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

Winter 2011

5th Annual Picnic – Another Big Success

ATTENTION REUNION COMMITTEES & ALUMNI AT LARGE!

Mark your Calendars for the 6th (August 18, 2012) and 7th (August 17, 2013) Annual Picnics

We are pleased to announce that this year's annual picnic was another big success as approximately 400 guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch on a picture-perfect morning and afternoon on our beautiful campus. While the temperature was mild this year, canopies covering several tables in direct sunlight ensured all-around comfort.

Handcrafted purple and white table decorations adorned the tables. A varied menu catered by former Sequoian, **Jeremy Sowers**, of Emergency Barbecue and Catering of San Carlos, included tri-tip, chicken and pulled pork with salads, sides and desert, providing guests with a choice of everything offered or only what they preferred. As we learn and make corrections each year such as providing the canopies to protect guests from the sun, the serving of food was also streamlined,

Alumni Association founder, **Dr. Jeff Filippi**, did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies. Annual favorite, the Sequoia High School cheerleaders, dazzled and engaged the crowd with their rousing cheers. Instructional Vice Principal, **Lisa Gleaton**, greeted the guests and expressed appreciation for alumni interest and support. She then conducted an extensive tour of the campus in the morning, as did San Carlos grad and recently retired Sequoia Union High School District employee, Larry Trice, in the afternoon.

The Alumni Association honored three very special individuals as this year's Purple Patriot Award winners, **Dr. Terri Bittner**, math department volunteer; **Rich Eva**, alumni volunteer; and the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 617**, donor of the Bob Andersen Baseball Field scoreboard, for their outstanding service providing significant benefit to Sequoia High School. (Note: please see detailed article elsewhere in this newsletter regarding the Purple Patriot Award and what our honorees did to deserve

it). The Golden Grads in attendance (class of 1961) were recognized. 50-year commemorative pins were available to honor their milestone year.

Sequoia notables in attendance were former math teacher, **Robert Kirchgatter (1957–1986)**; former football coach and member of the Sports Hall of Fame as a coach, **Joe Marvin (1955–1964)**; and former math teachers **John Kreutzman** and **John Brey**.

A big thank you goes out to the committee that put this wonderful event together. Committee members were **Rosemary Alvarez, Pat Bernard, John Castro, Jack Conklin, Rosemary Fischer, Carolyn Livengood, Sally Newman, Nancy Oliver, Elena Reynick, Julie Salas, Marian Wydo** and committee chairman **Ken Rolandelli**.

We ask that classes planning reunions and classmate get-togethers to please consider incorporating your event into this one. All the work is done for you. All you need to do is to buy tickets and attend. Equally as important is that you would be supporting the Alumni Association by contributing to this vital fundraising event so we may continue to communicate with you and continue to benefit Sequoia High School with grants, scholarships and support of various high school programs, projects and activities.

This is an opportunity to reconnect with your high school. It is also a coming-together of the Sequoia community as witnessed by those participating. There are alumni, the Sequoia Boosters, the Sequoia Foundation, The PTSA (Parents, Teachers, Students, Association), Sequoia District and Sequoia High School administrators and teachers on hand for this event.

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

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

President's Message

BOB ANDERSEN FIELD FUND CONCLUSION AND OUTCOME
PLUS

INSPIRATION GROVE

GROUNDBREAKING – DECEMBER 5, 2011 • RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY – MARCH 20, 2012

THANK YOU ED NORDNESS, BILL ROYER, IRWIN HAYDOCK, DEE AND RICH EVA

The yearlong Bob Andersen Field fund drive has reached its conclusion. There is some residual income and expenses trickling in so a final accounting will be reported in the next edition of Smoke Signals. I am happy to report that gross proceeds to date are \$32,040 and expenses to date are \$5,037.62. Net proceeds to date are therefore \$27,002.38. Not included in these figures is the donation by the I. B. E. W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 617 of the new baseball scoreboard denoting Bob Andersen Field valued at \$8,000 and the scoreboard installation in the amount of \$3,060. So taking the scoreboard and scoreboard installation into consideration, the fundraising drive has grossed a total value to date of \$40,040 with expenses to date totaling \$8,097.62. Net proceeds in dollars remain \$27,002.38.

The baseball field was officially named and dedicated, "Bob Andersen Field" on August 21, 2010 at the Alumni Association's fourth annual picnic. Bob Andersen is a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame, both as an athlete, graduating in 1941, and as a coach. He is also a member of the San Jose State and San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of the most versatile coaches in Sequoia history with tenure at Sequoia between 1950 and 1980. His first love was baseball, coaching that sport from 1951 through 1964, posting a number of league championships. Sadly, as reported in the last edition of Smoke Signals, Bob passed in March of 2010.

The aforementioned fund drive accompanied the field naming project with the net proceeds slated to benefit athletics at Sequoia by helping economically disadvantaged Sequoia athletes, providing uniforms and attendance at sport camps for years to come. This seemed most appropriate, considering Bob's heart for kids.

There were two avenues for making contributions. One was to make an outright donation. The other was to purchase a brick with an inscription, a tree with a plaque or an engraved stone bench for placement in the newly named "Inspiration Grove", a stand of Redwoods outside the Business wing of Sequoia and in close proximity to the baseball field. In addition to Bob Andersen being honored, should a donor so choose,

any teacher, coach, mentor, family member or friend, could also be honored for their inspiration and lasting influence on the donor's life.

Inspiration Grove is an ongoing project so commemorating Bob Andersen or anyone else with a brick, tree or bench can still be done (please see article elsewhere in this publication). The only difference is that net proceeds will now be used for a broader purpose, primarily, if not solely, in support of Sequoia High School students and teachers.

The groundbreaking for Inspiration Grove will take place on Monday, December 5 at 3:00 PM.

Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome to do so including District Administration, Sequoia High School staff and students, alumni, members of the community, and in particular, Bob Andersen's family and those closely associated with Bob. The same holds true for the **ribbon cutting ceremony being held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 3:00 PM.** The ribbon cutting ceremony will precede the Sequoia varsity baseball game against South San Francisco at 4:00 PM. I have every confidence that Bob will be looking down and rooting for his beloved Sequoia Cherokees.

I would be terribly remiss in not thanking and recognizing some very special people who made the naming of Bob Andersen Field possible. The project to have the baseball field named after Bob Andersen began over five years ago under the direction of the Alumni Association Athletic Review Committee chair, Ed Nordness (class of 1951). A subcommittee headed by Bill Royer (class of 1938) carried the ball and worked tirelessly to have the field named. The project stalled as a result of a new policy adopted by the Sequoia Union High School District regarding the naming of facilities as well as other roadblocks, so we had resigned ourselves to just having a plaque in Bob's honor.

Then, just over two years ago, along came Dr. Irwin Haydock (class of 1956). It was Irwin's perseverance that pushed it over the line to get the baseball field named, Bob Andersen Field. A prevailing factor was the interpretation that a field was not a facility. Compelling, however, was Irwin's passion for wanting to recognize a man who had such a positive influence on his life and

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President's Message

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the life of so very many others and his ability to vocalize his passion. Bob Andersen's impact on the lives of his students went far beyond coaching. Sadly, as we lost Bob Andersen this past year, we lost Irwin Haydock as well. Irwin knew his time was short and he wanted to get this done. Shortly before he died he sent an inquiry regarding the dedication of Inspiration Grove. He certainly had the right, as he and his sisters were major donors to the project.

As president of the Alumni Association, I spoke at the August 21, 2010 Bob Andersen Field dedication ceremony. More appropriately, however, so did Ed Nordness and Irwin Haydock.

Last, but certainly not least, I must thank Dee and Rich Eva (both class of 1961) for their efforts in working through the logistics of the Inspiration Grove site and layout. Simply stated, they made it a reality, spending hours planning and coordinating and working with Sequoia Union High School District personnel.

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

LIBRARY NEWS...

Sequoia Authors

"Foothill Town," by Violet Palmer (former English teacher). Miss Palmer was a teacher at Sequoia in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s who died in 1983. One of her heirs was a former student, Barbara Bikle-Wolf, who now lives in Florida.

Barbara suggested that reading the introduction, which she wrote, explains the book. Apparently, it is about Miss Palmer's life in a small Sierra town.

When Miss Palmer died, Barbara inherited the manuscript and proceeded to publish the book at her own expense. It was not published for commercial distribution but she will sell other copies for \$15 and donate \$10 to the SHSAA.

