



# Huskies Trails

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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

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## 2005 Picnic

Class of 1962



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The 2005 "All Alumni Picnic" was a huge success with over twelve hundred alumni, family and friends attending. The first picnic was held at Rancho San Rafael in 1996 and the second in 1999. The last two have been held at Reno High School, in 2002 and 2005.

The Reno High School Marching Band was on hand to play a few selections for the alumni, and of course, to practice for the up coming football season. A trio of students, who go by the name of J.S. Cha played music later in the day. Displays and booths were scattered around the grass, from various groups such as the Triple A booster club, and Kim Reinhart, who was selling signature bricks. Some alumni brought their old Hot August Night vehicles to display in the circle.

Inside the Alumni Building, Alex Kanwetz was bringing in new members with the skills of a professional salesman. Thanks to Alex and his helpers, we now have approximately 75 new members. Also in the building, Betty Jo's volunteers were showing off the new museum display that they have been working on for about six months. Len Crocker kept busy updating the membership files in the office.

Inside Reno High School, Jim Davis and George Smith had their booth's set up to educate the alumni about their new "Bud Beasley foundation" which is separate from the Reno High School Alumni Association, but has the same goals. The Class of 1955 was celebrating their fifty year reunion this year and the class of 1980 held their twenty five year reunion. Each class had a show case in the building, exhibiting something from the past.

The Alumni Association would like to thank everybody who attended the picnic, namely, all the new members and those who donated toward maintaining our tradition of giving scholarships to students at Reno High School.

## You heard it here



**B**ud Beasley paced back and forth as the game progressed in the ninth inning. Reno was ahead by one run, but the other team had the bases loaded, and there were no outs. Bud had used all of his starting pitchers and had to make a change. He walked to the mound, took the pitcher out, and with a wave of his hand, he motioned to Dick Stoddard who ran out to the mound. Dick was not known to have a super fast ball, or a huge curve, but he was eager and took three practice pitches before the ump yelled, "Play Ball."

Dick placed his right foot on the rubber and then reached inside the glove to grasp the ball with split fingers. As he wound up, he gave that little twist at the end of the delivery to make the ball curve. The ball headed straight down the middle and was tagged squarely by the bat. It was a quick shot toward third. The third baseman just happened to be standing in the right place at the right time, and he snatched it out of the air, for the first out, stepped on third for the second, and quickly threw to second base for the third out and a very uncommon triple play. The game was over.

Bud told this story many times at the alumni building, always laughing, always entering. Of course, the story was



## Finally

**I**n 1995 when the Reno High School Alumni Association was just an idea,, Len Crocker had the responsibility of overseeing the birth of that association from start to finish. That included everything from putting together a board of trustees to drawing up a set of by-laws that would give guidance for the management of the associations internal affairs.

Almost three years ago, the board of trustees decided that the by-laws needed to be fine tuned and revised. It was discussed for almost a year, then Betty Jo Baker was nominated as the Chair of the by-laws committee and she went to work organizing that committee, which has been working hard for the last two years to meet the challenge.

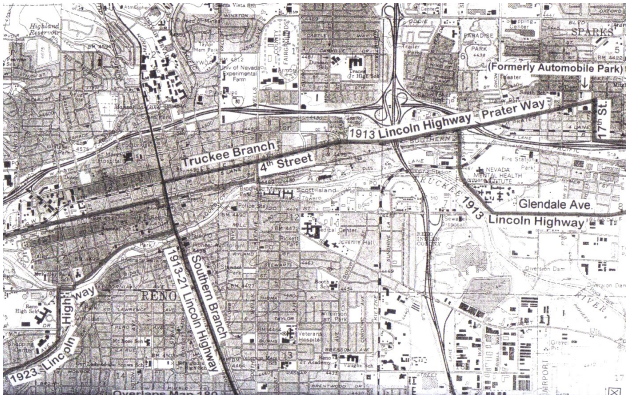
As luck would have it, Neal Cobb talked to Gene Hillygus who was the parliamentarian for the Golden Valley Home owners group, and introduced Gene to Daryl Pelizzari who persuaded Gene to become involved with the Reno High School Alumni Association. Gene at one time was a counselor at Reno High School, and later, he was on the Washoe County School Board. Gene's expertise was valuable in the revision of the by-laws.

