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Tues., July 28, 2010
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Sequoia High School Alumni Association

Spring 2010

Don't miss the

4th ANNUAL "CELEBRATE SEQUOIA" BBQ/PICNIC

Saturday, AUGUST 21, 2010

11 am to 3 pm (lunch served noon - 2:15)

- BBQ* • Tours • Purple Patriot Awards • Dedication of Bob Andersen Baseball Field • Cheerleader demonstration
- Celebrate the "Golden Grads" Class of 1960 • Welcome to several reunion classes
- San Carlos High School grads- special table • Faculty table • New Merchandise
- Special sale of bricks for Carrington Hall and the Sequoia Veterans Memorial
- All Sequoia school groups (Boosters, PTSA, Foundation, etc.) and faculty and students are encouraged to attend.

Cost: \$30 per person RSVP by 8/15/10 (limited number of tickets available at the door for \$35)

See separate form enclosed in this issue of Smoke Signals, or e-mailed to you.

If you need a form, use our Redwood City Post Office box (see p. 2) or contact SHSAA at 592-5822 or sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net for information.

PURPLE PATRIOT AWARDS PRESENTED AT PICNIC

Two worthy individuals have been chosen to receive the prestigious Purple Patriot Award given annually by SHSAA to honor both individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding service or provided a significant benefit directly to Sequoia.

The awards will be presented at the "Celebrate Sequoia" Picnic on August 21 on the Sequoia campus. The 2009-10 recipients are alumnae **Rosemary Lopez Alvarez (1965)**, a long-time Sequoia volunteer and **Nancy Lebkicher Oliver (1957)** founding board member, Centennial Coordinator, and volunteer. See enclosed flyer for more information and to make the required picnic reservations.



Scene from the 2009 Picnic

BOARD MEMBERS HONORED BY OTHER GROUPS

At the Unsung Hero Luncheon, where our own John Castro was our SHSAA honoree, the Native Daughter of the Golden West chose **Marian Aragon Wydo (1964)**, left, as their honoree.



was chosen for his ongoing outstanding leadership in several organizations in Redwood City.



At their annual Arbor Day ceremonies, the Native Daughters of the Golden West honored SHSAA President **Ken Rolandelli (1963)**, right, by planting a tree in his honor near the Redwood City Veterans Memorial Building. Ken

Vote for the Advisory Board

Meet the Candidates, p. 8; Find the ballot, p. 22; Vote by: July 22

Can you help in our booth?

We need you on the 4th of July and at the Picnic, p. 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"BOB ANDERSEN FIELD" \$50,000+ FUND DRIVE AND DEDICATION CEREMONY

I am delighted to report that the Sequoia High School baseball field will be officially named and dedicated, "Bob Andersen Field", this August 21, at the Alumni Association's fourth annual picnic. An ambitious and highly worthwhile fund raising drive accompanies this project.

First, I will impart some information about Bob Andersen. Bob Andersen is a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame, both as an athlete, graduating in 1941, and a coach. He is also a member of the San Jose State and San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of the most versatile coaches in Sequoia history with tenure at Sequoia between 1950 and 1980. His first love was baseball, which he coached to winning seasons, including a number of league championships, from 1951 to 1964. Five of his players went on to play professionally. He excelled in motivating players and was a wonderful role model for them.

Bob Andersen's success as a baseball coach would more than qualify him for the honor of having the baseball field named after him, but what he meant to the lives of the students he taught and coached transcends how many league championships his teams may have

won or his high winning percentage. His mentoring and advice had a positive and lasting influence on the lives of many Sequoia students. He is a hero to many and many attribute his influence as a contributing factor to their success in life. Bob still resides in Redwood City and will be present for the momentous occasion that will take place on August 21.

The accompanying fundraising drive is like nothing the Alumni Association has ever attempted. Typically our projects have exclusively had something to do with a physical improvement benefiting Sequoia High School. While funds from this drive will of course be used for signage at the baseball field, they will also be used to benefit athletics at Sequoia by helping economically disadvantaged Sequoia athletes, providing uniforms and attendance at sport camps for years to come. Considering Bob Andersen's heart for kids, this effort seems most fitting.

Our goal is to raise \$56,000 over a one-year period. Whatever funds are raised during that time period will be used for the purposes I have described. Please help us meet this challenge associated with the legacy of Bob Andersen by making a donation to this fund. As of this writing, \$6,000 has already been raised. You can donate by writing a check payable to the Sequoia High School Alumni Association (SHSAA), P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, noting on the check and/or envelope, "Bob Andersen Field" Fund. You may also donate via Pay Pal on the Alumni Association's website at www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org, clicking on Merchandise which will take you to the Donation Opportunities page and utilizing the box entitled "Bob Andersen Field" Fund.

Another option would be to purchase a brick with an inscription for \$100, a tree with a plaque for \$1,000 or an engraved stone bench for \$3,000 for placement in the newly named "Inspiration Grove", a stand of Redwoods outside the Business wing of Sequoia and in close proximity to the baseball field. You can honor Bob Andersen for his inspiration and lasting influence on your life or any teacher, family member or friend who did the same. Please see the flier elsewhere in this newsletter for all of the details. (p. 7)

In the Spirit of Sequoia,
Ken Rolandelli

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Alumni Board of Directors:

Ken Rolandelli ('63) - President

Leah Schmuck ('54) - Vice President

Nancy Lebkicher Oliver ('57) - Recording Secretary

Sally Coelho Newman ('56) & Marian Aragon Wydo ('64) - co-Treasurers

Pat Schath Bernard ('44) - Administrative Secretary

Ed Nordness ('51), Carolyn Abbott Livengood ('52), John Castro ('60),

Jack Conklin ('62), Rosemary Filippi Fischer ('67)

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OUR SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UN Sung HERO 2009



John Castro (1960) was chosen as the Unsung Hero of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association for 2009. John is a talented gentleman who is active in many behind-the-scenes endeavors. John earned an AA degree from the College of San Mateo, then attended San Jose State before joining the California Army National Guard as a cook. He lives with his wife and daughters in San Francisco, where he pursued several different types of occupations. He has been a volunteer for Friends of The Urban Forest for twenty-seven of their twenty-eight-year-old history, planting and maintaining trees in the City. He loves opera with a passion, sings in a noted chorus, pursues family genealogy, and plays table tennis,

Ever since he joined the Advisory Board of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association in 2005, John Castro has shown his enthusiasm for the events and projects of the organization. Recently retired, John has just completed his arborist's license, which will come in handy as he serves as chair of the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee, which meets mostly once a month to clean and spruce up the beautiful Japanese Tea Garden that is in the middle of the Sequoia High School Campus. He arranges the work parties that are held on a Saturday morning from about 8 am until 1 pm, where volunteers pull weeds, rake, and prune the plantings in the Tea Garden. (Anyone from the community who wishes to help is welcome! Contact John if you want to be on the list! See p. 18)

In addition to serving on the Board, John enjoys

helping at the Alumni booth at Redwood City's Fourth of July Festival, and at other venues. Although he drives down from San Francisco, he will arrive at the storage locker about 7 am to help load the merchandise into his car and then set up at the Festival. He also likes to take the Alumni merchandise to reunions so that attendees can purchase items. John has worked on five of his own Class of 1960 reunions.

John often volunteers for other tasks. He is a sign painter, so when the Association needs signs for the Annual Picnic or the Hall of Fame events, he has made large banners and other signs to post on the campus. He is always thinking of many interesting suggestions for fundraising and other projects. If there is a need, John will try to fill it.

For his enthusiastic support and willingness to "just be there," the Sequoia High School Alumni Association is proud to have chosen John Castro as our Unsung Hero of 2009.

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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			
1951 - 59th	Aug. 21	Annual Picnic at Sequoia	Carole Francis Williams or classmatesemail@classmates.com
1955 - 55th	October 2, 2010	Hiller Aviation museum, San Carlos	posted on Classmates.com Lee Gamma - lgamma1937@aol.com
1960 - 50th	Aug. 20 Aug. 21 Aug. 22	Harry's Hofbrau, RC Campus tour; dinner at Waterfont (Pete's Harbor) Picnic, Flood Park	Bonnie Patterson (650) 369-8786 bonniep42@hotmail.com Sarah Viaggi (408) 723-4720 sarah_viaggi@sanjosemed.com
1969 - 41st	June 19	10 am-Walk on Campus Dinner at Harry's Hofbrau	Jan Tarantino (650) 218-0766
1970 - 40st	Aug. 21	Annual Picnic at Sequoia	Denise Steele (530) 887-2264 decisteele@att.net
1975 - 35th	Sept. 17 Sept. 18 Sept. 19	Campus tour; RC Concert golf/shopping & evening dinner dance Picnic & softball game	Melodie Moore Nauman (262) 389-2811
1980 - 30th	Oct. 15 Oct. 16	Waterfront Rest. (Pete's Harbor) Campus tour; dinner at San Mateo Elks Club	Linda Hirotsu Lydon (650) 364-8320 llydon@stanford.edu Chrystal Murray Wellman (650) 400-9918
1990 - 20th	July 24	Steelhead Brewery, Burlingame	Nicole Stokes sequoiaclass1990@gmail.com http://sequoia1990.sequoiaalumni.net
Sequoia Instrumental Reunion	June 26.	Waterfront Rest. (Pete's Harbor) 5-12 p.m., \$45 (no tix at door)	Mari Okamura 41 Stoneman St., San Francisco, CA 94110

INSTRUMENTAL DEPARTMENT REUNION: ED HARRIS' CLASSES OF 1972-1978: "Celebrating the Ed Harris Years!"

June 26, 2010, at the Waterfront Restaurant (Pete's Harbor)

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.

Tickets are \$45— note your grad year and instrument played (for the nametags) on your check. Food includes light appetizers followed by a dinner buffet of grilled salmon, chicken, and two vegetarian pastas, with salad, potatoes, bread, and dessert. A full no-host bar is available. And there will be music! (If you are playing professionally and want us to include some of your music during the evening, send a CD or MP3 to Mari with your check. She'll get it back to you that night.) There is a website to download the white and purple albums, bicentennial album, and other taped concerts.

Memory Book entries are welcome. Topics: "What Positive Influences Did Dr. Harris Have in Your Life?" "Most Memorable Experience / Quote / Moment?" "Favorite Music Activities?"

For more information, contact Lyn Pulliam at lyn.pulliam@sbcglobal.net or Jeff Filippi at jkfilippi@sbcglobal.net.

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1959 ALASKA TRIP CANCELED

The Alaska trip planned by the Class of 1959 for Aug. 29 has been canceled. Not enough people signed up for the cruise.

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SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS REUNION

Noon on Saturday, September 18, 2010

Commodore Park, Lake Wildwood, Penn Valley, CA

Cost is just \$20 per person. The catered BBQ (Tri-Tip sandwiches, beans, salad, & dessert) begins at 1 pm. Napkins, plates & utensils will be provided. Don't forget to bring your beverages and lawn chairs! Also, bring photos and other memorabilia to share.

