



# Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

Happy Fall to my fellow Huskies!

I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy some of the summer before the smoke locked us back indoors!

Unfortunately, there is not much news coming out of the Alumni Association. We have returned to having our monthly meetings each month since June, although there has not been a lot to discuss. We are still looking for additional trustees. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month except November and December at 5:00 pm in our museum on the Reno High campus. The Annual Meeting will be held on December 2, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at the museum. At this meeting we have a quick overview of what has happened during the year and any major events happening the following year. We also vote on the Officers for the following year.

We have decided on a date for the triennial picnic. It will be August 15, 2021 in the circle at Reno High School. To those of you who donated your ticket money, we thank you! For those who chose to put the money towards next year's tickets, we have that money in our account and your name is logged.

I want to take a minute to apologize to anyone who either received more than one bill for your dues this year or have not received your bill yet. Our long-time Membership guru, Nettie Wong, decided to retire this year. She and Amanda spent several hours working together and then COVID reared its ugly head. As many of our volunteers are in the high risk category, I asked that they not to come to the building unless absolutely necessary. During this down time, several things fell through the cracks and the membership billing was the largest.

As has happened to many businesses during COVID and exacerbated by not getting all our billings out, the Association's finances have taken a hit this year. While we are still financially sound, we are always happy to take a donation and gain new members. Please share the newsletter with any Huskies who might be interested in joining us.

Please consider joining us at one of our meetings and thank you for supporting the Alumni Association!

Everyone just hang in there and be safe!

Kathy Wilcox  
President, RHSAA

## **CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION POEM**

*Because of the pandemic, graduation was held on June 11, on KOLO-TV, Channel 8, for one hour. It included speeches, a picture of each graduate and a video highlighting the year's activities. RHS principal, Kris Hackbusch wrote and presented the following poem in honor of the graduating seniors:*

### **It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you are the Huskies**

That's right, tough times, unprecedented health risks  
Regulations, press conferences, time to wash our hands again  
World pandemic, Dr. Fauci, we've gotta flatten that curve  
Thanks to the healthcare workers, farmers, and oh yes all the educators!  
Very confusing time, unfair and scary for all of us  
Missing our friends, our teachers and, of course, Officer Webb. (campus policeman)

### **It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you are the Huskies**

Distance learning, Microsoft teams, Zoom after Zoom  
Mr. Worthen told you about exponential growth?  
Stuck at home, isolation, binge watching Tiger King  
Doing your part, protecting others with underlying conditions  
But still you were able to make it – you finished the journey  
Just like We the People-6<sup>th</sup> in the Nation -Unit 3 top honors

### **It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you are the Huskies**

Assemblies missed, no prom, spring sports season—gone  
Missing the yellow tiled walls, fresh cut grass, shiny floors  
Missing the senior rituals of all who went before you  
Yearbook signing, spring fling, assemblies, and your senior trip  
You've sacrificed so much-too much-from your last year  
You are great role models for our underclassmen through this all

### **It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward-you are the Huskies**

Remember how strong you are, you were made for this  
Said to be born during 911 and graduating through a pandemic  
You preserved, you adapt with Respect, Honor and Strength  
We social distance, we quarantine – as long as it takes  
Your journey is historic, these times are unprecedented

### **It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you are the Huskies**

Phases will progress, We may have to wear a mask  
Rituals redefined, new traditions will be born  
But none of this takes away what you've achieved  
Four years, Booth and Foster, never forgetting our school song  
This pandemic, Covid-19, what a menace to society  
But memories remain – the Dome, the Mirror and painting the Rock

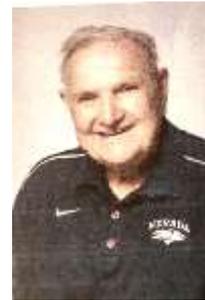
### **That's right, it's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you are the Huskies**

We now part ways, not the way we wanted to end it  
Proud principal, proud father (his daughter is a grad), you've left our school better than you found it.  
The future is unsteady, but one thing is certain  
We love you, we miss you – it's time to say our goodbyes  
Remember to be kind, outwork and always stay humble  
Your scars may remain, but your resolve will forever define you.

