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ANNUAL PICNIC DOUBLES IN SIZE

ATTENTION REUNION COMMITTEES & ALUMNI AT LARGE!

Mark your Calendars for the 4th and 5th Annual

Alumni Association Picnics---August 21, 2010 & August 20, 2011

The word is obviously out that the Sequoia High School Alumni Association annual picnic is the thing to do and the place to be. This year's picnic attendance doubled in size from the two previous years. 400 guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch in the park-like setting in the lawn area across from the main school building. There were grads ranging from the class of 1937 to 1999 who came from as far as New York and Tennessee.

The tables were beautifully decorated with the colors purple and white, graced with centerpieces featuring photos of former students spanning many decades, some who attended the picnic. The wonderful food was catered by former Sequoian, Jeremy Sowers, of Emergency Barbecue and Catering.

Preceding lunch, a memorable plaque dedication ceremony took place conducted by Alumni Association Athletic Review Committee Chairman, Ed Nordness, honoring three Sequoia icons, former coaches Al Terremere, Ray Dimick and Bob Andersen. (see p. 19)

Alumni Association founder, Dr. Jeff Filippi, had DJ duty throughout the day, playing tunes familiar to the audience as background music. Vintage automobiles owned by alumni and friends were on display. The Sequoia High School cheerleaders treated guests with a rousing performance. Newly appointed Sequoia Principal, Bonnie Hansen, addressed the group as did first year football coach, Rob Poulos. Attendees had the opportunity to take a stroll back through time and also see what's new on campus by taking the campus tour conducted by Principal Hansen.

The Alumni Association honored three very special individuals as this year's Purple Patriot Award winners, Barba Kandarian, volunteer extraordinaire; Key Club Advisor, Dr. Glenn Lew; head of the Archives Project at Sequoia and retired mathematics and German teacher, Glen Michelson. (see p. 13)

The Golden Grads in attendance (class of 1959) were individually recognized and presented with a 50-year com-

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF "SMOKE SIGNALS" IS HERE!

In the last edition of Smoke Signals there was an article about the Alumni Association moving to an electronic newsletter for those members having e-mail addresses on our membership database. As of this edition, the move has taken place. All members on our database will now be able to view the Alumni Association's newsletter, Smoke Signals, online.

The reason for this move is obvious. It has to do with cost. Monies saved on the processing and mailing of Smoke Signals will directly impact our ability to do more in terms of grants and other financial support for Sequoia High School as well as help sustain the Alumni Association. In addition to saving the Alumni Association money, those receiving the newsletter electronically will also have the benefit of seeing it earlier than those receiving hardcopies through the mail. The online version is exactly the same as the hardcopy version.

In the aforementioned article, mention was made that we were compiling a list of those members opting to receive the online version. Many wrote in. Due to an unfortunate computer problem, we are no longer privy to the information that was input as a result of people contacting us. While we apologize for this mishap, it does give everyone with an e-mail address on our da-

tabase the opportunity to view the electronic version and determine whether or not you are agreeable with this format. If you are not, all you have to do is e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net and we will gladly mail you a copy of this edition and all future editions until you tell us otherwise.

Those without computers will continue to receive Smoke Signals in the mail. I do ask however that those who do have computers to please consider staying with the electronic version and assuming you have a printer, you can always print it if you want to have a hardcopy as a keepsake. That's what I do with two other organizations that I belong to. As a cost savings measure both of these groups went to an electronic newsletter. I just print them and it's no different than if I had received it the mail.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
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Alumni Association

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memorative pin.

Many Sequoia notables were in attendance such as former Congressman Bill Royer, class of 1938; former coach (1950 – 1980) and student (class of 1941), Bob Andersen; former coach (1960 – 1994), Bill Warren; former coach and student (class of 1956), Fred Mitchell; former teacher (1942 – 1964) and student (class of 1938), John Dusel; former teacher (1952 – 1957), Ben Stephens and former teacher (1957 – 1986), Robert Kirchgatter.

Well-deserved recognition goes to the committee that put this wonderful event together. Committee members were Rosemary Alvarez, Pat Bernard, John Castro, Jack Conklin, Rosemary Fischer, Carolyn Livengood, Sally Newman, Nancy Oliver, Elena Reynick, Julie Salas, Marian Wydo and committee chairman Ken Rolandelli. Thanks also to members of the football team and others who helped set up and take down tables and chairs. (see p. 11)

We ask that classes planning reunions and classmate get-togethers to please consider incorporating your event into this one. We sincerely appreciate and thank the class of 1949 for doing just that, having 75 people present from that group. Basically, all the work is done for you. All you need to do is to buy tickets and attend. Equally as important is that you would be supporting the Alumni Association by contributing to this vital fund-raising event in order that we may continue to communicate with you and continue to benefit Sequoia High School with grants, scholarships and support various high school programs, projects and activities.

This is an opportunity to reconnect with your high school. It is also a coming-together of the Sequoia community as witnessed by those participating. There are alumni, the Sequoia Boosters, the Sequoia Foundation, The Parent-Teacher-Student-Association, Sequoia District and Sequoia High School administrators and



Sequoia District Superintendent Pat Gemma and Bonnie Hansen, new Sequoia Principal.

teachers on hand for this event.

The annual theme of the picnic is “Celebrate Sequoia! Remember the past, look to the future”, our intent being to honor and perpetuate Sequoia’s rich and proud heritage while at the same time supporting Sequoia today and into the future.

We hope to see you at next year’s picnic.

Note: See more picnic photos on our website: www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS TO OUR DRAWING AT THE PICNIC.

Supplying many wonderful prizes for our raffle drawing, these donors have assisted SHSAA with its programs to help Sequoia. Several donated two or more prizes.

Please utilize their services, and remember to thank them for their generous donations.

Michael Alvarez	L & M Imports
AMF Redwood Lanes	Carolyn Abbott Livengood
Amelia’s Restaurant	Marjory Lusenberg
Andrea at City Styling	Mahrz the Salon
Arthur Murray Dance Studio, R.C.	Cheryl Monroe
Pat Schath Bernard	Mountain Mike’s Pizza
John Castro	MY Credit Union
The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf	Peet’s Coffee & Tea, R.C.
Jack Conklin	Mary Piza
Crouching Tiger Restaurant	Andrea Reiser, Mary Kay consultant
Crown Plaza, Foster City	San Francisco Bay Bombers
Degnan’s Printers, Inc.	Leah Schmuck
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Dr. Jeff Filippi	Skateworks
Rosemary Filippi Fischer	Styles Hair Design
First Nat’l Bank of Northern California	Sylvan’s Learning Center, R.C.
Goetz Bros.	Jean Tinelli
Hedges and Sons	Trader Joe’s, San Carlos
	Marian Aragon Wydo



Donations

July to November 2009:

GENERAL FUND:

James Parker	1944
Robert McLoughlin	1949
Peter Pors	1953
Julie Falce Vail	1955
Denise McMillan	1956
Virgil Parks	1956
Art Bush	1959
-in honor of Chuck Cave	1959
-Verlayne Swanson Cave	1962
Jerry Adamson	1961
Timothy Burkhardt	1972
Karlo Reyes	2009
Glenn Michelson	Former Faculty
Mary Pisa	Friend of Sequoia

COACH HEADSET:

Richard Schlenker	1968
Ray Balzarini, Jr.	1968

SURPLUS YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

SHSAA has acquired several yearbooks that are duplicates for our collection and those of Sequoia and the Redwood City Archives. We have decided to make these books available for purchase by anyone wishing to buy them. E-bay often has yearbooks for sale for \$50, and the newest books cost \$85+, so our prices are a real bargain!

These books are rarer and cost \$40, plus shipping & handling: **1982; 1983; 1984; 2004; 2006**. These books cost \$20, plus \$5 for shipping & handling: **1987; 1989; 1990; 1991; 1996**. To order a yearbook, see the inside back page.

SMOKE SIGNALS:

Ruth Estacille Bildenbach	1942
Walter Harrington	1942
Lois Chandler Harrington	1945
Owen Hall	1948
Dorothy Bourquin Hall	1948
Richard Buell	1952
Peter Pors	1953
Julie Falce Vail	1955

TEA GARDEN FUND:

The Arimoto Family	
-in memory of Yoneko Arimoto	
Janet Nelson Fisher	1949
Gary Graul	1965

SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Patricia Hackinberger Prado	1964
& Kenneth Prado	1939
-in memory of Louise Appy	

TOM DEL SATRO SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Gayle Somer Cromwell	1950
Lovey Somer Del Sarto	1953
-in memory of Albert Giovannoni family & Lota Palacilas family & Leonard Blomstedt, Friend of the family & Joseph Jenna, Friend of the family	

SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND:

Gary Graul	1965
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2009 SPECIAL FUND, ADDITIONS:

Jeanie Nieri Treichel	1948
Mike Miller	1950
Ron Purcell	1951
James Ferguson	1954
Darlene Keith	1957

A big THANK YOU goes to all who have donated to help SHSAA with its ongoing programs. If you would like to donate, see the Returnable Page, inside back cover of this issue.