Reservations must be in by Sept. 10, or Security will not let you in! This adults-only event (no pets allowed) is open to anyone who graduated from Sequoia, especially those who live in the Sierra foothills. For more information and directions, contact Beverly Green, P.O. Box 641, Meadow Vista, CA 95722, or call (530) 878-1821 or Patsy Webster (530) 432-5242.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL FROM THE CLASS OF 1959

The 1959 Reunion Committee has made three gifts to Sequoia through the alumni association on behalf of The Class of 1959. The first is a \$3,000 donation for a bench to be placed near the Veterans' Memorial on campus that will have an engraving identifying the bench as being from our class on the occasion of its 50th reunion. Money beyond the cost of the bench itself will go toward Cherokee Grants, which help teachers fund supplies, field trips and special projects.

The second gift is a \$250 donation toward restoration of the Japanese Tea Garden. This gift is being made in the name of Leone Montague Rodriguez of the Class of 1960 for the help she gave to our class.

Finally, a gift of \$250 is being made to the Sequoia Music Department. But that's not the real gift. Here's the story: When we decided to have the class sing the Sequoia Hymn at our Saturday night event, an inquiry to the music department revealed that the hymn had not been sung in decades – and no one had copies. Luckily, the Alumni Association helped obtain a written score and also the words. With help from the Seattle Symphony, a CD was recorded. We sang the now-completed hymn at our reunion, led by classmate lone Cheeseborough and many former members of Treble Clef. So the gift was the hymn, packaged as a CD and a completed written score given to Jane Woodman, music department head, and Bonnie Hansen, Sequoia principal. Besides performing it from time-to-time (we hope), they also plan to sell it through the Sequoia store to raise money for the music department. This gift was made in honor of our deceased classmates (listed on our website). So, for those in the Class of 1959 who have passed, the Sequoia hymn lives on.

—Steve Chell, president, Class of 1959

MUSIC DEPARTMENT THANKS THE CLASS OF 1959

Jane Woodman, Chair of Sequoia's Visual and Performing Arts Department writes: "It is with sincere gratitude that on behalf of the Sequoia Visual and Performing Arts Department I offer my appreciation and thanks for your recent \$250 donation to our music program. This was a wonderful gesture, and all of us truly appreciate it. It has been so nice to feel that our ties between current music students and teachers

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and alums from the program have been strengthened, and we thank you for that opportunity as well. This donation will help us repair and purchase the equipment that we need in order to offer our students the best possible musical education. We truly appreciate your generosity and kindness to us this year....Thank you so very much again." Ms. Woodman invited alumni to the May concert. (Watch for more concert dates in the fall issue.)

CORRECTIONS

From the Fall, 2009 issue:

- Two typos listing Mary Meltzer (on pg. 9, New Members, and pg. 17, "Cherokee Chatter's Look at Me Now") should read **Mark**.
- Pg 16 – Richard Baiardo is 1965 and not 1956.
- Attending the picnic were former teachers... Ben STEFFENS (not Stephens). "Ben taught and was a counselor and was a vice principal at Sequoia from 1952-1977 (not 1957) – big difference."

Donations

November 15, 2009 - May 22, 2010

TEA GARDEN FUND:

Janet Padley Bonner	1943
Janet Nelson Fisher	1949
Carole Kellogg Tanklage	1949
Yvonne Tucker Wagener	1949
Patricia Putnam Lasserot	1965
Gayle Davies Jandrey	1965
Class of 1959 Reunion Committee, in honor of Leone Montague Rodriquez	1960
Nancy & Aaron Hallquist	Friend

SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Nancy Lebkicher Oliver	1957
Ed Neves	1962
Gayle Davies Jandrey	1965

CHEROKEE GRANTS:

Pat Schath Bernard	1944
in memory of:	
Augustus "Aggie" Accurso	1948,
Ed Crossley	1947,
and Anita Lares McManus	1947
Tom Flores	1961
Nancy Beck Whitmore	1961
Cherril Bernard Landwehr	1969
Clara Perez	Friend of
Linda Shinshiro	Friend

MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

Class of 1959 Reunion Committee
in memory of their deceased classmates.

NATIVE AMERICAN LIBRARY BOOK FUND:

Sasha Michalski Yarborough	1957
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TOM DEL SATRO SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Lovey Somer Del Sarto	1953,
in memory of::	
Lois Marozik Turner	1942
Ruth E. Carson	Friend of Family
Russ Kunkle	Friend of Family
Dick Williamson	Friend of Family
John Garibaldi	Family
Bob Roselli	Friend of Family
Emily Broderick	Friend of Family
Elizabeth Somer	Friend of Family
Dick Thompson	1951
Vern Anderson	Friend
Dr. Bill Tevis	Friend
Donations in Celebration of Lovey Del Sarto's Birthday	
Lois Mancini	Friend of Family
Rolla Del Sarto	1953
Jan Broderick	Friend

Pat Bouharin	Friend
Bob and Charon Greene	Friend
Dick and Nancy Chedester	Friend
Tim Goode Family	Friends
Mary Jane Dempsey	Friend
Bob and Cathy Boicelli	1971, Friends
Jim and Dolores Centis	Friends
Dorothy Guarino	Friend
Bob and Barbara Venture	Family
Eric and Elaine Raines	Friends
Tony Ramirez	1953
Carol Peterson Ramirez	1954
Robert and Catherine Duggan	Friends

GENERAL FUND:

Alan Bygdnes	1946
& Gloria Riemann Bygdnes	1948
in memory of:	
George William Lutke	1947
& Mary Counihan Lutke	1948
Stan Cottrell	1946
Margie Plumley Lipsky	1950,
in memory of:	
Augustus Accurso	1948
Peter Pors	1953
Dale Dawson	1960
Ed Neves	1962
Gayle Davies, Jandrey	1965
David Johnson	1970

SMOKE SIGNALS:

Sam Peterson	1950
Richard Buell	1952
Peter Pors	1953
Nancy Lebkicher Oliver	1957
Keith Bautista	1958

2009-2010 SPECIAL FUND:

Victoria Parsons Jones	1932
Norman Estes	1935
Gertrude M. Paul	1936
John Dusel	1938
Chester "Bud" Hefner	1940
Ray Jeffery	1941
June Eshbach Burbick	1942
John E. Frost	1942
Patricia Johnson Nugent	1942
Doris Sampson Rankine	1942
Tudor Bogart & Luise Guida Bogart	1943
Pat Schath Bernard	1944
William Jenkins	1944
James Murphy	1944
Margaret Rauch Warnke	1945
Bill Bents	1946
Alan Bygdnes	1946

ADVERTISE!

Help SHSAA offset the costs of printing and mailing *Smoke Signals*! You may now advertise your business in our newsletter.

There are some restrictions, but most businesses can advertise. Business card size ads are \$50 per issue.

If you would like to let your fellow alumni know about your business (not travel, insurance, or credit card companies), send your business card, promotion or benefit for members, and a check for \$50 per issue, payable to "SHSAA-Ads" and mail to same at P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, or see the Returnable Page, on page 22 of this issue. Be sure to include your school and grad year!

SHSAA would like to thank all of the businesses that have already placed ads to help defray our newsletter expenses.

Patricia Rowe Webster	1946
Yolanda Della-Costa Baldini	1947
William Janssen	1947
Glenn Powell	1947
Paul Leslie Barstow	1948
Robert Biagini	Former Student
David Breithaupt, MD.	1948
Gloria Reiman Bygdnes	1948
Jerry Walsh	1948
Janet Nelson Fisher	1949
Rosemarie Arnot Janssen	1949
Yvonne Tucker Wagener	1949
Vicky Chevassus Wehr	1949
Barbara Gingham	1950
Marjorie Plumley Lipsky	1950
Michael Miller	1950
Robert Biagini	1951
Joy Bosso Biagini	1952
Joan Chapman Jani Minns	1952
Clifford Brown	1953
Peter Pors	1953
Patricia Kerr Cooke	1954
Louise Haydock Miller	1954
Carolyn Davis Cartwright	1955
Florence Martinez DeVaughn	1955
Donald Peterson	1956
Wayne C. Marr	1956
Louis Brusatori	1957
Charles N. Erskine	1957
Ann Sarris Fine	1957
Sherryl Hopkins Wothke	1957
Guido Pastorino	1958
Linda Warren Peterson	1958
Jim Bigelow	1959
Dale Dawson	1960
Rolland Martin	1961
Gary Rieneke	1961
Patricia Nanry Sedlacek	1961
Barbara Beckwith Walton	1961
James Meskimen	1962
Edward Neves	1962
James Rapoza	1963
Gayle Davies Jandrey	1965
Gene Merrell	1965
Georgett Esque Cummins	1966
Timothy D. Burkhart	1972
Geraldine Kirchgatter,	Friend
Peter Newton	Former Faculty
Robert Kirchgatter	Former Faculty

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association wishes to send a big THANK YOU to all who have donated to our special programs. Anyone who wants to make additional donations, please see "The Returnable Page" near the back of this issue, or go to sequoiahsalumniassoc.org and make a donation via PayPal.

Spotlight On Sequoia

California's first video-equipped, two-way communications-capable, 24-hour-monitored automated external defibrillator (AED) unit installed on a high school campus was placed at Sequoia's Terremere Field. Called the cardiac post, it was provided by the Sequoia Healthcare District, in collaboration with emergency responders including the Redwood City Fire Dept. and the County of San Mateo. It links a caller with an the 911 dispatch center and a has a defibrillator. There is a camera on top of the device. A number of faculty also took part in CPR training.

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ALMOST 2000 STUDENTS auditioned for the California High School Honor Band and Sequoia freshman **Julia Pokorny** was chosen to represent Sequoia in this very prestigious group!

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NEW AMERICAN COLLEGE FUND 2009-2010 RECIPIENT, Sindy is the first Sequoia English-as-a-Second Language student to earn the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. IB classes are challenging, college level courses. To excel Sindy had to work twice as hard as native speakers. She did this by learning English in only six months, taking a full-load of demanding honors classes, including Theory of Knowledge and Environmental Systems, and earning a 3.87 GPA. At UCLA, she plans to study law. Her achievements extend beyond the classroom: she's raised awareness and funds for undocumented students, fed the homeless, led bilingual health presentations, and mentored other immigrant youth. In all, she has contributed over 400 hours of service to her community.

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SEQUOIA SENIOR **Clarisa Ontiveros** was chosen as Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula. Clarisa overcame learning gaps in her schooling to eventually take advanced honors classes at Sequoia. She attributes her success to a 12-year relationship with the Boys and Girls Clubs which instilled in her a commitment to education. She works part-time at the club, running the Success Maker program, which helps elementary school children learn to be better students.

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SEQUOIA SENIOR **Sarah Ducker**, was the top recipient (\$10,000) of the Sequoia Awards, which recognizes outstanding volunteerism in the Redwood City community. In addition to numerous school and community programs, such as Key Club, Project Read, Girl Scouts, and feeding the homeless, Sarah volunteers many hours at her temple. She is in the Sequoia International Baccalaureate Programme.

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SEQUOIA QUARTERBACK **Frank Mems** was presented with the Kelly-Moore Paints "Coaches and Players of the

Week" award by the San Francisco 49ers in December. The awardees are coaches and players from the Bay Area who exemplify elements of a champion on and off the field. Winning players receive \$500 gift certificates from Kelly-Moore Paints to beautify their school.

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SEQUOIA ARTISTS FEATURED IN GALLERY: In February, the Society of Western Artists (SWA) Gallery in Redwood City exhibited paintings and drawings, mixed media, and 3-dimensional art of the student-artists from Sequoia's International Baccalaureate Programme, 1A, Photography and Ceramics. A total of 61 pieces of outstanding work from 46 young artists were exhibited. The Student-Artists were in the gallery after school to talk to visitors about their work and their future journey into the art world.