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the book should contact SHSAA for ordering details.

Native American Collection

Jim and Jean Southward have donated "The Indian Nations of North America," from National Geographic, for the Sequoia Library.

Special thanks to **Thelma Chappelle Wheeler (1944)** for her continuing donations to the Native American section at the library. She has personally donated more books than any other alum! We appreciate your generosity and kindness, Thelma!!!

Smoke Signals

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Reunions

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

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL			
1962 - 50th '62 San Carlos Grads also invited.	Aug. 11	Marriott Hotel, San Mateo	Jack Conklin (650) 754-5089, Joan Stivetti Goering (650) 366-49044
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1978	tba		Joyce Williams Shooter, emjoyceshootwill78@yahoo.com

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

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1951 & 1952 CELEBRATED AUG. 19



1951-'52 Sequoia Reunion Committee (left):
 Back Row:L/R=Bob Gaspar, Joe Biddle, Ted Schenk, Ed Nordness;
 2nd Row:Tania (Lubushkin) Gaspar, Virginia (Davies) Biddle Mary Lou (Andrews) Graziani;
 Front Row: Paul Frehner, Marilyn (Woodward) Frehner, Al Accurso, Carolyn (Abbott) Livengood.

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The classes of 1951 and 1952 gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City for a reunion evening. To say it was wonderful would be an

understatement. The hotel provided beautiful rooms, wonderful banquet facilities, excellent dinners, and an efficient waitstaff. While having a drink and enjoying hors d'oeuvres, over 140 graduates were able to mix and renew old acquaintances. The banquet was trimmed with purple and white decorations with commemorative wine on each table. The meal included salad, three main course choices and a wild dessert. Once the DJ launched into 50's music and the Sequoia Hop, there weren't many empty spots on the dance floor. Many thanks go to our planning and serving committees for a memorable evening.

—Meb Buchanan, 1952 Class President

IT'S TIME TO SEND US YOUR ANNUAL DONATION FOR 2011

Please show your support for our programs and projects:

- Our newsletter, *Smoke Signals*, with alumni news, reunions, school events, etc.
- Other mailing, communications, Web site, and Facebook.
- Scholarships.
- Cherokee Grants to Sequoia programs, & other awards.
- Honoring notable Sequoians and community members.
- Storage locker to house merchandise, records, and artifacts.

Make your tax-deductible 2011 donation (Tax ID #94-2967009) for the General Fund to support these activities. Contributions of any amount are most appreciated. See Returnable Page on the inside back cover, or use the special envelope enclosed in the mailed issue to send your donation, or go to SequoiaHSAumniAssoc.org and use PayPal for your contribution.



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Sequoia Performs

**Visual & Performing Arts
Dates for 2011-12**

Please note:

- Unless otherwise noted, all concerts and Fri/Sat theater productions start at 7pm.
- All Sunday theater matinees start at 3pm.
- Music Concert tickets = \$5
- Theater tickets = \$10 students/seniors and \$15 adults
- All performances are in Carrington Hall on the SHS campus (unless otherwise noted)
- All music concerts include Orchestra, Choir, Bands, and Jazz Ensemble

Fall Musical: "CINDERELLA" - Nov. 18,19,20

Winter Music Concert - Tuesday, December 6th

Spring Play: "SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY" - February 24, 25, 26

Spring Music Concert - Tuesday, March 13

Dance Show - April 20, 21 @ 7:30pm

Spring Musical: "School House Rock: LIVE!" - May 4, 5, 6

IB Art Show (Date and time TBA)

"Pops" Concert and Visual and Performing Arts Awards - Thursday, May 24

Tickets: Available at the door, or contact Linda Gordon at lgordon@seq.org

Questions? Contact Jane Woodman at jwoodman@seq.org

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 of Smoke Signals via e-mail.

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

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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.

Donations

May 21 - October 25, 2011

2010-2011 ANNUAL FUND

Margaret Rauch Warnke	1945
Nina Bayer	1956
Alan Rehbock	1944

GENERAL FUND

First National Bank	
James P. McFaul Trust	
MY Credit Union	
NFL Alumni, Inc. (Northern California Chapter)	
Recology, San Mateo County	
San Mateo Credit Union	
Mildred Marcopulos Franco	1939
James Murphy	1944
James Parker	1944
Sylvia Hammer Dessert	1949
Richard Hernandez	1960

SEQUOYA STATUE FUND

Robert Bos	1951
Angie's Jewelry Store	
Rafael Flores	

CHEROKEE GRANTS

50th Class Reunion	1961
Joe Hager	1964

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN

Craig Dulac	1962
Vern William Deto	1963
Patricia Putnam Lasserot	1965
Ann Gadler Williams	1975

SMOKE SIGNALS

Ruth Estacaille Biedenbach	1942
Walter & Lois Chandler Harrington	1945 & '46
Walter Worth	1949
Joe Hager	1964
Patricia Putnam Lasserot	1965

THE FRED MITCHELL MEMORIAL MEN'S BASKETBALL FUND

Robin Fincher Toews	1952
Mike Clarkin	1956
Laura Salvi Morrison	1958
Tracey Mitchell Ardwan	1981
Laura & Kane Wilkin	1986
Joan De Brine	friend
Lisa McLean	friend
William Nicolet	friend

SEQUOIA FOOTBALL FUND: TRIP TO OREGON

Walter Worth	1949
Ed Nordness	1951

THE BOB ANDERSEN BASEBALL FIELD FUND

The Kandarian Family	
Ted Nell	1940
George Radulovich	1946
- in honor of Bob's parents, Al & Mary Andersen	
Bill Janssen	1947
& Rosemarie Arndt Janssen	1949
Walter Worth	1949
Roger Flynn	1954
Mike Clarkin	1956
Sally Coelho Newman	1956
-in memory of Irwin Haydock	
Sandra Luchsinger Ratkovich	1956
- in memory of Irwin Haydock	
Laura Salvi Morrison	1958
Class of 1961 Reunion	1961
Dee Rowan Eva	1961
Bobbye Calvalho Koeper	1961
Stephen Kyle	1961
Karen Lutke	1961
Bob & Susan Freeman Svihus	1961
Tracy Mitchell Ardwan	1981
Lonnie & Sally Hartman	
Rob & Rita Mouldin	
Jack & Sue Thompson	

THE TOM DEL SARTO BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Rolla Del Sarto	1953
- in memory of Bill Imholt, 1948	

CENTURY CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS

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

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

Gold (\$5,000)

15-year membership
Ellen Stok, C

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

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James & Eleanor Killen*
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Howard and Patricia Macway, C*
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C = Charter Member
* 2009-2010 renewal
(We apologize to any new members whose contributions reached us after the publication deadline. You will be included in the next issue.)

Donate to Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club



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

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Purple Patriot Awards

2010-11

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association's Purple Patriot Award is given annually to honor an individual or an organization demonstrating outstanding service to or providing a significant benefit directly to Sequoia High School.

Sequoia volunteer **Dr. Terri Bittner** has been the driving force behind the upper level math courses at Sequoia. By investigating requirements and developing course content and assessments, she championed the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Year 2 course, which is roughly equivalent to BC calculus. With not enough students for a full section, she has volunteered to teach the class without payment for the last 4 years. Because her teaching and motivation is so successful, she urged the department to offer a higher level course, multivariable calculus. Several of those students are underclassmen, so new courses in Differential Equations and Linear Algebra will be offered.

Terri has developed a very high level "pipeline" class of Accelerated Geometry/Algebra II Trigonometry, where students finish 2 years of traditional math in one year. She inspires the math department and student body by promoting weekly math contests and providing Sequoia Math T-shirts for students earning a perfect 6 on any lunchtime math contest.

Terri works with the Sequoia Math Department to identify promising students, determine awards, and encourage additional math competitions. Without Terri, Sequoia would not be such a leader in advanced math.

Terri was recognized for her contributions to Sequoia by being named District Volunteer of the Year in 2008. She has volunteered innumerable hours to Sequoia mathematics with no expectation for compensation or even recognition. She is the mother of 2 Sequoia graduates, with one freshman still to finish.

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Rich Eva, a 1961 graduate of Sequoia High School, has been working behind the scenes every step of the way during the Sequoia Veterans Memorial project. Although his wife Dee spearheaded the campaign, the original idea for the Memorial came from Rich.

