



Huskie Trails

Reno High School Alumni Association-Third Quarter Newsletter 2023

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Announcements

New Museum Hours:

Monday 2 pm - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 2 pm

To schedule a guided tour, meeting, or reunion

Email us at – rhsaa@renohighalum.com

WE MOVED THE BELL. This historic bell in its new home is in Heritage Hall. This bell rang in Central School (Reno High School) from 1879-1911. Visit us, ring the bell, and check out Heritage Hall.

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Old Meets New in Achievement Hall



We have also have a new logo to showcase our museum, redesigned our website and will continue to communicate with you through our newsletter. To save us money we would like to send our newsletters and announcements via email. Please help us by sending us your email. Thank you

Exciting Updates – President’s Message

In April of 2023, the Reno High School Alumni Association embarked on a transformative journey to revitalize and preserve the rich history of our museum. We've achieved remarkable progress.

Fresh Start: Cleaned, Polished, Painted, & Refurbished: Our volunteers and donors made it possible for us to breathe new life into our beloved museum, creating an environment that reflects the quality education and sense of community that Reno High School has always represented.

Preserving the Past: We tell the story of our school's evolution over 144 years by redesigning and displaying old memorabilia, reminding us of the enduring legacy we share.

A Treasure Trove Rediscovered – Our museum vault. We stumbled upon treasures that hadn't seen the light of day for decades. Our museum/alumni center is only important because of the story that goes with it. Come join us and be a part of that story.

A SPECIAL THANKS FOR OUR NEW LOOK – Dawn Potter, Trustee and Museum Curator

Anywhere Piano (School Bell) Moving Co; Reno Paint Mart; Mia’s Professional Cleaners; Tripp Plastics; Grout Pro; Alex Campbell, Volunteers from Nevada Historical Society, RHS Alumni, Community members, and Trustees.

SPOTLIGHT

Grace Brown Fuji, RHSAA Life Member #61 and Class of 1958 alumna. Grace's invaluable contributions to the RHSAA community stem from her extensive background in anthropology and archiving. As the pioneering museum curator, she laid the foundation for the meticulous identification and storage system that we rely on to this day. Grace's visionary work began the systematic cataloging of the hundreds of items generously donated or loaned to RHSAA over the years, ensuring their preservation for future generations. Grace's legacy continues to shape our history. This position was vacant for many years. Along came **Sharon Boucher** who interned with the anthropology curator at Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History. Sharon volunteers twice a week and continues to maintain our accessioning system. Together, Grace and Sharon embody the spirit of preservation and dedication that keeps our museum thriving.

Juniors -Research Project



Upcoming Events

November 18: Nevada Women's History Project Luncheon featuring Reno High School Graduates- *Private Event*

November 21: Reno High School Boys Basketball Team Meeting

December 13: 4:30 PM Annual RHSAA Board Meeting and Regular Board Meeting. Open to the public at the Alumni Center-Nominations for Officers, Trustees, current status of membership and finances.

Recent Events- September

Parents night-We were thrilled that parents took advantage of our invitation to tour the museum and learn more about RHS history.

Freshmen and Juniors classes toured the museum for two days. With research outlines in hand, students brought the museum to life with their questions about the school from 1900's to the recent decade. Picture on previous page.

We invited teachers from the RHS Honors Committee to tour the museum and challenged them to fill an empty display case with a class project or club information. We are thrilled to announce that **We The People**, a civic education debate team led by instructor Richard Clark, emerged as the winner of the contest. Winning trophies can be found in our entry which remind visitors of this team's achievements. Congratulations to the **We the People**, RHSAA welcomes all clubs to participate.

Updates from JD Schnabel, Vice President

CURRENTLY: *Student Leadership raised \$1,000 for the Red Cross Maui Relief Fund.

*Six students were selected as National Merit Semi-Finalists

*RHS rated first of 22 high schools in Washoe County – congratulations to teachers and faculty.

Reno High School was recently notified that they have the most University of Nevada Honors College students (25) in the state this year. Way to go Huskies!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Matt Ochs**, teacher and boys' basketball coach, on earning his PhD.