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The SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FOUNDATION (SHSEF) mission is to support student success at Sequoia High School by investing in projects and programs that will have a substantial impact on the school community. SHSEF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) made up of dedicated parents, teachers, and community volunteers who believe in providing Sequoia students with the best education possible.

Your support will help fund programs that make Sequoia a great place for all students. Make your gift payable to SHSEF or contribute online through PayPal at our website <http://www.sequoiahs.org/SHSEF>. Mail to: SHS Education Foundation, 1201 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062. As a Sequoia Grad, please give your grad year!

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SUPERINTENDENT RETIRES. After four decades in education, and the past seven years as Superintendent of the Sequoia Union High School District, **Pat Gemma** retires in June to spend more time with his aging father. During his term he hired four new high school principals, drafted a new vision statement that emphasizes expanding career technical education programs, helped pass two bond measure to fund construction projects, and reached out to local city leaders to build a positive reputation for the district. Mr. Gemma was named last year as Superintendent of the Year for Region 5 (which includes San Francisco and San Mateo Counties) by the Association of California School Administrators.

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NEW SUPERINTENDENT FOR SEQUOIA DISTRICT: Current assistant superintendent and business officer **James Lianides**, 56, was appointed as new superintendent when Pat Gemma retires on June 30. Since Mr. Gemma hired him in 2008, Mr. Lianides has had a high profile

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Spotlight On Sequoia

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on many district issues, including the budget, capital projects on campuses, the career technical education initiative, making the district environmentally greener through recycling and composting initiatives, and dealing with charter schools.

Mr. Lianides, of Redwood City, is fluent in Spanish and holds degrees in Psychology, Educational Administration and a Ph.D. in "leadership for educational equity" from a joint program run by UC Berkeley and California State University. He headed schools in Mountain View and Half Moon Bay, Los Angeles, Los Angeles and Redwood City.

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Sequoia High School – "Tradition with Vision" Brick Campaign

Sequoia Administrative Vice Principal **Ricardo Cooke** is raising money for Sequoia athletics by selling commemorative bricks to be installed outside the new gym. Each brick 8" by 4" brick holds three lines, with 18 characters per line, including spaces, dashes, periods, commas, etc. He recommends using all capital letters. Each donor will also receive a certificate of support and an invitation to the opening of the new gym.

To order a brick, fill out the three lines (18 character per line); also include your name, address, phone, e-mail. Send a check (\$75 per brick ordered) to: "Sequoia High School Athletics", Attn. Rick Cooke, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, CA 94062.

Forms and payment must be received by August 1, 2010. If you have questions, call Rick Cooke at (650) 369-1411 ext. 6286, or e-mail rcooke@seq.org .

Mr. Cooke says, "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."

New Members

(November 4, 2009 - May 27, 2010)

Sequoia

Bill Rapley.....	1953
Sophie Michalski Yarborough.....	1957
Joyce Goode Lane.....	1958
Anna Del Ben Ooms.....	1958
Ed Neves.....	1962
Patricia Putnam Lasserot.....	1965
Janet Rosenberg Tarantino.....	1969
Stephen Larson.....	1970
Barry Traylor.....	1972
Jeffrey Little.....	1973
Nancy Piombo.....	1977
Suporn Chenhansa.....	1989
Laurence Hardie.....	2007
Craig Pendleton.....	2007
Constance Hardie.....	2009
Carmen Olmedo.....	2010

"BOB ANDERSEN FIELD" FUND

(see President's Message, p. 2)

Bob Andersen Field is being dedicated on Aug. 21, 2010 at the Sequoia High School Alumni Association's fourth annual picnic. An ambitious and highly worthwhile fundraising drive accompanies this project. Is there a teacher you would like to thank for their inspiration and encouragement, who had a positive and lasting influence on your life? We ask you to honor Bob Andersen or any teacher, family member, or friend (they need not have attended or taught at Sequoia). We are accepting tax-deductible donations in any amount, or you can purchase bricks, trees or engraved benches for placement in Inspiration Grove, a stand of redwoods outside the Business wing of Sequoia, off the student parking lot, and in close proximity to the baseball field.

- A \$100 donation will purchase a brick naming the honoree and donor.
- A \$1,000 donation will purchase a tree that will feature a plaque naming the honoree and donor.
- A \$3,000 donation will purchase an engraved stone bench that will name the honoree and donor.

YOU MAY HONOR ANYONE YOU WISH ON THE BRICK, TREE OR BENCH, WHETHER OR NOT THEY TAUGHT AT OR ATTENDED SEQUOIA.

To purchase a brick, tree or bench, please PRINT your 3-line wording, 20 characters per line (remember to count spaces, commas, periods, etc. as a character). Include your name, address phone, and e-mail along with your check for \$100, \$1,000 or \$3,000; Please make all checks payable to: SHSAA Please note on your check that your donation is for the Bob Andersen Field fundraiser. Tax-deductible donations should be sent to: Sequoia High School Alumni Association, P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT Dee Eva at 650-368-4800 E-mail: dee@deeva.com

HELP at the Alumni Booth

We need YOUR help at our merchandise booth!
Can you be there on July 4 at the Festival in downtown Redwood City?

Can you give an hour to help in the booth at the August 21 BBQ?

Please contact SHSAA at 650-592-5822 or at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, and let us know when we can put you on the schedule!

MEET THE CANDIDATES ...

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following people to be elected to the SHSAA Board of Directors for a two-year term. (The Board has 11 positions. Five members are elected in odd years, and six are elected in even years) The ballot is on the Returnable Page, on p. 22. **Deadline to return ballots is July 22.**

Pat Schath Bernard (1944) has served on the Board for several terms. She is the Reunion Liaison and the Administrative Secretary. She also serves on the Cherokee Grants committee, assists the Membership Chairman and keeps track of donations, as well as members who are deceased, lost, etc. She has lived in Redwood City since 1929. All her children and three grandchildren graduated from Sequoia.

John Castro (1960) has served on the Board for over four years. He has enjoyed helping at the SHSAA booth the past several years at the Fourth of July parade. John serves as chair of the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee, planning the many cleanup days in the garden. Although recently retired, John just obtained his arborist's license.

Carolyn Abbott Livengood, (1952) is in the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, and has received several other community honors. She writes two informative columns per week for the San Mateo County Times. Carolyn is a retired U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member and former commander. A very active community volunteer, Carolyn also has served on the Board for several years and volunteers at various Sequoia fundraisers, individually helping raise money for Sequoia via her columns or networking.

Nancy Lebkicher Oliver, (1957), founding secretary of the Association, has been on the Board from the beginning of the organization in 1985. She has served in various capacities, including Centennial Coordinator, President, Membership Chairman, Editor for Smoke Signals, Secretary, Mailing Chairman, Cherokee Grants Committee, etc. Both of her children graduated from Sequoia. She is active in several other community groups and is an advocate of historic preservation.

Ken Rolandelli (1963) has been actively involved since 1985 and has contributed a great deal to the success of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association. In his ninth term on the Board, he currently serves as President. His many leadership skills have been demonstrated over the years, especially by chairing such projects as listing Sequoia High School on the National Register, the grants committee, the committee that ultimately resulted in an amicable resolution of the "Cherokee Mascot" controversy, and the effort for the installation of bronze plaques with descriptive information marking the location of notable trees and campus features.

Marian Aragon Wydo (1964) has been a member since 1991 and has worked on several committees over the years. Serving on the Board since 2008, she is currently on the Picnic Committee. A stained glass artist, she helped create some of the windows in the display cabinets in Carrington Hall's lobby. Since retiring from the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, she is active several local community groups.

Calendar

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

June

- 19 - 1969 REUNION **
- 26 - INSTRUMENTAL DEPT. REUNION **
- 29 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

July

- 4 - Booth at RC 4th of July Festival (see p. 7)
- 22 - **Deadline for ballots** to SHSAA (see p. 22)
- 24 - 1990 REUNION **
- 27 - SHSAA ANNUAL MEETING (6 p.m.-see pp. 1 & 24)
- SHSAA Board Meeting *

August

- 1 - Deadline to order bricks for the gym (see p. 7)
- 20-22 - 1960 REUNION **
- 21 - 1951 REUNION **
- 21 - ANNUAL PICNIC (see p. 1 & flyer)

* Sequoia High School Alumni Association meetings are held on the fourth Tues. of each month (except December) at the Sequoia District Board Room, 480 James Ave., Redwood City, at 7:00 PM. All SHSAA members are welcome to attend. (Always double check with SHSAA beforehand, (650) 592-5822, or e-mail: sequoiahasalumni@earthlink.net, as changes sometimes occur.)

** See details, REUNIONS, p. 4

- 24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

September

- 17-19 - 1975 REUNION **
- 18 - FOOTHILLS REUNION **
- 28 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

October

- 2 - 1955 REUNION **
- 9 - SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET (see p. 13)
- 15-16 - 1980 REUNION **
- 26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

November

- 23 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

December

- no Board meeting

GOLDEN DAYS and GOLDEN KNIGHTS

By David McKenzie (class of 1971) and Denise Steele (class of 1970)

Mike Steele (1969) was a young man from Redwood City who wore a Superman uniform regularly as a child... who knew what he wanted to be when he grew up. In high school, he helped to bring his gymnastics team, and the entire sport, to a whole new level – his level. He competed regionally and was nearly unstoppable. He did things in practice that a mere mortal could only dream of doing. A sports reporter once referred to him as “The Golden Boy” of gymnastics. He loved his school and his friends, but most of all his family. Inside this young “Superman” was a burning desire to fly. To fly like Superman. This was his destiny, his life, and his end.

As in the book, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Mike believed “the only true law is that which leads to freedom... there is no other.” So when it came to skydiving, he tended to bend the rules a little in order to fuel his sense of freedom. Mike is most notably remembered for attending the half time activities between San Carlos and Sequoia football teams as the skydiver that landed at mid-field while the marching band was playing. That night, he had three accomplices, two in the air arriving almost simultaneously on the field, and a getaway car on the ground... and they all disappeared into the night as quickly as they appeared.



Mike's Grad Picture 1969

While many of us were avoiding the military, Mike JOINED the U S ARMY in hope of trying out for the Army's parachute team. He was invited to join one of the Army's most elite and prestigious branches – the U.S. Army Parachute Team GOLDEN KNIGHTS. The team consisted of two divisions, the Gold – or demonstration team, and the Black – the competition team.

Mike performed all over the world with the Golden Knights from 1971 to 1973. It was in March of 1973 that

tragedy struck the Team. Mike, scheduled to perform with his Gold team on a recruiting tour, was pulled at the last minute to join the Black Team to compete in Europe, and replaced with his best friend. For some reason, the plane with the fourteen-member Team and flight crew perished in a crash after take-off in Silk Hope, North Carolina. Mike was never the same, and he left the Army not long after the crash.



Mike in Black Team Jumpsuit 1972

Mike continued to skydive, participate in competitions, set new records and, of course, throw in a few more “bandito” jumps. He even performed at charity exhibitions at a children's hospital in California's central valley. One of his favorite stunts was landing in a wheelchair in front of a group of excited and grateful children at the hospital. Few knew about these jumps as it was just something he wanted to do on his own and kept very much to himself.