He installs all the bricks at the Memorial as well as those in front of Carrington Hall. He also pulls weeds during each visit, keeping the area neat and tidy.

Rich is also helping on the planning of the new Inspira-



Winners of the Purple Patriot Awards for 2011 - L-R: Rich Eva, Dr. Terri Bittner, and Mark Leach, President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 617

tion Grove project at Sequoia and will be installing the bricks there.

Rich is also a community volunteer. In Redwood City, there is a new Path of History project, chaired by Dee, and Rich attended meetings and provided input with the City staff and the fabricator who made the sign posts. He also volunteers two days a week in the shop where they maintain displays and equipment at Hiller Aviation Museum.

Rich has helped set up for several of the Alumni picnics and during the preparations for Sequoia's Centennial Celebration, he helped with the first clean-up of Sequoia's Japanese Tea Garden by picking up the Sheriff's work furlough crew,

working with and supervising them, then returning the crew to the Sheriff's department later in the day.

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International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 617: At the 2010 Sequoia High School Alumni Association's annual picnic, Sequoia High School's baseball field was dedicated and named after former coach and Sequoia icon, Bob Andersen. Accompanying the naming of the field was the establishment of the "Bob Andersen Field" Fund Drive, which covered any costs associated with a new scoreboard, bearing the name "Bob Andersen Field", but beyond that, the fund was set up to benefit athletics at Sequoia by helping economically disadvantaged student athletes, providing uniforms and attendance at sport camps for years to come.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 617 donated the scoreboard having a value of nearly \$8,000. Due to the incredible generosity of I. B. E. W. Local 617, not only does Sequoia High School have a beautiful new baseball field scoreboard denoting "Bob Andersen Field", but also, only the installation costs had to come out of the Fund leaving the additional \$8,000 for the benefit of disadvantaged student athletes.

The awards are presented of the awards is at the Annual Picnic each year. The names of the awardees are engraved on the perpetual Purple Patriot Trophy that is displayed during the year in the hall case near the library.

Kudos...

"Keep up the good work. The Smoke Signals is great." –Denny Henschel

"Well Done!! The newsletter has come a long way. Congratulations." –Yoshi Minegishi (59).

Calendar

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

December 2011

5 - Groundbreaking - Inspiration Grove, 3 pm
 6 - Winter Music Concert ***
 at 7 pm, Carrington Hall
 (Adults & Students: \$5.)

January 2012

24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

February

24, 25 & 26 - Spring Play ***
 28 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

March

13 - Spring Music Concert ***
 at 7 pm, Carrington Hall
 20 - Ribbon Cutting, Inspiration Grove, 3 pm
 27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

April

8, 9, & 10 - Spring Play ***
 20 & 21 - Dance Show ***
 at 7:30 pm, Carrington Hall
 (Adults \$10; Students, \$7)
 24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

May

4, 5, & 6 - Spring Musical ***
 at 7 pm, Carrington Hall
 22 - SHSAA Board Meeting *
 24 - "Pops" Concert/Awards ***

June

26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

July

4 - Fourth of July Booth at RC Festival
 24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

August

11 - Reunion, Class of 1962 **
 18 - ANNUAL PICNIC at Sequoia
 28 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

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

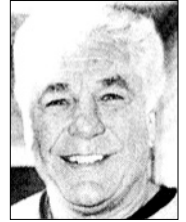
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*** See details, SEQUOIA PERFORMS, p. 5

Bob Peterson

1932-2011

Sequoia lost one of its great sports icons July 30, 2011, when Bob Peterson passed away. Bob was a terror on the Sequoia basketball court, where he was named All-League twice, and was 1949 League Player of the Year, scoring the second highest number of points in the 54-year history of the league. He continued on that tack during his College of San Mateo career, where he set a scoring record that lasted 15 years, and was again named All-League. His rebounding record at the University of Oregon lasted several decades where he was also named All-League. He was instrumental in aiding Fort Ord to win the 7th Army Championship, All-Army runnerup, and was named 1st team All-Army. He played for the New York Knicks from 1954 to 1956, until a back injury caused his retirement. He has been named to the San Mateo County and Sequoia Sports Halls of Fame.



–written by Ed Nordness, Sports Chair

Tables For Carrington Hall Lobby

The Carrington Hall lobby has three beautiful new tables that enhance the lovely benches that were previously installed. Two tables flank the entrance doors and will be used by groups selling tickets, handing out literature, etc. Another taller library-style table on another wall will be used for various displays. The tables were a gift from the



donors of the benches, Pat McMillan Pellizzari (1959) and Ken Pellizzari (1956). Tim Von Nieda of Neoclassics in Half Moon Bay created both the benches and the tables for the SHSAA Carrington Hall Committee project.



Spotlight On Sequoia

Sequoia Cross Country Teams Shine

Both boys' and girls teams qualified for the Central Coast Section championships. Also, at the Peninsula Athletic League Championships in November, 40 of the 45 runners achieved personal bests.

Under the leadership of head coach **Andrew Hutchinson**, the number of team members has skyrocketed from 8-12 runners to 50 this season.

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The Traveling Helmet

Although Sequoia's senior quarterback **James Beekley** suffered a season-ending knee injury during a 35-14 Week 1 nonleague victory over Branham, his teammates made sure he remained an integral part of the Cherokees season. Beekley's helmet went everywhere with the team, whether Beekley actually traveled with the team or not. Senior running back/linebacker Josh Lauese noticed that Beekley's helmet was nowhere to be found before the Cherokees took the field before a nonleague road game against Pinole Valley. "James is a big part of our team," Lauese said, and why he demanded that Beekley's helmet remain part of the team's rituals. "Part of him should go with us."

Coach Poulos said it was by his teammates' request that Beekley retain his captainship throughout the season, something which he says speaks volumes about the type of player Beekley is.

"Here's a kid who's a potential Div. I athlete quarterback, sometimes those kids are a pain in the butt, they start to feel like they're entitled and that kind of thing, but he's the complete opposite," Poulos said. "He's the first guy (at practice) every day and the last guy to leave, always working hard and never making a special demand." "He's a significant part of the program," Poulos said of why the symbolism surrounding carrying Beekley's helmet this season is important.

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49ers Coach Comes to Game

To amazed fans at a Sequoia game at Terremere Field, 49er Head Coach **Jim Harbaugh** sat with his daughter and watched the Friday night game. The students were thrilled to see him, and he gave a kind handshake and graciously spoke to any student who approached him.

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Soccer Coach Helps Teens Prepare

Coach **Julio Calles**, who is also Sequoia's computer technician, is a mentor who helps students prepare for the future. In his 11 years at Sequoia, Calles has always sought out and helped downtrodden students. "I tell them 'The help is there for you; you've just got to take it.' And for some reason they listen to me."

Calles played professional soccer in El Salvador. He later came to the U.S., quit soccer, and went back to school. He has an AA in IT and Network Systems from Heald College and a BA in Science and MA in Education from the University of San Francisco. He also teaches Spanish.

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Sequoia Debate Team Undefeated: Sequoia's 15-member Parliamentary Debaters team faced stiff competition at the Fall Coast Forensic League's Super Debate Tournament at Milpitas High School in November. Many other teams were well-established, some with over 100 members. Sequoia's team is just one year old. Amir Amerian, now a sophomore, founded the club. He had enjoyed his junior high debates at North Star Academy and wanted to continue his skills at Sequoia. He spearheaded a club and began recruiting members at Freshman Orientation. **Logan Billman** was undefeated in four rounds of Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas debate, and the teams of **Julia Nash** and **Ellie Singer**, and **Aaron Jacobson** and **Evan Hart** were undefeated in Junior Varsity Parliamentary. "They did amazingly well," said **Coach Kelly O'Hern**. "This is a huge accomplishment for Sequoia."

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See also "**Sequoia Performs**" on p. 5.

Sequoia Legacy Society

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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..)

REUNIONS

San Carlos Class of 1978 A reunion is being planned. Contact Joyce Williams Shooter at enjoyceshootwill78@yahoo.com.

IN THE NEWS...

Deborah McCahon Shurson (San Carlos 1969) is featured in the Summer 2001 Stanford Medicine Magazine of the Stanford School of Medicine as the "The Woman Who Fell to Earth."

In 1982, at the age of 30, she sustained tremendous injuries when her main parachute failed to open as she made her first try at skydiving. She was given less than a 2% chance to live. Yet today she is described as "radiant, with no physical signs of her staggering injuries." Her story, and her work to achieve the amazing recovery, is truly an example to all.

