

## The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## **President's Corner**

Hello Fellow Huskies!

I'd like to introduce myself. I am Barbara Trimmer Kinnison, 1961 Reno High School graduate. I will be your RHS Alumni President this year. After high school I attended University of Nevada, Reno, for one year then married Mike Kinnison, Sparks High 1961 graduate. After he graduated from UNR and UNR medical school, I went back to college and graduated from Chico State in Chico, CA, and obtained my CPA license. After high school and Mike finishing school we moved around in the Air Force and finally settled in Yuba City, CA for 35 years where we both set up practices, Mike in medicine and me in accounting. I ended up in Government accounting as a Budget Analyst. I found a passion in accounting and loved my career. When we retired we moved back home to Nevada and have been here for six years. We have two sons and two grandchildren. Our granddaughter will graduate from UNR this May. We love retirement and love being home in Nevada. Our State Song, 'Home means Nevada' is so true!

Thank you, Kathy Wilcox, for the last two years as President and prior to that as Treasurer. She did a wonderful job helping us through COVID-19. This past year we lost our beloved Betty Jo Baker. She was a mainstay of our Board and a mentor to many of us. We will miss her as a Trustee but more importantly as a friend to all of us.

We have five new members. Toni Rea Walsh and Joe Walsh (class of 1967 & 1968), Judy Bacon (class of 1961 and longtime friend from Central Jr. High), KaCe Gilbert (class of 1982) and Stephanie Lerude (class of 1982). Welcome! If you are interested in helping to promote Reno High School and our alumni please consider joining our Board as a Trustee. We currently have openings for two more Trustees. Our Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:00 and everyone is welcome.

The big news this year is that we are having our Triennial All Class Reunion Picnic August 28th from 11:00-3:00, \$25, lunch at noon sponsored by Port of Subs, with DJ music and raffles. All proceeds go to RHS Scholarship Fund. In 2022, we will give five scholarships to graduating seniors.

Visit us on our Reno High Alumni website and on Facebook under Reno High School Alumni Association. Go Huskies!

Barbara Trimmer Kinnison RHSAA President

## **AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS**

- 1. Adia Walker was selected as RGJ's Athletes of the Week for girls' basketball.
- 2. Presidential Scholar candidates include Sofia Ahlstedt, Emily Hohman, and Dylan Oliver.
- 3. Senior Luken Leniz place first at the Regional Level Rifle championship, earning him the Top Gun Award.
- 4. Because of COVID rules, school assemblies have been discontinued until after spring break so Principal Kris Hackbusch created open meetings in the College and Career Center on Wednesdays. Hackbusch listens to students' concerns and discusses future plans at school. "It is kind of a grass roots effort to get more student voice on important matters at our school," Hackbusch said.
- On February 10<sup>th</sup> Governor Sisolak lifted mask requirements for all Nevada schools. Reno High School is slowly returning to pre-Covid conditions. The Reno High Alumni Museum is open with no restrictions.
- RHS Junior Adia Walker was named Northern 5A Player of the Year as selected by league coaches. She is a guard/forward and led the league in scoring at 17.6 points per game and in rebounds (10.2)

## **ALUMNI NEWS**

1. Reno High athletes who play for various colleges include Drew Rippingham, class of 2017 playing basketball for Western Oregon; and Kaden Koenig and Trey Wilmot both from the class of 2021 playing basketball for Lassen Community College.

2. Luke Hobson, class of 2021, is one of the top swimmers in the U.S. Swimming for the University of Texas, Hobson has been breaking records in the 1,000, 500, 400, and 200 freestyle. He was the 8<sup>th</sup> ranked national recruit in his class. He swam for Lakeridge Swim Club before going to college. Luke is the highest-ranked athlete in any sport to come out of Northern Nevada. His sister, Annika, class of 2018, is a junior on the swim team at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

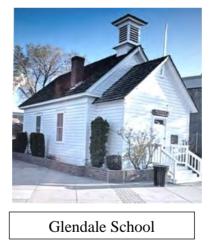


WHAT IS THIS SIGN? Reno High provided the museum with this sign but didn't know what it was. Do any alumni remember this sign and know what it means? Please tell us what you think.

