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THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

Attention Class of 2010! I hope you are all doing well since graduation. Thank you for being members of the Reno High Alumni Association this past year. You will soon be receiving a membership renewal notice in the mail, and I encourage you to continue your membership. Your support helps pay for scholarships, the operation of the museum, the Red and Blue school newspaper, the RE-WA-NE yearbook, the alumni web site, quarterly newsletters, and the triennial picnics. We are offering the same free membership to the Class of 2011 for one year.

We are having further problems with a leaking roof in the museum and have a contract with Kodiak roofing services to fix the problem. We are in need of donations to help defray the cost. Please notify us if you can help!

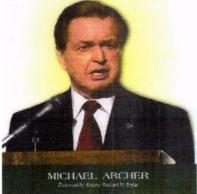
We are adding a new section to the quarterly newsletter called, "Around the RHS Campus" which will feature student accomplishments for the quarter. It is always interesting to keep track of current athletic and scholastic achievements of your almamater.

Of course the big event of the year is the All-Class Alumni Triennial Picnic that well be held on campus on August 21, 2011. I would hope all members would contact their classmates and make it a point to attend. There are several events planned as described in the enclosed article but mainly an opportunity to get reacquainted with "old" school chums. If you haven't already done so, you need to send in your reservations as soon as possible.

How many students have graduated from Reno High since 1879? The answer is found in the This & That section.

I hope everyone has a great summer. J.D. Schnabel President, RHSAA

THE LIFE & TIMES of NEVADA'S SENATOR WILLIAM J. RAGGIO



A MAN OF HIS WORD

The Life and Times of Nevada's Senator William J. Raggio

This is the title of a newly published book by author Michael Archer who chronicles the amazing life of Senator Raggio, RHS Class of 1944. It is a story set against the backdrop of the continuously evolving political and social structures of Nevada. His public service began in 1952 and ended in 2011, with more than thirty-eight years as a lawmaker before he was a lawmaker, Bill was a law enforcer. As a district attorney, he fought corruption in Reno city government and police department. The book is 672 pages, fully referenced and with over 60 photos.

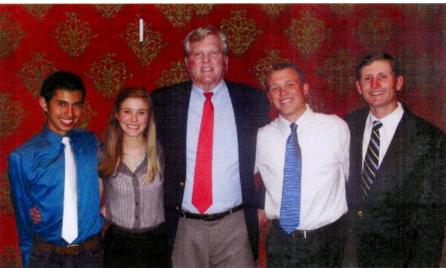


HOW DID WE GET THE "HUSKIE" AS OUR NICKNAME?

According the Red and Blue school newspaper dated December 20, 1928, a search for a nickname for RHS's football and basketball teams was underway. They were asking for students to submit suggestions for a name that symbolizes the fighting spirit and clean sportsmanship of the school. Several suggestions included Bearbreakers, Prowlers, Eagles, Huskies, Cyclones, Cossacks, Ramblers and the Great Red Machine. The press referred to Reno football team as the "Eagles." Coach Herb Foster thought "Huskies" best represented the qualities of Reno High's athletic teams. February 22, 1929 is the first time officials from Reno High used the nickname "Huskies," when Reno played Sparks in boy's basketball. Again, the name was to show the "strength, spirit and the all-conquering power of Reno High teams. When "Huskies" was selected it made Reno High the first high school in the state to adapt a nickname. The first time "Huskies" was featured in a RE-WA-NE yearbook was 1934. Go Huskies!

Many of you will remember the "Huskie" pictured above as the logo that was featured many years ago. Well this picture, known as the "old Huskie," is becoming popular again with many students and teachers wearing this Huskie on their RHS clothing. The old Huskie is also printed on the new gym floor.

2O11 RHS Alumni Association Scholarship Winners



Juan Martinez Meneses, Abby Miller, J.D. Schnabel, Anthony Hascheff, Sage Cunningham Juan Martinez Meneses - Plans to attend UNR and major in Cellular Biology/Biochemistry and minor in Fashion Merchandising. Abby Miller - Plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin and major in Business. J.D. Schnabel - No Scholarship! Anthony Hascheff - Plans to attend Santa Clara University and pursue a business degree. Sage Cunningham - will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy prep school.



