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THE PRESIDENT'S TWO CENTS WORTH

Hi everyone!

My name is Scott Jordan and I'm excited to be the new President of the Reno High School Alumni Association. I'm a 1986 graduate of RHS, and am also a graduate of the University of Nevada Reno. I am lucky to have a wonderful wife, Sherrie. We will celebrate our 22nd anniversary this June. Sherrie is not an RHS graduate: I was lucky enough to steal her away after a brief stint of living in Santa Barbara. We have three sons. Trevor is twenty and is a 2011 RHS graduate. Jeffery is seventeen and is currently a junior and TJ is fifteen and is a sophomore here at Reno High School. I am blessed to make Reno High School my home. It's a huge part of my life. I have now spent more than half of my years here inside these yellow tiled walls as a student, student teacher, and teacher. This is my nineteenth year as a biology teacher at RHS and next year I will take over as the Science Department Chair. I have also coached freshmen or JV football at Reno High for the last nineteen years.



As President of the RHSAA, I look forward to continuing to embrace and support the rich traditions and culture of Reno High. I would love to incorporate methods to develop new membership since that is our main source of revenue used to maintain the museum and to give our four alumni scholarships. If you have friends who either are not members or have let their membership lapse, please encourage them to join. The money goes to a good cause.

Please come by the museum and visit. Our docents have made many improvements, and I would love you to come by and relive your time at RHS. I would like to thank our Trustees, for nominating and supporting me as President of the Association. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Go Huskies!

Scott Jordan



HERB FOSTER

Many of you are familiar with this name as a street adjacent to Reno High School and football stadium are named for him. Herb Foster was a coach at Reno High from 1923 to 1948, making him the longest serving coach in Reno High's history. But he was much more than just a coach; he was a great man who did an immeasurable amount for the good of Reno High.

Coach Foster was an outstanding athlete at the University of Nevada and began his career as a Huskie coach while recuperating from broken arm. During the time he coached at Reno, he produced many state championship teams. His overall record was 112 wins, 64 losses and 28 ties.

Aside from being a football, basketball, and track coach, he was involved in various other school activities such as teaching mechanical drawing, aeronautics, yell leading, and advising the "Huskiettes", a girl's drill team. The block "R" Society was first organized by Coach Foster.

Not only did he design clubs and activities of the school, but he also designed the entire RHS gymnasium and the downstairs locker rooms. The plans for all of the various playing fields now used by students were drawn up by Coach Foster, including those for the football field bearing his name. He is also credited at selecting the Huskie as the school mascot.

Herb Foster died suddenly on Christmas day in 1948 leaving behind a legacy of fine RHS traditions. Many students benefited greatly from his outstanding character and contributions to RHS.

Perhaps one of the finest tributes to Coach Foster was the dedication made to him in the 1948 yearbook:

"For your years of faithful service, for the fine teams you always give us, for the clean way in which you play the game, for the sound fundamentals you instill, for the time and attention you give to details, for your fair treatment of those with whom you work, for your unemotional, but deep, sincere friendship, for your many unselfish sacrifices, for your lasting interest in our well-being and future, we dedicate this book, because you have done so willingly, so much, so well."

(This article, in part, came from the January 24, 1969 issue of the Red and Blue Newspaper by Debbie Olthoff.)

Letter from Herb Foster

The following letter, dated October 19, 1948, was written by Coach Herb Foster to PVT David Ryan, Class of 1947, who was stationed at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX. (less than 2 months before his death):

Dear Dave:

I hope that I have not waited so long that you will not get this letter. We have been very busy and with the new principal (Guild Gray) bringing out a lot of changes no one seemed to get any time to do what they wanted to do. I felt like I was in a nut factory but since Bud (Beasley) came back he has taken over his work and that released me from about two hours of work a day. Bud is looking better than I have ever seen him. Mr. Cable is also helping out on the field.

The team has won all its games so far. We have won four and have five to go and they are the toughest. We beat Sparks 6-0, Susanville 20-13, Yerington 58-0, and Lovelock 59-13.

This year we seem to have more depth in our positions than we have had for a number of years, they do not have the experience, and I think when they get a couple of more games under their belt, they will look like good football players. The backs are fast and the line seems to be opening the holes....

Lazovich is going good at guard, Mendiola looks good, and Gerbatz started to play last week at Yerington and he takes to it like a duck to water. Carano is going to make a good half but he has had an early season collar bone with a clean break, he played a short time yesterday and runs hard. Vietti is being pressured by a couple of Sophs, Coleman and Rusk, and they look very good for a couple of years. Fox is going good in running and also blocking and tackling. There is a much better spirit of cooperation among the players and they are blocking and tackling for each other rather than for themselves.

