



Huskie Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

Nitty-Gritty

In a nutshell – We’ve been busy!

Remodel - Dawn Potter, our museum curator, is nothing short of a whirlwind. She has applied her flair for design and imagination to our proud historical museum. She put out the word for donations, and the response has been nothing short of amazing. In kind donations from Anywhere Anytime Movers (bell relocated), Reno Paint Mart (paint and supplies), and Mia’s Professional Dry Cleaners (jackets, sweaters cleaned). And the volunteer hours from RHS alumni, family and friends means the remodel will happen on budget and be open for the first of many high school reunions this year. Speaking of volunteers, the Nevada Historical Society Newsletter mentioned our need for volunteers to help with inventory and cleaning. Four volunteers responded along with trustees and alumni. By the time you read this we should be well on our way. As Dawn reminds me, it’s an ever- evolving and changing work in progress. Stay tuned and call if you want to get involved.

Museum Remodel and Scholarships

Scholarships –This year’s RHS Convocation gave us the opportunity to award five \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship committee at Reno High School reported that ten students qualified, making it a difficult decision to narrow down to only five. Yes, that means we need you as well as contacts for grants and donations to remember RHSAA when giving. Wouldn’t it be grand if we could award ten scholarships next year! We need your help to do that. To show just how proud we are of the program and the graduates, we are dedicating the entry wall at the alumni center to scholarship recipients. Visitors will be greeted with pictures and stories about every RHSAA recipient. That wall will be shared with all recipients of The Pauline E. Westover Foundation Scholarship. Every year since 2008 this foundation has awarded \$30,000 to one graduate. (See page 4 for more information). Our entire entry will be filled with reminders of while we never lose sight of our scholarship goals, we never forget to recognize the founders and those donors and alumni who make this all possible with thoughtful contributions.

Whether you pay by the month(s) or as a Lifetime Member, I’m here to remind you that we need your support. Please spread the word about RHSAA and our work in the community.

Trustee Resignations – Barbara Kinnison-Class Representatives Liaison and Toni Walsh-Secretary. Thank you for dedicating your time. Each of the remaining trustees has accepted tasks to keep our “one-of-a-kind” alumni center the best it can be. Hope to hear from you or better yet, see you at the center for our grand reopening in late fall. There’s a lot to celebrate.

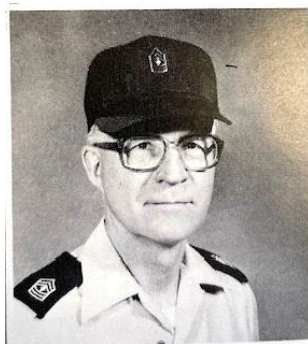
Keep reading – you’ll find our new Membership Application and methods to pay dues on page 7.

*Thank you - Toni Poloni- Class of '63
President*

IN MEMORIUM



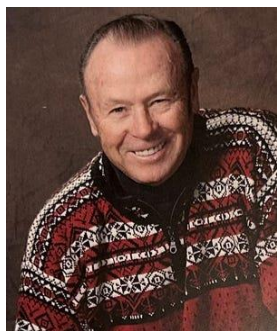
A notable Reno High graduate, **Karl Breckenridge**, passed away on March 10, 2023, at the age of 81. He spent most of his life in Reno where he attended local schools including graduating from Reno High School in 1959. While at Reno High, Karl participated in Ski Club, Block R, Boys State, Track, Pep Band; and was a Red and Blue Reporter. He attended UNR and later established a career in real-estate and property management. Karl taught real-estate classes at the local community college and wrote three books on the subject. He loved to write. He published a novel, and for many years, authored a column in the Gazette-Journal on local history and events. Karl wrote several articles in our Huskie Trails recounting his time in high school. He also served on the RHSAA Board of Trustees. Karl was a loyal and proud American and will be greatly missed.



First Sergeant Billy Miller, a long time RHS JROTC instructor, died on April 11, 2023. He was 95 years old. Miller was born on June 13, 1927, and raised in Lacrosse, Wisconsin. He was a WWII era vet, served in Germany, and Vietnam. He earned many awards including 4 bronze star medals and the Soldier's Medal for life saving. 1SG Miller was a popular teacher at Reno High from 1973 to 1997 which is longer than any JROTC instructor. He later was a security instructor for the TSA at the airport, and a 15-year member of the SAVE program which is a volunteer program for the Reno Police Department. His final position was serving as the desk sergeant for the mayor's office at Reno City Hall.



