



Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Huskies!

Well, another quarter has sped by. We at the Alumni Center are getting back up and running. We are open Fridays from 2pm to 5pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Please come visit and bring a classmate.

I want to welcome our new trustees: Judy Bacon (1961), Sara (Rowe) Trimmer (1996), Joe Walsh (1968), and Toni (Rea) Walsh (1967). We are happy to have these alumni join us!

We have been hosting some school district meetings as well as our Reno High Freshmen, who participate in a short scavenger hunt and get some information on the Alumni Association and our building/museum.

We sponsored four scholarships for deserving seniors. They are highlighted inside. So happy to see our kids following their dreams and becoming our future leaders! We are able to provide these scholarships due to in large part to the generosity of our alumni. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund or our general fund, there is a form in the newsletter. We thank you for your consideration.

As you know from last newsletter, we postponed our all-class picnic until 2022. However, many classes are having reunions this year, including our Golden Huskies (50th year anniversary) class of 1971. We will do our best to keep you updated. You can always call the museum at 825-2586 or Betty Jo Baker at 851-3203 to give or receive updates! If you need a place to meet to plan your reunion, the museum is available for meetings.

In this newsletter, you will find some updates to our sports teams, local happenings, and a story on Eva Adams. Ms. Adams had a very successful life, especially for a woman of her time.

Have a great summer!

Kathy Wilcox

President, RHSAA



EVA ADAMS

Worth her weight in silver, the woman that ran Senator Pat McCarran's office was so highly organized, President Kennedy asked her to manage the U.S. Mint.

Eva Adams was born in Wonder, Nevada, a mining camp about thirty-five miles east of Fallon on September 10, 1908. Her father worked for George Wingfield, setting up mining camps. They moved many times, and she was educated in one-room schoolhouses.

She graduated from **Reno High School in 1924** at the young age of **15** and was quite active in school. Next to her yearbook picture were the words, "She puts the sunshine in the world and friendship into life." Eva was a member of the Girls Club, Glee Club and the RE-WA-NE staff. Two poems were written by her in the yearbook entitled, "The Oceans," (on the next page) and "Did You Ever Think of Nature?" In another part of the yearbook, there was a section of what the ideal senior girl was made of, and Eva was characterized as having a good sense and intelligence.

She won a scholarship to Vassar. Since the distance was too far and the school too costly, Eva decided to attend the University of Nevada where she became the editor of the school's newspaper, the "Sagebrush." By the age of 19, she was teaching at Las Vegas High School in Southern Nevada.

On a holiday trip home, she was stranded in a snowstorm along with 40 other people at the Goldfield Hotel, where she met Senator Pat McCarran (1897 Reno High grad). Eva said, "He came in and bought drinks for everybody, and he wasn't running, and I thought what a nice man." She attended Columbia University and in 1940, taught English at the University of Nevada in the English Department. She was hired by Senator McCarran as his office administrator. Eva had a special relationship with Senator McCarran. Many found his personality to be intimidating and sometimes frightening. She was able to intercede on his behalf to facilitate smooth working conditions with other dignitaries and citizens. She quietly protected McCarran from his worst character traits and let the best shine. Eva had a reputation of being the most efficient administrator in the Senate building and was called upon to teach other senator's staffs how to run their offices. While working for McCarran, Eva attended Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C. and obtained a Master's degree in law from George Washington University. She passed the bar in both Washington D.C. and Nevada and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1954. In 1983, she commented, "You know, in my day in Washington, a woman administrative assistant was expected to dress like a queen, act like a lady, think like a man, and work like a dog."

After McCarran's death in 1954, Eva managed the office for his successors, Ernest Brown and Alan Bible, until 1961 when the new president, John Kennedy invited her to have lunch in the senate cafeteria and asked her to run the U.S. mint. Eva Adams was the 27th Director and the second woman to hold this position. She was the director from September 23, 1961 to September 18, 1969 when Richard Nixon wanted a Republican for the new director's job. She believed her most lasting accomplishment of her career was authorizing and supervising the construction of a new mint in Philadelphia. Eva had the highest public position ever reached by a Nevada woman. Eva was hired by Mutual of Omaha as assistant to the chairman and stayed there until her retirement. She returned to Reno and enjoyed the rest of her life until she passed away on August 23, 1991 at the age of 82.

In 1963, She received a Distinguished Nevadan Award from the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1966 she was presented with the Treasury Department's Exceptional Service Award. In 1973, Eva was named one of Nevada's Outstanding Women of the Century, and in 1985 was inducted into the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame. In 1982 she completed an oral history entitled, "Windows of Washington, Nevada Education, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. Mint."

We are proud to have such a wonderful, notable person as a Reno High School Alum.

THE OCEAN

I played on the beach in sunlight,
I walked on the beach at dawn,
I stood on the beach at midnight,
While the waves rolled on and on.

From millions of tiny brooklets,
From thousands of little streams,
Through hundreds of fair-sized rivers.
Goes water to the ocean of dreams.

People in little rowboats,
Rich men in fancy yachts,
Travelers in big steamships
On the ocean, are just mere dots.

What is this mighty ocean?
Why should there be this sea?
'Tis the wonder of all the ages,
And so it will evermore be.

Each person was once just a baby,
And then was a boy or a girl,
So on, 'till each one grew old and died,
Just a bubble in all life's whirl.

When I played on the beach in sunlight,
When I walked on the beach at dawn,
When I stood on the beach at midnight,
'Twas just life's whirl, on and on.