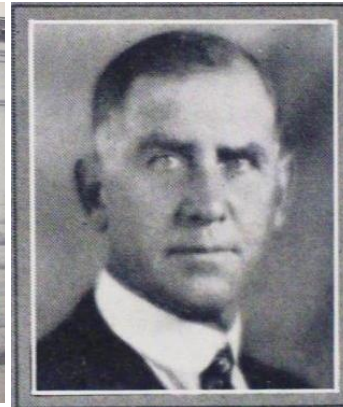
The new Major (Sullivan) is ok but is the quiet type of a guy and entirely different than (Captain)Hickman. Fox is the (Cadet) Lt. Col. of the ROTC. Hickman wrote to me a few days back and is studying hard at (Fort) Benning.

Gumbert is at Taft and has made first string and seems to be contented.

Nevada is going great guns and today they beat St. Mary's 48-20. (Stan)Heath made the team and they had better not lose him or they will be just another team. They have a good running attack, but Heath makes that possible for if they stop the running game then Heath pours it on with passes, and if they try to stop his passes the running game works. They sure are on fire right now. In four games they have averaged over 40 points a game.

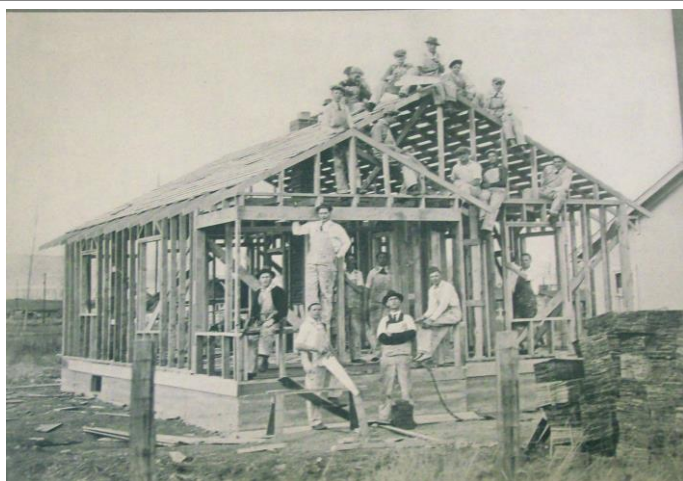
Well, Dave, this is a long letter for me so will stop or I will be repeating myself if I have not already, Good luck to you and I am sure that you will make good at anything that you stick with.

Sincerely,
Herb Foster



BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CLASS

In 1924, Mr. G. Marion Gray, started the RHS Construction Class. He operated under a Vocational Life Certificate No. 1 of Nevada. Over the next 11 years, the popular class built 8 houses, the gymnasium floor for the high school, trophy cases, tables, stairways in the balcony in the gym, desks, book shelves, traveling targets in the ROTC rifle range, and many smaller projects. In 1926, the class built the house at 477 East 9th Street as shown by the picture below along with a picture of what the house looks like today (a construction company's office). Other projects include building several garages, scenery for the school stage, an addition to Mr. Gray's home (say what?), improvements on the grammar school playgrounds, and tables and benches for some of the churches in town. The class size varied from 15 to 20 students. During a typical week, Mr. Gray would spend one day teaching the technical aspects of construction and the other four days in practical work. Mr. Gray injured his hand in 1929 and couldn't help with the physical labor but continued supervision the work of his students. He produced many first class carpenters over the years and many became members of the Carpenters Union and obtained responsible jobs with the city and private construction companies after graduation. They also built the Indian School, Exposition Cottage at Idlewild, a house built for Mr. Foster (Herb), one for Basketball Coach, Hugh Welsh, and one for Sergeant Harry Skeen (a popular ROTC instructor). The class was one of the most useful and thoroughly beneficial courses at Reno High at that time. The construction course and teacher were last mentioned in the 1935 RHS yearbook.



2013 CLASS REUNIONS

The following are the class reunions scheduled for this summer. If your reunion is planned but not on this list, please notify Betty Jo Baker at 851-3203 of your plans. You may also consider using the RHS Museum as part of your reunion.

YEAR	CONTACT	DATE
1951- 62 Years	Betty Jo Baker – 851-3203 Gloria Garaventa – 826-4950	Sat, August 17
1953 - 60 Years	Joanne Petre – 323-7770	Fri, August 16
1963 -50 Years	Gail Carlson Quinn – 329-8558	Fri, August 16 & Sat, August 17
1973- 40 Years	Karen Nichols – 359-7491	Sat, July 20
1988 - 25 Years	Kelly Griffin – 1-760-672-0870 or on her FACEBOOK	Fri-Sun, Aug 16, 17, & 18

NEED CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Help! Here are the years that do not have a Class Representative.

1932-1942, 1974 - 1976, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1998, and 2003

If anyone from these classes would like to volunteer to help, please call the Reno High Museum office (825-2586) and leave a message or call Betty Jo Baker (851-3203). We will be having our all-class picnic in 2014; it is not too early to start getting the message out to your former classmates!

