

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

#### **President's Corner**

Happy New Year! After three years as President of the Alumni Association my tenure has come to an end. I'm termed out. I would like to welcome back our newly elected President J.D. Schnabel. We are very lucky to have J.D. back for his second go around as President. I know he will once again do a great job. I want to thank everyone for allowing me to represent our organization over the last three years. I have enjoyed meeting many of you and look forward to continue to assist the association in my new role of Vice President. This is the President's overview of the year 2015 that I presented at our end of the year board meeting in December.

I want to thank the RHS Alumni Association Board of Trustees and the docents for their dedication, hard work and for keeping everything running smoothly this year. We are in need of additional alumni to serve as Board members.

Fourteen classes celebrated their reunions this year. In particular, the Class of 1945 held their 70<sup>th</sup> reunion in June, and the event was featured by KTVN Channel 2. To celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, the Class of 1965 celebrated at the National Auto Museum and later met at the RHS Alumni Museum and toured Reno High.

We awarded four scholarships to deserving seniors and coordinated the awarding of the Westover Family Scholarship in May. The RHS Alumni Leadership Medal and certificate was presented to an outstanding JROTC cadet.

The Alumni Center was used by the Principal for 8<sup>th</sup> grade orientation in May. We provided the incoming students with a brief history of Reno High School and Alumni Association. The center was used for three days by RHS teachers for Freshmen Seminar. Washoe County School District also used our facility as well as JROTC classes and We the People participants. The museum continued to be open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays but closed on holiday weekends.

In June, after fifteen years with RHSAA our webmaster Cal Petengill retired. The association obtained bids from three web design companies and voted to go with Autumn Taylor Computer Consulting to redesign our website. Autumn is finalizing the re-design and the site will be up and running soon. We are excited to have the ability to have members sign up and pay online. We hope this will increase membership in the future.

Four quarterly Huskie Trails alumni newsletters were published and received positive comments from members. We researched and listed all of the RHS alumni who died in WWII, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the War in Iraq.

Five life members were added this year. A donation in honor of the late Betty Munley, Class of 1951, was added as a Bronze Level Sponsor. We received a sizable donation from the estate of Herbert Steffens.

There are 515 active members who pay dues and support the association and museum. This is very low compared to the many thousand graduates who aren't members. We are always in need of more members.

There are 25 RHS teachers and staff members who are Reno High alumni.

Daryl Pelizzari and I are members of the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

The Association is financially sound.

RHSAA founding fathers Dave Minedew (Class of 1960), Len Crocker (Class of 1943), and Henry Garell (Class of 1951) died this year. Our condolences go out to their families. Sarena Goin Moore, Class of 1990, was killed in the shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon.

That's it. I'm signing off. I hope 2016 is even better than 2015 was.

#### **Scott Jordan**

President RHSAA

# **DO YOU REMEMBER?**

Are you smarter than a 60 year old? Try to answer the following questions and compare your responses to the answers on the next page. Good luck!

	?
	the Seltzer used a boy with a tablet on his head as it's logo/representative. What was the boy's
19	.There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash." It's name was
18	.Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? The knows!
17	."Hey Kids! What time is it? "It's"
16	.Remember LS/MFT ? ."Hey Kids! What time is it? "It's"
	.One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the
14	.We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called
	to
13	In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the music died.' This was a tribute
	What other names did it go by? &
	.The cute little car with the engine in the back, and the trunk in the front, was called the NW
11	.Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War by burning their
10	television show by saying, 'Good Night, and'
9. 10	.Red Skeleton's hobo character was named and Red always ended his
۵	trumpet player with us. His name was  What takes a lickin and keeps on tichin?
8.	Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz
	Nestles makes the very best
_	lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the
6.	After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was
5.	"In the jungle, the mighty jungle,"
4.	"The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to
	Get your kicks,
2.	When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The
	know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?
1.	After the Lone Ranger saved the day, and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind?