2023 Reunions

1953

The 70-year reunion at the Coney Island Bar and Grill. A big shout out to Dee Garrett and Diane Spina Thornhill, Life Time members, who organized this event for the second graduating class of current Reno High School.

1963

During the 60-year reunion, over 40 alumni toured the RHSSA Museum and Reno High School. With help from classmates as to exact location, faculty led alumni to the dungeon, a study hall in the 60's! The next night, a dinner was held at South 40 with 150 in attendance.

1976

October 21 – Paisan's Restaurant 4-7 PM; exclusive use of the restaurant. Contact Alana Fitzgerald – 775-750-0410 or email at alf@nvcbell.net or Facebook messenger

1983

Mike Hall and Kimberly Koas Wilford arranged the 40-year reunion at the Coney Island Bar and Grill.

1993

The 30-year reunion was celebrated over two nights at South 40 and Ranchharrah, thanks to Carla Buckley Reginato and her team.

2003

The 20-year reunion was celebrated as a family picnic on the school grounds. Attending families toured the alumni center where their children rang the 1879 school bell.

Special thanks to the classes of 2003, 1983, and 1963 for their generous donations to the RHSAA Scholarship Fund and non-discretionary use at the alumni center/museum

If you have an upcoming reunion in 2024, call the RHSAA office. We might have ideas to help you with contacts, decorations and advertising.

WHY JOIN?

PAID MEMBERSHIP, DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS:

- Fund scholarships to RHS graduating students
- Provide connection between RHS alumni and RHSAA members
- Use the Link Piazza Alumni Center for high school reunions
- Provide networking and volunteer opportunities
- Help the association continue traditions of RHS through its vast collection of high school memorabilia in the City of Reno

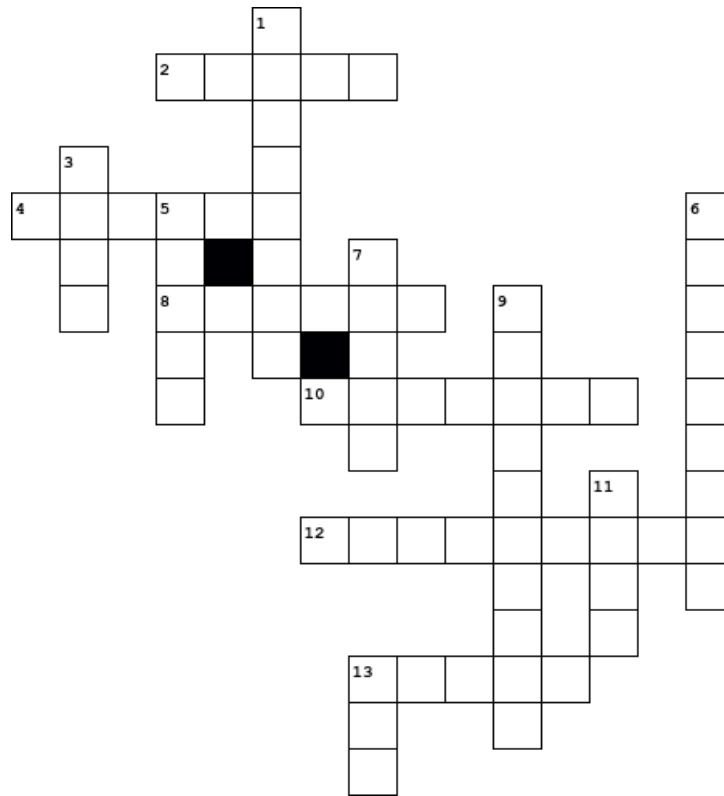
WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

We are seeking docents, administrative support, memorabilia accessioning assistants, newsletter contributions, memorabilia donations from 2000 to present-day, in-kind donations for daily operations. We are also starting an intern program for students. We've heard from talented students who want to get involved. Volunteering always looks good on a resume.