When the committee began research, John Frankovich, our counsel, worked with us on the legal ramifications of what we could do and what we could not do. Last year, John turned the task of advising the committee over to another lawyer, Matt Gray, who is also in John's office. Matt worked with, and directed the committee towards the final edition and adoption of the newest bylaws.

Although the committee had the assignment of sorting and finalizing the by-laws for the vote of the trustees, many others had input that made the work of the by-laws committee much easier and we would like to thank everybody that went out of their way to help.

### JOKE

A young student reported for a final examination that consisted of only true/false questions. The student took a seat in the hall, stared at the test for five minutes, removed a coin from his pocket and started tossing the coin and marking the answer sheet. Heads meant true, tails meant false. The young student finished the exam in 30 minutes, while the rest of the class was sweating it out. Suddenly, during the last few minutes, the young student began desperately throwing the coin and sweating profusely. The moderator, alarmed, approached the student and asked what was going on. "Well, I finished the exam in half an hour," said the student, "but I thought I ought to recheck my answers."



## Lincoln Highway & Reno High School

In 1912, there were almost no good roads to speak of in the United States. The relatively few miles of improved roads were around towns and cities.

In 1912, Carl Fisher, a man of many ideas and projects recognized this and started working on a rock highway that would span the continent from the East Coast to the west Coast. The highway started at Times Square in New York and it passed through many states including Nevada, ending in Lincoln Park in San Francisco.

Henry Joy, who was the President of the Packard Motor Car Company, was elected President of the Lincoln Highway Association in 1913. Originally set up to be financed by private funding, it was obvious by 1914 that private funding would not work. Joy decided to redirect the association to a new goal: educating the country for the need of good roads made of concrete. With an improved Lincoln Highway as an example, and emphasizing the superiority of concrete, it was hoped that the people would press the government to build good roads throughout their states.

Years later, the federal government passed the 1921 Highway Act which provided \$75 million of matching funds to states that would identify seven percent of their highways which would then become eligible for those federal funds.

A new highway called The Victory Highway, competed with the Lincoln Highway for the federal funds. The Victory Highway took the northerly route that later became Highway 40, then I-80. The Lincoln Highway took the southern route through Nevada that later became Highway 50.

Although they took different routes, the westward Victory Highway rejoined the Lincoln Highway

at Fernley, and both ran concurrent to Reno and on to California. In Reno, the Lincoln Highway split, with one section going west and the other going south to Carson City and then westward over to Placerville and on to San Francisco .

Here's where **Reno High School** has a connection. As a young boy moving into Westfield Villiage in 1946, which was the first housing development built after World War two, I remember seeing an eight foot wide portion of a concrete road running through what is now the Westfield Shopping Center, with a Lincoln Highway red, white and blue metal sign stuck proudly in the dirt, next to it.

After doing some research recently, I talked to Jerry Fenwick and a few days later, Jerry gave me a map he had copied from a book that he has. It shows a portion of the Lincoln Highway crossing the Truckee river, running south on what is now Booth street, in front of Reno High, and turning west. It ran parallel to California Avenue, adequately named, because it was the route through Reno to California..

I have been told that the highway re-crossed the river near Verdi and went along the Dog Valley route. I also remember my grand father telling me that about 1912, when he took trips to San Francisco, the road was on the south side of the river. I do remember a dirt road on the south side of the river all the way to Truckee from Verdi. My grandfather told me that the road was so steep in places that he had to turn the Model T around and back up the grades because reverse was a lower gear. Another reason was that the gas tanks were in front of the windshield and the gravity feed wouldn't work well going forward at such a steep angle.

Who'd ever think ?

Next to the concrete section in that field which is now the Westfield Shopping Center, was an exposed basement of a farm house filled with antiques, books, tools and other collectibles. Who would have thought about keeping all that junk in those days? I guess that goes in the same category as all those old blue bottles I shot while out Jack Rabbit hunting in the 40's and 50's.



