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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

Reno High's 130th Anniversary: 1879-2009

Something amazing is happening this year at Reno High—we are turning 130! As the school bell rings to welcome our newest class, the class of 2013, Reno High will have been in session for the 130 years. This huge and wonderful accomplishment will be celebrated all year long with events, assemblies, activities, and celebrations.

Reno High has been a milestone in the city of Reno since its origin in 1879 and continues to be a well-respected and high achieving school to this day. This year, the school is planning on highlighting the successes of the school over the past 130 years. The kickoff to this noteworthy year was on September 11, 2009, the official Welcome Back Assembly for the students and staff. Many State representatives presented proclamations acknowledging this great achievement. Also, the big “original” school bell in the Alumni building was rung to represent the starting of the 130th school year on this day.

During Homecoming Week, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, the school attended an assembly on Friday, Oct. 2nd, and the football game at 7:30. This was one of the school's biggest Homecoming celebrations ever! The theme focused on the connecting the past to the present, and how can that be done without many of the schools' prominent and remarkable alumni? Celebration of this great anniversary celebration included the traditional float building, a parade up Foster Dr., and an exciting football game versus Hug High School. This year there was a designated seating area reserved for alumni only and a special ceremony was held during halftime, along with our King and Queen candidate crowning.

In addition, the remainder of the year, the school will focus on sharing with the students of all the traditions of the past, the important historical information about the school, notable graduates, and, of course, continuing the celebrations. All clubs, organizations, athletic teams, etc. will be asked to acknowledge the 130th anniversary by representing the idea of “Then and Now.” Inside the school, all display cases will be presented with that theme in mind. This will remind current students and alumni alike of the legacy that Reno High has worked so hard to achieve.



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RENO HIGH SCHOOL 130TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise to call the attention of the Senate to the 130th anniversary of Reno High School. Located in Washoe County, NV, Reno High School is the first and oldest high school in the city.

Until 1879, all Reno students went to school in a one-room building. That year they moved into a building officially named Central School, which gave high school-aged students their own floors. Though the school accommodated students from elementary through high school, it was often referred to as Reno High School throughout the community. In 1912, Reno's high school students moved into their own building and this school was properly dedicated as Reno High School.

I would like to take a moment to celebrate and cherish the rich history of Reno High School. It serves as a wonderful example of how a school can succeed through the hard work of its community members. Over the course of its history, Reno High School has educated thousands of bright individuals, cultivating their talent, and providing them with a nurturing environment in which to grow.

Notable alumni include U.S. Treasury

Secretary Eva Adams, Pulitzer Prize winners Ann Telnaes and Warren LeRude, and Nevada State senator Bill Raggio. Its ranks also include a long list of local leaders who have made the Reno High School Alumni Association a robust organization, which now boasts the beautiful Link Piazza Alumni Center on campus. This freestanding building, completed in 2000, houses memorabilia dating back to Reno's earliest academic beginnings.

This school year begins by bringing students and alumni together in numerous events acknowledging the school's heritage. Festivities will honor the school's legacy by looking at the past, the present, and the great memories in between. I am confident that Reno High School will continue to be a beacon of academic excellence in the State of Nevada, as it has been during the last 130 years.

I ask my colleagues to join me in offering our heartfelt congratulations to the faculty, staff, students, families, and proud alumni of Reno High School. The leadership, dedication, and enthusiasm you possess and share with the community help continue the school's legacy and make Nevada a better place to live.

THE PRESIDENTS 2 CENTS WORTH

Yes another school year has begun and it will be an year with a theme of "then and now", as you note from page 1. As you alum may know or will know if you read this newsletter with complete concentration RHS is celebrating the 130th anniversary, 1879-2009.

The staff and student body are going all out to make it memorable year and would like the RHSAA, members and or anyone that ever attended RHS to become involved in their plans. Keep up to date by contacting, Crystal Johnson, At cmjohnson@washoe.k12.nv.us or call her at Reno High, 333-5050. They would especially appreciate a large turnout at the homecoming football game on Oct.2, 2009. Come and enjoy voting on the best float and see what has been planned to entertain the alum. While you are the campus visit the alumni museum and sign up as a volunteer. (sneaked that in).

