



Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

President's Corner

Greetings Everyone!!

I am J.D. Schnabel, the recently elected President of the Reno High School Alumni Association. While I did not attend RHS as a student, I was on the staff for 18 years as the Senior Army Instructor in the JROTC Program (1990-2008). I also wrote a book summarizing the history of the Reno High School ROTC program from 1919 to 2008. I've served 4 years as RHSAA Vice-President and 3 previous years as President (2010-2012). My main functions on the board were to coordinate the meetings, put together the Huskie Trails newsletter, and give historical briefings about Reno High to various groups. I look forward to working with the board and the museum docents over the next year and welcome comments from you to improve the Association.

I would like to thank Scott Jordan, the past President, for his leadership, dedication, and hard work over the past 3 years all the while juggling his teaching, being department chairman, coaching and family responsibilities. Thanks for giving us great direction, Scott.

I would like to officially welcome back to the Board Nettie Wong, Class of 1956, who will again serve as our Membership Chairman. Nettie is definitely an asset to the Association. We also welcome a new Board member, Donnis Kerr from the class of 1967. She is an energetic person who is anxious to participate on the board and learn the ropes of the museum. Welcome, Donnis!

Speaking of the museum, it is open on Fridays from 2 p.m. -5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. except on holidays. The museum has been used for special occasions recently including a 3 day student leadership conference, neighborhood watch training, the first ever career day for juniors, and various Washoe County School District meetings. On April 5th Daryl Pelizzari and I spoke to the incoming freshmen about Reno High and encouraged them to be proud Huskies and do their best in school. When asked how many students have relatives who attended RHS, about half raised their hands. We are proud of our one of a kind, stand alone, high school museum and welcome all visitors.

One of the issues we face is the new website, and I think we are getting a handle on it. We are in the process of updating the various aspects of the site and ask for your patience. Paying dues on line is a goal of the new site. Check it out at renohighalum.com.

I've included an RHSAA membership application on the back page for you to pass along to your classmates or relatives who would like to join and support our Association.

I hope you all have a great spring. GO HUSKIES!

J. D. Schnabel
President, RHSAA

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

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1. Three RHS football players have signed to play college football: **Lukas McKenzie** with Fresno State, **Cameron Daugherty** with Southern Oregon and **Ian Cartlidge** with Dixie State.
2. The boys and girls basketball teams came in second in Regionals and lost in state competition. For the boys, **Michael Heydon, David Kyle, and Karn Goraya** were named first team All-North; and for the girls, **Daranda Hinkey and Dominique Harding** were named to the first team. **David Kyle** will be a walk-on for the Nevada men's basketball team next season. **Mallory McGwire** was selected to the RGJ All North Girls Basketball Team.
3. **Andrew Berreyesa** was named the NIAA Upper Weight Wrestler of the Year and selected to the 1st Team at 170 pounds. **Bryce Cartlidge** was selected to the 1st Team at 220 pounds.
4. **Luca Gazzolsa** took first place as Top Gun in state individual rifle competition.
5. **Maddy Najima and Anya Bensing** were named to the All North Ski Team and top skiers in the state.
6. **Tina Rooker** was named Nevada Athletic Secretary of the Year. She has been on the RHS staff for 11 years.
7. The following students were nominated Presidential Scholars: **Miranda Cross, Miles Cameron, and Jake Hoberg**. They were selected by scoring exceptionally well on their ACTs or SATs.
8. This year's RHS March Madness fundraiser was a success and raised \$40,000. The money will be used for many upgrades around the campus. Thanks to those who participated.
9. The Red and Blue's **Tyler Arden** was named Nevada's High School Journalist of the Year.
10. "We the People" placed second in state.
11. Freshman **Camille Redden** became a cast member of the Eldorado's production of "Footloose."

NEED OF HELP

The Pyramid next to Swope Middle School used as a sports complex since 1969 is in need of help to keep it operational. They need materials, labor, and donations to fix the failing structure. This is a community effort to save the building before the city of Reno demolishes it. Many of you played various sports in the facility while attending Swope Middle School or participating in Little League, or Pop Warner sports. There will be a fundraiser on August 20th at Swope. If you wish to get involved with this project or need further information, contact Sabine Beach at (775) 287-9450 or email: sabinebeach@gmail.com.

THINGS MONEY CAN'T BUY.....

