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

Summer 2013



Celebrate the 7th Annual
SEQUOIA PICNIC AND BARBECUE
Saturday, August 17, 2013

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 **National Champion**

Cheerleaders

Sequoia Class of 1963 honored as Golden Grads and more...

Silent Auction

Several special items

Purple Patriot Awards

to Shoko Barnes & Mike Fabel

Reservations required by Aug. 12.

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

Meet the Candidates, p. 8; Find the ballot, p. 22.

Come to the Annual Meeting

July 23. See p. 24 for details

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FINAL NOTICE FOR SEQUOYAH STATUE DONATIONS KUDOS FOR "OLD WOODSHOP" REHAB HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC

It is my sincere hope that you will join me in making a generous donation to the Sequoyah Statue project (see detailed article entitled "Sequoyah Statue Project – Help Make it Happen!" elsewhere in this newsletter). This will be the final solicitation in Smoke Signals seeking funds for the project. We will however be making a last-gasp effort at the Alumni Association's 7th annual "Celebrate Sequoia" barbecue/picnic being held on August 17. The statue of the great Cherokee scholar, Sequoyah, will have tremendous symbolism for our beloved Sequoia High. Sequoyah reflects the great history of Sequoia High School, capturing the importance of education and global understanding. He is the perfect symbol of this institution, "Sequoia" being the Latin form of Sequoyah and the tree being named in his honor.

I could not be happier and more grateful for the decision of Sequoia Union High School Superintendent, Dr. Jim Lianides and the Sequoia Union High School District Board of Trustees to rehabilitate the historic "Old Woodshop" to meet the current educational needs of Sequoia High students (see detailed article entitled "Historic "Old Woodshop" Converted to New Classrooms – Dedication Ceremony Held" elsewhere in this newsletter). Early indications were when the building

was declared unsafe and abandoned in 2004 that it would be proposed that the building be demolished. Thankfully that did not occur and the thought process evolved to recognizing the importance of retaining and reusing the historic building for future generations of Sequoia students. This is a classic example of adaptive reuse of an historic building where a building is reused for a purpose other than which it was built or designed.

Finally, I sure hope you will join us for the 7th Annual "Celebrate Sequoia" barbecue/picnic advertised in this newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your school, see what's new on campus, conjure up memories, meet up with old friends and have a delicious barbecue lunch catered no less by former Sequoian, Jeremy Sowers, of Emergency Barbecue in San Carlos. A number of reunion committees have chosen to incorporate the picnic into their reunion events, that being the case with my class this year. I can't even type what reunion year this is for me. Yikes!

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

CAN YOU HELP?

SHSAA MEMBERS....Please give us a hand. We ask about an hour or two of your time!
We can use more help in several areas.

- **Annual Picnic:** Setting up (8:30 am) and taking down (3 pm) at the picnic.

Our wonderful football team helps set up tables. Help is needed to attach tablecloths, set up the raffle table and the merchandise booth. The more people helping, the faster we can finish!

- Helping with our booth at **Sequoia's International Festival** (weekend in May)

Setting up (8 am); taking down (6 pm); or Staffing booth during the day for a 2-hour shift.

- Managing our **Facebook Page** - we post events, etc. during the year, but we do not have wall postings, etc.

- Serving as **Board Member:** the board meets once a month (except December) to plan the various activities of the Association. (There is currently one vacancy waiting for you to fill as a volunteer!) Each term is for two years.

You are also welcome to join any of our committees working on picnic planning, choosing Cherokee Grant recipients, merchandise planning and sales, Tea Garden cleanup work parties, Smoke Signals content, etc. Just let us know what you would like to do!

Contact SHSAA: 650-592-5822, or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or write to P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534 (see the Returnable Page).

William (Bill) Royer

In his memory

(prepared by Athletic Review Chair, Ed Nordness)

April 8, 2013 was a sad date for the Redwood City community with the passing of one of its venerable leaders, **William "Bill" Royer (1938)**.

Bill served the community for decades as a political and business leader, serving several terms as a Redwood City Council Member, and Mayor. He followed those civic responsibilities with his election to the County Board of Supervisors, and later chair of that body. Later, in 1979 he was elected to the US Congress.

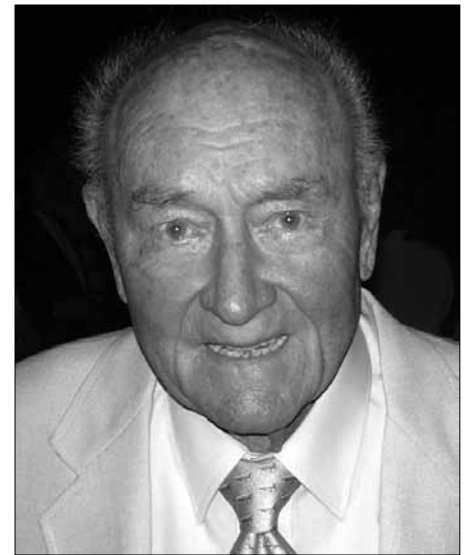
Bill was a fixture in the business community that began as a youth selling papers in downtown Redwood City, and continued years later when he formed Royer Realty, one of the city's most successful real estate firms.

After graduation from Mt. Carmel Grammar School, Bill's athletic talents surfaced at Sequoia High School where he earned All League basketball and baseball honors while serving as team captain and four year letterman in both sports. Those credits earned him membership in Sequoia's Sports Hall of Fame and a baseball scholarship to Santa Clara University.

The former **Shirley Bright (1938)** caught his eye during November 1937, and their election as Prom King and Queen of Sequoia began a relationship lasting 73 years until Shirley's untimely death in 2010.

Bill also found time to serve his country as a member of the US Army Air Force during WW2. During his later years he utilized his athletic talents as a star performer in local semi-pro baseball and basketball leagues, and served as a member of the Sequoia Alumni Athletic Review Committee for many years. He was voted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame, with induction June 2013.

Direct donations in Bill's honor to: Sequoia High School Alumni Association (SHSAA), P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, Indicate on your check; For Sequoyah Statue Fund.



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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.

NOTE: If you're coming to the Sequoia Alumni Picnic, on Aug. 17, contact sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or call 650-592-5822, for reservation form. Reservation deadline: Aug. 12.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL			
1953 - 60th	Aug. 16 Aug. 17	Event being planned Sequoia Alumni Picnic	Carol Cooper Scott 408-739-5810 (Sunnyvale) Jean Flynn McCarthy 714-916-4337 (San Diego)
1958 - 55th	Aug. 16 Aug. 17	Mandaloun Restaurant Sequoia Alumni Picnic	sequoia58reunion@yahoo.com Sharon Tyler Hollingsworth 408-737-1685
1963 - 50th Welcome 1962 & 1964	Aug. 16 Aug. 17th Aug. 18th	Harry's Hofbrau Sequoia Alumni Picnic Sparky's Hot Rod Garage, SC	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
2003 - 10th	Aug. 16th Aug. 17	R. C. Underground Pub Sequoia Alumni Picnic	Elvira Martinez elvira.velasquez@att.net 650-679-2610
SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL			
SC 1968 & 1967 45th & 46th	Aug. 24 Other classes are welcome.	Sparky's Hot Rod Garage	Pam Alexander off2sea@pacbell.net 650-592-6048
SC 1978 35th	Sept. 21	Sparky's Hot Rod Garage	Suzy Barnett Soteriou suzy.soteriou@sbcglobal.net

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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Be aware that Sequoia's National Champion Cheer Team is able, eager, and ready to perform their routines for Sequoia reunions. This is a great opportunity to provide memories that everyone can enjoy. To make arrangements, contact Cheer Team Coach Stacy Morell by e-mail at seqcheer@yahoo.com, or cell phone (650) 333-7304. Find their website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sequoiacheerteam/home>

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Members of the Class of 1964 held its 2013 "Spring Get Together" in May at Chevy's in Foster City. the reunion committee discussed plans for the 50th reunion in 2014.

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Relay Runners Reunion Aug. 17. Bob Cooper (1972) writes: "The year after I graduated from Sequoia, I joined 12 other runners (mostly fellow teens) in a first-ever relay run across the U.S. Now, on the 40th year since that relay run, a few fellow relayers and I are putting together a reunion of the 13 runners. Can you help locate these we cannot find? • **Desiree Wilson, San Carlos HS (1974 or '75)** • **Jose Garza, Sequoia HS (1975)** • **Ken White, San Carlos HS (1972)** " Contact Bob Cooper at cooperite@comcast.net



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November 2012 - June 6, 2013

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

2012-13 ANNUAL FUND

Gloria Dudfield	1940
Edouard Chevassus.....	1943
Pat Schath Bernard	1944
Alan Rehbock.....	1944
Margaret Rauch Warnke	1945
Alan Greenbach, Jr.	1946
Gordon & Betty Moore	1946
Dorothy Fitzmaurice Mc Jenkins.....	1947
David Breithaupt.....	1948
Jerry Walsh.....	1948
Sylvia Hammer Dessert	1949
Harold Alphonse.....	1949
Paul Murphy.....	1949
Pete Hodgson.....	1950
Spencer Anderson.....	FS-1950
Mike Miller	1950
Dionne Darius Jacobs	1951
Beverly Ball Green	1951
Geraldine Newton Stocker.....	1951
Robert Darius.....	1953
William Preever	1953
Geraldine Newton Stocker.....	1951
Robert La Berge, PH.D.	1953
Katherine West Mounter	1954
Louis Brusatori.....	1957
Samuel Cano	1959
Gail Granzow Murray.....	1959
Robert Cancilla.....	1960
Gary Reinecke.....	1961
James L. Meskimen.....	1962
James Miles.....	1962
Jim Rapoza.....	1963
In Memory of Marjorie Corbett Leonhardt	
SC-1963	
–Bruce Leonhardt & family	SC-1963
In Honor of Dr. Allan Gherini.....	1938
–Bruce, Elizabeth, Tony & Elisa Susan Restler ...	
Friends	