SPORTS TRIVIA

During a 1967 interview, Ray Dimick, Sequoia basketball coach for almost 40 years, finally named his all-time Sequoia basketball team consisting of: Bob Peterson, '49, who he claimed was the best basketball player he coached: Joe Greenbach, '46; Charlie Bendeich, '35; Jim Needham, '38; & Frank Rodriguez, '52. Not far behind were listed: Fred Mitchell, '56; Dick Clegg, '45; & Jack Holmquist, '49. However, Ray further stated, the Sequoia player with the best skills, was Charlie Johnson, coached by Fred Mitchell.

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The 1925 Sequoia Yearbook describes the following sports that girls competed in against other league teams: basketball, hockey, tennis, swimming, volleyball, baseball, and the following track events—50-yard dash, soccer kick for distance, basketball throw, 200-yard relay. Sequoia was league champion in the chariot race. These were all pre-Title 9.

CDs AVAILABLE FROM COP MUSIC CAMP

Robert Green (1958) would like to reach a few of his fellow classmates who were in A Cappella Choir and who attended the College of Pacific Music Camp in 1957 and 1958. Only some members of the choir were taken to the COP Music Camp by Mr. Clark. Robert has recorded the LPs from those camps onto CDs.

He says the LPs were in good condition and copied well. Remember Jester Hairston leading everyone in singing "Amen," from "Lilies of the Field," and "In That Great Gettin' Up Morning" from "Band of Angels"?

If anyone would like a copy of the CDs, Robert will be glad to send them to you. You can e-mail him at noman@wbcable.net.

IT'S TIME TO SEND US

YOUR ANNUAL DONATION FOR 2009

Please show your support for our programs and projects:

- Our newsletter, Smoke Signals, with alumni news, reunions, school events, etc.
- Other mailing, communications, and Web site.
- Scholarships.
- Cherokee Grants to Sequoia programs, & other awards.
- Books for the Sequoia Library:
 - on Native American Culture & History;
 - publications written by or about Sequoians.
- Collection of music by Otis Carrington.
- Honoring notable Sequoians and community members.
- Storage locker to house merchandise, records, and artifacts.

Make your tax-deductible 2009 donation (Tax ID #94-2967009) for the General Fund to support these activities. Contributions of any amount are most appreciated. See Returnable Page on the inside back cover, or use the special envelope enclosed in the mailed issue to send your donation, or go to www.SequoiaHSAAlumniAssoc.org and use PayPal for your contribution.

Reunions

Reunion chairmen: Please contact our Reunion Liaison, Pat Bernard, if you're planning a reunion for your class: (650) 366-1457 or e-mail <sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net> or mail to: Sequoia Reunions, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL			
1955 - 55th	Oct. 1, 2010	Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos	Posted on Classmates.com
1969 - 41th	TBA	TBA	John Reese (650) 207-2318

INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT REUNION: ED HARRIS' CLASSES OF 1972-1978

Carolyn (Lyn) Pulliam, principal flautist 1976, and **Jeff Filippi**, principal percussionist 1976 are planning a musical first on **June 26, 2010—Celebrating the Ed Harris Years!**

Mr. Harris was recently honored as part of the "Big 3" powerhouse educators of the 1970s" Performing Arts Department, sharing honors with Jay Selby and the late Ray Doherty.

In honor and appreciation and with a desire to once again gather with Mr. Harris and former band and orchestra mates, Lyn and Jeff are organizing a very unique reunion encompassing the seven-year span that Mr. Harris taught at Sequoia.

To help the process of compiling alumni contact information, if you know grads that were in the program during those years, please have them **contact Lyn Pulliam at lyn.pulliam@sbcglobal.net or Jeff Filippi at jfilippi@sbcglobal.net.**

The location of the Saturday, June 26, 2010, celebration is still being determined, depending on the number of attendees. This is a one-time only event, so please plan to attend.

P. S. Mr. Harris, now Dr. Harris, is chairman of the School of Music and Dance at San Jose State. We like to think that we properly groomed him for the job!

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The Sequoia Desert Classic Reunion. On April 7, 2009, four handsome and talented Sequoians were hosted by **Dino Ruffone (1952)** in Palm Springs, CA, for the 2nd Annual Classic Reunion. The two day event included golf, great food, much camaraderie and, of course, sharing stories of our years at Sequoia. It goes without saying that the stories get a little better at each telling. The participants in the 2008 Classic were Dino Ruffoni, Meb Buchanan, Lee Megginson (all 1952) and Bill Ayer (1953).

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Class of 72 Golf Weekend... On the weekend of September 11th through the 13th, nine Cherokees and one Don gathered at the Plumas Pines Resort for the first ever Class of 72 Golf Match Play Championship. Participating were former football standouts, **Ray Kitasoe, Jim Marchetti, Paul Boydston, Jim Edson, Randy Kirby, Bo Shabatura and Joey Delago.** The Cherokee's golf team (represented by the 1972 team captain, **Jim Shea**, and **Brian Murphy, who played for the San Carlos Dons' golf team**) shot the low score of the weekend, a 76 at the tight Plumas Pines Resort Course. The match play tournament was won by **Mike Krohn**, whose claim to athletic fame prior to this prestigious victory, was pitching a perfect game in 1966 for North Redwood Little League's Moose Lodge against the hard hitting Sears Service team that featured future Sequoia stars Chris Stilson, (football and wrestling), and Mike Duncan, (baseball and basketball). Randy Kirby, who later won All SPAL second team honors for Sequoia football, looked on back in 1966 for Sears Service.



2009 Sequoia Desert Classic Sequoians, L to R: Meb Buchanan (1952), Ray Anderson (1952), Chuck Forcier (1952), and Dino Ruffoni (1952).



Sequoia HS Class of 1972 - Graeagle Weekend: L to R = Jim Edson, Brian Murphy (San Carlos HS), Joe Delago, Jim Marchetti, Mike Krohn, Paul Boydston, Raymond Kitasoe, Jim Shea, Bo Shabatura, Randy Kirby.

Many thanks to **Ray Kitasoe** who spearheaded this weekend and managed to be the big winner at poker on Friday night. We were all too hammered, er, tired to play poker on Saturday, but, hope to be in better shape next year! We hope this becomes an annual event and encourage other 72 Cherokees to join our group by contacting Jim Shea at jbds@hotmail.com. A special aside to **Frank Carney**.... "we were rootin' fer ya, Frank, but ya got pinned!"

Go Cherokees!

— from **Jim Shea, Class of 72**

Spotlight On Sequoia

Superintendent Pat Gemma received a special commendation presented by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of his educational excellence in the county. Mr. Gemma received the commendation for leadership of the District - "one of the bright lights of education in our County," according to Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson. The Sequoia district is a "comprehensive public high school system that serves the needs of a diverse group of students through innovative programs, state-of-the-art facilities and dedicated teachers and staff," said the supervisor.

"During his tenure as Superintendent, Dr. Gemma has worked to ensure the passage of bonds to enhance the facilities and technology available to students. He has also advanced a comprehensive career-technical education program that supports students as they identify college majors and future careers. Under Dr. Gemma's leadership, students are given the tools they need to excel in a 21st century global society," she said.

After nearly four decades in education and six years at the helm of the Sequoia district, Gemma said he was both honored and humbled to receive the commendation. "It's especially meaningful to receive this commendation now," Gemma said. "Leaders in public education in the county and the state are facing unprecedented challenges - from the state budget crisis and ailing national economy to unfunded state mandates and limited local control.

"We're going to continue, undaunted, to meet the challenges head-on. We're undeterred because we know that what's at stake - public education - goes to the very heart of our democracy. I am privileged to serve in public education in our great state, and I am honored to receive this commendation from our esteemed county supervisors."

Sequoia district board president Don Gibson said, "We're pleased the county supervisors have recognized our superintendent," the board president said after today's presentation. "Dr. Gemma is doing an exemplary job in navigating the District successfully through the current challenging times. He has us headed into what promises to be one of the most exciting eras ever for the Sequoia district."

Dr. Gemma also was named "Superintendent of the Year" for District 5 by the Association of California School Administrators. They particularly mentioned his leadership directing bond-funded projects that are bringing building and technology improvements districtwide.

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New Sequoia Union High School District Website: The dynamic, redesigned website is aimed at enhancing communication with parents and the community. seq.org provides forms, important dates and other vital information along with new features, such as virtual tours of new facilities, profiles of district leadership, and news briefs about faculty, students and other district newsmakers, and information about rental of district fa-

cilities. The district's facebook page and link to the superintendent's twitter can also be accessed from the home page.

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Terry Ignaitis, of Sequoia's College and Career Center, is looking for a few volunteers for a special project. She would like to start a **mentor program for seniors**, and eventually other grade levels, where students can have a job shadowing experience. If this sounds interesting and you have time during the day, please contact her ASAP at tignaiti@seq.org.

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The Canyon Inn in Redwood City recently received a major exterior change as a result of owner Tim Harrison accompanying his daughter to the recent Sequoia Players' production of "Grease." Tim had been looking for a special ambiance for his restaurant and the malt shop scene triggered an idea. He hired the play's behind-the-scenes set director, set designer, and artist to design the new exterior of the restaurant and create a new logo and sign. He also installed new signs on the patio and front door; upgraded lighting, woodwork, landscaping; and replaced an existing mural with a contemporary one.

Tim Harrison gives to the community, as well, often providing food for school events. He donates all the hot dogs for the Optimists food booth at the summer concerts at Stafford Park; all the proceeds are earmarked to keep the music program alive in Redwood City schools.