—See article is at <http://stanmed.stanford.edu/2011summer/article2.html>

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Former two-term **Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm (San Carlos 1977)** has been teaching a graduate course this fall at UC Berkeley called "Governing During Tough Times." It grapples with the trade-offs that governments must make in balancing budgets and adopting pro-growth job strategies in the face of globalization. In an interview she said, "What I learned is that what we're going through is structural, not cyclical and that we need economic strategies that comport with global realities. The U.S. has to wake up."



In addition to teaching at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy, Granholm is an adviser to the Pew Charitable Trusts' clean energy program. Her new book is titled "A Governor's Story: The Fight for Jobs and America's Economic Future," co-authored with her husband Daniel Mulhern.

(taken from a "Bottom Line" article by Andrew S. Ross, San Francisco Chronicle, 8/114/11.)

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Astronaut Rex Walheim (San Carlos 1980) said he was honored to be part of the crew of four aboard the final space shuttle mission in July. Two previous space flights did not dim his excitement. "The whole ride up, you're wide-eyed and just experiencing the thrill of the

G's and the incredible sights and sounds you hear," he said. "the space shuttle's had a storied 30-year career, but what I'd like to think is the space shuttle's legacy lives on."

During his three flights, Waldheim spent 24 days in space and took five space walks. Besides flying on the shuttle, he performed scientific experiments and the occasional satellite fix.

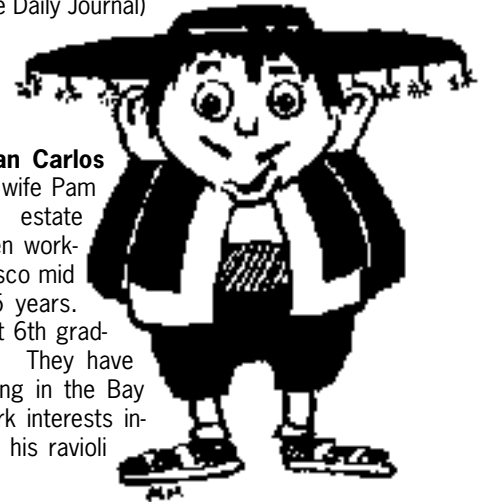
In August, Waldheim and other astronauts visited NASA Ames at Moffett Field to thank the Ames employees and their families for all the work they did to make the space flights possible.

(taken from articles in the San Mateo County Times and the Daily Journal)



LOOK AT US NOW...

Vince Cardinale (San Carlos 1967) Vince and his wife Pam are residential real estate agents who have been working on the San Francisco mid peninsula for over 25 years. They have also taught 6th graders in Redwood City. They have five adult children living in the Bay Area. Vince's non work interests include cars & cooking his ravioli & sauce.



Ann Tiedemann Piatak (San Carlos 1979) attended San Mateo Jr. College in California for Business Administration. She is now the Office Manager for Granite Hill Camping resort in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Ann started her career in business, first with a major San Francisco Institutional Stock Brokerage firm and later as executive assistant to the CFO of another Bay Area firm. This California girl has truly found her home in Carroll Valley, after moving to the East Coast in 1995.

Ann joined Granite Hill for a different work experience. Ann's tenure at Granite Hill began in 2008 as a Reservation Clerk and in 2010 she was promoted to Office Assistant. She is responsible for campground purchasing, maintaining our retail store, reservations, bluegrass festival boutique, and the behind-the-scenes administration of Granite Hill's office.

Ann lives in Carroll Valley with her husband Mike, and children Kirsten, Mickey, and Louesa, and their three dogs. Both her daughters are also seasonal employees at Granite Hill

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IN MEMORIAM

Rick Buckley	SC-1964
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Frank Carrillo III	SC-1970
Mark Bloyer Erickson.....	SC-1970
James Dana Bernier	SC-1972
Mark Denis Klebofski	SC-1977
Charles Connolly	Faculty

Rich Buckley (SC-1964) was riding his bicycle and struck and killed by a motorist in Menlo Park.

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Mitchell Davis (SC-1965), of Santa Cruz, died from brain injuries in a motorcycle accident. Known as "Sheet Metal Mitch," he worked for Ford Aerospace then Loral Space Systems in Palo Alto for 25 years in the sheet metal shop. He surfed, rode Harley, sailed, flew his Cessna 150 aerobatic plane, snow skied, water skied, and loved music. He had two children and five grandchildren.

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Bill Ferry (SC-1967) received a BA degree in photography and printmaking from Humboldt State. He was one of four partners who started a printing business; he then returned to the Bay area in 1997 and started his own business. He and his wife explored throughout the Western U. S. and Canada, and also loved Hawaii.

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Cynthia Habit Martinez (SC-69), of Redwood City, was director of R.W. Drake Preschool and also partner in "Going Out With the Habits" restaurant column. She was mother to two children and two stepchildren; she had six grandchildren.

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Frank Carrillo III (SC-1970) was a skilled jeweler and lived in the Santa Cruz mountains for 40 years.

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Mark Bloyer Erickson (SC 1970) earned a BA and MA at Cal State, Stanislaus and later an Ed. D. from La Verne University. He spent his career as Housing Director at Cal State, Stanislaus. His love was coaching track and was proud of many students who achieved outstanding records as national champions and All-Americans. He was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame and recently honored for his 30 yrs of coaching service with a plaque at the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships.

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James Dana Bernier (SC-1972) was employed by Alaska Airlines for 20 yrs and loved the out-of-doors. He loved flying and was a pilot.

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Mark Denis Klebofski (SC-1977) worked on cars, remodeled homes, and had a passion for working with computers. He received acclaim by CPU magazine for his innovative development in computer modeling and design. He took great pride in sharing his knowledge and mentoring those around him. His work under the "MKMods" label was known and respected worldwide.

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Charles Connolly taught at SCHS and coached tennis, golf, photography, and chess. In the Depression, he had worked at E.R. Squibb in L.A. and spent time riding the rails. During WW II, he was in the Army in Alaska, then training paratroopers, and finally with the occupation troops stationed in Sendai, Japan. Charles obtained an MA in Latin American history from UC Berkeley. After retiring from teaching, Charles took up watercolors and played in senior tennis tournaments.

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Alumni in the News

Four Sequoia Alumni Inducted Into Olympic Club HOF



L to R: Rich Donner, Bob Gaughran, Jim Gaughran, Art Lambert

As members of the 1957 and/or 1959 Olympic Club AAU Outdoor National Championship Water Polo teams, **Rich Donner (1954)**, **Bob Gaughran (1953)**, **Jim Gaughran (1950)**, and **Art Lambert (1953)**, were inducted into the San Francisco Olympic Club's 2011 Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize and honor individuals who have distinguished themselves on behalf of the Olympic Club. All four were

standout water polo players and swimmers while attending Sequoia High School between the years 1947-1954. Donner and Bob Gaughran coached water polo and swimming at local high schools, and community colleges. Lambert coached high schools, community college and Stanford University in Santa Clara County and Jim Gaughran had a career as the swimming and water polo coach at Stanford. Lambert and the Gaughran brothers are also members of the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame.

Rich Donner (1954) who submitted the above item writes: "I believe that the hidden story is the friendship and camaraderie that exists between Cherokee teammates, that originated in the Sequoia swimming pool over 50 years ago. Unfortunately, Boyd Mickley class of '49, passed away earlier this year. Thanks to your efforts, the bond to Sequoia remains very strong in the hearts of many."

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Art Lambert (1953) joined five South Bay sports icons that made their mark in professional, college and Olympic sports in the 2011 Class of Inductees of the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame on November 9. He was also inducted into the Olympic Club of San Francisco Hall of Fame in September. And he is the author of a book called "The Techniques of Water Polo."

Art is one of the finest and most influential leaders of the South Bay. He was a standout on the national championship water polo teams at San Jose State in 1957 and in 1959 with the Olympic Club of San Francisco. Lambert was a team captain and three-time All-America in both water polo and swimming for the Spartans.

He earned a masters degree from SJSU in 1965, while at the same time working his first coaching job at Awalt High in Mountain View (now Mountain View High) from

1963-1966, where his teams won four Santa Clara Valley Athletic League and four Northern California water polo titles, and were undefeated against all high school competition over that time period.