Elizabeth Truesdell Dusenberry.....	1968
Timothy Burkhart.....	1972

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Dr. Allan Gherini.....	1938
–Ben & Loretta Peppani	friends
–David & Patricia Melrose.....	friends
–Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Barhara.....	friends
–Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Purcell, Friends of Se-	
quoia	
–Joan Joostin	friend
–William Royer.....	1938
–Virginia Faulk	friend
–Mrs. Camella Tagliaferri	friend
–Jerry & Camille Freedner	friends
–Larry & Janice Ratzel	friends

In Memory of Ed Mairani	1938
–Jack Coryell.....	1946
–Richard Capurro.....	friend

In Memory of Edward McSeeeney	1938
–Paul McSweeney	

In Memory of Bill Royer	1938
and Shirley Bright Royer	1938
–Joan Depaoli Lopes	friend
–Jack & Claire Norris Roudebush	1948
–Alan Bygdnes	1946
& Gloria Rieman Bygdnes.....	1948
–Jean Bastasini Tomates	1957
–Leonard & Beverly Rohde, Friends of Sequoia	
–Susan Gherini Bell	friend
–Fraternal Order of Eagles,	
R.C. Aerie No. 418.....	friends

In Memory of Marjorie Plumley Lipsky	1950
–Jack & Claire Norris Roudebush	1948

In Memory of Paul Frehner	1951
& Marilyn Woodward Frehner	1953
–Robert Gaspar.....	1951
& Tania Lubushkin Gaspar	1954

Donald Dyche.....	1954
In Memory of Michael L. Chavez	1955
–Edward Nolan	1956

Nina Bayer.....	1956
In Memory of Leonard Delucca	1961
& Larry Jensen.....	1963
& Jim Kosher	1963
–Frank DeLucca	1963

Robert Kirchgatter.....	Former Faculty
Lucille & Bill Galvin	Friends of Sequoia
Martin Hofheinz	1943
Gloria Hochstetler Boulter	1948
David Bundsen	1951
Dionne Darius Jacobs	1951
C. Wayne Marr	1956
Gary Reinecke.....	1961

CHEROKEE GRANTS

Robert Kirchgatter.....	Former Faculty
In Memory of Allan Gherini.....	1938
–Janice & John Rutzel	Friends of Sequoia,

SMOKE SIGNALS PUBLICATION FUND

Lois M. & Walter Harrington	1945 & 1946
Fred Strange.....	1952
Arlan Welch.....	1958
Gary Reinecke.....	1961

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

Vern Deto	1963
Patricia Putnam Deto	1965
Owen & Dorothy Bourquin Hall	1948
Fred Strange.....	1952

THE TOM DEL SARTO BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Memory of Marjorie Plumley Lipsky	1950
–Lovey Del Sarto	1953
In Memory of Bob Franeschini,	friend
& Jack Schutz.....	friend
–Lovey Del Sarto	1953

In Memory of Delores Meyer.....	friend
–Lovey Del Sarto	1953

Bob Gaughran, '53	
In Memory of Dave Saucedo.....	1957
–Joe Marvin	Former Faculty

THE FRED MITCHELL MEMORIAL MEN'S BASKETBALL FUND

Tracey Mitchell Ardwan	1981
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SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sunil Butler	2013
David Johnson.....	1970
Robert Kirchgatter.....	Former Faculty

SEQUOYAH STATUE FUND

Hazelle Seaberg Mills.....	1937
John P. Dusel	1938
Pat Bernard	1944
James Parker.....	1944
Rodney Washburn.....	1947
Owen and Dorothy Bourquin Hall	1948
Lillian Ruffoni De Nardo.....	1948
Carolyn Thompson Ervin	1950
Robert Bos	1951
Alan W. Ames.....	1952
Dino Ruffoni	1952
Hank Ruffoni	1952
Al Cerruti	1953
James Carey.....	1957
Don Lange	
FS-1957	
Robert Straccia.....	1957
Keith Bautista.....	1958
Miki Arlan Welch	1958
Joan Inman	1960
Ernest D. & Harriet Patrignani.....	1960
Paul Tyson	1960
Peter & Paula Uccelli Foundation	
(Paula Territo Uccelli)	1960
Gayle Gull	1961
Robert Kirchgatter.....	Former Faculty
Charles Selby.....	Former Faculty
Sharon Reck	Friend of Sequoia
The Carson Family.....	Friends of Sequoia
Robert Brady and Nancy Witte Brady	1960
Joe Marvin	Former Coach

CARRINGTON HALL BRICK

Stephen Cottrell.	1946
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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

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15-year membership
Ellen Stok, C

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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

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

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Spotlight On Sequoia



Cheer Team–National Champions! In March, Sequoia’s Cheer Team took first place in the United Spirit Association High School Nationals competition in the coed division. Of the hundreds of teams that competed, only 35 made it to Nationals, and only four made it to finals. New this year was the addition of two boys, which qualified the team for the coed division, adding dimension to the team and enhancing the stunts. Sequoia’s competition squad is made up of members of both the junior varsity and varsity squads. This year’s routine was choreographed over the summer before the squad knew they would be competing in the coed division. (from an article in the Daily Journal, April 13-14, 2013)

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National Merit Recognitions: Each fall, over 1.5 million high school juniors nationwide take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) which automatically enters them into the National Merit Scholarship competition. Of these, 34,000 (about 2% of the students who took the test) of the high scorers qualify as Commended Students. The highest scoring participants in each state qualify as National Merit Semifinalists (about 1% of the all participants). This year, Sequoia’s senior class has 2 National Merit Semifinalists (**Sunil Butler** and **Ze Martinho**) and also 11 National Merit Commended Students.

The Sequoia PTSA would also like to thank the Sequoia HS Education Foundation and the generous support from parents for enabling all our sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT.

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Newsweek Magazine ranks Sequoia #714 in the country! For its rankings, Newsweek sent out a survey to more than 5,000 high schools in the U.S., with about 2,500 schools responding in 2013.

The survey scores were then weighted and calculated using several criteria including on-time graduation and college acceptance rates. In addition, instead of averaging the number of courses offered, this year Newsweek considered the percentage of students enrolled in AP, IB or

Advance International Certificate courses. The final scores then determined Newsweek’s final rankings.

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Sequoia Student’s Artwork Places at State PTA Level: In May, Sequoia Senior **Skye Picker** was thrilled to learn that her painting “Exhilaration” received an honorable mention in the California State PTA Reflections contest for the Visual Arts category, high school division. “Exhilaration” does an excellent job of portraying this year’s theme “The Magic of a Moment” and was featured in the program for the State PTA’s convention.

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Redwood City’s “Sequoia Awards” honor students: Twenty-five high school seniors who live in Redwood City were honored for their volunteer work at the 22nd annual Sequoia Awards in March. The two top winners, **Sofia Duenas** and **Jeremy Smith**, both seniors, Class of 2013, at Sequoia, each received a \$10,000 scholarship. The remaining 23 students each received a \$5,000 scholarship.

Sofia Duenas spent eight weeks last summer living and working in a rural Mexican community through the Peninsula Chapter of Amigos de las Americas. She taught nutrition to underweight kids. She also helped create a science-in-the-schools program that has now reached five schools in the Redwood City community. She is president of College Track, an East Palo Alto nonprofit that helps low-income minority students who want to go to college. She has 2,000 hours of community service over the last for years.

Jeremy Smith also participated in the Peninsula Chapter of Amigos de las Americas, spending eight weeks in a rural town in ecuador, volunteering his time with teens and families there. Additionally, he tutored an AVID class at Sequoia for students who want to go to college and are the first generation of their families to do so. He is President of the American Cancer Society Youth Council of San Mateo County. (from an article in Redwood City’s Spectrum Magazine)

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First International Festival held on campus in May, featuring foods, games, music, dance, handcrafted items, etc. was a great success. 300 volunteers, 100 performers, hundreds of families and students from the school and community enjoyed festivities, including robotics and speed chess.

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GRADUATION MAKES NEWS: Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook’s CEO, was the key speaker at Sequoia’s Graduation June 7. See news clips that appeared on ABC News at: <http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/sheryl-sandberg-graduates-advice-19357325#.UbbQf4k9xyY.email> or at <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/sheryl-sandberg-leans-high-school-students-19354591#.UbbRPyWYQ9M.email>

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 **July 18 2013**.

For the 2013-2015 term, the Nominating Committee recommends:

Rosemary Filippi Fischer
Sally Coelho Newman
Ed Nordness
Leah Schmuck

MEET THE CANDIDATES ...

ROSEMARY FILIPPI FISCHER (1967) served as founding treasurer of SHSAA for eight years. She currently serves on the board of directors and chairs the archival and Carrington Hall committees and is on the Annual Picnic committee. She helped purchase books for the SHSAA-sponsored Native American section at the school library.

SALLY COELHO NEWMAN (1956) serves as treasurer and historian on the Alumni board. She serves on the Archives & Display and the Smoke Signals com-

mittees. She is also a past president of the Redwood City Woman's Club and manages the 104-year-old clubhouse and rentals there.

ED NORDNESS (1951) volunteers as Redwood City Little League President, Redwood City Police Youth Club President, Redwood City Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, Redwood City Sister Cities Chair, and the San Mateo County Historical Museum Sports Hall of Fame Chair. He serves on the SHSAA board, works on Smoke Signals articles, and is currently chair of Alumni Athletic Review Committee.