After 36 years of serving Redwood City and its surrounding communities, along with celebrities, high-profile sports figures, and other visitors, the Canyon Inn continues to flourish as a fun restaurant and also as a catering business. It has been selected as "Best Restaurant" by the Sequoia Football Team. Say "thank you" to Tim by dropping by 587 Canyon Road.

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Math instructor **Mike Radoye** was named "2009-2010 Teacher of the Year" for Sequoia District. With his belief that all students can learn, he employs engaging instructional strategies that help him succeed with students across the academic spectrum.

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Coach Ben Parks retired at age 75 at the end of the 2009 school year. Last season, he coached the Cherokees to their second Peninsula Athletic League Ocean Division title in the past three years. He coached wrestling at Sequoia for the past nine years after 35 years as wrestling coach at M-A. He often competes in charity runs and takes food to the needy. Mr. Parks is in several halls of fame, including the San Mateo county Hall of Fame in 2007.

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Coach Ed Riley, Sequoia Track Team coach from 1992-2004, is retiring. In a news article, he mentioned Sequoia student **Lavar Anderson**, who ran the 100 in 10.77, the fastest sprinter he ever coached.

ELECTION REPORT

At the Annual Meeting, the following five people were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Sequoia High School Alumni Association for the 2009 - 2011 term: **Jack Conklin (1962)**; **Rosemary Filippi Fischer (1967)**; **Sally Coelho Newman (1956)**; **Ed Nordness (1951)**; and **Leah Schmuck (1954)**.

At the September Board Meeting, officer elections were held. Elected to serve for the 2009-2010 year were: President, **Ken Rolandelli (1963)**; Vice-President, **Leah Schmuck (1954)**; Secretary, **Nancy Lebkicher Oliver (1957)**; and Co-Treasurers: **Sally Coelho Newman (1956)** and **Marian Aragon Wydo (1964)**.

Calendar

Check with our web site for updates: www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org

November

24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

December

4 & 5 - "Guys & Dolls"***

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall

6 - "Guys & Dolls" at 2 pm. (Adults, \$10; Students, \$5.)

8 - Winter Music Concert***

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall (Adults & Students: \$5.)

January 2010

26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

February

23 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

26 & 27 - "The Boyfriend" ***

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall

28 - "The Boyfriend" at 2 pm. (Adults, \$10; Students, \$5.)

March

8 - Sequoia Athletics Golf Tournament ^

23 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

24 - Spring Music Concert ***

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall

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^^ See details, INSTRUMENTAL DEPT. REUNION, p. ____

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April

16 & 17 - Dance Show ***

at 7:30 pm, Carrington Hall (Adults \$10; Students, \$7)

27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

May

18 - Pops Concert ***

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall

21 & 22 - "Spoon River Anthology"

at 7 pm, Carrington Hall (Adults, \$10; Students, \$5)

25 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

June

22 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

26 - Instrumental Department Reunion ^^

July

4 - Fourth of July Booth at RC Festival

27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

August

21 - ANNUAL PICNIC at Sequoia

24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

October

16 - Third Sequoia Sports Banquet

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MEMORIAL BRICKS, TREES, AND BENCHES STILL AVAILABLE

The bricks, trees and benches at the Sequoia Veterans Memorial are excellent ways to remember or honor a family member, friend, fellow student, or favorite teacher; or you can simply put your own name and graduation year in honor of your time at Sequoia.

Engraved bricks are \$100 each; trees are \$1,000 each including a bronze plaque mounted on a boulder next to the tree; and engraved benches are \$3,000 each.

We are also selling bricks for Carrington Hall. The bricks are \$200 each and will be placed in front of the main entrance to Carrington Hall. You can buy a brick with a friend and share the cost. Each brick holds three lines with 22 characters or spaces per line.

For more information contact Dee Eva, 650-368-4800, or mail your check, payable to SHSAA, to Dee at 1021 Arlington Rd., Redwood City, CA 94062.

Profits from the sale of these bricks go to the SHSAA and help fund Cherokee Grants and scholarships.



FOURTH OF JULY AT THE SVM

When Dee Eva was cashing a check at First National Bank of Northern California in Redwood City, the bank was giving out flags for the 4th of July. She asked for 30 of them for the SVM and the teller gave her 36!



Along with a red, white, and blue wreath, Dee put one flag at each tree, bench and on the corners of the monument and other spots. Thank you, First National Bank of Northern California.

THANK YOU TO THE ASSOCIATION...

The Sequoia High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association thanked SHSAA for the donation of \$88 worth of merchandise for their Silent Auction at the PTSA Bingo Night fundraiser. The PTSA pays for a BBQ lunch and pool party for seniors, a graduation rehearsal brunch, and an opportunity for the seniors to experience the cruise on the Hornblower yacht at a reduced price for a safe and sober grand night.

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The Sequoia High School drama department was happy to receive the SHSAA contribution of \$35 to pay for printing of the programs for their 2009 spring musical, Pajama Game, which was performed six times.

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"Thank you so very much for choosing me as a recipient of the Purple Patriot Award. I am deeply touched by your action and I very much appreciate the award and the kind words so many of you expressed to me Saturday."

Sincerely,
Glenn Michelson

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"I am so very honored to have been selected to receive the Purple Patriot Award. Sequoia is an amazing school-rich in history, "home" to incredible students, teachers, and staff-in short, a place that years ago captured my heart. Thank you again-I am truly grateful for this award.

With sincere regards,
Barba Kandarian

SEQUOIA MEMORIES...

Nancy Marlow (1940) writes, "I have been an author, actress and journalist through the years. I loved my years at Sequoia-Miss Clark (French), our Variety shows (I tap-danced), our band, Frohlan Casteneda. Is anybody around for a reunion? I am!"

THANKS FOR MEMORABILIA AND OTHER DONATIONS

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is always happy to receive donations of Sequoia memorabilia. We do keep a collection of Sequoia yearbooks and other memorabilia, which is put on display in various exhibits from time to time.

Thank you to the following people who have sent in some wonderful items:

Memorabilia

Sandi Harris Adair (1955) has given three yearbooks to SHSAA's collection.

Mike Reynick (1961) donated a copy of Young Ideas, Sequoia's quarterly literary magazine, from June, 1942.

Lynn Boicelli Malvino-Capper (1962) has donated two large photographs of all the students in front of

Sequoia H. S. from 1936 and 1938. They belonged to her late father, **Tony Boicelli (1936)**.

Other Items

William Maxwell (1938) sent a booklet he has written: "Home Owner's Record Keeping System." His wife, Dolores Maxwell was a teacher's aide at Sequoia and later, the community liaison for the Latino students there. She now owns a small alterations business in Red Bluff.

Edouard Chevassus (1942) donated a book from the Cherokee Trail Series about the gold rush in California.

Thelma Wheeler (1944) donated two books, one about Indian and Eskimo artifacts and another about the California Missions.

NEW NAME ON THE SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Peter Gerhard Lotha Friebel (1960) died 1 Jul 1980 while on active duty in West Germany.

Leone Montague Rodriguez (1960) was in contact with Peter's brother, Heinz, and said, "Peter left a wife and 3 children in Germany and once the name has been engraved, Heinz will send a photo to them so that they will know that their father is remembered, and honored, in his home town."

Peter's name was engraved on the memorial this summer.

If you know the name of a Sequoia student who died while serving in the military and whose name is not on the Sequoia Veterans Memorial, please contact Dee Eva at 650-368-4800.

In order to qualify for having their name on the monument, the person has to have attended Sequoia and received grades for at least one semester and was still in the military at the time of their death. Graduation from Sequoia is not a requirement.

In order to conserve on the cost of engraving the monument, new names will be added once each year during summer vacation.

If you would like to contribute to the Sequoia Veterans Memorial fund for maintenance and engraving the monument, please send a check payable to the SHSAA in care of Dee Eva, 1021 Arlington Road, Redwood City, CA 94062-1850.

New Members

(June 1 - November 4, 2009)

Sequoia

Eloise Rahtje Lancelstremere	1927
Kyoko Kasai Fujii	1942
Jeanie Nieri Treisnel.....	1948
Louis Gerard.....	1949
Robert McLoughlin	1949
Joe Souza	1953
Clorinda Stagnaro McVinnie.....	1956
Virgil Parks	1956
Robert Murphy	1959
Jerry Adamson.....	1961
Lynette Allen.....	1965
Gary Graul.....	1965
Mary Meltzer.....	1967
Dee Mulrey Bender	1969
Ron Alfred Ontiveros.....	1969
Diane Stallcop Palomarez	1974
Maura Welsh Whitmore	1975
Jeff Morris.....	1981
Larry Hosking	F.S.-1989
Kassie Hoelper.....	2007
Rebecca Cooper	2009
Molly Hoelper.....	2009
Karlo Reyes	2009
Justin Redman	2009
Brendalyn Wilson.....	2009
Sunny Yander.....	2009
Glenn Lew	Friend of Seq.

San Carlos

Barba Foell Kandarian.....	1967
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Dons' Doings

Current information about fellow San Carlos High grads... To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, page 22.

