



First Quarter Issue - 2015

# Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## President's Corner

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying our spring weather. I want to begin by thanking you for your continued support of the Reno High Alumni Association. As President of the Association I appreciate that you have taken the important step of keeping your membership current. Our Association maintains the Alumni Center on the Reno High campus, coordinates our Triennial All Alumni Reunion and annually awards four \$1,000 scholarships to current Reno High students. The money to complete these three important tasks is generated from two sources, donations and your \$20 yearly membership. I know that your yearly membership is current because you received this newsletter. How many of your friends and classmates that attended Reno High did not receive a newsletter? Sadly, the answer is many of them. I could use your help to increase our current membership. We currently only have 513 paid members. You don't have to be a mathematician to recognize that that is an extremely low number considering the number of Reno High graduates over our 135-year history. Many of your friends have let their membership lapse, or have never been paid members. Donations to our Association are appreciated, but our most consistent method of raising funds is our yearly membership fee. In order to better fulfill the purpose of the Alumni Association, please encourage your friends and family members who are Reno High graduates to pay the \$20 yearly fee and join the Association. There is a membership form at the back of the newsletter. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see our current membership grow substantially?

An increase in membership will generate funds to improve the Museum, continue to provide our Triennial All Alumni Reunion and to continue to award scholarships to Reno High students. Adopted March 14 1996, "The purpose of this non-profit association shall be to identify and properly recognize the accomplishments of the alumni, students, faculty and staff of Reno High School. Equal attention shall be paid to the academic and non-academic phases of high school activities, in order that a well-balanced picture may be presented to the public. A permanent record of such accomplishments shall be made in a Reno High School Alumni Museum/ Information Center, created and operated by the Association".

Len E. Crocker, Class of 1943, and one of our Associations' founding fathers recently passed away. Len had an incredible vision and drive to help get this Association started. He was a catalyst to help get us to where we are today. He served as the Associations' founding President from 1995-1999 and then as the Vice President/ Membership from 2000-2006. As the current President, I would like to send my condolences to Len's family. He will be missed and the contributions he made to the Reno High Alumni Association are appreciated.

Please come by the Museum for a visit if you are in the area. We are open on Friday from 2-5 and on Saturday from 10-2. See you then.

Scott Jordan  
President, RHSAA

## AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. Senior **Lukas McKenzie** has verbally committed to play football for the Wolf Pack next year.
2. On March 24, RHS sponsored Frosh Day in which incoming 8<sup>th</sup> graders were given a school orientation. They also toured the Alumni Museum.
3. Sophomore wrestler **Andrew Berreyesa** was named Upper Weight Wrestler of the Year and the state wrestling champ for the 170 pound weight class.
4. RHS Science Bowl earned second place in state competition.
5. Speech and Debate won regionals for the 20th year in a row.
6. **Clay Harrison** and **Tyler Hart** were named Presidential Scholar Candidates.
7. **Mallory McGwire** was named Division 1 North Basketball Co-Player of the Year. Other Reno players on the All-Region Team were Junior **Daranda Hinkey** and Freshman **Mikayla Shultz**.
8. Junior **Mike Heydon** was selected to the All-Region Division 1 North Basketball Team.
9. Freshman **Jackson Stoeber** was featured in an RGJ article, Uncommon Sense, (January 18, 2015) by Katie Coombs. He has spent several years devoted to saving bears.
10. **Nikki Hamada** and **Matt McKinley** won Nevada Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention video contest. They were honored at a luncheon at the Governor's Mansion.
11. *We The People* was ranked second in regionals.
12. RHS senior pole vaulter, **Alyse McMillen**, set a meet record with a vault of 12 feet, 6 inches. She has signed with Cal State Fullerton.

### **MARCH MADNESS IS HUGE SUCCESS**

**On March 21, 2015, Reno High hosted its second annual March Madness fundraiser at the Eldorado Hotel-Casino. The event raised \$50,000. The funds will go toward refurbishing the College and Career Center.**

### **WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT (JOKE)**

- **Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller!**
- **Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet!**
- **I don't need anger management. I need people to stop making me mad.**
- **When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment.... Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation!**
- **My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.**
- **Lord, give me patience and give it to me NOW!**
- **Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.**
- **At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I went in there.**