LEAH SCHMUCK (1954) has been on the board since 2001. She serves as vice-president and presently chairs the Merchandise Committee. Although she now lives in Lincoln, CA, she often comes down to help with other Alumni events.

NOTE: There is also one vacancy for this two-year term. You may write in someone if you have their permission.

THANK YOU TO JACK CONKLIN

Jack Conklin (1962) had served on the Board since 2008. He assisted in various capacities, including the annual picnic committee. Jack has had to resign from the Board due to health reasons. We will miss him.

HISTORIC "WOODSHOP" CONVERTED TO NEW CLASSROOMS - DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD

Sequoia High School's historic Old Woodshop, deemed unsafe and closed in late 2004 escaped the wrecking ball and has a new lease on life. Sequoia Union High School District officials at the time expressed the desire to have the venerable old building demolished rather than renovated. The Woodshop was then moved to what was once the Machine Shop. The Old Woodshop was constructed in 1940 as a rear addition to the 1932 Machine Shop according to the National Register of Historic Places registration form completed by Preservation Consultant Kent Seavey on September 1, 1994, commissioned by the Alumni Association. The Old Woodshop is deemed a historically contributing structure on Sequoia High School's listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building was constructed as a WPA (Works Progress Administration) project. Emanating from the Great Depression, the WPA was the largest and most ambitious New Deal Agency under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, employing millions of unemployed people

(mostly unskilled men) to carry out public works projects. Almost every community in the United States had a new park; bridge or school constructed by the agency and Redwood City was no exception.

While the exterior architecture has been preserved, the interior now houses five new classrooms for Spanish, Theory of Knowledge, Math, German, and Art. In addition to maintaining the exterior, the original woodshop dust collectors were kept and refurbished which are seen attached to the exterior of the building. Lastly, the construction added impressive supports to the old oak tree at the building entrance ensuring the tree's survival as well as the safety of students and staff on campus.

A dedication ceremony took place on March 21 where the Jazz Band performed and both Principal Bonnie Hansen and Sequoia Union High School District Superintendent Jim Liandies spoke of the significance of the project, serving current needs and at the same time preserving an important part of Sequoia High School's history.

HISTORY TRIVIA

Tom Goethe (1961) found the following item on the Redwood City Police Department web site: <http://www.redwoodcity.org/police/about/history.html>

"The Marshals or police chiefs occupied various shared spaces until their own building was built in 1957. Prior locations include City Hall, the Manual Arts building of the old Sequoia High School, and the original County Jailhouse."

THE FRED MITCHELL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Michael McCloden (2013) was awarded the second annual Fred Mitchell Memorial Boys' Basketball Scholarship this year at the Sports Awards Ceremony in March at Carrington Hall. It was an honor to meet and interview six exceptional Seniors who all exemplify the true Cherokee spirit, and we send congratulation to Mike for winning this award.

Thank you to all of you who make this annual scholarship possible and honor Fred in doing so.

—Sincerely, the Fred Mitchell family

Calendar

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

July

- 18 - Ballot deadline for Board Elections
- 23 - ANNUAL MEETING OF SHSAA -6 pm *
Sequoia District Board Room (see below)
- SHSAA Board Meeting - 7 pm *

August

- 16 - Reunion events for 1958, 1963, 2003**
- 17 - ANNUAL PICNIC at Sequoia
with Reunions for 1953, 1958, 1963, 2003**
Relay Runners Reunion**
- 18 - Reunion event for 1963**

* Sequoia High School Alumni Association meetings are held at 5 pm on the fourth Tues. of each month (except December), mostly in the Sequoia High School AVP Conference Room 3, but in July (an possibly other times) at the Sequoia District Board Room, 480 James Ave., Redwood City. All SHSAA members are welcome to attend. (Always double check with SHSAA beforehand, (650) 592-5822, or e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, as changes sometimes occur.)

** See details, REUNIONS, p. 4

- 24 - Reunion for San Carlos 1968 & 1967, etc.**
- 27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

September

- 21 - Reunion for San Carlos 1968**
- 24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

October

- 22 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

November

- 26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

Sequoia Legacy Society – Estate Planning – How Planned Giving Benefits You

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is committed to preserving the rich heritage and academic excellence at Sequoia High School that has become its hallmark since 1895. To accomplish these goals requires considerable volunteer support and ongoing funding. To illustrate ways you can participate in maintaining this legacy, we have listed the following estate planning opportunities:

- Gifts of Cash/ Stocks/ Bonds - Securities owned more than one year that have appreciated in value avoid capital gains tax on those assets when gifted to SHSAA.
- Wills and Bequests - Gifts given through your will or revocable living trust can be given to the SHSAA as a percentage, specific amount or residual of your estate.
- Retirement Plan Assets - SHSAA can be the beneficiary for all or a percentage of the assets.
- Charitable Gift Annuity - When an annuity is established with a gift of cash or property, you receive a tax deduction the first year and a portion tax-free of each annuity payment.
- Real Estate Gift - Real estate that has appreciated in value and is subject to capital gains taxes is an excellent asset to use as a charitable donation and can be designated as an outright gift.
- Life Insurance Gifts - Designating SHSAA as the owner and beneficiary to a new or existing life insurance policy with the premiums paid by the donor are tax deductible.

We suggest you consult your CPA, attorney or financial planner when considering estate planning. SHSAA is not staffed to provide legal or tax advice. Planned gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

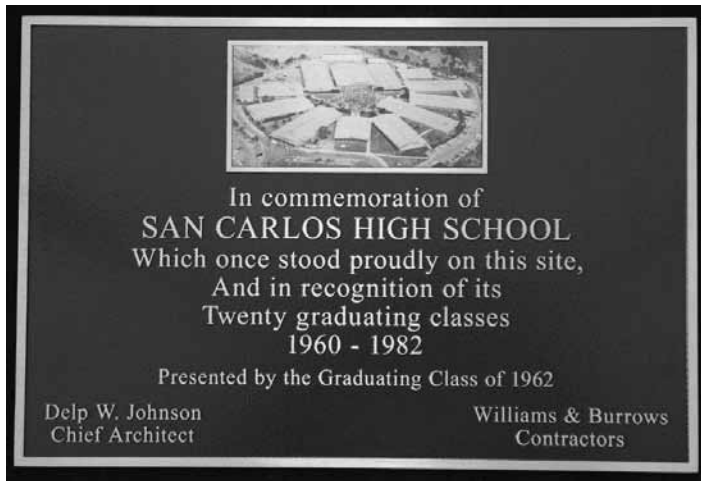
The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Taxpayer ID # 94-2967009). The SHSAA Board of Directors appreciates your consideration and thoughtfulness in this matter. You may reach us by phone at (650) 592-5822, by email at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or by mail to SHSAA at P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.

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: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.)

Class of 1962 Installs New Plaque

San Carlos High's first graduating class (1962) recently held their 50 year reunion at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage. At that event they unveiled a plaque, which was dedicated on June 23. A huge bolder has been selected at Lyngso and a firm in Colma will embed the plaque. The honorable Robert Grassilli, Mayor of San Carlos was the guest speaker.



"After 30 years, there is still no evidence that San Carlos High School ever existed. There were 20 graduating classes from 1962 to 1982 with classmates who shared their joys, pains and laughter of growing up together. We have mourned the loss of our high school largely alone or in small groups of classmates who stayed connected or in a passing moment at a reunion. Now we can come together to remember and celebrate our school with the dedication of a bronze plaque at the site where our school once stood."

NEW MEMBER

(December 5, 2012 - June 21, 2013)
Gary Lindberg.....SC-1965

IN MEMORIAM

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL
(December 5, 2012 - June 21, 2013)
Marjorie Corbett Leonhardt..... SC-1963
James "Jimmy" Johnson SC-1964
Bruce Dyck SC-1965
Bruce Catalinotto SC-1968
Maureen Scully Rice SC-1973
Chris Ryan..... SC-1976
John James Aveggio SC-1977

SAN CARLOS FACULTY

Ellen De Lucchi SC-FAC
Richard Genasci..... SC-FAC
Sandy Padgett..... SC-FAC

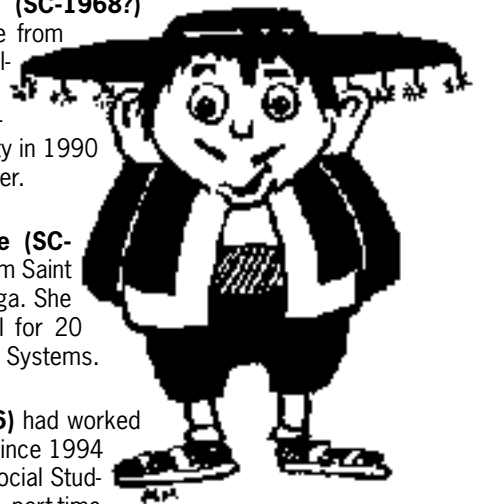
Michael William Shimonek (SC-1960) served in the U. S. Marine Corps at the El toro Air Station until 1964 then worked for the U. S. Postal Service for 36 years until retirement. He enjoyed building hot rod cars.

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James "Jimmy" Johnson (SC-1964) began his fishing career in 1966 with his father. Through the years they operated several boats in California and Alaska, including the New Polaris out of Pillar Point Harbor. He retired at age 65 in 2009.

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Bruce Dyck (SC-1965) was the starting quarterback at San Carlos. He played one season of football at the College of San Mateo then went to Yampa Valley College in Colorado. He was drafted into the U. S. Army and completed jump training at Fort Benning, GA, becoming a certified parachute rigger; he served in Vietnam. He then worked in construction, forming a Dyck Construction Company with his father in Reno, where they developed several multifamily housing projects and retail shopping/office buildings. He later formed the "Lucky D" Outfitters (hunting and fishing guides) in Cody, WY.

