

# Huskie Trails

#### The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

What a success. We celebrated Reno High School's 135 Anniversary with the seventh Triennial All-Class Reunion. The weather was beautiful. The camaraderie was special. It was great to see everyone back at Reno High. It's always great to have everyone come home. We had a big turnout led by the class of 1964 who were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Once again we had a delicious lunch catered by Pinocchio's. I heard nothing but rave reviews about the food. Reno High's Principal Kris Hackbusch opened the building for tours. It was great to see everyone come back and look through the school. Once again Arnie Arzoian organized the regalia of classic cars around the circle in front of the school. Everyone appreciated them. Students from Reno High's student store sold RHS clothing. I noticed that many of you took the opportunity to stock up your closets with some new Reno High gear. Our docents at the museum had been working diligently in the months before the reunion and the displays looked wonderful. We had many of you visit the museum, and I hope you enjoyed looking at the memorabilia. The best thing for me about the day was to see your smiling faces and hear the laughter as you reconnected with old friends. Everyone seemed so happy to have the opportunity to spend time with each other. It always fires me up to see you all come back to your school. I know that I take great pride in working here and maintaining our traditions and your high expectations.

I would like to thank many of you for your help in preparing for and facilitating this year's reunion. First of all thank you to the reunion committee for all of your time and effort. Thank you to the board of trustees for all of your help and support. Thank you to the class representatives for all your help. Thank you to all the alumni volunteers who helped the reunion run smoothly. Thanks to Arnie Arzoian for arranging all of the classic cars. Thanks to JP Pinocchio for the wonderful food. Thanks to Kris Hackbusch for providing tours of the school. Thanks to the Reno High student store for selling RHS gear during the reunion. Thanks to the Reno High leadership students for helping during the reunion. Thanks to the Reno High JROTC cadets for their help setting up the tables and chairs, helping during the reunion, and then helping clean up at the end. Most importantly, thank you to all of you who attended this year's reunion. If you did not attend, you really missed a great time. If you have any suggestions about how we can improve our next all class reunion please let me know.

We just had the induction dinner for the Reno High Athletic Hall of Fame. It was at the Downtown Reno Ballroom. What a night! Carl Vinci, retired Reno High teacher and coach was our Master of Ceremonies. The class of 2014 inductees included, Hank DeRicco (1953), Jeff Morby (1955), Bob Benson (1954-80), Jim Gray (1975), Tony Shanks (1978), Marc Bedell (1979), and Bruce Susong (1996-2007). We had our largest turnout ever. I appreciated seeing all of the friends and families that came out to support our inductees. Everyone had a special night reliving memorable times while at Reno High. It's amazing how many memories you created in your short time in high school. It was really cool listening to everyone's stories. All of the inductees mentioned how special it was to be surrounded by close friends and Reno High teachers and coaches who encouraged them strive for personal excellence. I hope that you too remember what it was like to be challenged and yet encouraged to do your best while you were students here. I also hope that you have continued your quest for personal excellence in your life. We were all very lucky to have ended up at Reno High School. If you have recommendations for other Reno High athletes and coaches who should be included in the Athletic Hall of Fame, please let me know. The Athletic Hall of Fame committee is currently looking into a permanent display for the members. If you would like to donate money towards this display please let me know. Enjoy the Fall season.

Scott Jordan President, RHSAA

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## VISIT TO THE RHS ALUMNI MUSEUM – AUGUST 17, 2014















#### FROM THE YMCA TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

The new Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows was recently built on the old YMCA location on Foster Drive and is known as the William N. Pennington Facility. The 55,000 square foot center has a variety of programs and services that will serve more than 3,000 children in the community annually. The \$14 million facility features a full service club, complete with a four full-sized court gymnasium, climbing wall, library, education rooms, computer lab, and a large outdoor play area. There are 130 club programs, events, and activities.

It also features a commercial-grade kitchen and a cafeteria/multipurpose room that will serve an estimated 105,000 meals a year. Other areas include separate youth, tween, and teen social centers with music, art, and games such as pool, air hockey, and ping pong. For the school year, transportation will be provided from 14 local WCSD schools for the club's before and after school programs. There are currently 1,430 registered members.

The second floor of the building is the home for the Link Piazzo Nonprofit Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, and Solace Tree.

This is a fantastic facility and the staff would be happy to give you a tour. You will be amazed!

#### ATTENTION ALUMNI OF THE RENO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The RHS Band Boosters are compiling a list of band alumni. Please email <a href="mailto:judykharrison@gmail.com">judykharrison@gmail.com</a> if you would like your name, email, and telephone number added to our contact list. If you'd like to mail this information to the school, the address is 395 Booth St., Reno, NV 89509, ATTN: Tim Wood.

We are having the **FIRST ANNUAL RHS BAND ALUMNI NIGHT**. Please join us for coffee and dessert. You'll meet the RHS band director Mr. Tim Wood and watch the current RHS band members warm up for the Pep Band before they play during the basketball game.

