first place at the Stanford Invitational Cross Country Meet.
8. The girls soccer team were academic state champs.

NEW RENO HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

You only need 4 correct out of 10 questions to pass. Answers are found on the last page.

- 1. How long did the Hundred Years' War last?**
- 2. Which country makes Panama hats?**
- 3. From which animal do we get cat gut?**
- 4. In which month do Russians celebrate the October Revolution?**
- 5. What is a camel's hair brush made of?**
- 6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal?**
- 7. What was King George VI's first name?**
- 8. What color is a purple finch?**
- 9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from?**
- 10. What is the color of the black box in a commercial airplane?**

ONE LINERS

- 1. Alcohol is a perfect solvent: It dissolves marriages, families and careers.**
- 2. An archaeologist is the best husband any woman can have: The older she gets, the more interested he is in her.**
- 3. My girlfriend asked me, "Do you believe in love at first sight?" I said, "At the first sight of what?"**
- 4. One nice thing about egotists: They don't talk about other people.**

RENO HIGH ALUMNI WHO ARE ON RHS STAFF

Crystal (Arnspiger) Edwards, 2000, English
Shane Foster, 1982, Math/Coach
Rebekah (Johnson) Foster, 1996, English
Kyle Gordon, 1981, English. New Teacher this year
Scott Jordan, 1986, Science/Coach
Brien Karlin, 2001, History/Coach
Craig Lemons, 1979, Counselor
Trish (Law) Lucas, 1987, Science
Sue (Schulte) Marin, 1982, P.E./Coach
Theresa (Barnum) Mckillip, 1997, English
Jim Pace, 1981, History/Athletic Director
Valerie (Lujan) Porter, 1989 Science
David Ross, 1995, History
Aaron Shoolroy, 1995 Science
Jamie (Priddy) Stone, 1996, English
Jeff Tomac, 1985, Counselor/Coach

NEW HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

This is the list of the new inductees to the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame. If you would like to submit a nomination, contact Jim Pace, Athletic Director, or Brian Roth, Assistant Principal at Reno High School.

Dodie Post for skiing in 1940.
Dick Trachok for coaching from 1950 to 1959.
George Ochs for coaching from 1973 to 1996.
Tom Owns for coaching from 1974 to 1981.
Mike Legarza for football and basketball in 1978.
Dan Plater for football and track in 1978.
John Engs for swimming in 1981.
Tiffany Shaw for volleyball, basketball, and softball in 1990.

THIS & THAT

- 1. Many of you know this already but it is with great sadness that I inform you that J.K. Metzker, Class of 1988, and sports director for KTVN, Ch 2, was struck and killed by a hit and run driver while crossing North Virginia Street near Mackay Stadium November 12, 2011. He and a group of friends had attended the Nevada-Hawaii football game. J.K. was 41 years old. He is survived by his widow, Jaimie (Botsford), Class of 1988, who has health issues, and young sons Tommy, Tanner, and Luke. If any of you would like to contribute financially to the Metzker Family Fund please contact the Wells Fargo Bank (Account #5867974627) Our condolences to the Metzker family.**
- 2. Lt. Col. Troy Ross, Class of 1981, was the last Nevada National Guardsman to leave Iraq in October 2011.**
- 3. Suzy Catterson Kole, Class of 1996, was inducted into the UNR Hall of Fame for swimming.**
- 4. The first and second place runners in this years Journal Jog were Jason Mayeroff, Class of 1987 and Jonathan Cardenas, Class of 2004.**

ANSWERS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM

- 1. 116 years**
- 2. Ecuador**
- 3. Sheep and Horses**
- 4. November**
- 5. Squirrel Fur**
- 6. Dogs**
- 7. Albert**
- 8. Crimson**
- 9. New Zealand**
- 10. Orange**



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Neal Cobb.....	1958	
Tom Farrer.....	1956	
Jerry Fenwick.....	1953	
Betty Munley.....	1951	
Lois Nuernberg.....	1963	
Larry Pizorno.....	1956	
Daryl Pelizzari....	1952	
Joanne Ripplingham..	1954	