Please contact Toni Poloni at 775-825-2586 RHSAA Office

Thank You

ABOUT & AROUND THE MUSEUM



Across

- 2. 1952 donation
- 4. New day open at museum
- 8. Trophies made in early 1900's
- 10. Championed creation of museum 1995
- 12. Needed to maintain museum
- 13. Scholarship Wall

SOME HINTS: Beasley • Bench • Desks • Donations • Entry • Eva • Food • Monday • Rock • Seven • SilasRoss • Silver • Unicycle • Volunteers

COME TO THE MUSEUM TO FIND CLUES

Down

- 1. 1963 exhibit
- 3. 1982 donation
- 5. Fourth Ward School donation
- 6. Diploma 1901 graduate
- 7. Number of kites used to capture 1908 map
- 9. Needed as docents
- 11. Not allowed in museum
- 13. First name RHS graduate- US Mint



ANDREW J. ROSASCHI

TEACHER – VICE PRINCIPAL

1948 - 1974

AUTHORED & DESIGNED

Mr. Rosaschi taught and served as Vice-Principal while I attended Reno High School. When I mention his name to alumni, their experiences with him are never shared in one word. Did you know this about Mr. Rosaschi...

He attended Yerington High School. He was an arts and science major and a debater while at the University of Nevada. He was chosen as one of three debaters to represent Nevada at the Seventeenth Annual Conference of the Pacific Forensic League. As a senior he was assigned to a committee to form regulations concerning parking, participated for four years as an active member of the ATO fraternity, and completed all of his student teacher qualifications. He served in the US Army during WWII. He kept a diary of his overseas duty in the form of letters to his wife. From 9/8/1943 to 12/22/1943 he specifically addresses his time in Africa and Italy where some of his duty included teaching troops the Italian language. A relative of Mr. Rosaschi's donated the diary to the Reno High School Alumni Association, where it resides with other treasured memorabilia.

The Code of Arms (above) that he designed is still used by Reno High School. It appears on T-shirts worn by members of various activities and on the covers of some Re-Wa-Ne yearbooks. It also hangs proudly in the RHSAA office.

The CODE OF ARMS, though not word for word, is included in the current mission statement of Reno High School. It continues to honor our rich pride and tradition of excellence in academics, activities, athletics, and innovative educational pathways. *RHS MISSION STATEMENT Instill Respect-Honor-Strength in every student, every day to empower positive contributors to the global society.*

If you are interested in reading this diary, call the alumni center/museum. Be prepared to wear gloves when you handle this document. We supply the gloves for handling all such documents.



MEMBERSHIP & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO ALUMNI, FACULTY & EMPLOYEES OF RHS

Name: LAST _____ Middle Init _____ FIRST _____

Last name listed with your graduating class: _____

Attended RHS Dates: From _____ To _____ RHS Teachers & Staff : From _____ To _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We never share your information without permission.

We are a membership dues-based association. We also welcome gifts from the community at large to support our museum and our scholarship program.

Please circle how you would like to support us and return this form with your payment.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- \$30.00** 1 year membership
- \$80.00** 3 year membership
- \$130.00** 5 year membership
- \$400.00** Lifetime Individual Membership

SPONSOR LEVELS:

- Bronze** \$1,000 or more
- Silver** \$5,000 or more
- Gold** \$10,000 or more
- Platinum** \$20,000 or more

DONATIONS to RHSAA Scholarship Fund: \$100 \$250 \$500 OTHER GIFTS: nondiscretionary _____

DONATION dedicated in memory, in honor of or in lieu of flowers, please contact us by phone or email listed below.

Would you like to be involved as a VOLUNTEER? If yes, how would you like to help?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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Donna Abbott	1970
Stephanie Lerude	1982
Howard Moy	1969
Daryl Pelizzari	1952
Toni Poloni-President	1963
Valerie Porter	1989
Dawn Potter-Treasurer	1982
JD Schnabel, VP	1963 Staff

VOLUNTEERS:

Sharon Boucher – COG & museum
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Bob Hamilton – LM & Building Ops
Ellie Jackson – Newsletter contributor
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