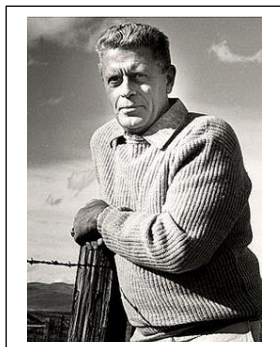




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Walter Van Tilburg Clark (August 3, 1909 – November 10, 1971) was an American novelist, short story writer, and educator. He ranks as one of Nevada's most distinguished literary figures of the 20th century, and was the first inductee into the 'Nevada Writers Hall of Fame' in 1988.

Born in East Orland, Maine, Clark grew up in Reno, graduated from Reno High School in 1926 and went to college at the University of Nevada, where his father, Walter Ernest Clark, was president of the University of Nevada.

Clark's first published novel, *The Ox-Bow Incident* (1940), was successful and is often considered to be the first modern Western, without the usual clichés and formulaic plots of the genre. Clark published two more novels: *The City of Trembling Leaves* (1945) and *The Track of the Cat* (1949). In 1950, a collection of short stories, "The Watchful Gods and Other Stories", was released.

Two of Clark's novels, *The Ox-Bow Incident* and *The Track of the Cat*, were made into films. As a writer, Clark taught himself to use the familiar materials of the western saga to explore the human psyche and to raise deep philosophical issues.

Clark devoted his creative energies to teaching and lecturing. From 1954 to 1956, he was a professor of creative writing at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he was noted by his students for his teaching skills and for his eccentric clothing which consisted of a blue turtleneck shirt, maroon corduroy jacket, grey slacks and blue socks which never varied throughout the term. Clark began teaching at a writer's workshop at San Francisco State University during the summer of 1955, moving to San Francisco in 1956 after he was hired there full-time to establish a formal Creative Writing Program. Clark would return to Reno to serve as the writer-in-residence at the university from 1962 until his death from cancer in Virginia City, Nevada on November 10, 1971 at aged 62.



Reno High School serves 1,676 students in grades 9-12.

Reno High School's student population of 1,676 students has stayed relatively flat over five school years.

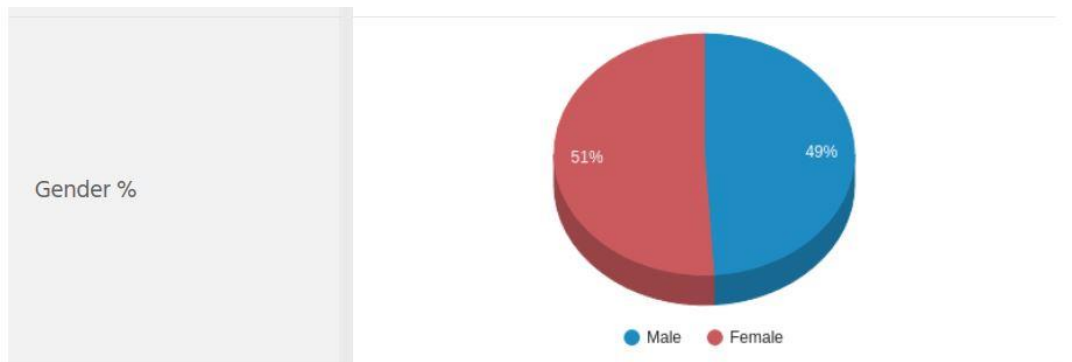
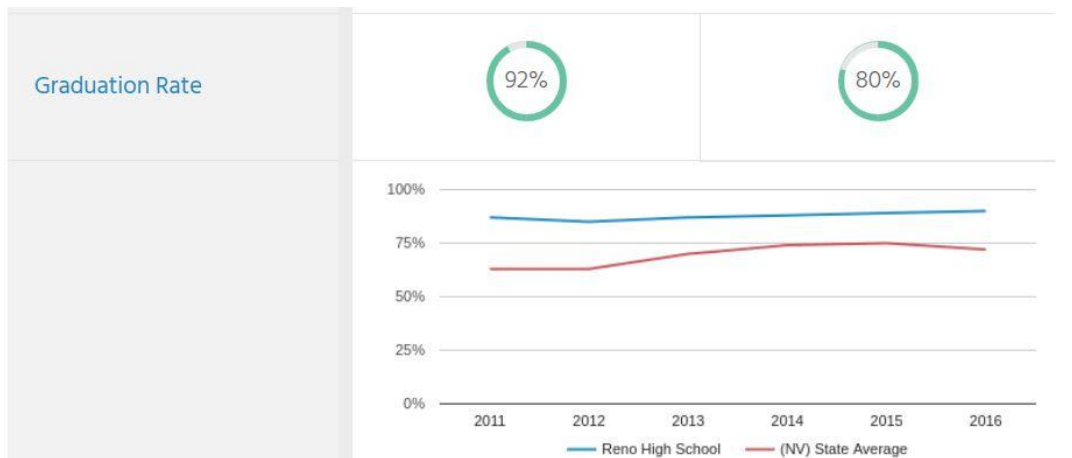
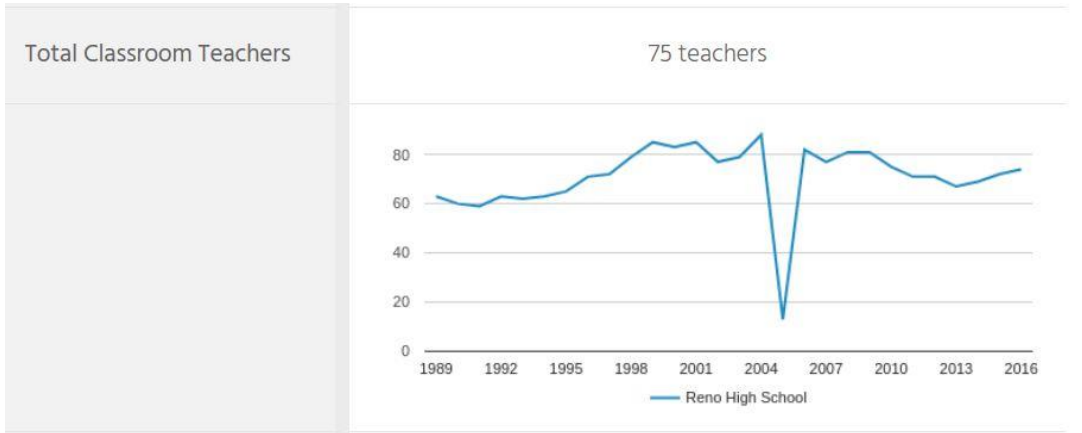
The percentage of students achieving proficiency in Math is 79% (which is higher than the Nevada state average of 40%) for the 2016-17 school year. The percentage of students achieving proficiency in Reading/Language Arts is 87% (which is higher than the Nevada state average of 48%) for the 2016-17 school year.

