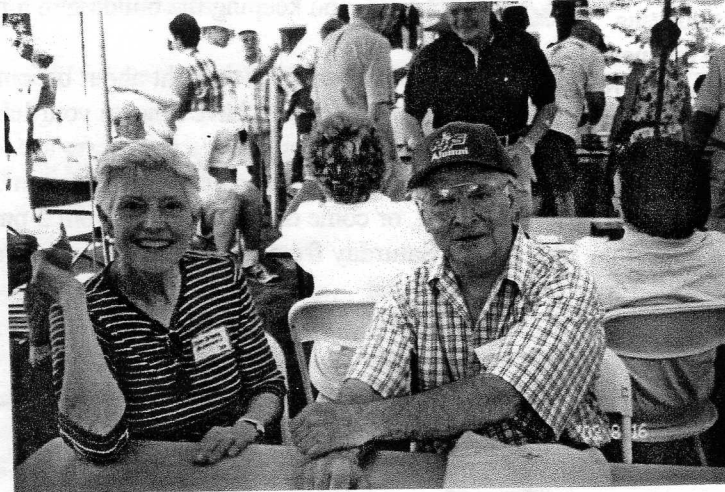




HUSKIES TRAILS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE RENO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

2002 "All Alumni Picnic" a success !



Joan Schade Brownwell 1953 & Frank Marfisi 1946 taking reservations

The 2002 "All Alumni Picnic" was the first to be held at Reno High School, and it was a huge success. Over 1440 alumni paid to attend the picnic and reminisce with old classmates and friends.

There were some reservations of whether or not the grounds in front of the high school would be large enough to accommodate the picnic, those doubts were erased when the seven tents were set up and there was room for many more.

The morning began at 6:30 am with the setting up of the tents by Camelot Party Supply, and BJ's BBQ preparing to cook the food and serve the drinks to the alumni.

Two tents were donated by Western Nevada Supply and were erected by volunteers. Other volunteers made sure that the building was ready to be opened.

Inside the building, Bud Beasley was the official greeter remembering everybody as he always does. Len Crocker and his wife Lois sat just inside the door taking memberships, Cal Pettengill walked around answering questions about the web page, and other volunteers greeted people as they came into the building.

Outside, the reservation tent sat just in front of the building and all of the alumni had their tickets waiting for them at their class table. 153 people paid at the late reservation table, and 215 didn't pick up their tickets at all, which is consistent with the first two picnics.

Alumni showed up with an array of alumni shirts from the last picnics and many purchased the newest alumni shirts from Fred Shimkovsky and Neal Cobb.

Thanks to the staff at Reno High School, and Kookie Rekucki, the head custodian, for having the high school open for the alumni to again walk the halls and reminisce. The new Little Theater was open for everyone to see.

Alumni brought old cars and parked them in the circle for everybody to view and many had their pictures taken next to the old iron we were so proud of in the 40's, 50's and 60s.

All in all, the picnic was a success and we have had nothing but good reviews. On Monday morning, following the picnic, an alumnus from the 40's stuck his head in the door of the office and said, "I have been to all three picnics, and this was the best."

For all of you that became members of the R.H.S.A.A. during the picnic, and those that renewed, we would like to thank you for helping us make the association grow and keeping this beautiful building open for all of you, and future alumni. History is so important and we do not want to let the history of Reno High School fall through the cracks.

If you have any interesting ideas for the next picnic, send them to us and we will try to implement them if we can.

Remember, you can reach us at our website,

www.renohighalum.com

Or P.O. Box 5807 - Reno, Nv. 89513.

Joe Granata

We do not give out Your information !

Recently, you may have received a request for a donation to Reno High School's new weight room. A couple of alumni have asked us where RHS had obtained their address.

About six months ago, we were approached by the committee for the new weight room, and asked if we would give them our mailing database. We told them that our policy is to not give out our alumni information unless we contact the alumni and receive permission. They were told that if they put together the envelopes and information, stamped and ready to go, we would attach the mailing labels and mail the letters for them, which we did.

Soon after, we received another request to do the same from another RHS group. It was brought before the Board of Trustees and the board decided to discontinue this action all together. From now on, we will only mail our newsletter and necessary association information to our members.

In the past, we have had many requests from alumni and non alumni to find old classmates and friends. If we have that information available, we will contact the alumni and tell them who is looking for them and let the alumni make the contact. If we don't have the information, we direct the person towards our web page and tell them to leave a message on the message board. Maybe somebody out there has information that will be helpful.

Volunteers



Joanne Petre, Betty Jo Baker and Joyce Vannucci, are volunteers. Not only do they volunteer their time to be trustees, they also give much of their time in different areas such as stuffing envelopes for mailing, helping Bud Beasley greet visitors, document pictures on weekends, and keeping the building in a presentable state.

Have you ever thought about becoming a volunteer? Do you ever have time on your hands with nothing to do? You are the person we are looking for. If you would like to donate a few hours a month, give us a call, or come on in on Friday from 2 pm until 5 pm or Saturday from 10 am until 2 pm, we can use the help.

R.H.S.A.A. Museum

Plans to develop a pictorial history of Reno High School in the RHSAA's Link Piazza Alumni Center have been announced by VP/Museum Chairman Len Crocker, who has targeted the project for mid 2003.

When we complete our plan, visitors to the Alumni Center should be able to track the development of Reno High School – in photos – from its opening in 1879 on West Street at Fifth, to the campus where we are located today.

A wing was added to that first building to increase its capacity, but even so, it served only 32 years before it was razed in 1911 to make way for a more modern building on the same site.

