



# Smoke Signals

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Sequoia High School Alumni Association  
including the alumni of San Carlos High School

Summer 2012



*Celebrate the 6th Annual*  
**SEQUOIA PICNIC AND BARBECUE**  
*Saturday, August 18, 2012*

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch served between 12:15 and 2:15

Catered by Emergency BBQ Deli & Catering  
(meats, salads, roasted vegetables, drinks, desserts)

**\$30 per person**

Children under 10, \$20.

**Raffle** (many nifty items)

Campus Tour at 11  
Sequoia's award-winning  
Cheerleaders  
Purple Patriot Awards  
to Don Milhaupt & Mayella Ramirez

**Silent Auction**

4 Disneyland tickets (\$420 value)  
Signed Gary Beban football  
Signed Charlie Johnson basketball  
and more...

Reservations required by Aug. 13.

Limited number of tickets at door for \$40.

Pick up tickets on the day of the picnic at the registration table.

Sequoia Alumni Merchandise will be at the merchandise booth.

For reservation form, see enclosed flier, or the extra page with the e-mailed Smoke Signals.

***Remember to vote for Board positions***

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***Come to the Annual Meeting***

Aug. 28. See p. 24 for details

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## ***Bob Andersen – Sequoia High Champion Boxer***

The focus of my last President's Message was to report the conclusion of the Bob Andersen Field Fund Drive and the impending Inspiration Grove groundbreaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies that are now behind us. You will read elsewhere in this publication about the wonderful dedication ceremony of the completed Inspiration Grove project. Inspiration Grove was a fund raising mechanism for the naming of the baseball field, Bob Andersen Field, in honor of renowned former coach, Bob Andersen, who had a thirty-year tenure at Sequoia between 1950 and 1980. Bob graduated from Sequoia in 1941.

I stumbled onto an article in the Sequoia Times June 1958 Special Edition entitled "Andersen Once A Champ Boxer" that makes reference to a story from the March 1941 edition of the Sequoia Times telling of Bob's boxing accomplishments. In 1958, Bob was the head basketball coach, assistant football coach and the baseball coach.

As the field naming project is now behind us as is the associated funding effort which fostered the now completed Inspiration Grove, I thought it appropriate to share just one more tidbit of information about the man who a number of Alumni Association members worked so hard over a number of years to honor.

The 1941 headline reads: "Bob Andersen Edges Tracy in Heavyweight Title go; Large Crowd Enjoys Bouts". The article follows:

*"Bob Andersen was the winner over George Tracy in the bout which had the crowd standing on their ears in the feature and final bout of the night. Andersen and Tracy threw more punches and more leather than you will find in two-dollar pair of boots in the three rounds they boxed.*

Andersen lashed out with lightening fast lefts and rights that the "big boy" took in easy fashion but couldn't counteract with blows to the smaller but quicker Andersen. Some ringside observers thought that the bout should have gone an extra round.

Referee Fred Glover raised Andersen's hand in victory at the end of the regulation three rounds and after the judge's decision."

One thing to be noted was that Bob was only a welterweight (a boxer with a maximum weight of 147 pounds) when he fought for this heavyweight title.

Bob developed the legendary Boys Night boxing program that his father helped initiate in 1932 with Athletic Director Frank Griffin. A champion boxer in the Navy, Bob won the Pacific Coast middleweight championship at San Jose State and lost a disputed verdict in the NCAA finals.

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President  
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

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## MORE ABOUT THE INDIAN CLEANERS

*(A previous story appeared in the Winter, 2011 issue of Smoke Signals)*

**Claude DeMoss (1952)** writes:

"Hey man, What memories...Indian Cleaners was owned & operated by the "Ralston Family" including "Wharty" Ralston, one of Sequoia's best baseball players from the mid-to-late 1940s...Wharty also played Semi-Pro in San Carlos as well as a short career with the old SF Seals.

Trivia...Both Wharty & Dick Stuart's parents owned the Dry Cleaners. Contact Dick Cesarin and/or John Kane for more information...They all played together at one time...I also had the privilege of playing a few games with these "great" players!

PS...THAT TRUCK BELONGS BACK IN REDWOOD CITY!"

**Kathy Maher (1973)** says:

"I was just reading the story about Indian Cleaners in the Sequoia High School Alumni Smoke Signals. I worked there for about four months from Sept. 1971 through Jan 1972. It

was located next to what was Palladino's Market (now Gray's Paint). It was in what is now part of Woodside Deli.

I don't recall the owner's name, but Mrs. Trudy Meyer was the manager. I think one or more of her children were Sequoia students (possibly Conrad or Christian). At the time I worked there we did not make any deliveries and all cleaning was done offsite. However, at the back of the store there were some old steam presses and lots of room for other equipment-so it's possible that work was previously done on site. I worked as the store clerk all day on Saturdays. I was there by myself from 8 to 5 and quit after an older man kept coming each week and asking me for a date. No stalker laws in those days and they wouldn't have another employee work since all we did was counter work. Most of the time I sat in the back and did my homework! Hope someone else has more info for you!"

# SEQUOIA VARSITY VS ALUMNI SPRING BASEBALL GAME APRIL 21, 2012

by Ed Nordness, Alumni Sports Chair



Sequoia Hall of Fame player Justin Sims, a member of the 1994 CCS championships, where he pitched three winning games during the championships.

The second (during this millennium) Sequoia varsity versus alumni baseball game took place on April 21, 2012 at the Sequoia diamond. Alumni-Varsity games were commonplace during Bob Andersen's tenure, and without Bob's input, this one would not have taken place. Bob mentioned to me several years ago that he understood there would not be an alumni game in 2011. With that in mind, the new varsity baseball coach, Corey Uhalde, was contacted to see if the game could be resurrected. The rest is history. The score of last year's game was not kind to the alumni team, but this year the issue was in doubt for most of the game, with the Sequoia varsity eventually winning 8 to 3. The current varsity was one of the top teams in the league and was in battle for the league championship.

## 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 give 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.

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## Smoke Signals

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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>
<b>SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL</b>			
<b>1942</b> - 70th	Oct. 12	Harry's Hofbrau Lunch	Doris Rankin 650-368-1589 or Nettie Suhisen 650-321-8705
<b>1957</b> - 55th	Aug. 17 Aug. 18	Waterfront at Pete's Harbor Sequoia Alumni Picnic (campus)	Caroline Cameron Scutero 650-365-1255 or Nancy Leblicher Oliver, nancy1oliver@earthlink.net, 650-592-5822
<b>1962</b> - 50th	Aug. 10 Aug. 11 Aug. 12	Waterfront at Pete's Harbor Marriott (SF Airport) Rossotti's Alpine Inn	Jack Conklin (650) 754-5089, jhconklin1@yahoo.com or Joan Stiavetti Goering (650) 366-49044, joanie727@comcast.net (62 San Carlos Grads also invited)
<b>1965</b> "65 Turns 65"	Aug. 18 Oct. 6	Sequoia Alumni Picnic The Great Highway, 1100 Industrial Rd., #14 San Carlos (65 grads from Carlmont, San Carlos, Sequoia, and Woodside are invited.)	Donna Marcus 650-369-6650, SequoiaHighSchool65@yahoo.com or Ruth Pellizzer Swanson 650-704-3939, rswanson213@comcast.net
<i>Coming Next Year...</i>			
<b>1963</b> - 50th	Aug. 16-18, 2013	Save the Date! More info. next issue	Diana Koeper Threlkild dianakoeper@yahoo.com h=925-785-2161; c=925-829-1739 Elena Rossi Reynick, gusgus46@aol.com h=650-365-5974; c=650-714-1748

## SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

<b>1962</b> - 50th	Oct. 13	Sparky's Hot Rod Garage <i>Please help us find more '62 classmates</i>	Karen Phillips Middleton, 650-368-7619 or Gayle Brooks, 707-321-1023
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ANNUAL "FOOTHILLS" REUNION BBQ PICNIC  
ALL CLASSES Oct. 6., 2012 Sun City, Lincoln Hills  
"FOOTHILLS" FALL Sports Pavillion  
REUNION BBQ PICNIC 1-4 PM

Jane Middleton Tatalak ('55) tuttut123@att.net; 916-408-0565  
Leah Schmuck ('54)

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Attention all "Golden Grad" (50 years plus) reunion chairs: Could you arrange to have the 50-year pins and disks at your next reunion? Just contact SHSAA to make arrangements!

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## THE CLASS OF 1971 GIVES BACK

The Class of 1971 held their 40th reunion on Aug. 26-28, 2011. On behalf of the class Gary Fau (left) and Tami (Parham) Barbara (right) presented Terri Ignaitis (Sequoia HS college advisor and teacher) a debit card to be used for application fees, placement exams, ACT and SAT exams for those students who

cannot afford the cost to achieve their goals for college entrance. The Class of 1971 plans to make this an ongoing project with more events to come.