Sadly, Mike's life ended May 17th of 1981 in a field near a small East Bay airport. Weather changing, the day progressing and a new student jumper ready to go, Mike and the student make that fateful leap. They began to tumble uncontrollably. Like a drowning person, Mike had to act – and quickly. A panicked, thrashing student, much bigger and stronger, severely hampered Mike's attempts to release the malfunctioned main canopy and pull the reserve handle. The student floated a very short distance to safety, while it was too late for Mike.

Just like his childhood super-hero, Superman, Mike too was a Super-Hero. Michael D. Steele, Sequoia High School Class of 1969, has been and will continue to be missed.

(Special thanks to members of the Golden Knights for so graciously contributing to this article.)

Kudos

“Thanks for the work you folks do...we Cherokee alumni who don't live in the Bay Area any more appreciate learning what's new at the old place and what's new with old people!

Unaliy!” –Dave Johnson, Class of '70

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“I very much enjoy receiving each edition of Smoke Signals.” –Janet Carlock Kronin, 1954

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“Just read Smoke Signals. Hard to believe that when we first started the Annual Picnic we had 28 in

attendance! [Last year, over 400 came.] Please give my best to the board. Keep up the good work.”

–Carole Francis Williams (1951)

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“Always enjoy reading “Smoke Signals” - keep up the good work.”

Regards, –William C. (Bill) Keil, 1948

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“Thanks for Smoke Signals–lots of memories evoked of childhood in Redwood City (my home town)!”

–Patsy Rowe Webster , 1946

Dons' Doings

CONGRATULATIONS to former SCHS Class of '69 classmate Kathryn Bigelow for her big win on Oscar Night, March 7, 2010, for her movie "Hurt Locker," which took home the most awards (6), including Best Picture, Best Director.

Kathryn Bigelow (Marshall) is listed on the web site for the San Carlos Class of 1969, and the class posted a congratulations to her at <http://www.sancarloshigh1969ca.com/>

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THE SAN CARLOS VIETNAM MEMORIAL is located in the old athletic field area of San Carlos High, now called Highlands Park, at Aberdeen Drive near Melendy Drive in San Carlos.

The names are:

- VIETNAM – David J. Carnevale, Preston L. Snyder, Dana R. Kelley, David W. Morrill, Richard A. Vinal, John J. Tiscornia, Robert A. Van Patten, Alan M. Sturdy, Brock R. Schramm, Donald H. Richardson, Merwin L. Morrill



- DESERT SHIELD – James B. Poulet

The memorial was donated by the Vietnam Veteran's of America and the City of San Carlos, American Legion Post 585, and includes the names of those San Carlos residents who lost their lives in the Vietnam and Desert Storm conflicts.

[NOTE: This information was researched by Leone Monague Rodriguez, Sequoia Class of 1960, in response to the article in the Fall, 2009 issue of Smoke Signals.]

LOOK AT ME NOW...

Charlie Challstrom and **Mary Kilgallen Challstrom (both SCHS-1969)** are enjoying retired life in Washington Grove, Maryland. Mary serves as town Treasurer, and Charlie is on the Town Council and Planning Commission. Charlie retired in 2006 as head of NOAA's Office of Geodetic Survey where one of his memorable accomplishments was bringing GPS capability to resurvey former collective farms and re-enable private ownership of land in Eastern Europe after the breakup of the Soviet Union. Another was scaling the Washington Monument (on the outside) to obtain its actual height. Mary and Charlie, both graduated from California State University, Fresno in 1973. They enjoy international travel, ballroom dance, tennis, biking and community service. **Robert Crane (SCHS 1969)**, of Fortuna, CA, is President and CEO of C. Crane Company, Inc., originally established in San Carlos in 1976 as a design and fabrication company for executive homes in the San

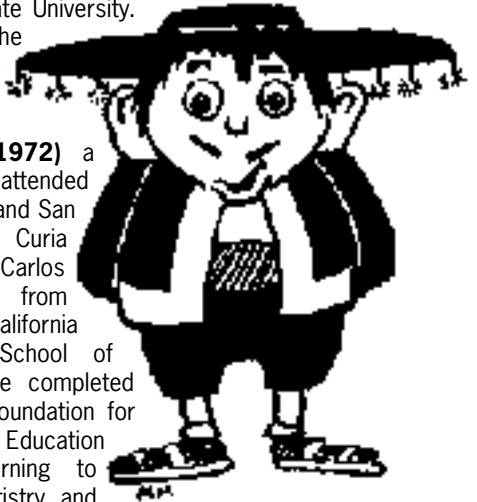
Francisco Bay Area. The company evolved into a mail order company, specializing in radios, radio reception, radio antennas and eventually LED lighting. Mr. Crane recently announced the completion of the GeoBulb. The first direct replacement LED light bulb that uses only 7 watts of power, yet puts out the same light equivalent of a 60 watt incandescent bulb and has FCC and UL approval. Mr. Crane travels to Asia frequently and has developed business relations with several manufacturers.

Mike McCurry, who attended San Carlos High in 1969-71, but graduated from Ravenswood in 1971, was appointed in January as the Democratic Representative on the Commission for Presidential Debates. Mike McCurry, former press secretary for Bill Clinton's administration, is currently a Washington-based communications consultant. He received his BA degree from Princeton University in 1976 and MA from Georgetown University in 1985. McCurry served as spokesman for the Department of State from 1993-1995 and has been press secretary for several presidential candidates

Donald Allen Worthington, (SC-1969) is First Vice President of Howe Barnes Hoefer & Arnet, with over 30 years of management and analytical experience in the financial services industry. Don received a BS in Finance from San Jose State University and an MBA in Finance from Golden Gate University.

He was selected by the Wall Street Journal as the #1 Bank Analyst in the country for 2004.

Donald Curia (1972) a dentist in San Carlos, attended College of San Mateo and San Francisco State. Dr. Curia has practiced in San Carlos since he graduated from the University of California at San Francisco School of Dentistry in 1982. He completed the program at the Foundation for Advanced Continuing Education (F.A.C.E.), later returning to UCSF School of Dentistry and participating in a mini-residency program for the treatment of temporomandibular disorders (TMD).



SCHS FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Hal Urban, who taught at San Carlos High for 16 years and at Woodside High School for 19 years and also taught part time at USF for 36 years, was the keynote speaker February 25, 2010 at the annual meeting of the Wisconsin School Counselor Association. He won several awards for teaching excellence at both high schools and at the university and has written 5 books, the latest of which is "Lessons from the Classroom: 20 Things Good Teachers Do."

IN MEMORIAM

San Carlos High School

- Alan Sturdy..... 1963
- Michael Mark Lera..... 1970
- Matthew Alan Edwards 1972

San Carlos Former Faculty

- Francis Doran..... FF
- John Joseph Farrell..... FF

Alan Sturdy (SCHS 1963) was a casualty in Vietnam on July 2,

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SCHS ON FACEBOOK...

John McDowell (SCHS-1975) wants you to know that San Carlos High School has a Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=13196710140>

Dons' Doings

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1967. He is listed on the San Carlos Vietnam Memorial (see story above). Others listed on the Memorial who are SCHS graduates are: **David J. Carnevale (1962)**, and **Donald H. Richardson (1966 ?)*** (*but there is also a Donald Richardson who graduated in 1964).

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Michael Lera (SCHS 1970) was Senior Class President. He worked as an electrician for 30 years.

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Matthew Edwards (SCHS 1972) was a gifted poet, songwriter, and musician; he especially loved the blues. He was a photographic printer at various labs in the Bay area and a warehouse manager for a painting company in Oakland.

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Frances Doran - taught math for 26 years, primarily at SCHS. He held a BA in Music from the University of Oregon, a teaching credential from San Francisco State, and a MA in mathematics from U. of O. He was in the Merchant Marine during WW II and in 1947 opened the first laundrette in Oakland, which he owned and operated until 1957. After retiring from teaching, he worked in real estate full time. He sang in many choral groups, most notable the Masterworks Chorale.

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John Joseph "JJ" Farrell - age 86. Born in San Jose to Irish immigrant parents, he was a graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory class of 1941. After serving in Europe during World War II for the US Army Medical Corps, he earned a degree in Industrial Arts in 1950 and teaching credential in 1951 at San Jose State University. He taught shop at Burlingame Intermediate School for 10 years and San Carlos High School for 17 years before retiring from education in 1978. His second career was the position of facilities manager for the Garden City Club in San Jose for over 10 years.

1957-58 COP MUSIC CAMP CD

If you were in A Cappella Choir and who attended the College of Pacific Music Camp in 1957 and 1958, and would like a CD of the music from that camp, Robert Green (1958) would be happy to send one to you at no charge. "Remember Jester Hairston leading everyone in singing 'Amen,' from 'Lilies of the Field,' and 'In That Great Gettin' Up Morning' from 'Band of Angels?'" asks Robert.

If anyone would like a copy of the CD, e-mail him at noman@wbcable.net .



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Sequoia Class of 1990

SEQUOIANS WRITE MORE BOOKS...

Don Cochrane (1966) is now known as Don Joseph Goewey, who has written a book, *Mystic Cool*. Don wrote the book "to bring neuroscience, psychology and a practical spirituality together in a proven approach to realizing the ordinary genius our brain is intended to generate. The approach involves a fundamental shift in attitude. There is no greater gain in brain function than the attitudinal shift from fear to peace. This is not an opinion; it is neuroscience. Biologically, stress is psychological fear; peace is neurological power. A dynamically peaceful attitude lights up the brain with a fearless intelligence that is immune to stress. The result is a joyful creativity that not only excels, but excels in ways that make work and life intrinsically rewarding."

John Edmonds (1957) has written a new book, *The Civil War: Northern California's Unrecognized Valor*. Although few people realize it, more than 15,000 Californians fought for the Union in the Civil War. California units were responsible for securing the mail route from the eastern states from Salt Lake to San Francisco, and a California regiment blocked a potential advance by the Confederacy into the West. This easy-to-read book details Northern California's involvement in the Civil War, and introduces readers to the war heroes who came from the region.

These books are available at local booksellers and on *Amazon.com*.

WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is on



Facebook! Since our page began early this year, over 200 fans have joined. Check it out!

Search for **Sequoia High School Alumni Association** on Facebook to find us.

MOUNT CARMEL CELEBRATES 125th

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrating its 125th anniversary on August 13-15, 2010. Come to the All-Year Reunion Celebration!

- Friday, August 13 – Cocktail Party in Cavanaugh Hall

- Saturday, August 14 – Picnic at Sequoia High School followed by meet and greet at designated restaurants for each decade of classes

- Sunday, August 15 – Mass and Brunch in Cavanaugh Hall

More information about tickets: www.mountcarmel.org/school/anniversary_celebration, or at (650) 366-6127, or at 301 Grand St., Redwood City, Ca 94062, or on Facebook.

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.

