



Huskie

Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

NEW YEAR-NEW HAPPENINGS!

The Trustees and Officers have voted to make improvements both administratively and aesthetically. Big plans mean big changes in order to retain and respect the history of Reno High School. The museum is a wonderful example of that. We believe we can honor the past while meeting future needs by using technology, fresh ideas and good old community involvement. In other words, we are more than a museum. We are charged with the additional responsibility of “keeping the lights on, prioritizing membership and funding our scholarship program. For that, this team will need your help.

Here's a list of the current RHSAA team and areas of responsibility:

Toni Poloni – President - administrative reorganization

JD Schnabel – VP Newsletter and RHS liaison

Toni Walsh - Secretary – maintains records for non-profit status

Dawn Potter- Treasurer and Museum Curator -Two Hats!

Daryl Pelizzari – Facilitator– Building Operations Man with Many Hats!

Valerie Porter – Membership updates in database

Howard Moy – All Class Reunions – maintains past reunion memorabilia.

Barbara Kinnison - Class Representatives - email her with rep names

Stephanie Lerude – Facilitator Westover Scholarship

Donna Abbott – Calendar coordinator - RHS and WCS D meetings at building

Joe Walsh – Coordinating VOLUNTEERS – email how you want to help

Kath Wilcox – Facebook – manages our page with RHSAA and RHS happenings

Al Lansdon – Website Manager – check out our website rhsaa@renohighalum.com; all ideas welcome and a great way to share information about your class, RHSAA changes and updates.

Volunteers: ADD YOUR NAME HERE

With Thanks: Judy Bacon and Dale Lazzarone resigned as Trustees. We thank them for their contributions, hours of volunteering and wish them the best.

We are literally shaking things up. Membership continues to be a priority. This means staying in touch with members. If you have an email address and use the internet, do this: Share any ideas -call, write or **email**- we will get back to you; go to our **website** for updates; and **JOIN** - not only as a RHS alum but by paying for a membership in RHSAA. Come visit the museum; bring a friend and be a part of the changes. We are counting on your help. Thank you.

IN MEMORIUM



We are sad to announce the passing of **Robert (Bob) Benson**, a long time Reno High School teacher, assistant principal, Athletic Director, and coach.

Bob was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming on May 17, 1927, and spent many years pursuing his dream of becoming a cowboy. He was a talented athlete at Cheyenne High School and worked as a lifeguard at Sloan's Lake in Cheyenne.

After high school, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 and served 2 years. As a veteran, he was always proud of his service during WWII.

Bob played football at Colorado A&M University (Colorado State University) until an injury sidelined his career. He transferred to the University of Wyoming and graduated in 1952. Bob married the love of his life, Helen Nielsen.

He continued his career at Reno High School May in 1954 where he was a teacher, assistant basketball coach, assistant football coach to Dick Trachok, head football coach, athletic director, and assistant principal. He taught Social Studies and served as assistant principal from 1967 to 1981. Bob along with Principal John Flynn, opened McQueen High School in 1982. Bob's work ethic was second to none. During his 36-year career, he only missed 3 days of work.

As a long time football coach at Reno High School, Bob touched and shaped the lives of hundreds of student-athletes. Bob's Reno High Huskies won the football State championship in 1963 and he was named Coach of the Year, inducted into the NIAA Hall of Fame in 2004 and the Reno High School Hall of Fame in 2014.

Bob retired in 1987 and he and Helen traveled the world and spent time with the family. He was a personal trainer at Flex Fitness and St. Mary's Fitness Center, helping others keep fit.

Coach Benson was a Member of the Masons, Reno Rodeo Association, Northern Nevada Athletic Directors Association, and the Northern Nevada Coaches Association.

2023 REUNIONS

There are two known reunions scheduled for the summer of 2023 as follows:

1. Class of 1963 – 60 year – Sept 23 – Gale Quinn Carlson – gfcar1945@gmail.com.
2. Class of 1973 – 50 year – July 14-15 – Karen Nichols Manca (775) 720-1863 – karenmanca@gmail.com .

If your class is planning a reunion this year, please notify our office. Remember that you may use the Alumni Museum as part of reunion activities.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

