



Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

President's Corner

Hello Huskies. I hope that you are in good health and are enjoying the summer weather. My youngest son just graduated from Reno High School and among the year-end festivities we took a camping trip out to Pyramid Lake. It was a lot of fun. It is always nice to cement the fact that summer is upon us by spending quality time with friends and family.

Here is what has been happening at the alumni center. Our Webmaster since 2001, Cal Pettengill, has decided to step down. Cal has been responsible for setting up and maintaining the computer system that we use to run the museum, and maintaining our website. I am in the process of locating a reputable company to replace Cal. I am very thankful for all of the time and effort that Cal has given the Association over the years. We would not be where we are today without all of his help. We also have a new Trustee. John Watson from the class of 1965 has volunteered to assist us at the museum. I would like to thank John for taking the initiative to join the board. We still have room for three more trustees on the board if you would be interested in volunteering. Our monthly meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5 pm at the alumni museum. You are invited to come and attend and see if you would be interested in becoming a trustee.

On October 17th we will be having our next induction dinner for the Reno High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The dinner will begin at 5:30 in the Silver Legacy's Downtown Reno Ballroom. The following athletes are being inducted.

2015 RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Bill Daniels 1957 Football
- Steve Duddy 1978 Football
- Bill Penaluna 1979-2006 Coach, Athletic Director
- Stacy May-Johnson 2002 Golf, Basketball, Softball
- Jackie Rinehart 2003 Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
- Football Team 1984 12-0 State Champions

Tickets may be purchased at Reno High School from Tina Rooker (775-333-5050, ext. 5) for \$50 and tables of eight/ten may be reserved for \$400/\$500. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the event for \$60. Please spread the word and think of joining us for dinner. The inductees will also be recognized during halftime of the varsity football game on Friday October 16th against Spanish Springs.

Enjoy your summer. It's nice and cool in the Alumni Museum; we're open on Friday from 2-5 and on Saturday from 10-2. See you soon.

Scott Jordan
President RHSAA

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. Class of 2015 statistics: 320 graduates, 112 Honors diploma candidates, 117 Honor Society members, 4 National Merit Finalists, 1 Presidential Scholar, 6 students have maintained a 4.0 or above all four years, and 12 students have perfect attendance.
2. RHS varsity baseball team captured the fourth straight Regional title but lost in the state competition. Senior **Cooper Krug** was named Most Valuable Player of the Year for Northern Nevada Division 1 and **Matt Lawn** was named Pitcher of the Year.
3. Academic Olympics Teams finished 2nd in the regional tournament.
4. The RHS Leadership program was recognized with the 2015 National Gold Council of Excellence Award.
5. **Sue Rodriguez**, Red House Project counselor, was awarded the Regional V Career and Tech Education Counselor of the Year.
6. Six Speech and Debate students will compete at the national tournament in Dallas, TX this summer.
7. FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) won at state. Students compete in business inspired competition for prizes. RHS had 20 individual state winners.
8. Hydration stations were installed at school. The stations are designed to fill students' water bottles.
9. **Ellie Small** was named the High Desert Leagues' offensive player of the year in soccer.
10. The RGJ ran an article about **Tyler Hart** who landed perfect SAT and ACT scores. He also is the recipient of an RHS Alumni Scholarship and a National Merit Scholarship.
11. Sophomore ROTC Cadet **Alexander Cartlidge** received the RHS Alumni Leadership Award for his outstanding accomplishments.
12. After a serious knee injury, surgery, and physical therapy, senior **Alyse McMillen** was able to overcome these adversities and became an outstanding pole vaulter.

GOODBYE MOM (Joke)

Hope this touches you the way it touched me!

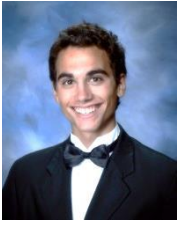
A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease; it's first that you look so much like my late son." He answered, "That's okay." She then said, "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Goodbye, Mom' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye, Mom."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him.... Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries. "That comes to \$121.85," said the clerk. "How come so much? I only bought 5 items. The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your Mother said you'd be paying for her things too."

Bet you thought this was going to be a tear jerker

2015 RHSAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Tyler Hart – plans to attend Yale University and hopes to study math, science, or creative writing.



Hannah Hoogs – will be attending Colorado State University and major in neuroscience.