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Sequoia Class of 1990

## THANK YOU TO SHSAA

I want to thank you so much for the art materials your grant allowed us to buy. The students have been using all of them and have created some amazing new pieces with them. Their new work is actually going up in a show in the school gallery. They could not have made these creations without the proper materials (your help).

Thank you for your support of the arts at Sequoia High School!  
Appreciatively,  
Mary Jo Bradley

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I would like say "Thank you" and to express my sincere appreciation to you and the alumni association for granting my request of one class set of the book Cajas de carton by F. Jimenez. Your grant will impact many students in the IB program this year and for years to come. All of your hard work raising these funds is to the benefit of our students.

Sincerely,  
Martha Sigala

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The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) group at Sequoia sent a full page collage of photos showing the group on its tour of colleges in Northern California and Oregon, saying "Thank you for all your support to make our college dreams come true!" The teacher is Teresa Zeager. SHSAA's "Cherokee Grant" provided \$250 toward the trip.

# CENTURY CLUB'S "PLATINUM LEVEL" LIFETIME MEMBERS

The SHSAA Century Club, which helps fund our "Spirit of the Seal" scholarships, has its first "Platinum Level" \$10,000 Lifetime Donors -- **Joe Biddle (1951)** and **Virginia Davies Biddle (1952)**!

Joe Biddle was born in Kansas, moved to Redwood City with his parents at a very young age, and then grew up in Redwood City. He has some great memories of attending Sequoia and the classmates he will never forget.

Joe met his wife Virginia Davies, whose father was Al Davies (Davies Chevrolet). Joe & Virginia along with the family own & operate Davies Appliances established in 1922 on El Camino. Some of Virginia's high school memoirs include having lunch with her friends and sitting daily by the 'fish pond' at the time when the pond still had live fish.

Their "Platinum level" lifetime donation of \$10,000 to the Alumni Scholarship "Century Club" is their way of saying "thank you" to Sequoia High School for the many memoirs and educational benefits they received at Sequoia.

Joe says, "Virginia & I ask ALL Alumni to join us and donate funds to the Alumni Scholarship 'Century Club'. This Alumni Scholarship program helps & assists so many Sequoia graduates continue their dreams of obtaining a higher education and achieving their future career goals."



"Virginia Davies Biddle (1952), left, and Joe Biddle (1951), right, present their \$10,000 check to the Century Club's "Spirit of the Seal" scholarship fund."

## Donations

November 2011 - May 2012

SHSAA thanks all the donors who have helped make our programs possible!

### CHEROKEE GRANTS

Janet Bonner..... 1943  
Cherril Bernard Landwehr..... 1969

### JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

Janet Padley Bonner..... 1943

### SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Janet Hart..... FS

### SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND

Alan Rehbock..... 1944  
Anthony De Lucca ..... 1954  
Gayle Gull ..... 1961

### SEQUOIA SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Claudia Airaudi Myall..... 1968  
-in memory of Harvey Clark ..... 1941

### SMOKE SIGNALS PUBLICATION FUND

Norma Bates Estes ..... 1935  
Janet Padley Bonner ..... 1943  
Walter & Lois Harrington ..... 1946 & 1945  
Robert Bos ..... 1951  
John Wuttke..... 1954

Keith Bautista..... 1958  
George Dunn..... 1961

### INSPIRATION GROVE

Louise Miller, Charles McGovern,  
Evelyn Haydock, Monroe & June Johnson  
-In memory of Irwin Haydock..... 1956  
Sheryl Andersen('69), Steven Andersen('67),  
Bob Andersen('73), & Jeannie Andersen-Moody (79)  
-In memory of their father, Bob Andersen 1941  
Beverly Kauffman ..... 1944  
-in memory of Donald Kauffman, ..... FF  
Allan Rehbock ..... 1944  
Jeanne R. Lawrence - in memory of  
parents, Georgette Bos & Paul Lawrence ..... 1944  
Joseph & Susan Bozzuto ..... 1950  
Richard Schenker, ..... 1962

### THE FRED MITCHELL MEMORIAL MEN'S BASKETBALL FUND

Angelo & Lori Castellucci, ..... 1956  
Tracey Mitchell Ardwan, ..... 1981

### THE BOB ANDERSEN BASEBALL FIELD FUND

Harry Mason ..... FS

### THE TOM DEL SARTO BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dick & Sally Thompson ..... 1951  
Bob Gaughran..... 1953  
Rolla Del Sarto..... 1953

### 2011-2012 SPECIAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Vertis Di Trapani..... 1941

Malkah Wolper Carothers ..... 1943  
Walter Harrington, Jr. .... 1943  
Pat Schath Bernard, ..... 1944  
Alan Rehbock ..... 1944  
Joe Greenbach..... 1946  
Marjorie Hilton Johnstone..... 1946  
Gordon E. Moore..... 1946  
Donald Halstead ..... 1950  
Peter Hodgson..... 1950  
Mike Miller ..... 1950  
James Garcia..... 1952  
Diane Kusel Davis..... 1954  
Carole Rossi Giannario..... 1954  
Mary Ellen Van Landingham Smith-Rapp..... 1954  
John Quigley ..... 1956  
Louis Brusatori..... 1957  
Gary Reinecke..... 1961  
Gilbert De Vincenzi ..... 1962  
John Gwinner ..... 1962  
David Barlow..... 1963  
Frank De Lucca..... 1963  
-in memory of Leonard De Lucca..... 1961  
& of Jim Kosher ..... 1963  
& of Larry Jensen ..... 1963  
Dolores Medina Long..... 1963  
Jim Rapoza ..... 1963  
Marilyn Territo ..... 1963  
Yvonne Sheepe Garden..... 1965  
Danny Cole..... 1967  
Pete Royer..... 1967  
Lucille & Bill Galvin ..... Friends

FS = Former Student  
FF = Former Faculty

## ***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.

### ***Platinum (\$10,000)***

Lifetime membership  
Joe & Virginia Davies Biddle

### ***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

### ***Sustaining (\$100)***

Pat Bernard\*  
Malcolm "Meb" and Jean Buchanan, C\*  
Jack & Susanne Chapman Campbell, C\*  
Richard and Donna Plumley Cesarin, C\*  
Richard and Dee Rowan Eva C\*  
Jeffrey Filippi, C\*  
Gary Franson \*  
Jan Harris Hillegass, C\*  
Patricia Small Horn\*  
James & Eleanor Killen\*  
Pat Jeffery Kesterson\*  
Howard and Patricia Macway, C\*  
Steven Mandell\*

Marjorie Stewart Miller\*  
Yvonne Loustau Mootz, C\*  
Lyndon & Charlotte Olsted\*  
James Parker\*  
Gary Reinecke, C\*  
Ken Rolandelli, C\*  
Glenn A. Stewart \*  
Curt Talbott, C\*  
Donald T. Terry, C\*  
Bob Weeks\*  
Richard & Carole Francis Williams, C\*

C = Charter Member, \* 2010-2011 renewal  
(We apologize to any new members whose contributions reached us after publication)

## ***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](mailto: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

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## Spotlight On Sequoia

Congratulations to the Sequoia Orchestra for taking second place at the Festivals of Music competition May 18 & 19 in Milpitas. They scored 88.5, and were 1.5 points from the highest overall score. Great job!

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Sequoia Female Wrestler At State Championships: Sequoia High senior **Brianna Carroll** competed in the state wrestling championships - a feat practically unheard of, both as a female and as a first-year wrestler. This is the first time in Sequoia's wrestling history a female student has qualified for the CIF State Championships. Brianna placed third in the CCS Championships. She also maintains a 4.0 GPA and also plays for the Girls' Water Polo team. She also won honorable mention for her "Mixed Media" piece at the 2010 Sequoia High School art show.

—from an article by Jennifer van der Kleut, 2/8/12—  
R.C. Patch

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The 2nd Annual Sequoia Stampede, a 5-K Run, had over 700 participants of all ages from the school and community. Hosted by the Sequoia Booster Club, the Stampede raises money to support all athletic programs at Sequoia. Boosters' goals are also to bond the high school and the local community; involve all athletes, students, and faculty; involve all of Sequoia's extracurricular programs; and to create a learning experience for students by allowing them to help organize the event and volunteer on event day.

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Sequoia was the recipient of one of the 2012 Kent Awards. The award was given to Sequoia's SAFE Program. Starting out slowly, the SAFE program has grown from a sparsely attended program in 2008 to one that some days has over 160 students participating in a variety of activities. It provides a safe and welcoming atmosphere that encourages students to do their homework, get assistance when needed, and also pursue the numerous enrichment activities provided. Students are becoming a part of the vital after school community and as a result are more positively connected to other students and staff. The award requires that a program in or out of the classroom must focus on innovation in the areas of learning models, community service, environmental stewardship, special education, services for at-risk students, counseling and character development, health and wellness, and extracurricular activities. The past San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools, J. Russell Kent, SMCSBA, initiated the J. Russell Kent Award Program in the 1980-81 school year.

