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The Official Newsletter of the Reno High School Alumni Association

## **PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW OF 2022**

I want to thank the Reno High School Alumni Association Board of Trustees for their hard work in keeping everything running smoothly this year. We had four new members becoming Trustees this year, Donna Abbott ('72), Stephanie Lerude ('82), Toni Poloni ('63), Dawn Potter ('82), and we said a sad goodbye to one Trustee, Kathy Wilcox ('82), who served as president and treasurer. We still mourn the passing of 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 held our 9th Triennial All Alumni Reunion this year. It was the first one since 2017 with attendees lining up at 10:00, eager to reacquaint with classmates. We had a great turnout with lots of positive feedback from attendees. We welcomed alumni, teachers, administrators, and staff. Thank you to the Reno High School Alumni Trustees who gave up many hours of their time to make sure we had a wonderful and enjoyable event for everyone. The Trustees donated wonderful items for the raffle which proved very successful. A special thanks go to all the volunteers. Thank you, Port of Subs, for sponsoring our reunion. Many classes celebrated their reunions this year coordinating with the all-school reunion.

During the year we had many accomplishments. We awarded five scholarships to deserving Seniors this year and coordinated the awarding of the Westover Family scholarship. We welcomed fifteen new Life Members to the Alumni Association. Four quarterly Huskie Trails newsletters were published receiving positive comments. We are excited to announce that Allen Lansdon is our new webmaster and is in the process of updating our [renohighalum.com](http://renohighalum.com) website. We now have a 'Square' along with PayPal to take credit card payments. The Alumni museum was used for a number of Reno High School events during the year. We are happy to open the museum to accommodate the High School needs and look forward to continuing our relationship with the administration. We established a new historical window covering at the museum entrance. Come by to see the new window covering!

There are many Reno High School graduates that are teachers or other staff members of our high school that are Trustees of our Alumni Association. JD Schnabel, retired teacher; Valerie Porter, current teacher; Daryl Pelizzari is a member of the RHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee; and Sara Rowe Trimmer is the alumni liaison to the RHS Booster Club.

The Alumni Association is financially sound, thank you to the alumni members and to the many of you that sent donations. We had a successful 'Go Fund Me' program raising funds for operations and new equipment, a successful reunion raising funds for our scholarship program, a \$5,000 donation from Melvin Allard and a \$10,000 grant from the Bretzlaff Family Foundation for operations and scholarships. The Bretzlaff Foundation is a private, non-profit organization giving primarily for higher education, youth, the arts, health care, and the environment.

As a non-profit organization, we depend on alumni membership dues and donations for the on-going operations of the Association. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a great 2023.

Since I am stepping down as President, this will be my last article. The Alumni Association welcomes the new incoming officers for 2023 with Toni Poloni ('63) as President; JD Schnabel (retired teacher) as Vice President; Toni Walsh ('67) as Secretary and Dawn Potter ('82) as Treasurer and curator. We wish them the best of luck and the continued support of the Alumni Trustees. Thank you for the support from the Alumni Trustees and members of the RHS Alumni Association that I received during this past year. I have enjoyed acting as the President and Treasurer and will continue as a Trustee. Thank you again for all the support given to me.

**Barbara Trimmer Kinnison ('61)**



RHSAA President Barbara Trimmer Kinnison '61 receives a \$10,000 grant from The Bretzlaff Foundation as board members look on. Presenting the check is KaCe Gilbert '82

## ALUMNI ITEMS FOR SALE



Besides the alumni t-shirts (\$10) and yearbooks (\$25), we now offer alumni baseball caps for \$20 and license plate holders for \$5. Show your Huskie pride and drop by the museum and pick up these alumni items. We are open on Fridays 2-5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and closed on holidays.

## 2023 REUNIONS

There are two known reunions scheduled for the summer of 2023 as follows:

1. Class of 1963 – 60 year – Sept 23 – Gale Quinn Carlson – (775) 329-8558 – [pgcar745@sbcglobe.net](mailto:pgcar745@sbcglobe.net).
2. Class of 1973 – 50 year – July 14-15 – Karen Nicols Manca (775) 359-7491 - [karenmanca@gmail.com](mailto:karenmanca@gmail.com).