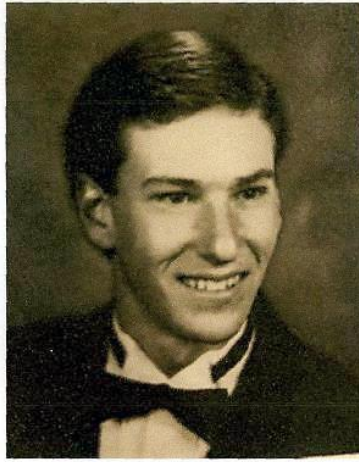
The student:teacher ratio of 22:1 is higher than the Nevada state level of 20:1.

The teacher population of 75 teachers has grown by 8% over five school years.

Reno High School's student:teacher ratio of 22:1 has decreased from 24:1 over five school years.

Minority enrollment is 33% of the student body (majority Hispanic), which is lower than the Nevada state average of 67%.





John Michael Flynn

As many of you are aware, we like to honor those Reno High School graduates who gave the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in the service of their country. One such person was Chief Warrant Officer John M. Flynn, class of 1988 who died in Afghanistan on September 25, 2005 at the age of 36.

John was born in Reno on September 16, 1969 and after high school, married Christie Olson, RHS class of 1989. They have two children.

Flynn belonged to Company D, 113th Aviation Regiment headquartered at Reno Stead Airport. The unit was deployed to Afghanistan in March 2005 supporting U.S. military operations there. Flynn's helicopter had finished transporting troops and was headed for a refueling base when it was shot down. Sgt Patrick Stewart of Fernley, the chief flight engineer on Flynn's helicopter, also died in the crash. We are proud of CWO Flynn and his name has been placed on the Ultimate Sacrifice plaque in the Alumni Museum.



RHS GRADS WHO DIED IN WWI

In researching the names of Nevadans who died in WWI from the Nevada Department of Veteran Services fallen Heroes and comparing this list with Reno High graduates, it appears that there were five matches with their year of graduation as follows:

**DARRELL M. DUNKLE (1913) THOMAS HENRY EDSALL (1914) F. HOBBS (1906)
FERNEY G. SNARE (1913) NEIL E. TAYLOR (1915)** A summary of Darrell Dunkle's military service appeared in the second issue of our newsletter. These names were also added to the Ultimate Sacrifice plaque located in the Alumni Museum.