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Sequoia senior **Seema Chaudhry** was inducted into the 2012 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame as a

Young Woman of Excellence for her work as a peer mediator, member of the Sequoia Youth Advisory Board and the Key Club, and participation in the Youth Oversight Committee of Redwood City/North Fair Oaks Prevention Partnership where she brought awareness to "alco-pops," the juice-flavored alcoholic drinks that were sold to minors in local corner stores.

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Several Sequoia students earned prizes at this year's prestigious Peninsula Young Writers Contest: First Prize, Poetry, **Frances Welch**, junior; Honorable Mention, Poetry, **Sabina Jacobs**, junior; Honorable Mention, Fiction, **Ada Gao**; First Prize, Non-Fiction, **Hannah Schmidt**, freshman; Honorable Mention, Non-Fiction, **Alexa Thanos**, sophomore and **Gareth Wang**, sophomore. First place winners received \$50 each and a \$25 gift certificate to Kepler's Books. The contest was underwritten by David Amann of Edward Jones Financial Services.

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### SEQUOIA SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- The Varsity SOFTBALL ladies finished the league season 14-0 and are league champions for the PAL! They competed in the CCS playoff games. The JV SOFTBALL team was 11-1 and also 1st in league!

- Sequoia's Varsity BASEBALL team finished with a record of 11-3 in the PAL (also league champs!) and also were in the CCS playoffs. The Frosh-Soph BASEBALL team was 11-3 this season.

- SHS BADMINTON has had an undefeated season with 14 wins.

- The girls SWIM TEAM swam in the playoff championships and swimmer Lilly Nelson was a consolation finalist in the 100 breast and 500 free.

- TRACK & FIELD Varsity boys finished in 4th and the Varsity girls in 2nd! They to the CCS Section Trials in Gilroy.

- Sequoia's Boys TENNIS team finished strong in 2nd place in the Peninsula Athletic League. They had 9 wins and only 2 losses this season.

- The BOYS GOLF team earned a second place finish.

### SPORTS TRIVIA

**Sequoia's 1951 Varsity Basketball team** was league champion, and was undefeated during league play. The team was made up of the "Player of the year," and All-Northern California, Bud Hjelm. Also on the team were Howard Gilmore, Armand De Leito, Slim Hodgson, George Larraux, and Art Amaya. One of San Francisco's newspapers named the Sequoia team, "Team of the Year" in Northern California.

# Election of Board Members

## **ADVISORY BOARD ELECTIONS**

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 the inside back cover. **Deadline to return ballots is August 25.**

## **MEET THE CANDIDATES ...**

**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.

**Carolyn Abbott Livengood (1952)** is in the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, and has received several other community honors. She writes an informative column online every Friday 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 has served on the SHSAA Board since 1966 and volunteers at various Sequoia fundraisers. She also individually raises money or gets donations 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

## **TEA GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

Roll up your sleeves and come help John Castro and the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee prune trees and plants, rake leaves, pull weeds, and generally tidy up the beautiful garden.

Tea Garden Work Days throughout the year are usually on a Saturday morning (mostly once a month, weather permitting). You can come for an hour or stay the whole time (until about noon or one o'clock).

If you would like to be contacted about the Tea Garden Clean Up days, contact SHSAA via e-mail : Sequoi-ahsalumni@earthlink.net. Or call 650-592-5822 to add your name to the notification list.

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.

**Caroline Cameron Scutero (1957)** has been a member of the Alumni Association for many years, participating in many activities. She currently belongs to several woman's clubs, holding offices in them. Retired from Sequoia High School in 2004, she is now enjoying three grandchildren.

**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.

## **THANK YOU TO JOHN CASTRO**

John Castro (1960) has served on the Board for over six years. Although he is retiring from the board, he will continue to be active in the Association. John will continue as chair of the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee, planning the many cleanup days in the garden. He is also gathering information about the proposed Sequoyah statue for the campus.

## **BOOK OF VERSES**

**Kay Kramer (1957)** is the author of "Kay's Inspirational Book of Verses," published by Xulon Press. It can be ordered on-line and is also available in some Christian bookstores. To see it clearest, you can go to xulonbookstore.com on Google and then type in the book title. It is also at Barnes&Noble.com ; on their "search" box at the top, type in "Kay's Inspirational Book of Verses". Follow the same procedure on Amazon. Kay has donated a copy of his book to the "Sequoia Authors" section in the Sequoia library.

# SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL BEAUTIFUL WREATHS

Several times a year, on special holidays, Dee Eva puts wreaths at the Sequoia Veterans Memorial. This year, for Memorial Day, one was purple and white for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial and the other, red, white, and blue for the Derek Simonetta memorial. Now, for the 4th of July, two red, white, and blue wreaths were again in place, along with American flags by each bronze plaque around the memorial site. These beautiful wreaths are made by Granara's Flowers, in San Carlos, with a special discount for SHSAA. The Alumni Association would like to acknowledge Granara's for their continued contributions for the Memorial.



## Calendar

Check with our web site for updates: [www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org](http://www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org)

### July

24 - SHSAA Board Meeting 7 pm  
(Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City)

### August

10 -12 - 1962 REUNION \*\*  
17-18 - 1957 REUNION \*\*  
18 - 1965 REUNION \*\* (Carlmont, San Carlos, Sequoia, woodside)  
18 - ANNUAL PICNIC (see p. 1 & flyer)  
25 - Deadline for ballots to SHSAA (see p. 24)  
28 - SHSAA ANNUAL MEETING (6 p.m.-see back page)  
- SHSAA Board Meeting \*

### September

25 - SHSAA Board Meeting \*

\* 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: [sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net](mailto:sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net), as changes sometimes occur.)

NOTE: The JULY BOARD MEETING is at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City.

\*\* See details, REUNIONS, p. 4

\*\*\* See details, REUNIONS, p. 4 and DONS DOINGS, p. 10

### October

6 - 1965 REUNION \*\*  
6 - FOOTHILLS REUNION \*\*  
12 - 1942 REUNION  
13 - SAN CARLOS 1962 REUNION \*\*\*  
23 - SHSAA Board Meeting \*

### November

27 - SHSAA Board Meeting \*

### December

no Board meeting

# Dons' Doings

Current information about fellow San Carlos High alumni.  
(To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, inside back cover, or e-mail: sequoi-ahsalumni@earthlink.net..)

## San Carlos Alumna In the News...



**Jennifer Granholm (SC-1977)**, former Governor of Michigan, has her own show on Current TV, a cable setup partly owned by Al Gore. Current TV can be found on most Comcast channel lineups. Check Peninsula TV on digital channel 107.

## IN MEMORIAM

### San Carlos High School

- Marilyne Price (Mare) Aviles ..... SC-1962
- Marjorie Corbett Leonhardt..... SC-1963
- Bill King ..... SC-1964
- Mike Day..... SC-1965
- Eric Lind..... SC-1965
- Harold "Hal" Goodwin Jr..... SC 1966
- Rich Goetz..... SC-1967
- David Dennis ..... SC-1971
- Paul Emmerich ..... SC-1973
- Debra Lee Peterson ..... SC-1974
- Susan Bleasdale Pacheco ..... SC-1976

### San Carlos Faculty

- George Gill
- Samuel Nicolopolos

**Marilyne Price (Mare) Aviles (SC-1962)** 1944-2012, Guerneville, CA She woke up happy every day. Her kindness, generosity, and good humor touched everyone she met. She volunteered at the Mill St. Thrift Store and loved to garden.

**Bill King (SC-1965)** passed away of complications of heart surgery.

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**Mike Day (SC-1965)** passed away from long cancer in Texas.

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**Harold "Hal" Goodwin, Jr. (SC-1966)** was a truck driver and Teamster from Local #287 for emery World Wide. He loved the outdoors, music, cooking, and restoring classic automobiles. he volunteered for Meals on Wheels in Twain Harte.

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**Rich Goetz (SC-1967)** graduated from U.C. Davis and earned his CA Elementary and secondary Teaching Credentials. He taught for 30 years. He enjoyed golfing and skiing.

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**David Dennis (SC-1971)** owned and operated Dave Dennis Painting for over 20 years and enjoyed camping and fishing.

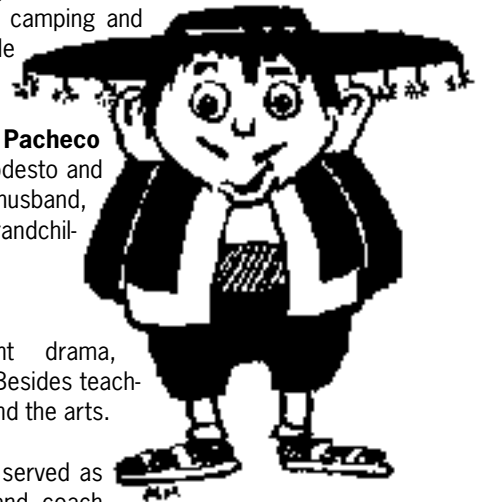
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**Paul Emmerich (SC-1973)** earned a BA degree in Business Administration. He held a lifelong career in transportation management and also did real estate development. He and his wife loved to travel.