**It's time to get up, dust off, eyes forward – you, the Class of 2020 are the Huskies!**



## **NEVADA MOURNS LOSS OF DICK TRACHOK**



Dick Trachok, an athlete, teacher, coach, and administrator, died on August 2, 2020 at the age of 94. Born on December 27, 1925 in a Pennsylvania mining town, Dick served in the Army Air Corps as a gunner in B-24 bombers and later trained in finance and as a physical fitness instructor.

After the war, Dick was recruited to play for football at UNR as a fullback and halfback from 1946 to 1948. He was a standout and helped the Wolf Pack to a 25-6 record. Dick played in the first two bowl games in the school's history. He was one of five players to have his number, 21, retired. He also ran track as the quarter mile runner and was never defeated.

After graduating from UNR, he came to Reno High School as a football coach and math, history, and physical education teacher. He stayed 10 years where he won six state championships. The Desert News described Trachok as "one of Nevada's most successful high school gridiron coaches." He joined the RHS Alumni Association and attended several class reunions over the years.

Next, he became the Wolf Pack's head football coach from 1959-68 and went on to become the school's second athletic director for 17 years until 1986. Dick recruited Chris Ault to play football and later hired the then-29 year-old as the head coach and who later became a College Football Hall of Fame coach. Trachok also started and served as the chairman of Wolf Pack Hall of Fame, which was created in 1973. Dick was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1975 and was named a member of Wolf Pack Football's Team of the Century in 1998. He was named a Distinguished Nevadan by the Board of Regents in 2013.

Daryl Pelizzari, class of 1952, played football for coach Trachok for three years and remembers him well. "He was low-key, soft spoken, a straight arrow, goal-oriented and forceful in his career and personal life. He was a good man who was very supportive of the RHSAA and will be greatly missed."

Our condolences to Dick Trachok's family and friends.

### **RENO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**

The Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) announced high school fall sports will not start until January. Winter sports will begin on January 2, 2021 with a six-week competitive season, followed by fall sports then spring sports. High school sports are divided into possible coronavirus transmission groups: High transmission include Football and wrestling; moderate transmission sports are soccer and basketball. Low transmission are cross country, tennis, volleyball, baseball, softball, swimming, track and field and low transmission is golf.

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Ale Kaho**, class of 2018, was a star football player for Reno High then played football for Alabama. As a sophomore last season, Kaho recorded three blocked punts, one of which he recovered for a touchdown. His three blocked punts are the second most in Alabama single-season record. He also had 20 tackles with one for a loss of 3 yards. He said that his biggest takeaway from playing with NFL-caliber athletes, is the work they put in to succeed. Kaho told an RJG reporter, "This game is helping me gain more confidence in myself and making me realize that it could be me (being drafted) one day. I just have to put in my time and my time will come."

**Drue Worthen**, class of 2020, was named among NIAA top 10 student-Athletes in Northern Nevada.

**Brent Bremer**, class of 2013, attended the U.S. Military Academy, graduating in 2017, and is now a first lieutenant and an Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot. While at RHS, Brent was a National Merit Scholar, captain of the rifle team, and was also the Washoe County Brigade Commander for all WCSD JROTC Programs his senior year.

**Christian Chamberlain**, class of 2007, played baseball for Oregon State and was recently drafted by the Kansas City Royals. At Oregon State, he pitched in 47 games over three seasons and was named the 2020 Collegiate Baseball All American. While at Reno High, Chamberlain led the league in wins and strike outs and was near the top in almost every category.

## ANNUAL RHSAA MEETING

If the rules for the corona virus pandemic permits, all RHS alumni are invited to attend the annual meeting on December 2, 2020 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, Kathy Wilcox, will give her annual activities report. All are welcome.

## CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We are in need of class representatives for the following classes: 1947, 48, 49, 54, 91, 97, 2004 and 2008. If you are interested, contact Betty Jo Baker at (775) 851-3203. Class reps organize and coordinate their class reunions and are the point of contact for the RHSAA.

## CLASS REUNIONS

Because of the pandemic, all reunions were cancelled this year. It may not be too early to plan your class reunions for 2021. If your plans are in the works, contact Betty Jo Baker with the details so we could advertise and help coordinate your reunions. Also, the all-class reunion has been rescheduled for Sunday, August 15, 2021 on the RHS campus. The RHSAA board members have planned and coordinated the all-class reunion last year and are ready for a great time next summer.

## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you have a story or something interesting to share about your time at Reno High, please submit your ideas, experience, or articles to the RHSAA ([rhsaa@renohighalum.com](mailto:rhsaa@renohighalum.com)) attn: J.D. Schnabel. If you would like us to research a subject about RHS, let us know. We have plenty of jokes!

## WHAT IS POGONIP?

That is a good question. In the early 1920's Reno High did not have a school newspaper, so the senior class of 1924 produced a magazine or newspaper called The Pogonip. The first issue was published on February 24, 1924 and contained 32 pages. The next two issues were published by the senior girls and were well received by the students.

The dictionary indicates Pogonip is a meteorological term used to describe an uncommon occurrence. It is frozen fog of fine ice needles or crystals that occur in the valleys in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Some say it was an unofficial Nevada Shoshone Indian term meaning cloud, or ice fog, or "white death."

However, it may be an obsolete slang term about people who speak loudly. This might be better term suited for a high school newspaper.

In 1925 the senior class again published three additions to The Pogonip that included editorials, athletics schedules, dances, plays and vaudeville shows. The RE-WA-NE of 1925 made it clear there was no conflict between them and The Pogonip.

The Pogonip was replaced by The Voice. The first issue came out in November 19, 1926. The staff was elected by the student body, subject to faculty approval. In all, there were three more issues published.

In 1928, due to conflict in names with other publications in the city, the name of the newspaper was changed by popular vote from "The Voice" to "The Red and Blue," named for the school's colors. The staff was selected from the various English classes by a committee of faculty members. This name has carried on until this day.

## MORE PUNS

1. I hate it when it snows! No. . wait. I love snow now! Signed Bi-Polar Bear.
2. I am terrified of elevators and am taking steps to avoid them.
3. People are telling me apocalyptic stories like there is no tomorrow.
4. Cows have hooves because they lactose.
5. Afraid of Santa, you may be claustrophobic.
6. I have a chicken proof lawn. Its impeccable.
7. When the smog lifts in California, UCLA
8. Well, to be Frank,... I'd have to change my name.
9. Double negatives are a no– no in English.

## WHAT?

A man was telling his neighbor, 'I just bought a new hearing aid, it cost me four thousand dollars, but it's state of the art. It's perfect.'

'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?' 'Twelve thirty.'



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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**

{circle one}

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks to: RHSAA MEMBERSHIP

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# AGING

*Author Unknown*

As I've aged, I've become kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world, too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Whose business is it, if I choose to read, or play on the computer until 4 AM or sleep until noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50, 60, and 70's, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I will walk the beach, in a swimsuit that is stretched over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves, with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again some of life is just as well, forgotten. And, I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years, my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break, when you lose a love, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet passes? But broken hearts are what give us strength, and understanding, and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine, and sterile, and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And I shall eat dessert every single day (if I feel like it).

## SIGNS OF GROWING OLD

1. Your kids are becoming you .... But your grandchildren are perfect!
2. Going out is good...coming home is even better.
3. You forget names... but it's OK, because other people forgot they even knew you!!
4. You realize you're never going to be really good at anything... especially golf.
5. The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
6. You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
7. You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
8. You tend to use more 4 letter words like.... what?... when?
9. What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
10. Everybody whispers
11. You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet... 2 of which you will never wear.

Remember: Life is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one

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