New Members

Barba Foell Kandarian 1967 Barba is a vice-president in Client Relationships Management (when she isn't volunteering at Sequoia H.S. She received a 2009 Purple Patriot Award from SHSAA. (See p. 13)

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Helen Cunningham (Sequoia-1952) writes: "Just a tidbit of information: My father, **Lou (Doc) Folsom**, was an electricity and radio shop teacher at Sequoia for many years **retiring from San Carlos High School in 1972**, a total of 33 years in all. He was one of the original Industrial Arts teachers at Sequoia when the shops were built."

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Julie Clark (SC-1966), a former Miss San Carlos and graduate of UC Santa Barbara, flew her Navy training plane as part of the Annual Fleet Week celebration in the Bay Area. Julie was one of the first women to be hired as a captain for a major airline. She has performed in more than 1,000 air shows and logged 30,000-plus flight hours. After obtaining her pilot's license, Julie flew agriculture equipment out of Fresno and was an instructor for the U. S. Navy at the Naval Air Station in Lemoore. At age 27, she became the first female captain at Golden West Airlines. She later worked for Hughes Air West and retired in 2003 after 26 years of commercial flying. She still loves performing her air show routine which revolves around a patriotic theme, complete with red, white and blue smoke. One of her signature moves is creating a heart out of smoke. Find more information about Julie at www.americanaerobatics.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Anton Tyson (SC-1964)
Bruce Welge (SC-1964)
Patrick Buell (SC-1971)
Roderick Jackson (SC-1975)
Carol Johnson Gosline (SC-1977)

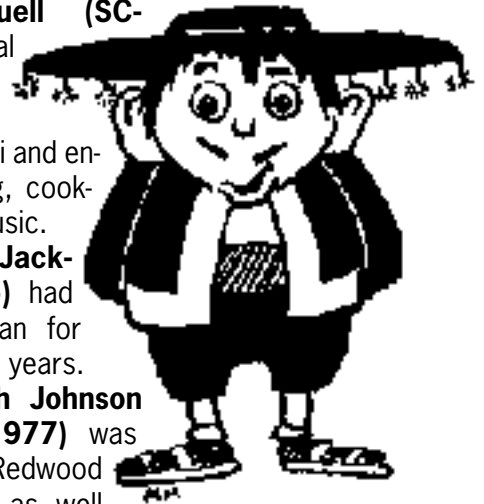
Michael Anton Tyson (SC-1964) was a small business government contractor for the Department of Defense and Lockheed-Martin. A highlight in his athletic career was being a member of the "Babe Ruth World Series" Champs in 1961. An avid fisherman and great fan of the New York Yankees, Mike's sense of humor and perseverance to overcome physical challenges will always be remembered.

Bruce Welge (SC-1964) passed away in April in the San Jose area.

Patrick Buell (SC-1971), a real estate agent, was a longtime member of Filoli and enjoyed gardening, cooking, and jazz music.

Roderick Jackson (SC-1975) had lived in Michigan for the past several years.

Carol Ruth Johnson Gosline (SC-1977) was crowned Miss Redwood City that year, as well as Miss Congeniality in the San Mateo County contest. Carol attended Westmont College and later graduated from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Business.



DO YOU REMEMBER THE SCHS VETERANS MONUMENT?

At the June 23 SHSAA board meeting, two SCHS grads who attended said there was a memorial or monument to veterans from SCHS. They asked if anyone knows where that monument is located and if anyone is monitoring it or adding any names, if necessary.

If you know anything about that monument, please contact SHSAA (see returnable page on the inside back cover of this issue).

SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org

The above website listing is a reminder there is considerable information available at the alumni website, including recent photos of the Sequoia campus, news of the SHSAA projects, reunions, upcoming events, merchandise information, donation opportunities, and the membership form. The newly installed PayPal system even allows you to order or donate conveniently using your credit card!

Remember to go to the updated website often. We know you will enjoy your visits. Check it out!

FOOTBALL TEAM HELPS AT PICNIC

Sequoia Coach Fine Lauese put out the call to the football team to help set up and take down the tables and chairs for the Annual Picnic on August 22. Eight husky team members and one helpful young woman showed up at 8 am to haul tables to the lawn and set up the chairs. At the end of the picnic, they returned and cheerfully packed up the tables and chairs and took them inside. They also assisted in carrying heavy items for some of the elderly alumni.

After the Association sent special thank-you items to the wonderful helpers, Coach Lauese responded to our president: *"In all honesty, it was a great experience for the kids and myself to see everyone come together and have a great time. The Alumni Picnic was a learning experience for my group. The kids asked questions like 'Is this what they do every year?' to 'Will we be here after 40 years celebrating like them?' To sum it all up, one of my kids turned to me and said 'Coach, this is what its all about, great people coming back here and having a great time.' Ken, as you can see we have great kids here Sequoia.*

SHSAA sends a big THANK YOU to these great Sequoians!

SEA SCOUT & MARINER REUNION

Attention all SEA SCOUTS AND MARINERS who graduated from Peninsula high schools between 1955-64:

A "Great Years" reunion is being planned for June 26, 2010

with the location likely to be on the SF Peninsula (preferably near water!)

Please contact one of the MSS Thunderbirders : Marian Jones (Carlmont, 1962) at marian731@verizon.net , Sharon O'Hara, (Notre Dame,1961) at oharashar@aol.com, or one of the Belmonster crew: John Duggar (Carlmont,1962) at jncduggar@yahoo.com , or Dennis Guinaw (Serra,1960) at guinaw@aol.com if you or someone you have kept in touch with remembers the annual June Cruises to Steamboat Slough and would like to be kept informed about the reunion.

DEADMAN'S CAVE SEQUEL

Mark Meltzer (1967) wrote: "The Dead Mans Cave story made me recall "Superior Tunnel". It was an entrance to RCs extensive storm drain system that could be entered near the old Superior Supermarket. I explored the underground system with friends and ranged far and wide accessing downtown and many other areas. You could see occasional daylight through street curb drains. The main tunnel was high enough to stand up in. It was rumored that rats and hobos lived in the tunnel during the dry season but we saw neither.

Does anyone have any other "Superior Tunnel" stories? Contact SHSAA.

KUDOS

"Thank you for another beautiful edition of SMOKE SIGNALS. Keep up the good work."

—**Jim Guida (1974)**

"Always enjoy receiving my copy of the Smoke Signals and am grateful for all those who work so hard for the Alumni Association. Looking forward to the picnic in August."

—**Judy Ayers Figone (1957)**

"I'd be happy to receive Smoke Signals by email. This issue had lots of interesting news!"

—**Mary Newman Hanke (1952)**

"Thank you for the Smoke Signals. I love the paper. It helps me keep up to date with my former classmates. Thank you for such a wonderful job."

—**Pat Ayers Brownell, 1961**

"Thank you for continuing to compile and issue the Smoke Signals. I read it cover to cover each time I receive it."

—**Mary Loo Carbullido (1982)**

KEEP YOUR ADDRESSES COMING!

Thanks to the many members who have sent in their current e-mail address. We still do not yet have e-mail addresses for some of you, though. The old membership application forms did not ask for e-mail, so none was entered in our database.

Please send us your e-mail address, either via our e-mail address, sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or mail via the Returnable Page.

If you send the address via e-mail, please be sure and give your name, and if possible, your membership number, which is on the top of your mailing label on Smoke Signals. That will help us to find you in the database!

(NOTE: The policy of SHSAA is not to give out your contact information except to your class reunion committee.)

CENTURY CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS

The Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club is comprised of business, community, and alumni members who donate a minimum of \$100 each year to help fund scholarships.

All who joined by June 30, 2006 are Charter Members. Renewal letters have been sent.

Sustaining (\$100)

- Ernest Baga, C*
- Pat Bernard*
- Malcolm "Meb" and Jean Buchanan, C*
- Susanne Chapman Campbell, C*
- Richard and Donna Cesarin, C*
- Edward L. Crossley*
- Jerard & Kathleen Drever*
- Richard and Dee Rowan, C Eva*
- Jeffrey Filippi, C*
- Rosemary Filippi Fischer, C*
- Gary Franson, C*

- Lupe Gallegos-Diaz, C*
- Jan Harris Hillegass, C*
- Patricia L. Horn*
- Dr. & Mrs. J. R. Killen
- Ray or Janice Jeffery, C*
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- Pat Jeffery Kesterson*
- Howard and Patricia Macway, C*
- Steven Mandell*
- Marjorie Stewart Miller*
- Yvonne Loustau Mootz, C*
- Lynden & Charlotte Olsted
- James Parker*

- Gary Reinecke, C*
- Ken Rolandelli, C*
- Glenn Stewart, C*
- Curt Talbott, C*
- Donald T. Terry, C*
- Bob Weeks*
- Carole Francis Williams, C*

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- 15-year membership
- Ellen Stok, C

C = Charter Member
* 2008-2009 renewal

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- 5-year membership
- Bob & Wally Arends (new)
- Chrystal Kerstan Goss, C

(We apologize to any new members whose contributions reached us after the publication deadline. You will be included in the next issue.)

Donate to Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club



For more information, please contact Paul Sanfilipo, scholarship chairman and Century Club founder, at 961 Woodside Road, Suite D, Redwood City, CA 94061-3644, or phone (650) 365-2144 or (650) 366-5171. Fax: (650) 365-3481 e-mail: AmericanCoast@msn.com

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2009 PURPLE PATRIOT AWARDS

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association's Purple Patriot Award is given annually to honor an individual or an organization demonstrating outstanding service to or providing a significant benefit directly to Sequoia High School. The names this year's recipients have been engraved on the perpetual Purple Patriot Trophy that is displayed during the year in the hall case near the library.