Jeremy Smith – plans to attend California Lutheran University, study Criminal Justice, and perhaps pursue a career with the FBI.



Hannah Sweeney – will attend the University of Nevada, Reno, major in Psychology, and hopes to become a therapist.

THE WESTOVER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP



Mika Alvarez was awarded the Pauline E. Westover Family Scholarship by Betty Jo Baker, Class of 1951, at the RHS Scholarship Night on May 20, 2015. Pauline Westover was an RHS graduate, Class of 1925, and became a renowned photographer. The RHSAA assists in the awarding of this scholarship for the Westover Foundation. Mika will be attending UNR majoring in Journalism.

Nevada Association of Student Councils (NASC)



The elected officials of NASC met in the Reno High Alumni Center for their initial training/introduction to being a State Board Member. There were 17 young adults who represent every school, big and small, from the entire state. They help to foster and promote each student council, and in the process, impact every student in Nevada. Each student serves a one year term. They look for new ways to help Nevada's student councils achieve their own goals. The students loved the Alumni Center, and can't wait to come back next year. They were amazed at the history and memorabilia found in the museum. It was the perfect meeting place for these future leaders.

THE SCHEDULE OF 2015 CLASS REUNIONS

2005 – 10 Years	Sara Murphy	775-790-7145	Sep 19, 2015
1990 – 25 Years	George Anastassatos	775-527-2517	Aug 7-9, 2015
1985 – 30 Years	Paige Taylor	775-843-7851	Aug 14-15, 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 3, 2015
1955 – 60 Years	Linda Church	775-972-0671	Aug 14, 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	
1950 – 65 Years	Buddy Fujii	775-852-0559	Sep 12, 2015

If you are aware of other RHS reunions this summer, please provide the details to Betty Jo Baker, (775)851-3203. Have a great time at your class reunions!

ALUMNI NEWS

1. **David Joseph Minedew**, Class of 1960, recently died. He was the class president during his junior and senior year. David was an original trustee of the RHS Alumni Association and contributed efforts in having the Reno High School Alumni Center built.
2. Edward C. Reed High School has established a permanent collection of items from Reed's life as a judge, lawyer, soldier, family man and education board member. He was a 1942 graduate of Reno High School, an all- state basketball player, and graduated at the top of his class. Reed died on June 1, 2013.
3. **Ray Gonsalves**, who died recently, was a boy's P.E. teacher and coach at RHS from 1957 to 1962. He then coached the Wooster football team to a state championship in 1967.
4. **Scott Owen**, Class of 1990, and his wife, Carrie, were featured in the RGJ as owners of the successful Reno Green Landscaping.
5. The RGJ published a list of the all-time top 25 players, coaches and administrators in UNR athletics -. The following are associated with Reno High:
 - **Chris Ault** – Football, coach, and administrator (1965-67, 1976-2012). He was the RHS football coach in 1972.
 - **Dodie Post Gann**, RHS class of 1940, Skiing. She was the first great female athlete in Wolf Pack athletics. Dodie also skied in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics.
 - **Dick Trachok** – Football, coach, administrator (1946-49, 1959-86). While at RHS, Dick was a teacher and coach from (1950-1959) and won six football state titles in 10 years.
6. **Rick Trachok**, Class of 1970, was named Chairman of the Nevada Board of Regents. He was appointed to the board that oversees the state's eight public colleges by Governor Brian Sandoval in 2011 and was elected to keep the post in 2012 and 2014. He is the son of Dick Trachok.
7. **Oliver Aymar**, RHS Class of 1933, turned 100. He graduated from UNR, served in World War II, Korean War, and U.S. Diplomatic Corps in China. He later joined the Army Air Corps and assisted with the recovery of downed American pilots in China. After the war, Oliver helped locate the graves of Air Corps crash victims and other missing U.S. personnel in Asia. He worked for the Alpine Glass Company and later for the Desert Glass Company.
8. The family of **Betty Munley**, Class of 1951, has donated funds in her memory to RHSAA (Bronze Level Giving).
9. On July 5th the RGJ published a list of the top 100 local sports figures of 2014-15 in Northern Nevada. Those representing Reno High are **Pete Savage** (baseball coach), **Joey Lavallee** (wrestling), **Garrett Hampson** (baseball), **Mallory McMcGwire** (basketball), **Jared Becher** (golf), and **Cooper Krug** (baseball).