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Bruce Catalinotto (SC-1968?)

received an AA degree from Santa Rosa Junior College and worked in construction until he relocated to Trinity County in 1990 to live on the Trinity River.



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Maureen Scully Rice (SC-1973) earned a BA from Saint Mary's College in Moraga. She worked for Pacific bell for 20 years and then for BAE Systems.

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Chris Ryan (SC-1976) had worked at Logan High School since 1994 teaching English and Social Studies and working as a part-time administrator.

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John James Aveggio (SC-1977) was a graduate of UC Santa Barbara, with two majors, one in Chemistry and one in Chemical Engineering, and then earned a Masters of Science in chemical Engineering from the University of San Francisco. He worked for SHN Consulting Engineers and Geologists, eventually becoming Chief Technical Officer.

SAN CARLOS STAFF

Richard Genasci, served as principal of San Carlos, as well as Sequoia and Menlo-Atherton high schools. He served in the Navy from 1941 to 1946 as chief Pharmacist's Mate and received six medals. He earned a BA with honors from Sacramento State University and also a Master's degree. He held both General Secondary and Elementary credentials, and Pupil Personnel and Administrative credentials. He was a 35-year member and past president of two branches of Lions International, and past Deputy District Governor.

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Ellen De Lucchi worked at San Carlos High School and then at Eimac. After retiring, she volunteered her talents sewing for seniors,

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cooking at the San Carlos Adult Community Center, transporting seniors, providing shopping assistance, reading to elementary school students, and working on various senior committees. She received numerous awards, including "Senior Woman of the Year" by San Mateo County in 1990.

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Sandy Padgett taught at San Carlos High School and also worked as a counselor at Palo Alto H. S. and Harker Academy.

REUNIONS

Class of 1967 & 1968 - Aug. 24 at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage. Contact Pam Alexander, off2sea@pacbell.net, 650-592-6048

Class of 1978 - Sept. 22 at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage. Contact Suzy Barnett Soteriou, suzy.soteriou@sbcglobal.net

LOOKING FOR

Desiree Wilson, (SCHS 1974 or '75) or **Ken White (SCHS 1972)** for a reunion of relay runners who relayed across the U. S. in 1973. A 40-year reunion is being planned on August 17. Contact Bob Cooper at cooperite@comcast.net

WE WANT YOUR RECIPES!

Do you have some favorite recipes to share? We still need a lot more!

Send in your contributions for our "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!

Suggested categories are: Appetizers, Salads, Soups, Meats/Main Dishes, Vegetables, Desserts, and whatever else you think is a recipe!

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

New Members

(Dec. 5, 2012 - June 21, 2013)

Sequoia		Clayton Duval.....	2013
R. Frank Vitale.....	1944	Alsace Patrone.....	2013
Donald Dyche.....	1954	Skye Picker	2013
Beverly Russell Kai	1954	Jessica Rice.....	2013
Phillip DeMata	1958	Andrea Vidal.....	2013
Sal DiGrande.....	1963	Eamonn Carson	2015
Gomez Dominic.....	1963		
Tania Avila.....	2013	San Carlos	
Sunil Butler	2013	Gary Lindberg	SC-1965

NEW WEBSITE ITEMS

Check Them Out!

Check our website, sequoiahsalumniassoc.org if you have not visited it lately. You will see the following additions: Sequoyah Statue Project information; a video showing the Sequoia cheerleaders in action; photos of the 2012 alumni picnic, some with high profile personalities featured; information about the 2013 alumni picnic; and a link to the history of Sequoia and Estate Planning information for gift giving. Take a look!

THE "OLD RELICS" HAVE FUN TOGETHER

A group of "Old Sequoia Relics" who are Sequoia High School Alumni Cherokees, get together regularly to meet, have fun, and tell stories. Their goal is to bring Sequoia High School Alumni together. Their mission: to reminisce about old times.

If you'd like to join them, contact Bob Bowers at 408-489-0985 or e-mail Robert4770@sbcglobal.net, or Rich Trammell at 650-307-2321, or e-mail Rich.Trammell@yahoo.com.



"Old Sequoia Relics: L-r: Bob Bowers, Ken Pellizzari, and Rich Trammell"

KUDOS...

"What a wonderful Sunday morning, reading the just received Smoke Signals issue. I love it every time. Each issue ... is filled with memories, energy and hope."Mike Welch. (1958)

CORRECTIONS

In the Winter, 2012 edition of Smoke Signals, the list of "In Memoriam" should have read "**Cary Martin (1961)**," not Gary Martin. We apologize for the error.

In the Winter, 2012 edition of Smoke Signals, **Harold Alphonse (1949)** was incorrectly listed as Class of 1968. He writes:" Thanks for putting me in with the kids, but I actually graduated in 1949 (before you were born).

1994 CCS Baseball

*A recreation of team grit and dedication by
"Be Resilient. Be Resilient."
by Justin Sims (1994), Pitcher, & Men*

Baseball is a game, but for some it is a way of life, filled with highs and lows. In order to appreciate your accomplishments in the game you have to learn from your failures. With baseball, failure is a part of the game. Whether a rough at bat, a bad pitch thrown or a botched ground ball – these are all the unfortunate side effects of playing the game you love. Accepting that failure as part of the game doesn't mean that you should concede to it, but rather look at it as a learning experience and the motivation to be better. Baseball like no other game can be lost between your ears. Just when you think you are on top of the baseball world, the game humbles you. In 1993 we found that out. Little did we know at that time that a crushing 10-9 loss in the CCS playoffs would be the catalyst for something special.

The bitter defeat in 1993 hung over our heads and stayed with me personally longer than I would like to admit. Where did it go wrong? What could have we done better, and more, what could I have done to make my team better? The words of coaches and my Dad started to rattle in my brain. The answers became clear. Although I knew it started with me it wasn't about me, it was about the team. A team is only as good as the sum of its parts, something I had heard throughout my short life but certainly was applicable in baseball.

With the help of my best friend and teammate we started practicing daily during the summer. A practice of two started to grow as other team members joined us. We didn't just practice but we did it with purpose. We had planned out stations where we could work on fundamentals. There were fielding, hitting and running drills. We didn't need a coach to stay focused. We all made sure that we were accountable. Integrity, drive, passion and motivation are

all we needed. We encouraged each other and talked about goals. These

weren't individual goals, these were team goals. We talked about how everyone needed to pull on the same rope in order for us to realize the ultimate goal of a CCS championship. There was a good feeling as our chemistry took form but would it last until the spring?

When the season was about to start the local newspaper picked Sequoia to be one of the best teams in the PAL. I had some hesitation as I didn't want our team to buy into the hype. Just because you are talented doesn't mean that other teams are going to lie down for you.

Actually it works the opposite, it makes you the hunted. Coach Papadakis was quoted "If we're going to win it, we're going to win it with pitching." Well he was right but pitching is only one facet of the game. Timely hitting and good defense would also play a key factor in our success, but as we found out success was the result of overcoming failure and reflecting back on the commitment we made to each other in the summer.

The season started off exactly how we wanted it too. We jumped out of the gate with three straight wins. The games were not close as we were hitting on all cylinders. Offense, defense and pitching were dominating. Unfortunately, adversity was right around the corner. We would lose two out of the next three games. There was no panic, at least not yet. Losing the next two to Aragon would put things into perspective. There were seven teams within a game of each other. We were not the lead dog anymore. We were fighting to survive.

There comes a time in every team's season where your backs are against the wall. It is a time to step up and pave your way or just accept that things aren't going the way you hoped or planned. We saw how Hunter Pence rallied the San Fran-



Sequoia 1994 CCS Baseball Champions: Top, l-r: Wil Krik, Scott Dean, Jason Teixeira. Bottom, l-r: Shawn Winchell, Erik Barron. Coaches: Bud Papadakis, Jim Clark. (Not pictured: Frank Prado, Walt Morton)

cisco Giants with his pre-game speeches. Many people say that kind of thing does not work in baseball. While I agree that what you do on the field takes on greater importance, I witnessed that this approach brings an intangible that can't be measured. A routine was born and our Hunter Pence rose up to remind us of who we were, what we represented and what we were going to do. Those pre-game talks brought us closer again. That refuse-to-lose attitude was back. No matter how bleak it looked we were going to rise up. First place and second place wasn't an option anymore and our window to finish third was open slightly. We met the challenge and eventually finished in third, allowing us an opportunity to compete in a playoff to qualify for a berth in the CCS tournament. Win and play on. Lose and reflect on the season that could have been. We had to win to reach our goal – a total of six games. Our confidence never wavered. We had been given second life and we were not going to let that slip through our hands. We carried our momentum into the PAL playoffs by knocking off good

Ball Champions

Sequoia's only CCS Baseball championship

"Be a Champion"

Member of Sequoia's Sports Hall of Fame



Travis Yarter, Chris Irwin, Jody Bartley, Albert Garza, Lance Drivon, Ian Kirk, Justin Sims, Tony Jaffia, Tony Jaffia (Head Coach), Tom Thompson, Jim Winchell, and assistant Coach Rod Wallace.)

teams in Burlingame and Mills. The games were not even close as we won in convincing fashion and earned our spot in the CCS tournament. This time we came in as the underdogs and we loved every minute of it. We knew our record didn't reflect the talent that was on this team. Now on the big stage we were going to prove that Sequoia was not just a team happy to be there, but we were there to win it. Just as Coach Papadakis predicted, pitching would lead the way. The first game we surprised Cupertino by beating them 3-0. The second game was a nail biter as a clutch two run homer made the difference in our 2-1 victory over Soquel. Saratoga was next. As with Soquel, Saratoga was an unknown, but we didn't worry about that. We focused on playing the game as we knew how. Playing at San Jose Municipal Stadium, where the Single A Giants played, didn't provide a distraction as we brought the same intensity and the result was a 7-4 victory. We had finally reached the peak of our journey. One game to play and the winner would be crowned the Division Two CCS Champion.

