



Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

President's Corner

Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you all have a healthy and prosperous 2017. We've had a few changes this year but everything continues to run smoothly thanks to the Reno High School Alumni Association board members. Neal Cobb will be leaving the board after many years of dedicated service. We always looked to Neal when we wanted good advice on a particular problem or have a question about the history of Reno and Reno High. We are in great need of a few alumni who are willing to serve as Alumni Board members especially with knowledge of finances. Duties include attending monthly board meetings and overseeing the alumni museum once a month or so. Please let us know if you are interested.

We say good-bye to former board members who recently died. Joanne Rippingham served for several years and Jim Binns who was one of the original board members and served as treasurer. We send our condolences to their families.

On December 7th, we had our annual meeting and while we didn't have a lot of visitors, we did have a presentation by the class of 1945 of a memorial plaque honoring all those Reno High students who gave their lives in the service of their country. I also provided a review of the year's accomplishments which is included in this newsletter for your review.

We are well underway with planning for the next All-Class Reunion scheduled for August 20, 2017 at Reno High. We hope you all will consider attending this event and perhaps even volunteering to help. The reunion flyer with all the pertinent information is attached. The reunion will be similar to those in the past. More flyers will be available at the RHSAA office and the flyer will also appear on our website at renohighalum.com.

Please fill out the form and mail it in with your check as soon as possible.

Many reunions are planned for next summer in conjunction with the All-Class Reunion. We will be posting the list on our website and in the next newsletter. Contact your class representative for further information concerning your class reunion or call our office at (775) 825-2586.

J.D. Schnabel

President, RHSAA

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. RHS made over \$50,000 during Huskie Harvest which replaced the March Madness event last year. It took place at the Atlantis Casino and Resort, and there was a great turn out. The money will continue to go toward the locker room project. Thanks to those alumni who participated in this annual fundraiser.
2. Reno High had a spectacular season for fall sports especially women's sports which include the following teams being Regional Champs:
Girls Tennis, Girls Golf, Girls Soccer (won the Northern 4A Title), Girls Cross Country, and Girls Volleyball (also won the Northern 4A Title and participated at State).
3. Juniors **Parker Buddy** (volleyball) and **Brandon Kaho** (football) were the American Family Insurance All-USA performers of the week.
4. **Laura Ferrera** was named Girls Golf Coach of the Year.
5. Boys Tennis was Regional Champs (10th year in a row) and the RHS football team had a record of 9-1 and came out second in Regionals.
6. The following students were National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists: **Heather Foster and Noah Drymalski**.
7. Through the help of Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve and Eriksen Construction, RHS secured \$35,000 grant monies to offer pre-engineering at Reno High. Mr. Kuhles, a civil engineer by trade, will be teaching the course this year.
8. As a safety measure, no hats are allowed in the building. This is a way to detect non-students .
9. Reno High was one of three schools in Washoe County School District that had a graduation rate of 90% or higher. The other schools were Damonte Ranch and McQueen.
10. RHS Principal **Kris Hackbusch** was named second best principal in the area by Reno News and Review.
11. Four RHS seniors signed national letters of intent: **Kyra Hunsberger** will compete in cross-country and track at Cornell, **Andrew Berreyesa** will wrestle at Cornell, **Christian Chamberlain** signed to play baseball at Oregon State and **Olivia Gamboa** signed with Oregon for acrobatics and tumbling.
12. Senior **Lisa Le** received the Channel 4 Class Act Award for participating in JROTC community service as the Battalion Commander.

ATTITUDE

“The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on my life. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. The remarkable thing is – we have a choice every day of our lives regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. I'm convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. We are in charge of our attitudes” --- Charles Swindol

PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2016

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 had one board member, Donnis Kerr, Class of 1967, resign due to family issues. We are in need of additional alumni to serve as Board members.

Eleven classes celebrated their reunions this year. In particular, the classes of 1946, 1956, and 1976 held part of the reunions 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 were presented to an outstanding JROTC cadet.

The Alumni Center was used by the Principal for 8th grade orientation in May and provided the incoming students with a brief history of Reno High School and Alumni Association. The center was used for 3 days by RHS teachers for Freshman Seminar. Washoe County School District also used our facility as well as "We the People" participants and a state wide student leadership conference. The museum continued to be open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays but closed on holiday weekends.

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. Their names were placed on a memorial plaque and presented to RHSAA by the class of 1945. Along with the plaque, the class also made a donation to the RHSAA fund.

The new RHSAA website was completed by Autumn Taylor Computer Consulting and is up and running. We thank Cal Pettengill for his assistance in inputting the class of 2016. We now have the ability to have members sign up and pay online and hope this will increase our membership in the future. Brien Karlin is in charge of updating the website with the assistance from Howard Moy.

Eight life members were added this year. We received a sizable donation from the estate of Herbert Steffens, former RHS math teacher.

There are 481 active members who 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 27 RHS teachers and staff members who are Reno High alumni.

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

The Association is financially sound.

