



# Huskies Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you made your reservations for the All-Alumni picnic yet? The date-August 17-is fast approaching. So far, response has been good. Attendance at the 2005 picnic was 1,100 and we are hoping to top that this year. It will be a wonderful time to reminisce with friends and enjoy good food. If you haven't received a picnic flyer, or been contacted by your class representative, please call us at (775) 825-2586. We are also available through our e-mail address, [rhsaa@renohighalum.com](mailto:rhsaa@renohighalum.com) or on our website, [www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com).

This is a good year for class reunions. Eleven classes are making plans that include the All-Alumni picnic. As a reminder to the class reps preparing for their class reunions, our museum will be available for any of your planning sessions. Contact us if you need to use this facility. The Reno-Gazette Journal has been good about printing all class reunion dates.

Everyone who visits the Alumni Building will be surprised and pleased to see the progress the Museum Committee has made. The Committee has put in countless hours getting things into shape. Every class starting from the 1930s (and some prior) to the present have been included and exhibited.

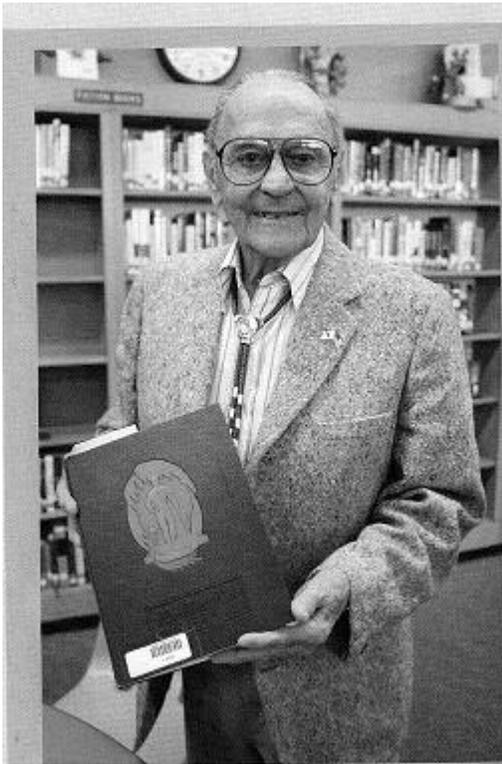
On May 13, I was pleased to attend the Reno High School's annual Convocation Ceremony and to present our Alumni Association's four \$1,000.00 scholarships to some very deserving students, Riley Dillon, Kelly Edmiston, Audrey Hoel and Setare Taabodi. In addition, I presented the Mrs. Pauline E. Westover and Family Trust Scholarship to Rogina Mojumder, the first annual recipient.

There is an interesting story behind the Mrs. Pauline E. Westover and Family Trust Scholarship. Sometime in the 1920s, Mrs. Westover and her four children arrived in Reno. Times were difficult, but they survived. The two daughters developed a lifelong love and devotion to their mother. The oldest, Pauline, graduated from Reno High School in 1925. No evidence exists that the younger sister, Ethel, attended Reno High School. They moved to Southern California in the 1930s and, as far as we know, never returned to Reno except in 1979 to bury their mother. Neither girl married. They became photographers and, along with their mother, traveled all over the United States, photographing National Parks. Pauline passed away a few years ago and Ethel passed in 2003. Our Alumni Association has a large portfolio of their photographs and we urge any one interested to drop by to see them.

To honor their mother, they established a \$30,000.00 four-year scholarship to be given each year to a student graduating from Reno High School. Our Association is administering this scholarship and will be overseeing the progress of each year's recipient. This is a "first" for the Association, but we feel that the Board of Trustees, now and in the future, will be up to this challenge.

Have a happy and safe summer. We hope to see you at the All-Alumni Picnic on Sunday, August 17.

Betty Jo Baker  
RHSAA President



Link Piazza, Reno High Class of 1937, shows his Yearbook from that year.