At De Anza College (Cupertino, CA), from 1967-73 he coached the Dons to six Golden Gate Conference and Northern California titles, and won a state championship in 1971. From 1964-1973, Lambert coached the Foothill and De Anza Aquatic Foundation water polo teams to six national AAU titles (1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1970, and 1971).

Lambert coached the 1967 Pan Am Games team to gold and was selected as head coach of the 1968 U.S. Olympic team that placed fifth in New Mexico City, and as assistant on the 1972 bronze medal team in Munich.

Lambert coached water polo at Stanford from 1974-1976, taking over a team that had been winless the previous two years in Pac-8 play, then leading the team to a national championship. He was named the 1976 Pac-8 Coach of the Year and Northern California Coach of the Year, and had a career record of 55-19 at Stanford. In 1975, Lambert took over the reigns of Stanford's new varsity men's volleyball team and promptly took the squad to Northern California Intercollegiate Volleyball Conference titles in 1976, 1977, and 1978. He also coached the 1977 Stanford women's volleyball team and won the Northern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title.

Lambert has shared his coaching philosophies in the book "The Techniques of Water Polo." From 1959-60, he served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the U.S. Olympic Water Polo Committee from 1960-72 and the AAU National Water Polo Committee from 1965-1976. Lambert is a member of the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame, the San Jose State University Sports Hall of Fame, the De Anza College Hall of Fame, and the California Community College Water Polo Hall of Fame, and the Olympic Club of San Francisco Hall of Fame.

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Eric Johnson (1969) was a co-writer and executive producer of the 2010 film, "The Fighter," starring Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale, and Amy Adams. Eric, a 1976 graduate of the School of Journalism at U.C. Berkeley, was nominated for an Academy Award for his work on the screenplay.

He was also nominated for Best Original Screenplay by BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts), the Broadcast Film Critics Association, the Writers Guild of America, as well as several other regional film organizations. "The Fighter" was nominated for a total of seven Oscars, including Best Picture. It won in the Best Support-

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ing Actor (Christian Bale) and Best Supporting Actress (Melissa Leo) categories.

(Dick Wildanger (1944)), Eric's stepfather, sent in this article.)

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Erin Lucien (1973) was featured in the S. F. Chronicle, Oct. 9 (article by Catherine Buday), with a full-page article about how he constructed a wedding dress for his daughter, despite the fact that he had never sewn before. As a longtime owner of Lucien Home Remodeling, he is used to working with wood and nails, not silk and thread. The dress took hundred of hours of sketching, sewing, and adjusted. Before cutting into the \$100 a yard silk charmeuse, Erin made several prototypes from sheets.

Besides his business, Erin has created several other projects, including a kibble dispenser for dogs, a sauna to disinfect sponges, and a giant moving dragon (powered by a car window motor) atop their home for Halloween. He also constructed the four display cabinets that are in Carington Hall's lobby.

On October 19, a segment on ABC World News with Diane Sawyer showed Erin sewing Danielle's wedding dress. There is a 30 second commercial that shows before the segment begins, and then the actual segment about the dress is about 2 minutes long. To view it on-line, go to:

<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/video/california-dad-sews-wedding-dress-14774899?tab=9482931§ion=1206833>

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Mark Adams (1976) under the stage name of Devin Powers, received awards from the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) for "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette."

(left) Devin Powers (aka Mark Adams (1976)) at the 83rd Academy Awards Preshow

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Don Goewey (1976) appeared on The Today Show in September discussing his book, "Mystic Cool" which talks about stress, which could be the next big health crisis if it's not addressed. with 40 percent of Americans chronically

stressed, now is the time for Americans to reduce their stress and keep their cool.

As a neuroscience researcher, Goewey identifies the key methods to obtaining a peace of mind. "Stress isn't something we should put off to deal with later," East Bay resident Goewey said of his research. He appeared on The Today Show with Kathy Gifford to explain his findings and provide "Stress Tips," the name of the four-minute segment.

Some tips for dealing with stress include:

- Start each day framing it in a positive light.
- take breaks.
- count your blessings.

He has worked at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University and also as an administrator at the San Mateo Medical Center. He served for 12 years as the director of the Center for Attitudinal Healing. There he worked with people who had gone through a variety of catastrophic situations, from cancer patients of all ages to parents grieving for their lost children. Then in 2000, he worked for a think tank for five years, where his job was to essentially investigate neuroscience, research funded by wealthy donors.

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Christine Sakelarios (1977) was featured in an article by John Horan in the San Mateo County Times in August telling of the Sportivo Coffee Bar (in Redwood City, on the corner of Brewster Ave. and Perry Street, between El Camino and the railroad), which she owns and operates. Chris also doubles as a personal fitness trainer. Her fully equipped gym and adjacent sports massage room are located in the same building. Chris is a local sports phenomenon. At age 9 she completed the Bay to Breakers. At Sequoia, she ran cross-country on the boys team, since there was no competitive girls team in the '70's. She was named all-South Peninsula Athletic League. She has competed in five world championships in racewalking.

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Spencer Folau (1991) was recently inducted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame. Spencer spent eight years playing in the NFL and though never drafted, played on the Baltimore Ravens' 2000 Super Bowl championship team. He was an avid 49er fan growing up. he was also a basketball player at Sequoia. After high school, Spencer played at Idaho. Besides playing for the Baltimore Ravens, he also was with the New Orleans Saints. He now helps coach the offensive and defensive lines at McDonogh School in Baltimore. He was an intern for the Green Bay Packers last season and would like to have a coaching career in the NFL.

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David Farias (2001) appeared at a "Meet the Au-

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thor" presentation at the Redwood City Library in September. His book, "Bound For Glory" shares the challenges of poor Mexican immigrants in California courageously facing human frailties. It follows his transformation from a boy raised in poverty in Redwood City to police officer. David is a motivational speaker, a mentor for kids, a sheriff's officer in San Mateo County and a self-published author.

David grew up in his hometown of Redwood City where he had to overcome poverty and street gangs. After high school, he began taking notes about his life and hooked up with his friend, Victor Esparza, a producer, to create a book and entitled it "Bound For Glory". While writing the book, David was chosen by several youth organizations to be a mentor for kids.

In 2004, David attended Foothill College where he majored on speech and communication and intercultural communication. In 2006, David was sworn as an officer for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. He was also invited in 2006 to speak to the youth around the bay area and was featured on a video for the Summer Search program. Three of his siblings also pursued a career in law enforcement.

David's book "Bound For Glory" was released for sale in 2010 and a television documentary about his story is underway.

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Gene Doucette, Sequoia teacher, who taught Industrial Arts at Sequoia from 1949 - 1957, was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, California. His father owned a garage and Gene helped him from a young age. In 1941, he was introduced to woodworking during his sophomore year at George Washington High School in San Francisco. He enjoyed it much more than the grease under his fingernails doing auto repair that he pursued his education in woodworking. His high school shop teacher convinced him to set a goal of becoming a teacher after the war.

Gene joined the Army Air Corps during WWII and then went on to graduate from San Jose State College in 1949 with a BA and a Teaching Credential. After teaching at Sequoia for eight years, from 1949 until 1957, he then changed careers and spent 36 years with Hewlett-Packard but continued to work on wood working projects as a hobby. He was married and had five children and was able to share his love for wood with them through building additions onto their home and working on furniture projects with his kids.

Since retiring from Hewlett Packard in 1993, he has spent much of his time traveling with his wife Barbara and making all kinds of beautiful furniture. Gene spends five to six hours a day making furniture for his children, grandchildren and friends. He made 600 replicas of the HP Garage

from scrap redwood reclaimed when the HP Redwood Bldg. was demolished and donated them to the Club to be sold. The last ones were given as gifts to visiting international HP retirees a few years ago. Originally Gene made his furniture from scrap wood such as pallets; he now receives over 90% of his materials from scrap pieces furnished by a friend. Today, Gene's focus on travel and wood working is a complete change from his work in Telecommunications, Inventory Control, Production Control, Master Scheduling and various other jobs during his 36 year career at Hewlett Packard. Gene currently lives and produces his furniture at his home in Los Altos, CA.