Ever since her four children entered Sequoia, **Barba Kandarian** has been very active over a period of 12 years in many volunteer positions. Serving as Parent-Teacher-Student Association President several times, she was active on many of their committees. She has worked tirelessly for the Sequoia Boosters Club, serving as the Boosters Chair and always helping to sell their merchandise wherever they had a booth or table. She has assisted with school registration and many faculty breakfasts and luncheons. Barba has been a valuable member of both the School Site Council and the Leadership Team, and has served on numerous other committees.

Even after her youngest son graduated last year, Barba continued to be involved in the Sequoia community, speaking at the school district and county board meetings about the benefits of a Sequoia High School education. This last year, Barba agreed to serve on the board of the Sequoia Education Foundation.

Barba has also been a tireless advocate of Sequoia High School in the San Carlos community. More than a decade of Sequoia students have benefitted from her dedication and hard work.

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Glenn Lew, a dentist and member of the Kiwanis Club, has been volunteering as the Sequoia Key Club advisor for more than 15 years. He has a true gift in relating with the youth students. Glenn's positive enthusiasm spills out over everyone with whom he works. He instilled in Sequoia students a strong and positive call to service and helped them learn to mentor their peers into service, such as beach cleanups, food drives, gift drives, wrapping presents at holidays for gifts of children of inmates, and stuffing envelopes for Pets In Need. He even helped the Key Club work with the Sequoia Alumni Association on a fundraiser dance for the Carrington Hall Restoration Fund.

Glenn was not interested in being in charge; rather, he found each student's strength and helped them foster and develop it. He guided students into seeing their ideas come to fruition in the community. He ensured that whatever students attempted would be successful, garnering any support they needed from the Kiwanis. He worked the same way with each new teacher advisor for Key Club. One teacher said, "He greeted us and trained us with joy, commitment, and enthusiasm. He helped us to believe in the club and to see how we could make it grow and strengthen through our guidance. He helped create a positive and con-

sistent communication and sense of teamwork between the Kiwanis and us."

To help students see how the Kiwanis idea of "think globally, act locally" worked, each year he took Key Club members to the Regional Key Club Convention where students could feel part of a larger whole. Glenn's positive outlook and attention to detail made a winning combination to keep students organized.

Many of Glenn's former Key Clubbers still keep in touch with him and remember with fondness what a special person he is to inspire students to genuinely want to do community service.

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Glenn Michelson has had 44 years of involvement with Sequoia. For 35 years, he taught four levels of German and all levels of mathematics including AP Calculus, which he established. He also teamed with other teachers in F.E.A.S.T. (a food service program) from 1969-76.

In addition to his teaching, Glenn served on the Scholarship Committee for 22 years and as chairman for 11 years, establishing many of the memorial scholarships during that time. He was the advisor for the California Scholarship Federation for 23 years from 1977 to 2000. For 16 years, Glenn has also served in five positions on the State Board of CSF, including two years as State President. He is currently the State Historian.

Glenn was very active in school leadership. He was Math Department Chair for five years and coordinator for many school programs, including the Gifted and Talented program. He was a Mentor Teacher several times. He served on many school committees and District committees during his tenure. He also served as advisor to many classes and clubs at Sequoia and coordinated Senior Awards Night for 12 years. And he even found time to participate in many community activities; he was a founding member of the San Mateo County Genealogical Society. Glenn has also served as a volunteer at Sequoia for the past nine years.

Glenn's many honors include being named Sequoia Union High School District Teacher of the Year, 1985-6, and then as San Mateo County Teacher of the Year in 1986 (the first Sequoia High School teacher to be so honored). He was awarded a University Fellowship at Stanford; he has been listed in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* four times.

Since 1983, Glenn has headed the Archives Project at Sequoia and the Redwood City Public Library, working to organize and catalog their archive collections. He spent two sabbaticals for this purpose, which resulted in a useful resource catalog for historians researching the history of Sequoia. After retiring from teaching, Glenn served on the board of the Sequoia High School Education Foundation and also on the Sequoia Hall of Fame Committee.

Alumni in the News

Eloise Rahtje Lancestremere (1927), a 78-year member of Redwood City's Bonita Parlor No. 10, Native Daughters of the Golden West, celebrated her 100th birthday. After her high school graduation, she worked for the famous Menlo Park Laundry then later bought and operated it with her family until 1990. Eloise is believed to be the oldest Menlo Park resident. She prides herself in recalling specific names, dates, events, and businesses from long ago. Eloise received a gift membership in SHSAA.

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To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the integrated circuit, the National Inventor's Hall of Fame honored 16 people who helped pioneer computer-chip technology at a sold-out ceremony at the Computer History Hall of Fame in Mountain View. One of the honorees, **Gordon Moore (1946)**, cofounder of Fairchild Semiconductor and Intel, devised Moore's Law, which accurately predicted that the number of transistors built into each computer chip would double every two years. More information about the event can be found at www.invent.org/2009induction.

—Steve Johnson, San Jose Mercury News, May 1, 2009

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The Anderson Valley Brewing Co. in Boonville, CA, was featured in the SF Chronicle 9/27/09. **Kenny Allen (1957)**, is brewmaster, president, and CEO of the brewery, which he founded in 1987. The tall Bavarian-style building, with huge copper cauldrons and a tasting room designed for visitors to learn more about the beer, is surrounded by an 18-hole disc golf course that winds through oak trees. Solar power provides 40% of the energy needs and is augmented by wind power. The brewery has its own wastewater treatment system. The brewery makes several pale ales, wheat beer,

stouts, seasonal brews, and Abbey-style ales based on full-bodied Belgian beers. Sausages and cheeses are available and picnic facilities are on the patio. Tours are given daily at 11:30 am and 3 pm.

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"Fraser Goff (1965), and SJSU 1971 Chemistry, an adjunct professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of New Mexico, published Valles Caldera: A Geologic History in March. The Valles Caldera refers to a 12-mile wide collapsed volcanic crater and several volcanic domes in New Mexico's Jemez Mountains. A fellow of the Geological Society of America, Goff retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2004 after 26 years of service. During his career, he worked on more than 40 geothermal systems and 14 active volcanoes."

— from the San Jose State Alumni magazine; sent in by **Donna Marcus (1965)**

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Gary Mora (1967) was featured in an article in "The Spectrum" in August. Born, bred, and raised in Redwood City, Gary was known as the Class Clown, the beginning of his lifelong career as a voice-over artist. Gary believes that being brought up in Redwood City schools (Henry Ford, Goodwin, and Sequoia) was instrumental in the development of his craft. He often performed for clients at his dad's barbershop. He majored in broadcasting at the College of San Mateo then went to the Broadcast School of Electronics and the Career Academy School of Broadcasting in San Francisco. His real voiceover training began when he studied at the Mel Blanc School of Commercials in Beverly Hills.

In the corporate world he worked with fortune 500 and

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Business card size ads are \$50 per issue.

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high-tech companies and was the national voice for Sprint PCS for six years. He has worked as a voiceover artist in the entertainment industry for almost three decades, at all the major networks. He has worked with many big stars and personalities.

During his college years, Gary discovered a passion for radio, where he became a major on-air personality, including a DJ slot at KSOL, Gene Autry's golden West station KSFO, the Big Band 99 FM KMPX, and then the "Original Boss of the Bay" Classic 1260 KYA. He also hosted the KYA Oldies Road Show and other programs. He is now bringing the Golden Gate Great Radio to the internet.

– "The Spectrum" Redwood City's Magazine

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Kenny Ortega (1968) directed "This Is It," the new movie about Michael Jackson.

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Haleemon Zara Anderson (1972), who teaches Secondary English at Santee High School in Los Angeles, CA, was one of thirty-five teachers from 18 states who were named 2009 Fellows for Kent State's ASNE High School Journalism Institute. They spend two weeks in July on campus, learning how to create better media programs for their students.

When she was a student at Cal State Dominguez Hills, she was also a full time mother and grandmother, and she served as student body president! "I wanted to get a first-rate student newspaper on campus. That is what drove my campaign," said Haleemon. She carried 18 units at the time.

Haleemon's dream job was advising the newspaper program at Santee Education Complex in LA. After more than 20 years working as a reporter in southern California, she was able to share her love of journalism with the next generation.

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Steve Penna (1976) was honored by being presented with a special Police Activities League Award at the "Night of PAL Stars" event on October 1. A reception and silent auction at Carrington Hall preceded the awards presentation, followed by a Variety and Comedy Show with special guest MC comedian Mark Simon, "Dancing With the Stars" performers Simon and Lucy, local PAL talent, and the magic of Tyan Adler. Foods were provided by several restaurants and caterers. Steve is Editor and Publisher of "The Spectrum," a magazine for Redwood City.

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Virginia Mayhew (1977) appeared in an article about the featured artists at the 2009 Scranton Jazz Festival. Virginia credits her band director at Sequoia High, Edward C. Harris, as being influential in her decision to become a

musician. When she was, veteran trumpeter John Coppola became a mentor when he sensed her potential. It was Coppola that broadened Mayhew's perspective on jazz by introducing her to the influential sounds of tenor saxophonist, Lester Young. Mayhew played locally with artists such as Earl Hines, Cab Calloway and Frank Zappa, which broadened her musical diversity.

