



Huskies

Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Washoe County School District adopted a “balanced calendar” this year. For the first time we now have two weeks off during spring break instead of the traditional one week. I was so excited to have some extra time this spring. I thought what should I do? Take the family and go camping? Spend some time in the yard? Take some short trips? I forgot that we live in northern Nevada. It seems that winter does not live by a calendar year. Of course after giving up all hope of having a winter I should have got out the ski equipment and taken the family on a ski vacation. Nevertheless I’m enjoying my spring/wintery vacation.

I would like to welcome some new members to the board of trustees. First, Kim Regas Boldi from the class of 1980 joins us. Next Bruce Pendleton class of 1958 also joins us. I look forward to working with these two and thank them in advance for taking the initiative to volunteer. We’ll have fun and will continue to preserve, protect, and highlight Reno High’s traditions and memories. I would also like to congratulate our secretary, Brien Karlin, class of 2001 and his wife Jill. They just had twins, Troy and Remy. Congratulations. It’s been a while since we’ve had babies at the alumni center and we welcome the new little Huskies.

I just finished working with trustee Neal Cobb and 1965 grad, Dick Stoddard on their television show “Home is Nevada” which airs Sunday’s at 5 p.m. on KOLO. I was reviewing the history of the alumni association and was thinking about some of our notable Reno High graduates. That got me thinking about the important pop-psychological question given to American men from the 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s. Ginger or Mary Ann? Now I’ve always known the answer to this question. I spent many an afternoon watching reruns of Gilligan’s Island and consider myself a Ginger or Mary Ann aficionado. I used to think that my answer would say something about my preferences about personality and expectations of the female gender, but now I see it more clearly. My answer is based on the fact that I’m a Huskie. How could I say anything else? Mary Ann. Class of 1956, Dawn Wells who was the class treasurer, president of the debate team, 1959 Miss Nevada, and representative for Nevada in the 1960 Miss America Pageant was a Huskie. Dawn Wells played Mary Ann Summers from 1964-1967 on Gilligan’s Island. How could any of us Huskies ever go with anyone but Mary Ann? Sorry Ginger.

This is it. 135 years. We are celebrating our 135th anniversary this year, from 1879-2014. We are also having our all-alumni class reunion on Sunday, August 17th from 11 a.m. -4 p.m. on the front lawn of Reno High School. Please use the sign-up sheet on the back of the newsletter to sign up. We look forward to seeing everyone. Pass the word on.

Scott Jordan
President RHSAA



NOT THE END OF THE LINE FOR OL' ONE-OH-NINE

The following article by Karl Breckenridge, RHS Class of 1959, is a reprint from his article that appeared in the RGJ on Sunday, January 19, 2014:

While idly motoring along Greg Street one day before Christmas, to my aging eyes appeared a specter from my past, a flashback to a bygone era: a bus, not an ordinary bus, but a bus with an orange body beneath a roof of pale yellow. I did a double take; while the thing was half-again the size of the buses that Gene Lane and the Blakely kids and Mike Doyle and the Cardinal twins and I used to ride to Reno High School in 1957, it was like seeing a ghost. I looked down to assure myself that I wasn't back in my 1951 Chevy with Richie Valens on the AM radio then looked up again. Right here on Greg was a retro-bus; a grown-up version of the ones so many of us rode and remember!

Sensing a column-in-the making, I went to the Regional Transportation Commission's shops under the freeway by the airport. I was fortunate enough to receive the hospitality of one Tina Wu, a happenin' lady who knows her buses cold and knew just where my mind was going. The retro buses – there are two – were both out on the street, but “Would you like to see our restored coach 109?” Would I? Off through the shops we walked, (109 emerges from the barn for Hot August Nights occasionally, but it's been a while for me.)

Parked all by its lonesome in a corner of the garage was Coach 109 – and again the flashbacks started. The little coach, following its seven-year tenure as a Reno Bus Lines asset starting in 1957, fell off the radar for seven years in 1964 and then was acquired by the Glory Temple Church hauling a choir around for two years. Then for 10 years it sat in a field going to glory until it was located and rescued by Reno bus historian Jim Fairchild.