—Published May 2011 in the Hewlett Packard Retirees Newsletter

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Kay Kramer (1957) writes poetry. Here is one example of his work:

"The Beauty of Nature"

Often when I awake in the morning, I see the pretty and bright blue sky,
Coupled with the warmth of the sun that catches my eye;
Then later as I look out my living room window, I see the beauty of nature, unfold its pretty image before me,
The trees of all types show their bright green leaves;
While the grass its splendor all around the front of my yard;
And many pretty flowers show signs of a rainbow along the sides of the building in which I live,
Yet soon the Fall season will be here, and many of nature's colors will come to disappear,
But the beauty of nature will always be with us in its own way, be it summer, fall, winter, or spring I do say,
It's been that way through the earth's many years of life and will continue to grow and flourish when we're no longer here,
Yes, the "Beauty of Nature" brings warmth to my heart with every one of its elements from each day's start.

Entered into the Rhyme & Reason Works of Kay I. Kramer, September 7, 2008.

To read more of his poems, go to www.poetrystreet.co.uk and scroll to Kay Kramer. Also, look at www.poemsonly.com.

Inspiration Grove

Groundbreaking: December 5

& Ribbon Cutting: March 20

The date for the groundbreaking for Inspiration Grove has been set for Monday, December 5 at 3 p.m. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome, including District Administration and staff, students, Alumni and members of the community and in particular, Bob Andersen's family.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 3 p.m., before the Sequoia varsity baseball team plays South San Francisco at 4 p.m. Again, everyone is invited.

Memories Of Bob Andersen

Circa 1957-1961

by Bob Svihus (1961)

Boys Night could mean a lot of things to a young man in his teens. He could abstractly conjure up something to do with camping, dancing to music, attending a Boy Scout meeting of young men, or even a "get together" for the purpose of revelry. Only in Redwood City could it mean beating an opponent to a squirting blood finish by winning or losing a close decision in a boxing match.

Boxing, for heaven's sake, by teenage boys could not be good for them in this day and age! It was and would still be, if people like Bob Andersen were running the program. Oversized gloves, feeling like they weighed ten pounds apiece by the end of the second or third round were the norm. Experienced refereeing prevented undue punishment to participants in the final Boy's Night matchups.

Growing up in Redwood City didn't seem much different from any other school of middle-class economics in the post-World War II era. By the nature of a tremendous coach, teacher, and man named Bob Andersen, Boy's Night became one of the many symbols of young male proficiency, during Coach Andersen's tenure at Sequoia High School.

Just the extra training for Boy's Night, even if you were out for another sport, was always a challenge. For many young males, finding confidence is a bumpy road during adolescence. That illusive confidence a young man believes he may have can come from both positive and negative events. These events, such as bullying other kids, backseat trysts with an opposite sex acquaintance, or even settling an argument in a bare-knuckle brawl in a nearby vacant lot may have profound effects on young juveniles. However, if the event could be fully visible in a preplanned physical activity sponsored by the high school, [it] seemed so

much better than the previous mentioned negative alternatives. Self-confidence and Macho-man status have always been of varying degrees of importance to all teenage boys growing up in any city in the U.S.A. Bob Andersen knew of these young man dilemmas. He was able to continue the boxing program in regular P.E. classes every spring and build a boxing tournament around the most proficient of the qualifiers. The boxing program was open to all students in the Physical Education program.

I regret that I initially didn't get to know Bob Andersen as well as many of the other instructors and coaches when I was attending Sequoia High School. I was a swimmer, wrestler, and football player. Bob Andersen never coached me in any of these sports during my high school years. He certainly knew who I was. I felt he was ever present when I was thinking about doing dumb-ass things, as he often was heard saying or yelling at me or my young colleagues. It wasn't until later in life when I, too, became a teacher and coach of teenage boys, that what Bob Andersen said, did, and was became of greater importance. Later on, what I was saying to young people during my tutelages seemed like what Bob Andersen had been saying to me when I was one of his impressionable young men.

I feel comfortable knowing I had the opportunity to personally thank Bob Andersen (before his passing) for the contributions he made to me and the lessons he taught me about how to properly conduct myself in order to be successful.

Note: Bob Svihus was a member of the great Joe Marvin 33-game undefeated teams, later a starter on the #1 rated USC team, and then an NFL player with the Oakland Raiders, where he starred the 2nd Super Bowl as tackle and later was on the N.Y. Jets team.

Spirit Of The Seal Winners

The winners of the 2011 Spirit of the Seal Scholarships are Francesca Lampert and Elizabeth Schaffernoth, both of Redwood City and members of the Class of 2011.

These students were chosen after completing the application form and undergoing an extensive interview by the Scholarship Committee.

To donate to the Spirit of the Seal Scholarship Fund, see "The Returnable Page" and send in your donation, or become a member of the Century Club (see p. 6).

Election Report

At the Annual Meeting, the following five people were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the 2011 - 2012 term: **Jack Conklin (1962)**; **Rosemary Filippi Fischer (1967)**; **Sally Coelho Newman (1956)**; **Ed Nordness (1951)**; and **Leah Schmuck (1954)**.

At the September Board Meeting, officer elections were held. Elected to serve for the 2011-2012 year were: President, **Ken Rolandelli (1963)**; **Vice-President, Leah Schmuck (1954)**; Secretary, **Nancy Leblicher Oliver (1957)**; and Treasurer: **Sally Coelho Newman (1956)**.

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: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.)

Jack Stuart (1944) wrote: "When I entered Sequoia in 1940 I was the smallest boy in the school. I weighed 85 lbs. In each class I was the smallest and the youngest. Therefore, I didn't do much in Hi School, but after 1 year in the Navy and going into business with my older brother [Stuart Floors in Redwood City], I grew up and did much." He was asked to serve on Reagan's Governor's Survey on Efficiency and Cost Control. As a flooring contractor, he was assigned to a subcommittee to analyze the maintenance and repair of state buildings. Jack wrote the 2.5 page report that was part of the final report submitted to the governor. The Survey saved the state \$300 million. Jack has a license plate presented by Ronald Reagan in 1967; the letters say 'THANKS'. He also has a Christmas card from the governor.

In 2011, Jack was presented with the Friend of Freedom award and plaque at the annual banquet of the Idaho Freedom Foundation. He received a standing ovation. Jack has given Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech in colonial costume many times all over Idaho and attends all the meetings of many freedom organizations. He is on the membership committee of Tea Party Boise.

He says, "At age 84, there is still fire left in me!"

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Miriam "Memo" Garland (1947) writes: "First, I always enjoy Smoke Signals, especially alumni news and, sadly, In Memoriam. I received a BS from Oregon State and a Masters in Art Therapy from Loyola-Marymount. Was married briefly. Now retired and living in Long Beach, CA. My sisters Josephine and Virginia and brother Jepson all attended Sequoia before me."

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John Harlin III (1953)

"My early years were spent in the hills of Germany and the mountains of Switzerland where my father founded the International School of Mountaineering and my mother taught biology.

After Dad's death in 1966, the family moved to the United States, where my mother became a botany professor. During my teenage years I spent as much time as possible in the wilderness, including several month-long hiking and kayaking trips to the North Slope of Alaska.

Following my graduation from the University of California at Santa Barbara with a degree in Environmental Biology, I married my college sweetheart, Adele Hammond, and explored mountain ranges throughout North and South America. During that time I wrote a three-volume, 1,200-page series of guidebooks, "The Climber's Guide to North America". I also worked as a climbing guide in Colorado and launched a backcountry guiding business, Ski-Mountaineering Unlimited.

In 1987 I took on the first of several editorial positions at Backpacker magazine and later became a guest host on their PBS program, "Anyplace Wild". I also edited "Summit: The Mountain Journal" for five years as well as the quarterly magazine "Elements", from the Timberland Company, and a book, "Lost Lhasa: Heinrich Harrer's Tibet". For five years I chaired Polartec's annual grants to adventure, and for a few years longer I chaired the American Alpine Club's mountain literature award. I also served as a judge at the Telluride and Banff Mountain film festivals. Currently I'm the editor of the "American Alpine Journal" (published by the American Alpine Club since 1929) and a contributing editor to "Backpacker" magazine.

Forty years after Dad fell 1,000 meters down the Eiger, I finally climbed its north face myself. MacGillivray-Freeman Films made an IMAX movie, "The Alps," of the ascent; the film also featured Adele and our then-nine-year-old daughter, Siena, as we explored various regions in Switzerland, including Ticino. I've presented "The Alps" to IMAX-theatre audiences in seven countries, as well as to many special events on behalf of Switzerland Tourism.