### **Link donates \$750,000.00**

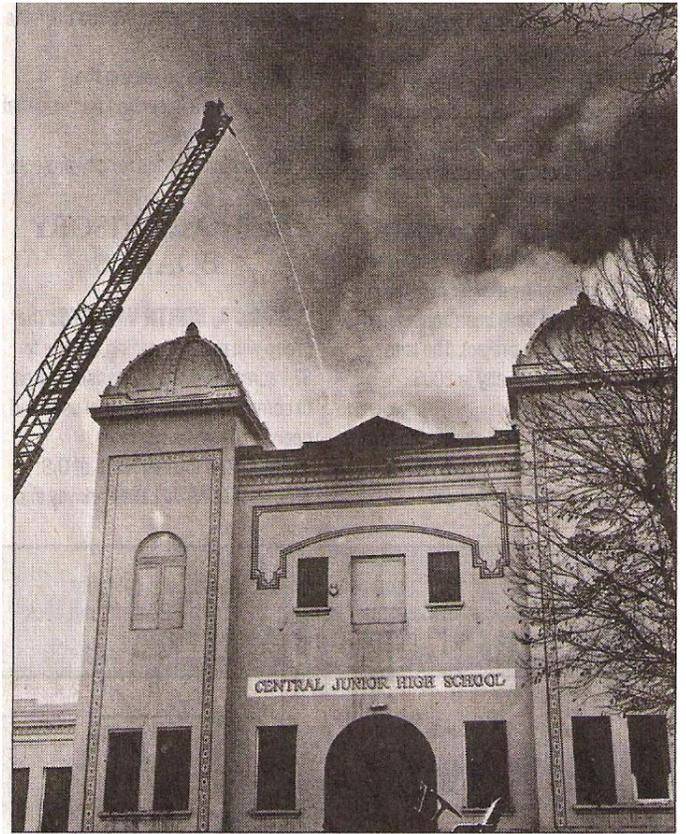
Reno High Principal, Bob Sullivan was recently presented a check for \$750,000.00 from Link Piazza. One third of the donation will be used for capital improvement and a new science lab. One third will endow a scholarship for Reno High students who attend the University of Nevada Reno. The remaining \$250,000.00 is earmarked to fund new technology for Reno High School.

A Reno native along with his brother, Chet Piazza, Link started the Sportsman sporting goods store in downtown Reno in 1938. The brothers were TV personalities in the 1950s and 1960s "The Sportsman's Corner" and "Sportsman's Trails" programs.

Link is a distinguished veteran of World War II and recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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**If you have any good stories or interesting facts from your days as a student of Reno High School, send them to us. We are always on the lookout for good articles. our Email and snail mail addresses are on the last page of this newsletter.**



The old Central Junior High School, formerly Reno High School, burns on Nov. 24, 1967. The first Reno High School was built in the late 1800s. This school was built in 1912 and remained the high school until the current school was built in the 1950s.

### **Classic Cars for All-Alumni Picnic**

At our 2005 All-Alumni picnic a few classic cars were displayed. These beautiful classics were a very popular attraction. Unfortunately, owners of classic cars were not given enough notice about the availability of displaying their cars at the picnic and missed out on the opportunity to show them.

Because many of our Reno High grads have restored vehicles and want to display them, we are providing the opportunity to do so. Arnie Arzoian (class of '54) has volunteered to manage the display of classics cars for the 2008 All-Alumni Picnic. Stocks, modified roadsters, street rods, T-buckets, sports cars, trucks or any body style manufactured prior to 1980 may be displayed.

Alumni, or friends of Alumni, who wish to display their vehicles at the picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup>, must call Arnie Arzoian at (775) 825-4114. Please notify Arnie no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Letters of gratitude from the four recipients of the RHSAA Scholarships:*

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*April 14, 2008*

*Mr. Daryl Pelizzari & Mrs. Betty Jo Baker  
Reno High School  
395 Booth Street  
Reno, NV 89509-1382*

*Dear Mr. Pelizzari and Mrs. Baker,*

*First of all, thank you so much for the generous scholarship that you chose to award to me. I sincerely appreciate your recognition of my academic and extracurricular achievement with the Reno High School Alumni Association Scholarship. I am sure it will help me to become one of the many alumni that uphold Reno High's rigorous standards of excellence.*

*I think that this scholarship will be very helpful in purchasing books and paying for room and board when I attend the University of San Diego next year. I am still undecided about what exactly I want to major in, but I was invited to apply to their honors college, so hopefully I will be accepted. I plan to continue to challenge myself academically, and hopefully maintain the same level of academic excellence that Reno High has inspired me to keep.*

*Thank you, once again, for your generosity.*

*Sincerely,*

*Audrey Hoel*  
*Audrey Hoel*



*Audrey Hoel*

Mr. Daryl Pelizzari & Mrs. Betty Job Baker  
395 Booth Street  
Reno, NV 89509

Dear Mr. Pelizzari, Mrs. Baker, and members of the RHS Alumni Association:

I cannot thank you enough for your generous contribution to my plans for continuing education at Arizona State University next year. With the commencement ceremony getting closer each and every day, your support and kindness have made an unforgettable year even more memorable, along with the school to which I already owe so much!