If your class is planning a reunion this year, please notify our office. Remember that you may use the Alumni Museum as part of reunion activities

## AROUND THE RHS CAMPUS

1. Boys' Cross Country team won State. Junior Eric Ortega-Gammill was named Athlete of the Year, and Senior Cael Mattioli finished second at the state meet.
2. Congratulations to the Girls Volleyball team who became the Regional 5A champions. At state competition, the Reno team beat Bishop Gorman in 5 sets but lost in the finals to Coronado High. First Team All 5A Region were Sierra Bernard and Maleyna Vazquez.
3. The RHS Cheer team won first place in an out of state cheer competition. It is the first time they competed out of state in 11 years.
4. In Boys tennis, Brody Friedman won the North 5A Regional singles title. In Girls tennis, the Reno team placed first in the regional competition. Eva Twedt was named the girls singles tennis player of the year, and the Reno doubles team of Alexandra Fulton and Sawyer King was named doubles team of the year in the North 5A by the league tennis coaches.
5. RHS girls soccer coach of the year is Ally Dunn and mid fielder of the year is Emma Brown.
6. Both Boys Cross Country and Girls tennis won Academic State honors.
7. Leo Sambrano passed away recently. He was a Reno High track and field events coach for over 10 years.
8. The Rev. Dr. David Mussatti died in August. He was an English and Social studies teacher at Reno High from 1963-1971. He later became Vice Principal at Hug and Incline High Schools.
9. Reno High had more National Merit Scholars than any school in the district. Nationwide, more than 1.5 million students qualify in a preliminary SAT test taken during their junior year of high school. Students who had the highest scores in each state make up the semifinalists and represent about 1 percent of students. Finalists for \$28 million in scholarships are awarded in the spring after an application process.

The eight Reno High semifinalists are Megan Goode, Grace Goodsel, Elias Gorauskas, Charles Hoist, Violet Mulligan, Brayden Myers, Derek Ngu, and Cagin Uz.
10. Reno High achieved the second highest graduation rate last year in WCSD with a rate of 91.9%. Incline Village had the top graduation rate of 93.1%.
11. RHS has purchased a field painting robot which when programmed will automatically and accurately paint athletic fields. If you are interested in offsetting the cost of this robot for the school, contact Mike Edwards at [mpedwards@washoeschools.net](mailto:mpedwards@washoeschools.net).
12. The JROTC girls Raider team placed 15<sup>th</sup> in national competition in Georgia. The Raider team participates in several athletic events such as cross country rescue, 5K race, an obstacle course, rope bridge and a fitness challenge.
13. Breakfast and lunch are free in the cafeteria for all students – no questions asked before school and at lunch.

## WASN'T IT YESTERDAY

Wasn't it yesterday,  
When we first started school?  
Running around the playground,  
Laughing and screaming like fools,  
And wasn't it yesterday,  
When we graduated from the sixth grade?  
We moved on to a bigger school,  
And one of the first steps was made.  
Wasn't it yesterday,  
When we were in the halls of junior high?  
Going to our first dance, never thinking about saying good-bye.  
And wasn't it yesterday,  
When our first day of high school came?  
Pep rallies, football games, parties, and proms.  
Part of our lives will never be the same.  
And now the time has come,  
The day is finally here.  
Although we thought it would never come,  
We are leaving our senior year.  
And maybe sometime looking back...  
We will all laugh and say,  
"Remember High School?"  
"It seems like only Yesterday."  
*Author unknown*

## THE ROCK



This rock is located on Foster Drive by the tennis courts and baseball field. It is a tradition that teams and clubs paint the rock (just the rock and not the sidewalk or railings) after notable accomplishments. Here, the girls' volleyball team decorated the rock after placing first in the 5A Regional. It is also shared among the various school groups. Occasionally a rival school may tag it out of fun.

## BURMA SHAVE

A Man, a miss,  
A car, a curve.  
He kissed the miss,  
And missed the curve.  
Burma Shave

For those who never saw any of the Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's, 40's, and 50's. Before there were interstates when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmer's fields. They were small red signs with white letters. The signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4-line couplet and the obligatory 5<sup>th</sup> sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream manufactured in Minneapolis, MN. As Interstate highways came along, populations concentrated in big cities. Burma Shave's sales dwindled, and Gillette bought the company in 1964. It ended the ad campaign, and Burma Shave signs disappeared in 1966.