Kathryn Shipley and Betty Jo Baker



Westover Family Scholarship

Kathryn Shipley was awarded the Pauline E. Westover Family Trust Scholarship by Betty Jo Baker, Class of 1951 on May 19, 2011. Pauline Westover was an RHS graduate, Class of 1925, and became a renowned photographer. Here Katie holding one of Pauline Westover's photographs. Katie plans to attend UNR and major in Social Studies and minor in Art. The RHS Alumni Association coordinates the awarding of this scholarship.

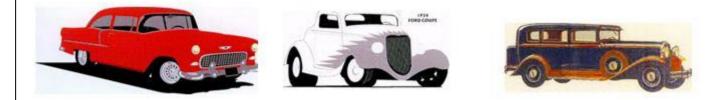
RHS Alumni Leadership Award

The RHS Alumni Association has established an award given to an outstanding third year JROTC cadet. Cadet 2 LT Robert Burns received a medal and a certificate of achievement from Lt Col (Retired) J.D. Schnabel, President of the RHSAA at the ROTC Awards Night on May 25, 2011. Cadet Burns will be able to proudly wear this medal on his uniform all next year.



Reno High School Alumni Association

This is the final reminder of the 6th Triennial All Alumni Picnic held at Reno High School on August 21, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be a great BBQ catered by Pinocchio's, tours through RHS especially the refurbished gym, yearbooks for sale, a look through the Alumni Museum, free class pictures and other items, souvenir water bottles, and Reno High clothing. But the best part will be¬ getting together with your classmates and meeting other alumni. Sign up through your class representatives who are found on our website at renohighalum.com or call the office (775.825.2586) and we will send you an invitation. There is also a flyer on our website. When you arrive, look for your class rep and he/she will have your meal ticket and name tag. We will also have a table for late registrations. Tents will be set up and marked for class get togethers. Student leadership and JROTC cadets will assist with the picnic. Please contact your friends from Reno High and encourage them to attend. We expect over 1,000 to attend. There will also be a table for accepting membership applications to the Association. Thank you for your support of Reno High and the Alumni Association. We'll see you at the picnic!



ATTENTION CLASSIC CAR OWNERS

At our past All-Alumni Picnics, we've had many classic cars displayed in the circle in front of Reno High. The classics were a very popular attraction and brought back many fond memories to our alumni and their guests.

Because many Reno High grads own restored vehicles and enjoy displaying them, we are again providing the opportunity to do so. Arnie Arzoian (Class of 1954) has volunteered to manage the class car display for this year's picnic. Stock, modified, roadsters, street rods, T-buckets, sports cars, and trucks manufactured before 1980 and in good presentable condition may be displayed. Alumni, and friends of alumni, who wish to display their vehicles at the August 21st picnic should call Arnie at (775) 825-4114 before August 8, 2011.

CLASS REUNIONS

The following are class reunions scheduled for this summer besides the All - Class Triennial Picnic on August 21, 2011. Also listed are the points of contacts for the reunions.

1. 1946 - 65 year - Frank Marfisi ph:322-0023

- 2. 1951 60 year Betty Jo Baker ph: 851-3203
- 3. 1952 59 year Roger Trounday ph: 853-7929
- 4. 1953 58 year Joanne Petre ph: 323-7770
- 5. 1956 55 year Dick Belaustequi ph: 329-0149
- 6. 1961 50 year Barbara Goss ph: 747-5713
- 7. 1966 45 year Tom Gardner ph: 853-5860.
- 8. 1971 40 year Cindy Baker ph: 544-6458
- 9. 1981 30 year Conchita Benjamin ph: 240-2773
- 10. 1986 25 year Scott Kozell ph: (707) 431-7918.
- 11, 1996 15 year Daniell Harsh Stiritz ph: (858) 487-0096
- 12. 2001 10 year Sarah Bear ph: 232-8044

Contact these representatives for further details. If you know of other reunions planned for this summer, please notify this office: (775) 825-2586)

TIME TO GIVE UP GOLF

Henry was an avid golfer who came home after a round of golf and said to his wife, "I'm giving up golf." "Why is that?" she replied. "At ninety-five years of age, I can no longer see where the ball goes when I hit it," he said. His wife suggested, "Why don't you take my brother, Fred, with you because even at 100 years old, he has 20-20 vision." So the next day, Henry took Fred out to the golf course. After Henry hit the ball, he didn't see where it went. He asked Fred, "Did you see where the ball went?" "Yes, I did," Fred replied. "Where did it go?" asked Henry. Fred answered, "I can't remember!"

