



# Huskie

# Trails

The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## President's Corner

Hello Fellow Huskies!

We have had a very busy and exciting quarter in 2022. We had our first All School Picnic/Reunion since 2017. It was our 9th Triennial All Alumni Reunion, held on Sunday, August 28th, from 11:00-3:00. Attendees started lining up at 10:00, many eager to reacquaint with friends. We had a great turnout with lots of positive feedback from attendees. We welcomed alumni, teachers, administrators, and staff. We wish to thank ALL the Trustees for their hard work - before, during and after the reunion/picnic and to Howard Moy for coordinating this event. All trustees donated wonderful items for the first time ever raffle which proved very successful with the help of Caedon Kottinger '20 and Tayler Kottinger '18, grandson and granddaughter of Trustees Toni and Joe Walsh. A huge 'Thank You' to Port of Subs for sponsoring our reunion this year. With their contribution and our attendees, we were able to increase our Scholarship fund.

A special thanks go to all the volunteers - Master Sergeant Elias Perez '99 with 35 JROTC cadets for the setup; Jordyn Williams, advisor to 24 cheerleaders for their performance, food distribution, assistance with alumni and tearing down of the table and chairs; the Reno High School staff who helped with the school tours - Principal Kris Hackbusch, Assistant Principal Crystal Edwards '00, Brien Karlin '01 and Aaron Shoolroy '95; David Gaunt for wonderful music and announcements; members of the class of 1963 who helped with the registration; Gary Benedetti '64 who coordinated tents, ice, and ice containers; and Tom Gardner '66 who organized the classic cars. Again, to all the Reno High School Trustees who gave up many hours of their time to make sure we had a wonderful and enjoyable event for everyone; a heartfelt thank you from me!

We now have a 'Square' and are able to take credit card payments. Come by the museum any Friday from 2:00-5:00 and/or Saturday 10:00-2:00 and join the Reno High School Alumni Association by credit card or join us on our website via PayPal.

We welcome one new Trustee this quarter, Toni Poloni, class of 1963. Welcome Toni! As we welcome a new Trustee, we sadly say goodbye to Trustee Kathy Wilcox, past President and Treasurer. We will greatly miss her expertise and advice. We wish her well! 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 two openings for Trustees. Our Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 5:00 and everyone is welcome.

Barbara Trimmer Kinnison  
Class of 1961  
RHSAA President

# PICTURES FROM THE ALL-CLASS REUNION 2022



Camelot Setting Up Large Tent



JROTC Cadets Set Up Tables



Getting Raffles Ready



Welcome to the All-Class Reunion



Earl Cooper '45 is escorted



Principal Hackbusch gives Tour of Reno High.



Classic Cars around the RHS Circle



Marilyn Melton '51 Arrives with Daughter



## MORE PICTURES FROM THE ALL-CLASS REUNION



Reunion Registration



RHS Cheerleaders Perform



Selling RSHAA Items



Brien Karlin '01 gives a tour around Reno High



Just Cooling It with Friends in the Shade



Checking Out the RSHAA Museum



Lexie Lehan '24 with Grandfather John Burrows '65



Don Hinkle and Earl Cooper from the Class of 1945



## STILL MORE PICTURES FROM THE REUNION



Lunch is Served



Thanks Port of Subs!



Caedon Kottinger '20 and Grandfather Joe Walsh '68



Class of 1972 Celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



A Wonderful Time was had by All



Great Gathering of Friends



David Gaunt plays 'oldies' Tunes



Cheerleaders taking down tables and chairs

## **AROUND RHS CAMPUS**

1. Statistics for the class of 2022: According to RHS Principal Kris Hackbusch, these are class accomplishments: 430 graduates, 142 National Honor Society members, 12 National Merit Commended Scholars, 4 National Merit Semi Finalist, 3 National Merit finalist, 3 US Presidential Scholars, 88 Career Tech Education Completers. Athletically, they won 9 team and/or individual regional/division championships. Team and individual state titles include Boys Cross Country, Rifle team, swimming, track, and We the People. National honors include Rifle team, Baseball, We the People, JROTC Robotics, Speech and Debate and Skills USA. There are 171 honors diplomas, 74 advanced diplomas, 30 students who graduated with a 4.0 GPA. The class of 2022 has been offered approximately \$8 million in scholarship monies which is double any amount ever been offered previously.
2. The RGJ published a list of the outstanding graduate in each school in the Washoe County School District. Reno's winner was Dallasia Samuels. She was also the winner of the Westover Family Scholarship.