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**Debra Peterson (SC-1974)** was employed by DHL, Stanford University, and most recently with Canada College. She enjoyed camping and fishing and doing tole painting.

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**Susan Bleasdale Pacheco (SC-1976)** lived in Modesto and enjoyed her family-husband, daughter, and two grandchildren.

**San Carlos Faculty**  
**George Gill** taught drama, speech, and English. Besides teaching, he loved theatre and the arts.

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**Samuel Nicolopolos** served as a physical educator and coach for 39 years at Carlmont, San Carlos, and Canada College.



## San Carlos High School Reunions

<b>1962</b> - 50th	Oct. 13	Sparky's Hot Rod Garage Please help us find more '62 classmates	Karen Phillips Middleton, 650-368-7619 or Gayle Brooks, 707-321-1023
<b>1965</b>	Aug. 18	Sequoia Alumni Picnic	Donna Marcus 650-369-6650, SequoiaHighSchool65@yahoo.com or
"65 Turns 65"	Oct. 6	The Great Highway, 1100 Industrial Rd., #14 San Carlos ('65 grads from Carlmont, San Carlos, Sequoia, and Woodside are invited.)	Ruth Pellizzer Swanson 650-704-3939, rswanson213@comcast.net

## SEQUOIA REMEMBERED...

Robert Green (1958) writes: "Back in 1957, the movie 'Bridge Over The River Kwai' was shown at he Fox Theater in Redwood City. Well Sequoia's Vice Principle/Dean of Boys was Mr. Bogey. He would be in the halls during a class change, when the boys would start whistling the Col. Bogey March from the film. You should have see the smile that came on his face. It was purely respect."

## New Members

(Nov.4, 2011 - June 25, 2012)

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Marjorie Fischer Holder... 1951 | Danielle Bergen ..... 2012       |
| James Garcia..... 1952          | Christina Dierolf..... 2012      |
| Dean Kathary ..... 1963         | Francisco Gallardo-Ramirez ..... |
| Marie Tyter Robbins..... 1964   | ..... 2012                       |
| Marilyn Denser Wisegarver.....  | Danielle Roof..... 2012          |
| ..... 1967                      | Sarah Singh..... 2012            |
| Cathy Eldredge Ordonez . 1972   |                                  |

# UNsung HERO 2012

## EDWARD NORDNESS

**Ed Nordness**, a 1951 Sequoia graduate, has worked hard to have outstanding Sequoia athletes and coaches recognized. He chaired the Alumni Association's Athletic Review Committee to create a Sports Hall of Fame for Sequoia with an expanded trophy case and lighted shelving in the main hall. The committee began the time-consuming job of researching the names of athletes that had been named to the Sports Hall of Fame, and outstanding coaches were added. Next came a massive renovation project of the foyer of Sequoia's large gym, including a Wall of Fame containing plaques with the names of all members of the Sports Hall of Fame and of the championship teams, along with photos of some of the famous stars, which opened in 2005.

Since there had never been an official induction event for the existing Hall of Fame members, and because there were new names to be added, Ed and his committee planned a Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. The committee devised nomination forms and established specific criteria for nominations to the Hall of Fame. Athletes and coaches returned to Sequoia, many for the first time since they had left. The nostalgic reunion was a highlight for those who attended. Another Hall of Fame Induction banquet followed two years later.

Under Ed's leadership, the Athletic Review Committee has undertaken other projects. When a sign was needed for Terremere Field, the committee raised funds and in November, 2004, a lighted sign was placed on the press box reading: "Terremere Field, Home of the Sequoia Cherokees Teams." Next came the effort to rename the baseball field to honor revered coach Bob Andersen, complete with a wonderful electronic scoreboard.

Ed maintains contact with many of Sequoia's athletes. He has obtained signed footballs and basketballs



Our Unsung Hero Ed Nordness (right) with SHSAA President Ken Rolandelli.

for silent auctions at Alumni functions. He acts as liaison between the Alumni Association and the current coaches at Sequoia and promotes the school's games. He is currently involved with an Alumni-Varsity Baseball Game on campus.

For the recent dedication ceremony of Inspiration Grove, where bricks, benches, and trees may be purchased to honor mentors and role models, Ed was the contact for the speakers, many of them famous past athletes who had been inspired by Coach Bob Andersen. He also gathered together members of the Andersen family.

Ed works behind the scenes in other ways, as well. He is also liaison for the Alumni Association's web site project. He contributes stories and articles to the newsletter, Smoke Signals.

In other community venues, he chaired the Hall of Fame program at the San Mateo County Historical Museum, and arranged for the famous basketball player, C.J. Johnson to be present. He was with Little League for many years, and served two years as president. He was president of the Police Youth Club for a year. He served on the Park and Recreation Commission for 11 years (2 years as Chair), and volunteered at the Red Morton Community Center for 10 years. He was also part of the Redwood City Sister City group for seven years (two as chair).

For his dedication to our organization and the community, the Sequoia High School Alumni Association is proud to have chosen Ed Nordness to receive our Unsung Hero Award for 2012.

*NOTE: The Unsung Hero Award was presented to Ed on April 21, 2012, at the awards banquet of the Inter-Service Club Coordinating Council of Redwood City. Recipients are chosen by each organization to recognize someone who contributes much effort to their group, often working behind the scenes with no thought of recognition.*

## INSPIRATION GROVE - DEDICATION

The Inspiration Grove ceremony was one of those unique opportunities to express respect as well as attention to all those who have mentored and inspired others. Special consideration was given Bob Andersen, longtime Sequoia coach, mentor, and inspiration for hundreds of Sequoia students. We were reminded of his positive affect on so many Sequoia students, as well as the affect he had on their lives, by speakers Rich Schlenker, Gary Beban, and his daughter Sheryl Andersen. The Grove was in pristine condition, thanks to many long hours of preparation by the Sequoia District maintenance crew, and Rich and Dee Eva, who arranged for the purchase and inscription on all Grove memorabilia.

The event was co-chaired by Dee Eva and alumni President Ken Rolandelli who directed the dedication



Ken Rolandelli, SHSAA President, leads the ceremony.

program that included the Sequoia Choir, who sang the Sequoia Hymn. Speakers at the event were: Principal Bonnie Hansen; Mayor Alicia Aguirre; District Trustee Dr. Olivia Martinez; former Bob Andersen player, Rich Schlenker; Heisman Trophy, and former Bob Andersen player, Gary Beban; Louise Haydock Miller;

and the daughter of Bob Andersen, Sheryl Andersen. Margot Grant, representing State Assemblyman Rich



Sequoia 1964 graduate and Heisman Trophy recipient Gary Beban, spoke of how Coach Andersen taught him many life lessons.

Gordon presented proclamations to Sequoia Principal, Bonnie

Hansen and Bob Andersen's daughter Sheryl Andersen. Sequoia Cheerleaders led several cheers. Sheryl Andersen cut the dedication ribbon, followed by Ken Rolandelli, who made closing remarks. Refreshments were served, compliments of the Sequoia Foods Class, and Starbuck's Coffee.

Numerous luminaries attended the dedication, led by Mayor Alicia Aguirre, Council person Barbara Pierce, District Supt. Dr. Jim Lianides; Sequoia District Trustee Chair, Alan Sarver; Sequoia District Trustee Allan Weiner; Redwood City Elementary District Trustee Dennis Mc Bride; Redwood City Director of Parks & Recreation,



Large crowd gathered for the ceremony.

# ION CEREMONY - March 20, 2012



Marot Grant from Assemblyman Rich Gordon's Office presents a proclamation to Principal Bonnie Hansen and Sheryl Andersen.

Chris Beth; and Margot Grant, representing Assemblyman Rich Gordon. A number of Sequoia Hall of Fame athletes were seen in the crowd. namely, Bill Royer, Pat Lovell, John Doolittle, Rich Trammel, Rich Donner, Dick Cesarin, Joe Greenbach, Clarence Hamel. Hall of Fame coach Joe Marvin also attended. Bobbie Andersen, Jeannie Andersen, and Steve Andersen represented the Andersen family. Also seen at the dedication was the widow of Sequoia athletic great Rich Koeper, Bobbye Koeper.

—Prepared by Alumni Sports Chair., Ed Nordness  
Photo by Dennis McBride



(Above right) Redwood City Mayor Alicia Acuirre encouraged everyone to be mentors like Coach Bob Andersen.

(Right) Rich Schlenker fondly remembered Andersen's magnetic personality.



Cheerleaders burst with Sequoia Pride.

## Alumni in the News

**Corinne Kason (1957)** appeared in "Social Security" a comedy by Andrew Bergman, which played at The Hillbarn Theatre in Foster City in February. Her character, Sophie Greengrass, was a crotchety old woman who is transformed into a beautiful, gracious lady when she finds love in her old age. Corinne has worked professionally for over 40 years in theatre, movies, television, and commercials, both in New York and Los Angeles, as well as in the Bay area. She is a member of Actor's Equity.



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### LOOKING FOR

If anyone has any information about these items, please contact SHSAA.