New Members

(May 25 - November 3, 2011)

Sequoia

Le Roy Lawrence.....	1937
Wallace Hall	1949
Norma Lapp Makela	1955
Junie Green Collins	1956
Richard Hernandez	1960
Bobbye Carvalho Koeper	1961
Stephen Kyle.....	1961
Lucy Gomez Lemp	1961
Jo Jensen Papaleo.....	1961
Vern (William) Deto	1963
Joe Hager.....	1964
Ana Maria Nevarez Muir	1979
Kayla Bauhaus	2011
Francesca Lampert	2011
Daniel Raggio.....	2011
Elizabeth Schaffernoth.....	2011
Dr. Terri Bittner	faculty
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 617	friend

Cherokee Chatter

At Switzerland's only IMAX theatre (in Lucerne), The Alps played for over a year and was their biggest hit, ever.

Adele, Siena, and I live in Oaxaca, Mexico and Hood River, Oregon.'

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Robert Cassetta (1959)

Bob Cassetta retired in 1996 after 31 years with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. He remains active in the community, He is President and area Director of the Exchange Club of Redwood City and has been a member of the Redwood City Elks since 1984, serving recently as District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. After graduation from Sequoia in 1959, Bob completed three years in the US Army serving in Europe. After discharge from the Army, Bob went to work for Ampex Corp. in Redwood City, for three years. In 1965 he became a Deputy Sheriff for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. While serving as Deputy Sheriff, in 1976 Bob graduated from the College of Notre Dame, in Belmont, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Bob has served as board member and president of the Emeralds Hills Homeowners Association. In 1963 he married Margaret Moran (1962). He was active in the Cub Scouts and 4H while their 3 children were growing up. He served on the Elks Lodge Board of Trustees for ten years and as Exalted Ruler from 1989 to 1991. He was also State Chairman of the California-Hawaii Elks Association Drug Awareness Committee for three years and then as Americanism Chairman. And he is a member of the San Mateo County Deputy Sheriff's Association.

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Jenna Jerkovich (2006)

After graduation from Purdue University where she studied Retail Management, Biology, and Spanish, Jenna has returned to the Redwood City area and is Administrative/Communications Associate with the Financial Services Network in San Mateo. At Purdue she played Right-Side Hitter for the Purdue Women's Club Volleyball Team for 4 years. For 2 of those years, her team ranked in the top 5 nationally. She traveled with her team and also internationally to study the history of the retail industry in Europe. At Sequoia Jenna had played on the varsity volleyball team for 3 years,. She also was outstanding academically. She was one of 3 Sequoians who won \$5000 scholarships in the DemandTec Math Contest her senior year. In addition to pursuing her professional career, Jenna is an assistant coach at Paye's Performance 15s Cardinal Team at the Payes Performance Volleyball Club in San Carlos.

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From the Galvin Family:

Dear Alumni Association, We enjoy the news letter so

much! It is informative and inspirational. Reading the news about all the past and present students, and the accomplishments of the teachers, staff, and students, is wonderful. Thank you Alumni for all the support to this great school. We miss our Sequoia High School, where our four children felt a strong community of friendship, plus received their education, over a time of eleven years. We are now retired and live in Texas, and we continue to work to keep our neighborhoods beautiful, as we are involved in a neighborhood association with clean ups weekly.

Our four children love Sequoia and Redwood City, inspired by a great staff at the High School, and great families in the community. **Amy Thompson (1996)** is a Pediatrician. **Kelly Winter (1997)** is a Family Medicine Doctor. **Joe Galvin (1999)** is a Orthopedic Resident Doctor. **Billy Galvin (2001)** is working towards his MBA and employed in the world of business, and possibly teaching in the next few years.

Please pass on a big Thank You to Sequoia High School, for giving our family the love for sports, and the strong schedule to learn Science, Math, English, History, Music and an overall fine education resulting with the desire to help others and be a friend to all you meet.

—Bill and Lucille Galvin, Friends of Sequoia

Look at Us Now...

Ana Maria Nevarez Muir (1979), of Redwood City, enjoys photography and gardening... **Dr. Terri Bittner, Sequoia faculty**, also enjoys math, reading, the mountains, and skiing...

We're Retired...

Norma Lapp Makela (1955), of Lincoln, CA, was an administrative assistant at Hewlett Packard but now enjoys tap and jazz dancing, gardening, travelling, and bowling... **Junie Green Collins (1956)** of Palo Cedro, CA likes reading, golf, traveling, and visiting family and friends.... **Richard Hernandez (1960)**, of Centennial CO, retired from the U.S. Dept. of Labor and now does theater for special needs children and adults... **Lucy Gomez Lemp (1961)** was an accountant and is in Brentwood, CA... **Vern (William) Deto (1963)**, of Santa Clara now enjoys fishing and charity work... **Joe Hager (1964)** of Eagle, ID, is into football and investing...

Tea Garden Maintenance

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

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

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

We Remember...

"Never was there a more proud member of your association than **Jim (James) Mackie**, Class of 1944. Jim was so happy to be a small part of the 1943 champion football team. He loved his teammates as well as classmates. He simply loved Sequoia.

This group of people contributed to his overall well-being when he left for the Navy. Jim died two months ago. He always counted himself "lucky"—good job, good parents, two good wives, three great kids, and Sequoia.

Thank you, SHSAA."

—Terry Mackie

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Esther Fanning (1972), writes: "I had many good teachers, but Mrs. Judy Laumets was the best teacher I ever had. She was in charge of the F.E.A.S.T. program, along with Ray Doherty and Glenn Michelson. I had her as a teacher for the 11th and 12th grade. She was most likely the reason I graduated. She was gentle and kind, but tough as she needed to be. Her son graduated a year or 2 ahead of my class, so most students called her "Mom Laumets." We stayed in touch through the years with Christmas cards and notes. A couple years back cards stopped coming. I just did a web search and found her obituary."

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Art White wrote: "**Bob Andersen** was my first brother-in-law my sister provided (in addition 2&3 which were both unsuccessful). I met Bob in 1944 and knew him well thereafter. He was a gunner on a Moffet blimp during the WWII. After the war, he started San Jose St. graduated and went to Griff. Went to work as a teacher. I knew him during that time and we both hunted ducks and fished together and got along real well. When dollars got scarce when he left the Navy, the marriage between him and my sister went sour. He then met Myrt; she was the light of his life until her death. He was at Sequoia until he retired as a P.E. teacher.

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Glenn Reeves, Columnist wrote in the San Jose Mercury News, 4/511:

It was a double shock. The death of **Bob Andersen** on March 16 was followed by the death of **Fred Mitchell** on March 20. The passing of those two Sequoia coaching icons brought to mind the fabulous sports dynasty that took place at the school during the 1950s and '60s. It was quite a different era.

"When you tell people today you had to take boxing to graduate, they look at you very strangely," said **Gary Beban**, Sequoia's most celebrated athlete of that era who went on to win the Heisman Trophy as a quarterback at UCLA. "You had to box three one-minute rounds. By the

third round you were hoping to get knocked out, your arms would be so tired."

Boxing was virtually outlawed everywhere else on the scholastic landscape by then following a death in college boxing in 1961. But at Sequoia it not only thrived, but it also was a requirement for all red-blooded young boys. And that was due to Andersen, a boxing enthusiast and former Navy champion who instituted Boys' Night at Sequoia.

"There would always be a packed gym for Boys' Night," said **Paul Savoia**, a Sequoia student in the 1960s who went on to a career in sports journalism. The local newspaper, the Redwood City Tribune, routinely covered Boys' Night, a big event in the town. A boxing ring was set up in the gym, and the top boxers from Sequoia physical education classes, winners of elimination rounds that took place daily during the lunch hour, would have their moment in the spotlight.

Andersen coached a variety of sports at Sequoia from 1950 to 1980. At different times he coached baseball, football, basketball, swimming, water polo, golf, tennis and, of course, boxing. Last year the baseball field at Sequoia was named in his honor, Bob Andersen Field.

It was a glorious era for Sequoia athletics. The football team, coached by **Joe Marvin**, had a 33-game winning streak, a San Mateo County record that still stands. "My freshman year, the Sequoia offensive line was bigger than Cal's or Stanford's," Beban said. "I didn't play football my freshman year. Bob was the one who convinced me to try out as a sophomore. He was a very special person in my life. He was more of a teacher than a coach, always had time to talk through the tough issues, the important things in life."