SENIOR BASEBALL

by Joe Granata

In 1991 I was building my house here in Spanish Springs, and listening to the radio at the same time. I heard on the radio, that the city of Sparks was looking for ball players for the Senior over 55 league. I thought, "I haven't played for about ten years, and since I was retired, it might be fun to try it again. It was slow pitch. I went down the next day to the Sparks Recreation center and tried to sign up, but they told me, "We are registering teams only! I said, OK, but put my name down anyway just in case. The next day I got a call from Joe the team manager. I went to the practice the next day and was careful to not overdo it as I was 58 years old and out of shape. The team was made up of a mishmash of ball players. Some had not even played ball before. To make a long story short, we didn't win a game for two years. But, it was still fun and we did scare the s**t out of a few teams.

Arnie Arzoian was playing for another senior team, and Mike O'Halloren, played for another, Ed Thompson was playing then also, Don Kitts, Roger Trounday, Howdy Davis, and other Reno high alumni. The team that O'Halloren was playing on consisted of players that went to White Pine High School and it was named the, "Bobcats." After the second season, Arnie came to me and said, "How would you like to start a team like the Bobcats only it would be players that went to Reno High School?" I said that I would like to do that and we got our heads together and started planning. I told Arnie, you get the players and I will do the rest.

It wasn't hard to gather up a team from RHS players, Except Mike O'Halloren did not decide to play with us, he stayed with the Bobcats. Arnie got most of the players, and I signed a couple, Bill Berrum signed a couple and soon, we had 14 players. I took \$20 from each of them and that was enough to cover entrance fees and baseball shirts. As I remember We might have even had someone put up an entrance fee? I went to GYM Man Custom Athletic Wear at 880 E. Glendale and came up with a nice Huskies shirt and hat with an R in front. Each player owned his own shirt. Now we had a team. I decided that it would be a good thing to take a team picture of the first players on the team That I named as the, "Senior Huskies." I contacted Don Snyder, Class of 1957 and asked him to take the picture. We all met at Reno High School and Don took the picture.



In the picture, Left to right front row, Joe Granata 1955, Bill Berrum 1957, Roger Trounday 1952, Don Kitts 1954, John Hesse 1957, John Kleppe 1957, Jim Murphy 1957, Ken Fujii 1954 - Back row left to right Howdy Davis 1952, Arnie Arzoian 1954, Darrell Pastrell 1954, Ed Spoon 1949.

I was the manager and played until my knees gave out so I just watched. That is until I had both knees replaced and played a couple of years after that from 2013 to 2015 for Bud Fujii class of 1950.

After I had to stop playing, Bill Berrum took over the team and renamed it the "Silver Huskies" Bill ran the team for a few years then turned it over to Bud Fujii. By the time Bill had taken over the team, it was hard to find ball players, especially ones that went to Reno High, so we started recruiting non RHS players. As of last year, Bud Fujii was still managing the team and I'm not sure what the name is now.

Some of the players that played for the Senior Huskies and Silver Huskies, were Joe Granata, Arnie Arzoian, Bill Berrum, Roger Trounday, Ken Fujii, Darrell Pastrell, Ed Spoon, Jack Walther, John Hesse, Jim Corica, Jim Murphy, John Kleppe, Don Kitts, Howdy Davis, Bob Ballard, Art Kess, John Frankovich, Max Culp, Greg Zive, Jim Davis, Tom Green, George Smith Del Rice, Chuck Bedell, Dale Lazzerone, Bob Ballard, Tom Jutte and Lee DelGrande.

Bud Beasley was made the honorary coach and we gave him a shirt with the number 1.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members and Friends,

Well as it turns out this will be my final newsletter address to you, the members of the Alumni Association. As I now depart this position I feel quite good with what I have individually accomplished and I am very proud of the progress that the Board of Directors has made, the progress of the Museum, and the progress and growth the association has achieved as a whole. This has been a team effort by ALL involved and could not have happened without you!

I joined the board early in the year of 2015 and learned the operations as all newbies do. Once it was learned that my background included accounting, I was immediately told the association was in need of someone to work on a neglected and needy accounting department. For the next year plus, I was totally involved in a complete overhaul of the Accounting Department. It was well worth it.

Once the Accounting Department was organized, the next hurdle put in front of me was to maximize our interest income, which is a major part of our scholarship funding. We had some \$ 80,000.00 invested, but at best it only earned \$300.00 a year. I worked for over a month to find the greatest earning opportunity. I interviewed banks for the best interest rates but soon found saving and loans paid much better rates. After much research I finally settled on United Federal Credit Union who offered us the best interest rate and we now make about \$ 2,000.00 in interest to help fund the scholarships we provide.

Another project was the triennial All Class Reunion of 2017. Howard Moy was a great help, preparing many spreadsheets to track attendees, payments and other information. He also spoke to many of the attendees, promoting the Alumni Association and soliciting memberships. Thanks to the hard work of the entire board and a generous donation by the 50 year class, this reunion posted a rare overall profit.