**Dick Harrison (1952)** is looking for **John Stein (possibly 1953 or '54)**. He writes: "John and I were and had been good friends for ages.... After high school graduation, I enlisted in the U. S. Air Force.... John I did see about 1960 or so. He and his wife, at that time, I believe were living in the Hayward area. Now swinging up to date, I have discovered an automobile which is for sale, a 1941 Plymouth convertible which I have reason to believe, belonged to John's mother at the time he and I were attending Sequoia. He had an early morning paper route, which he and I used to do together occasionally, both probably catching cold being in a convertible, with the windows rolled down, tossing newspapers at subscribers driveways at 5:30 A.M. So, I would like to catch up with him, if his whereabouts are known. I do not remember his graduation year, although he was one or two years back of me, which would place him in the 1953 or 1954 classes I guess. His name is John Stein, seems to me his middle initial was "E". They lived in San Carlos as did I.

If you have a contact for John Stein, you can send it to SHSAA or directly to Dick at [Harrisondkm@aol.com](mailto:Harrisondkm@aol.com).

**Patricia McLean Gardiner** is looking for **Nina Krell (1957)**. If you have contact information, contact SHSAA.

**Margaret Montgomery** writes to ask if anyone has a copy of the operetta "The Box of Dolls" by Otis Carrington. If so, please contact SHSAA.

**Linda Galonska Wright (1968)** is trying to locate any videos of the musicals at Sequoia during the years 1965-1968. Please contact her at [wrightd@rogers.com](mailto:wrightd@rogers.com).

**Nancy Newman McKenzie (SC-1973)** is looking for photos of the 1933-34 Sequoia men's swimming and water polo teams, and also the Treble Clef. If you can help, contact SHSAA or call her at (916) 663-3307 x202 or at [nmckenzie@newcastle.k12.ca.us](mailto:nmckenzie@newcastle.k12.ca.us).

**Robert Lawrence**, Michigan, found a 1966 Man's Class Ring with the initials MJA. Anyone with information, contact SHSAA.

**Judy Crady Sencenbaugh (1962)** ran in the 2nd Annual Sequoia Stampede 5K run. She received an award in the Female 60+ category! More than 700 participated in the Stampede, which raises money for the Boosters for all of Sequoia's athletic programs. --(Redwood City, CA Patch, 4/16/12)

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**Steve Penna (1976)**, owner and publisher of Redwood City's *Spectrum* magazine, recently won three Greater Bay Area Journalism Awards presented by the San Francisco Peninsula Press Club. Steve took first place in "Columns--News" for his column "As I Was Saying..." . He also took first place for a News Story titled "Redwood City Police Chief Resigns" and second place for "City Hall Shake Up Continues." Both news stories appeared in the *Spectrum* and in the *Daily Journal*.

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**Paul Noce (1976)**, a former major league baseball player, was recently inducted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. starting in 1987, h played for 70 games with the Chicago Cubs, at second base, shortstop, and third base. In 1990, he played with the Cincinnati Reds. Then in 1992 & 1993, he coached the Pittsburgh Pirates. He also coached the Pacific Dolphins, A Korean team in 1993. Since 1994 he has been the baseball coach at Hillsdale College in Michigan, where he had his 300th win in 2010.

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**Nicholas Gomez (1999)** earned a business degree with concentration in Finance from Menlo College in December. After high school he joined the Marine Corps, trained as a fireman/EMT, and within four years rose to the rank of E5-Sergeant, and later, E-4 Corporal. After 9/11, he was in the 7th Marines in Kuwait. After civilian jobs in Afghanistan, he earned AA degrees in general studies and in business at the College of San Mateo. This year at Menlo College, Nick was inducted into Delta Mu Delta, the business honor society, and also into Alpha Chi, honoring the top ten percent of Menlo students.

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**Megan Beach (2011)** Emory swimming, a freshman out of Sequoia High, was named University Athletic Association Athlete of the Week for women's swimming after winning the 200-yard breaststroke and the 1,000 freestyle to help the Eagles of Atlanta [Emory] to a victory over Savannah College of Art and Design.

### THE FRED MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP

The first Fred Mitchell Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Matt Elliott at the Sports Awards Ceremony on March 14th at Carrington Hall. It was an honor to meet and interview three exceptional seniors who all exemplify the true Cherokee spirit. We want to thank all of you who donated so generously to make this honor to Fred possible.

—Susan Fincher Mitchell, Ted Mitchell, Tracey Mitchell Ardwan and Dean Mitchell

### RECIPES WANTED

Do you have a favorite recipe or two that you would like to share? Send in your contributions to be included in a “Sequoia Alums Favorites” cookbook. Be sure to include your name and grad year, and contact information if we have questions. And if the recipe has a special significance, let us know that, too!

Remember the famous “Gingerbread Pigs” that CSF used to sell? We have that recipe, along with the old home ec one for Snickerdoodles!

Send recipes to sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or to SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.

## 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.)

Mary Alice Brown Keeble.. 1931	Leonard Preader ..... 1955
Tony Moyano..... 1938	Virginia Severns Petersen 1958
Donna Carrington Emerson ..... 1939	Robert Simpson ..... 1958
..... 1939	Jerry Hart ..... 1959
Frank Thompson ..... 1940	Karen Heidhoff Milliken..... 1959
Toshio Tsubakimoto ..... 1940	Rosemarie Madrid Caddel 1961
Doris Brown Walton ..... 1941	John Marcella..... 1963
Robert L. Walters ..... 1942	David Barbieri ..... 1965
Lillian Genochio Falk ..... 1943	Helen Dick Broyles ..... 1965
Rodney Lamb..... 1943	Cameron Stewart ..... FS 1965
Nancy B. Roberts ..... 1943	Sharon Rinaldi Stewart..... 1965
Marie Jamello Hoover ..... 1944	Dwaine Idleman..... 1966
Kenneth Anderson ..... 1946	Stephen A. Ivanoff ..... 1966
Edward Grimes ..... 1947	Judith Flaherty..... 1967
Elizabeth Palmtag Mobley ..... FS 1947	Dia Samuelsson Johansson..... 1969
..... FS 1947	Margaret Powers Johnson 1969
Frank Vitale..... FS 1948	Pamela Page Gatlin ..... 1970
Robert Butler ..... 1949	Ruby Spiller ..... 1974
Charles Tracy..... 1950	Cecile Lewis Wilson ..... 1976
Eleanor Anderson..... 1951	Susan Burr McBrayer..... 1979
Dionne Darius Borup..... 1951	Stephani Lauren ..... 1994
Colleen Smith..... 1951	Jason Hess..... 1998
H. Greig Fowler ..... 1954	Sherry Jones..... 1998
	Nirshila Chand..... 2001
	Lisa Bushner..... 2003
	Helen Navarro ..... 2004
	FAC = Faculty
	FR = Friend of Sequoia
	FS = Former Student



Front yard of the Dingee Estate (1905). Cement magnate William Dingee owned the property where Sequoia High School now stands. He built a beautiful home and improved the landscaping of the estate. The home was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and Dingee was forced to sell the property. The concrete curbs, benches, and old fish pond (now a planter) are still part of the campus.

### DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL?

Thanks to all the members who have sent in their current e-mail address. **However, We still do not yet have e-mail addresses for many of you!**

Please send us your e-mail address, either via our e-mail address, [sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net](mailto: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!

Having your e-mail is a great help if we have to contact you, especially if you move and we have no current address! Also, many members receive the electronic version Smoke Signals via e-mail. (NOTE: The policy of SHSAA is not to give out your contact information except to your class reunion committee.)

### Receive Smoke Signals Via E-Mail

It's easy.....it's fast.....you get Smoke Signals before the mailed version reaches members!

Getting Smoke Signals by e-mail saves the Association in printing and mailing costs!

Just let us know if you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail rather than by snail mail! At least give it a try! (You can always change back to the mailed version if you wish.)

Contact us at [sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net](mailto:sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net) to be put on the e-mail only list.

### IF YOU MOVE...

Remember to send us your new address if you move. Otherwise, you may miss receiving your Smoke Signals! We also like to have your new phone number or e-mail, as well.

# Sequoia's Historic Physical Education Program

Sequoia's nationally known and highly respected physical education program was developed by P.E. Chairman Frank Griffin. The system "Griff" developed, and widely copied, was based upon establishing groups that ranked boys by ability.

Freshman began as Whites, the bottom of the P.E. scale, then advanced to Reds, and then Blues. An average boy advanced from Whites, to Reds, to Blues by his junior year, but some who were above average in physical fitness might be moved ahead, accordingly some might be kept behind.

Boys advanced from one group to another by passing rigorous tests covering sport skills and conditioning exercises. Tests were held at various times during the year. These tests were graded by three symbols: ceilings for good scores, mediums for average results, and cellar for below average performances.

As a Blue, if a person achieved all mediums in his tests, he earned the right to become a Purple. If he attained all ceilings in his tests as a Blue, he joined a select group of Golds.