EXERCISE

-I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

-Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise," I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

- My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 and we don't know here he is.

- The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, she looks good doesn't she. - If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

- Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7,000 per month.

- I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

- We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads.... That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Around the RHS Campus

Winter Sports:

1. The girl's ski team won state while the boy's team came in 3rd. Both teams were all state academic champs.

2. In the 140 pound class (middle weight), Joey Lavallee won regional and state wrestling competitions.

3. All region first team wrestling awards go to Bo Bettinson(119 pounds) and Sam Gill (152 pounds).

4. Senior Anthony Hascheff was selected first team in the High Desert Boys All-League Basketball Team as a guard.

5. Juniors Shannon Gough and Sierra Sobrio, both guards, were chosen first team in the High Desert Girls All-League Basketball Team.

Spring Sports:

1. In boys golf, Jordan Glover placed 2nd in State.

2. NIAA/Farmers/Lifetouch Top Ten Athletes in Nevada from RHS were Anthony Hascheff and Hayley Medeiros.

3.The Track Athlete of the Year was Nicholas Norton (110 meter hurdles)

4. At the state track meet, Erika Root placed first in the 1600 meter run, Shannon Forman placed first in the triple jump, and Robbie Jones placed first in discus.

<u>Yearbook</u> - This year's RE-WA-NE yearbook was selected as one of the best yearbooks in the country by the Balfour Publishing Company. It is used by the company as a sample book to show other schools (7,000 of them) how to publish an outstanding yearbook.

Crowned Queen

Senior Madeline Burak was named Miss Reno Sparks. Her talent was playing the saxophone and her pageant platform is to end childhood hunger in developing nations. She received a \$1,000 scholarship.

Academics

Eight Reno High students will graduate with a 4.0 GPA

Reno ROTC had two cadets win Cadet (Victor Monson) and NCO (Dayna Obenauf) of the Year in WCSD competition.

THIS & THAT

Former RHS football player, **Wes Evans**, Class of 2004, is the gas man for the No.83 Red Bull Camry NASCAR Sprint Cup team. Brian Vickers is the driver. He lugs around the100 pound gas can and fills Vickers' car during pit stops and also serves as a jack man. Evans played football for Arizona State University.

Link Piazzo, Class of 1937, was honored by the Nevada Humane Society for his contribution of \$1.5 million five years ago that went toward the building of a state-of-the-art animal shelter. Link has also graciously donated to UNR, Reno High School, RHS Alumni Center, YMCA, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, and the Link Piazzo Dog Park.

Retired state Senator **Bill Raggio**, Class of 1944, was honored by the Nevada Senate on April 19 for his 38 years of dedicated service. He is the longest serving senator in Nevada's history.

Legendary Reno skier **Rusty Crook**, Class of 1951, received the Professional Ski Instructors of America 50 year Certified Instructor Pin. He raced as a student at Reno High, Denver University and UNR and was a member of the U.S. Ski Team in 1957. He continues to run the This Is It Ranch for youth recreation during the summer.

RHS Principal **Robert Sullivan** has been selected as President of the NIAA (Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association).

Britton Murdock, RHS Class of 2007, was selected by RGJ as the UNR Athlete of the month for May. As a senior softball outfielder, she earned many honors for her batting and base stealing abilities as well as her academic achievements.

Trivia: How many students have graduated from Reno High School since 1879? A check of our data base plus adding this year's graduating class of 362 reveals that there are 28,867 graduates. Now if they would just join the Association!

In the next issue, we will look into the Reno High diary of **William Clarke Webster**, Class of 1910.



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