#### **AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS**

- The following RHS football players were appointed to the All-Region North Division 1 First
  Team: Danny Jimenez Kicker and Defensive Back; Ian Cartlidge Linebacker; Paula Finau
   Defensive Tackle; and Carlos Barraza Tackle. They also made the All-High Desert League
  First Team.
- 2. Cross Country Coach **Jim Parker** was named Coach of the Year in the North and was recently named the Girls Track Coach.
- 3. The girls Cross Country Team were regional champions and finished second at state.
- 4. Senior **Mallory McGwire** has signed to play basketball for the University of Oregon next year. She has been nominated to play in the 2016 McDonald's All American Basketball Game in Chicago on March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 5. Junior **McKenna LeVitt** won first place at the girl's tennis regional competition and third place at state. She was named a member of the new RGJ Media's Nevada Sports Awards All-North tennis team.
- 6. **Riley Boyden** and **Ian Rinehart** won the Regional Tennis Doubles Championship. They were also selected to the RGJ tennis team.
- 7. The National Scholastic Press Association presented the Red &Blue with a First Class honor rating.
- 8. Congratulations to Re-Wa-Ne for earning a Gold Medal award from the CSPA.
- 9. Science teacher Mike Edwards was honored at a UNR football game.
- 10. Senior **Sheridan Manfredi** is the current Student Body President and the 4<sup>th</sup> female to hold that position in the school's history. Her mother, Alannah Inskip Manfredi (1987) and grandfather, Ralph A. Manfredi (1955) are proud RHS alumns. The other female presidents were Ethel Folsom (1907), Kami Thompson (1975) and Daeja Langston (2012).

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual March Madness

This year's March Madness will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Peppermill Resort Casino. March Madness is a fund-raising project for special needs of Reno High that are not funded by the school district. This year's project is the complete renovation and modernization for the boys' and girls' locker rooms. The locker rooms have many non-functional showers and toilets, as well as outdated lockers and non-existent ventilation.

Tickets for this event can be purchased by contacting Tina Rooker at Reno High (775) 333-5050 Ext 5. If you wish to make a contribution to this effort, make check payable to: RHS AAA Club (Re: March Madness) and send it to the school. Come out and support Reno High School!

#### **NEED OF RE-WA-NE YEARBOOKS**

We are looking for 1950, 1951, 1957, 1959, 1962, 1963 and 1974 yearbooks. If you would like to donate one of these yearbooks, contact us by calling (775) 852-2586 or email us at rhsaa.@renoalum.com. We would appreciate it.

# ALUMNI NEWS SUNNY OZELL RETURNS TO RENO



Singer Sunny Ozell **(Sunny Michelson**, RHS Class of 1996) returned to Reno on November 16th to sing at St. James Infirmary. She is also known for being the wife of actor Sir Patrick Stewart who played in the X-Men series, Star Trek: Next Generation series, a Star Trek movie, and the Royal Shakespeare Company. Sunny sings blues, jazz, classic country, gospel, and American roots styles. Her first album, "Take It with Me," was released in the U.K. and will come to the United States in 2016. In an interview with the RGJ (Mike Higdon) she recounts her time at Reno High.

"Reno is incredible; every time I come home I'm amazed! It seems like all the growth is happening in the right ways." **Higdon**: What school did you go to here? **Ozell**: "Jessie Beck Elementary, Darrel C. Swope Middle School and Reno High School. **Higdon**: Quite a few proud Reno High people here. **Ozell**: "Yes and rightfully so. Go Huskies!" **Higdon**: What makes people proud about Reno High? **Ozell**: "There's something historical about it although not like driving down London and seeing something really old but it has a bomb shelter and the hallway is lined with trophies. It has an established vibe there, to say nothing of the teachers. When I was there the educators were exceptional. I got such a spectacular education at Reno High. **Higdon**: Makes me wish I had gone to Reno High. . . . **Ozell:** High school for me was such a car thing. Everybody had a car. The campus was open for lunch and we'd all run out of the school and get in the cars and crank up the stereo and my friends were into music and that was how we were identified as teenagers."

**Ray Wright**, Class of 1972, was featured in the RGJ as the General Manager of Chester's Reno Harley-Davidson. He has been riding and racing motorcycles since his teens. His first career was spending 26 years with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, retiring as a captain.