## **IN MEMORIUM**

Art Collins passed away on June 13, 2022 at the age of 76. He grew up in Glendale, CA where he threw the javelin in high school. He joined the US Air Force in 1966 and was recruited to join Air America and was stationed in Thailand for 3 years during the Viet Nam War. Later he attended UNR where he earned a bachelor's and Master's degrees. While at Reno High School, Art was an Industrial Arts teacher and a counselor as well as a ski coach from 1977 to 2003. Upon his retirement, he continued to oversee the high school ski racing program for many years. He was recently inducted into the Nevada Hall of Fame for his ski coaching. Art was also involved as a trainer for the US jujitsu team and traveled internationally with the team. Art touched the lives of many young people in his role as teacher, counselor, and coach as well as his volunteer work with the US jujitsu team.

## **ANNUAL RHSAA MEETING**

All RHS alumni are invited to attend the annual business meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5 p.m. in the museum. Reports will be given on the current status of the Association, museum, reunions, membership, and finances. Nominations for new Board members will be taken. The RHSAA President will give her annual activities report, and new board officers will be voted on.

## **BENEFITS OF A GOOD VOCABULARY**

I recently called an old engineering buddy of mine and asked what he was working on these days. He replied that he was working on "Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment."

I was impressed until, upon further inquiry, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.

Old age comes at a bad time! When you finally know everything, you start to forget everything you know.

## ALUMNI NEWS

1. RHS baseball coach, Pete Savage, class of 1979, recorded his 800<sup>th</sup> career win with the Huskies. Savage told the RGJ that the number is a reflection of having outstanding assistant coaches and players who are committed to the process in addition to their families. Savage has been the RHS baseball coach for 27 years.
2. Reno Judge Dorothy Nash Holmes, class of 1968, retired with 45 years of service. She became one of the first 75 women to pass the bar in Nevada, and not only worked as a prosecutor, but worked for the Nevada Department of Corrections, where she created the state's first programs to provide treatment, training, and rehabilitation for inmates. Judge Nash Holmes worked for the federal government incarcerating international narcotics smugglers.

### RHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME FALL 2022 Inductees

Christy Toogood Atencio	1984	Golf and Cheer
Scott Kozel	1986	Football and Track
Jim Pace	1981	Football, Baseball, Basketball, Coach, AD
Joe Lesar	1994-2005	Coach
Danny Wolf	2001	Cross Country and Track
Tim Tucker	1975	Swimming
Don Price	1995	Baseball

Induction Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Silver Legacy Casino in the Silver Baron Ballroom (C,D,E) starting at 5:15 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at RHS from Tina Rooker – Athletic Secretary (775) 333-5050 ext 5 for \$75 each.

Members of the Hall of Fame Committee are Daryl Pelizzari, Scott Jordan, and Jeff Tomac

## THE STORY BEHIND THE “BLOCK R”

*Norm Beasley, Class of 1964, provided an article (RGJ 7/2/2001) written by Rollan Melton about the Block R that was established on the side of Peavine Mountain. This is not to be confused with the Reno Varsity Letterman’s Club – the Block R.*

“The Block R was born in the spring of 1962, just weeks before graduation. The group of RHS senior boys who dreamed up the idea and got it in place. The about-to-graduate boys hiked to the future Block R site and designed and mapped the soon-to-be born signature, using stakes, string and a basic understanding of geometry taught to them by RHS mathematics teacher E’Lois Campbell. She taught at RHS, from which she graduated in 1934, from 1950 to 1973.

“The Block R site was chosen because the land was owned by Marcelino Landa, a rancher and friend of John Gascue’s father. Mr. Landa gave his enthusiastic permission to the youngsters to stake their claim on the site.

“The energetic boys worked many Sundays, rearranging rocks to suit their mission. The teenagers called themselves Rock R Society, and they kept their membership number low to keep their endeavor a secret.

“However, word of their undercover project leaked out before they were scheduled to paint the R.

“The principal of RHS at that time was David Finch, a former combat U.S. Marine. He told the innovative boys that if they continued their Peavine endeavor, they would not graduate. Not a boy was willing to take that risk. So, they backed off.

“But their persistence did not remain dormant.”

A few weeks after the boys had graduation diplomas safe in hand, the Block R glowed down on Reno, new bathed/painted with a light coat of lime and water mixture.

The tradition of brightening the Block R continues with bands of graduating senior boys and girls still trekking every two years or so up Peavine to where the senior boys in the Class of ’62 took it upon their enterprising selves to make history.”

In October 2007 Reno High and McQueen High JROTC units travelled up the steep hillside and painted the huge Block R rocks with donated white paint and mops. It is unsure if it has been painted since.



JROTC Huskie Battalion Cadets paint the R



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