



# Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi everyone

Summer is upon us. I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and enjoying the longer days and warm weather. This will be our last newsletter prior to the triennial all class reunion on August 17<sup>th</sup>. I want to take this opportunity to invite all of you back to Reno High School to reminisce and reacquaint yourself with old friends. We are going to have a great time. The lunch is going to be outstanding. It's being catered by Pinocchio's. It's not too late for you to fill out and mail in the signup sheet that is on the last page of this newsletter. Pass it on to friends if you have already signed up.

Now let's talk about what to do on the day of the reunion. The reunion is on **Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

1. There will be plenty of parking in both the North and South parking lots at the high school.
2. Once you park make your way to the registration tent located directly in front of the Alumni Center.
3. Locate one of the volunteers wearing a blue alumni association shirt. They will help you check in, and give you your nametag, which will allow you to get your lunch.
4. Once you have checked in find your friends. There will be shade tents with years marked on them for your graduating class. Mingle and find old friends and acquaintances.
5. The alumni museum will be open. Please come in and take a look around at all the memorabilia. If you are not currently a paid member of the alumni association you may fill out a membership form and join. It's \$20 for a year membership.
6. The Reno High School student store will be selling RHS gear.
7. Reno High School will be open and we will be giving tours of the school.
8. Pinocchio's catered lunch buffet will serve food between noon and 2 p.m. Don't forget to wear your nametag. This allows you to get your lunch.
9. Enjoy the classic cars in the circle and listen to the school's band. Don't forget to bring your camera. When are you going to see all of these people again?
10. That's it. I wanted to get to step ten. Don't forget to have fun.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. See you in August, if not sooner. The alumni center is still open on Fridays from 2-5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Come on by and visit.

Scott Jordan  
RHSAA President



## RENO HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY

### CATHARINE HAZEL TROTH NICHOLS RICE

Born: Galesburg, Illinois – 9/3/1888 ----- Died: San Jose, California – 7/1/1988

*This is a small portion of the “Memoirs of Catharine ‘Hazel’ Troth Nichols Rice,” in which she tells about her early years growing up in the Midwest and coming West where she graduated from Reno High School in 1906. She lived in Wichita, Kansas, after her father’s death in 1899 with her widowed mother and brother, where her mother worked as a seamstress in a shirt factory.*

“After my 14<sup>th</sup> birthday, I entered the Wichita High School. The daily schedule was very different. We reported to Home Room at 8:30 a.m., had ten minute opening exercises which consisted of the teacher reading from the Bible, a song or hymn, then a short prayer by the teacher. We had 40 minute classes until noon. One period in the morning was for study, as was 12 noon to 12:30 p.m., except on chorus days. We were dismissed at 12:30 – consequently, most studying had to be done at home. My studies were Algebra, English, Greek, Latin, Literature, and Home Economics (sewing and cooking). During my sophomore year, my mother was not well, so in April 1904, I quit high school to go to work at the new Dime Store. I was hired as a cashier at \$3.00 a week.

In September, 1904, my Uncle Bill was offered a job to move to Reno, Nevada, to become a dealer at the Palace Gambling House. Our friends discouraged us, saying Reno was a bad town – that cowboys and Indians came in to celebrate every Saturday night with much drinking, shooting, etc. Uncle Bill promised to take care of us and keep us from danger, so we shipped our household goods, boarded the train and headed WEST! After dinner the first night we thought all the stories we had heard had come true. There was so much noise, people shouting, many Indians passing our house, even shooting going on. We found out the next day that it was not only Halloween but also Nevada Admission Day celebration. A new experience for us! My brother, Emory, started school in the eighth grade – his teacher was Mrs. Booth. I took a job at Palace Dry Goods and worked there until after Christmas and inventory. After talking with a neighbor, it turned out that the classes I was studying in Wichita when I quit was about where the Reno High Seniors were at that time. In January 1906, I met with Mr. Winfrey, the principal at RHS. I was accepted into the Senior Class! The Reno High School I attended was the original building on West Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets. It was 2 stories with elementary grades taught on the first floor. High School was on the second floor with the laboratories in the basement. We had 26 students in the June and December classes. It was a 3 year course and you were eligible to enter the University of Nevada upon graduation. The social events usually included both classes. For me, the most important one was our trip to Virginia City on the V & T (Virginia & Truckee) Railroad. It had

been the custom for years for Reno High Seniors to invite the Seniors of Virginia City for a weekend in Reno just before graduation. On alternate years, Virginia City invited RHS Seniors for a weekend on the Comstock. It was my good fortune to be a senior in 1906 when our class went to Virginia City!

