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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2011. We trust that your first year out of Reno High has been a successful one. Your one year free membership is coming to an end, and we encourage you to join your Association by filling out the membership application on the last page of this newsletter. We need your support for the continued operation of the Alumni Association and museum. Other members may use this form to have your classmates join the Association.

The big news is that **Robert Sullivan**, who has served as Principal of Reno High School for the past 10 years has transferred and will lead the Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology (AACT) in the coming school year. Bob has been an outstanding Principal, a great supporter of the Alumni Association, and a personal friend. We wish him the best in his new assignment. RHS Assistant Principal Kris Hackbusch was selected as the new RHS Principal.

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of one of our current Board of Trustee members – **Tom Farrer**, Class of 1956. Tom joined the Board several years ago and has participated in the triennial picnic, offered sound advice to the board, and periodically supervised the museum operation. Our condolences go out to his wife, Lynn, and their family.

We need Class Representatives for the following classes: 1932-1942, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986, 1991, 1993, and 1994. If you know of anyone from these classes who would like to be a class representative, please let us know. You can contact us by email: rhsaa@renohighalum.com or office phone: (775) 852-2586. You can also call Betty Jo Baker at 852-2586 if you have any questions.

Thanks to Dick Tracy, Class of 1956, for providing a glimpse into the past with his enclosed article. If anyone has interesting stories they would like to share concerning their time at Reno High, please send them along.

I hope everyone has a great summer.... use plenty of sunscreen.

J.D. SCHNABEL
President, RHSAA

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

- **Accomplishments of the Class of 2012 include; 367 graduates, 7 students earning a 4.0 GPS, 5 students earned National Merit Scholarship Finalist status, 3 students were named U.S. Presidential Scholars Program Candidates, 67 graduates are advanced diploma candidates, 111 graduates are honor diploma candidates, 95 students are members of the National Honor Society and the total scholarship dollars awarded to the Class of 2012 was..... \$3,264,720.**
- **In addition to Mr. Sullivan leaving, Assistant Principal Brian Rothe will take the job of WCSD Director of Athletics and Activities. Dean of Students, Mike Edwards, will go back to the classroom and teach upper level science. The new Dean of Students will be Miss C.J. Waddell from North Valleys High School.**
- **Cori Fisher made the All-North Softball Team.**
- **The baseball team was Regional Champions and R.J. Bush, Garrett Hampson and Grant Kukuk were selected to the All-North 4A Baseball Team.**
- **The Boys Track Team was Regional Champs. Nick Norton was the 300 Meter Hurdles State Champion.**
- **Shannon Forman was the Triple Jump State Champion, and Erika Root was the 1600 Meter State Champion and set a stadium record.**
- **Boy's Golf Team was League Champions.**
- **Social Studies teacher and Senior Class Advisor, Matt Ochs, was chosen to be next year's varsity basketball coach.**
- **RHS ROTC Huskie Battalion won the National Guard sponsored Cadet Olympics. Eleven schools participated in this 7 event competition. Cadet Brett Beemer was selected as next year's WCSD Brigade Commander.**
- **Mock trial took 2nd place in state competition.**
- **The flag team placed first at the northern Nevada competition. The last time RHS won this event was in 1999.**
- **Daeja Langston is the new student body president. She is one of only a few females to hold this position in RHS's 133 year old history.**

2012 RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Nick Mendelsohn, Kendell Burchard, J.D. Schnabel, Lauren Hoogs, Nathaniel Haas

Nick Mendelsohn - UNR or Boise State majoring in Biology or Wildlife Management

Kendell Burchard - University of Oklahoma majoring in Psychology and Political Science

J.D. Schnabel - just giving out scholarships to outstanding seniors.

Lauren Hoogs - Colorado State University majoring in Communications.

Nathaniel Haas - University of Southern California majoring in Political Science and Economics.



Betty Jo Baker and Katie Harris

Westover Family Scholarship

Katie Harris was awarded the Pauline E. Westover Family Trust Scholarship by Betty Jo Baker, Class of 1951 on May 16, 2012. Pauline Westover was a RHS graduate, Class of 1925, and became a renowned photographer. The RHSAA assists in the awarding of this scholarship for the Westover Foundation. Katie also received one of Pauline Westover's photographs. She plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in Sociology and Political Science next fall.