## **OLDEST HIGH SCHOOL IN NEVADA**



Many people have asked if Reno High School is the oldest school in Nevada or at least in northern Nevada. According to the famous, all-knowing, website, GOOGLE; Reno High, founded in 1879, is the oldest in Washoe County but not the oldest in the state. That honor belongs to Carson High School, which was established in 1874, just 5 years before Reno High was built. Other school highs include Stewart Indian School in Carson City in 1890 (closed in 1980), Las Vegas High in 1905, and Sparks High in 1909, and Bishop Manogue High in 1948.



As a side note, the oldest remaining schoolhouse in Nevada is the Glendale School established in 1864. It was built when then the community of Glendale was named Stone and Gates Crossing. It is also reported to be the longest operating school in the state. Due to a lack of state funding, the Glendale School closed in 1958 with 18 students attending. In 1976, the Glendale School building was moved to the intersection of Virginia Street and Kietzke Lane in Reno. Then in 1993 the building was relocated to its current location on Victorian Ave in Sparks. It was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.



## RHSAA LOGO DECAL

We have a new logo decal and plan to sell them for \$3 each. They will also be given to first time members and new lifetime members. Come by the museum and pick up the alumni decal and display it as you wish

## A LOOK BACK

In November 1950, Reno High played a football game with the Stewart Indian School resulting in a score of Huskies 46 and the Braves 14. During the game it became clear that the Braves were outmatched, and Reno used second and third string players. Stewart coach Bill Nash was so impressed with Reno that he submitted the following article to the RGJ:

"I would like to take this opportunity to pay a well-deserved tribute to the Reno High School players and coaches for their fine exhibition of good sportsmanship in their game with Stewart Indian School.

It was quite obvious to everyone even before the teams took the field that they were no match. Coach Dick Trachok started his first team but when it was clearly demonstrated that the Indian team was not going to play one of those inspired games that sometimes result in the upset of a good team by a weak one, he replaced them with substitutes.

Secondly, every time that it was necessary for me to go out on the field to administer first aid to one of my players, I was met by Bud Beasley. Bud showed as much concern as I did in each case and worked as hard on my boys as he would have on one of his own players. One play resulted in a leg injury to one of my players and when Beasley and I reached the spot a Reno player was already working on the bad leg. It's too bad that more Reno fans were not in the stands to see one of the finest exhibitions of good sportsmanship that I have ever seen in all my years in football both as a player and as a coach. (Bill Nash was a former Pennsylvania University football star). Renoites have every reason to be proud of every coach and player on that team, for they not only play the finest football in the state, but they observe all the best traditions of a much-maligned amateur sport."

## **A FEW FUNNIES**

1 An old farmer goes to a hardware store to buy a saw. The clerk showed him a chain saw that could cut 4 cords of wood in a day. The farmer buys it but a few days later returned it and said he could only cut a half of a cord a day. The clerk pulled the starter and it fired up. The farmer yelled, "What's that noise?"

- 2. What do you call a lazy Kangaroo? A pouch potato.
- 3. Breaking news! Man gets hit by a rental car. Said it Hertz.
- 4. Bread is like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.
- 5. Happiness is not having to set the alarm clock.
- 6. Just once, I want the username and password prompt to say, "Close enough."

7. I hate it when I can't figure out how to operate the iPad and my tech support guy is asleep. She's 5 and it's past her bedtime.

#### KNEES-SIGN OF INDEPENDENCE



## "SHOW KNEES" STRIKE STAGED

In the Saturday, October 22, 1960 issue of the RGJ, there was an article about Reno High girls staging a strike that opposed the dress code for wearing short skirts. My, how times have changed.

"Not all men are 'hep' on the idea of shorter hemlines, including bachelor David W. Finch, principal of Reno High School.

Finch's 'knee exposure' edict issued this week ended in a 'Show our Independence: Show Your Knees' strike at the high school yesterday. Some 200 coeds hoisted their skirts 'way above' their knees in overt

rebellion to the anti-fashion trend, while a few went to the other extreme by wearing 'grandma's' ankle-length gowns.