Gold (\$5,000)

15-year membership
Ellen Stok, C

Bronze (\$1,000)

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

Sustaining (\$100)

Pat Bernard*
Malcolm "Meb" and Jean Buchanan, C*

Susanne Chapman Campbell, C*
Richard and Donna Cesarin, C*
Richard and Dee Rowan, C Eva*
Jeffrey Filippi, C*
Jan Harris Hillegass, C*
Patricia L. Horn*
James & Eleanor Killen*
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*
Curt Talbott, C*
Donald T. Terry, C*
Bob Weeks*
Carole Francis Williams, C*

C = Charter Member

* 2009-2010 renewal

(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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Please make checks payable to: **Sequoia High School Alumni CENTURY CLUB**, and mail to same:

c/o Paul Sanfilipo--Scholarship Chairman/ Century Club Founder
961 Woodside Rd., Suite D, Redwood City, CA 94061-3644

The Sequoia High School Alumni Assn. is a 100 % tax deductible, 501(c)(3) non-profit association (Scholarship funds awarded through the S.H.S.A.A. "Spirit of the Seal" Scholarship Program.)

SEQUOIA SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION BANQUET

Saturday, October 9, 2010

Redwood City Veterans Memorial Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue

Nominations: Check your memory bank and forward nominating forms for deserving athletes and coaches. The Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame wishes to expand by recognizing the Great Teams throughout it's History. Recognition will be based upon duration of team success and championship performances. Due to the possibility of having numerous teams that may qualify, only a few will be considered on October 9. Our website has nomination forms: sequoiahsalum-niasoc.org . Be certain to forward HOF nomination forms to arrive no later than July 15.

Reserve Early! The 2004 banquet sold out, resulting in 50 upset people who could not be accommodated. Because this venue is slightly smaller, we suggest you forward your registration form at the earliest convenience. The form can be found in this issue of Smoke Signals. This is an opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with some former classmates, teammates and coaches, realizing that years pass by with few opportunities to relive and rekindle old friendships and special times.

The silent auction will include some special items, plus a photo and basketball signed by one of Sequoia's greatest athletes, Charles, CJ, Johnson.

We look forward to seeing you October 9.

Sequoia High School Sports Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

October 9, 2010 RESERVATION FORM

\$50 per person if received by Oct. 1; if received after Oct. 1, \$65.

Inductees are our guests

No one admitted without a reservation. Tables for 8 can be reserved w/Payment

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (No-Host beer/wine/soft drinks); Dinner: 6:30 p.m.(Catered); Program: 7:00 p.m.

Dinner choices: Steak, Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna.

To order tickets, please print your name and any guest names, the dinner choices for each, and include your address, phone number, cell number, and e-mail address (critical). Also indicate the number of tables of 8 in your order. (Note: tickets will be held at the reservation table.) List the total # of tickets, any special donation to the Hall of Fame, and the total amount enclosed.

Also include:

I was a member of Year & Team/s _____ Grad Year ____

Make checks payable to: **S.H.S.A.A. HOF**

Mail to: **Sequoia HOF, c/o Ed Nordness, 4 Tasker Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070-4427**

(Non-Profit Tax ID# 94-2967009)

Questions

Pat Lovell: 831-479-4954, wplovell@aol.com; Ed Nordness: 650-364-5709, tasker1@mindspring.com



CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR RICH KOEPER

Over 80 classmates, teammates, friends, and relatives gathered on May 14, 2010, at the Veterans Memorial Building, to pay respect to recently deceased Rich Koeper. Many of his teammates related memories of their relationship with Rich, and a video of his life was shown.

L-R: L.J. Hauss ('59), Clarence Hamel ('61), Joe Marvin Head football coach ('55-'63), Bobbye Koeper, Gary Beban ('64), Bob Svihus ('61)

Alumni in the News

Gertrude Petersen Paul (1936) of Colfax, CA, was recently presented with the Scoop Thurman Community Service Award in recognition of her tireless efforts to ensure that many of the town's historical treasures are protected. In the Garden Club, Gertude helped turn the downtown into a flowering garden. Long active in the Colfax Historical Society, the Placer County Historical Society, and the Native Daughters, her passion is researching stories of Colfax's historic buildings and collecting a wide variety of memorabilia and artifacts for the museum housed in the historic Railroad Depot. To found the Historical Society in 1985, Gertrude pushed a wheelbarrow in the 4th of July parade then set up a table to collect the names and addresses of residents; within a month, the society elected its first officers. Fifteen bronze markers have been placed to honor the history of the buildings, some dating to 1865. Her most treasured find has been the 7,500 glass negatives by Grace Hubley Jones, a commercial photographer from Colfax and San Francisco in the 1900's.

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Carolyn Livengood (1952), a columnist for the San Mateo County Times, was presented a Media Award by the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA at its 2009 volunteer and community appreciation celebration, "Paws for Applause," at a ceremony attended by 300 people

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Gary Beban (1964) was honored by UCLA at their Nov. 7, 2009, homecoming game with Washington (played at the Rose Bowl), when UCLA scheduled a special "Throwback Jersey" day, and the 2009 UCLA team dressed in the powder blue and white shoulder stripe jerseys worn by then quarterback Beban and the UCLA team in the year that he became the only UCLA Bruin to ever win the Heisman Trophy. Many of the fans also wore the throwback team shirts. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1988 and is a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame. Beban participated in the national UCLA alumni commercial entitled "My Big UCLA Moment" which is on Youtube, as is a clip of the UCLA USC game of 1967. Beban majored in European history at UCLA, playing for two years for the Washington Redskins, then joined the Los Angeles office of CB Richard Ellis, a global real estate services company where he worked to establish offices in the Chicago area. Beban was named president and general manager of the company, and in 1998 became senior executive managing director of the company's Global Corporate Services unit. After 37 years of service, Gary retired but continues to serve several clients on project specific basis.

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Alyn Beals (1965) was elected Chairman of the

Board of the Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce for 2010. He has served the Chamber in a wide variety of positions since joining the Board of Directors in 1994. He was Person of the Year in 1997. He currently Co-Chairs the Kainos Benefit Golf and Invitational Golf Tournaments, and is M.C. of Good Morning Redwood City. Alyn is President and CEO of Beals Martin, a Redwood City based General Contractor, Developer and Property Manager, which he helped form in 1973.

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On November 30, 2009, the Board of Supervisors of the County Of San Mateo passed a resolution honoring and commending **James Hartnett (1968)** for sixteen years of service on the City Council of Redwood City. He served in the United States Navy Reserves, Naval Security Group, and was land based in Pensacola, Florida and on two bases in Japan. He has had a distinguished career in law.

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Steven G Krantz (1967), member of the Sequoia High School Hall of Fame, has been elected editor in chief of the Notices of the American Mathematical Society magazine. Dr. Krantz earned a degree at University of California, Santa Cruz and his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1974. He is currently professor at Washington University in Saint Louis.

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Raymond Dawley (1980) moved from principal of the North Star Academy to principal of McKinley Institute of Technology, a middle school for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. Ray is a life long resident of Redwood City, speaks Spanish, and excels as a team and community builder.

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Henry O. Ortez (2001) graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. After completing the leadership development course, the ROTC program, and graduating from college, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, National Guard, or Reserve. He received a BA degree in 2009 from San Jose State University.

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The Rose Bowl ring of former Sequoia coach **Len Casanova** was recently flown in the Discovery space shuttle mission. Since Casanova's death in 2002, the ring has been worn by longtime University of Oregon associate athletic director Herb Yamanaka. A member of the shuttle crew had asked Yamanaka about what he could take into space to honor his grandfather, who was a huge admirer of Casanova. This may be the first Rose Bowl ring in space.

MEMORABILIA DONATED

Thanks to the following people who have donated items relating to Sequoia's history.

Bob Andersen and his brother, **Jim**, donated several yearbooks to the SHSAA. Four of them, 1922, 1924, 1925, and 1926 belonged to their uncle, Floyd Smith; however, the 1925 yearbook has the name "Donald Mason, Rt. 2 Box, Redwood City, Calif." handwritten on the inside. Bob and Jim would like to have the 1925 yearbook returned to its original owner or the family of the original owner, if that's possible.

There are three more yearbooks that belonged to the following unknown Alums that Bob and Jim would like returned to their original owners. They are:

- **1951** - belonged to someone named **Terry** (a female). From the messages written to her about "having classes with you next year" we determined that she wasn't a senior. Only the names of the seniors are listed in this yearbook, so we can't tell which class she was in and what her last name may have been.

- **1958** - belonged to someone named **Sue**, who also was not a senior. There are 13 girls named Sue or Susan in the Sophomore and Junior classes and the freshman class only shows first initials.

- **1962** - belonged to someone named **Diane** who was not a senior, either. There are 7 girls named Diane in the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes so we couldn't determine which Diane it belonged to.

If you think any of these yearbooks belonged to you or someone in your family, please contact Sally Newman at 650-369-1938 or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net .

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Dan van Alderwerelt donated items from Sequoia

KEEP YOUR E-MAIL 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. And some are no longer valid!

Please send us your e-mail address, either via our e-mail address, sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or mail via the Returnable Page, on the inside back cover of this issue.

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.)

1946-57, that belonged to his wife, **Beverly Dobbyns van Alderwerelt (1947)**. Included were her Seal pendant, an officers bracelet (1947), memory booklets, yearbooks from 1947 & 1948, and a scrapbook containing many photos.

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David Johnson (1970) donated sports material from 1963-1966, including twelve sports programs from Sequoia football games. He also donated a 1922-23 booklet about Service Points at Sequoia with an introduction by A.C. Argo.

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Late last year, and before he passed away, **Jacques Audiffred (1934)** sent the following message to SHSAA:

"Reading about the famous "Helio Lamp" in the recent addition of Smoke Signals:

I have an old lamp that looks like the Helio lamp's cousin. This lamp used to hang in the front yard of my cousin's home in Berkeley . After my cousin passed away i inherited the lamp and it has been tucked away in my garage for these many years. With a little cleaning up and a bit of tlc this lamp would look a bit more authentic than the railroad lamp you are using today."

Best regards,
Jac' Audiffred

Note: The Sequoia principal was contacted, and the school does want the lamp.



SMOKE SIGNALS VIA E-MAIL?

To help save costs, why not have your Smoke Signals delivered to you via e-mail? You will receive the notice about accessing the web site location well before the other issues are mailed at the post office.

Also, we often get requests to send only one mailed copy to an address when several members reside there. If we do that, and something happens to the member who receives the mailing, we have no way to go back and find the other member in order to start mailing to that person. So if at least one person at the address gets copies by e-mail, the household could then have one printed copy sent by regular mail.

When you send in your e-mail (or even if you have already done so), let us know if you want to get Smoke Signals via e-mail only. (See our contact information to the left.)

Cherokee Chatter

John Dusel (1938 and faculty) writes regarding the Picnic article in the Fall 2009 issue of Smoke Signals: "Your information on John Dusel was correct but incomplete. Yes, I graduated in 1938. I was also a teacher at Sequoia from 1942 to 1964 of many subjects—Social Living, Economic Geography, Ancient History, Driver Education, Home Gardening, a counselor, curriculum assistant, and especially a teacher of German.

Sequoia in those days had a rich choice of subjects available to all. I taught German every year for twenty-one years from beginning to advanced classes. In 1959 I studied in Munich at the Goethe Institute under a Fulbright Grant and in 1960 to 1961, another Fulbright Exchange scholarship brought me to Innsbruck, Austria, teaching at a Woman's Domestic Science College and at the University of Innsbruck. In 1964 I left Sequoia High School to assume duties as Consultant in Foreign Languages at the State Department of Education in Sacramento, where I served for eleven years before retiring.