Dave Minedew



1961



Joanne Ortiz Petre



1953



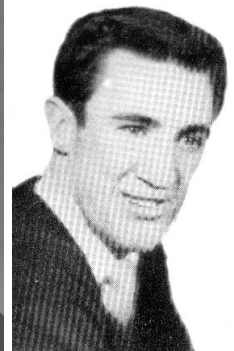
Joe Granata



1955



George Smith



1954

## Out going Trustees

In 1995, the year that the Reno High School Alumni Association began, Three of the four outgoing trustees volunteered their time and efforts to make the association a success. The by-laws stated that there would be staggered terms, and all of the names were thrown in a hat, to be drawn out one by one, to see which trustees would hold the longer terms and which would hold the shorter terms..

In the beginning, some of the trustees were able to serve ten years, some eleven years and some twelve. This year, the ten year terms were over for two of the trustees, Joanne Petre and Dave Minedew. Joe Granata had another year left, but decided it was time to resign. George Smith, who began as a trustee over two years ago, filling an un-expired term, decided that he would resign to concentrate on other commitments.

Every trustee has a key to the building and a responsibility to open and close for the volunteers. The trustee also helps by giving visitors a tour through the building, and gives them a little of the history of Reno High School. Since there are no custodians, the trustees are charged with the maintenance of the building. The trustees and volunteers receive and document donated memorabilia, and in the last six month's, trustees and volunteers have been changing the décor of the memorabilia in the building to make it more interesting and easier to find for the visitors.

There are other important tasks for the trustees, including, membership, database, website, secretarial duties, financial responsibilities, correspondence and more. If you have the time and interest to become a trustee, contact the President or go online and send an e-mail message to the webmaster and he will send it on to the Board of Trustees

# R.H.S.A.A. 2006 Board of Trustees

January 26, 2006 saw the changing of the guard with four members of the Board of Trustees leaving and four new members stepping in to help guide the Reno High School Alumni Association, for as many as three years each. The officers of the board were elected at the January meeting and will hold their positions for one year. Stepping into the President's shoes, is Betty Jo Baker, as Daryl Pelizzari becomes the Vice President of Operations. Len Crocker will continue on as the Vice President of Membership and Virginia Zorio will stay at the position of Treasurer. Maurine Tuckett has been selected as the new Secretary and will take over for Joanne Petre, who has been the secretary for almost ten years.

Jerry Fenwick became a trustee last summer and Karl Breckenridge came aboard in October. The newest elected trustees are Joan Taylor Anglin, Lee Maguire Caruso, Gloria Cortesi Garaventa, and Maurine Dewitt Tuckett. Continuing on as trustees are Neal Cobb – Larry Pizorno – Alex Kanwetz and Ralph

The Reno High School Alumni Association is starting the new year with 14 trustees and has room for one more if anyone is interested.

To the right, is a picture of our outgoing President Daryl Pelizzari handing over the gavel to the incoming President Betty Jo Baker. Betty Jo will have her hands full for at least the next year, and hopefully longer.

Betty Jo started off her term as President by immediately choosing her committee heads as mandated by the by-laws. Betty Jo and Daryl will be the liaison with Reno High School and they are already talking about the All Alumni Picnic in 2008.



## President's Message

It's with a great deal of pleasure and anticipation that I start my term as President of the Reno High School Alumni Association. I know that I'll have some big shoes to fill. Following in the footsteps of our three previous presidents, Len Crocker, Joe Granata and

Daryl Pelizzari will be challenging. But, with the support and guidance from a dedicated and energetic group of trustees and volunteers, our organization will grow and move forward.

This past year has been a busy one for us in addition to the All School Picnic in August, and the ongoing work with our volunteers who are categorizing and working on all the memorabilia under the watchful eye of our curator Grace Fujii. A good portion of time was dedicated to the updating and revision of our by-laws. This done, we will now move on to doing the same with our policies and procedures.