Reno High School has instilled a love of learning in me that I hope to carry on long into the future – though the fantastic teachers I've had in so many subjects have made choosing only one direction of study extremely difficult! As my intended major is cultural anthropology, I hope to continue broadening my knowledge and views of the world around me while pursuing my interests in foreign languages and literature. From Latin to Spanish to Japanese, my courses so far have only made my love of language stronger.

When I came to Reno High as a freshman, I had no expectations of where I would be when I graduated beyond a vague daydream of chic sophistication and independence; while I've deduced that real-life glamour might be a bit longer in coming, RHS has given me such a foundation – not only in academics, but in lessons about life itself – that I can move on to the next stage of my life with some sense of security. Your encouragement and the donation of your scholarship to my goals is evidence of how lucky I was to come to this school; for all the experiences I've had here, as well as the ones I will have because of having gone here, I truly thank you.

With all my sincerity and gratitude,



Riley Dillon



Riley Dillon

Mr. Daryl Pelizzari & Mrs. Betty Job Baker  
395 Booth St.  
Reno, NV 89509-1382

Dear Mr. Pelizzari and Mrs. Baker,

I'm writing to thank you for the wonderful scholarship I have been awarded. I've spent quite a bit of time this week preparing for college and it's been nice knowing that I'll have some assistance with the fees.

I am going to the University of Nevada, hopefully to major in one of the sciences with a definite minor in history, and will be starting as a member of the Honors Program there. Since I haven't declared a major as of yet, I'm taking core classes this fall semester. Most of them look interesting and will hopefully be a good introduction to college for me. The plan at the moment is also to live in the dorms, in a living and learning community where I can get together with old friends and make some new ones. For the years ahead, I'm looking into study-abroad opportunities.

Things are slowly starting to fall into place and I couldn't be happier with where I'm headed. I'd like to thank you again for honoring me with a scholarship that will help me to get the best out of my college experience.

Sincerely,



Kelly Edmiston  
4324 Dant Blvd.  
Reno, NV 89509



Kelly Edmiston

Dear Mr. Daryl Pelizzari and Mrs. Betty Job Baker,

I was ecstatic to receive your RHS Alumni scholarship of \$1000. I greatly appreciate your donation and I will use it very gratefully. My plans for next year is to attend the University of Nevada, Reno, major in Nursing, and Minor in Music Education. I know that it will be a very busy year, but I look forward to it. This scholarship will help me greatly in achieving the best possible future. Thank you very, very much.

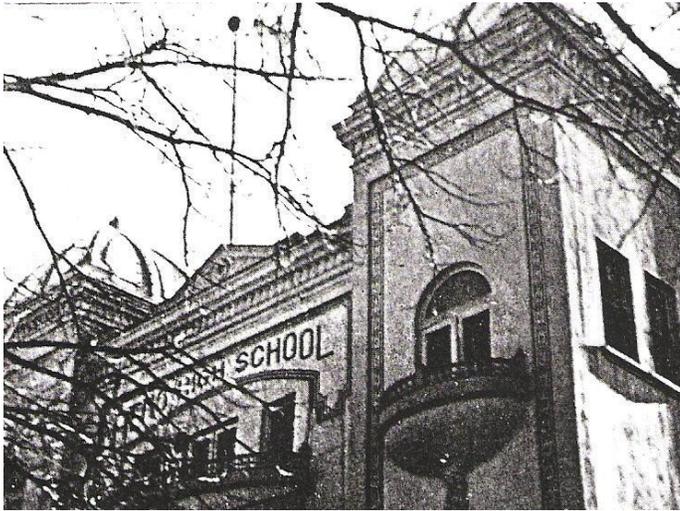
Sincerely,

Setare Taabodi, an extremely happy senior



Setare Taabodi

## William A. Harrigan Class of 1938



Sports were important during my high school days, but came no where near the importance placed on them today. High school competitive sports included foot - ball, basketball, and track and field. The basketball gym we played on was on the same par as the football field I wrote about in the third Quarter Issue – 2007 – of Huskies Trails. The basketball uniforms were in better shape than the hodgepodge of football attire. The basement of the school served as the area of entertainment and school dances. It always seemed to me that it was a narrow space with two-tiered seating. The lower row of seating provided The best view of the basketball court. In the upper section, only half of the playing floor was visible, yet RHS gym was considered one of the best.