#### **RENO HIGH ALUMNI WHO ARE CURRENTLY ON STAFF OR TEACHING AT RHS**

First Name	Last Name	Maiden Name	<b>Graduation Year</b>	<u>Subject</u>
John	Batcabe		1986	Science
Katherine	Broughton		2008	English
Crystal	Edwards	Arnspiger	2000	English
Shane	Foster		1982	Math
Rebekah	Foster	Johnson	1996	English
Kyle	Gordon		1981	English
Scott	Jordan		1986	Science
Brien	Karlin		2001	History
Karl	Kuhles		2006	Science
Craig	Lemons		1979	Counselor
Trish	Lucas	Law	1987	Science
Sue	Marin	Schulte	1982	P.E.
Theresa	McKillip	Barnum	1997	English
Lesley	Means	Friesen	1984	School Secretary
Brad	Naughton		2002	Math
Jim	Pace		1981	Science
Valerie	Porter	Lujan	1989	Science
David	Ross		1987	History
Daniel	Schott		2007	Special Ed
Aaron	Schoolroy		1995	Science
Jamie	Stone	Priddy	1996	English
Rob	Stone		1987	English
Jeff	Tomac		1985	Counselor
Holly	Wayman	Nelson	1976	School Nurse
Toni	White	Franchi	1971	Library Aide

#### **DAWN WELLS**

Gilligan's Island star **Dawn Wells**, RHS Class of 1959, and Miss Nevada has created a short film explaining marooned Mary Ann's fate. Fifty-one years after the show first aired some wondered what happened to Mary Ann after the show ended. Wells offers one possibility in her recent short film, "She's Still on That Freaken' Island." The film, just less than six minutes, was shot in one day by a crew of four and appeared on her Facebook page (see <a href="https://www.dawnwells.com">www.dawnwells.com</a>).

#### **MAJOR ROBERT M. BAYLESS**

In the last issue of *Huskie Trails*, we listed the Reno High grads who died in the various wars. Major Bayless (a captain at Reno High) was the RHS Professor of Military Science (now called the Senior Army Instructor) in the JROTC program from 1959 to 1962. Don Health, Class of 1960, remembered Major Bayless as a gentleman, scholar, fine patriot, good friend and mentor. He knows Major Bayless doesn't qualify to be listed with the RHS alumni who died in war but wanted Major Bayless to be remembered as an indirect casualty of the Viet Nam War. He later died as a result of Agent Orange exposure from that war. We thank Major Bayless for his service and sacrifice.

### SECOND LIEUTENANT JAMES CATHEY

James Cathey died in Iraq on 21 August 2005. He graduated from Reno High School in 1998 and joined the Marines. These poitures were Time Magazine and International Pictures of the Year.



When 2nd Lt. James Cathey's body arrived at the Reno -Tahoe Airport, Marines climbed into the cargo hold of the plane and draped the flag over his casket as passengers watched the family gather on the tarmac.



The night before the burial of her husband, Katherine Cathey refused to leave the casket, asking to sleep next to him for the last time. The Marines made a bed for her. Before she fell asleep, she opened her laptop and played songs that reminded her of "Cat." The Marines continued standing watch as she slept.

#### FROM THE PAST

We obtained a letter from Frances Humphrey dated Nov 25, 1999 that was sent to Principal Jan Ross:

"Dear Jan;

The other day I drove by Reno High and was delighted to see that the Oregon spruce was still standing next to the new building (RHSAA building).

It has a history that only three of us know about –Helen (Peach) Aldaz, Goldie Howard Redican, and Frances Humphrey.

The tree was planted in 1984 in memory of Thomas Curtin, an excellent math teacher. Tom was born April 17, 1915 in Andalusia, Illinois. He died in Sparks August 5, 1984. He taught math from 1948-74. His students passed the tests with flying colors.

Congratulations to you, the teachers, and students who are winning honors."

#### ANNOUNCEMENT – JOKE

I got bad news for the older folks: To help save the economy, the federal government will announce next month that the immigration department will begin deporting senior citizens in order to reduce Social Security and MEDICARE costs. They were going to deport illegal aliens but realized old people were easier to catch and won't remember how to get back home. We'll see you on the bus.

#### ANSWERS TO DO YOU REMEMBER:

- 1. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
- 2. The Fd Sullivan Show
- 3. On Route 66
- 4. To protect the innocent.
- 5. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- 6. The Limbo
- 7. Chocolate
- 8. Louis Armstrong
- 9. The Timex Watch
- 10. Freddy, the Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
- 11. Draft Cards (Bras were also burned. Not flags, as some have guessed)
- 12. Beetle or Bug
- 13. Buddy Holly
- 14.Sputnik
- 15. Hoola-hoop
- 16.Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco.
- 17. Howdy Doody Time
- 18.Shadow
- 19. Monster Mash
- 20.Speedy

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