1. Manners
2. Morals
3. Respect
4. Character
5. Common Sense
6. Trust
7. Patience
8. Class
9. Love

RHS COAT OF ARMS



The RHS Coat of Arms, was designed by teacher/Vice-Principal Andrew J. Rosaschi (1948-1974) and first appeared in the 1969 yearbook. The following is an explanation of the various parts of our Coat of Arms as described in the yearbook:

1. Huskies Head: Representing our school mascot.
2. Reproduction of Reno's Virginia Street sign: symbolizing our community.
3. The Torch: symbolizing learning.
4. The Scholar's Cap: symbolizing scholarship.
5. The Clasped Hands: symbolizing friendship, loyalty, and honor.
6. The Winged Foot and Laurel Wreath: symbolizing athletics and victory in sports.
7. The Building: the front of the Reno High School building.
8. The Date: 1879, the founding date of Reno High School.
9. The Scroll: in which is inscribed the Reno High School motto, "Respect for Human Dignity and Scholastic Achievement." (note the RHS). HUMAN DIGNITY has reference to such qualities as integrity, honesty, respect for one's self, for his fellow man, regardless of race, creed, or color. SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT stresses the primary purpose of our school – learning for All students – in contrast to the word "scholarliness," which might imply concern only for the scholarly, college-bound students.

The school building is constructed of steel and cement, strong and permanent, but it is designed to accommodate an ever-changing flow of students. Year after year buses empty their loads each morning and people stream in waves into the hallways and classrooms. To the rhythm of bells, tides of people wash in and out of the rooms and corridors and finally back to the buses, leaving the building empty.

Carl Sandburg in his poem "Skyscraper" says, "It is the men and women, boys and girls who poured in and out all day that give the building a soul of dreams, and thoughts and memories." As each individual forms a part of the mass, so each personality contributes to the whole of Reno's soul – that abstract thing we call school spirit.

ALUMNI NEWS

1. **Gigi Hascheff**, Class of 2013, played basketball for Sacramento State where she averaged 11.5 points per game. She has transferred to Long Beach State.
2. **Shalen Shaw**, Class of 2014, is a second year guard at Boise State and was named to the All-Mountain West team.
3. The estate of **Herbert Steffens**, RHS math teacher from 1956-59, has bequeathed a large sum of money to the RHSAA which qualified as a gold level donation.
4. **Jeff Tomac**, Class of 1985, RHS counselor, and wrestling coach was honored and presented with a plaque celebrating his 20 years as coach and 200th career win this year.
5. **Zander Lurie**, Class of 1991, was named CEO of SurveyMonkey. The organization builds surveys, analyzes results and creates reports. He was the former head of GoPro's entertainment division. While attending RHS, Zander was Student Body President and played tennis.
6. The RGJ highlighted the top 10 men's basketball players in Northern Nevada History. Those from RHS include **David Padgett**, Class of 2003, who played for Kansas and Louisville, **Alex Gamboa**, Class of 2001, who played for Yale University, and **Austin Morgan**, Class of 2009, who also played for Yale.
7. **Jim Pace**, Class of 1981, and RHS Athletic Director, was named Nevada High School Athletic Director of the Year.
8. **Nathaniel Haas**, Class of 2012, is a student at USC Gould School of Law and wrote an editorial in the Huffington Post published on January 27, 2016, entitled, "In Responding to Survey Complaints, USC Shoots Itself in the Foot."
9. Taji Warren Hillson wrote a book entitled, "Katie and Me, Triumph over Tragedy." She tells the story of her daughter, **Katie Hillson** (Class of 2011) and her Olympic dreams, a life-changing ski injury while attending Swope Middle School, and her journey to recovery.
10. The NIAA inducted 10 into the Hall of Fame. Those associated with Reno High are **Monte VreNon**, Class of 1964, (football basketball, and track), **Charlie Spina**, Class of 1949, (football, basketball, and baseball also at Wooster) and **Ken Cass**, former Assistant Principal at RHS, (football and weightlifting coach for McQueen and WCSD Athletic Director).
11. **Doctor Kyle Yamamoto**, Class of 1999, opened the Sierra Nevada Cosmetic and Laser Surgery Center in Reno.

HOWARD BENNETT

It is with regret that we learned of the recent passing of Howard Bennett. His name is not a familiar one with many of you. He was the Trustee of the Pauline E. Westover (Class of 1925) Family Trust and responsible for administering the funds for the annual Westover award to a graduating senior from Reno High School. This four-year scholarship is one of the largest awarded every year.

Howard always took a personal interest in each of the students, who in turn enjoyed interacting with him. He will be missed especially by Betty Jo Baker who has enjoyed working with him these past eight years but is looking forward to continuing the scholarship program with Howard's son, Leif Bennett.