## ALUMNI NEWS

1. **Jamie Melton**, Class of 2004, won the overall title for freestyle skiing at the United States College Ski Association held in early March at Mount Bachelor in Oregon.
2. **Judge William Forman**, Class of 1948, died on February 18, 2015. He was appointed Washoe County district judge by Governor O'Callaghan in 1973. Over the years, he was active in many youth organizations including Boy Scouts, YMCA, PTA, and Reno High boosters. He served as exalted ruler of Reno Elks Lodge.
3. **Marvel Ranson**, Class of 1929, was featured in the RGJ Women's History Month series. She worked for 33 years in the Washoe County School District teaching at Northside Junior High and Billingshurst Junior High, and later became a counselor at Central Junior High and Wooster High. She died on January 25, 1979, at the age of 66.
4. **Martha Patricia "Patty" Cooke**, Class of 1941, was also featured in the RGJ Women's History Month series. She was known for her work on behalf of the mentally ill with the Nevada State Hospital Auxiliary and her crusade to keep Riverside Drive open to the public as a founding member of Truckee Meadows Tomorrow.
5. An exhibit honoring the life of **Senator Bill Raggio**, Class of 1944, is on display at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. Bill died in 2012 and served in the Nevada State Senate for 38 years. The exhibit highlights his early years, including his time at Reno High School.
6. **Len Crocker**, Class of 1943, died on February 21. After his military service in WWII, Len worked 19 years for the Nevada State Journal as Sports Editor. He joined the First Interstate Bank in 1969 and worked in the publications and communications area for 23 years. Len was the founding President of the Reno High School Alumni Association.



## MUSEUM INFORMATION

1. **An 1896 graduation program was donated to the RHS Alumni Museum recently. The program listed 9 graduates and each played a part in the graduation ceremony such as reading poems and essays and singing selected songs.**
2. **Reno High Alumni Association T-shirts are for sale at the museum for \$10.**
3. **Those classes planning their reunions may want to consider using the museum for gatherings.**
4. **The docents are in need of an adjustable wooden bookshelf about 4-5 feet tall. Anyone who wishes to donate one, contact the museum at (775)825-2586.**
5. **The Life Member board is complete with 165 names, therefore, a new one was purchased and will be hung. Anyone wishing to become a Life Member, fill out and send in the application on the last page.**



## **TEACHER SHAPES MINDS FOR 8 DECADES**

*This is the second part to the article, "Years of Memorable People & Stories," written by Guy Clifton in the February 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 addition of the RGJ. This features Reno High teacher and coach Bud Beasley.*

In May 2000, I caught up with iconic Reno teacher and coach, Bud Beasley, who was in his 66<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher – a tenure that touched parts of eight decades in Northern Nevada.

The Guinness Book of World Records was researching whether Beasley's 66-plus years in the classroom is the longest tenure in history.

"I'm not trying to set any records," Beasley had told me. "I'm doing it strictly because I like it... I like what I'm doing and as long as I like it, I'm going to keep doing it."

His teaching career started as a student teacher at Mary S. Doten Elementary School in 1933. He then moved to Northside Junior High before going on to Battle Mountain High School in 1935 and Reno High School in 1936. At one time or another he coached virtually every sport on the Reno High campus, including football, basketball, baseball, fencing, and gymnastics.

He was one of two coaches in state history that won state championships in football, basketball and baseball. (The other was the late Bill Ireland.)

Beasley was also a great baseball player, pitching in the Pacific Coast League in the summers for the Sacramento Solons and Seattle Pilots.

He and his wife, Nellie, had no children of their own, but they raised 17 foster children, all who went on to become successful adults.

Add several thousand former students, and the Beasley family stretches coast to coast.

(Afterward: Bud Beasley died in 2004 at age 93. The athletic complex at Reno High School is named in his honor)

## THE SCHEDULE OF 2015 CLASS REUNIONS

2005 – 10 Years	Sara Murphy	775-790-7145	Sep 19, 2015
1995 – 20 Years	Courtney Folgner	775-830-9535	Jun 26 & 27, 2015
1990 – 25 Years	George Anastassatos	775-527-2517	Aug 7-9, 2015
1975 – 40 Years	Tony Zmak	775-229-2697	Sep 10-12, 2015
1965 – 50 Years	Barbara Gardner	775-853-5341	Aug 14-16, 2015
1956 – 59 Years	Jerry Smith	775-826-8994	Oct 17, 2015
1953 – 62 Years	Joanne Petre	775-323-7770	Sep 11, 2015
1952 – 63 Years	Daryl Pelizzari	775-972-1443	Sep 11, 2015
1951 – 64 Years	Betty Jo Baker	775-851-3203	Aug 15, 2015
	Gloria Garaventa	775-826-4950	
1945 - 70 Years	Earl Cooper	775-826-9161	Jun 16, 2015

If you are aware of other RHS reunions this summer, please provide the details to Betty Jo Baker, (775)851-3203.