We were facing Terra Nova. Ironically this was the same team that our coach had played for in high school when he won the CCS championship back in 1969. Our attention was not on this side story but more on the pitcher we were going to face. He had thrown a no-hitter in his previous outing and we knew that our hands were going to be full with him. Just as in the previous five games, our leaders spoke to our team. The key message was simple. The team on the other side was in our way and we did not come this far to be denied. Whether you were a starter or on the bench it was all about the team. Be ready, pre-plan and play your heart out when called upon and we will walk off this field champions. Now let's go make history. The game began and it was a grind. Both teams had trouble scoring runs and after three innings the score remained 0-0. We were being dominated by the opposing pitcher and then Terra Nova drew first blood. In the top of the fourth they scored three runs. The life seemed to be sucked out of the dugout as this was the first time we had trailed by more than one run in the last seven games. In true Sequoia baseball fashion the bench picked us up with encouragement. We had been knocked down before and we only knew one way to respond, and that was to get up swinging. We did just that by recording our first hit in the bottom of the inning. It seems so minuscule to an outsider but that one infield hit breathed new life into us. The energy that surrounded the team would make the casual observer question who was leading the game. We rode that energy and countered by scoring two runs of our own. We had finally made a dent in the score and we could see that cape of invincibility over the pitcher evaporate. Our pitching, to its credit, got us back in the dugout and we were able to manufacture a run to tie the game. The score was 3-3 going into the

bottom of the sixth. Keeping our composure at the plate, we worked counts and set ourselves up in scoring position.

The big hit we had been waiting for finally came and it was delivered by an unlikely source. Coach Papadakis put in a pinch hitter in a key spot in the game. The player was seldom used but he had been swinging the bat well in practice. Call it a hunch or just plain good coaching but that kid ripped a single to ignite a four run rally. Leading 7-3 into the final inning was a great feeling, but no way were we going to let down our guard. With adrenaline pumping the first batter popped up to first base. A deep breath was taken by all. The second batter quickly grounded out to shortstop. Now we were down to the final out. Honestly the last at bat was a blur. Before too long we were one strike away. With one glance into the stands we saw the Sequoia faithful, family, friends and fans stand and cheer as if it meant just as much to them. The final pitch of our season was a curve ball that dropped in the zone for strike three. The roar of the crowd was deafening. We had done it.

A group of teammates that became brothers piled on each other near the mound in celebration. The feelings that we felt were hard to describe into words, but we would never have to wonder what if. It was real and it happened.

Ever hear the expression, "It's not about the destination, it's about the journey?" Maybe this is true in life but I am not so sure about baseball. The climb is a lot sweeter when you are standing on top of the mountain. In 1994, a talented yet scrappy Sequoia baseball team united a school and a community. We were relentless, we were resilient, and we stood on top of the mountain as champions. Some of us, including myself, played in our final game in a Cherokee uniform. That feeling can never be taken from us...ever.

In Memoriam

November 29, 2012 - June 6, 2013

FS = former student Fr = Friend FAC = faculty

SEQUOIA

Charles Frances O'Connor.....	1935
Mary Myers Foote	1937
Dr. Allan Gherini.....	1938
William "Bill" Royer.....	1938
Catherine Frater Simmons.....	1938
June Giampietro Golling	1939
Viola Ayers Bjork.....	FS-1940
Marion Wirth Kienitz.....	1940
Frank W. Tomberlin.....	1940
Evelyn Meginness Willis.....	1940
Twila Argo Bentley	1941
Theresa Birolo Raso-Buickerood	1942
Thomas Cutting.....	1942
Richard Hennessy.....	1942
Mary Cuff Blach.....	1943
Elizabeth "Betty" HaraVilla.....	1943
William Harrison Heflin	1943
Rodney Lamb.....	1943
George E. Schiel	1943
Harold Martin Zeitman	1943
Glenn Warren	1944
Mary Jamello Hoover	1944
Glenn Richard Warren	1945
Anna Pterucci Hester	1946
Patricia Christensen Wirth.....	1946
Clarence Joh Ahern	1948
George J. McCaffigan.....	1948
Patricia Marcus Macway	1948
Robert Butler	1949
Fred August Hofheinz.....	1949
Susan Moore Porter	1949?

Eva Lee Rice.....	1949
Benjamin Swan.....	1949
Carolyn Thompson Ervin	1950
James Killen.....	1950
Marie Plumley Lipsky	1950
Gerald L. Miller.....	1950
Geraldine "Gerri" Shaefer Shaffer.....	1960
Paul Frehner	1951
Phyllis Poston Morgan.....	1951
Marie Bozzuto Silveira	1952
Eugene Woerner.....	1952
Peggy Lowe Ferrero	1953
Marilyn Woodward Frehner	1953
Louise Romaneschi Mork	1953
Herb Radding.....	1953
Sandy StrommenYoung	1953
Lawre Alton Myers, Jr.	1954
Robert Roman.....	1954
Michael L. Chavez	1955
Dennis Meredith	1955
Judith Band Neil	1955?
A. Robert Simon.....	1956
Chester Bryan Loveland.....	FS-1957
Art Martinez.....	1957
David Saucedo.....	1957
Robin W. Adair.....	1958
Charles "Bud" Cross.....	FS-1959
William C. Henderson.....	1959
Beverly Curry Thornton.....	1959
Carol Barsotti Delaney	1960
Rose Marie Delgado Escobar	1961
Rudolph "Rudy" Quintana.....	1961

Melvin Reck	1962
Nanette Della Santina Burnett.....	1963
Gary Graul	1965
Donna May Cops Wakeham.....	1966
Judith Dolores Neil	1956?
Janice Zinter Cruz	1965
John Hendricks	1969
Roger Lee Brown	1980
Pamela Harris-Reed	FS-1981
Suzanne Couret.....	1994

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Richard Genasci	FAC
Paul Keckley	FAC
Ella Stamates.....	FAC
Macca Chandler Twist Winnberg	FAC

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Mary Myers Foote (1937) lived in Auburn, CA where she and her husband ran a flower shop.

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Dr. Allan J. Gherini (1938) was stationed in Australia in WW II. He graduated from Stanford University, from medical school at SUNY Downstate, and completed surgical training in California. His practice was in Gilroy, CA.

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Bill Royer (1938) was the only Sequoia graduate who became a U. S. Senator. See special article in this issue.

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Catherine "Nan" Frater Simmons (1938) went to Heald Business College and had a lifelong career as a realtor, with more than 40 years as a broker at Coldwell Banker.

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Viola Ayers Bjork (FS-1940) had a beautiful singing voice and attended the San Francisco School of Music for vocal training while in high school. She worked at the Stanford Medical Center as a surgical laboratory technician.

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Frank W. Tomberlin (1940) joined the U. S. Navy and was stationed in Pearl Harbor on the destroyer USS Henley when it was sunk by the Japanese. He was discharged from the USS Lyman K. Swenson shortly after the end of the war in the Pacific. He was a member of the plumbers union for 28 years in Half Moon Bay.

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Evelyn Meginness Willis (1940) was an employee of the San Mateo County Employees Credit Union for 24 years, retiring as CEO in 1985. She was an avid golfer.

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Theresa "Terry" Birolo Raso-Buickerood (1942) was married to David Raso (1940) of Raso's Fine Foods, in Redwood City. She later married Harvey Buickerood, and they lived in San Carlos. Dancing was her passion,

especialy at the Italian Catholic Federation parties.

Richard lee Hennessy (1942) Served in the U. S. Navy in the Pacific during WW II. He earned a BS in Commerce at Santa Clara University, then established his own business, Diesel Supply Co, with sales of marine diesel parts and equipment; it became Hennent Corporation, which he managed until 2011.

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William "Bill" Heflin (1943) joined the Naval Reserves and was sent to the University of Colorado, graduating with a BSEE. He received an MBA from the Stanford School of business in 1948. He was active in the electronics business in Canada and the U. S., serving as President of the Western Electronics Manufacturers' Assn. in 1965. He was President of the Dominical Telephone Co.,a GTE subsidiary during the 1970s, then worked at GTE headquarters as Senior VP for Latin America and Far East. After retiring, he set up and operated New Mexico Technet, a data communication system in Albuquerque. While there, he did the photography for his wife's book, "Beautiful Beardongues of New Mexico."

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Rodney Lamb (1943) served in the U. S. Army until 1948. At Stanford University, he was the center on the basketball team, and received a BS in 1950. After two years in medical school at George Washington University, he transferred to U.C. Berkeley and completed his Master of Public Health in Hospital Administration. He became the administrator of the small Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, which grew to over 600 beds with a staff of 1600, and numerous facilities in the Santa Barbara area. His honors included chair of the California Hospital Assn., and the Assn. of Western Hospitals, , of the California Health Care Forum, and President of the Hospital Council of Southern CA. He received the CHA's Waler Fellowship Award.

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George Ellis Schiel (1943) served un the U. S. Army from 1943-1946. He became the proprietor of the former Schiel Shoe Service in Redwood City, a business passed on from his father.

In Memoriam

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Elizabeth "Betty" Hara Villa (1943) was active in all school sports and went on to play semi-pro softball for Sherry All-Stars. She and her husband lived in Tunitas Canyon in Half Moon Bay for 49 years.

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Harold Martin Zeitman (1943) was known as the basket man and hardware store owner. He was an avid gardner and lover of trains.