RHS Alumni Leadership Award

The RHS Alumni Association awarded a medal and certificate to **Cadet Staff Sergeant Amanda Russell** for her outstanding leadership abilities. The award was presented by Lt Col (Retired) J.D. Schnabel, RHSAA President, at the JROTC Awards Night on May 24, 2012. Cadet Russell will be able to proudly wear this medal on her uniform for the next two years.



DICK TRACY (CLASS OF 1956) REMEMBERS

It was a few years ago when the telephone rang and a man asked, "Is this the same Dick Tracy who attended Reno High School in the 1950's?" "Yes it is," I answered. "I just read a piece you wrote in The Union (our local paper in Grass Valley) that I enjoyed," he said. "This is your old journalism teacher, Rex Daniels." "Wow!" was my response, "Hello again! I hope you realize that my 35-year journalism career started in your classroom, because you made it fun!"

Remember Rex? He was always immaculately groomed, wearing a Hound's tooth checkered sports jacket and an ever-present smile. It was in his class I became friends with Dee Slaven, and developed a crush on her – but knew that Tom Clark had the inside rail for her affections. Unrequited love was my specialty in those days. But Rex's call made me think about other teachers I had at Reno High.

There was Sessions Wheeler, teaching biology (I may still have my "Nevada Nature Handbook" in a closet somewhere). He was a good and patient instructor, and I remember his sports jackets smelled strongly of tobacco. I was never strong in the sciences, but enjoyed his class.

Then there was Miss Campbell, who stared at me in wonderment when I answered her question: "What is a polygon?" with, "A dead parrot?" I hated algebra so much that I once purposely spilled all the clean silverware in the cafeteria's washroom (where I worked to pay for lunch) on the floor and had to stay over to run everything through the washer again. I was convinced she cared more about $X=Y-2$ than us until the day she showed us the work of a brilliant former student who died tragically. Her voice broke in mid-sentence and she wiped her eyes with a hankie.

When I look at the 1938 Underwood typewriter that sits in my office, cloaked in a Harry's Business Machines cover ("Phone 24-559") I can almost hear Hattie Mae Kilpatrick chanting, "Ay, Sem, Ess, El, Dee, Kay.." as we pounded away on those keyboards doing a typing drill and she strode between our desks. With handwriting that even I can hardly translate, I'm grateful for that class. But not everyone was. I heard that one boy took the roller from his typewriter and threw it at her.

Richard Woods was my most inspirational teacher. In classes like Advanced English he treated us like young men and women and admitted he would never repeat his teen years – for any amount of money. I took German simply because he taught it, and that served me well during a two-year stint in Germany with the U.S. Army, "stemming the Communist tide." A few years after graduation, I learned that he had been fired because he was gay. I still wonder what became of him, and wish he knew how important he was in my life. And I'm not alone. My fellow author ("The Great Silent Grandmother Gathering") Sharon (Workman) Mehdi says, "I was in love with Richard Woods. Almost all the girls were."

Then there were teachers like the immaculately groomed Ray Cable, who taught "Boy's Health" in a basement room under the gymnasium. One memorable class session was when he touched, ever so lightly, on s-e-x. That got everyone's attention. His penultimate warning for we testosterone-charged young men was, "Never play with a girl's herbie.." (Can you imagine a teacher telling a class something like that today?) Poor

Herbie Hess was suddenly the object of much head-rubbing by everyone sitting nearby . No, Mr. Cable never made it clear where the “herbie” was. Much more explicit on the taboo subject were our ROTC instructors, SGT Henderson and SGT Parks, in one class on, “Keep It In Your Pants” that was so entertaining a couple of guys cut their other class later in the day to hear it again.

Dick Belustegui most remembers the kindness of band director John Tellashia, or “Mr. T.,” who took him on with his baritone sax “with very little talent, no music lessons, and he made sure I got music scored just to fill a chord when I was in the band. Jerry Smith (excellent trumpet player) and I used our RHS music experience to play march music in the Navy, which got us out of weekly inspections!”

Judy James Dollinger adored English teacher Florence Lehnert, and recalls when her husband, Steve, moved to Reno in his senior year, he went to her class and was told (along with the rest of the students) she only wanted to teach those who cared to learn. Others would be excused to study hall. He almost joined those few who willingly bailed out, but she said, “Sit down and shut up! You’re going to learn something.” And he credited her with helping escape “bonehead English” in college.

Gordon Horsely also remembers Miss Lehnert with fondness, even though she got him temporarily expelled for a transgression he can’t recall. He then went to a military school in New Mexico and learned to “straighten up and fly right.” Gordon also fondly remembers the impact Sessions Wheeler had, and is happy that he had the opportunity to thank him in later years.

