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Reno High School Alumni Association Newsletter 2024

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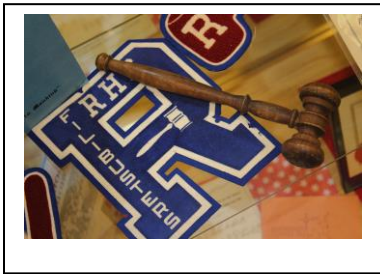
MUSEUM HOURS: Mon 2-5pm & Sat 10-2pm

To schedule a guided tour, meeting or reunion, email:
rhsaa@renohighalum.com

Did you notice our website changes? New design, current reunion information, museum updates and more! Our thanks to John Hannah – Website Manager

www.renohighalum.com

Thanks to your donations and membership dues we were able to fund **SIX** RHS Scholarships (five academic and one trade school). Come visit the pride of our alumni center/museum, the Scholarship Wall in the Legacy Hall (picture above). The wall includes scholarships awarded from 1999 to 2024. Recipients are chosen by the Scholarship Committee at RHS.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

VISIT and SUBMIT AN ENTRY TO WIN: Can you spot the above articles in the museum? Visit the museum, ask the docent for the form submit your answers while you take a tour. We will hold a raffle on December 1, 2024. Winner receives a \$50 gift certificate to a restaurant of their choice.

MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE: We have approximately 150 yearly dues-paying members. We have 270 Lifetime Members. To boost these numbers the **Class of 1963** is challenging other classes to renew or establish their membership, become a Lifetime Member, or consider a Sponsorship gift at the Bronze, Silver or Platinum Levels (see membership application on page 7).

ANNUAL MEETING – December 11, 2024. Consider attending this meeting. We review the past year's progress and elect Officers and Trustees. If you have any interest in participating as a Board member or volunteer, please contact me at the RHSAA office for further information.

BUD BEASLEY TRUST – Bud Beasley was an educator for 70 years and our RHSAA founding champion. His trust recently designated the alumni center as one of the beneficiaries.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Volunteers and Trustees are contributing an average of 200 hours a month. We continue to need docents, administrative support, newsletter contributions, and in-kind donations for daily operations.

We welcome alumni and all members of our community to visit the center/museum. Learn more about the role Reno High School has played in the history of the City of Reno.

Toni Poloni '63



The Mrs. Pauline E. Westover and Family

The first Pauline E. Westover and Family scholarship was announced in 2008 and has been awarded to a Reno High School graduate every year since then. The Mrs. Pauline E. Westover and Family Scholarship is Reno High School's largest scholarship - a total of \$30,000 distributed over four years. Each year a deserving student is chosen by the Reno High School Scholarship committee.

Jasmin Lara is the RHS Class of 2024 recipient. Jasmin will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall. She intends, at this point, to pursue a psychology or social work degree.

The story behind this scholarship is a fascinating one! Paulina and Ethelmae Westover and their two brothers Ned and Jack were the children of Mrs. Pauline E. and Mr. CW Westover. Their parents came to Reno from Colorado in the early 1900's and the children were all born, raised and educated here.

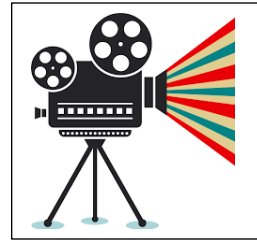
Paulina and Ned both graduated from Reno High School in 1925 and 1934 respectively and both graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno. Ethelmae was the youngest sibling. She graduated from Woodbury College in Los Angeles in 1947 with a degree in Commercial & Graphic Art. The three siblings all enjoyed photography and worked in the field professionally. Jack took another path and became a florist.

Neither Paulina nor Ethelmae ever married. They and their mother, who divorced their father in the 1930's, moved to California while Ethelmae continued her education. The sisters continued to pursue their love of photography and, utilizing their expertise in darkroom technology, produced magnificent masterpieces depicting the environment. Their brother Ned became a nationally known portrait and landscape photographer. He took more than 120,000 photographs in over 80 countries. Many of Pauline and Ethelmae's photographs are displayed in the museum. Come check them out!

It was Ethelmae's wish that the estate remaining in her trust be distributed to set up a scholarship fund for deserving and financially needy high school students from Reno High School. She named the scholarship in honor of her mother.

– Stephanie Lerude, RHSAA Trustee

If the Halls of Reno High School Could Talk



Did you know Reno High School has an exemplary history in the performing arts? Reno High School has graduated many well-known names in the film industry. Below is a list of some Reno High School alumni in the entertainment industry. Know of other alumni in the arts? Let us know.