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Glenn Richard Warren (1945) served in the navy in the Philippines during WW II . He was foreman at McCallahan Tree Surgery in Palo Alto then opened his own business, S & W Equipment, selling, renting, and servicing power garden equipment. He later relocated to a larger store. In 1970, he sold the business and invested in real estate. He owned 5 fishing boats.

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Anna Petrucci Hester (1946) married **Don Reilly (1946)** whose birth name was Hester, and which he had to use when he joined the Navy. Anna and Don spent nearly all their lives in the Bay Area until moving to Phoenix, AZ.

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Clarence "John" Ahern (1948) a lifelong resident of Redwood city, worked at Pan American Airlines and later retired from Varian Associates after a 30-year career in the Microwave Tube Division. After retirement, John was a founding member and volunteer at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos.

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Patricia Marcus Macway (1948) was a graduate of San Jose state and taught elementary school, then became a mother and volunteered in schools, the public library, local hospitals, and her church.

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George McGaffican (1948) was a prominent real estate broker in Newport Beach, CA. He received his BS in Commerce from the Santa Clara University School of Business

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Eva Lee Rice (1949) was a descendent of Mendocino's pioneer Milliken family. She worked in the Fort Bragg school district, first as a teacher's aide and later went on to initiate the special education program.

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Marjorie Plumley Lipsky (1950) attended University of the Pacific in Stockton. She was honored as "Outstanding Woman of Stanislaus County" in 1986, due in part to her many volunteer activities. She was a dedicated docent for the McHenry Mansion Foundation, served on the Board of Directors at Doctors Medical Center, raised funds for Children's Home Society, and was a member of the League of Women Voters.

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Gerald L. Miller (1950) served in the U. S. Navy then worked as a police officer in San Francisco and Miami Beach, retiring as a lieutenant in the Department of Public Safety in Sunnyvale, CA. He enjoyed a second career as a laboratory manager at Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

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Peggy Lowe Ferrero (1953) worked part-time at Baby Mart in San Carlos and then had a 19-year career at Black Mountain Water Company, retiring in 1998.

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Marilyn Woodward Frehner (1953) moved often with her military family and remembered playing on the beach in Hawaii when the Japanese planes flew by to attack Pearl Harbor. She earned an AA degree from Canada College in interior design. She was active in the San Carlos Chickens' Ball and Kiwanis shows.

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Lawre Alton Myers, Jr. (1954) served with the U. S. Marine Corps and was a reserve deputy sheriff in San Mateo County and during the 1970s, was Chief of Police in Orion, Ill. He was a life member of the V.F.W. serving as Charter Commander for Orion P0st #143, a life member of the Military Order of the Cooties (honor degree of the V. F. W.) serving in State offices in California, and was a 10-year volunteer at the VA Out-Patient Clinic in Redding, CA.

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Dennis Meredith (1955) attended UCLA then worked for a civil engineering firm in Menlo Park. He became an officer in the California National Guard then began an active 28-year career in the U. S. Army. He commanded artillery batteries at Fort Sill, in Viet Nam and in Germany. He completed schools for artillery officers at Fort Sill and Fort Leavenworth. He taught on military bases and in the ROTC at Loyola University. He held a BA from the University of Nebraska and an MA in business from Boston University. He earned several awards and medals, including four Bronze Service Stars, Army Commendation (one oak leaf cluster), Meritorious Service (three oak leaf clusters), Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster) and the Legion of Merit. After retiring, denis worked as project manager for Novato and for the Sonoma County Architects Office.

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W. Robert Simon (1956) was an award-winning tennis player at Sequoia. After serving three years with the U. S. Army, he earned an AA at the College of San Mateo spent 20 years in the electronics field. He then graduated from Chiropractic College and had offices in San Jose, Gilroy, and Dublin for 20 years. He played piano , loving jazz and big band music. He had a pilot license and enjoyed flying. He also enjoyed square dancing.

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Chester "Chet" Loveland (FS-1957) attended Sequoia but graduated from a high school in Colorado. He earned a BS from the University of Montana but taught middle school in San Lorenzo and then Pleasanton Unified School District for 31 years. He was Commodore of both Weber Point and Discovery Bay Yacht Clubs.

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David Sausedo (1957) was am HVAC and sheet metal worker who retired in 1997. He was passionate about sports, excelling in football and basketball at Sequoia. He had served in the U. S. Army and then the National Guard. Donations go to the SHSAA Tea Garden Restoration Fund.

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Carol Ann Barsotti Delaney (1960) earned an AA at Foothill College and her education degree at the University of colorado. She taught at an elementary school in the Watts area of Los Angeles for two years then moved to Hillsborough Elementary School in San Mateo County. Her husband continues to operate their business, Wine Country experience, a bike, van, and hiking tour company in Sonoma County.

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Rose Marie Delgado Escobar (1961) worked in property management from Cathedral City, CA from 1986 until she retired.

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Nan Della Santina Burnett (1963) worked for Pacific Telephone for over 30 years and sold Avon for over 10 years.

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Gary Graul (1965) knew all about plants and loved to garden and throw garden and block parties. He developed the first Class of 1965 database for their reunion in 2005.

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Donna May Cope Wakeham (1966) attend the College of San Mateo then worked in debt collections and helped people find solutions to their financial problems. In Seattle, she supported the Seattle Women's Shelter by collecting donations for homeless and abused women.

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John Hendricks (1969) was on the wrestling and football teams at Sequoia. He had a lifelong sales career with Broadway Tires in Southern California, then moved to Santa Rosa to open Toro Coffee Grind with his father. He acquired his real estate license and was a top agent for many years. After moving to Mexico with his wife, he became co-owner of the Caldwell-Banker franchise which became the number two top producing office in Mexico. He also started an internet real estate site, "eCasas."

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Roger Lee Brown (1980) graduated from Chico State in 1985 with a BA in Political Science, and earned his Juris Doctor in 1991 at the Thomas

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Alumni in the News

Bill Royer (1938) was posthumously inducted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame on June 11. At Sequoia he earned All-League basketball and baseball honors while serving as team captain and four-year letterman in both sports. He also played for Santa Clara University. He was a U.S. Congressman. Hall of Fame plaques are on display at the San Mateo County History Museum in Redwood City.

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Marie Micali Amaya (1945) was one of 13 members of San Mateo and Northern Santa Clara Counties of RSVP who were honored in May at the 39th annual Member Recognition for their 20 years of volunteer service. RSVP (the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) is a nationwide network of experienced adults who contribute their time and

In Memoriam

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Jefferson School of Law. He was admitted to the California Bar in 1992 and the Idaho Bar in 1996. His practice included the areas of criminal defense, business litigation, family law, workers' compensation, and personal injury.

Pamela Harris Reed (1981) taught preschool for many years at St. Mathias Church.

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Suzanne Couret (1994) worked in child care and took an extended trip to Europe, developing her interest in art photography. She briefly attended Landmark College in Vermont in 2003 but returned home due to her illness.

SEQUOIA FACULTY

Richard Genasci, served as principal of Sequoia and also San Carlos and Menlo-Atherton high schools. He served in the Navy from 1941 to 1946 as chief Pharmacist's Mate and received six medals. He earned a BA with honors and a Masters Degree from Sacramento State University. He held both General Secondary and Elementary credentials, and Pupil Personnel and Administrative credentials. He was a 35-year member and past president of two branches of Lions International, and past Deputy District Governor.

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Paul Keckley worked with the Sequoia football team and was the side-line physical therapist. He was a Navy pilot. He earned a BA degree in Physical Education from U. C. Berkeley and helped Cal win the Stanford/Cal Big Game in 1947 and played in the Rose Bowl in 1949. He earned a graduate degree in Physical Therapy from Stanford. He helped run the Sequoia Hospital Physical Therapy Dept. and then opened other physical therapy offices, including BAK. He also served on the Redwood City Planning commission and served two terms on the Redwood City Council, including Mayor, 1972-74. He was Redwood City's Citizen of the Year in 1976.

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Ellen Stalemates was on the staff at Sequoia High School.

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Macca Chandler Twist Winnburg taught at Sequoia and Woodside high schools. She was a graduate of Chapman University and Occidental College and earned her MA from Stanford University. She spent many years as a volunteer at Allied Arts Guild and took up painting and sculpting in her later years.

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

(See "Dons Doings" page)

talent to important programs that make their communities stronger. About 350 people attended the event at the So. San Francisco Conference Center, which was sponsored in San Mateo County by Mills-Peninsula Senior Focus and is part of the Corporation for National Service.

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Connie Cruthers (1958) Jazz Pianist, majored in music at the University of California, Berkeley before becoming a student of Lennie Tristano. After his death she became President of the Lennie Tristano Jazz Foundation. She is also known for works done with Max Roach in the 1980s, such as the album Swish. As a leader she headed a quartet with Richard Tabnik and Roger Mancuso. Mike Welch (1958) and his wife Janet saw her perform at her loft in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn at an improvisational jazz concert. He said, "It was an amazing cultural experience."

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Jeff Filippi (1976) sent an e-mail regarding **Rich Nattole (1977)**, known as the "Man of 1,000 Voices." He will appear on the Hallmark Channel on Feb. 27 during the family show in the morning.

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Steve Penna (1976) received the Golden Apple Award in February, given by the Chamber of Commerce for his commitment to local education. Steve is owner and publisher of the Spectrum Magazine in Redwood City. The award recognizes people in the business community who strive to make a difference in city schools. Steve has given his support to the Redwood City Education Foundation and also worked with many organizations as a key partner in advancing opportunities for all students of Redwood City's school districts.