When: January 23, 2015

Times: Dessert/Coffee/Band practice 6:00 PM

Reno vs. Reed basketball game at 7:00 PM

Where: Band Room 1A6 (in the former Industrial Arts building) and the RHS Gymnasium

**What to Bring**: School Spirit and your instrument if you'd like to join in with the Pep Band that night. Music will be handed out that night for the Reno pep song. Please come even if you don't have your instrument to join in the nostalgia.

Please pass this information along to any Reno High Band alumni, and we hope to see you on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

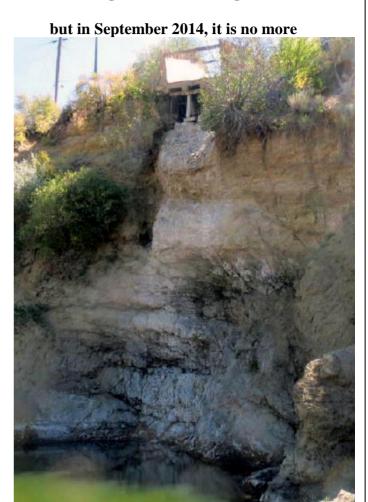
Judy Harrison and Donna Hazelbaker - RHS Band Booster Co-Presidents

## The Drought of 2014

Ye old swimming hole has dried up and is no more, owing to the water supplying the irrigation ditches fed by the Truckee River being shut off. The kids are all back in school anyway, so they won't miss it until next spring when hopefully, following a big-snow winter, the Truckee once again will be flowing.

In July 2014, this is what it looked like,





#### ANNUAL RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2014 at 5:00 p.m.at the RHS Alumni Museum. All alumni are welcome to attend to find out about our finances, activities, and accomplishments this past year. We will be losing two outstanding board members at the end of the year; therefore, we will be looking for recommendations for new board members. See you there!

#### **100 BEST OF 2013-14 SPORTS**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> the RGJ printed a list of the best 100 sports figures for Northern Nevada (also including Truckee and Squaw Valley). The following are from Reno High:

- 1. Pete Savage, '79 Coach, Boys Baseball.
- 2. Shane Foster Coach, Girls Basketball.
- 3. Garrett Hampson, '13 Baseball.
- 4. Joey Lavallee, '13 Wrestling.
- $5. \ \ Kyra\ Hunsberger-Freshman\ Cross\ Country/track.$
- 6. Gigi Hascheff, '13 Basketball.
- 7. Savannah Schulze, '14 Basketball/Baseball
- 8. Olek Czyz, '08 Basketball.

#### **ALUMNI NEWS**

- 1. **Maddi Eckert**, Class of 2014, was mentioned in the RGJ as the student representative to the Washoe County District School Board during the time when the Board fired the district school superintendent. She said that watching what happened was difficult.
- 2. The first Port of Subs store located on Rock Blvd in Sparks has closed its doors. The first store was owned by **John and Pat Larsen**, both from the Class of 1967, who opened the store in 1975 and began franchising in 1985. Today there are nearly 150 Port of Sub stores in seven states.
- 3. There are 23 Reno High grads who are teachers or staff members at RHS.
- 4. In the July 29, 2014 issue of the RGJ (Our Nevada section) there appeared a wonderful article written by Guy Clifton about Reno High School's history, the unique museum and the formation of the Alumni Association. Featured in the article were Alumni Board Members, **Betty Jo Baker** and **Gloria Garaventa**, both from the Class of 1951.
- 5. <u>Blast from the Past</u>: Over the years there appeared articles in the RGJ about **Lance Gotchy**, Class of 1959, who swam the 8-13 mile, east to west, trek across Pyramid Lake over 10 times.
- 6. **Irene Aylworth (Sprague) Douglass**, Class of 1957, has written a book entitled, "An American Woman in Pakistan.... Memories of Mangla Dam." A book signing will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the RHS Alumni Museum from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.
- 7. **Dawn Wells**, Class of 1956, and known for her role as Mary Ann Summers on the TV show, "Gilligan's Island," was interviewed on the NBC Today's show on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Gilligan's Island*. She was the first person on television to wear short shorts and said she did so to look taller. Dawn has written a book entitled, "What would Mary Ann Do?"
- 8. Seniors over the age of 62 are admitted FREE to all Reno High athletic events.
- 9. **Ricci Kilgore**, Class of 1999, was stranded in the desert north of Battle Mountain for three days until she built a fire to ward off coyotes and a rescuer spotted the blaze. Ricci, a pole-vaulter at RHS, was paralyzed below the waist in 2000 after a car accident. She was a member of the U.S. Ski Team in the 2010 Paralympic Games.

#### AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

- 1. RHS raised \$1,330 for ALS research.
- 2. Reno and McQueen High Schools had the highest graduation rate in the school district with 88%.
- 3. Marilyn Johnson, the Principal's secretary, was presented with the Educational Support Professional of the Year Award.
- 4. Reno High was rated 4 stars out of a possible of 5 stars.
- 5. Kris Hackbusch, RHS Principal, was one of twenty young professionals under the age of forty selected by RGJ Media and the Reno Tahoe Young Professionals Network. Judges considered professional achievement and community involvement, achievements and leadership.

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