ROTC was a three year deal and class was held on a daily basis from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon. Students were expected to get downstairs, change into uniform, grab our rifles and form up in back of the school. We would then march down to Mary S. Doten grammar school for close order drill. This was because that school had a fairly large playground, whereas RHS had a very limited outdoor space. The uniform pants consisted of a heterogeneous conglomeration ranging in comfort from comfortable to sandpaper and hog bristles. The shirts were not too bad, and if you became an officer, you wore a khaki shirt that was tolerable.

**NOTE:** This is the fourth article in a series of stories by William Harrigan. His class of 1938 will be celebrating Their RHS 70<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion at the 4<sup>th</sup> Triennial All-Alumni Picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## New JROTC leaders Take charge



Pictured above are: Lt. Col. Scott Maryott, cadet Col. Rebecca Thompson, cadet Col. Mee Choi and Lt. Col. J. D. Schnabel.

At Reno High School on May 15, a double change of command took place in the JROTC program, one for Reno's new Huskie Battalion Commander and the other for the school's new Senior Army Instructor.

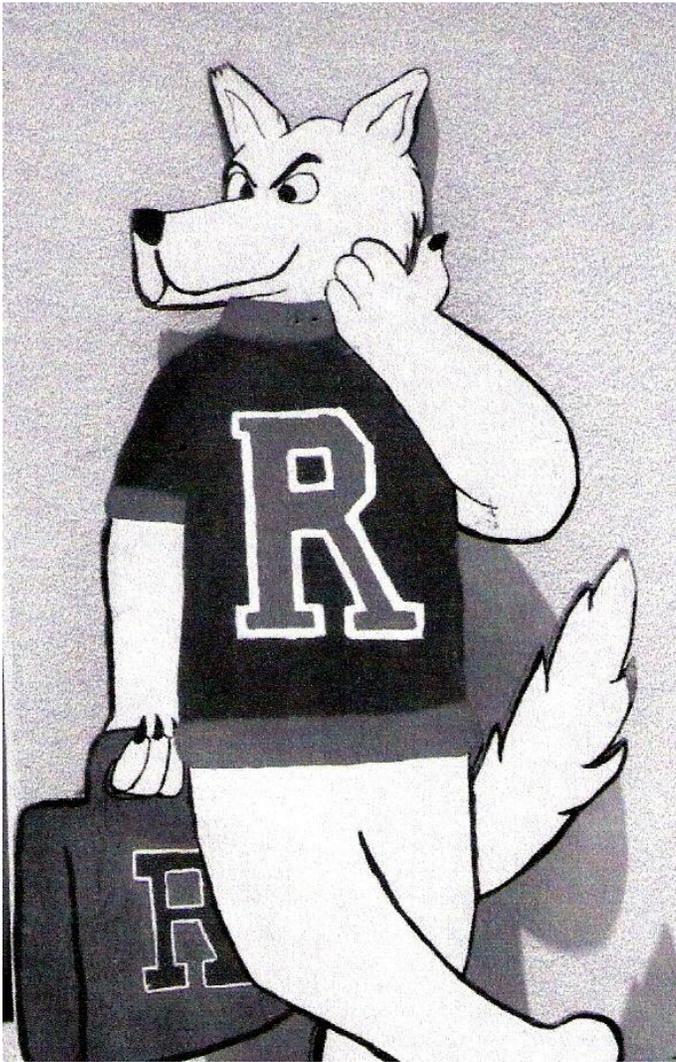
Rebecca Thompson was promoted to cadet Lt. Col. of the Huskies Battalion, replacing cadet Col. Mee Choi. Lt. Col. Scott Maryott replaced Col. J. D. Schnabel as The Senior Army Instructor of the unit. Schnabel completed 18 years at Reno High in addition to the 22 years he spent on active duty.

Lt. Col. Schnabel received the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal. This is the highest civilian award offered by the Department of the Army. Col. Schnabel was also a strong supporter of the RHSAA Museum and, during his last year, spent considerable time researching the history of the ROTC program at Reno High using the Alumni Museum resources. His efforts resulted in a very informative and factual book which is now on display in the Museum.