In my traveling throughout California assisting school districts with their foreign language programs, I realized that Sequoia's foreign language department offerings ranked with the best in California."

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John W. Ward, (1947) was installed as the 2010 president of the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. After Sequoia, John attended the California Maritime Academy and graduated with a Merchant Marine license and commission as Ensign in the U.S. Navy where he served during the Korean War. John attended the University of California, worked as an engineer for Westinghouse in Sunnyvale, and also completed the MBA program at Santa Clara University. He remained active as a Naval Reserve engineering officer and retired as a Commander with 34 years of service. He has been a volunteer in the gardens at Filoli in Woodside.

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James Philip Burgard (1953), a registered professional engineer and Registered Environmental Assessor with five professional certificates, is an expert in contamination control in areas such as the NASA Ames research labs. He was in charge of all of the manufacturing clean room facilities worldwide for Fairchild Semiconductor. In the Silicon Valley he was director of corporate facilities for Synertek Corporation (later acquired by Honeywell), director of plant operations for Seagate Technology, and is now president of Environetics Engineering Inc. in Santa Clara. He has also served on the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and the California Department of Consumer Affairs Board of Pharmacy and is active in Rotary in Campbell, CA.

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Lovey Somer Del Sarto (1953) says, "It was worth turning '75'. On Feb. 23, I celebrated at the Mounted Patrol grounds with 160 friends and family—fabulous food, great band! Proceeds from this party goes to the Tom Del Sarto Scholarship Fund. To all the Cherokees and those who are not—Thank you.

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Kalani Torbert Engles (1956), of Portola Valley, a professional artist for 30 years, is a Charter Member of the South Bay Area Women's Caucus for Art. Known first for her sketches, her work now ranges from monotype prints to whimsical oil paintings to large steel sculptures. Her work was exhibited in the Little House Gallery in Menlo Park in March 2010, and she is associated with the Linden Street Warehouse in Redwood City. She has had solo exhibitions in California, Colorado, and France and is included in collections across the United States, including the National Museum of Women Archives in Washington, D.C. Her works have also been featured in numerous publications and in the 1995 film "Things To Do In Denver When You're Dead."

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Jim Meskimen (1962) was a swimmer and boxer at Sequoia but his athletic endeavors blossomed after high school. What started out as recovery from a recreational skiing knee injury turned into a long career of swimming, biking and running. He has participated in several big distance events including the Western States 100 mile run, the 700-mile John Marino bike race and three Ironman Triathlons. Last year, at 66 years old, he started off-road triathlons called Xterra. In September he became the National Champion in his age group at the Xterra US National Triathlon and in October he was third in his age group in the Xterra World Triathlon. He is still competing.

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Dennis Lee Hefner (1963), a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame for Track, is President of State University New York (SUNY), Fredonia, with over 5,500 students. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from Washington State University. Dr. Hefner appears in several youtube videos and has a Facebook site established for him by Fredonia students. In addition to his duties for SUNY, he serves on the Board of Directors of the Lake Erie Regional Health System of New York.

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William J Buckleman (1978), after graduation, entered into his carpenter's apprenticeship and began learning the trades. In 1985 he started his own firm, All Phase Builders, in Redwood City. He also serves as a Reserve Police Officer and was awarded the Santa Clara Police Department's Commendation Certificate in 2009.

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Brian Logan Grey (1981), an orthodontist in Lake County, CA, has a BS degree from UC Davis and a BS in Biological Sciences. While obtaining his dental degree at the UC San Francisco, Dr. Grey received the prestigious Regents Scholarship and was awarded the Sooy Chancellor's Cup at graduation. Dr. Grey received specialty training in orthodontics at the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, receiving his orthodontic certificate and MS in dentistry in 1991. Besides his private practice, Brian teaches in the orthodontic department at the UOP.

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Cherokee Chatter

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David Notowitz (1985) is a film producer, writer and editor whose company creates documentaries, family and wedding videos, training films and television commercials, some of which currently air on CNN, MTV, ESPN, Discovery, and A&E 300 times a week in Northern California. David also does video analysis for attorneys, police and courts regarding crime scenes and serves as an expert witness court. David attended San Carlos High School until it closed in 1982, then finished at Sequoia. His first film was a college project at UC Santa Cruz, an 18 minute profile of Grateful Dead fans. He edited "The Last Klezmer," a film that won 2 awards at the '94 Berlin Film Fest. Another well-known film he produced was "Carpati, 50 Miles, 50 Years" which was narrated by Leonard Nimoy. Notowitz's "Voices of the Shoah", an audio documentary of the Holocaust, compiled from over 180 interviews with survivors and witnesses, and narrated by Elliot Gould.

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SPENCER FOLAU (1991), who retired from professional football in 2006, is vice president of Alumni Management Group, a marketing company in Maryland that assists current and retired NFL players with services such as publicity, accounting and legal needs, helping them transition to life after the fame of football. He also coaches high school football players for the McDonogh High School Eagles. In radio and television, he appears on pregame and postgame shows and makes cameo television appearances. Recently, he went to Walter Reed Hospital with the NFL Fox Sunday cast. Spencer played defensive tackle and right end at Sequoia and is in Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame. He was a four-year letterman (1992-95) at the University of Idaho, then went on to pro football. He was a member of the 2000 Ravens team that won Super Bowl XXXV, and then played for the Miami Dolphins, New Orleans Saints and Washington Redskins.

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Ray Diaz (1992), an Orthotist at the San Francisco General Hospital Orthotic and Prosthetic Center, treats patients with various upper and lower extremity disorders. He specializes in planning, making, and fitting orthopedic braces and similar devices such as surgical supports and corrective shoes. After graduation, Ray spent several years in the home health care industry. In 1997 he began work as an orthotic technician. He became a Certified Orthotist in 2004.

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Jennifer Pierce Kirouac (1995), led the Sequoia High School cheerleading team to multiple USA National competitions. She continued cheerleading at the College of San Mateo. At UC, Berkeley she found her niche on the Cal Dance Team. Upon graduation, Jennifer was selected for the 1999 San Francisco 49ers Goldrush, performing through the 2000 season. During her professional career in public relations and event marketing, she volunteered to coach the Air Force Academy cheerleaders

and danced in local television commercials. Jennifer obtained a MS degree in Sport and Entertainment Management from the University of South Carolina. While in graduate school, Jennifer worked for the USC Athletic Association at the Georgia Tech Athletic Association as Director of Promotions and Events, developing football and basketball game entertainment. Her most noteworthy event was the 2007 football halftime show featuring Big Boi of OutKast, accompanied by the Georgia Tech Marching Band, during the ESPN Thursday Night College Game day at Georgia Tech. Jennifer now serves as the Senior Public Relations Supervisor for an Atlanta-based chicken restaurant chain in 38 states.

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Alvaro Calderon (1996) became Administrative Vice Principal, 10th-grade, Athletics, at Woodside High School He holds a BA degree in Spanish and Sociology with a concentration in Criminology from San Jose State University, and MA in Counselor Education. During his undergraduate studies, Mr. Calderon played on the Men's soccer team which was ranked #1 in the nation in the year 2000.

LOOK AT ME NOW...

Anna Del Ben Ooms (1958) of San Jose, is an accountant and enjoys going to plays, movies, and shopping ... **Robert Southward (1960)** has moved from Cornell University to Community College for Monmouth County, N.J. where he is the General manager for Facilities and Construction ... **Ed Neves (1962)** is a businessman in Los Altos, CA ... **Don Schoen (1968)**, of Fremont, spent many years managing grocery stores on both sides of the bay. Since 1987 he has been running his own business. He is active in Boy Scouts and serves as scoutmaster. ... **Janet Rosenberg Tarantino (1969)** of Redwood City is an Executive Assistant, and enjoys animals, music, biking, and golfing ... **Leslie Sherrard Quantz (1980)** is Director of Children's Ministries at the Piedmont Community Church. After receiving her BA degree in Statistics from UC Berkeley in 1985 she worked as a defined contribution consultant (401K retirement plans) for two San Francisco firms... **The Galvin Family news: Amy (1996)** is a pediatric doctor in San Antonio, TX for a Fellowship for Pediatric Diseases (research clinic); she has two children. **Kelly (1997)** is a family medicine doctor, with one child; she is in Iraq until July, 2010. **Joe (1999)** graduated from West Point and is now in medical school to be an orthopedic surgeon. **Billy (2001)** is a graduate of West Point, and is now a company commander at Ft. Sill, OK. All four are married. ... **Wes Lucey (2002)**, of Sacramento, was recently married ; a graduate of Chico State with a BA in construction management, he is an engineer with Kiewit Construction. ...

WE'RE RETIRED...

Sophie Michalski Yarborough (1957) is a retired English teacher in Portland, OR who is interested in art, traveling, and cooking ... **Jerry Robert Rohwer (1961)**, of Greensboro, North Carolina, retired (for the second time); after retiring from a career in the wine and beer industry, Jerry served as project manager with Downtown Greensboro, Inc., working on projects such as keeping the downtown "Clean and Green" by overseeing the hanging of flower baskets and steam cleaning sidewalks. He now spends his time doing what he enjoys and running household projects. ... **Glenn Nielsen (1977)** retired as Atherton police chief at the end November 2009; his entire 34-year career was spent at the Atherton Police Department. Chief Nielsen first joined the police department as an Explorer cadet in 1975 while a student at Sequoia. He recently won a silver medal in the Western States Police & Fire Games.

THE "UNALIYI" SIGN

by Glenn Joesten, Class of 1959

At the Class of 1959's fifty-year reunion in October, I presented Class President Steve Chell with an old wooden sign with the school motto, "Unaliyi" on it. This sign had been taken from the Japanese Tea Garden at Sequoia apparently sometime in the thirties. The sign measures about 8" by 30", and has the lettering painted on in an "Old English" script.

This story is basically from my mother, Joan (Mabie) Joesten, Class of 1935. Her mother was Ina Mabie. Her mother's best friend was Bertha Potts. (The Potts family included Eddie, Henry, and Bertha (the younger). I only knew Bertha (Bert). I think that she was class of 31 or 32. Ina Mabie passed away in 1943 or thereabouts, and Bertha stepped in as "Grandma Potts".)

The Potts family had a vacation cabin at Capitola, near Santa Cruz. Bertha rented the cabin to friends. We took care of the maintenance and had use of the place. In about 1954 Bertha sold the cabin to us. In 1967 my Dad had a business opportunity to move to Yreka. My Mother and sister Beverlee (65) prevailed on him to keep the cabin, even though it was the better part of a day's drive to get there. Eventually Beverlee moved into the cabin full time and brought it up to more-or-less modern conditions. In the course of this, she found the sign in a storage area. She brought it to Yreka, where my Dad repainted the lettering and hung it over the front gate.

Many friends from Redwood City stopped off to visit in the succeeding years. There were discussions as to the history of the sign. Joan had been involved with a 30th reunion committee so had lots of Sequoians visit. The consensus was that the sign had last been seen hanging over the entrance to the Japanese Tea Garden. Circumstantial evidence, rumor, and gossip placed Eddie Potts as a prime suspect, if not for removing the sign, at least for spiriting it to Capitola. (I believe that he and Henry were casualties of WWII. Bertha had



a granddaughter Allyn who was either in our class or 1960, but I haven't had any contact with her since then. Bert became a globe-trotter for the US State Dept. Last we heard from her she was in San Diego.)

