



# Huskie

# Trails

## President's Corner

I hope you are in good health and are enjoying the fall season. I know I am. I realize how lucky I am. Another year goes by and I am at home. What does home mean to you? There was a time when Reno High School was your home. You were comfortable here. You were surrounded by friends and maybe even family. You had supportive teachers and other staff members that helped you grow and develop. I imagine that you were excited to graduate from Reno High and move on with your life but there is a part of you that never left these yellow tiled halls. My friends often tease me that I never wanted to leave high school so I came back and now teach here. There is a little bit of truth in that. I have many fond memories of my time here. When I see my friends from high school we still reminisce about all of the great times we had. How often do you think back to your time at Reno High? Not only am I lucky enough to have attended such a special school, I got to do my student teaching here and now have been teaching here for the last twenty two years. I've spent more than half of my life roaming these yellow tiled halls. I know how special Reno High is and one of the many indicators of this is the number of alumni that now work here. Twenty five of our staff members are Reno High Alumni. They also got to come home. We have more alumni that are staff members than any other school in Washoe County. It's amazing that this school consistently maintains its tradition of excellence. Reno High has not deteriorated like many old schools across the nation but rather still leads the way among the schools in our state.

I'm going to switch gears from being nostalgic to a distressing announcement. In our countries latest mass shooting we lost one of our own. On October 1, 2015, 1990 RHS graduate **Sarena Goin Moore** was murdered at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon. On behalf of the Reno High Alumni Association I would like to express condolences to Sarena's family. What a tragic and senseless act. Don't put off letting your friends and family know how you feel about them.

**Scott Jordan**  
President, RHSAA

## AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS



### **RHS Class of 1965 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion**

By John M. Watson

Preparation for our 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion began last November when nineteen classmates gathered to express ideas and consider options. The committee met every month for 9 months to report on their assigned tasks. Plans were finalized, and we were ready. IT WAS SHOW TIME!

The marathon weekend began on Friday evening, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with a no host cocktail party and dinner buffet at the famous Coney Island Bar. Approximately 130 classmates showed up with 70 guests. The Coney Island was filled to overflowing, but thanks to the outside beer garden, it was still comfortable. A great time was had by all; renewing old friendships, drinking Pecan Punch (seemed to be the libation of choice), and enjoying a tasty buffet.

The next day, after recovering from the night before, a dinner banquet party was held at the National Automobile Museum. The night started off with cocktails and socializing. Then all the members of the class were assembled in the theater for a class picture which was followed by dinner, another very delicious buffet. Then we all were treated to a slide show of pictures donated by classmates. John LaTourette, our class president, welcomed the class and guests with a very amusing message (infamous LaTourette humor) and the presentation of flowers and awards to the organizing leaders.

After John's presentation, Doug Damon gave a report of class statistics and followed up with a very moving slide show in memory of our class members that have passed with a very special mention of our three classmates who perished in Viet Nam; Bob Andrews, Loren Berger, and James (Jamie) Clark. The music and slide presentation were expertly done by John Boyne and Robin Cocanour.

After some closing remarks, the class and guests were turned loose to enjoy dessert, wander the Auto Museum, visit old friends, and dance to songs from the years '63 -'65. At 10:00 p.m. the

Auto Museum closed and this party was over.

On Sunday morning, the class and guests met at the Link Piazza Alumni Center and Museum for coffee and donuts. J.D. Schnabel, Vice President of the RHS Alumni Association gave a briefing on the history of Reno High, the establishment of the Alumni Association, and the uniqueness of the RHS Alumni Museum. He was assisted by Alumni Association President, Scott Jordan, and myself, a member of the class of 1965 and Board of Trustees. Thank you, J.D. and Scott.

At 10:00 a.m. the class was treated to a tour of the “old” high school conducted graciously by the present Principal, Mr. Kris Hackbusch. It was great seeing all the changes in the school and visiting the library, gym, classrooms, and the new College and Career Center. Much of the school remained the same as when we were students. Talk about a trip down memory lane! Scott Jordan showed off his biology classroom with all his critters. Thank you, Mr. Hackbusch, for being our tour guide.

Upon completion of the high school tour, a group of classmates that have classic cars participated in a slightly altered “dragging main” (no Virginia Street bridge) lead by George Blackburn. The course went around downtown, down Virginia Street and then Plumb Lane to the A&W Root Beer joint for burgers and dogs. After this, the tired class of 1965 disappeared into the hot afternoon and headed for a nap.