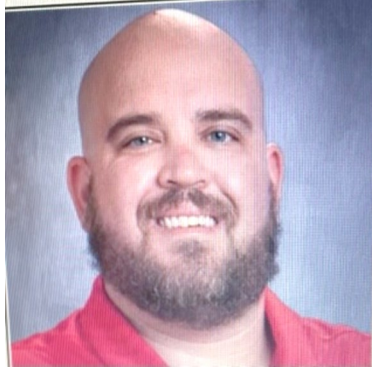
1. The wrestling team placed 3rd overall in Regionals with 9 state qualifiers and 2 champions (Breck Worthen and Graham Lemons).
2. We the People earned a 2nd place finish in state and will compete at national civics competition where students testify before panels of judges to present and debate their position on questions surrounding the U.S. Constitution. The competition will take place at Leesburg, VA in April.
3. Girls' basketball team went undefeated in league play 16-0, but placed second in regionals behind Manogue High School and lost at state to Centennial High School. Coach Julie Ripplingham was selected Coach of the Year, senior Adia Walker was chosen 5A Player of the Year and senior Khalilah Corley made First Team All-Region.
4. Boys' basketball team placed second in the league with a 22-4 overall record. Matt Ochs was selected 5A North Coach of the Year, and junior Harvey Smerdon made first team all-region.
5. The Key Club raised over \$500 hosting the snack bar at some of the RHS basketball games. The money will be used to purchase food items to provide basic needs to homeless, displaced and disadvantaged high school students.
6. A promotional video was made about the Reno High JROTC Huskie Battalion which can be found at <https://www.usarmyjrotc.com/featured-video-jrotc-at-reno-high-school/>. This video was highly praised by the U.S. Army. Additionally, four JROTC cadets will travel to Washington DC to compete in the Leadership and Academic Bowl in June.
7. Reno Cheer place second in their division at Nationals.
8. The girls' ski team were the NIAA All-State Academic champions.

CHANGES ARE COMING

For high school basketball, the Northern Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) is recommending that the Northern 5A schools, both boys and girls, play against 4A teams from the South in the state tournaments. The schools in the South (Las Vegas area) have dominated the tournaments for years. Since 2013, Northern 5A boys' teams have a 1 win 15 loss record in state tournament. Northern 5A girls' teams have a 2 win 12 loss record. Reno High girls won state championships in 2008 and 2014.

Concerning football, the NIAA approved dividing the state into three groups; 5A I will be Las Vegas area schools. Group 5A II will be schools from the North which includes Bishop Manogue, McQueen, Spanish Springs, Reed, Damonte Ranch and Reno. Group 5A III will be North Valleys, Carson, Wooster, Galena, Hug, and Douglas.

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH



Reno High has announced a new varsity football coach, **C.J. Wintch**. He has been the defensive coordinator at Reno for the past two seasons. Before that, he was the defensive coordinator at Damonte Ranch High School. Wintch has been a physical education/weights teacher at Reno for the past two years. When asked about his feelings about being the head coach at Reno High, Coach Wintch said, "Reno High has always held a special place in my heart. There's something special about this school and I'm very excited to carry on their tradition of excellence in academics and athletics."

Wintch grew up in Las Vegas and played football at Centennial High. He played two seasons at Nebraska Wesleyan before suffering an injury that ended his collegiate career.

He began his coaching career at The Meadows in Las Vegas and was part of two 2A state championship teams there. He moved to Reno and was on the Huskie staff in 2010-2011, then went to Hug before spending the next four seasons at Damonte Ranch.

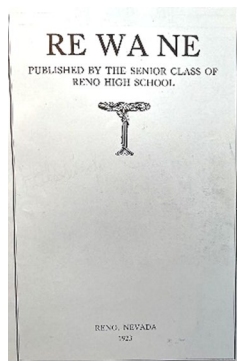
C.J. replaces coach Jason Ehlen who stepped down as head coach after three seasons, including two during the chaotic COVID pandemic. Ehlen plans to stay on as assistant coach and anywhere he is needed. He currently runs the winter weight-training program for the football players. He has been a coach for 29 years and was a junior varsity football coach at McQueen before taking the Reno position.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

If you have a story or something interesting to share about your time at Reno High, please submit your idea, experiences, or articles to the RHSAA (rhass@renohighalum.com) attn: J.D. Schnabel. If you would like us to research a subject about RHS, let us know. As you can see, we have plenty of jokes.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We need class representatives for the following classes: 1947-1949, 1951, 1991, 1997, 2008, 2010-2022. If you are interested, contact Barbara Kinnison, (530)301-2554 email: bkinnison@me.com. Class reps organize and coordinate their class reunions and are the point of contact for the RHSAA.



A LOOK BACK

It is interesting to look back and see what life was like at Reno High a hundred years ago. The year was 1923, and the yearbook or annual was dedicated to the yearbook adviser, Eunice Cagwin. On the financial page, the yearbook cost around \$2,000 to print and the funds were generated by subscriptions, student shows and advertisements.

At that time, B.D. Billinghurst was the Superintendent of Schools, and E. Otis Vaughn served as principal of Reno High School. There were 29 teachers who taught English, math, social science, household science, manual arts, P.E., languages, science, music, commercial, and military (JROTC).

Each class had a class motto, flower, color, and yell. For the senior class, the motto was "All for our school, state, and country," the flower was tulip, and the colors were blue and gold. This senior class didn't have a class yell.