We will also pursue our goals to increase our membership with special emphasis on attaining a younger group of alums. There are exciting things going on in our organization. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Call me with your suggestions and comments. I'd love to hear from you!

Betty Jo Baker

# 100 years old

Andrew



Morby

January 13, 2006

There was a Mariachi Band, prepared food, friends, family and ex-students. The event was the birthday of respected and retired teacher, Andrew Morby which was held at the Lakeridge Tennis Club on January 13, 2006. This happened to be Friday the 13th, but there was nothing unlucky about this day, it was Andrew's 100th birthday. Alongside Andrew, was his bride of 64 years, Velda Morby a young 97 years of age.

Even at 100 years, Andrew negotiated that sixty foot up-ramp using his walker, with the vigor of a seventy year old. During the party, Andrew's son, Jeff Morby asked his dad, "What do you attribute your success in attaining one hundred years of age?" Andrew, without even thinking, said, "I can answer that in just two words, **dumb luck.**"

Andrew was born in Ogden Utah in 1906 and in 1926, with his family, he moved to Sparks Nevada. Andrew went to the University of Nevada where he was the Captain of the Gymnastics team and graduated in 1936. A new teacher could not teach in the Washoe county School District the first year after graduation, so Andrew packed his bags and started teaching at Hazen, later moving to Wadsworth. His teaching career at Reno High School started in 1947 where he became the head of the Language department, lasting until 1972 when he decided to retire. Andrew and Velda are presently residing at the Classic Residence in Reno.

About six years ago, the Morby family started a foundation in Andrew's name, to give first year scholarships for at least two Reno High Students every year. Jane Houston a teacher from Reno High School thanked Andrew and presented a plaque of appreciation at the party.

You could see that Andrew enjoyed the party, he had a smile on his face all night

## Do you remember

What a great blast from the past! I haven't thought about fender skirts in years. Fender skirts were popular in the 40's and 50's, and dressed up those low slung tail dragging hot rods.

Thinking about fender skirts, brought to mind other words that have disappeared from our language with hardly a notice. Words like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs" or "suicide knobs" as they were also known because sometimes they would break as you were making a speed turn.

How about "Continental kits", the rear bumper extenders that made any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

When did we stop calling them "emergency brakes?" At some point, "parking brake became the popular term. But somehow there was a little drama in the term "emergency brake."

It's sad that almost all of the old folks are gone that would call the accelerator the "foot feed." Did you ever wait on the street for your dad to come home from work, just so you could ride that last couple of blocks on the "running board?"

Here's a phrase that I haven't heard in a long time, "Store bought." Sure, everything is store bought, but once it was braggin' material to have a store bought dress, or shoes, or bag of candy.

"Coast to coast" use to hold all, sorts of excitement, but now it's "world wide" that is the spotlight. And wall to wall is something that is expected in your new house.

When was the last time you heard the quaint little phrase, "In a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word pregnant was banned from the movies as was "brassiere."

Do you remember when you made coffee in a percolator? Now it's "coffee maker" or "Mister Coffee." How about "Electrolux," or "Dynaflow" and the 1963 Admiral TV with Spectravision?

Nobody complains about "Lumbago" anymore. Maybe it was cured by "Castor Oil." You never hear of a mother threatening their kids with Castor Oil anymore.

Some words aren't gone, but are definitely on the endangered list. One of those words is, "supper." Save that great word from the inevitable

## I Graduated in 1955

Here are some of the comments  
From 1955

I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going, it will be hard to buy a weeks groceries for \$20.

Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2000 will only buy a used car.

Did you hear that the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?

If they raise the minimum wage to a dollar, nobody will be able to hire outside help.

When I started driving, who would have guessed that gas would be selling at twenty nine cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

Kids today with those Duck Tail hair cuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls.

I'm afraid to let my kids go to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying, "Damn" in "Gone with the wind" it seems every movie either has "damn" or "hell" in it.

I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They even make electric type writers now.

It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

No one can afford to be sick anymore, \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood.

If they think I will pay fifty cents for a hair cut, forget it.



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