The restoration that Fairchild and the RTC crew did is phenomenal; no other word for it, worthy of any rod we see during Hot August Nights or of Morrison-Knudsen's restoration of San Francisco's F-line streetcars. Paint, smooth as glass, inside and out. Upholstery, like new on the 31 passenger and driver's seats. The dashboard and controls, factory-grade. Window glass, replaced; dome light lenses, replaced; the floor tread impeccable, the chrome seat grip bars replaced, the gas engine, brakes and transmission rebuilt – it probably looked better than when it rolled out of GMC's plant in 1957. And Tina knew every detail about it like the back of her hand.

Seated in the driver's seat, my flashback continued. I sat in the Sky Room of the Mapes watching four like buses – two pointed north, two more south, at the top of any hour, on the Virginia Street bridge. In unison they would roll off to the four quadrants of Reno, each on kind of a looping route. During the school year, the No. 4 bus, southwest Reno, would pull into Reno High's north parking lot in the morning and afternoon run to pick us up, and kids from the other three quadrants because pretty adept at gathering on the bridge to await the No. 4, which would get pretty crowded. A friend of mine, while we were having a little bus-talk, said that she could probably drive the No.4 route, even today. And I'd guess that she could....

The buses were our wheels in the years following WWII – the price was right (15 cents). We took care of the buses and the men who drove them, for that day that we didn't have 15 cents but needed a ride. The bus company operated its 11 coaches also for the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, YWCA and the 4-H. This service was mostly for trips to summer camps. The company's cash cow was Stead Air Force Base, and the company's 1964 exit from business roughly parallels the closing of Stead. But Reno Bus Lines, like its competitor Nevada Transit, which provided service from Reno to Sparks, and within Sparks, served our little towns admirably.

If you noted one of the new, gleaming biodiesel umpteen-passenger current buses in Reno Bus Lines livery, parked next to the little 27 foot, gas, 31 passenger GMC, I gotta ask: Which one would you take cruising on Hot August Nights? ...

Have a nice Sunday; use your sunscreen, go Niners (again) and God bless America.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS



RHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ARE STATE CHAMPS AGAIN.

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball Team and coach Shane Foster for their second State Championship in a row. Outstanding players include sisters Morgan and Mallory McGwire, Aly Ripplingham, Shalen Shaw, Savannah Schulze. They beat Liberty High School 50-39 to claim the Division I Title and maintained a 30 win and one loss season record. Sophomore Mallory McGwire was named Nevada's Gatorade Player of the Year, one of the most prestigious individual awards available to high school players. Shalen Shaw was selected as the RGJ's All-North Division I Player of the Year.

- 1. The Boys Varsity Basketball Team were Regional Champs but lost in the state tournament. Kyle Mahaffey was selected to the All-North Division I Team.**
- 2. The Girls Ski Team came in first in state competition. Claire DeAngelini earned the individual title championship.**
- 3. The following wrestlers were All-North Division 1 champs; Sullivan Cauley, Terry Mason, and Andrew Berreyesa. Terry Mason won the state wrestling title for the fourth year in a row.**
- 4. Four RHS students qualified as Presidential Scholar Candidates – Ariel Gupta, Nathan Kerr, Jeanette Liou, and Tania Luo.**
- 5. Reno High School received a ranking of second place for the highest combined SAT scores in the school district.**

OLDTIME U OF N STAR IS WALKING MACHING

The following article entitled, “Years of Memorable People & Stories,” was written by Guy Clifton for the RGJ on February 19, 2014. In this article, he features Bob Ravera.. We will publish his article on RHS teacher and coach, Bud Beasley, in a later issue of the Alumni Newsletter..

In September 1998, I met Bob Ravera, a Reno High graduate and World War II veteran. Ravera had started taking daily walks and logging them in a journal in May of 1989, less than two weeks after a malignant tumor was removed from his neck. His doctor told him to get his affairs in order.

“I told the doctor I was going to walk 10,000 miles and then I’d come back and see him,” Ravera said. In fact on that day, he had just passed the 21,000-mile mark, nine years after he was told to get his affairs in order.

It wasn’t the first time Ravera had beaten the odds. An all-state quarterback at Reno High School in 1943, Ravera went into the Army after graduation, arriving in the European Theater in time for the Battle of the Bulge. On Feb. 4, 1945, his infantry unit had just crossed into Germany from France when he and fellow soldiers were caught in a crossfire. He dove for a foxhole when the butt of his rifle struck a German landmine. His left hand and wrist were blown off.

After seven months in a military hospital, he was discharged in August of 1945 and five days later walked onto the University of Nevada football practice field. He stood only 5-8 and weighed 150 pounds in full pads, but he made the Wolf Pack team and made his way into the starting lineup.

