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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready for the fall weather. I am proud to announce a new member to the RHS Alumni Association Board of Trustees – Craig Lemons, Class of 1979, who has been a counselor at Reno High since 2007. Craig will be a great addition to the Board. We currently have two vacancies on the Board, therefore, if anyone wishes to serve as a Board member, contact our office at 775-825-2586 or e-mail rhsaa@renohighalum.com. Duties of a Board member include periodically supervising museum operations and attending monthly Board meetings. We are also in need of a member with basic financial experience. There are currently 16 faculty members who are Reno High School graduates.

Starting in January, the Association dues will be raised to \$20 per year for a single membership. This \$5 increase is overdue because there hasn't been an increase since the Association started in 1995. Dues are used for the operation of the museum, providing four scholarships, managing our website, and the publishing of our quarterly newsletter.

Anne Pershing published two stories in the RGJ about Reno High School. Anne writes the byline entitled, "Grandma with Attitude," and the first article appears in this issue.

We had quite a few quarterly newsletters returned because of changes of address, placing a hold on the mail, or no forwarding address. If you are planning to change addresses, please notify us as soon as possible.

Next month, the annual membership meeting will be held in conjunction with our regularly scheduled meeting on October 25, 2012 at 4 p.m. All members are welcome to attend to hear a summary of our activities for the year, current financial status, to nominate new Board members, ask questions, or provide suggestions. We look forward to seeing you.

J.D. Schnabel
President, RHSAA

MUSEUM IS RENO'S BEST-KEPT SECRET

This article was written by Anne Pershing who writes the column, "Grandma with Attitude," that is published every Monday in the Reno Gazette Journal in the Northern Nevada section, Copyright 2012. It appeared in the July 9, 2012 paper.

After conducting research on high school across the U.S. during the past few weeks, it appears that Reno High School is the only one that can claim an official high school museum. Because of the Reno High School Alumni Association, the museum opened on the school campus at 395 Booth St. in 2000.

"This has be Reno's best-kept secret for several years," said Betty Munley, a 1951 grad and museum volunteer. "Basically, I think the only ones who know about it are alums, students and the school district."

When the Alumni Association was established in 1995, the idea for an alumni building and museum surfaced and action was taken. Construction on the school's campus began in August 1999 and was completed by January 2000. The building is referred to as the Reno High Alumni Association Museum and Information Center and bears the name of Link Piazza, who graduated in 1937. The museum contains Reno High memorabilia from 1879 to the present and is operated by alumni board members.

"We think so much of Mr. Piazza as he provided us with the funds to create the museum," Munley said. "He was an incredible supporter of our mission and what we wanted to accomplish."

She explained that Piazza, a highly decorated World War II fighter pilot, owned the Sportsman in downtown Reno with brother, Chet. Piazza, cofounder of the Reno Junior Ski Program, is a philanthropist who has donated large sums to the UNR athletic department, Reno High School, the YMCA, Nevada Humane Society and more.

"He's done and continues to do so much for the community," Munley said.

And 1951 graduate Betty Jo Baker added that the Alumni Association is also grateful to the late teacher and coach, Bud Beasley.

"He retrieved memorabilia out of trash cans that was being thrown away when the high school was moving to the new building on Booth Street in 1951. Thanks to Bud and others like former museum curator Grace Fujii and alumni, we now have a museum full of RHS memories," Baker said.

While the museum offers the joy of traveling back in time, it also serves other purposes. The school district holds meetings there, and the high school uses it for history and English classes.

The museum is open from 2 to 5 p.m. Fridays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free. For information regarding the museum or how to join the alumni association, call 775-825-2586.

Next week (*next alumni newsletter*), we'll unveil Reno High's notable alums.

CLASS OF 1962 50th ANNIVERSARY – JULY 14, 2012



CLASS OF 1962 GATHERED AT THE RHS ALUMNI MUSEUM, HAD COFFEE AND DONUTES, AND RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON THE HISTORY OF RHS AND THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, RESULTING IN MANY CLASS MEMBERS JOINING THE ASSOCIATION. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL.



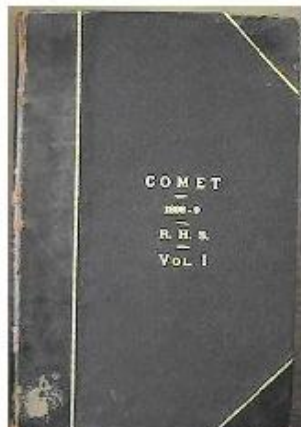
NEW RHS PRINCIPAL KRIS HACKBUSCH GAVE A TOUR OF RHS AND TOLD OF CURRENT CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO CHERI HUNTOON, CLASS REP, THEIR REUNION ALSO CONSISTED OF DINNER AT PINOCCHIO'S AND A DINNER/DANCE AT THE PEPPERMILL. THE CLASS OF 1962 ALSO GAVE A GENEROUS DONATION TO THE ASSOCIATION.

