



HUSKIES TRAILS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RENO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Bulk mail a way To go ?

Today, I went to the post office to check out the possibilities of using "bulk mail."

I went into the bulk mail section of the post office in the back of the main building, and as I walked up to the counter, I thought, "I wonder if there's something bad floating around in the air here."

The man in charge asked me if he could help me and I asked him about obtaining a bulk mail permit. He asked how many letters we planned to mail, and I told him that we would

mail around 620 three or four times year. He told me that it wasn't worth it for us to get a bulk rate.

The cost was \$250 the first year, and \$125 yearly after that. He told me that it would be wiser to mail through a mailing business. I thanked him and walked out.

When I returned home, I called Panda Inc. a mailing business on Mill Street.

After talking to the lady on the other end, she faxed me a copy of her estimate, of the cost

of mailing 600 letters under an ounce, and provided that we fold and seal the letters. We also had to give them a disk with our mailing database so that they could enter it into their computer

I was surprised at the price that she quoted me and it was .0176c per letter or a total of \$106 but that was after a \$111 fee for setting up.

I have to go talk to her and see if that is just a one time set up fee, and would the cost be .175 per letter after that

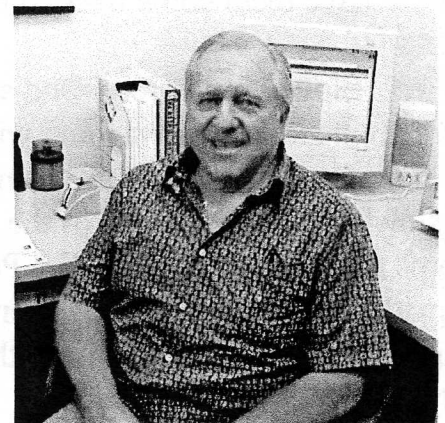
Daryl Pelizzari in Charge Of parking

What could be better than giving the job of parking cars at the picnic to a retired cop ?

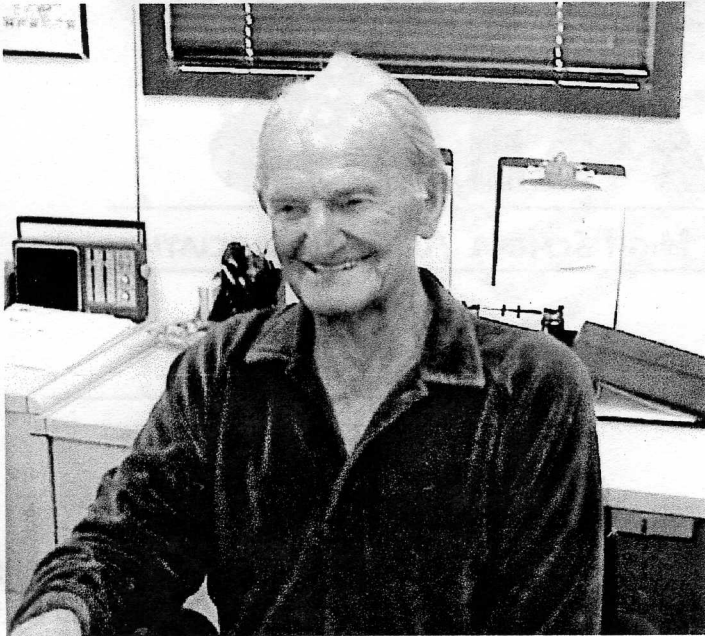
Daryl has been involved with the parking at the last two picnics and has the experience that it

takes to do the job.

We as a committee have decided, that we will not give him a gun to enforce the rules of parking. That is unless it is a water gun.



Bud Beasley keeps the Volunteers in line



Bud Beasley has been in charge of the volunteer program since we opened our new building, and you can find him down there any Friday from 2: 00 p.m. until 5: 00 p.m. or Saturday from 10: 00 a.m. until 2: 00 p.m.

Bud has amassed hundreds of pictures of former students in his many years as a teacher, and he and his volunteers continue to go through all of the pictures and remember names.

It seems like all of us are guilty of not putting names on pictures in the early years, only to have them come back to haunt us later in life.

Slowly but surely, Bud and his volunteers are making headway and with the help of the new database, names are coming back to us slowly but surely. One of the best programs that our webmaster, Cal Pettingill came up with, was an alpha list of every student that went to Reno High School, and the year that they were in school.

DO YOU WANT TO DONATE MEMORABILIA ?