Ann Warren Smith says Idel Anderson and Mabel Brown were her favorites along with gym teacher “Peaches” Aldaz. And Sessions Wheeler had such an impact on her that she started her first two years of college as a zoology major.

Darlyne Holcomb Hilliard recalls all she learned in Miss Anderson’s French Class. She was good and strict. “As she strolled down between the desks in the classroom she saw two boys chatting with each other. I wondered what she’d do. Talking in French to the class, she approached the desk of the offender, picked him up by his collar, took him out and closed the door, never missing a beat.” What Darlyne learned in that class was a godsend when she and her family were spending time in Paris. “Maybe I didn’t speak perfect French, but they understood me!”

Sandy Thompson Bowser was another fan of Rex Daniels, recalling the fun that she and Jeannie Freeman had working on the ReWaNe yearbook (which was dedicated to Daniels in 1956): Jeanie carried that camera (a twin-lens reflex! Cutting edge in those days) everywhere she went!”

Like Richard Woods, I couldn’t be paid to relive those early years as a skinny, shy kid whose greatest fear was to be singled out of the crowd for criticism. And I’m sure many of us feel the same way. But I salute the patience and skills of all those who taught us what we needed to know in the midst of all that emotional teenage turmoil.

Dick Tracy is a journalist who wrote for United Press International, was a campus stringer for the NY Times and served as Sports Information Director at the University of Nevada in 1968. He also wrote columns and feature stories for the Sacramento Bee for 30 years, co-authored, “Gardens of the Wine Country” with Molly Chappellet (Chronicle Books) and was recently named a “Fellow” of the Garden Writers Association.



J.D. Schnabel briefs a group of incoming freshmen on the history of Reno High School and the Alumni Association.

THIS & THAT

1. **Betty Barnes**, Class of 1951, was inducted into the U.S. Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.
2. **Ashley Taylor**, Class of 2005, was the top fundraiser in Nevada for the March of Dimes. She raised \$7,000 and marched with 50 friends and relatives.
3. **Mark Yori**, Class of 1931, was featured in the RGJ for celebrating his 99th birthday. He said, "I still have a driver's license in my wallet, but it expired today." For 40 years he owned the Lawton Hot Springs west of Reno. His advice, "Keep active, keep your mind open and clear, and don't let things get you down." Mark is probably our oldest alumni.
4. **Matthew Linaman**, Class of 2009, won the Reno Chamber Orchestra's College Concerto Competition playing the cello. He attends the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.
5. **Michael Weiss**, Class of 2009, attends the University of Wisconsin and placed 3rd at the NCAA swim championship in the 400 IM. He will compete against Olympic Champion, Michael Phelps, for a spot on the Olympic team.

If anyone has information concerning the recent accomplishments of our RHS alumni, please send it along.

HEALTH MESSAGE

As I was lying in bed pondering the problems of the world, I rapidly realized that I don't really care. Because:

1. If walking and cycling is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.
2. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, and drinks water, and is still fat.
3. A rabbit runs, hops, and eats lettuce but only lives 15 years.
4. But a tortoise doesn't run and does nothing, yet it lives for 450 years.

And you tell me to exercise?? I don't think so. I'm retired. Go around me!



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The purpose of this non-profit association shall be to identify and recognize the accomplishments of the alumni, students, and staff of Reno High School. Equal attention shall be paid to academic and non-academic phases of high school activity, in order that a well-balanced picture may be presented to the public. Your information will be entered into our database for future use and never given to anyone without your permission.

Current Last Name: _____ Middle Init.: _____ First Name: _____

Class of: _____ Years attended From: _____ To: _____

Last Name While in school {Maiden}: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home Phone: _____ Other phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If an administrator or staff, years worked. From: _____ To: _____ Occupation: _____

Retired? Yes ___ No ___

Membership Fee

	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr
Individual	\$15	\$30	\$45	\$70
Couple	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$120
Individual Life Member.....	\$300.00			
Couple Life member.....	\$500.00			

Spouse's maiden name: _____ If Reno High Graduate, Year _____.

Would you like to be involved in RHSAA? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes, would you like to be officer, board member, trustee or volunteer? YES ___ NO ___

What would you be willing to help with? {Museum, membership, yearbooks, etc.}

I hereby authorize duly elected RHSAA trustees to spend non-designated funds as they deem appropriate.

Signature: _____

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