LOOKING FOR

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

Jack Montgomery (1951) is trying to locate other 1951 alumni—**Del Larsen** and **Viola Norton**. Can you help?

Del Frigault (1952) lives in Oregon and loves fishing. He would like to get in touch with **Mike Cohen** who went to Sequoia for one year, and also **Meb Buchanan (1952)**, **Bebe Moore (1956)**, **Lee Meggison (1952)**, and the brother of **Bart Dear** who was in 1956. You can reach Del at d_dfreego@msn.com

Yearbooks needed! The Redwood City Library History Archives is looking for two copies of each yearbook—**2009, 2010, and 2011**. If anyone has a copy to donate, contact SHSAA and we'll see that it gets to the library.

“SEQUOIA AUTHORS” ADDITION

Sequoia graduate, **Denise (Bianco) Calvetti Michaels (1966)** has donated her book of poetry titled, *Rustling Wrens*, for the Sequoia High School library. Denise teaches Psychology and Poetry at Arcadia College in Washington. She is married and has 3 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

A postcard included with the book notes: “Rustling Wrens, poetry by Denise Calvetti Michaels, depicts family life and the human condition through the vivid imagery of nature and the environment. Published by Cave Moon Press, whose mission is ‘to bridge global and local issues through the literary arts,’ a portion of the proceeds from *Rustling Wrens* sales will benefit Solid Ground.

Solid Ground works to end poverty and undo racism and other oppressions. A nonprofit human services agency providing housing, food, transportation and other vital services to families and people in need throughout Seattle and King County, WA. Solid Ground also advocates statewide for public policies that create fair and just opportunities for all.

To purchase the book and help support Solid Ground’s work, please visit www.amazon.com and type “Rustling Wrens” in the search field. For more information on Solid Ground’s work, please visit www.solid-ground.org.”

HALF-PRICE SALE

Bricks, Trees, and Benches for Inspiration Grove, the Veterans Memorial, and Carrington Hall will sell for half-price on the day of the picnic ONLY!

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.)

- Nancy Marlow-Trump 1940
- Kaye Mitchell Baker 1945
- Kenneth Anderson 1946
- Charles Bryant 1949
- Leonard Preader 1955
- Cathy Silver Moen 1960
- Richard Natenstedt 1960
- Suzi Hawkins Earle 1962
- X. Marva Jenkins 1962
- Betty Hyde Paris 1965
- Georgett Esque Cummins 1966

- Stephen A. Ivanoff 1966
- Judith Flaherty 1967
- Margaret Powers Johnson 1969
- Larry Castro 1970
- Pamela Page Gatlin 1970
- James Clarke 1976
- Cecile Lewis Wilson 1976
- Susan Burr McBrayer 1979
- Stephani Lauren 1994
- Jason Hess 1998
- Sherry Jones 1998
- Nirshila Chand 2001
- Helen Navarro 2004

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

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).

Special thanks go to members of the Peninsula Hills Women’s Club who came to help at one of the spring clean-up days.

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

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, 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 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.

"CHEROKEE GRANTS" – 2012 AND OTHER DONATIONS NET SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL \$4,993

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association has approved the donation of the items listed below totaling \$4,843 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 2012 Cherokee Grants were:

- Ceramics 1 & 2 – Z. Becker, \$357 for a new class set of aprons
- English 3 & 4 and Study Skills – Karol-Ann Coleman, \$499 for an iPad
- Mathematics – Nicole De Rosa, \$500 for three sets of triangle sticks
- English Language Development – Joan Fiser, \$500 for tickets for field trip to Angel Island
- Social Academic Class – Rebecca Goodwin, \$495 to attend conference on social thinking
- Mathematics – Laura Larkin, \$492 for twelve X-Acto School-Pro Heavy Duty 1670 electric pencil sharpeners
- Mathematics – David Lee, \$500 for two used HP Elite book 2730p tablet laptop personal computers
- Mathematics (Speech and Debate Team) – Kelley O'Hern, \$500 to hire and maintain two coaches for the team
- English Language Development – Stacy Wenzel, \$500 for bus transportation for field trip to Angel Island
- AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) – Teresa Yeager, \$500 to support first generation college students to go on college trip to Southern California
- Additionally, we have donated \$150 to the Cheer Team.

Total donations for the Cherokee Grants and the Cheer Team are \$4,993.

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

FLAGS AT THE MEMORIAL

Members of Redwood City's Peninsula Hills Women's Club placed 100 flags around the Sequoia Veterans Memorial on April 4. The Federated Women's Clubs nationwide honor veterans in March and April to commemorate their service.

Loma Prieta District President Marlen O'Donnell, who holds this project dear to her heart, asked each club to adopt the project as a way to honor local service women and men who have given their lives protecting our country. Flags were placed along pathways, beside each memorial bench and at every memorial plaque. Attached to each flag was a ribbon with the club named imprinted on it.

The Peninsula Hills Women's Club chose the beautiful and tranquil site at Sequoia High School because so many of their members are Sequoia Alumni.

This civic-minded group is involved in many wonderful activities benefitting the community, including helping with our tea garden cleanup!



Barbara Decia Britschgi (1954), Linda Krieg, Nancy Gallagher, Judy Yoakum (president of the Peninsula Hills Women's club), and Lisa Burling.



Flags by the benches & '62 memorial



Path of flags at memorial

SEQUOYAH STATUE PROJECT – HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

We seek your support for the Sequoyah statue project. The statue will be a gift from the Sequoia High School Alumni Association to Sequoia High School.

The project is to erect a minimum 3- to 4-foot statue (that will sit on a pedestal) of Cherokee scholar, Sequoyah. The cost will range accordingly from \$14,000 to \$25,000, size depending on the amount of funds raised, with an option for a larger size if more money is raised. The statue will be placed in a prominent interior location of Sequoia High School that will lend dignity its presence.

The chosen sculptor is an artist in Oklahoma named Daniel HorseChief. Daniel HorseChief was commissioned for the 2009 Tahlequah Oklahoma Northeastern State University's Founders Day Celebration to design and create a statue of Sequoyah, which stands in front of Seminary Hall, the oldest building on campus (see photograph at the end of this article). The bronze statue is entitled "Sequoyah, The Gift." The statue will be a smaller scale near replica version of the piece created for Northeastern State University.



"SEQUOYAH THE GIFT" AT NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

This is a project of great significance as the name of Sequoia High School is derived from the famed Cherokee, Sequoyah. In 1847, Austrian Botanist Stephen Endlicher named the great redwood, Sequoia (the Latin form of Sequoyah) after Sequoyah who came up with the idea of a Cherokee writing system in 1809. Not literate in any language, he was convinced of the necessity of literacy for the Cherokees and in 1821, after twelve years working on the new language; he introduced it to the Cherokee people.

Thousands of Cherokee thoughts were reduced to 85 symbols representing sounds known as a syllabary and within a few months thousands of Cherokees became literate. Never before or since, has one man, not literate in any language, perfected a system for

reading and writing a language.

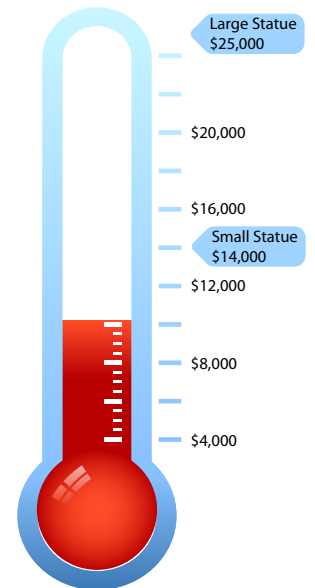
For Sequoians, Sequoyah is a symbol of learning, wisdom, perseverance and self-reliance. Since the school was named for the Sequoia redwood tree, receiving its name from Sequoyah, in 1925 the Sequoia student body voted that the school's athletic teams should be named "the Cherokees", as they are to this day.

In the 3- or 4-foot statue entitled "Sequoyah, The Gift", Sequoyah will be portrayed pointing with his right hand toward the syllabary and cane held in his left hand. Sequoyah suffered a debilitating leg wound that caused him to limp and the cane shows this. Around the cane, the printer version of the syllabary developed for the printing press will be carved in relief. This is the most familiar form of the syllabary. The writings on the papers will show the original hand written version similar to cursive writing. Also on the back of the pages, the lesser-known numerical system developed by Sequoyah will be displayed.

The statue will be cast in bronze in Oklahoma and then transported to Sequoia. The cost, not including transportation and installation, is \$14,000 for a 3-foot statue and \$25,000 for a 4-foot statue. Costs will rise with time so it is important to raise funds as quickly as possible.

We urge you to make a generous tax-deductible donation toward this project. Donations of any amount will of course be most appreciated. Please make checks payable to the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, writing "Sequoia statue" on the memo line and mail to same at P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2510.

For further information please contact project leader John Castro at (415) 566-6038 or (415) 728-3332 or email sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.



Here is my donation for the Sequoyah Statue Project:

Send your tax-deductible donations, payable to "SHSAA - Sequoyah Statue" to: Sequoia High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534

Your Name _____ Grad Year _____

Address _____
and street

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

**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
P.O. Box 2534
Redwood City, CA 94064-2534**

Sequoia Veterans Memorial Carrington Hall Inspiration Grove
 Brick Tree Engraved Bench

Brick/Tree/Engraved Bench Information: Please allow a space for word breaks and periods. Please print and use a maximum of 20 characters or spaces per line.

YOU MAY HONOR ANYONE YOU WISH ON THE BRICKS/TREES OR BENCHES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY SERVED IN THE MILITARY OR ATTENDED SEQUOIA.

Your Name _____

Address _____
and street

City State ZIP

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Cherokee Chatter

Current information about fellow Sequoians.