If you are cleaning out the garage or your closet and you come across an old year book, old pins and ribbons, letter sweaters, or something that you want to donate to the alumni association, pack it up and bring it down to the building.

While you are there, take a walk through time when you see something that grabs you and pulls you back. Although you have to be pretty old to remember this one, we have a diary that was kept by William Webster from 1909 until 1911. It has many interesting entries that make you think about the Truckee Meadows area in 1909. The train rides to Carson City, the treks up to hunter lake, and the movies that he watched at theatres you have never heard of.

Come on in, You'll enjoy it !

Someone will say," I remember this guy or girl" and then ," Now what class was he or she in?" " Well, lets turn on the computer and check it out."

With a flip of the button and then a click of the mouse, they have the information that they need. Sometimes, they have a wrong name, or spelled wrong and that is a problem. Sometimes a former student will come in and see a picture of a classmate and then he or she will fill us in on the right information.

There is a box on the glass showcase in the entry that has many duplications of the pictures that they have gone through, and they are free to anyone that wants them.

It's fun to see someone come in and find a relative or themselves in a school picture in one of the binders that the volunteers are trying to fill. You can see their eyes light up and you know that they have just visited the past.

If anyone would like to help Bud and the volunteers, or you just need something to do, come down to the building and sign up.

The pay is lousy, but the hours are flexible.

Alumni Center facilities available

For meetings, reunions, etc....

The Association's Link Piazza Alumni Center has become a popular place for a variety of meetings, in addition to those of the RHSAA itself.

From the beginning the word has been out that the facility on the front lawn of the Booth Street campus is available for such activities as class reunion meetings, and in recent time, groups have gathered to do such planning for the classes of 1951, 1956, 1971, 1981, and 1991.

Some of those groups have made a visit to the Center apart of their reunions, much to the delight of Association officers.

Recently – retired RHS Principal Janet Ross took advantage of the building's availability when it was her turn to host principals from Washoe County's other high school. Guidance counselors, directors of athletics and other school system-wide groups have held similar sessions

there as have ROTC instructors and Reno High's Teacher Accreditation Steering Committee.

It has been a quite isolated place for accreditation testing and for student tutoring.

An on the non-school side, it also was a summer headquarters for Washoe County's West Truckee Meadows Citizens Advisory Board, when the group found itself displaced for two months during repairs at the school in which it meets normally.

If you'd like to book the Center for similar planning sessions, please leave a message on the answering device at 775-825-2586 (That's 825-Alum) and someone will get back to you. You can also go to our website and e-mail us. [Www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com) will put you on line and you can e-mail any of the officers for information.



Dave Minedew

TRUSTEE DAVE MINEDEW

Has been on the board since its inception, and he's still hanging in there !

Dave, a class of 1960 alumni, has a painting business and a wood shop that he uses as a place away be a hobbyist and just get away for from the rat race for awhile.

Being available for any committee that he is called for, makes him a valuable asset to the association.

Dave has another year until his term is up and he then will decide

Late Fall ?

Things seem to be a little different this year. It is already the first of November and the leaves on the trees are just starting to turn and fall.

It seems that this years event is happening a little later than usual. Maybe the warming of the earth's atmosphere has a little something to do with it !

For Sale
Genuine horse manure
See Joyce Vannucci for details

Reno High School acquires New Principal Rob Roberts

Incline Village's loss became Reno High School's gain this summer as former Incline Village High School Principal Dr. William E. "Rob" Roberts made the trip down the hill to assume similar duties as heard of the Huskies lair.

Roberts left behind an 11 year record of community activism and recognition in the north east corner of the lake of the sky, beginning in 1990 when he became department chair and a teacher at Incline Villiage High School, with colateral duties as coach of both the debate team and the rifle team.

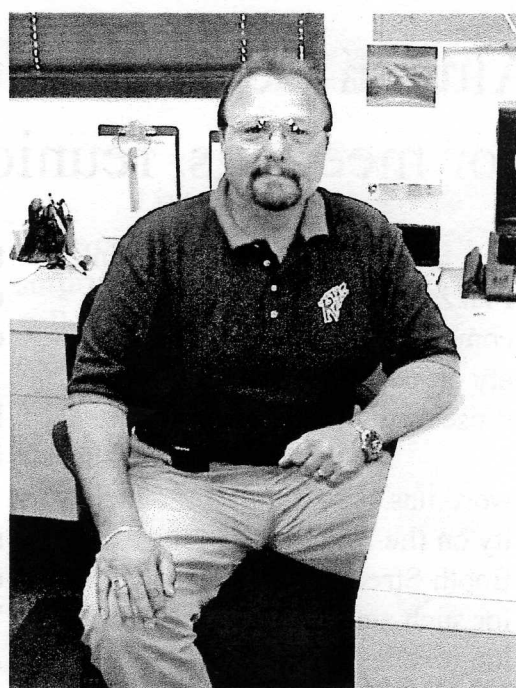
During that time, he oversaw the area's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program. Which involved 45 percent of the high schools entire student body and was ranked number

His first assignment as a school principal came in 1997 when he moved to Incline Middle School, but he lasted only one year before moving back to the high school as its principal.