Don't stick your elbow  
Out so Far  
It may go home  
In another car.  
Burma Shave

Brother speeder  
Let's rehearse  
All Together  
Good morning, Nurse  
Burma Shave

Around the corner  
Lickety-split  
Beautiful car  
Wasn't it  
Burma Shave

## TEXTING CODES

Since youngsters of today have their texting codes like **LOL** -Laugh Out Loud,

**OMG** – Oh My God, **TTYL** – Talk To You Later, etc

The older generation decided not to be outdone by these kids and now have developed our own codes too:

**ATD** – At The Doctor's; **BFF**- Best Friend's Funeral, **BTW**-Bring The Wheelchair;

**FWIW** – Forgot Where I Was; **GGPBL** - Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low;

**GHA** – Got Heartburn Again; and **TFT** – Texting From Toilet.

## LEAVE IT ALONE

My wife sent me a text that said, "Your great."

So, naturally, I wrote back, "No, you're great."

She's been walking around all happy and smiling.

Should I tell her I was just correcting her grammar or leave it alone?

## THE NAMING OF RENO HIGH'S SPORTS FACILITIES

On September 4, 2022, the RGJ ran an article on the naming of various high school sports facilities within Washoe County. Here is what was written about Reno High School:

“Almost everything at Reno High is named for someone, and the names are a walk through the history or the city.

The entire athletic complex is named for Bud Beasley, who started the Reno High baseball program in 1936, the same year he began teaching there.

He played Minor League baseball, then was a longtime coach and teacher at Reno.

Of note: He and his wife Nellie adopted and raised 17 children.

The football field is named Foster Field, for longtime coach Herb Foster, who won nine state football titles for Reno and added six in basketball and three in track, for a total of 18.

His high school football team won 119 games from 1923-1948.

Foster never got to see the field. He died after a heart attack on Christmas Eve 1948, two years before the field was dedicated.

The baseball field at Reno is named Zunini Field for Dr. Donald Zunini, who was a longtime optometrist in Reno. He attended and graduated from Reno High School in 1938 and was the center on the 1936 Reno High state championship football team.

At a Reno High banquet held in 1997, he was one of several people honored. The program that night included an excerpt on Zunini: ‘The three most remembered things about Zuke were his dedication to youth athletics, his tremendous sense of humor and he always wore red socks. There were many troubled young people over the years that Zuke took under his wing. For many of these youngsters Zuke was their coach, father and friend.’

He was also involved in many youth sports leagues in the city and was the founder of the Don Zunini Memorial all Teen Golf Tournament, which ran for 25 years and featured many future PGA and LPGA players.

He died on May 12, 1975.

The gym at Reno, which say ‘Reno Hi’ in the center, is named for Link Piazza, who owned the Sportsman, a sporting goods store in downtown Reno with his brother Chet Piazza and was a large benefactor of the school.

*Also, the alumni center in front of Reno High is called the Link Piazza Alumni Center.*

In 1938, Link and Chet founded the sporting goods store. In December 1941, Link enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He became a B-25 pilot and completed 67 combat missions during World War II. He was awarded 14 medals for his service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. Link Piazza died in 2014.



## FUNNY PAGE

- Woman at a restaurant: We don't eat eggs, meat, fish, dairy, or gluten. What would you recommend?  
Waitress: A taxi!
- A wise man once told his wife. . . nothing, because he was a wise man.
- Does anyone else put things in a safe place and then forget where that safe place is.
- A mom texts her son: "hi son, what do IDK, LY and TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I don't know, love you and I'll talk to you later.""  
Mom: "It's ok, I'll ask your sister. Love you too
- To Err is Human. To blame it on someone else shows management potential.
- The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.
- I enjoy a glass of wine each night for its health benefits. The other glasses are for my witty comebacks and flawless dance moves.
- Insanity does not run in my family. It strolls through taking its time getting to know everyone personally.
- I have put a lot of thought into it and I just don't think being an adult is gonna work for me.
- You are about to exceed the limit of my medication.
- Lazy is such an ugly word. I prefer the term Selective Participation
- I can't see well enough to shop online, so I'll just drive to the store.
- Laughter is the best medicine, but if you laugh for no reason, you need medicine.
- Finally, I am old enough to do anything I want, now I'm too tired to actually do it.
- When I see lovers' name carved on trees, I think it's strange how many people bring knives on a date.
- Be sure to bring up politics at Thanksgiving this year, to save on Christmas gifts.

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