There was also a color group for those who were above average in athletic events, but not necessarily physical fitness—the Silvers. The top five boys in each grade competed in a series of decathlon tests to achieve their Silver trunks.

The highest honor of all was the Grand Slam. To achieve a Grand Slam, a boy had to have his Golds, Silvers, and two athletic blocks in two different sports. Some years no one was able to qualify for a Grand Slam.

In addition, boys daily took part in one of several athletic activities: tumbling, basketball, swimming, trampoline, volleyball, softball, track, boxing, and flagball.



1948-49 Gold Class. L-R: Henry Lutke, Richard Boydston, Bill Payne.



Atomic Loop shows Paul Romero on the Loop.

## ***The Obstacle Course***

For boys who attended Sequoia during the 1940's, '50's and early 60's, the Sequoia Obstacle Course was both a challenge, and a potential precursor of good health. A critical portion of the course was referred to as The Atomic Loop, with only one Sequoian, as of the early 1950's, to have negotiated the entire course in one attempt. That Sequoian was Paul Romera, who covered the loop in an incredible 1.27.0. Frank Griffin created the course as a result of visits he made to a number of military training posts throughout the US., and copied by numerous high schools around the US. The obstacle course was replaced in 1962 by a new gym.

## ***Girls Physical Education***

Girls' physical education activities were similar to those for boys. Girls were divided into five "clubs" to compete in after-school sports. Girls also took part in dance, swimming, and body mechanics activities.

Because there was no league competition for girls prior to Title 9, which took place June 23, 1972, there were intramural programs offered after school to fill that void. Frequently girls traveled to other schools to participate in play days after school hours.

Sequoia has always been justly proud of its boys and girls P.E. departments.

# "CHEROKEE GRANTS" – 2011 AND OTHER DONATIONS

## NET SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL \$5,565.62

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association has approved the donation of the items listed below totaling \$5,440.62 to Sequoia High School under its annual "Cherokee Grants" program:

The "Cherokee Grants" program is set up to fund instructional services and/or the purchase of instructional equipment and materials that are not included in the current District budget. Grant applications are given to every teacher. The "Cherokee Grants" Committee studies each request and makes a recommendation to the Alumni Association Board of Directors as to how our limited monies can best be spent to benefit the most students. The application form contains several questions that must be adequately addressed for the Committee to make its determination.

### **Year 2011 Cherokee Grants were:**

**IB B-44** – Belen Alvarez-Iglesias, \$75.38 for two audio CD sets of the book *Cajas de Carton* by Francisco Jimenez.

**Special Education** – Britt Broome, \$500 to visit Ardenwood Farm in Fremont

**World Language** – Karina Chin, \$100 toward trip to France

**Art** – Mary Jo Bradley, \$488.94 for basic classroom art supplies

**Special Education** – Lana Clemens, \$400 toward a field trip to the Aquarium of the Bay at Pier 39 in San Francisco

**English Literature 3 and 4** – Karol-Ann Coleman, \$300 for the book, "King Dork"

**Algebra Support, 9th graders** – Nicole De Rosa, \$238 for white boards

**Geometry** – Mike Feeney, \$73.35 for six sets of geometric solid figures

**French** - Laetitia Kuttan, \$350 for one-year subscriptions to *J'uimelire* and *Okapi*

**Mathematics** – Laura Larkin, \$200 for 22" X 28" laminated motivational posters for taking college-track courses in high school

**Mathematics** – David Lee, \$200 for TI-Smartview software for TI-84 graphing calculator

**Guidance Department** – Lisa McCahon, \$200 toward costs to attend 2012 NACAC (National Association of College Admissions Counseling) national conference

**World Language** – Evelyn Nadeau, \$170 for a one-year subscription to *Brainpop Espanol*

**English, Reading Special Day Class** – Rebeca Rifenberg, \$200 toward CD player rechargeable batteries and battery chargers, carrying cases for books on CD and additional CD players

**IB Spanish B-y4** – Martha Sigala, \$243.25 for one class set of the book *Cajas de Carton* by Francisco Jimenez

**English Language Development/Mathematics/Art** – Jane Slater, Kelley O'Hern, Kate Sheehan, \$100 toward training and support for interdisciplinary work with group called *World Savvy*

**Special Education** – Marilyn Vandebroek, \$154 for *Stuttering Severity Instrument*

**Journalism** – Kim Vinh, \$300 toward taking the newspaper staff to the 2012 National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle

**Clothing 1 and 2** – Lindsay Washington, \$422.70 for 5 sewing machines

**Dance and P. E. Dance** – Stacy Morell and Taylor White, \$300 toward 50" plasma HDTV

**AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)** – Teresa Yeager, \$250 to support first generation college students to go on college tours in Northern California and Oregon

**English Intervention class** – Barbara Morton, \$175 for 25 individual white boards

Additionally, we have donated \$125 to the Cheer Team.

Total donations for the Cherokee Grants and the Cheer Team are \$5,565.62.

NOTE: The Alumni Association is especially grateful for the ongoing financial support of the "Cherokee Grants" program by Rich and Dee Eva (class of 1961).

You, too, can contribute to this fine program by making a donation!

**SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL, CARRINGTON HALL AND INSPIRATION GROVE  
BRICKS, TREES & BENCHES**

You can honor a family member, teacher, or friend by purchasing a brick, tree or engraved bench for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial or Inspiration Grove or a brick for Carrington Hall. The person you honor need not have attended Sequoia nor served in the military.

- 1. A \$100 donation will purchase an engraved brick for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial or Inspiration Grove.
- 2. A \$200 donation will purchase an engraved brick for Carrington Hall.
- 3. A \$1,000 donation will purchase a tree for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial or Inspiration Grove and will feature a bronze plaque mounted on a large boulder.
- 4. A \$3,000 donation will purchase an engraved concrete bench for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial or Inspiration Grove.

To purchase a brick, tree or bench please complete the form below and send it with your check in the amount of \$100, \$200, \$1,000 or \$3,000.

**Please make all checks payable to: SHSAA (Sequoia High School Alumni Association).**

Tax-deductible donations should be sent to:

**Sequoia High School Alumni Association  
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## Cherokee Chatter

**Ed Dussau (1938)** wrestled for the Navy in WW II. He is retired from the Naval Air and United Airlines, where he worked in the shops. He enjoyed playing the harmonica with his high school buddies. His grandfather was a structural engineer who worked on the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower, and the French Hospital. Ed still works out in the gym.

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**Jack Stuart (1944)** was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Tea Party in Boise, Idaho, which has 3,016 members. He is 85 years old.

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**Judith Sanderson (1963)** joined the faculty at Culver City, CA HS in 1970 for a one-year assignment for a teacher on maternity leave. Since then she has taught biology to ninth and tenth graders. In 1993, at the request of a troubled student, she agreed to sponsor a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual students, and their friends. "Tolerance," as it is known, is one of the first GSA's in the United States. In 1998, again at student request, she became the sponsor for the newly created Anime Club. She graduated from Occidental College in 1967 with a major in biology, minor in chemistry; completed graduate study in biology and Teacher's Credential at Cal State Long Beach in 1970; in 1978 she earned a Masters in Biology at UCLA. She is a Fellow of the 1982 UCLA Writing Project, with a specialty in writing. As a consultant in writing across the curriculum for UCLA, she was awarded an Earthwatch grant through UCLA and the First Interstate Bank to study Red-Crowned Cranes with George Archibald in China. The successful experience with Earthwatch facilitated grants to five other members of the science department in conjunction with the Bing and Ahmanson Foundations. At the invitation of UCLA she advised and became a founding member of the Science Project at UCLA. Prior to field work in China she had been on safari in East Africa with Lloyd Kiff and others "birders" in 1977. Thus, she falls into the category of being a "whole-organism" biologist.

Apart from professional interests, Ms Sanderson is a long-distance runner, completing 4 marathons so far; she also reads literature, enjoys films, and a diverse collection of music from Glenn Gould to Bob Dylan. However, the education of adolescents in a public high school continues to be her primary focus in life.

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**Amador S. Bustos (1969)** is currently the President and CEO of Bustos Media Holdings, LLC; a leading private Spanish broadcast company headquartered in Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Bustos is currently on the Board of Broadcast Mu-

sic, Inc. (BMI) and the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). Mr. Bustos is a founding shareholder of two Hispanic owned Community banks: Plaza Bank in Seattle and ProMerica Bank in Los Angeles. He is also a Limited Partner and member of the Investment Committee of HCP Capital; a Chicago based investment fund. Mr. Bustos is also a founding Limited Partner of Latin Idea Mexico Venture Capital Fund II, LP. At age 13, he came to the U. S. without speaking any English; by the time he graduated from Sequoia, he was one of two class valedictorians. He received concurrent BAs in Philosophy and Ethnic Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. He also received an M.A. and did post graduate studies in Sociology of Education at U.C. Berkeley. He still has his Sequoia "Letter Sweater"!