In 1987, she relocated to New York, where she received a Zoot Sims Memorial Scholarship from the New School. She has traveled the world as a musician, and worked with such renowned artists as Al Grey, Toshiko Akiyoshi, Kenny Barron, Dena DeRose, Terry Gibbs, Ingrid Jensen, Claudio Roditi, Slide Hampton, Brad Mehldau, Leon Parker, Norman Simmons, Lew Tabackin, Clark Terry, Joe Williams, among others.

In addition to being the Musical Director and tenor saxophonist with the Ellington Legacy, Virginia leads three of her own bands and freelances with several others. She has 5 CDs out as a leader, all of which have gathered praise and recognition. Her original compositions have been featured in movies and on television.

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Eric Dane (Former Sequoia Student, 1987-1990), who then graduated from San Mateo High in 1991, is an actor. Dane briefly became involved with actress Lara Flynn Boyle when the two met while filming crossover episodes of their respective drama series "Gideon's Crossing" and "The Practice." He married model Rebecca Gayheart on October 29, 2004. He is also close friends with actor Balthazar Getty. See more about Eric at http://www.cwanswers.com/8921/eric_dane.

–This item was sent in by **Tom Goethe (1961)**.

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Hannah Greenspan (2009) earned praise from the American Red Cross Northern California Blood Services Region, which awarded her a \$250 scholarship for her academic achievement and involvement in campus blood drives. She was senior class president and maintained a 4.2 grade-point average. "Hannah more or less ran the drives herself," said Mona Helmhold, a Red Cross account manager. "She worked to make sure that we had appointments filled. She also helped set up the room and had bagels for Red Cross staff. She exemplifies what hard work and organizational skills can achieve." The Red Cross provided scholarships to schools based on the number of pints collected at blood drives the past academic year. Sequoia High held three blood drives and helped collect 150 pints of blood. This was the first year the school held Red Cross blood drives on its campus.

–San Jose Mercury News on 7/12/09. (sent by **Tom Goethe, '61**)

Cherokee Chatter

Current information about fellow Sequoians.

(To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, inside back cover, or e-mail: sequoiah-salumni@earthlink.net.)

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Eloise Rahtje Lancestremere (1927) just celebrated her 100th birthday in Menlo Park. She was presented with a special gift membership in the Alumni Association.

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Joe McLoughlin (1941) and his wife Eleanor celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Menlo Park on July 23.

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Owen and Dorothy Bourquin Hall (1948) have moved to an adult community on Mercer Island, WA. and love living there.

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Neil C. Thoman and **Dorothy J. Yuna Thoman(1952)** celebrated their 50th anniversary on Oct. 24, 2009. Together they operated Stage Door Antiques in Los Gatos and Grass Valley. They have been members of the town guild, recipients of restoration awards for historical property development, as well as loyal friends and loving "adoptive parents" of many fabulous teens.

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Helen Cunningham (1952) writes: "Always enjoy reading the Smoke Signals and seeing some familiar names from the Class of 1952. Just a tidbit of information: My father, **Lou (Doc) Folsom**, was an electricity and radio shop teacher at Sequoia for many years retiring from San Carlos High School in 1972, a total of 33 years in all. He was one of the original Industrial Arts teachers at Sequoia when the shops were built."

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Richard Biardo (1956) has just retired after 34 years of service at Evergreen Valley College in San Jose. Richard wrote: "To say that it has been a privilege to work as a professional college counselor and teach college courses in guidance and psychology understates the sheer joy and satisfaction each and every day brought. The pride of being associated with one of the truly outstanding RN programs in California makes a decision to retire all the more difficult." The Dean of Counseling wrote: We have

CORRECTION: In the last issue of Smoke Signals, someone told us and we printed that **Tom Del Sarto (1975)** and **Robert Del Sarto (1977)** were retired! They are NOT retired and are indeed hard at work! **Tommy**, of La Quinta, CA, is General Manager at Coors West and **Robert**, of Redwood City, is a supervisor at Snapple.

all experienced his commitment to the Evergreen Valley College community through his direct relationships with students, mentorship of faculty and classified professionals, and tireless support of our campus programs and services. Richard has been a true collaborator helping bridge the silos between student services and academic affairs. He has nurtured students, colleagues, and many an administrator out of sheer love for students and for the counseling profession." Richard will continue to teach a Tues/Thurs class and to do special projects for his dean.

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Richard Imperiale (1957) tells us that his daughter **Jill Imperiale (1982)** is now Principal of Stonehurst Elementary School in Sun Valley, CA - part of the L.A. School District.

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Darlene Keith (1957) taught at San Carlos High from 1967 - 1977 and at Sequoia from 1977-1983—a total of 35 years of teaching! . She was also the department chair in Special Education.

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Kay Kramer (1957) wished to thank those who submitted pages to the 50th reunion book. Kay writes poetry, and on July 1, www.poetrystreet.co.uk gave Kay his own page on their site, and published eight of his poems, one of which was listed in its top 10 for the month of June. He says, "To see those poems, enter poetrystreet noted above; under 'list of contributors' scroll under the K's to Kay Kramer and all poems will appear. You can also press 'top 10 poems' and see "Sweet Butterfly".

"Another site that has published many poems is www.poemsonly.com—you have to scroll back about 6 pages from previous at the bottom to the first one "I Believe" which was the most popular." Follow it through "Our Golden Years", "Friends", "The Beauty of Nature", "Each New Day", "Michael My Son", "Achieving a Joyous Life", etc. By the 4th. of July "they are going to put "Independence Day" and "Age" plus one other onto the site."

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Michael Baird (1964), who was looking for yearbooks from 1961, '62, '63, and '64, writes: "I was Freshman Class President and in Football/Track and Wrestling, and those books contain friends I have lost to the Vietnam War." [NOTE: Anyone having the yearbooks from 1961 through 1964 for Michael should contact SHSAA.]

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"To the astonishment of all who know him, **Jim Guida (1974)** has earned a Master of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary, proving once and for all that he is, in fact, holier than thou."

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Cherokee Chatter

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Michelle Woomert Latray (1987) e-mailed: "I miss all you alumni assoc. guys. I used to be on the board back in the early 90's. I left CA in 1994 to marry a Navy man. I ended up in TX! Steve Latray (a graduate of Sauquoit High School in NY - funny how the schools are similarly named) and I have been married 15 years, live in rural central Texas and we are raising three cowboys and a cowgirl - Bryce age 13, Brody age 9, Brant age 6 and Brianna age 2. Bryce is a team roper and calf roper and a National Finals Qualifier for Lil Britches Rodeo '09. Brody is a Calf/Steer Rider (a bull rider in the kids divisions), Brant is a Mutton Buster (rides sheep in rodeos and also competes in youth ranch rodeos) and Brianna at 2 is already a Mutton Buster too! She will begin ranch rodeo competitions next spring at age 3. We keep pretty busy as you can see. I hope to come visit the Sequoia campus sometime in the next year. Keep up the good work on the newsletter!"

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Zetta Mae Trautman, Friend of Sequoia, celebrated her 90th birthday on November 13. Her son, **Richard (1970)** and his wife **Ellie (1975)** planned a special

Dear Alumni and Proud Parents and Friends:

You are part of a long and proud tradition at Sequoia High School. As a school that started off as a feeder program for Stanford University, the honor, rigor and high academic expectations have remained with us ever since. Our school has also been a source of great pride in athletics.

In the fall of 2010, the new gymnasium will open to the public. We would like to invite you to be a part of this great addition to our school. Please consider purchasing a **Donor Brick** that will adorn the new gymnasium. Your personalized brick will be set in the walkway. It is four inches by eight inches; 13 characters per line including spaces; and up to three lines per brick. Your brick will proudly display your lasting legacy and support of Sequoia High School athletics. You will also be invited to a special opening celebration of the new gymnasium.

Perhaps buildings and people have changed at Sequoia High School, but the spirit of *Unaliyi* has and will always endure. This is a place of friends and we certainly invite you to be a part of the spirit that is today's Sequoia High School. We hope to see you soon at future games and school functions.

Sincerely,

Rick Cooke, Administrative Vice-Principal

For an order form, contact Rick Cooke at 650-369-1411 x 6286 or at rcooke@seq.org.

celebration. Zetta Mae enjoys her *Smoke Signals* and reads it from the first page to the last.

Look at Me Now...

Glenn Lew, Friend of Sequoia, is a dentist in Redwood City; he also advises Sequoia's Key Club, umpires for Little League, and likes to play the guitar and bass. Glenn is a 2009 winner of the SHSAA Purple Patriot Award (see p. ____)... **Robert Murphy (1959)** is a manager in heavy rigging and transportation in Bellevue, WA, and likes boating and travel... **Mary Meltzer (1967)** is a lawyer and engineer in Palo Alto, with hobbies of fishing, skydiving, and aviation... **Dee Mulrey Bender (1969)** is a hair stylist in Redwood City... **Ron Ontiveros (1969)**, Redwood City, wants to get connected with the classes of the '60s and '70s... **Diane Stallcop Palomarez(1974)** is a production manager COO in Redwood city who enjoys friends, family, and work... **Maura Welsh Whitmore (1975)** is a radiological technologist in San Carlos, and enjoys friends, family, and gardening...