Bolstering spirits of the frustrated females were their male classmates, many of whom sided with them by wearing sweatshirt and blue jeans to school – rolling their cuffs above the knees.

A few of the more daring female rebels were rewarded by being sent home, a group of 'strikers' said yesterday.

No comment could be obtained last night from either Finch or vice-principal Andrew Rosaschi, both of whom have unlisted telephone numbers, and both of whom are claimed to be authors of the edict.

Slogans were hung in the hallways and student restrooms at the high school, accosting school officials for their stand.

Typical were those that read: 'Show your independence. . . show your knees,' and 'George Washington chopped down a cherry tree. . .chop off your skirts!'

The strike, according to participants, was 'unsuccessful,' but proved a point by showing the ruling was ridiculous.

Female strikers said they had been ordered, 'upon penalty of expulsion from classes, to wear their skirts longer than is the current style.'

Being style conscious as all women are, many of these girls worked for months to be able to buy their new, short-skirted wardrobes. Are they now to throw away all their clothes? Most of these female charmers cannot afford to go out and buy new, longer skirts.

A striker stated, 'In our country we have freedom of speech and religion. There has never been any question about the freedom of dress, because no one, save the persons who create new styles, has ever before tried to dictate this freedom. The people of this nation can protest laws which they think are unfair without fear, but students of Reno High School cannot protest about anything unless they are willing to suffer ineligibility or suspension.

We have no assurance, however, that we won't be commanded to quit curling our hair, painting our fingernails, and wearing lipstick at some other time, and so we feel that something must be done.

They said the strike was unsuccessful because 'too many are used to this dictatorship of principals, and are afraid of the consequences of rebelling, but until this rule is discontinued, there will be little or no cooperation between the students and the officials of Reno High School.

Members of the faculty were directed this week to be on the lookout for the faddish short skirts."



## ALL CLASS REUNION

As you know, 2022 got off to a slow start as the COVID (Omicron) virus was going wild, but the RHS Alumni Association in January made the decision to hold the Triennial All Class Reunion after postponing it for 2 years. We formed a reunion committee that meets monthly and are busy working on plans for a great reunion. We lost a valuable member of the committee, Betty Jo Baker, when she passed away. It is now 5 months before the event – August 28, 2022. We have sent notifications to the class representatives to see if they plan to schedule their reunions this year, but only a few have responded.

We hope to increase membership to the Association and to raise funds to sponsor scholarships for deserving Reno High seniors.

We are working on the details for the reunion/picnic to make it a memorable one. Please notify your former classmates to attend this event.

To register, fill go make it out the attached flyer and send it in to us with your registration fee. Flyers are also available on our website and at the office. We look forward to seeing all of you at our all-class reunion. We cannot succeed in this gathering without your support. We will have more details in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!

Howard Moy, Chairman RHSAA All-Class Reunion

## LIST OF 2022 CLASS REUNIONS

1953 - 69<sup>TH</sup> year - September 17 - Diane Thornhill - (775) 626-0664
1961 - 61st year - August 27 - Judy Bacon - (480) 213-0499

<u>baconini@aol.com</u>

1962 - 60<sup>th</sup> year - June 11-12 - Cheryl Huntoon (775) 626-3627

owlhouse3627@gmail.com

1972 - 50<sup>th</sup> year - August 26-28 - Liane McCombs (775) 786-5186

<u>lianemccombs@gmail.com</u>

1982 - 40<sup>th</sup> year - September 9-10 - Rachael Ferrari - (775) 560-4010

renohigh82@gmail.com

Please notify us if other class reunions are planned this year.



# 9th Triennial All Alumni Reunion



## For all alumni, teachers, administrators and staff

Tents for shade provided

DJ Music and Raffle

Reminisce with old friends remembering the good old days

## At Reno High School

School Tours

395 Booth Street

Visit the RHS Museum

Sunday, August 28, 2022

11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch served from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Lunch sponsored by Port of Subs

Proceeds go to RHS Scholarship Fund

Alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school property. The \$25 pre-registration closes on August 20, 2022. Day of registration is \$30 at the door. Walk-ups are welcome.

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Address	City		State Zip
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