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**Chris Sakelarios (1977)** runs the Backyard Coffee Company on Brewster Ave., Redwood City, where independent films are shown the first Saturday of each month. She also did a documentary about Sequoia, "Same Pomp, Different Circumstance." To find out more about the films, contact Chris at [chrissakelarios@gmail.com](mailto:chrissakelarios@gmail.com) or call (650) 787-7262.

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**Todd Lindeman (1988)** writes: "I am currently a Principal at Thomas Edison Elementary School in Sacramento and am getting my doctorate in Educational Leadership from California State University, Sacramento."

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**Julie Eglinton (1996)** and Daniel Johnson have announced their engagement to be married in Sept. in San Francisco. The bride-to-be earned a bachelors' degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a master's degree from San Francisco State University.

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**Will Klein (2007)** has been on the 2012 San Francisco State College baseball roster as an infielder. He batted .263 while posting a .318 on-base percentage, and was 3-for-4 with three RBIs including the game-winning RBI in the Gators' 5-4 win over then No. 28 Sonoma State. He transferred to SF State from Skyline College where he batted .298 and Had a .900 fielding percentage for the Trojans in 2010. He is a senior.

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Look at me now... **James Garcia (1952)** of Walnut Creek, CA retired after 20 years in sales with Pacific Telephone, and now is interested in genealogy and grandchildren. ... **Dean Kathary (1963)** of San Jose, CA enjoys coins and football. ... **Cathy Eldredge Ordonez (1972)** is in Real Estate in sunnysvale and also enjoys watercolor painting, piano, and Disney. ... **Sarah Singh (2012)** is a student and lifeguard; she enjoys softball, soccer, basketball, social justice clubs, and guitar

# In Memoriam

## SEQUOIA

Eloise Rahtje Lanchestremere .....	1927
Lillian Radivoj .....	1933
John E. Newman .....	1934
Norma Bates Estes .....	1935
Eleanor Estacaille Jones .....	1935
Robeert "Bud" Lewis.....	1936
Margaret antipa Happich .....	1938
Margaret (Peggy Lou) Doxsee Newman.....	1938
Betty Hoffman Hansen.....	1939
Mildred Mullen Appel.....	1940
Ella Noel Clarke.....	1940
George Kroijer.....	1940
Clyde Landis .....	1940
Lydia Killpack Tibbs.....	1940
Roderick Bentley .....	1941
Livela Argo Bentley.....	1941
John Carrington.....	1941
Harvey Clark .....	1941
Douglas M. Christensen .....	1942
Takaaki Peter Kashima.....	1942
Mildred Lebo Greenwold .....	1943
Albert James Himes.....	1943
Eloise Dwyer Hund .....	1944
David Krafft .....	1944
Norman Lindberg .....	1944
Norma Philips Robbins.....	1944
Norman Parham, Sr. ....	1945
Frank Sweetman .....	1946
Donald Thorn .....	1946

**Eloise Rahtje Lanchestremere (1927)** Her grandparents were pioneer settlers of Portola Valley and Menlo Park. Eloise and her husband Laurent owned Menlo French Laundry from 1945-80. She was a member of Native Daughters of the Golden West for over 75 years. Eloise was awarded a lifetime alumni membership on her 100th birthday.

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**John Newman (1934)** lettered in water polo and swimming. Served in the U.S. Navy, ending as quartermaster on the USS Niblack after seeing action in the Mediterranean. He had a career with N.Y Life Insurance and then was VP for San Mateo County Title, and finally was in the real estate business. He held various civic, business, and humanitarian positions. Friends referred to him as "the man who built San Mateo County. He was part of the early development of Palomar Park. He was married to Margaret Doxsee.

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**Robert "Bud" Lewis (1936)** had a football scholarship at San Jose State and played pro football with the S.F. Bay Packers '41-'42. He served in WW II. He was the first black rodeo promoter in California and owned the Black Point Rodeo in 1953. He worked for S.F. Muni for 23 years, earning Muni Man of the Month in 1968.

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**Norma Bates Estes (1935)** worked for San Mateo County for over 30 years, where she was Municipal Clerk. She enjoyed travel and photography.

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**Margaret Antipa Happich (1938)** worked in millinery design as well as commercial window display. She used her craft skills to contribute to school fundraisers and was an active member of the Foster City Garden Club, raising money for scholarships for horticulture students ant CSM. She also volunteered at the San Mateo Garden Center.

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**Margaret (Peggy Lou) Doxsee Newman (1938)** was a lifelong resident of Redwood City. She sang with the Treble Clef. Her father, Wilbur Doxsee, coined Redwood City's Slogan, "Climate Best by Government Test." She often acted as historian to help with local articles and books about the area. She was a charter member of the Palomar Park Garden Club, serving in many different capacities.

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**George Arthur Kroijer (1940)** served in the U.S. Army in Germany during

Bill Janssen.....	1947
Bob Kennedy .....	1947
Edward Walter Leon .....	1947
Robert Balletto .....	1948
Raymond Kearns.....	FS, 1948(?)
James N. Porter.....	1949
Patricia Logue Randig.....	1949
Joan Sellers Gilbert .....	1950
Harold Jones.....	1950
Joseph Rodriguez .....	1950
Ronald Ambrose.....	1951
Ronald C. Purcell.....	1951
Dr. Robert Smith .....	1951
Marjorie Robins Nordhaus .....	1953
Robin Ballantyne .....	FS, 1955(?)
Marlene Ellison Coats .....	FS, 1954
Minor Yamada .....	1957
Gerald Gettman.....	1958
Nina Sanger Prockish .....	1959
Ken Richardson .....	1959
Karen Turimia Godley.....	1960
Harold Jones.....	1960
Elma Rosa Rovetta Autry.....	1961
Ronald Dreveskracht.....	1964
David Barbieri .....	1965
Marvin Cooper .....	1965
Jaqueline Stone Hall .....	1965
Shirley Howard Stout .....	1965
John "Jack" Mulcahy .....	1966
Bruce J.D. Crawford .....	1967

Mark King.....	1969
Carol Ann Lindley Martin.....	1978
Lance Covarrubias .....	FS 1981
James Munoz.....	1987
Marilyn Olson Allain.....	Friend of Sequoia

## SEQUOIA FACULTY

Donald Leo DeMello.....	faculty
Alberta Jones Martin.....	faculty
Jerome Throckmorton .....	faculty

## MCKINLEY FACULTY

Alan Baldwin .....	McKinley faculty
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## SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

Marilyn Price Aviles.....	1962
Marjorie Corbett Leonhardt .....	1963
Bill King .....	1964
Mike Day .....	1965
Eric C. Lind.....	1965
Harold Philip Goodwin.....	1966
Rich Goetz.....	1967
David Eugene Dennis .....	1971
Paul H. Emmerich.....	1973
Debra Lee Peterson .....	1974
Susan Bleasdale Pacheco .....	1976

## SAN CARLOS FACULTY

Samuel James Nicolopolulos.....	faculty
George Gill .....	faculty

WW II, then later earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Oklahoma. His Cherokee grandmother walked the Trail of Tears in 1838. He worked for 30 years as a building contractor and owned Art's Model A Shop. His children are also Sequoia grads-Maidalee Kroijer Stram (1961) and Gary Kroijer (1965).

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**Clyde Landis (1940)** served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater in WW II, then in the Korean War for 2 years in the U.S. Navy Seabees, then worked for the Department of Defense as a planner and estimator, retiring after 27 years.

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**John Otis Carrington (1941)** Son of Otis Carrington. John was a WW II veteran, serving as an electricians mate in the South Pacific, a trade he continued upon his return. He was a 60 year member of the Freemason's

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**Harvey A. Clark (1941)** After serving with the Seabees in WW II, later he enjoyed a 38 year management career with Safeway Stores. He was 25 years at the Crosby AT&T, and for years made Meals-on-Wheels deliveries.

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**Douglas M. Christensen (1942)** established D.M. Christensen Construction Company, known for its well-built structures. He was member of the Sierra Club, Marin Conservation League, and when he moved to Idaho, a member of the Idaho Conservation League. He worked tirelessly to reduce pollution, illegal fishing, and overdevelopment, and received numerous humanitarian awards.

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**Takaaki Peter Kashima (1942)** was a retired flower grower and veteran of WW II, U.S. Army 110th MIS Group. He coached basketball for the Sequoia JACL. He had been interned at Topaz Internment Camp. He was an accomplished athlete (3rd place State Championship in the Pole Vault).

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**Eloise Dwyer Hund (1944)** had worked at Wells Fargo Bank for 20 years. She was a former Miss Redwood City and Miss San Mateo County.

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**Norman Lindberg (1944)** was a 60-year member of the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was an avid skier, National Ski Patroller and founding member of the Peninsula Ski club.

# In Memoriam

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**Frank G. Sweetman (1944)** was a three-sport Sequoia athlete. A major contributor to California's livestock and veterinary industry, he founded Veterinary Service, Inc., an animal health products company in Modesto, and ran field trials for turkey and livestock vaccines while a member of California Farm Bureau.