John Iacovelli (1982))

Art director for “Honey, I Shrunk the Kids”, and Production Designer for “Babylon 5”. He was also the Production Designer for the “Peter Pan” TV Special, for which he won a Prime-Time Emmy Award. In all, he worked on 34 movies/tv series and won many accolades from his peers. During his years at Reno High, he literally ran the theater department, teaching the theater class in his senior year due to not having a teacher. He died suddenly in April 2023.

Ron Thomas (1979)

Ron got his first really big break playing Bobby in 1983’s “Karate Kid” and follow up with “Karate Kid II” which eventually led to his part in “Cobra Kai” with several movies in between.

Dawn Wells (1956)

Known for playing the role of May An in Gilligan’s Island, she played in over 66 movies and TV series, either as a main character or as a guest star. She often came back to Reno to host special events, served as “Parade Marshall”, and she gave back to the community she loved. She died in December 2020.

Camille Celluci (1982)

Camille has a lot going on! She has been a producer and director, but she’s most well known for her visual effect on movies like “Salt, and several Matrix movies, and TV series such as “The Ghost Whisper”.

This is just a smattering of influential alumni who have walked the halls of Reno High School. If only the halls could talk. But they can! Come explore Reno High School Alumni Association Museum’s Performing Arts display.

Peggy Hannah



2024 Reunions

JUST ADDED:

1953 - September 7 Elaine Nishiguchi 775-747-1845 71st Reunion They had so much fun last year, they are doing it again. **Coney Island 4:30 meet/greet. Dinner follows**

Class of	Renion Dates	Contact	Phone	Email	Info
1953					
1964	Sept. 13 -14	John Francovich	775-771-0547		Sept 13: Coney Island, 6pm Sept 14: Alumni Center, 12pm, Picnic
1969	July 19 - 20	Howard Moy	775-742-1586	howard.moy@gmail.com	
1974	June 28, 29, 30	Kim Miller	775-340-3593	kemiller77@gmail.com rhs1974alum@gmail.com	
1979	July 26 - 27	Randi Thompson		randithompson79@gmail.com the_bunch79@hotmail.com	July 26: Cocktail Party, 5-8pm, Napa Sonoma July 27: Dinner 5-8pm, South 40
1984	Sept. 20 - 21	Angela (Serapiglia) Price	425-246-8153	angelaprice67@gmail.com	www.eventcreate.com/e/rhsclassof84reunion/
1994	Jul. 27	Susan DiGrazia		susandigrazia@hotmail.com	Brewers Cabinet 6-10pm
2004	Sept. 21	David Shackelton		david.shackelton@gmail.com	
2014	Jun. 1	Mitchell Awisus		mitchellawisus@gmail.com	

If you have reunion pictures you want posted on the RHSAA website, send them by email to rhsaa@renohighalum.com

THIS AND THAT

Daryl Pelizzari & Lorraine Petersen. Daryl -Class of 1952 and Lorraine Petersen –RHSAA volunteer docent at a meeting of the Nevada Historical Society Volunteer Luncheon held at the center. Lorraine also volunteers at the NHS.

Pictured in the Legacy Hall are Daryl '52, Bud Fujii '50, Kevin Melcher '74. Daryl is our Trustee historian, Bud is a founding Trustee and Kevin stopped by making reunion arrangements. Kevin's father, Joe Melcher, graduated in 1947 & has provided a history of his time as a student.

Peggy Hannah '79 and RHS intern– Julia Rodriguez. Peggy has been VOLUNTOLD to act as our Office Assistant. Julia is a junior at RHS who is interested in pursuing a career in a museum.

John Hesse '57 and Toni Poloni'63. – Yes, cousins! We have visitors daily who come to search for relatives who attended RHS and learn more about the history of schools in Reno.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIPS* OPEN TO ALUMNI, FACULTY AND EMPLOYEES OF RHS

Applicant Name LAST _____ M.I. _____ 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 check the box to all that apply:

MEMBERSHIP* DUES:

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

SPONSORSHIPS & GIFTS:

- ☐ 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 ☐ 250.00 ☐ \$500.00 OTHER GIFTS: unrestricted _____

Donations dedicated in memory, in honor or in lieu of flowers, contact: (775-825-2586) or rhsaa@renohighalum.com

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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Reno High School Alumni Association

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Reno, NV 89513

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WE NEED YOU!

~~Please consider volunteering~~

Questions?

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☐ Treasurer
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☐ Thank you
☐ File