By **EVA ADAMS**, Class of 1924
From the 1924 yearbook

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. Reno High's **We the People** class placed 3rd in the nation. Congratulations to the team and Richard Clark as the group's advisor. During this national civic competition, students testify before panels of judges to present and debate their positions on questions surrounding the U.S. Constitution. Incline High came in 8th.
2. The 2021 graduation ceremony will take place on June 17 on the Foster football field with a senior carnival scheduled after.
3. The girl's Cross-Country team placed first in the 5A Northern Nevada conference. Senior Penny Smeardon won the girl's cross-country regionals. She was recently named Girls Track Athlete of the year and girls Athlete of the year. She and plans to run for UNR next year.
4. Boy's cross-country coach, Joe Parker, was selected as coach of the year.
5. The girl's swim team won the Northern Nevada 5A title.
6. The RHS College and Career Center has been renamed in honor of recently retired Linda Feroah who was a teacher, coach, and assistant principal for 30 years.
7. RHS had 11 seniors who signed intent to play college athletics.
8. Cadet Athena McKemy won the District JROTC Cadet of the Year competition and Cadet Jinren Jiang won the Junior Leader of the Year Award. The significance is that out of all the JROTC programs in the district and all the cadets, Reno JROTC won both events.
9. Senior Luke Hobson earned a berth in the USA Swimming Olympic Trials in Omaha Nebraska. He will be swimming for the University of Texas in the fall.
10. The RGJ ran a story about senior Ryan Guinn who was born with two heart conditions, which required open heart surgery when he was 13 months old. Today he is one of the top sprinters in the North, and in the state.

RHS BASEBALL 2021

Partly taken from the RGJ Sports Section April 30, 2021



On the backs of their practice jerseys are the letters, "TPW" meaning Tough People Win. This motto contributes to Reno High consistently being the top baseball team in the North.

This year, the Huskies had a remarkable season with a 16-1 record, and the team won 5A NIAA Northern Regional Baseball Championship. The Huskies were loaded with seniors last season, which was cut short after seven games due to the pandemic. This year's team did not inherit the leadership that usually comes from each class above.

Huskies success stems from hard practices, and many players say it is an honor to play for Reno high and Coach Pete Savage (RHS class of 1979). Practices are highly structured with each drill listed minute-by-minute. During the summer, many of the players are also on the Reno Knights coached by Savage.

"We try to teach them every day," Savage said. "We work extremely hard to develop players. Our philosophy is to develop them as people first, players second. Make them into better men, then they become better players and they become a better team."

Savage in his 27th season as head coach at Reno, said a lot of city and business leaders played baseball at the school. "We have a lot of great traditions," Savage said. "It's not just about the four years you're here. Once you join, you've joined for life. I take great pride in that because everybody on our team is treated equally, whether you play every single inning or you play very little, everyone is treated equal."

Congratulations to Coach Savage and the winning baseball team this year.

RHSAA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2021



Maitane Woodin Plans to attend the University of Utah majoring in Art or Design



Harland Dubois Will attend Colorado School of Mines and major in Engineering Physics.



Ryan Guinn Wants to attend Gonzaga University and major in Computer Science.



Ella Cantera Plans to attend the University of London in the UK and major in Global Health and Social anthropology.



Aliza Davis is the Westover Family Scholarship winner. The RHSAA and Betty Jo Baker coordinate the awarding of this scholarship on behalf of the Westover Family Trust. This scholarship is one of the top scholarships offered to Reno High graduates. Aliza plans to attend Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California and major in Political Science with a minor in Dance.

ALUMNI NEWS

1. Ed Fair, class of 72, died recently. He was a RHSAA board member for several years.
2. Sarah (Rowe) Trimmer, class of 1996, has been elected RHS Booster Club president. She recently joined the RHSAA board.
3. Alumni who play professional sports – Christian Chamberlain (2017), Kansas City Royals, Garrett Hampson (2013), Colorado Rockies, and Justin Watland (2014) Winnipeg Goldeneyes.
4. Former Reno basketball star, Olek Czyz (class of 2008), has been hired as the new Galena High School basketball coach. When he played for Reno, he was on two state championship teams then played for Duke University. Czyz later played for the Wolf Pack for two years. He played for the Chicago Bulls and the Portland Trailblazers then played professionally in Europe.
5. Nick Hamilton, class of 1996, was killed in a jet crash in Las Vegas recently. Nick was the Huskie Battalion Commander, attended the Air Force Academy, and flew fighter jets for 20 years.

WHAT I LEARNED IN HOME SCHOOL.

1. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
2. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT TIME TRAVEL. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
3. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME LOGIC. "Because I said so, that's why."
4. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
5. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
6. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME IRONY. "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
7. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT THE SCIENCE OF OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
8. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT CONTORTIONISM. "Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."
9. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone!"
10. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT WEATHER. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
11. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT HYPOCRISY. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"
12. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME THE CIRCLE OF LIFE. "I bought you into this world, I can take you out."
13. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION. "Stop acting like your father!"
14. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT ENVY. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
15. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT ANTICIPATION. "Just wait until your father gets home."
16. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
17. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME WISDOM. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
18. MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME MORE WISDOM. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
19. MY FATHER TAUGHT ME ABOUT JUSTICE. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

QUICK THINKING

I was stopped by the police around 2 am this morning. The officer asked me where I was going at that time. I replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body as well as the dangers of smoking and staying out late."

The officer replied, "Oh really and who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

"My wife"

Class Reunions for 2021

1951- 70 years – August 14-15 Contact Betty Jo Baker 851-3203
1953 - 68 Years – September 17 Contact Joanne Petre 323-7770
1970 – 51 Years – August 13-14 Contact Sam Francovich 825-1180
1971 – 50 Years – Sept 24-26 – Contact Ron Fuchs 1-865-203-8035
or Cindy Baker 544-6458

DONATIONS

Some have asked how to donate, on behalf of a friend, relative, or love one, to the RHS Alumni Association general fund or the scholarship fund. We recommend using the following form to express your wishes.

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