We were invited to stay in the home of the Virginia City Seniors. My hostess lived in the last house at the far end of town, near the old cemetery. It was quite a walk to the Fourth Ward Schoolhouse at the opposite end of town where we met each morning to begin our adventures. One day we climbed Mt. Davidson to the flagpole. We had gone up the 'hogback' because it was an easier climb. My friend and I looked down on her house directly below – far below – and after a bit of begging, were allowed to go back down the face of the mountain – a very dangerous route indeed!!! Needless to say her mother was not pleased! Another day we went down 1500 feet into one of the old mines. We went down on the elevator that the men took to work. We were dressed in oilskins because of the water at that level. When we reached the 1500 ft. level we walked a long way into the tunnel where the men were working. Three of us couldn't make it that far because of the heat and steam, making it difficult to breathe. All the others made it – I have regretted that I didn't! The really big social event was the dance on Saturday night. It was held in the original International Hotel. To me the dance floor was very unusual because it was laid over railroad car springs. Lovely to dance on! What a delightful and different weekend for a girl from the flatlands of Kansas! We came back to Reno via the V & T late Sunday afternoon – tired but so happy!!

When I began my final semester at RHS in the fall, my class had only 10 students – 3 had dropped out to go to work. The fall was busy with school work, getting ready for graduation, writing our graduation themes, and of course the social events, parties, and dances. Our parties were held in homes, our dances in the old gym at the University of Nevada.

Graduation Day was December 14, 1906. The girls dressed in long white dresses, the boys in dark suits. There was a nice program. We all had memorized our theses and gave them. We had choral music by the high school, an orchestra number, a piano solo by Hazel Fletcher, I sang a solo – 'The Fiddle and I,' accompanied on the violin by Vesta Rosenthal and on the piano by Mrs. Layton, our music teacher. My thesis was entitled, 'The Wizard of Santa Rosa – Luther Burbank.'"

*This brief picture of Hazel Troth's graduation from Reno High School in 1906 is taken from her autobiography which she put together as a gift to her family in the early 1980's (when she was 92 years of age). It illustrates the many changes and similarities that our students experience today. The Reno High School members of 'Grammie's' family who have also graduated at RHS love to celebrate and share her legacy. To date, we represent 29 family members who are RHS alumni! The last RHS graduation she attended was in 1983, to honor two great-grandchildren: Brian Bell and Malia Bell. Now there is another great-great grandson (Sam Combs, Class of 2017) in line to carry on the tradition! (Courtesy of Vance '58 & Marilyn '59 Bell)*

### **CLASSIC CARS FOR THE 2014 ALL-ALUMNI REUNION**

Because many Reno High grads own restored vehicles and enjoy displaying them, we are again providing the opportunity to do so. Arnie Arzoian (Class of 1954) has volunteered to manage the classic car display for the 2014 reunion. Stock, modified, roadsters, street rods, T-buckets, sports cars, and trucks manufactured before 1980 and in good presentable condition may be displayed.

Alumni, and friends of alumni, who wish to display their vehicles at the August 17<sup>th</sup> reunion should call Arnie at (775) 825-4114 before August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. The RHS Varsity Baseball Team won the Northern Region title for the third straight year but lost in state competition. The team ended the session with a 34–5 record.
2. Social Studies Teacher, Richard Clark, was named the Gilder Lehrman Institute of America History Social Studies Teacher of the Year for the state of Nevada.
3. The Academic Olympics Team won first place in Washoe County School District competition.
4. Robert Sullivan, former RHS Principal (2002-2012), was named Principal of the Year as Principal of the Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology.
5. Savannah Schulze (softball & basketball) and Matt Young (baseball & football) were named as two of ten NIAA top student-athletes of 2014. Savannah was also selected to be a member of the RGJ All-North Softball Team.
6. Class of 2014 Statistics: 370 graduates, 121 Honor Diploma Candidates, 5 National Merit Scholarship Finalists, 13 earned a 4.0 GPA or higher, 32 have sustained perfect attendance, 114 students are members of the Honor Society, and Student Leadership and JROTC programs donated 4,500 hours to community service projects.

## 2014 RHSAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



**Michael Gotera** – plans to attend Johnson & Wells University in Rhode Island and major in Advertising and Marketing.



**Claire DeAngeli** – will be attending St. Olaf College in Minnesota majoring in Biology.



**Jacob Wait** – plans to attend the University of Arizona majoring in Electrical or System Engineering.



**Abbie Seeliger** –plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and later attend medical school.

## PAULINE E. WESTOVER SCHOLARSHIP



Few people are aware of the fact that a graduating senior from Reno High School is the recipient of the largest scholarship, as far as we know, awarded each year to a Washoe County graduating senior.

The story behind the scholarship is interesting and also little well-known.

Pauline Westover and her children arrived in Reno in the early 1920's. She made a living for her family by taking in laundry and ironing. The oldest daughter, also named Pauline, graduated from Reno High School in 1925. There is no record of any of her siblings attending Reno High or graduating from there.

The family moved to California in the 1930's. There is also no record of the mother or her two daughters ever returning to Reno.