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

Richard Rodrigue (1940), a CPA, was once president of the Eureka County (CA) Chamber of Commerce and the retired Fortuna Chamber of Commerce Financial Advisor. He and his wife now reside in Sonoma, CA.

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Geraldine Peterson (1946) writes: "I'm always excited when I receive my copy of Smoke Signals. I appreciate keeping up with what is happening. I'm so glad at all the improvements and the expanding outreaches I read about. If any of my former classmates are still in the area, I would love hearing from them. I am living in a very nice apartment here in Citrus Heights!" You can reach Geraldine at 6650 Crosswood Circle, Citrus Heights, CA 95621, (916) 560-9695.

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Owen Hall (1948) and **Dorothy Bourquin Hall (1948)** are now living at Covenant Shores, a retirement community on Mercer Island, WA. Owen continues to paint and teach seniors watercolors, and Dorothy is in their care unit dealing with Parkinson's. They have been married for 62 years and enjoy three grandchildren, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They would love to hear from any of their old classmates: 9105 Fortuna Dr., #8406, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

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Susan Wright Bollinger (1957) retired after 18 years as a school counselor and taught Community College classes on sleep and dreams, and personal growth. She also volunteered 10 years for HICA health insurance counseling. She enjoys her two children and three grandchildren and loves to travel when she's not helping in her husband's tax business during tax season in Chico, CA.

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Mike Welch (1958) of Los Gatos, CA says "I was a teacher, a high school principal in San Jose (Santa Teresa and Evergreen Valley High Schools) and Legislative Director for a State Assemblyman. I am now partly retired and partly a consultant for the Silicon Valley Education Foundation and the Education Trust West. Others I've seen lately. **Phil Hernandez ('58)** taught at the University of Colorado and served four terms in the Colorado Legislature. He is now retired and lives with his wife in Denver. I recently saw **Anne Geraghty ('58)**. She is the former executive direction of Walk-Sacramento (?) and is now semi-retired and lives in Folsom, CA."

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Allyn Potts Bamberger (1960) writes: "My husband and I were on a cruise in December, and one of our stops was in Guatemala. While there we toured a macadamia nut farm, and we discovered to our delight that the owner of the farm is a graduate of Sequoia! What a small world it is! His name is **Lawrence Gottschamer (1958)** (known there as Lorenzo). He is married to Emilia, a Guatemalan woman he met there.

The macadamia nut farm was very interesting. It is a certified organic farm, and they ship their crop to Hawaii for the final processing before it is put on the market."

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Bruce Meadows (1961) lives in Santa Rosa and is semi-retired after years in the newspaper business in all sorts of capacities, including reporter, columnist, sports editor, city editor. He left the Santa Rosa press Democrat in late 2007 but still works for a small paper in Marin County and 4 days a week at a golf course in Santa Rosa. He wrote a weekly golf column for more than 25 years and made a lot of friends along the way. He has 3 daughters and 7 grandkids.

He writes: "I just had a long conversation with **Donald "Pete" Brown**, a person I grew up with in Redwood City ... he attended Sequoia High although he may have dropped out his senior year to join the Air Force. He contacted me from his home in Cedar City, Utah, and said he keeps tabs on former sequoia students via "Smoke Signals". We had a nice long talk about a lot of things."

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Michael Durand (1965) just earned his MS degree in Health Communications from Boston University. His career in the health field was primarily at Porter Novelli, where he was the founding director of its global health care practice.

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David Johnson (1970) writes: "I retired from Cal Poly Pomona after 25 years, and 30-plus years in college administration, having lived in Orange County most of that time. Moved to Mount Vernon, WA in 2009 and have enjoyed lots of volunteer work, including Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, Board of Regents at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma (my Alma Mater), Friends of the Library (President), and volunteer on-air talent at local public radio station KSVR-FM. A job opening at the Tulip Festival occurred and I applied and am now the Sponsorship Coordinator for the Festival, which runs April 1 - 30. This is our 30th year and you can check us out at www.tulipfestival.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SkagitValleyTulipFestival. I try to get by the [Sequoia] campus whenever I'm in the Bay Area...it looks good! Drop me a line at luteman74@hotmail.com."

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Bob Cooper (1972) ran in the first-ever relay across the U. S in 1973. He wrote a story for Runners World Magazine. Now, he is a full-time magazine writer and still write for them!

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Look At Me Now... **R. Frank Vitale (1944)** is a hospital,healthcare consultant in Menlo Park...

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We're Retired... **Donald Dyche (1954)** was a lawyer and now enjoys sailing, hunting, Ohio State football, and architecture, as he maintains his "mid-century Modern" flat-roofed home in Oxford, OH... **Sal DiGrande (1963)**, of Portland, OR, retired as a regional sales manager and now is interested in boating, hiking, and reading... **Dominic Gomez (1963)** is a retired Engineer in Mesa, AZ, where he enjoys old cars, boating, and travel...

The Returnable Page

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order/donate with PayPal on our Website (www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org)
or e-mail information to: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

Name _____ (_____) Grad Year: _____ Sequoia or San Carlos? _____
Last First Maiden

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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

____ Yes, I would like to receive Smoke Signals **via e-mail** instead of snail mail! Please give your name and e-mail above.

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

Information about one of our "Lost" members: _____

I'd like to donate to:

- The 2012-13 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 \$ _____
 - Sequoyah Statue 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 | ____ Cherokee Grants | ____ Archives & Display |
| ____ Athletic Review | ____ Annual Picnic | ____ Help in booth |
| ____ Special Events | ____ Merchandise | ____ Tea Garden Cleanup |
| ____ Facebook Page Management | | |

Nominees

(see article about candidates on p. 8)

Please vote for no more than 5 people.

____ Rosemary Filippi Fischer

____ Lea Schmuck

____ Sally Coelho Newman

____ vacant seat (You may write in a name below, if you

____ Ed Nordess

have the person's permission.)

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

Deadline for receiving ballots is **July 18, 2013**. Mail to the address above.

SHSAA Membership Application

Name _____ (_____)
Last First Maiden

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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

Receive Smoke Signals via e-mail or Receive Smoke Signals via U.S. Mail

*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.

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
- Tom Del Sarto Scholarship Fund
- Fred Mitchel Scholarship Fund
- Sequoyah Statue Fund

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- \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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

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Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

T-Shirt

50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton

"Sequoia, Go Cherokees"

T-3 Purple with white logo **\$18**

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 (old logo)

S-7 Sequoia Go Cherokees Logo **\$25**

Stationery

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

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

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

Memorabilia

P-1 Sequoia Lapel Pin * **\$5**

P-2 50-year Grad Disk * **\$3**

P-3 Sequoia Pen * **\$2**

P-4 Sequoia Flashlight Pen * **\$3**

B-1 Sequoia History Booklet * **\$3**

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**

Hats

H-1- Purple Baseball-style, w. embroidered Alumni Logo **\$18**

New Merchandise Items...



New Flashlight Pens, T-Shirts & Sweatshirts

Note Cards & Tiles



Shipping & Handling Charges*

\$3.00 - \$10.00 Add \$4.00
 \$11.00 - \$20.00 Add \$6.50
 over \$20.00 Add \$8.50

***except for:** P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4, B-1, M-1, N-1, N-2 and N-3, Only add \$1.50 each

Information and photos available at
www.sequoiahalumniassoc.org
 or call 650/592-5822.

e-mail: sequoiahalumni@earthlink.net

Item	Qty	Size	Price Each	Total Price
Subtotal			\$ _____	
Which picture(s) for N-3, TR, TC? _____			Shipping (see chart)	\$ _____
			Grand Total	\$ _____

Ship to Name: _____

Address, City, State & Zip _____

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

Tuesday, July 23, 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.

Don't miss the
7th ANNUAL "CELEBRATE SEQUOIA" BBQ/PICNIC
Saturday, August 17, 2013

(details on p.1 and flyer enclosed or extra page in e-mailed issue)



Sequoia

7th Annual Celebrate Sequoia

"Remember the Past...
Look to the Future"

PICNIC/B.B.Q.

Sequoia High School
Alumni Association
presents their annual fundraiser

Saturday, August 17, 2013 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

On the beautiful Sequoia Campus, corner of El Camino and Broadway, Redwood City



Sequoia

\$30 per person

Reservations are required and due by Aug. 12.

A **limited** number of tickets available at the door at \$40 per person.

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

Children under 10 years - \$20.00

Lunch will be served between 12:15 and 2:15 p.m. ONLY.

Food by:
Emergency BBQ Deli & Catering
765 Old County Rd., San Carlos, CA

Purple Patriot Award
winners being honored:
Shoko Barnes &
Mike Fabel

The Class of 1963 will be honored as our
"Golden Grads" on their 50th Anniversary!
Vintage automobiles on display!
Tour converted "Old Woodshop"!
Meet Sequoia's "Old Relics"

San Carlos Grads are welcome!

For information, contact:

SHSAA

650-592-5822

e-mail: Sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

online: www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org

Highlights include:
Campus tour **11:00 a.m.**,
raffle, silent auction,
performance by
National Champion Sequoia
Cheerleaders.

Sally Coelho Newman
650-369-1938
San1938@gmail.com

Marian Aragon Wydo
650-465-5833
Mwydo@aol.com

Make checks payable to: SHSAA

No reservations accepted after Aug. 12

Mail to: "Celebrate Sequoia"
c/o Marian Wydo 833 Clinton St. Redwood City, CA 94061

Graduate's Name: _____ (Maiden Name) _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Grad Year _____ if not a grad, state your years at Sequoia _____

Number of tickets _____ @\$30 ea. Total Enclosed \$ _____

We do not share your personal information with anyone, even other classmates, without your permission.