Fellow Sequoians of the era that the sign was "liberated" included: Roy Baxter, Janey (Jenkins) Downs, Bill Downs, Fritz and Martha Kuffer, Eldon Mabie, Carl Mabie (a bit older than the others, but he recalled the sign at the Tea Garden. Perhaps there are others who recall the sign at Sequoia.

I was living in the Monterey area where I was working for the Monterey County Health Dept. I would get to Yreka two or three times a year. Occasionally I would repaint the sign. After I retired and moved back here, I could see the toll that the weather with its 100-degree annual range was taking on the sign, and decided it needed to come back to Sequoia. The Class of 59 reunion seemed to be a good time to do it, so here we are. I would recommend displaying it indoors.

SEQUOIA LEGACY SOCIETY

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

Planned giving through trusts and annuities can provide lifetime income and tax advantages to the donor, and later provide perpetual support for Sequoia High School through the efforts of the Alumni Association. Gifts of highly appreciated assets, such as stocks, bonds, and real estate will help the donor avoid paying taxes on the capital gains.

How you can give:

- Wills: Bequeath a percentage or designated amount of your estate.
- Stocks And Bonds;
- Charitable Gift Annuity;
- Charitable Remainder Unitrust;
- Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust;
- Deferred Gift Annuity

The entire alumni board thanks you for your interest in helping the preserve the Sequoia Legacy. The Sequoia High School Alumni Association will work with your tax/financial advisor to assist you in planning the method(s) that you find most desirable.

All Planned Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

For more information about planned giving through the SHSAA Legacy Society, contact SHSAA.

TEA GARDEN PROJECT

Every month, a group of alumni and friends gather in the Tea Garden to weed, rake, gather litter, prune trees and shrubs, and generally beautify this lovely spot. Get on the list to be notified of these work dates.

Contact John Castro at 415-566-6038 or cell at 415-728-3332, or e-mail castro6614@sbcglobal.net or Sequoia alumna's e-mail address: Sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.

CHEROKEE GRANTS 2009

In November, the Sequoia High School Alumni Association approved the donation of the following items totaling \$3,493.21 to Sequoia High School under its annual "Cherokee Grants" program.

- **Special Education Adult Transition Program** – Britt Broome, \$300 toward purchase of a functional curriculum set which includes life skills curricula

- **Special Education** – Lana Clemens, \$500 to cover transportation and admission cost for field trip to the Coyote Point Museum

- **Algebra Readiness** – Michael Feeny, \$249.48 for a class set of 36 student held marker lapboards

- **English as a Second language** – Joan Fiser, \$288 for train transportation to the Tech. Museum/IMAX cinema in San Jose

- **Guidance** – Glenda Ortez-Galan, \$325 toward registration fees for the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) conference

- **College Center** – Teresa Ignaitis, \$99.80 for a set of online college books (Fiske Guidance Package) for the computers in the college center

- **Mathematics** – Jimmy Kurditzas, \$111.65 for laser pointers

- **Guidance Counselor** – Lisa McCahon, \$100 toward registration costs for the annual Western Association for College Admission Counseling (WACAC) spring conference

- **Dance/Spirit Squad** – Stacey Morell, \$250 toward a set of "marker ink" paints and paper for promoting athletics

- **Special Education** – Marilyn Vandembroeck, \$128.28 for a learning game, "Ask and Answer" "wh" Bingo Game

- **Journalism** – Kim Vinh, \$487 for a Nikon D40 digital camera

- **Sojourn to the Past** – Kim Vinh, \$250 toward "Sojourn to the Past" trip to the Southern United States learning about civil rights history

- **PE Dance** – Taylor White, \$104 for the purchase of four pairs of dance shoes for confirmed low-income students

- **AVID** (Advanced Via Individual Determination) Class – Teresa Yeager, \$300 toward Southern California College tour visiting five universities

Additionally, we have collected funds specifically earmarked for the music program in the amount of \$1,400 and for the Wood Shop in the amount of \$1,025.

Total donations for the Cherokee Grants, the music program and the Wood Shop are \$5,918.21.

NOTE: Cherokee Grants are awarded to Sequoia staff members to purchase items they cannot get under the normal budgeted items from the District. Consideration is given to how many students will be impacted. Some of the money came from excess funds from the Sequoia Veterans Memorial. You, too, can make a donation to our Cherokee Grants and other programs (see the Returnable Page near the back of this issue, or go to our website sequoiahsalumniassoc.org and donate via PayPal).

LOOKING FOR

Ron Martin (1961) would like to contact **Linda Sanderson**. If you have a contact for Linda, please send it to SHSAA at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or call 650-592-5822, or mail to P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534 and we'll let her know how to get in touch with Ron.

1990 SEQUOIA RING FOUND

Someone was contacted (because her name is Patterson) by a woman who, years ago, found a class ring. The ring is a Sequoia High School ring. The year is 1990. The name inscribed is Amy Patterson. The woman would like to assist in returning this ring to **Amy Patterson**, 1990 alumni.

SHSAA cannot find Amy Patterson in the grad lists or the reunion folder for 1990 and potential classmates don't remember an Amy Patterson. If you have any contact information for this former student, contact the Sequoia High School Alumni Assn. at (650) 592-5822, or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net. Amy can decide whether or not she wishes to retrieve her sentimental piece of jewelry. Since 2010 will be the twentieth reunion year, it seems a lovely time to have this ring return to its owner.

Lost Members

The following members are lost. If you know their whereabouts, please let the Alumni Association know. (See contact information on p. 2 or on the Returnable Page, p. 22.)

June Giampetro Golling 1939
 Marjorie Trevillyan Whitney 1940
 David Conway 1950
 Barbara Johnson Mendivil 1950
 Eldon Kelley 1957
 Darlene Horne 1960
 Rick Alves 1961

Kathy Fitzgerald Campbell 1964
 Virginia Carlisle Snodgrass 1964
 Richard Arimoto 1966
 Marietta Towns Emmons 1967
 Margaret Powers Johnson 1969
 Knut Lyssand 1971
 Mark Gomez 1972
 Carmelita Ortiz Ibarra 1973
 Susan Burr McBrayer 1979
 Debra Silliman Lena 1985
 Stacey Everson Reak 1986
 Shane Mohler 1987

John Peavler 1989
 Robert Oseguera 1991
 Stephani Lauren 1994
 Jason Hess 1998
 Sherry Jones 1998
 Nirshila Chand 2001
 Helen Navarro 2004
 Sheri House FR

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

In Memoriam

SEQUOIA

James Clyne1929
 Jacques Audiffred.....1934
 Alice Nelson Del Bono.....1935
 Joan Mabie Joesten1935
 Ruth Stenson Myall1936
 Josephine Garland Nattkemper1936
 Jack L. Baxter, Sr.1937
 Margaret White Opfer.....1937
 Evelyn Burd Viersen1937
 Betty Moll Lobsinger.....1938
 Russell Reiserer1938
 Frederick Orin Bourquin1939
 Mary Glass Silva.....1939
 Mary ReynoldsYost1939
 Lorena Underhill Frey1940
 Wilda Grimm Murray1940
 John Rutherfordale, Jr.1940
 Eiko Honda Sugihara1940
 Joseph Triano1940
 Azel Lillian Raso Bullivant1941
 Ruth Dyer Renard1941
 Thomas Giannini, Jr.1942
 Hazel Alderson Harper1942
 Evelyn Flora Jorgensen1942
 Betty Drew Norman1942
 Lois Marozik Turner1942
 John R. Herden1943
 Shirley Farnsworth Berlin1944
 Glen Hatley1944

Adolph Patrick.....1944
 Eullia Rusk Clay1945
 Rev. Richard J. Deal.....1945
 Paul Edward Ford1945
 Joseph Santino1945
 Al Schwartz1945
 James "Jim" Garcia.....1946
 Marjorie Vane Whitlin.....1946
 Ed Crossley1947
 Ted Yates Johnston.....1947
 Anita Lares Mc Manus.....1947
 Raymond McWard, Jr.1947
 Susan Wishard Vannucci1947
 James Augustus Accurso1948
 Elbert (Skip) Franklin.....1948
 Mary Ellen Counihan Lutke1948
 Charles E. Olson1948
 Frederick A. Sanders, Jr.1949
 David Conway1950
 Barry Everett Geller1950
 William "Bill" Mintine, Jr.1951
 Richard Hill1952
 George Herrmann.....1953
 Gerard "Jerry" James.....1953
 Lewis Grisell FS-1954
 Jay Ann Schmale Fenster1958
 Joseph Durelli1959
 Shelby Millington Miller.....1959
 Carol Eberhardt Sawtelle.....1960
 Barbara Allen Kosher1960

Eva Gertz Perkins.....1960
 Leonard DeLucca1961
 Rich M. Koeper1961
 Richard Franklin Shimek1966
 Cliff Carrington.....1967
 Douglas C. Anderson..... FS-1969
 Michael Whitney1975
 Jeffrey Osborne Fosnes1979
 William "Gary" Tucker.....1981
 Robert Adolfo Lopez.....1990
 Russell David Blake1992
 Francesca Palma Nicolsi.....1994
 Jose "Josi" Villanueva2001
 Gabriel Estrada2006

Former Sequoia Faculty

Robert L. Clark..... FF
 Alberta Peck FF
 John Thomas Simpson..... FF
 Malcolm J. Tayler..... FF
 Steffie Trujillo FF

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

Alan Sturdy1963
 Michael Mark Lera1970
 Matthew Alan Edwards.....1972

San Carlos Former Faculty

Francis Doran FF
 John Joseph Farrell..... FF

James Clyne (1929) Junior class president. He later graduated from Stanford with a degree in aeronautical engineering and was one of the designers of the DC-3 airplane, and a top administrator at Douglas, Sikorsky, and Lockheed.

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Jacques "Jac" Audiffred (1934) worked as a machinist Litton Industries for over 29 years. he was also a volunteer fireman for Woodside Fire District for over 30 years; upon retiring, he became their official historian for more than 60 years with the department; he was named Honorary Fire Chief in 2003. His greatest love was preserving Woodside's history, collecting many pictures from the 1920's through last year. He was active in various Masonic orders and in community activities.

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Joan Mabie Joesten (1935) was involved in volunteer activities in Redwood City (1946-1967) and honored by California PTA for her work with youth, then continued 43 years of volunteer work in Yreka, co-founding Siskiyou General Hospital.

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Jack L. Baxter (1937) served in the South Pacific in WW II, promoted to the rank of Major and decorated with the Silver Star and the Bronze Star with V for hs service. Later, he became plant manager at the cement plants in Redwood City, San Juan Bautista, and Knoxville, TN. He tended to over 200 roses and was an accomplished Scottish Country dancer well into his 80's.

Betty Virginia Moll Lobinger (1938) was an accountant in Sonoma, and after retiring, became a docent at Jack London State Park. She fondly remembered being one of the 200,000 people who walked across Golden Gate Bridge on opening day in 1937.