The daughters developed a life-long love and devotion to their mother. They became accomplished photographers. They were well-known by many Hollywood stars of the day. But their real love was nature. With mother in tow, they traveled throughout the United States taking pictures of all of our National Parks. Their portfolio of these black and white pictures is now the possession of our Reno High Alumni Museum and available for anyone to see. Our Museum is open on Fridays from 2 P.M. until 5 P.M. and on Saturdays from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

Upon their deaths, the sisters left a very sizable estate. To honor their mother, and in accordance with their wishes, a four-year scholarship is to be awarded every year to a student graduating from Reno High School. The only requirement is that they remain in the university of their choice for at least four years, and maintain at least a "B" average. Betty Jo Baker, Class of 1951, is the RHS Alumni Association Coordinator for this scholarship. Seven students have been honored with this scholarship since 2008, the latest being Henry Ng.



Henry Ng plans to attend the University of Nevada, Reno and major in either nursing, veterinary studies, or psychology.

# ALUMNI NEWS

- 1. Jolene Adams Cook**, Class of 2000, was profiled in the RGJ as the General Manager of the Great Basin Community Food Co-op, The store was named one of the country's fastest growing co-ops.
- 2. Warren Rapp**, Class of 1985, was featured in the RGJ . He has been hired to lead the program management for the Nevada Institute of Autonomous Systems at Reno Stead Airport. His job is to smooth the way for the practical use of drones in Nevada. While at RHS, Warren was the #2 soccer player in the state. He attended Brigham Young University, became a U.S. Marine Corps pilot, and later flew C-130 planes for the Nevada National Guard.
- 3. Eliot Drake**, Class of 1998, won the Downtown River Run Marathon with a time of 2:52:31.
- 4. Ben Stevenson**, Class of 2013, was chosen to play on the U.S. national water polo team.

## UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

The summer of 2014 is almost upon us! Plans are already in progress for the following classes and their contacts. Many reunions are being planned around our all-class reunion on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact your Class Representative found on our web site for further information. If your class is planning a reunion and it's not on this list, please notify us of your plans by calling Betty Jo Baker at 851-3203.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1950 – 64 Years	Joanne Kimball – 786-0823	Aug 16
1951 - 63 Years	Betty Jo Baker – 851-3203	Aug 16
	Gloria Garaventa – 826-4950	Aug 16
1952 – 62 Years	Daryl Pelizzari – 972-1443	Aug 15
1953 – 61 Years	Joanne Petre – 323-7770	Aug 15
1955 – 59 Years	Ann Carlson – 825-9542	Aug 16
	Joe Granata – 425-6777	
1956 – 58 Years	Jerry Smith – 826-8994	Oct 18
1958 – 56 Years	Jerry Gribble – 882-3004	Aug 16
	Vance Bell – 829-7177	
1959 – 55 Years	Kay Galbraith – 626-6958	Aug 16
	Marilyn Bell – 829-7177	
1964 – 50 Years	Vicki Loose – 331-5050	Aug 15-16
	Linda Giossi – 322-4816	
1969 – 45 Years	Deborah Lundgren - 527-6464	Aug 16
1974 – 40 Years	Kim Perkins Miller – 340-3595	Aug 15-17
	e-mail: <a href="mailto:kemiller77@gmail.com">kemiller77@gmail.com</a>	
	Dean Stone – e-mail: <a href="mailto:deanstone56@hotmail.com">deanstone56@hotmail.com</a>	
1979 – 35 Years	Randi Thompson - 830-8407	Jul 25-26
	e-mail: <a href="mailto:randithompson79@gmail.com">randithompson79@gmail.com</a>	
1984 – 30 Years	Paige Tripp Murray – 742-8681	Aug 8-9
	e-mail: <a href="mailto:paigemurray@yahoo.com">paigemurray@yahoo.com</a>	
1994 – 20 Years	Megan Forgarty - 338-3378	Jul 18-19



# 7th Triennial All Alumni Reunion



**For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff**

*Tents for shade provided*

*Bring your cameras*

*Reminisce with old friends remembering the good old days*

## **At Reno High School**

*School Tours*

**395 Booth Street**

*Visit the Alumni Museum*

### **Sunday, August 17, 2014**

**11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

**Food served from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**PINOCCHIO'S CATERED LUNCH BUFFET – PASTA, CHICKEN,  
MEATBALLS, SALAD, AND WATER/SODA INCLUDED.**

**Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school property  
Pre-registration is required and reservations close on August 1, 2014  
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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call the Alumni office @ (775) 825-2586 or

Email [rhsaa@renohighalum.com](mailto:rhsaa@renohighalum.com)

----- 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 @ \$25 Per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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	Marilyn Bell.....	1959
	Kim Boldi.....	1980
	Neal Cobb.....	1958
	Craig Lemons.....	1979
	Daryl Pelizzari....	1952
	Bruce Pendelton....	1958
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