Ravera earned numerous honors for his 1945 exploits on the field. He was named to the “All-Heroes” and “All-Purple Heart Collegiate All-America” teams by national publications.

(Afterward: In 2001, Ravera passed the 25,000 mile mark and put away his journals. He still takes regular walks and is going strong 25 years after his quest began.)

ALUMNI NEWS

1. It is of great sadness that we announce the death of Virginia Pucci Zorio, Class of 1955. Virginia served as the Reno High School Alumni Association Treasurer for many years and as a CPA, provided excellent advice on all financial matters of the Association. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and friends.
2. Lt. Col. Warren Rapp, Class of 1985, has been hired as Reno Stead Airport drone chief. He has been a Marine Corps and Nevada Air Guard pilot and will retire this year and start his new job in April. Rapp will help get airspace, study privacy issues and smooth the way for practical use of drones in Nevada.
3. UCLA baseball coach John Savage, RHS Class of 1983, was the guest speaker at the Bobby Dolan Dinner, an annual fundraiser for the Wolf Pack baseball team. Savage served as assistant coach at Nevada and USC before getting the head coaching position at UC Irvine and UCLA. His teams have made three College World Series, including a runner-up finish in 2010, and national title in 2013.
4. Bill Brown, Class of 1970, a former longtime Reno television newsman has established a new business called 2nd Skin Scrubs, which sells designer health care scrubs on Wells Ave.
5. Frank Fahrenkopf, Class of 1957, former President/CEO of the American Gaming Association in Washington, D.C. has been named an adviser at Los Angeles-based CAMS LLC, an online gambling and lottery operations software company.
6. Gigi Hascheff, Class of 2013, former RHS basketball star, completed her first successful year on the Sacramento State women's basketball team averaging 11.5 points per game.

If anyone has information concerning an alumnus who has noteworthy accomplishments or an interesting story, please send it to the RHS Alumni Association, attention: J.D. Schnabel.

UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1951 - 63 Years	Betty Jo Baker – 851-3203	Aug 16 th
1952 – 62 Year	Daryl Pelizzari – 972-1443	Aug 16th
1953 – 61 years	Joanne Petre – 323-7770	Aug 16th
1955 – 59 Years	Ann Carlson – 825-9542	Aug 16th
1958 – 56 Years	Jerry Gribble - 882-3004	Aug 16th
1959 - 55 Years	Kay Galbraith – 626-6958	Aug 16th
1964 – 50 Years	Vicki Luce – 331-5050	Aug 15 & 16
1974 – 40 Years	Kim Perkins Miller – cell:340-3595	Aug 15-17
1979 – 35 Years	Randi Thompson	Jul 25-27
1994 – 20 Years	Megan Forgarty	Jul 8 – 9

CLASSIC CARS FOR THE 2014 ALL-ALUMNI REUNION

At our previous All-Alumni Reunion, many classic cars were 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 classic car display for the 2014 reunion. 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 17th reunion should call Arnie at (775) 825-4114 before August 10th.

Growing Old (Jokes)

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising. I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour, but, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

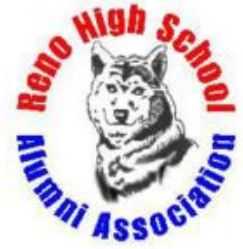
The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Always Remember This: You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing.



7th Triennial All Alumni Reunion



For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff

Tents for shade provided

Bring your cameras

Reminisce with old friends remembering the good old days

At Reno High School

School Tours

395 Booth Street

Visit the Alumni Museum

Sunday, August 17, 2014

11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Food served from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

**PINOCCHIO'S CATERED LUNCH BUFFET – PASTA, CHICKEN,
MEATBALLS, SALAD, AND WATER/SODA INCLUDED.**

**Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school property
Pre-registration is required and reservations close on August 1, 2014
Food and drink tickets will be at the check-in tables.**

Make checks payable to: Reno High School Alumni Association

Send to: P.O Box 5807, Reno, NV 89513

For information, go to our website @ www.renohighalum.com,
call the Alumni office @ (775) 825-2586 or

Email rhsaa@renohighalum.com

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Name _____ Class of _____ Tel (____)-_____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Maiden Name _____ e-mail _____

Number attending _____ Alumni _____ Guests _____ Payment @ \$25 Per person \$ _____

I'm sorry, I won't be able to attend, but please keep me posted for the next event



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