AROUND THE RENO HIGH CAMPUS

1. We are pleased to announce that **Kris Hackbusch** is Reno High School's new principal. Mr. Hackbusch has been a teacher, basketball coach, dean of students, and vice principal during his 13-year career, all but three years at his high school alma mater, Reed High. As an assistant principal at Reno, Hackbusch was responsible for attendance and discipline. He has been trained in all areas of school administration. Kris is a UNR graduate and a walk-on basketball player. We wish Mr. Hackbusch the best of luck in his duties as the new leader of Reno High.
2. The two new assistant principals are **Mitch Chubb** and **Bob Levitt**. Mr. Chubb has 20 years of experience at Reed High School as an Advanced Placement science teacher, Department Leader, and Dean of Students. Mr. Levitt has 12 years principal experience at the elementary level, most recently at Hunter Lake Elementary School. Linda Feroah continues to serve as assistant principal.
3. The new Dean of Students is **CJ Waddell**. She comes from North Valleys and has taught foreign language, coached swimming, and served as Dean of Students.
4. **Tylo Ward**, a junior at RHS, will be serving as page in the U.S. Senate through the remainder of the year. He was nominated by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. Ward has been the freshman, sophomore, and junior class president.
5. Nine students were recently selected to be National Merit Scholarship Competition Semi-Finalists.
6. Reno High JROTC instructor, Lt Col (Retired) **Scott Maryott**, was named the national Senior Army Instructor of the Year by Cadet Command. He was selected among 1,700 instructor candidates

The 1898-1899 COMET, Vol 1

In July of this year, we obtained from Bob Morrill the 1898-1899 addition of the RHS student newspaper, "The Comet." Bob found the book on eBay. It originally belonged to Alma Pavol, Class of 1899. In looking through this unique collection of school newspapers, it appears that this was the first RHS newspaper ever published. There were 11 seniors in school that year who appeared to write, edit, and publish the monthly newspapers without faculty supervision. The issues ran from October 1898 to July 1899 and contain Reno business ads, jokes, pictures of the school building, members of the School Board, the 5 faculty members, the graduating class, football team, a detailed history of RHS from 1879, national and international news, comments and stories by students and personals. An interesting note was that there was always two pages called, "Children's Corner," where poems and short stories were directed to children. It must be remembered that at that time the bottom floor of the school building was where the grammar school students were located. The five faculty members were Edward Bray, Principal; M.S. Doten, 1st Principal; A.H. Shadler, 2nd Principal; F.E. Walts, German Teacher; and A.L. Layton, Music Teacher. They couldn't get enough boys to have a baseball team that year and the girls tried unsuccessfully to have a basketball team. The first page of the newspaper shows students looking up at the stars and pointing to Halley's Comet. The class of 1899 did a professional job publishing their newsletters. Reading it sends you back in time to the turn of the century and gives you insight into lives of RHS students back then. This Comet is located in a display case in our museum. Thanks to Bob Morrill for obtaining the book plus donating an RHS 1901 graduation announcement and a March 1887 report card. Bob had many relatives who attended Reno High years ago.



RULES FOR RENO HIGH STUDENTS – 2012-13

From the Red and Blue school newspaper dated August 30, 2012

1. Always walk on the right side of the hallways and stairs.
2. Respect the R
3. Benches are for upper classmen
4. Be on time
5. Be prepared
6. Clean up after yourself at lunch
7. Do your best
8. Respect the dress code
9. Pick up trash
10. Have fun

RULES FOR RENO HIGH STUDENTS – 1898-99

From the 1898-1899 Comet written by seniors for underclassmen to obey:

1. Don't keep late hours and sleep all day.
2. Girls, remember this isn't leap year so don't ask the boys to skate, let them ask you.
3. Don't cover the blackboard with "naughty-naughts." Don't throw chalk.
4. Don't make yourselves ridiculous by having so much to say; little people should be seen and not heard.
5. Don't get so angry when seniors are allowed a few more privileges, because you know there'll come a time when you'll be seniors.
6. Don't try to be comical on All occasions; it doesn't become you.
7. Don't let class spirit interfere with skating parties. Class spirit is lacking.
8. Don't, through carelessness, lose money rightfully belonging to the classes and expect others to make it good.
9. Don't blame everything on the seniors like the current events exam.
10. Don't let your angry passions get the best of you when you have read these.



THIS AND THAT

1. Norm Dianda, Class of 1957, was the 2012 Reno Rodeo Parade Grand Marshal. Norm was the co-founder of Q & D Construction in 1964. He was recognized by the U.S. Senate for this civic service to Northern Nevada on June 28, 2012.
2. Gary Fadda, who taught business management and computers from 1989 to 2006 at RHS, died when he fell out of his SUV. Gary was responsible for setting up the first computer system at Reno High.
3. Leif Anderson, Class of 1990, was the top male finisher in this year's 8 kilometer Journal Jog. Collier Lawrence, Class of 2004, was the fastest female runner this event.
4. Michael Weiss, Class of 2009, won the U.S. Open Swimming Championship in the 400 IM in August. Michael is ranked 5th in the nation in this event.
5. Dr. Gary Dankworth, Class of 1969, died in a mountain climbing accident in July. He was a pole vaulter who was the first Nevadan to leap 17 feet 1.5 inches.
6. Many of you have heard the name, "McCarran." The boulevard around Reno and the Las Vegas airport are named for him. These were named for the late U.S. Sen. **Pat McCarran**, who served in the Senate from 1932 to 1954 when he died. He also served in the state legislature and the Nevada Supreme Court. Well, McCarran graduated from Reno High School, Class of 1897 as the class valedictorian and went on to the University of Nevada.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 1958

Our RHS museum has 40 CD's taken during your 50th class reunion in 2008. They are here free to anyone who would like to have them. Please call us at 825-2586 or e-mail us at rhsaa@renohighalum.com to arrange for pickups.



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