Roberts also was a veteran of 22 years service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army from which he retired as a lieutenant Colonel.

His assignments during that time included a stint as a department head directing instruction and training of the 4000 member corps of cadets at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point.

The new Reno High School Principal is an experienced helicopter pilot, and as such serves the auxiliary deputy in the Washoe County Sherrifs Department. He is an avid water skier and succeeded retiring Reno High School Principal Janrt Ross.



Nevada Day – 2001

The Nevada Day Celebration was held on Saturday October 27,2001 at Carson City. The parade started at 10:00 a.m. and there were around 220 entries to entertain the crowded streets.

Marching bands from schools provided music and entertainment as they marched in unison to their own beat.

Mounted riders showed off their beautiful silver studded saddles as the horses pranced down the street .

Clowns walked up and down the sides making the children laugh, as they handed out candy and balloons.

The parade took about two hours as it found its way from start to finish.

Did you remember ?

To send in your change of address to the RHSAA?

Anytime you move, we need to know so we can change the information in our data base.

That way, when your class has to get in touch

with you regarding a class reunion, we will have the new information handy.

Also, we need your new address in order to send you the news letter.

Class of 1955s generosity continues

On the night of August 19, 1995 Bud Beasley was a guest of the class of 1955. He asked if he could say something to the alumni and then presented an idea that he had about starting a Reno High School Alumni Association. That night, he walked away with \$3800. The association was formed and has existed for six years.

In 1996 the reunion committee for the class of 1955 decided that they had enough money left over from the 40 year reunion, and they would like to donate something to the Reno High School band to help them buy new uniforms. A check was written and presented to then Principal Jan Ross.

In August 2000 at the 45 year reunion, the class of 55 was approached to help out with the Reno High School Alumni Association Scholarship fund which was down to the last \$500 and a scholarship was to be given again that year.

The class of 55 stepped up and this time raised \$5200 that night to be out into the scholarship interest bearing money market fund. Other alumni have since donated money to the scholarship fund, and for the first time since we began our scholarship program, we were able to give two scholarships his year.

Again, thank you for being so generous you have helped in

A message from the President

In the last six years, the Reno High school Alumni Association has gone from meeting in a donated office room and a small membership top a new building and a membership that is growing weekly. The Board of Trustees and members of the association have worked very hard to make this possible And I want to thank them with all my heart.

Now that the association is on solid ground, we can sit back and concentrate on other areas that need attention. Our volunteer program is headed by Dr. Bud Beasley and he and his volunteers are doing a great job sorting and documenting memorabilia for the future.

Many alumni have brought us memorabilia and told us that it is better to have it shown at the alumni building, that have it hidden in a drawer or a box in the garage.

Our webmaster Cal Pettengill has perfected a website that makes contacting an old friend or classmate anywhere in the world, as easy as a click of the

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Volunteers hard at work matching Names and pictures



Arla Russell Ponciano -1937 & Marilee Little Shrou - 1956

Arla and Marilee sit in the building almost every Saturday trying to figure out who that person in the picture is. How do they find the information that they are looking for ?

Just like a couple of detectives, they take clues from the pictures themselves. Is that a 1940 Ford Coupe in that picture ? Can we narrow down the years that the girls had round collars on when their pictures were taken ? Was the picture taken at the old Reno High School, or the New high school on Booth Street ? Lets see if we can match any of the pictures with pictures in the year books.

When all else fails, we wait to see if someone that enters the building to see the memorabilia, will know some of the names.

It's like putting a jig saw puzzle together, and when you put that last piece in place, you know you have done your job.

There are other things for the volunteers to do besides just looking at pictures. There are boxes of memorabilia in the vault that needs to be sorted and filed.

If they find themselves with nothing to do, you will find them pushing a broom, washing a window, or greeting visitors to the alumni building.

The old teacher keeps the volunteers working, but he also keeps them interested.