We're Retired...

Kyoko Kasai Fujii (1942) is retired and lives in Evanston, IL... **Louis Gerard (1949)**, Redding, CA, was a teacher, auto dealer, and Chamber of Commerce executive but now enjoys antique autos and history... **Robert McLoughlin (1949)**, of Antelope, CA, is a retired hospital administrator who enjoys sports and e-mails... **Jerry Adamson (1961)**, Redwood City, was a plasterer... **Gary Graul (1965)**, Menlo Park, was a teacher, warehouse manager and groundskeeper; he enjoys gardening, animals, and San Jose State University football...

Sequoia High Athletics First Annual Golf Tournament

"Tradition with Vision"

Proceeds to Benefit Sequoia Athletics

Shotgun Start, Scramble Style Format

March 8, 2010 – 12:00 PM Tee Time

Poplar Creek Golf Course– San Mateo

Entry Fee: \$150 (includes Green Fees, Lunch, Goody Bag, Raffle, Contests)

For more information and registration, contact:

* Rick Cooke (Vice-Principal): 650.369.1411 ext. 6286, rcooke@seq.org

* Adrian Dilley (Athletic Director): adilley@seq.org

Mark Your Calendar!

**Saturday, October 16, 2010 is the date
for the 3rd Sequoia Sports Banquet.**

Nomination forms for athletes and coaches can be obtained via the alumni website:

SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org

Registration forms will be available at our website after Jan 1, 2010

2009 SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brendalyn Wilson (2009) of Redwood City, attended Sequoia all 4 years and so did her parents. She has



both excellent grades and an excellent attendance record. She is on the Youth Advisory Board and Wellness Advisory Board for the Sequoia District, promoting better Health & Wellness, Prevention of Violence, Drug, Alcohol, and

Relationship Abuse Awareness & Prevention. She is also an advocate for more nutritious foods and physical activity options for all students. Brendalyn will be attending Pepperdine University, majoring in Psychology. Her name has been engraved on the Spirit of the Seal trophy which is on display in the front hall of the school, near the library.

SEQUOIA MEMORIES...

Glenn Stewart (1943) writes about the Helio Lamp: "I can recall many a footrace across and around the campus—the group that had the Helio vs. the group that wanted the Helio. This was a very active pursuit in the early 1940's. Can't give too many details, but it did involve physical contact!"

Glenn also asked, "Who was Harold Bogie (around Class of '29, in the last Smoke Signals)?" Glenn remembered Harold Dimick, brother of Ray. There was a Howard Bogie in school with Glenn ('39-'43) but not in Glenn's class. His father, Donald Bogie, was Dean of Boys from the late '30's into the '60's and became a principal at Ravenswood High School when it was built.

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Larry Hosking (former student 1989) remembers good times! My life was the auto shop; sad to hear of its demise. Many good memories!"

SEQUOIA PERFORMS

Everyone is invited to enjoy the student productions! Come support the Sequoia Players and the music students!

All performances are at Carrington Hall. (except otherwise noted)

Winter Musical: "Guys And Dolls"

Friday, December 4 @ 7pm
Saturday, December 5 @ 7pm
Sunday, December 6 @ 2pm
Students- \$5/ Adults- \$10

Winter Music Concert

Tuesday, December 8 @ 7pm
Students and Adults- \$5

Spring Musical: "The Boyfriend"

Friday, February 26 @ 7pm
Saturday, February 27 @ 7pm
Sunday, February 28 @ 2pm
Students- \$5/ Adults- \$10

Spring Music Concert

Wednesday, March 24 @ 7pm
Students and Adults- \$5

IB Art Show

Date: TBA (Stay tuned for details!)

Dance Show

Friday, April 16 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, April 17 @ 7:30pm
Cost: Students- \$7/ Adults- \$10

Pops Concert

Wednesday, May 18 @ 7pm
Students and Adults- \$5

Spring Play: "Spoon

River Anthology"

Friday, May 21 @ 7pm
Saturday, May 22 @ 7pm
Students- \$5/ Adults- \$10

Tickets- contact Linda

Gordon (lgordon@seq.org)

For more information- contact Jane Woodman (jwoodman@seq.org)

LOOKING FOR

From Jim Guida (1974) "In the Spring of 1974, **Tara Smith (1974)** made me a leather key fob with a Superman "S" on it . I have carried that key fob with me every day since then (has it really been 35 years?) and would like to let her know how much her little gift means to me."

[NOTE: Anyone with contact information for Tara may her know about Jim's request, or else send the information to SHSAA for us to contact her with Jim's information.]

Mary Jane Rodriguez Cruz (1953) is looking for Naomi Vega, (1953).

If anyone has information about those being sought, please contact SHSAA.

Lost Members

The following members are lost. If you know their whereabouts, please let the Alumni Association know. (See contact information on p. 3 or on the Returnable Page.)

Blance Hogan Casey 1935
Gerene Allsbury Decker-Bagnatori 1938
June Giampetro Golling 1939
Marjorie Trevillyan Whitney 1940
Evelyn Flora Jorgensen 1942
Al Schwartz 1945
Sue Gillespie Hassler 1947
David Conway 1950
Barbara Johnson Mendivil 1950

Eldon Kelley
Darlene Horne
Rick Alves
Kathy Fitzgerald Campbell
Virginia Carlisle Snodgrass
Marietta Towns Emmons
Margaret Powers Johnson
Knut Lyssand
Haleemon Zara Anderson
Mark Gomez
Carmelita Ortiz Ibarra
Susan Burr McBrayer
Debra Silliman Lena
Stacey Everson Reak

1957 Shane Mohler 1987
1960 Jennifer Bonino Harris F.S. 1990
1961 Robert Oseguera 1991
1964 Stephani Lauren 1994
1964 Jason Hess 1998
1967 Sherry Jones 1998
1969 Joel Ray 1998
1971 Nirshila Chand 2001
1972 Johnathan Glissmeyer 2002
1972 Helen Navarro 2004
1973 Sheri House FR
1979 FAC = Faculty
1985 FR = Friend of Sequoia
1986 FS = Former Student, unknown grad year

Terremere, Dimick, & Andersen Plaques Dedicated

Bronze plaques were dedicated for Sequoia coaches

Al Terremere, Ray Dimick, and Bob Andersen at the Alumni Picnic, August 22.

These plaques will reside in locations relating to their coaching career. The Terremere plaque will be located at Terremere Field; the Dimick plaque, in the current gym foyer; and the Andersen plaque, at the Sequoia baseball field.

The common thread that followed each of these coaches was their love for the youth they coached, their ability to motivate and mentor, and the resulting success they enjoyed by way of their talent as coaches.

Ray Dimick's nephew, **Gayle Dimick ('49)**, from Hollister, CA, represented the Dimick family.



At the dedication were: Bob Andersen ('41), Pat Lovell ('56) and Fred Mitchell ('56), all former Sequoia coaches.



Al Terremere's daughters, L to R: **Dana Terremere Ascolesi ('62)**, from Atlanta, GA, and **Ann Terremere Nelson ('63)**, from Bakersfield, CA, represented the Terremere family.



Bob Andersen ('41) represented himself for the dedication and spoke of the inspiration & mentoring he received from both Al Terremere and Ray Dimick during his Sequoia coaching tenure.

(Note: Due to a manufacturing error, Bob Andersen's name was misspelled; the plaque is being recast.)

In Memoriam

FS = Former Student
Friend = Friend of Sequoia
FAC = Faculty

SEQUOIA

- Catherine Britschgi Blomquist.....1924
- Fred M. Kalenborn.....1930
- Mary Wood Duckworth.....1933
- Malcolm Austen Hubback..... FS-1933
- Elsie Trevillyan Peard,.....1934
- Anne Skrabo Morey Goodwin.....1934
- Roy Baxter.....1935
- Eldon G. Mabie.....1935
- Milton Rudolph DeLucchi.....1937
- Marian J. Neuman.....1937
- Dorothy Machell Bogle.....1938
- Angelo Nicoli.....1938
- Russ Reiserer.....1938
- Louise Appy.....1939
- Josephine Rudy Martin.....1939
- James Mc Fall.....1940
- Frank Romero.....1940
- Margaret Gale Moore.....1941
- Calvin Collidge Coats.....1942

- Alfred Hund.....1942
- Nancy Ann Squires Busch.....1943
- Stanley Warren Mattson.....1943
- Beverly Paladini Cositt.....1943
- Catherine Rick Rose.....1943
- Yvonne Montague Springs..... FS-1943
- Shirlee Hubbard Dessert.....1944
- Paul Lawrence.....1944
- Jacqueline Walker Ray.....1946
- Dennis Nelson.....1947
- Isabel Rodriguez Lencioni.....1947
- William Cole.....1948
- Arleen Brown Green..... FS-1948
- Don Luba.....1949
- June Armstrong Brown.....1952
- Sondra Burst Sargis.....1952
- Ellen May Herring Sellars.....1952
- Jean Lammert Lazarowitz.....1952
- Shirley Chubick Spees.....1952
- Ann Wolverton McLennan.....1954
- Jack Camacho.....1956
- Gloria Bailey Faravelli.....1956
- Marjorie Fiedler Larson.....1957

- Richard Carlson.....1958
 - William White.....1959
 - Donna Wilkins Camblin..... FS-1960
 - Robert Earl Falke.....1960
 - Gaetano "Guy" Ferretti.....1960
 - Keith Pedrick.....1960
 - Shirley Caldevell.....1968
 - Jonathan Fairclough.....1968
 - Donna Van Wey.....1969
 - Timothy C. Sheridan.....1970
 - Gary M. Sullivan.....1971
 - Robert Benton Cox.....1973
 - Neal Umphrey.....FS
 - Robert A. Webber.....FAC
 - David Stowell.....Friend
- ## SAN CARLOS
- Michael Tyson.....1964
 - Bruce Welge.....1964
 - Richard L. Cheney.....1968
 - Patrick Buell.....1971
 - Roderick Jackson.....1975
 - Carol Johnson Gosline.....1977

Catherine Britschgi Blomquist (1924), member of a distinguished Redwood City family. Four of her brothers, Carl, Joe, Francis, and Leonard, were Sequoia graduates. Also, four sons were Sequoia graduates. She was a life member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Catherine passed away in Redding at the age of 102.