CLASS REUNIONS

The summer of 2016 is almost upon us! Various class reunions will be occurring. Plans are already in progress for the following classes and the contacts:

YEAR	CONTACT	DATE
1951 - 65 Years	Betty Jo Baker – 851-3203 Pat Quinlan – 829-9209	September 10
1952 – 64 Years	Daryl Pelizzari – 972-1443	September 9
1953 – 63 Years	Joanne Petre – 323-7770	September 9
1954 – 62 Years	Jackie Powers – 825-6868	September 9
1955 – 61 Years	Linda Church – 872-0671	June 29
1956 – 60 Years	Jerry Smith – 826-8994	August 26-28
1966 – 50 Years	Molly Dondero – 852-1583 Ruth Ann Grundy – 827-6314	September 9-11
1976 – 40 Years	Alanna Fitzgerald – 750-0410 Linda Poncia – 240-7144	August 19-21
1996 – 20 Years	Danielle Stiritz – (858)254-9396	June 24-26
2006 – 10 Years	Jamie Rinehart – (775) 722-3848	Sep 16 -18

If there are any changes or additions to this list, please notify Betty Jo Baker, 851-3203. Please pass along this information to anyone you may know from these classes.

BLAST FROM THE PAST – THE TNT CLUB

In the 1932 yearbook, we find that the TNT Club was first established for the general purpose of creating enthusiasm and school spirit, and sponsoring all school activities. Early in the fall semester of 1931, the executive committee of the school met with Principal Otis Vaughn and discussed plans for the formation of a school service club. Miss Porter and Mr. Gallagher were appointed as faculty advisors. The membership of the group consisted of the executive committee, the three yell leaders, a representative of the Red and Blue, the Re-Wa-Ne, the Three Arts Club, the G.A.A., the Block "R," two members of the band, and eight others selected from the school at large.

One of the first objectives was to select a name for the club. The name, "TNT," was submitted by Mr. Vaughn because it was symbolic of the dynamic action of the club members. The name was accepted.

Sweat shirts were purchased and worn at all public functions at which the club officiated. A few of the services rendered include the management of the ticket sales and ushering at "Tweedles," the Reno-Sparks game on Thanksgiving Day, the sponsoring of rallies and pep assemblies, and the advertising of the Jamboree and basketball games.

TNT enhanced school spirit and served Reno High well over the years.

New Virginia Street Bridge Opens



Early Days on the Virginia Street Bridge



New Bridge in April 2016

On April 12th 2016, construction of the new Virginia Street Bridge was complete and an opening ceremony held. The ceremony included a ribbon cutting, the presence of Mayor Hillary Schieve, the Reno City Council, Q & D Construction, and other contractors; Reno Wind Symphony playing the National Anthem, the UNR Marching Band, a world champion mule team, five cars from the National Automobile Museum, a Tesla, and numerous pedestrians. It took 10 months of construction at a cost of \$18 Million to complete the new double arch bridge along with a new City Plaza in front of City Hall. The original bridge was a concrete double arch bridge built in 1905 over the Truckee River. The bridge was often referred to as the “Wedding Ring Bridge” or the “Bridge of Sighs” because newly divorced women after exiting the Washoe County Courthouse stood on the bridge and threw their wedding rings into the Truckee River. In the 1961 film, “The Misfits,” Marilyn Monroe tossed her wedding ring from the Virginia Street Bridge. In both 2002 and 2006, the bridge was listed as one of the “Eleven Most Endangered Historic Places in Nevada,” and due to structure and flood control concerns, the bridge was demolished on June 8, 2015.

TODAY'S CHUCKLE

1. My goal for 2016 is to lose just 10 pounds..... Only 15 pounds to go.
3. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
4. A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.
5. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
6. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.
7. I love being over 50. I learn something new every day... and forget 5 others.
8. I don't mean to brag but I finished my 14 day diet in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
9. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
10. Did you know 'DIET' stands for: DID I EAT THAT?



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The purpose of this non-profit association shall be to identify and recognize the accomplishments of the alumni, students, and staff of Reno High School. Equal attention shall be paid to academic and non-academic phases of high school activity, in order that a well-balanced picture may be presented to the public. Your information will be entered into our database for future use and never given to anyone without your permission.

Current Last Name: _____ Middle Init.: _____ First Name: _____

Class of: _____ Years attended From: ____ To: ____

Last Name While in school {Maiden}: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

If an administrator or staff, years worked. From: ____ To: ____ Occupation: _____
Retired? Yes __ No __

Membership Fee

	1Yr	2Yr	3Yr	5Yr
Individual	\$20	\$35	\$50	\$75
Couple	\$30	\$58	\$80	\$125
Individual Life Member.....	\$300.00			
Couple Life member.....	\$500.00			

Spouse's maiden name: _____ If Reno High Graduate, Year ____.

Would you like to be involved in RHSAA? Yes __ No __

If Yes, would you like to be officer, board member, trustee or volunteer? YES __ NO __

What would you be willing to help with? {Museum, membership, yearbooks, etc.}

I hereby authorize duly elected RHSAA trustees to spend non-designated funds as they deem appropriate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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