Central School as the structure

was known, housed high school students in the second floor classrooms. The Northwest Reno block bounded by Arlington Avenue and West Street, between Fourth and Fifth, now is the home to the Sundowner Hotel/Casino at its southwest corner, and a motel sits on the opposite corner where the two school structures were located, facing West Street.

The second school built on that site housed Reno High School from 1912 until the current building on Booth Street opened in the fall of 1951, and was in use for a number of years longer as Central Junior High School until it was closed in 1966. In 1967, a fire and explosion made the structure unusable and it was torn down in 1968.

We have photographs of all three buildings already, thanks to the work of historian Neal Cobb. Neal is researching files for more photos and information of the "feeder schools" that most of the students attended on their way to high school.

When we have assembled what information we want, we hope to display a complete photographic history along the right-hand wall so visitors may see the "where and how" of Reno High School. A segment of the tile-faced brick wall from the entrance lobby of the second school is in hand and will be displayed. Additional help is being sought from Reno High Alumni who may have photographs or other memorabilia of the schools

Len Crocker

Every year, in November, the members of the Association decide who they want to represent them on the Board of Trustees. This year, there are five positions that will come up for re-election to a three year term.

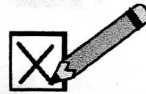
In early October, the letters were sent out requesting that anyone who wanted to be a trustee, notify us by letter, or in person at the Annual Meeting. At the October meeting, the names were read, and made from the floor. For this years election, there are nine members running for five positions.

A ballot with the names of the members seeking the title of trustee has been sent along with this news letter.

Now it's up to you to decide who the five trustees will be. Make your mark, then send the ballots back as soon as possible, before November 30, 2002.

At the January meeting, the Board of Trustees will vote on the six positions that the officers will hold for the next year.

Vote -



How many of you remember dancing, or just having fun at the Huskies Haven ? Did you know that Huskies Haven still exists !

Over the door to the cafeteria of Reno High School, painted on the wall are the words, "Huskies Haven"

Every time a student comes into the building, I ask them if they know what that name painted over the cafeteria means. So far, none of them have known. One female Senior the other day said, "Oh I think it's just a cute name for the cafeteria !"

Larger donations

As I said before, there were many smaller donations, but we had four donations of \$1000 or more in the last year.

Trustee Alex Kanwetz gave two large donations, one for himself and one for his family. Wally and Dawn Rusk and Ed Cravey also gave large donations and we have inscribed those names on wall plaques in the entry of the building.

Others we would like to thank !

Sandra Harshbarger, Lydia Dent, Annamae Hall, Babs Goss, Renne J. Whitney, Irene Franchi, Ed & Sally Reed, Evelyn Oliver, JoAnne Sorensen, Doris Carpenter, Donna Herz, Linda Buell, Robert Titus, Carol J. Mathews, Jerry & Lucille Lazzari, Rozann Logan, William Brockett, Robert V. Deal, Don Clark, Lorraine Curtis, Betty Brackett, Scott Beasley, Joe Hesse, Steve & Karen Benna, Kathleen Gilmore, Richard Turner, Margaret Turrillas, Claudia Shaffer, Kandi Roberts, Bonnie Allec, Jay Robinson, Les Conklin, Janet Elcano, Marilee ShROUT, Darren Farnessi, Russell & Phyllis Swain, S. Mardell Davis. And Ted Furchner .

Thank you for your donations

This association survives on memberships and donations. The membership is growing and we now have over 750 members. The dues from the memberships are helping us keep our heads above water, and pay the utilities and bills.

Three years ago when the RHSAA building opened, we had \$4000 in the bank, and a restoration to the bell that would cost us \$4500. Today, we have over \$90,000 in checking accounts and CDs, thanks to you, the members of the association.

We would like to thank everyone in person, whom has given generous donations that has helped the association grow since its inception, but that would take a lot of time and research. So a week ago, we asked Daryl Pelizzari to go back for the last year and give us an accounting of the donations, which he did. There were many donations from \$10 to \$2000 and we appreciated receiving them.

Some of the donations came from members that wanted yearbooks to replace their lost or destroyed
REWANES

In the last year, 14 alumni have sent checks for a donation of \$100 to receive the books, and some of those, for memberships and books. Two years ago, the Board of Trustees decided that we would take donations for yearbooks from members only and some of the alumni became members prior to donating for the books.

Life memberships

At this time, the association has 64 Life Members. The life membership is a one time payment of 20 times the annual membership, or at this time, \$300. Just like the regular membership, an alumnus and spouse can have a life membership for \$500.

In the last year, we have given out seven life memberships, five regular Life, and one alumnus and spouse.

When you become a life member, we send you a certificate, a laminated Life Card, and put your name on a small wall plaque in the meeting room.

Officers

President	Joe Granata	1955
V.P Operations	Daryl Pelizzari	1952
V.P.Membership	Len Crocker	1943
Secretary	Joanne Petre	1953
Treasurer	Virginia Zorio	1955
Asst treasurer	Albert Carlidge	1949

Trustees

Bud Beasley	Admin.	
Betty Jo Baker	1951	Counsel
Ralph Casazza	1946	John Frankovich 1964
Lisa Frankovich	1997	
Alex Kanwetz	1957	Historian
Dave Minedew	1960	Neal Cobb 1958
Joyce Vannucci	1952	
Larry Pizorno	1956	Phone - 775-825-2586
Ann Sutton	1969	

Web site
www.renohighalum.com



The Class of 1982

The 1982 committee negotiated with the Washoe County School District, then brought in the boulder with a plaque mounted on it honoring their deceased classmates. Soon after, they bought this beautiful Elm tree and planted it next to the building. A dedication ceremony was held in August.



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