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Fred Kalenborn (1930), graduated from Stanford then worked for Chevron/Texaco for 29 years; he was active in a number of organizations, serving as board member and president of the API.

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Mary Wood Duckworth (1933) was named Queen of the Redwood City Rodeo as a teenager; she later moved to Davis, where she was an active volunteer in a number of organizations.

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Malcolm Hubback (1933) worked at Bethlehem Steel during WW2, and later as a quality inspector at HP for 30 years. Malcolm coached youth baseball, and was an avid Giants fan. He was related to Jane Austen, and was a distant cousin to Queen Elizabeth.

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Ken Mabie (1935) served in the Navy during WW2, then worked for the Bank of America until 1963 in the Watsonville area, where he was an active volunteer. During his later years, he worked as a realtor focusing on the retirement community.

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Roy Baxter (1935) served as a Staff Sergeant in the Aleutian Islands during W.W.II. He was a Master Electrician, working for Ross Lighting and Redwood City Electric. Some of his work can be seen at the Filoli Estate, and Liberace's home in Palm Springs.

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Milton DeLucchi (1937), in Paris shortly after D-Day, specialized in photo-reconnaissance in the Air Force, becoming Captain during the war, and later, Lt. Colonel. With a BA from Stanford he pursued medical studies across the country, then earned a Ph.D. in Anatomy from UC Berkeley. He was assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Brussels to identify European medical research programs to receive grants. At UCLA he pioneered research on the brain and electroencephalography. In 1966, his focus on space biology took him to Houston for a key role on the NASA medical team during the Gemini and Apollo space programs, and the Skylab program in the 1970s. Later, Milton

specialized in sleep studies at Baylor College of Medicine and the Univ. of Texas.

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Marian Neumann (1937). Her family operated the Neumann Brothers. Market, now Roberts of Woodside, which she and her twin sister operated during W.W.II. Her grandfather settled in Woodside in 1880, and operated a general store, tree nursery and rented cottages on weekends for San Franciscans.

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Louise Kathryn Appy (1939), a longtime executive secretary for United Airlines in San Francisco and later in the Los Angeles area, was talented gardener.

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Margaret "Maggie" Gale Moore (1941), a fourth generation Menloite; her great grandmother arrived by covered wagon to her new home in Searsville. A talented journalist, she worked at several peninsula newspapers after her graduation from San Jose State. She helped form auxiliaries for the Menlo Park Library, and Peninsula Symphony.

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Alfred Pollard Lund (1942), an infantryman in France and Germany, he was a part of the Normandy invasion on "D-Day." He received several war decorations, and later served as a German interpreter for American Intelligence. When he returned home after the war, he was hired by the Redwood City Fire Department, where he retired as Battalion Chief in 1979.

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Stanley Mattson (1943) attended West Point, then began his architectural business in Los Altos, designing numerous apartment projects, shopping centers, schools, hospitals, and restaurants. Most were Bay Area projects, but he also designed shopping centers on Guam and New Zealand. He was especially proud of the 11 years he spent as Planning Commissioner/Chair for the City of Santa Clara.

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Dennis Nelson (1944), In 1955 he moved to Los Angeles, and worked as an extra in the movies. Two were "The Ten Commandments" and "Bus Stop." He won the "Muscle Beach" title in 1955, and in 1958 opened the Dennis Nelson Health Club.

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Become a member of the Sequoia Legacy Society with your planned gift!

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How to reach us

It's easy to contact the Association! Just try any of these methods

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Website: <http://www.sequoiahsalumniassoc.org>

e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

Phone: 650/592-5822

PARACHUTE JUMP AT 60

Mark Meltzer (1967) made his first skydive when he turned 18 and has been jumping ever since. He planned to celebrate his 60th birthday in October by making a high altitude jump from somewhere between 18,000 feet and 24,000 feet (depending on FAA clearances) over Byron CA. Mark has made two prior jumps from 24,000 feet but both were freefalls to 2500 feet where he opened his chute.

The October jump will be a high altitude high opening jump and will allow him and a fellow jumper to practice their second hobby, ham radio. The parachutists will be attempting long distance ham radio contacts while flying their canopies at the edge of the stratosphere. Oxygen masks (with internal microphones) and insulated jumpsuits will be worn to fight hypoxia and hypothermia in the thin bitterly cold air. The jumpers will also carry home made ham radio telemetry beacons relaying not only their position, altitude and speed but also blood oxygen levels and heart rate information to a "mission control" ground crew below.

After graduating from Sequoia, Mark obtained his electrical engineering degree at UC Berkeley and law degree at UC Hastings. He works as VP General Counsel at Intuitive Surgical, a medical robotics company.

Mark asks: "Are there other alumni jumpers? It would be fun to do a freefall formation together."

He adds, "I heard that in the late 60s a Sequoia student parachuted into a night football game on campus. Someone thought the jumper's name was Mike Steele or something close. I'd like to know if anyone recalls the jump and who made it."

If you would like to be part of a freefall with Mark, check his website at www.parachutemobile.com. If you know something about the parachuter in the 60s, contact SHSAA and we will pass your information along to Mark.

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Paul Lawrence (1944) served with the Navy during W.W.II as an Aviation Radioman, and Aerial Gunner. He remained in the reserves after the war, reaching the rank of Lt. Colonel in 1966. Paul worked for American Precision Gear of San Carlos for 45 years as Vice President of Manufacturing.

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Don Luba (1949) served during the Korean War with the 120th Combat Engineers, and 45th Infantry Division. He headed construction projects in Indonesia and Africa, and later worked on the Alaskan Pipeline. Don was an avid pilot, flying several of his own planes.

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Ellen Herring Sellers (1952) was credit manager at Sears, San

Francisco, later transferring to the Boise Sears store. She was an active member of Toastmistress, Daughter's of the Nile, Rainbow Girls, and Boise Music Theatre. Ellen was an accomplished artist of native beaded work, and won numerous contests.

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Bill Keith Pedrick (1960) was active at Sequoia as a member of the Stage Crew, Sequoia Players, Varieties, and yearbook staff.

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Robert (Bob) Falke (1960), voted as the "friendliest" in his 1960 class, participated in football, baseball and track. He flew Marine Corps helicopters in Vietnam, and was a United Airlines pilot for 37 years. Bob was an elder and Sunday School leader at Faith Presbyterian in Cape Coral, Florida.

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- Enclosed is my business card & benefit to members, for SS ad @ \$50/issue \$ _____
- Yes, I would like to receive Smoke Signals **via e-mail** instead of snail mail! Please give your name and e-mail above.

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For the following items, feel free to use another page if needed:

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Memory for "The Way It Was At Sequoia" _____

Contact information for Lost Members or people being sought _____

Ideas for events/fundraising: _____

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TEA GARDEN WATER RESTORATION

Attention Alumni: Anyone that is a landscape architect or a specialist in water features, we can utilize your services.

We are currently exploring the probability of restoration of our waterfall and pond in our historic Japanese Tea Garden. We have recently received an estimate of anywhere from \$8,000 to possibly \$10,000, and I believe we could do the restoration for far less than that if we utilize the services of an alumni.

Please give me a call at 415-566-6038 or at my cell phone 415-728-3332, or e-mail me at castro6614@sbcglobal.net or Sequoia alumna's e-mail address: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.

Also, if anyone receiving this Smoke Signals would like to contribute to the water restoration, your tax deductible donation can be forwarded to P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534. (See Returnable Page, inside back cover.) Thank you very much.

—**John Castro** and the tea garden committee

The Tea Garden Committee holds regular work parties in the garden for weeding, racking, litter removal, pruning and general cleanup. If you would like to be notified of the work party days, contact John using the information above.

AUTHORS' COLLECTION ADDITIONS

Chairman Dee Eva just received four more books for the Sequoia Author's Collection:

- *Bittern Sweet and Approaching Winter Solstice* both books of poetry by **Jim McCord (1961)**
- *R.I.C.E.*, a novel, by **David Breithaupt, M.D.(1948)**
- *Ruby Keeler, a Photographic Biography*, by **Nancy Marlow-Trump (1940)**.

In addition, we have a \$100 anonymous donation to the Sequoia Veterans Memorial from one of the authors.

These were both the result of the article that was included in the last Smoke Signals.