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### NOTES TO THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Joyce Parker Vannucci, class of 1952, called in regard to the article in the Huskies Trails first quarter issue about the class of '54's basketball team being the first high school team to score over 100 points. She told us that a women's basketball team from Fallon scored over 100 points in the 1920's and that her mother was a member of that team. We are awaiting documentation from Ms. Vannucci to support this claim.



**A photograph of this plywood cutout appeared in the 1982 issue of the ReWaNe as “King Huskie”. The RHSAA Museum volunteers have been placing it in front of the building during open hours to attract attention. Does anyone out there know the history of this cutout? Who, what, why? If you do, please give us a call or Email.**

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#### **Museum Notes: ReWaNe History**

The first issue was in 1900. It appeared under various titles, “The Microcasm”, “La Victoire”, “Recuerdos”, etc., until 1918. At that time, it was decided that Re-Wa-Ne was the perfect title for this annual publication since it contained the first two letters of Reno, our city, Washoe, our county, Nevada, our State.

## **2008 CLASS REUNIONS**

1938 – 70 years - class Rep: Rita Daniels  
1476 Gaucho Lane  
Reno, NV 89521 (775) 851-6050

1943 – 65 years – Class Rep: Len Crocker  
4255 Palomino Circle  
Reno, NV 89519-2939 (775) 747-2774

1948 – 60 years – Class Rep: Jackie Rossow  
70 Robin Place  
Reno, NV 89509 (775) 323-0520

1951 – 57 years – Class Rep: Betty Jo Baker  
2060 Rockhaven Drive  
Reno, NV 89511 (775) 851-3203

1953 – 55 years – Class Rep: Joanne Petre  
869 Daniel Drive  
Reno, NV 89509 (775) 323-7770

1958 – 50 years – Class Rep: Jerry Gribble  
811 West Musser Street  
Carson City, NV 89703 (775) 883-3004

1963 – 45 years ----- NO REUNION

1968 – 40 years – Class Rep: George Hajdakas  
2116 Thomas Jefferson Drive  
Reno, NV 89509 (775) 815-7000

1973 – 35 years – Class Rep: Karen Manca  
4385 Lloyd Way  
Reno, NV 89502 (775) 826-0776

1978 – 30 years – Class Rep: Kris Wines  
25 Martell Place work# (775) 834-7583  
Sparks, NV 89411 cell # (775) 848-3583

1988 – 20 years – Class Rep: Leslie Smith  
4259 Water Hole Road  
Reno, NV 89519 (775) 746-1696  
Email address:  
[leslie\\_smith@charter.net](mailto:leslie_smith@charter.net)

1998 – 10 years – Class Rep: Rachel Johnson  
200 Talus Way  
Reno, NV 89503 (775) 813-7870  
Email address:  
[Project.manager80@gmail.com](mailto:Project.manager80@gmail.com)

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# 4th Triennial All-Alumni Picnic

# 2008

For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff  
At Reno High School  
August 17, 2008  
11:00 am until 5:00 pm  
For information, call 825-2586 or go to our  
website @ [www.renohighalum.com](http://www.renohighalum.com)

## QUESTION & ANSWER FUN

### How well do you know your Doo-Wop??

1. What song has “A-wop bop a-loo bop a-lop bam boom” in the lyrics?
  - a) Good Gooly Miss Molly
  - b) Be-Bop-A-Lula
  - c) Tutti Fruitti
2. Who is given credit for the term “Rock & Roll”?
  - a) Dick Clark
  - b) Wolfman Jack
  - c) Alan Freed
3. In 1957, who left music to become a preacher?
  - a) Little Richard
  - b) Frankie Lymon
  - c) Tony Orlando
4. Paul Anka wrote “Puppy Love” for which star?
  - a) Brenda Lee
  - b) Connie Francis
  - c) Annette Funicello
5. What are the Everly Brothers’ first names?
  - a) Pete and Dick
  - b) Don and Phil
  - c) Bob and Bill

## Yummies for the tummy

### Citrus Salmon

One salmon filet (this can be either one half salmon, sliced through the middle, or several slices).