Special THANK YOU goes out to the committee for many, many hours of work: Barbara Gardener, Emily (Lou) Breen Rundle, John LaTourrette, Doug Damon, John Boyne, Rob Cocanour, Pat Avansino Herring, Kathy Ayer Hannah, George Blackburn, Carleen Ernest, Dawn Fairbanks Parker, Ann Heap Bell, Mary Ann Herz Stern, Muriel Paille Dickey, Carolyn Polish, Jerry Sawyer, Dave Slagle, Ann White Burgess, and John M. Watson.

The reunion was a total success and all left with great memories of a fabulous weekend. See you all, God willing, in August 2020.



*Do you remember when . . . . .*



Kris Hackbusch giving a tour through RHS

### OFFICIAL RHS ALUMNI WEBSITE

As a reminder, the Reno High Alumni Association website is **renohighalum.com**. Our website has gone through some changes recently and should be up and running soon. Please be aware that there are several websites who may claim to represent us, like Classmates.com and AlumniClass.com, and require membership dues. We encourage alumni classes have their own class websites to keep in touch with their fellow classmates and coordinate reunions.

## ALUMNI NEWS

1. The Class of **1956** will be celebrating their 59<sup>th</sup> reunion on October 17, 2015. For details, call Jerry Smith (775) 826-8994.
2. The Class of **2005** will be celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> reunion on November 7, 2015 at the California Building. For more information, contact Sara Murphy at (775) 790-7145.
3. Any alumni 62 or older may attend any high school athletic event for FREE! Come out and support our teams.
4. **Michael Weiss**, Class of 2009, won a silver medal in the 800 meter freestyle relay and bronze in the 200 meter freestyle in swimming competition at the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games.
5. The RGJ (Uncommon Sense by Katie Coombs) featured **Mark Padgett**, Class of 2015, who has autism and has overcome obstacles. He is an intern for a local radio station and a co-host of a sports show. Mark hopes to become a motivational speaker someday.
6. **Chuck Jeannes**, Class of 1976, has been named Alumni of the Year at the University of Arizona (College of Law).
7. The RGJ ran an article in the Our Nevada section by Susan Skorupa about **Lyndsay Slocumb**, Class of 2011, who suffered a life-altering ski accident 8 years ago. She attends UNR, conducts workshops for the disabled, teaches yoga, skiing, and participates in wheelchair rugby.
8. **Linda Burge**, RHS counselor from 1999 to 2005, passed away on August 15<sup>th</sup> from a long battle with cancer.
9. There are 25 RHS teachers and staff members who graduated from RHS.
10. **Tessa Dee Miller**, Class of 2001, appeared in the RJG Reno Rebirth Profile as the owner of The Nest, a vintage boutique that sells clothing, accessories, and furniture.
11. **Sharon Campbell-Bowers**, Class of 1963, was honored as the best loser at the TOPS International Recognition Day for 2014 by losing 107 pounds in one year.
12. To commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> year of Artown, artist **Franz Szony**, Class of 2004, was commissioned by Sierra Arts Foundation to create an exhibit of his collection of photos and costumes.
13. Former RHS basketball star, **Aleksander Czyz**, Class of 2008, has signed to play for an Italian professional basketball team. He played for UNR and last year played in Poland.
14. **Henry Garell**, Class of 1951, died on September 1, 2015. He was one of the first alumni to serve as a RHSAA Trustee ( 1996 to1999).

## ANNUAL RHSAA MEETING

All RHS alumni are invited to attend the annual meeting on December 2, 2015 at 5 p.m. Reports will be given on the current status of the association, museum, reunions, membership, and finance. Nominations for new Board members will be taken. The RHSAA President, Scott Jordan, will give his annual activities report.

## RHS GRADS WHO DIED IN WAR

In the last issue of Huskie Trails, those RHS graduates who died in WWII were listed. The following are the graduates who gave the ultimate sacrifice in subsequent wars:

### KOREAN WAR

1LT Eugene B. Francovich – Class of 1938  
2LT Robert Morton – Class of 1944  
1LT Dave Osborne – Class of 1945  
MAJ Dorrance S. Radcliffe – Class of 1932

### VIETNAM WAR

PO2 Robert W. Andrews – Class of 1965  
SGT Loran L. Berger – Class of 1965  
1LT James W. Clark – Class of 1965  
MAJ Arthur Davies Jr. – Class of 1950  
PO2 Harold L. Linville – Class of 1961  
SGT William M. Mac Kay – Class of 1961

### WAR IN IRAQ

2LT James Cathey – Class of 1998

## NEED OF CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are in need of class representatives or points of contact for the following classes: **1976, 1985, 1986, 1991, and 2006**. Representatives help plan, organize and implement their respective reunions and coordinate with the RHS Alumni Association for publicizing upcoming reunions, using the Alumni Museum, and helping with the RHS All-Class Triennial Reunion. If you are a member of one of the above classes and would consider being a class representative, contact Betty Jo Baker at (775) 851-3203.

## AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. Freshman **Abbi Fleiner** competed in the Junior World Golf Championship Tournament.
2. Tennis player **Kenna LeVitt** is ranked third in Nevada. Her father is Bob LeVitt, Assistant Principal at RHS.
3. Senior **Ian Rinehart** is 15-0 in boy's tennis this season.
4. Of the 14 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist in the school district, seven are from RHS. They are Miles Cameron, Ariyani Challapalli, Reagan Dreiling, Brooke Eriksen, Nicole Flangas, Jacob Hoberg, and Erica Kim. Congratulations!
5. RHS has one of the highest graduation rates in the district at 89%.

## SHOP 1879 – STUDENT STORE

You can buy RHS shirts and sweatshirts by going to [shop1879.com](http://shop1879.com). Products can be viewed and purchased with a debit or credit card and either picked up on campus or shipped directly to you.



## DONATIONS

*Some have asked how to donate, on behalf of a friend, relative, or love one, to the RHS Alumni Association general fund or scholarship fund. We recommend using the following form to express your wishes.*

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### DONATION TO RHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Reno, Nevada 89505

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### **REMINDER – RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE DINNER**

The inductee dinner will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 p.m. in the Silver Legacy's Downtown Reno Ballroom. The ceremony will honor Bill Daniels (1957-Football), Steve Duddy (1978-Football), Bill Penaluna (1979-2006-Coach, Athletic Director), Stacy May-Johnson (2002-Golf, Basketball, Softball), Jackie Rinehart (2003 –Volleyball, Basketball, Softball), and the 1984 Football Team (State Champions).

Tickets may be purchased at Reno High School from Tina Rooker (775) 333-5050 or at the door the night of the event. The inductees will also be recognized during halftime of the varsity football game on Friday October 16<sup>th</sup> against Spanish Springs. Congratulations to this year's inductees.

## **ABSURD WARNING LABELS (JOKE)**

Over the years, “The Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch” has sponsored an annual contest of the most absurd warning labels. Among their top place winners have been:

- “Do not use this snow blower on the roof.”
- “Do not allow children to play in the dishwasher.”
- A clothes iron had this advice: “Warning! Never iron clothes while they are being worn.”
- On a Superman costume: “Warning: Cape does not enable user to fly.”
- On a bottle of hair coloring: “Do not use as an ice cream topping.”
- On a cardboard sunshield for a car: “Do not drive with sunshield in place.”
- On a toner cartridge: “Do not eat the toner.”
- On a portable stroller: “Caution: Remove infant before folding for storage.”
- In a microwave oven manual: “Do not use for drying pets.”

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

*From an RGJ article by Jane Tors on August 23, 2015:*

Famed recording artist, **Johnny Mathis** held the high jump record for the University of Nevada, Reno’s Mackay Stadium. Mathis - whose hits include “Chances Are,” “Twelfth of Never,” and “It’s Not For Me To Say” – enrolled at San Francisco State College, which today is San Francisco State University, on an athletic scholarship in 1954. NBA star Bill Russell was also a high jumper at the University of San Francisco and became close friends with Mathis. At an UNR track meet Mathis beat Russell with a jump of 6’ 5 ½” which was only two inches short of the Olympic record.

Ty Cobb, RHS Class of 1958, and Nevada Alumnus witnessed the achievement and wrote, “As a young high school student, I used to enjoy going up to the old Mackay Stadium at the University of Nevada to watch track and field events. I recall in 1956 catching this young, relatively short student from San Francisco State set a new high jump record for the stadium. I couldn’t believe how someone so small in stature could jump that high.”

That year he was asked to try out for the 1956 U.S. Olympic team. At the same time Columbia Records requested Mathis – who had been singing in Bay Area Clubs – travel to New York City to begin work on his first recording. He chose singing.

Cobb wrote, “I guess he thought about what his ‘Chances Are,’ and opted for the singing option. His LP record album was produced that year and as they say, the rest was history!”

Johnny Mathis returned to Reno in August for a concert and visited Mackay Stadium to commemorate his record high jump along with Dick Trachok, Ty Cobb, University President Marc Johnson, and Dean of the College of Business, Greg Mosier.

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