It was great summer for the 12 various classes that were have their reunions. Some used the alum building for planning sessions and as part of their weekend. 1959 had a great 50th celebration.

We have brought on board as a Trustee, Scott Jordan, Reno High School biology teacher and 1986 grad. We are still in dire need of board members, accountant experience & office management folks, museum curator, docents and any other help we can receive in the volunteer area. (same old story and same old problem)

Our paid memberships remain about the same, 650, and we do appreciate them for the renewals and extra donations.

The building is in good shape, had a couple of minor repairs and the carpet will be cleaned in a couple of weeks. Remember the building has been open for 10 years now. Check the website for ongoing changes and give us a yell with any suggestions, questions or advice. NO criticism.

Daryl Pelizzari, President, '52

This & That

Membership Database updates

Just a friendly reminder to all our members to contact us when you move, change your phone number or your E-Mail address. We want to keep in touch.

Membership Status

Active Members.....632
Life Members.....132

Class of 1959 Reunion Pictures/E-Mails/Comments

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New RHSAA Board Member

We are fortunate to have a new RHSAA Board Member who is a Biology teacher at Reno High School, Scott Jordan.

Scott attended RHS from 1982 to 1986 and has been a teacher at RHS since 1994. He is also a coach for the JV football team.

Welcome Scott to the RHSAA Board.

Reno High 1955



Reno High 1879



KIDSCAPE PRODUCTION'S FOUNDER



Christiana Frank
Founder/Program Director

Reno native, Christiana Frank, created KidScape Production's structure six years ago at the New York City Police Department /At-Risk Youth Division. Christiana attended Juilliard in New York City as well as Yale School of Drama in Connecticut. Extensive coaching with Uta Hagen for over two years and continues practicing her craft even when not performing!

Her resume was built on Broadway as well as on Television and in Films. Her lifelong love for performance art brought about her passion for sharing it's affects on the individual student. As a result, she has created a professional curriculum which focuses on the experience of the participants, helping them discover tools for lifelong success.

Currently Ms. Frank is working with students and teachers in the Washoe County School District. Some of her successful ongoing programs include Donner Springs Elementary School, Rollan Melton, 21st Century, Washoe County School Districts Community Education, YMCA, Sierra Kids, Girl Scouts, VSA, Reno Housing Authority, and Camp Wamp.

Volunteering also includes Tune In To Kids, Cinco de Mayo, Reno Celebrates America, Optimist Club of Reno, Sun Valley Elementary School, Alzheimer's Association, Classic Hyatt and soon Sierra Association of Foster Families. Dedicated to offering free programs to Washoe Counties kids K-12, Christiana's plans are to be a non profit by 2008.

Ms. Frank is a 1991 Reno High School graduate and uses the RHSAA Alumni building for KidScape Production's.

The Floats & The Cars

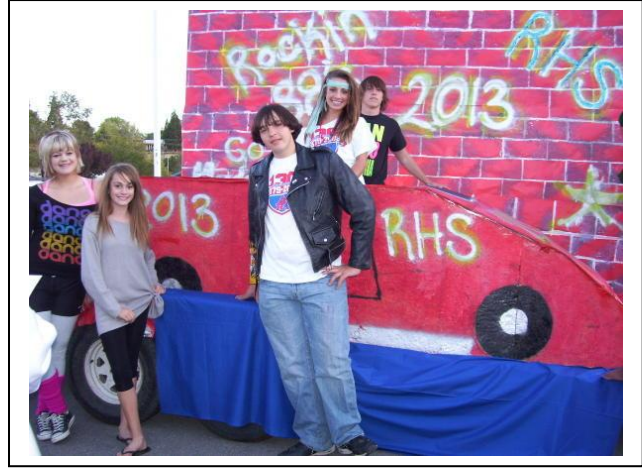
1st Place Float Winner ~ Seniors



2nd Place Float



Sophomore and Freshman Floats



The Cars



Reno High JROTC celebrates 90th birthday

BY J.D.SCHNABEL

On May 6, 1919, Army Major Douglas J. Page walked into a Reno High School assembly and presented a new military program. After the assembly practically all the boys in school signed up. This was the official start date of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps at Reno High School. The purpose of the program then was to provide military training and prepare young men in the event of war.