Two tablespoons olive oil  
One tablespoon mustard  
Two tablespoons butter  
Two tablespoons juice of fresh lemon  
Two cloves of minced garlic (more if you want)  
One tablespoon dill  
One tablespoon crushed basil  
One tablespoon capers (optional)  
Two or three shakes of cayenne pepper

Melt all of the ingredients (except the salmon) in a Small saucepan.

Heat barbecue or oven to 400 degrees.

Place salmon on aluminum foil and create a foil packet and then pour the melted ingredients over the salmon.

Close the packet by sealing the aluminum foil around the top, leaving an air pocket above the salmon. Place packet either directly on the outdoor grill or on a cookie sheet in the oven.

Cooking time depends on the size and thickness of the salmon. Test by opening the foil after about 15 minutes. When it is done, the salmon will look whiter on top and will flake easily. If not done, the inside will be bright orange. A full sized fillet takes about 20 minutes.

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### More Museum Notes: “Red and Blue” History

A Reno High publication called “Pogonip” was first tried, but failed, sometime prior to 1926. On October 19, 1926 the first successful publication titled “Voice” was started by a Reno High senior named RenoVoglotti. The editorial staff was first elected in 1927. The name was changed to “Red and Blue” in 1928. The Red and Blue is still prospering Thanks to Mr. Halcomb and the hard working students of Reno High School.

# **ALUMNI CONTRIBUTIONS**

## *Moonlight and Roses...A Farewell*

By *Evalyn Titus Dearmin (class of '52)*

Something triggers memory---

the way your grandson throws a football,  
Nat King Cole singing *Unforgettable* on the radio,  
a chance conversation about the 50's-----  
how high school "used to be,"  
cherry cokes, Lee's Drive Inn, sock hops,  
demerits, white bucks, study halls,  
Huskies Haven, pajama parties,  
cashmere sweaters, Levis barely cuffed.

The heart hurts culling memories from those years—  
were they really only three---and still so vivid?  
Transition years, the last class of the "old" Reno High  
the first in the "new"---different contexts.

Memories crowd. Our Junior Prom in the old gym,  
girls in unsure heels, boys stiff in double-  
breasted suits, fragrance of Evening in Paris  
and Old Spice stirring hormones, dancing  
cheek to cheek---yes, to *Stardust, harbor Lights,*  
*String of Pearls.* We were young then; it was  
our time for *Moonlight and Roses.*

We sat in classrooms listening to the sonorous  
farewell of General Douglas MacArthur,  
"old soldiers never die".

Yet the tragedy at the Yalu River scarcely registered  
then, nor the nuclear testing in Las Vegas,  
nor the ENIAC computer prototype.

Explosive change still to come. High school years  
before President Eisenhower,  
before civil rights,  
before feminists,  
before birth control pills,  
almost before television.

Into the brand new high school we went, carrying  
into those tiled hallways and up and down  
staircases our adolescent world--- of going  
steady, cliques, 45 rpm 's, acne, chemistry,  
English, history, math, p.e., *Red and Blue,*  
Senior Christmas Assembly, filibusters,  
Huskiettes, GAA, Band, games, dances,  
ROTC, Scalpel & Forceps, 3-Arts,  
---discovering different paths to self.

They were with us then who are absent now;  
Yet we see them again as they were-----  
their smiles or raucous laughter,  
their crew cuts, or pompadours, or piles  
of curly hair, or short bangs, the class clowns  
testing Miss Stern or Mr. Finch or Miss  
Anderson, the scholarly ones, the athletes,  
the musicians, the reserved, the attractive,

the modest, the gregarious---classmates  
bonded in time.

Like the old soldier they have faded away, but like  
the song, they are "unforgettable"---

They remind of a pristine time too long ago,  
before these September days, when love  
was new, and we shared a world of  
moonlight and roses.

*Evalyn Titus Dearmin*  
*July 2002*



The RHSAA Museum is used by various community organizations for their meetings. This April, the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools met to evaluate Reno High School and its improvements. Assistant Principal Linda Feroah decorated the room in red and blue. The décor, along with the Museum displays, brought much praise from the 20 principals and staff members of the Washoe County District. The RHSAA Museum is always very well received. We are Proud of our Museum and the volunteers That make it what it is today.

### **Q & A fun Answers:**

- 1. c) Tutti-Fruitti**
- 2. c) Alan Freed**
- 3. a) Little Richard**
- 4. c) Annette Funicello**
- 5. b) Don and Phil**



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