70th RENO HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

On June 16, 2015, the Class of 1945 celebrated their 70th class reunion at Simon's Café. The following segment by Arianna Bennett was aired on June 17th on KTVN Channel 2 (Arianna is a 2006 RHS grad and her grandfather is Rod Barbash):

What was it like to meet them again, and see them 70 years later?

"I didn't recognize them! And I don't think they recognized me either," Says Don Hinkel. "They have all changed. We've all aged. Isn't that awful?" laughs Dorothy Gates.

One hundred twenty four seniors made up the Reno High School Class of 1945. Today... They number 18. "This is really something. More than I expected. Yeah. 70 years is hard to believe," Says Hinkel.

Looking through their photos from those days you'll see familiar elements of high school sports, dances, even the same high school newspaper....with just a few exceptions. "Everyone knew everyone. You could walk down Virginia Street and you said hello to everyone." Gates adds, "We would drag main in the evenings and have fun at that. And you just don't drag main anymore!"

And teenagers in those days faced some very different realities. World War II needed all the recently turned 18-year-olds it could get. Many of these men were drafted before they even finished senior year. "March 10, I became 18. And two weeks later, I was drafted. Taken out of school and in the Navy," says Rod Barbash.

Of the 53 boys in the class, nearly 40 served in the armed services. Not all of them returned. "First platoon.. they sent them to sea on several ships. Several of those ships were sunk." Hinkel adds, "I was in Okinawa.... When one of our classmates got killed...Reno was only 18,000, and we lost 46 people in World War II."

A plaque with the names of the 46 Reno High School graduates killed in the war hangs in the entry of the building now. "It was tragic. It really, really was. We had just graduated from high school, and had not envisioned anything like that...but... God love them. They were there fighting for these United States and that was the important thing," says Gates.

Called the 'Greatest Generation' these men and women lived through tough times, but talking to them now, you'll see that just seasoned some great senses of humor. "Had I known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself!" say Barbash.

And a real zest for life even at 88 years old. "When you get to be 88, you kind of slow down a little bit. But that doesn't mean that you're out of life," says Gates

The Class of 1945 was one of the last classes to graduate from the original Reno High School which was located where the old Sundowner building is now in Downtown Reno.



ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



In the entry way to RHS mounted on the north wall is a large plaque honoring those Reno High students who died in the service of their country during World War II. The plaque contains the following names:

Leland Chaves	Aldo Casagrande	Frederick Coalwell
Stanley Lehigh	Elmo Zunino	John Lichenbarry
Clinton McKinley	Robert Keenan	John Rigabert
Carroll Trowbridge	Marshall Creel	Merideth Johnson
Joseph Haslett	Melvin Radcliffe	Reno Robustellini
David Strang	Wayne G. Nelson	Carl Salmon
John Jorgensen	Michael Sbriglia	Donald Good
Bryce Platt	Eric Young	Robert Roberts
Chas. Edwin Bath	Edgar Gill	Richard Sawyer
Wm. A. Shaw	Francis Menante	Gail Brown
Elmo Gabrielli	Bill Poole	Russell Byington
Neil Laprese	Ray D. Harris, Jr	Clarence F. Strasser
Franklin Peck	Arthur Rowe	John T. Klitsch
Frank Brown	James M. Thompson	Drew Smith
Wendell Fritz	Charles Turner	William S. Palmer
	Richard Lee Lowrey	

The Class of 1945 Needs Your Help

The Class of 1945 would like to donate a plaque recognizing those RHS graduates who gave their lives in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. They recalled the plaque shown above at Reno High honoring those who died in WWII that was donated by the Classes of 1944 and 1945. One classmate, Dave Osborne, graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point and was an early casualty in the Korean War. Would the members of the classes of the 40's, 50's, and 60's search through their memories for any of your classmates who died in the service during the Korean or Vietnam Wars? If you can help, contact Earl Cooper at (775) 826-9161 or email: earlcooper.reno@gmail.com.

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CHAIR MEMBERSHIP..	Craig Lemons	1979
SECRETARY.....	Brien Karlin	2001
TREASURER.....	Kim Boldi	1980
TRUSTEES: Betty Jo Baker.....	1951	
Marilyn Bell.....	1959	
Neal Cobb.....	1958	
Daryl Pelizzari....	1952	
Bruce Pendleton....	1958	
Larry Pizorno.....	1956	
John Watson.....	1965	