Years earlier, Nevada legislators tried to start a similar program based on the Wyoming Plan of 1911 that provided basic military training at Cheyenne Central High School in Cheyenne Wyo. Developed and supervised by the state militia or national guard, the program's training included physical fitness, drills, troop leading, field firing and a summer camp. In 1916, state superintendent of Schools John Edwards Bray asked educators throughout the state if they were interested in adopting a similar program and received overwhelming feedback. In the meantime the Army War College of the War Department studied the Wyoming Plan and recommended to Congress that such a plan be implemented nationally. On May 17, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Defense Act of 1916 which established the national guard, and college and high school ROTC programs. The Army would pay active duty instructor salaries and provide military equipment such as uniforms, rifles, and ammunition. Before ROTC programs could be started, WWI began and all the officers and equipment were needed for the war effort. In 1917 and again in early 1919, Nevada legislators tried to get similar programs started under the national guard Control, but Governor Boyle vetoed the legislation for lack of funding. After the war, JROTC programs throughout the country were starting to form. Through the efforts of Nevada Sen. Charles Henderson and Superintendent B.D. Billingham, Reno High School was selected by the War Department to be one of first schools to establish such a program. E. Otis Vaughn was the Reno High principal at that time. Why Reno High School? It was the largest high school in the state. Reno High was the only Nevada school to have a JROTC program until 1944 when Las Vegas High School began their program. It was the only JROTC program in Washoe County until Wooster and Sparks high schools established their programs in 1967.

Major Page graduated from West Point in 1916 and was a man with an excellent military record. Nearly 200 boys signed up for the training which started right away. Government uniforms and rifles were ordered but did not arrive until December 1919. Drill was held three times a week, and cadets were organized into two companies (4th and 8th periods) and before the end of the first year, another company was added. The cadet's standard uniform consisted of a coat, breeches, leggings, shoes, hat, and overcoat. For 19 months Major Page taught target practice, physical training, hygiene, guard duty and infantry drill. During the 1920 school year, Major Page was also the Reno High School varsity football, basketball and baseball coach.

In December 1921, Major Page, his wife, Alma, and daughter, Blanche; left Reno for several artillery command, staff, and instructor assignments. During WWII, Lieutenant Colonel Page was the executive officer of the 9th Division Artillery that fought in North Africa. He later was promoted to full colonel and in May 1944 became the Commander of the 3rd Armored Artillery that participated in campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He retired on March 31, 1952 (36 years of service), moved to San Antonio, Texas and died on April 11, 1977.

The nature and scope of the JROTC program at Reno High School has changed since 1919. There currently are eleven JROTC programs in the Washoe County School District (one Air Force, two Navy, and nine Army). Besides learning leadership skills and responsibilities, cadets today participate in many events including numerous community service projects, parades, drill meets, fundraisers, military ball, cadet Olympics, varsity rifle team matches, color guard performances, annual inspections, and award ceremonies.

The mission now is not to prepare boys for war but rather to motivate young people to be better citizens. Many of instructors and cadets have come and gone and left their mark on the program since Page walked into that school assembly many years ago.

In a quote from the 1919 year book, " the future for the ROTC in Reno High School seems very bright." May it continue to shine. Congratulations on your 90th birthday!

Lt Col J.D. Schnabel is a retired Army officer who was the Senior Army Instructor at Reno High School from 1990 to 2008. He has published a book on the JROTC program that details the year-by-year accomplishments and activities of the program.



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