Our sincere condolence goes out to the family of Jim Binns, Class of 1950. He was a founding father of the RHSAA and served as treasurer as well as being the 1950 class representative. Jim also was a great supporter of the all-class reunions.

Our number one priority for 2017 is planning and coordinating a successful 8th Triennial All-Class Reunion to be held on Sunday, August 20th at Reno High. We hope a great number of alumni will attend this fun filled event.

J.D. Schnabel
President

SOME LAUGHS

1. They told me I was gullible, and I believed them.
2. Is it me or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?
3. I was just wondering does anyone else get road rage from pushing a cart through Walmart.
4. Did you know that dolphins are so smart that in a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
5. Money talks... but all mine ever says is "good-bye."
6. It's a victory for me when I remember why I entered a room.

ALUMNI NEWS

1. **Ollie Graybar**, class of 2014, was named the Colonial Athletic Association football special team player of the week for week ending October 2, 2016. Graybar, a redshirt freshman, for Rhode Island had a 67-yard punt this year. Ollie was at Arizona before transferring to Rhode Island.
2. **Wes Zack**, class of 2013, finished 17th at the Golf Channel Amateur National Championship at Innisbrook, Florida. He also won the longest-drive contest with 340 yards. The tournament put him in first place for points on the Arizona amateur tour.
3. **Oliver Aymar**, class of 1933, recently died. He was one of the oldest Reno High grads at age 101.
4. Retired JROTC instructor, **Sergeant Major Ron Rillon**, was the assistant Grand Marshall for the Veteran's Day Parade on November 11th.
5. Wolf Pack distant runner, **Erika Root**, RHS Class of 2012, was diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin Lymphoma in March and underwent six months of chemotherapy treatments. Her latest PET scan showed she has beaten cancer. Congratulations, Erika.
6. **Joanne Rippingham**, class of 1954, died on December 13, 2016. She was a member of the RHSAA board for several years.
7. **Keith Kirshland**, class of 1973, has published two books entitled, "Cover Me Boys, I'm Going In (Tales of the Tube From a Broadcast Brat)" and "Big Flies." Both books are available on Amazon.
8. **John Savage**, class of 1983, was selected as head coach of the U.S.A. National Baseball Team. He is currently the head coach of the USC baseball team.

A FEW FUNNY ONE LINERS

1. We are all mature until someone brings out the bubble wrap.
2. I've reached the age where my train of thought leaves the station without me.
3. I really think that tossing and turning at night should be considered exercise.
4. "Exercise?" – I thought he said, "extra fries."
5. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
6. My weight is perfect for my height – which varies.
7. Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.
8. Thank God I don't have to hunt for my food. I don't even know where tacos live.
9. I sent that 'Ancestry' site some information on my Family Tree. They sent me back a pack of seeds and suggested that I just start over.
10. Dear Santa, all I ask for is a Big Fat Bank Account and a Slim Body. Please, don't mix up the two like you did last year.
11. Old age comes at a really bad time.
12. I had plain Greek yogurt this morning, then a salad for lunch. Then I came home and ate the entire kitchen.
13. I'm going to retire and live off my savings. What I'll do the second day, I have no idea.
14. My life is just a series of awkward and humiliating moments separated by snacks.
15. I had amnesia once ---maybe twice.

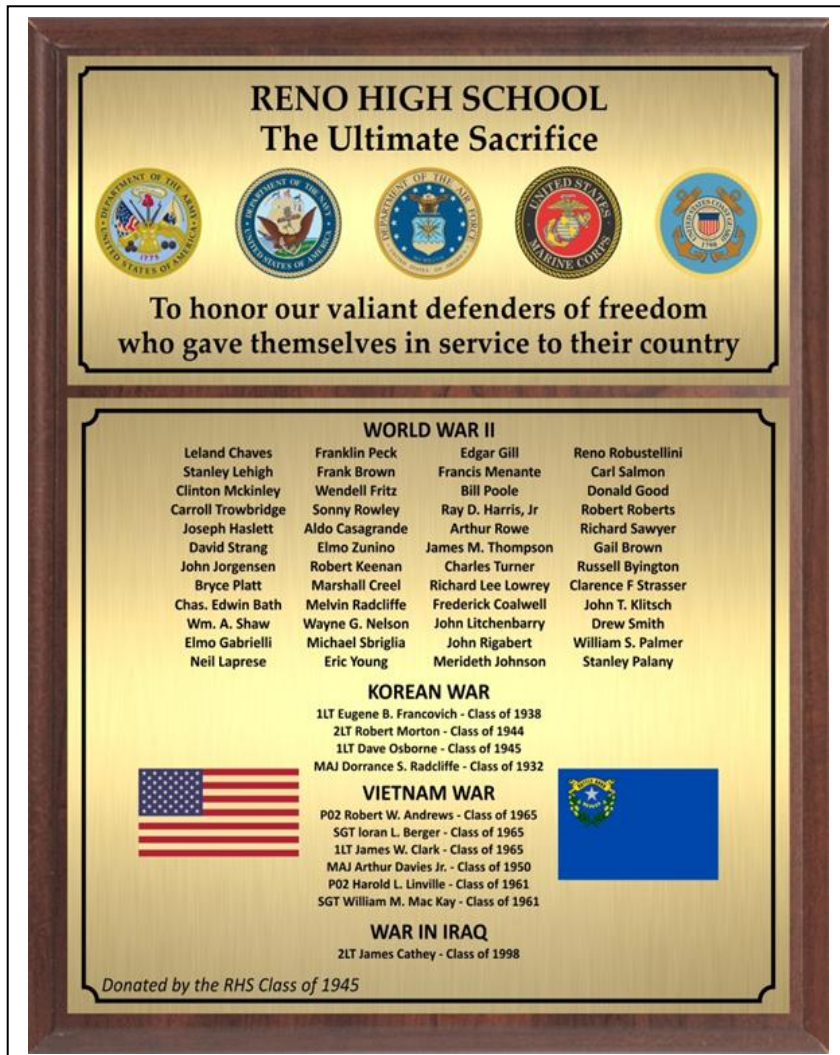
PLAQUE HONORING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICES



Earl Cooper presents the plaque to RhsAA



J.D. Schnabel accepts the plaque on behalf of RhsAA



On December 7, 2016, during the Reno High School Alumni Association annual meeting, representatives from the Class of 1945 presented the Association with a plaque honoring former RHS students who died defending American during WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq wars. At their 70th reunion, the class came up with a plan to feature the names of those RHS students killed during WWII as shown on a large plaque at the entrance of Reno High. The list was compiled by the classes of 1944 and 1945. It was later decided to add the names of those graduates who died in subsequent wars. Award Zone Reno was contacted and drafts were submitted by J.D. Schnabel, President of RhsAA, and the final product was approved by the representatives of the Class of 1945. Members of the class presenting the plaque shown above are Rod Barbash, Don Hinkel, Dorothy Gates, and Earl Cooper. The class also made a monetary donation to the Association. The plaque will be hung in a place of honor in the museum, and we thank the Class of 1945 for their patriotism and initiative. Let us hope we do not have to add any more names to this plaque in the future.

BLAST FROM THE PAST – CHRISTMAS DURING WWII

The following article was written by Patty Cafferata about Hoyt Martin, RHS Class of 1925 and Student Body President, who served during WWII at Christmas time:

“During World War II, some women and many local men, including Hoyt Martin, spent Christmas away from home. His father owned the J.R. Bradley Hardware store where the Eldorado Hotel Casino is located in Reno. Martin worked in the store before and after the war. After the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the U.S. Army drafted the 33-year old Martin, so he promptly enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

In 1943, in the Navy supply department, Lt. Martin spent Christmas in the Pacific. He sent a letter home to his parents, Josephine and Hoyt, Sr. describing his tropical island holiday. On Christmas Eve, sweltering in the 104-degree heat, the men were camped at the foot of a volcano, not exactly a restful place. That day, five severe earthquakes shook the island with vibrations so strong they almost knocked the men off their feet.

In preparation to celebrate the holiday, his fellow sailors cleared the jungle to create a round amphitheater. Some of the scouts, underwater experts and forerunners of the Navy Seals, found a tree Martin described as “faintly resembling a Christmas tree (just faintly)” and set it up in the middle of the clearing.

They decorated their tree by picking all kinds of gourds and nuts they found on the island. Martin explained the carpenter shop guys busily painted them in bright colors so they could be used as ornaments. The men strung machine gun ammunition belts on the tree for tinsel.

Another group worked all week creating a Santa outfit, whiskers and all. The group selected one of the ensigns, built like old St. Nick, to play his part. When the air warning system wailed, old Kris Kringle popped out of a foxhole to greet the delighted men.

Then, the group gathered around the tree and sang Christmas carols. They borrowed a movie projector and film from one of the ships to watch a movie, but they knew if the enemy forces bothered them, they could jump into nearby foxholes for their safety.

In his letter, he enclosed a copy of the Christmas dinner menu, a mimeographed sheet that listed fruit cocktail, roast tom turkey stuffed with southern dressing, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, buttered cauliflower and peas, vegetable salad with French dressing, bread and butter, chocolate cake, coffee, candy and cigarettes.

On Christmas day, the Navy gave the men a half a day holiday, the first day off they had had in months. Martin reported that the Army brought beer for every soldier, sailor and Marine on the island. He stated that they were happy to receive about three cans each. He closed his letter by mentioning his kids: Betty Jo, 10; Hoyt, 8; and Audrey, 7. He thought that they must have been excited and how he wished he could be with them to see their happy faces. He hoped he would be home in time for next Christmas to celebrate with the family.”

Hoyt did return home for the next Christmas. He died in 1977. His daughter, Betty Jo Baker, class of 1951, is a member and former President of the RHS Alumni Association.

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Earth*



*Support
Our
Troops*



8th 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 20, 2017

11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Food served from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

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The \$25 pre-registration closes on August 10, 2017. Late registration is \$30
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