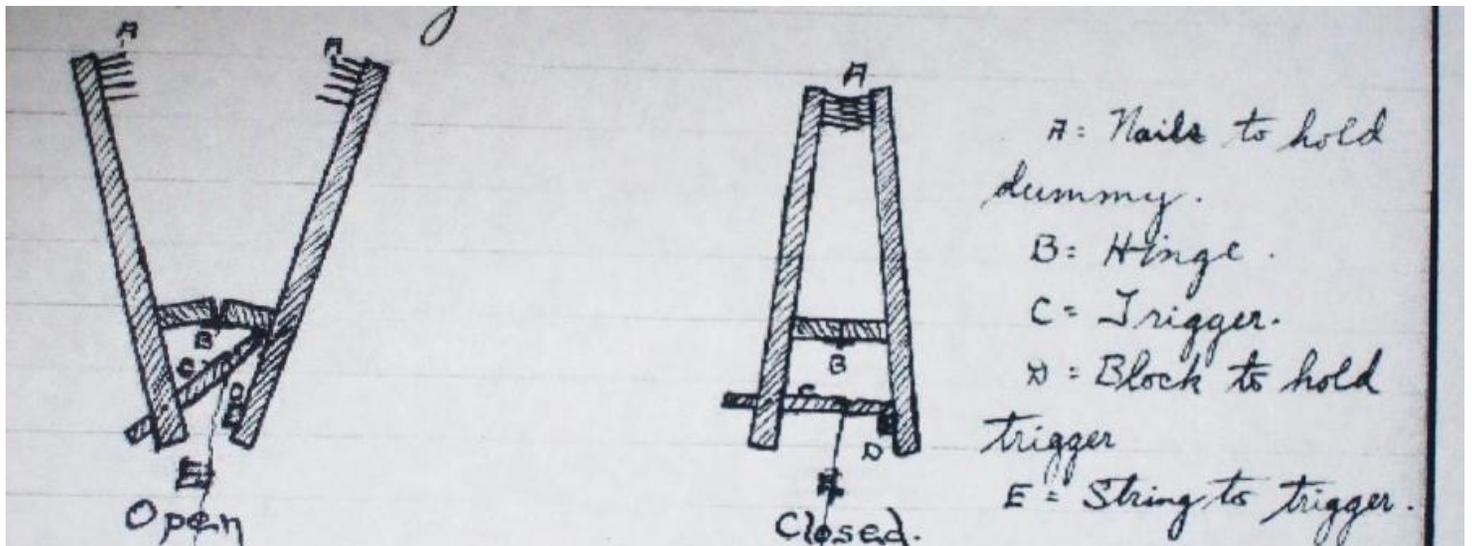
### OVER 100 YEARS AGO – WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE BACK IN 1914?

- The average life expectancy for men was 47 years.
- Fuel for cars was sold in drug stores only.
- Only 14% of the homes had a bathtub.
- Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.
- There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads.
- The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour.
- More than 95 percent of all births took place at home.
- Sugar cost 4 cents a pound.
- Eggs were 14 cents a dozen.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo.
- The five leading causes of death were: pneumonia and influenza, tuberculosis, diarrhea, heart disease, and stroke.
- The American flag had 45 stars.
- The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30.
- Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school.
- There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.A.

## The Devise

***In Clark Webster's diary dated Thursday, June 9, 1910, he wrote of an interesting situation that occurred at Reno High just before graduation.***

"The Sophs got real smart again Wednesday night and put up a big blue banner about 15 feet long with a white 1912 on it on the flag pole. They tied the flag on a stick and fixed slip knots from the stick around the pole. Then they shoved it up the pole as far as they could which was about half way and the slip knot tightened and held it there. Then they took a dummy and slid it out along a wire which ran from a pole to the high school building tower till it hung way out over the yard. Then when the Senior kids came to school the Sophs told them that they'd never get those things down. Four of the Seniors hiked up unto the building and *Harvey* McPhail climbed the flag pole and took down the flag. That disappointed the Sophs a little but they still thought the dummy was there to stay. I didn't go up to school till nearly ten o'clock so didn't know anything about it. **When I got there I found three Seniors out in the yard with a .22 rifle trying to shoot the wire on the dummy's head in two, but they couldn't do it.** They came down to my house and I got my tools, and McPhail and myself manufactured a kind of alligator jaw with a trigger in the back that would close the jaws when pulled. Then we took it up to the school house and slid it out the wire to the dummy. The kid on top of the building pulled the string attached to the trigger, the jaws closed on the dummy and they pulled him in and dropped him off the top of the building." (*They were so proud of their invention, shown below, that Clark wanted to start his own school club*).



"We have decided to organize a "Thomas A. Edison Jr. Club" with *Harvey* McPhail, *Harold* Keatings, *James* Sullivan, and myself as charter members. (The four who were present while the devise was being constructed) and with *John* Lusk and *Little* Barton as honorary members. They came to the house just as we were finishing the job so we admitted them to the club."

***The complete copy of Clark Webster's diary is found in the RHS Alumni Museum. His father was the Reno Fire Chief and his grandfather was a District Judge and President of the School Board.***



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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: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Retired? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Membership Fee**

	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr
Individual	\$20	\$35	\$50	\$75
Couple	\$30	\$58	\$80	\$125
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: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please make checks to: RHSAA MEMBERSHIP  
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