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Russell Reiserer (1938) played 1st string varsity football before interrupting his college career to become a WW 2 ace. He achieved that distinction in only one day, a rare occurrence for an entire career. He received a Navy Cross and Purple Heart, & later earned degrees from Stanford and Cal Tech. His children claim he attempted to learn something new every day. He has the distinction of being the only Sequoia graduate buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Lois Ruth Marozik Turner (1942) was involved with various advocacy groups, particularly those suffering from mental illness and their families, plus the rights of native Americans, & received numerous awards for community service.

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Glen Hatley (1944) served in the Merchant Marines in WW II. At San Jose State University he began flight training and was a founding member of the San Jose State Aqua Ski Team. In the Air Force he piloted B-26 airplanes in Korea. After continued studies at SJSU in Electronic Engineering, he joined the Air National Guard in the 129th Air Rescue Group. He worked in several electronic firms as an engineer and inventor.

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Joseph Santino (1945) excelled at varsity sports at Sequoia, and later was with many paving & roofing companies.

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Paul Ford (1945) at age six determined that he would attend Sequoia High School; unbeknownst to his family who was living in Mountain View at the time, Paul enrolled himself in Sequoia to take aeronautics (a course not offered at Mt. View High). He later joined the cadet program in the Army Air Corps. He served for 38 years as teacher and principal in the Palo Alto School District and received the WHO award from the Palo Alto Educator Assn. for outstanding service to the district.

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Edward L. Crossley Jr. (1947) was Lowell High School's first coordinator for gifted children programs, establishing the first honors French & Spanish

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CORRECTION (from Fall, 2009 issue)

"My uncle Eldon G. Mabie (class of 35) was correctly listed in the names listing of the current Smoke Signals; however, somehow my cousin Ken Mabie's name got placed in the detailed memorial. (He is probably the one who notified you of Eldon's passing....and is alive and well in Aptos CA. Appreciate a correction. Eldon was a stickler for details. My mother Joan Mabie Joesten (class of 35) is the last living sibling of that generation of Mabie alumni. Brothers Kendall, Carl and Eldon predeceased Joan who is now 91. My brother Glenn Joesten (class of '59) is retired and resides with Joan at her home in Yreka CA. Brother Ray Joesten ('62) is a professor of Geology/Chemistry at the University of Connecticut. I am a service coordinator for the elderly at the Klawock Senior Center in Klawock, Alaska. Thanks for correcting Eldon's Memorial piece."

---Beverlee Joesten Tyner ('65)

In Memoriam

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classes in 1982, & chosen to be a member of the founding faculty of Rael Wallenburg High School.

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James Augustus Accurso (1948) served a 20 year career as a judge. He served on the Justice Court, the Municipal Court, the Superior Court, and the Court of Appeal, every judicial level except the State Supreme Court. He also served as dean of the Judges College, an ongoing curriculum to help judges keep abreast of judicial rules & procedures.

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Barry Everett Geller (1950) married Sequoia graduate **Nan Kimball** and worked as a graphic and commercial artist, after college graduation. His art appeared in many magazines, among them, *Fortune* & *The Saturday Evening Post*. He illustrated for many high profile people, including Alex Haley, Bobby Kennedy, Truman Capote, and Jimmy Breslin.

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William "Bill" Mintline (1951) drove a Sequoia school bus prior to being hired by the CHP, where he retired after 26 years as the Lt. Commander at the Gold Run, CA, office. He later served as Colfax Chief of Police for nine years.

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Joseph Alfred Durelli (1959), member of Sequoia's Sports Hall of Fame where he was a highly successful pitcher and was the MVP of the then-traditional North vs. South Peninsula Athletic League championship game. He played professionally for the Philadelphia Phillies, and later owned several automobile dealerships on the Peninsula.

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Rich Koeper (1961) was a mainstay as part of the 33 game undefeated Sequoia football team, still a San Mateo County record. He was a three-sport star at Sequoia, and named football Nor Cal Player of the Year. He played football (was named All-American) & baseball at Oregon State, where he was an assistant football coach during the 1970's. Rich later played professionally in the NFL. The celebration of his life at the OSU athletic facility was attended by over 400.

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Richard Franklin Shimek (1966), after graduating from San Jose State, worked as a technician at USGS. He also worked in the semi-conductor industry as a process engineer at Read-Rite, holding two patents for Alumina Material.

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Cliff Carrington (1967), grandson of Otis Carrington, lived in Weaverville for 35 years, where he worked for the Dept. of Fish & Game, and was active in the local fire department for 20 years, serving as assistant chief and fire chief.

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Robert L. Clark-Sequoia teacher during the 1950's. He lived in San Francisco & Sacramento, before moving to Magalia,

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Alberta Peck, taught English and Public Speaking at Sequoia following WW II, and co-authored the highly respected text book, "The Art of Public Speaking." She was passionate about literature, politics, gardening and the San Francisco Symphony.

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John Thomas Simpson taught Social Studies, and was a counselor at Sequoia, and later Carlmont High School.

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Malcolm J. Taylor taught General Science, Physics, coached football & wrestling during the late 1940's, and early 1950's. He moved to Menlo Atherton High, where he taught the same courses and coached, and later was named M-A principal.. He served as principal at Ravenswood High School, and Attendance Officer for the Sequoia District.

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Steffie Trujillo-She won recognition for her work in bilingual education at both the Sequoia and the Redwood City Elementary School Districts. She served on several local committees and boards, and supported numerous charities.

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SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL – Please see "Dons' Doings" on p. 10.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES...

P.E. IN THE 1950's: Jim Clifford of the history archives at the Redwood City Library is writing an article about the Sequoia PE courses of the 1950s. He saw an old movie that showed a class at work and he was impressed by how fit the students were.

He'd like to hear from alums who want to share their memories of those days. Jim's phone is 650-365-0937. Or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net and we'll forward your stories to Jim.

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Mark Meltzer (1967) writes: "My late father Theodore "Ted" Meltzer taught Latin and Journalism at Sequoia (and also Carlmont and MA) in the 1950s. I ask that you post a request in Smoke Signals for any of his former Sequoia, Carlmont or MA students to contact me with memories of what he was like as a teacher."

Anyone with memories to share about Mr. Meltzer may contact Mark at: boeing337@aol.com, or mail your memories to SHSAA-memories, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, and we'll forward them to Mark.

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THE WAY IT WAS AT SEQUOIA: Patsy Rowe Webster (1946) lauded the "excellent education and opportunities provided by Sequoia Union High School. The teachers were outstanding and memorable—Mr. Cherry, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Bigler, Mr. Tompset, Miss Truitt, Senor Bava, Mr. Spense, et al."

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Dale Dawson (1960) remembers: 1) Sophomore boys' P.E. shivering in the rain at 8 a.m. by the pool in ugly white swimsuits, eager to jump in the water to warm up! ... 2) Friday night football games, especially halftime, when the Cherokettes did their routine. ...3) Watching the world series at lunch in the gym; a tiny TV was on a table and everyone sat on the floor and cheered. ... 4) Coach Frank Griffin's obstacle course was grueling but fun!

NEW DISPLAY FOR ART IN CARRINGTON HALL

SHSAA has used part of a generous donation by two anonymous alumni to purchase a Walker hanging system for the arcade. The District maintenance department found some molding left over from the Carrington Hall restoration. They also helped match paint and installed the molding. There are enough components to hang fourteen or so pieces of art.

We hope the new display areas will be enjoyed by all. We can't wait to see wonderful student art adorning our beloved Carrington Hall!

The Returnable Page

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order/donate with PayPal on our Website (www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org)
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Home Work

____ Please contact me about the SHSAA **Legacy Society's** planned giving.
____ 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.

I'd like to donate to:

- General Fund (for Alumni Operations) \$ _____
- Tea Garden Maintenance Endowment Fund \$ _____
- "Spirit of the Seal" Scholarships Endowment Fund \$ _____
- Sequoia "Cherokee Grants" (for school programs) \$ _____
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- Athletic Honors Committee Fund \$ _____
- SHSAA Sports Scholarship \$ _____
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- Sequoia Veterans Memorial \$ _____
- Books by/about Sequoians Collection \$ _____
- "Bob Andersen Field" Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

For the following items, feel free to use another page if needed:
My News for Cherokee Chatter or Dons' Doings (circle one) _____

Memory for "The Way It Was At Sequoia" _____

Contact information for Lost Members or people being sought _____

Ideas for events/fundraising: _____

WANT TO SERVE? ____ on the Board? ... or on the following committees:

<input type="checkbox"/> Smoke Signals	<input type="checkbox"/> Athletic Review	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Cherokee Grants	<input type="checkbox"/> Labeling for Mailing	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchandise
<input type="checkbox"/> Archives & Display	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual meeting	<input type="checkbox"/> Help in booth (July 4th or Picnic)

BALLOT --- 2010

(see article about candidates on p. 8)
Please vote for no more than 6 people.

Pat Schath Bernard
 John Castro
 Carolyn Abbott Livengood
 Nancy Lebkicher Oliver
 Ken Rolandelli
 Marian Aragon Wydo
 Write-in name (with phone numbers and e-mail): _____

 Deadline for receiving ballots is **July 22, 2010.**
 Mail to the address above.

SURPLUS YEARBOOKS

Please circle the book(s) you wish to buy
1987, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996
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 Add \$7 per book for shipping & handling \$ _____
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SHSAA Membership Application

Name _____ (_____)
Last First Maiden

Address _____

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Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ e-mail: _____
Home Work

* Occupation (Present or Past) _____
(circle one)

* My interests/hobbies are: _____

* Is it ok to use occupation/interests in *Smoke Signals* for Cherokee Chatter or Dons Doings? ___ yes ___ no

Type of Membership:

- 1) SEQUOIA: Class of _____ Graduate ___ Former Student (not graduate) ___
- 2) SAN CARLOS: Class of _____ Graduate ___ Former Student (not graduate) ___
- 3) ___ Faculty/Staff (years _____) 4) ___ Friend Of Sequoia

GIFT from: _____
Gift card will be sent to the above address unless otherwise specified.

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 Not sure if you're a member? Check the mailing label. If there is a number by your name, you're a member!

Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

All Shirts Reduced! WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

T-Shirt — LIMITED SIZES

50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton

T-3 White Shirt, Purple Logo **\$5**
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50/50 Cotton/Poly., 9 oz.

S-6 White Crewneck, Purple Logo **\$12**
 Sizes: M, L XL only

DVDs

D-1 Veterans Memorial Dedication **\$15**

Memorabilia

- B-1 Bottle "Shirt" * \$3
- P-1 Sequoia Lapel Pin * \$5
- P-2 50-year Grad Disk * \$3
- P-3 Sequoia Pen * \$2
- M-1 Mouse Pad * \$5
- R-1 Sequoia Replica \$5
- LP-1 License Plate Holder \$18
- LP-2 2 License Plate Holders 2 for \$35

Key Chains

- C-2 Gold (padlock) * \$15
- C-3 Silver ("C" style) * \$15

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**ANNUAL MEETING
of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association**

**Tuesday, July 27, 2010
6 pm**

Light refreshments will be served.
Hear results of the election of officers and enjoy the overview of the past year.
Feel free to stay for the regular SHSAA board meeting at 7 p.m.
Remember to VOTE! See Ballot on the Returnable Page, p. 22.

Don't miss the
**4th ANNUAL "CELEBRATE SEQUOIA" BBQ/PICNIC
Saturday, August 21, 2010**
and the
**SPORTS HALL OF FAME BANQUET
Saturday, October 9, 2010**
(details inside)