Our volunteers are valuable to us, and deeply appreciated.

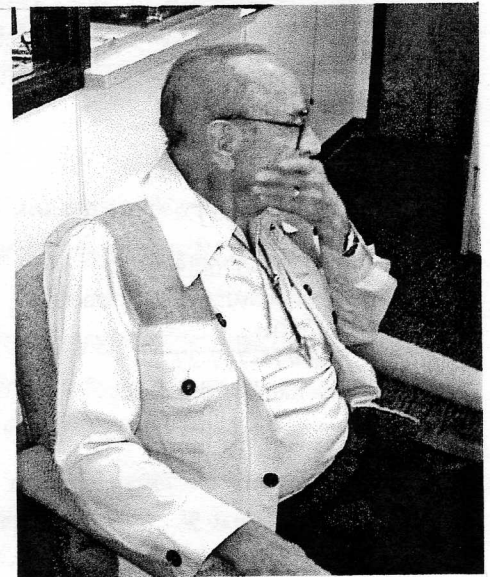
LINK PIAZZO

Link makes his surprise visits on Saturdays. It's really no surprise because we know that he will probably show up after his morning workout at the Y.M.C.A.

Link usually shows up about 10:15 a.m. On his way home, and frequently has a bag of tomatoes that someone will be taking home for a nice salad.

Link has again given to a good cause. He donated \$500,000 to the Y.M.C.A. for a new youth center to built next to the existing building. It's something that has been needed for a long time.

Link said one Saturday morning, "You know, the Y gave me a break when I was a kid and couldn't afford to buy a membership, they let us kids in for free. I have never forgotten that. If I can help one youth, I am willing to do that, just as a pay back !



Link

THANKS TO JOANNE PETRE, OUR SECRETARY

Many thanks to Joanne Petre who spends many hours as a volunteer and as an officer on the Board of Trustees.

Joanne is retired from her teaching profession, but you know how that works, she is called on to substitute quite often.

Even though, she still has time to open and close the building for the volunteers every Friday afternoon and Saturday Morning. And she is called on to keep the minutes of the monthly meetings. Joanne is always there to help with other committees such as the picnic committee which is planning the next picnic on August 18, 2002

August 18, 2002.

Joanne also has already been active with other classmates in preparing for their upcoming reunion in



VISIT OUR WEB SITE AND BE IMPRESSED

Just about a year ago, Cal Pettengill came aboard as the webmaster for the Reno High School Alumni Association web site and he jumped right in and gave us not only a great web site, but a data base that made things much easier when it came to finding members and alumni. Cal has entered almost all of the alumni that ever went to Reno High School since 1907. We are missing a very few years such as 1910 and 1911 so the alumni from those years are not in the alpha data base.

www.renohighalum.com

Will let you find friends and classmates that you have not heard from in many years, that have posted a message on the message board. If you see someone that you want to talk to, simply click on their name and send them an e-mail.

Think of all the fun you can have surfing the web on our web site. See all the pictures that were taken of our new building, and the old Reno High Schools.

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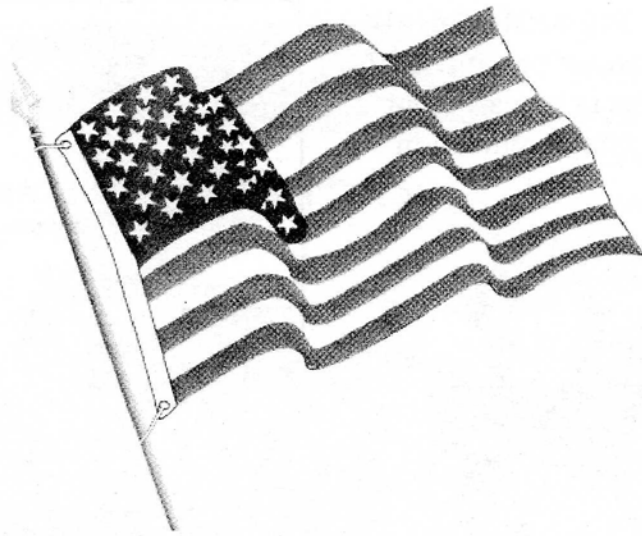
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This space for rent!



*The September 11th, 2001
tragedy that struck New York
City and Washington D.C. is
beyond imagination.*

*The Reno High School Alumni
Association Board of Directors
wish to offer our prayers and
support for all the victims and
their families who have suffered
from this tragic event.*

God Bless America.

Ann Sutton, Editor



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