Mary Jo Barrett was an RHS counselor and died on March 22, 2023. She was 91. Jo was born on December 3, 1931, in Wichita, Kansas. She and her husband, Bill Barrett, lived in California, Arizona, Idaho, and Reno, Nevada. From 1974 until her retirement in 1993, Jo helped hundreds of Reno High School students navigate the choices and challenges that came with entering adulthood.



Rusty Crook died on March 23rd at the age of 89. He was a skier, coach and teacher who graduated from Reno High in 1951. In school, he was twice the state champion in pole vaulting. Rusty was an avid skier from childhood until well into his 80s, Crook competed in World Cup ski races, coached Reed High ski team to two state championships and was the first coach of the Reno Falcons junior ski team. Rusty is in multiple halls of fame for his ski prowess and work as a track coach.

Robert "Bert" King died on May 8, 2023. Bert was a popular RHS custodian for over 25 years and was respected by all who knew him. A fundraiser was held in his honor.

DON'T LET YESTERDAY USE UP TOO MUCH OF TODAY
--WILL ROGERS

2023 REUNIONS

These are the known reunions scheduled for the summer of 2023. If your reunion is not listed, call the RHSAA office (775) 852-3586.

1. Class of 1953 – 70th year – Sep 16 – Diane Spina Thornhill.
2. Class of 1963 – 60th year – Sept 23 – Gale Quinn Carlson – (775) 329-8558
pgcar745@sbcglobe.net.
3. Class of 1973 – 50th year – July 14-15 – Karen Nichols Manca (775) 720-1863
karenmanca@gmail.com
4. Class of 1983 – 40th year - Aug 18-19 – Kimberly Koas Wilford
5. Class of 1993 – 30th year – Aug 11-12 - Carla Buckley (530) 219-1078 carlareg@msn.com
6. Class of 2012 – 11th year – July 29 – Camille Perry Foley
7. Class of 2003 – 20th year – Sept 8 – 10 -Rose Smith Wright

WHAT IS A CLASS REUNION?

A class reunion is

1. Trying desperately to get into the same clothes you wore the day you graduated.
2. Dancing with your school beau and trying to remember – WHY.
3. Finding it hard to believe that the balding man with the potbelly was the captain of the football team.
4. Introducing your husband or wife to everyone except the classmate who almost became your partner.
5. Seeing your principal and still being nervous.
6. Meeting an impeccably groomed woman in high-fashion clothes and realizing that she was the slob you once shared a locker with.
7. Showing snapshots of your children and grandchildrenagain, again, and again.

ALUMNI NEWS

1. Grason Grinsell, class of 2022, has been enjoying success as a pitcher for the Oregon Ducks.
2. Luke Hobson, class of 2021, has been breaking swim records at the University of Texas in the 500 and 800 freestyle races.

2023 RHSAA Scholarship Recipients



Alexis Edwards will go to UNR and major in neuroscience and later hopes to attend medical school.



Colby Long plans to attend UNR majoring in kinesiology and later plans to become a physician's assistant.



Naomi Mick will attend UNR and major in neuroscience and nutrition science.



Sofia Ortega Perez plans to attend UNR and major in marketing with a minor in business.



Maleyna Vazquez hopes to finish real estate school, then attend UNR with a biology major and a minor in business.



Kellie Garcia Lopez is the newest Pauline E. Westover Family Scholarship recipient. Kellie graduated from RHS in June and will be attending Nevada's Honor's College this fall. She has a list of interests from where she will choose a major. The common denominator between all of them is giving back to her community.

> She is an academically high-achieving young woman who is a member of the RHS nationally recognized **We The People** team, a Speech and Debate team member, Mock Trial participant, cross-country/track athlete and is a member of RHS's leadership team.

Kellie is a proud Salvadorian Mexican American who credits much of her success to her hard-working parents. She leads with grace and humility, and we could not be prouder to welcome her to the Reno High School Alumni family. She will make not only her family but the Westover family proud.

AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. **Class of 2023** statistics from Principal Kris Hackbusch – 425 graduates, 143 National Honor Society members, 7 National Merit Finalist, one US Presidential Scholar Candidate, 78 Advanced Diplomas, 27 students graduated with a 4.0 GPA or higher. The class of 2023 has been offered approximately \$6 million in scholarship monies. National honors were awarded to students participating in robotics, rifle team, Skills USA and speech and debate.
2. Academic State Champions in sports include Boys and Girls Track and Girls swimming. The girls swim team broke two school records in the 4x400 meter and 4X200 meter relays and placed second in state.
3. We the People placed 14th in the US.
4. Junior Katie Bland was the Yale Book Award Winner. She is one of 13 state recipients and the only one from Northern Nevada.
5. There are currently 25 RHS teachers and staff who are Reno High alumni.
6. One hundred and forty-three RHS students were inducted in the National Honor Society.
7. On April 19th the RHS staff played basketball against the McQueen staff for a fundraiser in support of the ALS Association. They also played Galena facility to raise money for cancer.
8. Sidney Trimmer was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the RHS class of 1961.
9. Boys golf were regional champions. Coach Mike Edwards was selected as Coach of the Year.
10. RHS Leadership earned the Wild West Award and NASC Silver Star Award.
11. In Girls softball, Sophia Pardue was selected as regional first team for pitchers.
12. In baseball, Colton Quелlette was selected for the first-place team in pitching, Jackson Sellers and Jack Helmholtz were chosen first team for outfielders, and Lukas Potter was selected first team for 3rd base.
13. In girls Northern Nevada All-Region track first team include Kylee Quilici for the 100-meter and 400-meter dash and the 4X100 meter and 4X400 meter relay teams.
14. In boys Northern Nevada All-Region track first team include Eric Ortega-Gammill for the 1,600-meter and 3200-meter runs, Cael Mattioli for the 3200-meter run, and River Petrilla for pole vault.
15. Nineteen RHS athletes have signed up to play sports at various universities and colleges.
16. Tannis Jackin was named to the NIAA top 10 women athletes in Nevada. She is also the RHS student Body President.
17. The following students have earned three varsity letters in three sports this year: Dru Dutton, Lacy Platz, Sydney Rogers, and Jackson Sellers.
18. Graphic Design student, Milo Fargo won 3 honorable mentions at the 2023 Congressional Art Competition in Washington DC and got a fancy award from the US House of Representatives.

FUNNY PAGE

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

A group of 40-year-old girls discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters are cute and buff.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group decided to meet again at Ocean View Restaurant because the food is very good, and the wine selection is excellent.

10 years later, at 60 years of age, the group decided to meet at the same restaurant because they could eat there in peace and quiet where they can hear one another. There is also a senior citizen's discount, and the restaurant has a beautiful view of the ocean.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group selected the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant is wheelchair accessible, and they even have an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. Finally, they agreed to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

- My Kid: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff.

Me: Like what?

My Kid: Like if I don't clean my room. A portal will open and take me to another dimension.

Me: Well, that is what happened to your older brother.

My Kid: What older brother?

Me: Exactly

1952 to 1989 - Snapshot of Trustee Memories

Valerie Lujan Porter 1989 – Mr. King's typing class – I was notoriously late for this class as I rode to school with upper classmen. When I entered the classroom Mr. King would announce my tardiness – here comes "LATE AGAIN LUJAN! I was a straight A student but got an F in citizenship in his class.

Toni Poloni 1963 - Miss Stern's manual typewriter class - She was armed with a ruler that she used on the back of hands if we didn't have proper posture, used a metronome to make us increase our word per minute and avoid mistakes while she chanted, "Third Row F T F J Y J" as she turned up the speed on the metronome. I thank her to this day.

Joe Walsh 1967 – Football practice day with Coach Benson - George Hatjakes was on our team. One day during practice George's protective mother grabbed her son by the ear and in front of Coach Benson said, "You're not going to hurt my boy are you?" We all felt bad for George.

JD Schnabel, Staff 1963 At the end of a JROTC Drill Team performance, First Sgt. Billy Miller blew off a small cannon in the gymnasium as part of the act. The blank shot scared everyone and blew dust from the gym ceiling. The team won first place.

Daryl Pelizzari - 1952 was coach Dick Trachok's first season; Bud Beasley was the assistant coach. Since there was no football field at the new school, we practiced on the Idlewild Park softball field. To get back and forth we had to climb *underneath* the water flume to and from football practice. The flume was always dripping water, but we didn't get too wet.

Donna Abbott 1970 – Coach Trout - Kindhearted Welcome. I was a transfer from Wooster in my junior year. He gave me the confidence to apply my skills at RHS and in life. And Mr. Brandt - I was the only girl in the electronics class. Desks were arranged face-to-face. Because I got good grades, Mr. Brandt told every student across from me not to cheat by looking at my answers.

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VICE PRESIDENT....	J.D. Schnabel	Retired Staff
TREASURER	Dawn Potter	1982

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Valerie Porter1989
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