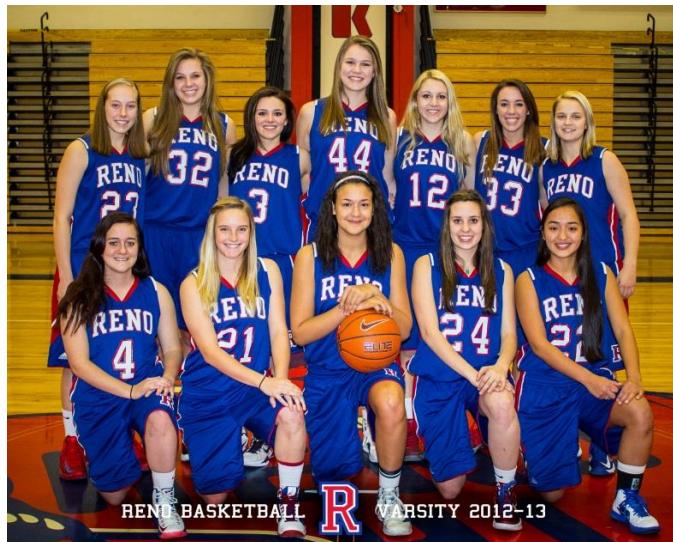
DOCENTS

Our thanks go out to a group of ladies who volunteer their time several times a month to work in our Museum. The “Docents” are Roberta Fraser Class of 1951, Barbara McNally Class of 1956, Joanne Petre Class of 1953, Gilda Strawn Class of 1953, Mary McGalliard Class of 1945, and Marilyn Bell Class of 1959. We appreciate all you do.

RHS MUSEUM

As far as we know, we have the only “free-standing” High School Alumni Museum in the country. If you’ve never had a chance to visit our Museum, please take a few minutes to come in and look around. We are open every Friday from 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. We’ll look forward to seeing you there.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS



STATE GIRLS BASKETBALL CHAMPS!!!

The Reno High Alumni Association would like to congratulate the 2013 RHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team and coach, Shane Foster, for their outstanding win over Bishop Gorman H.S. (52-39) to become state champions. This was the first time the team won state since 2001. We are proud of you! Go Huskies!

Gigi Hascheff was selected as All-North Division 1 Basketball Player of the Year. She and Mallory McGuire were chosen to the Division 1 Team.

* Joey Lavallee became Nevada's top middle weight (145 pounds) wrestler of the year for the fourth year in a row. He is the only RHS student to achieve this accomplishment. Joey also was the Division I North All-Region wrestler and was a member of the First Team. Also members of the First Team from Reno High were Terry Mason and Sullivan Cauley.

*Improvements to the school include a new digital sign on the school gym donated by funds from the 2011 and 2012 classes and student leadership. New double pane, energy efficient windows have been installed to cut down the sun's glare and heat.

*The RHS "We the People" team captured first place in state competition and will be heading to the Nationals in Wash. D.C. on April 27-29. Congratulations and best wishes to coach, Richard Clark, and the 25 member team. The team is currently conducting fundraisers to help them get to the Nationals. If any alumni wish to donate to this cause, contact the school or Mr. Clark.

*RHS skier Matt Cooper won state in the Giant Slalom race.

*Jordan Cardenas was selected as the Gatorade cross country runner of the year.

*Emily Meany was named the winner in the National Voice of Democracy Program sponsored by the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary in Sparks.

THIS AND THAT

1. **Doris (Dodie) Post Gann**, Class of 1940, died last month. She was an RHS, UNR, and Olympic Hall of Fame skier.
2. The Alumni Association received a generous donation from the estate of **Joseph Elcano**, Jr., Class of 1943. Joe was instrumental in establishing the RHS Alumni Association and Museum.
3. **Monte Vre Non**, Class of 1964, an outstanding all-around athlete in 1963 and 1964 and member of the RHS Hall of Fame died recently.
4. The RGJ ran an article about a company here that imports vodka from Lithuania. The co-owner is **Don Manoukian**, Class of 1953, who played football at Stanford University and the Oakland Raiders. He became a professional wrestler named, "Don the Bruiser," for 9 years. Don has had many successful business adventures over the years.
5. The co-director of the Reno Elks Hoop Shoot National Basketball Contest is **Jon Jenson**, RHS Class of 1961. The organization celebrated their 40th anniversary and is a national-wide contest for boy and girls ages 8-13.
6. Thanks to **John Frankovich**, Class of 1964, for his generous gift to the Alumni Association.



OBITUARY JOKE

A woman goes to the local newspaper office to see that the obituary for her recently deceased husband is published. The "Obit" editor informs her that there is a charge of 50 cents per word. She pauses, reflects and then says, "Well then, let it read, 'Fred Brown died.'"

Amused at the woman's thrift, the editor tells her that there is a seven word minimum for all obituaries. She thinks it over and in a few seconds says, "In that case, let it read; 'FRED BROWN DIED....GOLF CLUBS FOR SALE.'"



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