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**Norman Parham, Sr. (1946)** practiced real estate in San Mateo County for over 40 years. He was an avid collector of pins, enjoyed golf, and loved to travel.

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**Edward W. Leon (1947)** Ed began his insurance business while a student at Stanford, continuing it for 65 years. He was a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table and Estate Planning Council of Santa Clara County.

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**Robert Balletto (1948)** served in the U. S. Marines, serving in Korea. He became a machinist and started his company, R & B Machine.

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**James Porter (1949)** began Disk/Trend Inc., and was founder and CEO of IDEMA, International Disc Drive and Equipment Association, and founded the Diskcon Trade Show, and Data Storage Conference.

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**Harold Jones (1950)** Married his school sweetheart, and went on to become Superintendent of Parks and Buildings for the city of Petaluma.

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**Joseph "Joe" Rodriguez (1950)** was a graduate of San Jose State. He was a boxer in high school, college, and in the Marine Corps, and was a runner-up in the Olympics. He was a retired supervising parole agent for the State of California.

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**Ronald Ambrose (1951)** served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired in 1978 as Master Sergeant. He took pride in the clocks and furniture he made and also loved to build railroad models and jigsaw puzzles.

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**Dr. Ronald Purcell (1951)** Internationally recognized performer, teacher, scholar, of all things related to the guitar. He had degrees in composition and musicology from Los Angeles Conservatory of Music, California State University Northridge, Lisbon Conservatorio de Musica, and the Orfeo Catala Lieidata, Barcelona. His major teachers included Andres Segovia. He developed one of the first majors for guitar in a US university, a curricula model used by universities today. He was a founding member of the Guitar Foundation of America, serving as first President. He produced numerous sound tracks for the motion picture industry and recordings for Klavier and other record companies. Ron had two books published and authored numerous articles for organizations and societies. Under his tireless leadership, one of the largest databases for music in print, manuscripts, journals, and guitar correspondence for research scholars and students was developed.

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**Dr. Robert Smith (1951)**, an orthodontist and passionate skier, revolutionized the ski industry. He was the inventor of the modern snow goggle and founder of Smith Optics. Having goggles that not only protect your face, but also keep clear in most high-impact situations is critical to skiers, especially in deep powder. Prior to 1955, snow goggles had only a single-pane lens, which constantly fogged up. Smith decided to try a two-pane system that would shield the internal lens from the cold. His company, Smith Optics, grew into one of the leading brands for sporting equipment in the world and continued to innovate more notable breakthroughs, such as Fog-X anti-fog coating, PMT Perforated Membrane Technology lens ventilation system, patented Turbo Constant Air Management System, Regulator adjustable lens ventilation, and many other improvements. Their company is a leading supplier of top quality sporting products that span biking, motocross, skiing, snowboarding, surfing, skateboarding, and wakeboarding. The Smith name has become synonymous with top quality goggles and eyewear. He was a graduate of Stanford University and San Francisco Dental School.

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**Albert Himes (1953)** served in the U.S. Navy during WW II. He worked in the retail clothing business for over 50 years, becoming manager of Roos Atkins and Levi Brothers. he was the "Star" salesman at Wideman's, Palo Alto. After retiring, he worked at the Stanford Hotel, just to keep busy.

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**Minor Yamada (1957)** was interned at Gila Bend Relocation Camp, AZ during WW II. He worked in the electronics field during his career. He was a longtime fan and supporter of the Goleta Boys and Girls club and was an avid golfer.

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**Gerald "Gerry" Gettman (1958)** worked as a mechanic for United Airlines for 28 years. He volunteered for the National Fallen Firefighters foundation and was a member of the Elks.

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**Nina Sanger Prockish (1959)** taught 5th grade in Anchorage, AK. She then earned a Library Science degree and became an elementary school librarian. After retiring, she helped librarians with their collections.

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**Harold Jones (1960)** served as Superintendent of Parks and Buildings for the City of Petaluma.

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**Elma Rovetta Autry (1961)** worked as a banking merchant teller for 36 years. She enjoyed traveling, reading, and gardening.

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**Ronald Dreveskracht (1964)** held a BA in law enforcement and worked as a detective of veterans affairs in Palo Alto. In Coos Bay, OR, he served as a police officer and operated his own computer support company.

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**Shirley Howard Stout (1965)** was trained in electronics and worked for over 20 years at Hewlett Packard (Palo Alto and Roseville) and in Placer County Probation. She volunteered in many community organizations.

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**John "Jack" Mulcahy (1966)** was former directory of the Easter Seal Workshop of San Mateo County, past president and board member of the Serra Residential Center in Fremont and served on the Fremont Recreation Commission for 10 years. He was a longtime Farmers Insurance agent in Fremont.

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**Bruce "JD" Crawford (1967)** served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He later worked in road construction as a member of Operating Engineers Local #3.

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**James Munoz (1987)** graduated from San Jose State. He loved athletics, especially baseball and softball. A brilliant analytical thinker, he worked at Intuit, overseeing security, risk management, and continuity planning.

## Sequoia Faculty

**Don DeMello - An** accomplished San Jose State boxer, taught at Sequoia for 44 years, and was beloved by his students. He enjoyed woodworking and skiing.

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**Alberta Jones Martin** - Started teaching business subjects at Sequoia in 1949, later transferring to Menlo Atherton in 1951, where she retired in 1980. Alberta was an inspirational and tireless teacher. She also taught night and summer school.

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**Marilyn Olson Allain - Wife** of longtime Sequoia coach and alum, Ivan Allain. She worked in the Woodside High Audio Visual Department for 18 years, retiring in 1990.

## McKinley Teacher

**Alan Baldwin** taught 43 years in Redwood City, many of them at McKinley Junior High School. He was passionate about each of his students and was a wonderful role model.

# The Returnable Page

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- \_\_\_\_ 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.

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- The 2011-12 Annual Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - General Fund (for Alumni Operations) \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - Tea Garden Maintenance Endowment Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - "Spirit of the Seal" Scholarships Endowment Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - Sequoia "Cherokee Grants" (for school programs) \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - Smoke Signals Publication Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - SHSAA Sports Scholarship \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - Del Sarto Scholarship (baseball/softball) \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - Fred Mitchell Memorial Basketball 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" \_\_\_\_\_

Ideas for events/fundraising: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| ____ Smoke Signals      | ____ Athletic Review      | ____ Special Events |
| ____ Cherokee Grants    | ____ Labeling for Mailing | ____ Merchandise    |
| ____ Archives & Display | ____ Annual meeting       | ____ Help in booth  |

## BALLOT --- 2012

(see article about candidates on p. 8)

**Please vote for no more than 5 people.**

\_\_\_\_ Pat Schath Bernard

\_\_\_\_ Ken Rolandelli

\_\_\_\_ Carolyn Abbott Livengood

\_\_\_\_ Caroline Cameron Scutero

\_\_\_\_ Nancy Lebkicher Oliver

\_\_\_\_ Marian Aragon Wydo

Write-in name (with phone numbers and e-mail):

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Deadline for receiving ballots is **August 25, 2012**. Mail to the address above.

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\*Occupation (Present or Past) \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*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

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Gift card will be sent to the above address unless otherwise specified.

*I would also like to donate to:*

**\$50 per lifetime membership:**

- General Fund (ongoing Alumni Operations)
- Tea Garden Maintenance Endowment Fund
- "Spirit of the Seal" Scholarships Endowment Fund
- Sequoia "Cherokee Grants" (directed to school needs)
- Smoke Signals Publication (\$4,000 per issue)
- Athletic Committee Fund
- SHSAA Sports Scholarship
- Sequoia Veterans Memorial
- "Bob Anderson Field" Fund
- Books by/about Sequoians Collection

**\$ 50**

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Make checks payable and mail to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534  
 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

**T-Shirt**

**50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton**

**"Sequoia, Go Cherokees"**

T-3 Purple with white logo **\$5**

T-4 White with purple logo **\$18**

**Sweatshirts — LIMITED SIZES**

**50/50 Cotton/Poly., 9 oz.**

S-6 White Crewneck, Purple Logo **\$12**

Sizes: M, L, XL only

**Hats**

H-1- Purple Baseball-style, **\$18**

w. embroidered Alumni Logo

**Memorabilia**

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**

TR Tile Trivet (photos of Sequoia) **\$10**

TC Tile Coasters (photos of Sequoia) **\$5**

**Stationery**

N-1 Small Notecards (set of 5) \* **\$8**

N-2 Large Notecards (set of 5) \* **\$10**

N-3 5x7 Notecards - on watercolor paper, suitable for framing \* **\$8**

### New Merchandise Items...



**New T-Shirt**

### Note Cards & Tiles



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Plan to attend the  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association

**Tuesday, August 28, 2012**  
**6 p.m.**

***Sequoia District Board Room, 480 James Ave., Redwood City***

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.

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Don't miss the  
**4th ANNUAL "CELEBRATE SEQUOIA" BBQ/PICNIC**  
**Saturday, August 18, 2012**  
(details on p.1 and flyer enclosed)