There were 63 seniors, all formally dressed, and beside their pictures were a list of clubs, athletics, and activities they were involved with in school. Each picture listed had a quote which was quite humorous, for instance, George McCullough; "His auto gets him here so soon. He often reaches school by noon." Following the pictures were sections that included Senior Horoscope, Last Will and Testament, and Prophecy.

A group called, The Associated Students, represented the entire student body and was comprised of the girls' athletic manager, boys' athletic manager, the captains of the various teams and class presidents. A student council was formed for the first time this year.

These are the clubs and activities that were active in 1923: Girls Club, Military, Glee Club, Orchestra (had no performances), Drama, The Vaudeville Show, and Debating. The subject for the state debate contest was, "Resolve that the United States should enter the League of Nations."

Under Athletics, the RHS football team had a 3-win, 3-loss and 2-tie record. Girls' basketball had a 4 win and one loss season. Boys' basketball had a 9-win and 5-loss record. Boys' track team participated in eight meets while the girls' team just got started last year. The yearbook listed the following as minor sports; wrestling (just started this year), winter sports (skiing and skating), tennis, and girls' volleyball.

Next, was the Literary Section that included many essays and poems written by students. This was followed by a calendar of events that listed almost a day-by-day listing of humorous activities that took place during the year. There were fourteen pages of jokes and cartoons, and finally, the advertisement section listing local business that supported the yearbook. These businesses are no longer in existence.

You are welcome to drop by the RHSAA museum and look at these old yearbooks. It will give you a better idea of what it was like at Reno High 100 or more years ago.

CLARK WEBSTER

One of the most interesting items we have at the Reno High Alumni Museum is a diary written by Clark Webster, a student who graduated in 1910. The diary covers his day-by-day adventures at Reno High and includes his time at UNR. His father was the Reno Fire Chief, and his grandfather was a federal judge and school board president.

FUNNY PAGE

- A skeleton walks into a bar. Bartender asked: "What will you have?" Skeleton: "I'll have a beer and a mop."
- When a kid says: "I want mommy," that's the kid version of "I'd like to speak to your supervisor."
- It's weird being the same age as old people.
- I went by the house I grew up in, and asked if I could come in and look around. They said, "no," and slammed the door. My parents can be so rude.
- Laughing at your own mistakes lengthens your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes shortens it.
- Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? Great food, but not the atmosphere.
- I am going to quit my job and travel the world until I run out of money. I estimate I'll be home again around 10 p.m. this evening.
- I have the most loving wife. Last night I woke up while she was holding a pillow tightly over my face to protect me from COVID 19.
- It's a good day. The bulb finally burned out on my check engine light.
- Last night the internet stopped working, so I spent a few hours with my family. They seem like good people.
- We celebrated last night with a couple of adult beverages. . . Metamucil and Ensure.
- For those of you that don't want Alexa listening in on our conversation, they are making a male version. . . it doesn't listen to anything.
- If one door closes and another door opens, your house is haunted, and you need to run.
- CAMPING: Where you spend a small fortune, to live like a homeless person.
- I want to grow my own food but can't find bacon seeds.



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. Your information will be entered into our database for future use and never given to anyone without your permission.

Applicant's Last Name: _____ Middle Init.: _____ First Name: _____

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

Last Name While attending/employed by RHS: _____

RHS administrator or staff member: Years worked - From: _____ To: _____
Occupation: _____ Retired? Yes ___ No ___

Applicant's Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If applying for a Couple membership: Name _____ RHS graduate: Y ___(yr)___ N ___

Membership Fees -circle one

	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr
Individual	\$20	\$35	\$50	\$75
Couple	\$30	\$58	\$80	\$125
Individual Life Member.....	\$300.00			
Couple Life member.....	\$500.00			

Are you interested in becoming a Board Member? YES ___ NO ___

Would you be willing to help as a volunteer? YES ___ NO ___

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Make checks payable to: RHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Mail to: RHSAA MEMBERSHIP
P.O. Box 5807
RENO, NV 89513

For Office Use Only

Membership Number: _____

Member Date: _____

Washoe County School District
RHS Alumni Association
P.O. Box 30425
Reno, NV 89520



NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
RENO, NV 89520
PERMIT #217

Return Service Requested

Huskie Trails – a publication of
Reno High School Alumni Association.

P.O. Box 5807, Reno NV 89513

Telephone: (775) 825-2586

Museum hours: Friday 10-2pm Saturday 10-2pm

Website: www.renohighalum.com Email: rhsaa@renohighalum.com

PRESIDENT.....	Toni Poloni	1963
VICE PRESIDENT....	J.D. Schnabel	Retired Staff
SECRETARY.....	Toni Walsh	1967
Treasurer	Dawn Potter	1982

TRUSTEES:

Donna Abbott1970
Barbara Kinnison . .	.1961
Stephanie Lerude . .	.1982
Howard Moy1969
Daryl Pelizzari.1952
Valerie Porter1989
Joe Walsh	1968