Much has been accomplished around the Alumni Association and our building. In 2018 I was asked to become president of the Association and have served as such until the end of 2019 and now the end is here. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve.

This final year has been a good one. The museum has never been in better shape and excellent working order. Thank you Cal for YOUR GREAT WORK on the Museum. All of the individual departments are working well and finishing the year in GREAT SHAPE. Thank you all for volunteering and doing such a great job for the association and for being such great friends to me.

As my last official duty I want to thank, and it is a heartfelt THANK YOU, to BrienKarlin, who has served the Association for nine years and is resigning to spend more time with his family and on his teaching duties. Thank you for your great work and always being there...and being a great friend!

John M. Watson, President RHSAA

THE HISTORY OF THE NAME OF THE RENO HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Yearbooks for Reno High School were not always named "RE-WA-NE". Here are some names used before the name of "RE-WA-NE" became the standard.

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COMET
LA VICTOIRE
MICROCOSM
MIRAGE
OASIS
RECUERDOS
THE RHS

From The Archives

RE-WA-NE 1936

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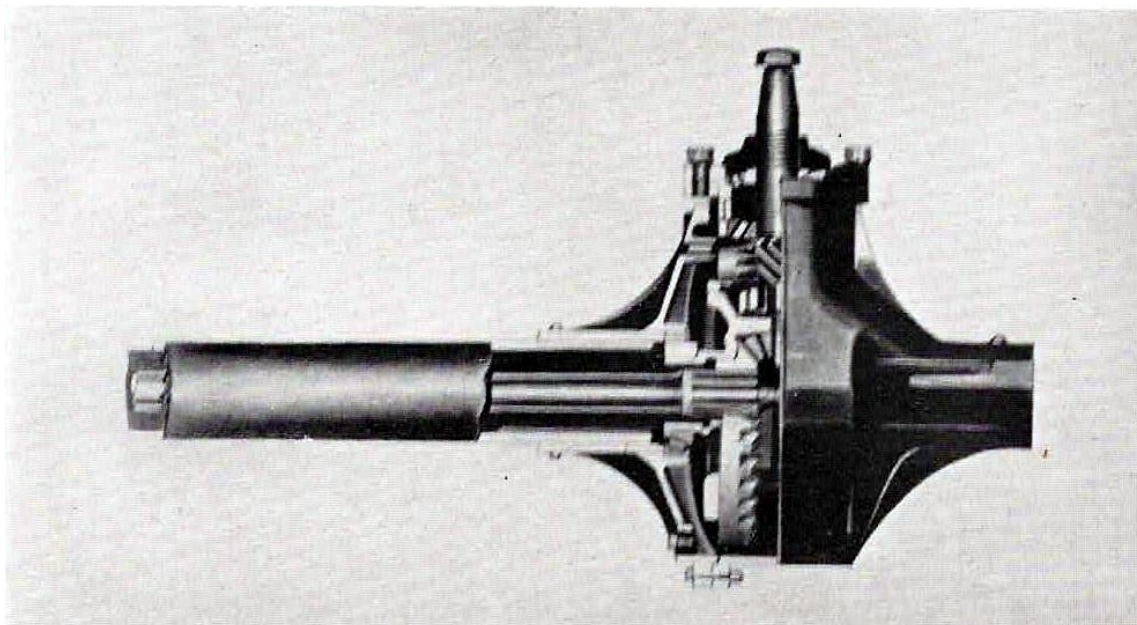


This year the art class can look back at a very successful period of creative work. Modeling in clay, leather working, and costume designing, as well as regular art work, have all been highly interesting.

The art department sent sketches to the San Diego Exposition, and was well represented in the art division in the Musical Festival in Sparks.

Work and the annual was done by Roy Pisorno, Mary Stidger, Maxine Foulkes, Charlie Lerceri, and Margaret Landrith.

MECHANICAL DRAWING



ALUMNI NEWS

2020 REUNIONS

For help with your 2020 reunion, contact Betty Jo Baker at 775-851-3203.
We will post your class reunion on our website. {www.renohighalum.com}
Also check on using the RHSAA Alumni building for reunion meetings.

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Need help finding classmates for your reunion?
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RHSAA MEMBERS can request help from us via E-Mail. Just Ask!!!

FROM THE FUNNY SIDE



Eating in the Fifties

Pasta had not been invented. It was macaroni or spaghetti.
Curry was a surname.
Taco? Never saw one till I was 15.
All chips were plain.
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
Chickens didn't have fingers in those days.
None of us had ever heard of yogurt.
Healthy food consisted of anything edible!
Cooking outside was called camping.
Seaweed was not a recognized food.
'Kebab' was not even a word... never mind a food.
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.
Prunes were medicinal and stewed.
Surprisingly Muesli was readily available. It was called cattle feed.

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