Mitchell followed Andersen as the basketball coach. Ravenswood, led by **Nate Branch**, **Charles Lowery** and **Milky Johnson**, "the first Michael Jordan," according to Beban, was a basketball power in the South Peninsula League. Sequoia, with Mitchell coaching and with Charles Johnson, who went on to star at Cal and in the NBA, playing a starring role, beat out Ravenswood and put on a memorable show at the Peninsula Basketball Tournament against O'Dowd at Stanford in 1967.

Mitchell also impressed with his ability as a player. "Fred was a cool coach who could play," said **Bill Harke**, another Sequoia student who went on to a career in journalism. "We used to look forward to watching the Sequoia faculty play. I remember when they played the KYA Wonders. Fred must've scored 25 points. To a 14-year-old kid, he was a superstar. Fred was a great guy, you wanted him to be your older brother. Between C.J. and Fred everybody loved the basketball team."

Another "Helio" Story...

Here is another story about the Helio Lamp. It is a different version than the previous information about the Helio Gabolus Lamp that has been published in Smoke Signals. **Jo Ellen Southward Bork (1954)** has submitted her father's version, written in 1992.

"HELIO"

by **Joseph Southward (1934)**
written in 1992

At Sequoia High School there was a custom. One of those ideas handed down.

One day, in the late spring, the "Helio Galampas" would be handed ceremoniously by the Senior class to the Junior class. Now you say, "What the devil is a 'Helio Galampas'?" Why, anyone knows Helio is Latin for light. So the contraption was a Japanese lamp. A high school Latin class name, as you may see, 'lamp' is in the name.

Now no self-respecting Sophomore is going to let those Juniors get the helio, so there is commenced some hullabaloo. There would be a big lot of boys at this giving-away. Of course a big Soph would try to pose as a Junior.

Well this day, Sandy Ferguson and Don Hirsch were Sophs and somehow they got the lamp. Hell fire, man, to keep the thing ain't easy, so run in a big bunch. Of course some boys can't run far and the numbers drop, one by one. So Sandy has the Galampas and is starting to run out of wind. Our house was a mile from the school and Sandy was in danger of being caught. Sandy says "So what I gonna do?" So Sandy knew where I lived and Mom was in the yard. So Sandy demanded Mom hide the lamp in a pleading way. Mom was kind of not sure about this sudden change of events. But Sandy had to get rid of that lamp and seconds were fleeting, so Mom, not knowing really what to do, hid the lamp.

Well Sandy and Don ran a bit more and were finally wore out and got caught, but no lamp. Later that day, the Helio was reclaimed, and big thanks to Mom for her unrecruited help. So anyway, the Sophs got the lamp for a two-year period.

Now that was a lot of years ago, more than fifty. I just wonder, is there still a Helio? Sandy is gone.



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.)

- Kenneth Anderson 1946
- Elizabeth Palmtag Mobley 1947
- Eleanor Anderson 1951
- Dionne Darius Borup 1951
- Colleen Smith 1951
- H. Greig Fowler 1954
- Jerry Hart 1959
- Karen Heidhoff Milliken 1959
- Richard Natenstedt 1960

- Nancy Callis 1961
- John Marcella 1963
- Sharon Rinaldi Stewart 1965
- Cameron Stewart F.S. 1965
- Lisa Lanning Brewer 1979
- 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,

LOOKING FOR

Alice Coltharp Dean commented on the Sequoia Alumni's Facebook page:

"I was hoping to ask a question of alumni /staff if they knew my grandmother **Mary Loise Flynn (1930)**? She wrote the class song. She wrote in her biography that she wrote the song in the yearbook, but my search at the Redwood City Library showed no 1930 yearbook."

Does anyone have any information about the 1930 class song? If so, please contact SHSAA.

Here's a fun challenge for "old" Cherokees

Steve Chell (1959) writes: "I received an email from **Jim Johnson** of Peoria, AZ, who contacted him through our Sequoia '59 reunion website. Here's the gist of his inquiry, along with a photo he sent"

From Jim Johnson: "I'm restoring a 1950 delivery truck and it has a logo for Indian Cleaners on it with an address of 1425 Woodside Road. I know the car spent all its time in CA, and the only Woodside Road I could find was in Redwood City. I believe the address would place it near the Paladino Market (now Gray's Paint), and I was wondering if you remember the cleaners being there?"



"The car was purchased in Reedley CA a few years ago. Also on the side on the truck is a phone number EM 6-9019. I found on another website that that exchange was used in Redwood City in the 50s.

"I'm located in Peoria AZ. The nphs stands for North Phoenix High School. (Graduated in 1958). I have a website www.nphs.us and I help classes search for the classmates for their reunions."

—Jim Johnson jim1958@nphs.us

Steve says: "I'm sure Jim would love to hear from anyone who can provide some background info for him about "Indian Cleaners." But be sure to cc me, 'cause I'm really curious, too! "

—Steve Chell, Sequoia Class of 1959 SeaChells@mcn.org

If anyone has any information about the sign, please contact both Jim and Steve, and also cc. sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.

In Memoriam

SEQUOIA

Leonie Morinan Boccignone	1933
Kathryn Morris Andrews	1936
Arthur N. White	1937
John DeFranco	1938
Paul Silva	1938
Henry Roman	1940
Hughson Mooney	1940
Norma Orecchia Brambills.....	1941
James Edward Fagan.....	1942
Patricia Johnson Nugent	1942
Eno Barbitta.....	1943
Bernice Marcoupulas Dadaos	1943
Louena Falk Ross	1943
Jeanne Toner Ames	1944
Warren Day.....	1944
James E. Hegarty	1944
Georgette Bos Lawrence.....	1944
Cecilia O'Donnell	1944
Kenneth Sjoberg.....	1944
Mary Ferguson Solomon	1945
Lois Riley Hartnett.....	1947
David Leslie	1947
Rodman Paige Moak.....	1947
Joyce Bevilockway Romero	1947
Victor W. Chung	1948
Bill Imholt.....	1948
Mary Ellen Counihan Lutke	1948

Edmund Mahany.....	1948
Jerry Milner.....	1948
Irving Priest	1948
Margaret Kenemer Truesdell.....	1948
James Wakefield	1948
Robert Vitale.....	1948
Ann Thayer Earl.....	1949
Roland Giannini.....	1949
Bob Peterson.....	1949
John C. Geddes, Jr.	1950
Barry Geller	1950
Joan Riechs Kambestad.....	1950
Joseph Edward Kelly.....	1950
David Powell	1950
Byrdie Henschell Stevenson	1950
Elmer Zimmer	1950
Virginia Hill Priest.....	1951
Camilla Golboy Geddes.....	1952
Barbara Hesselein Jessen	1952
Alan David Marks.....	1954
Thomas Newman.....	1954
Robert John Chastain.....	1955
Lorraine Alaux Passman.....	1955
Irwin Haydock	1956
Barbara Koch Silverstein.....	1957
Diane Craig Walker	1957
Angelo D'Amico.....	1959
Manuel Leo Gabriel III.....	1959 (?)

Robert "Bob" Mesaris	1959
Wayne Kingsford-Smith	1959
Wayne Dowling.....	1960
Paul Thomas Jensen.....	1960
Martha St. Clair Parker	1960
Bonnie Pattersen.....	1960
Thomas Lee Engebretson	1961
Janine LaMoy Lepe.....	1961
William D. Lepe.....	1961
Judy Palino Neal.....	1961
Larry Gerald Smith	1961
Kathleen Kasberg Zertuche	1963
Joseph Burciga.....	1964
Peter Kell.....	1965
Robert James Perrin.....	1965
Mary Perez Close.....	1969
William "Be" Stone, Jr.	FS-1969
Alvia Thomas Lamb, Jr.	1970
Peter B. Hluchyj	FS 1971 (?)
Pamela Jo Lax	1971
Peter La Berge.....	1984

FACULTY

Robert E. Sutter.....	P.E. & Drivers Ed (1957-59) & football coach
Ben Parks.....	Wrestling Coach

SAN CARLOS HIGH

See "Dons' Doings" on p. 10

SEQUOIA

Henry Roman (1940) Owned and operated Roman Heating & Air, WW2 Navy veteran, president of Palo Alto Golf Club, and volunteer for Meals on Wheels

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Patricia Johnson Nugent (1942) had a brief military career in the 84th WAC Hospital Company. She worked for the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office for 20 years and later became a travel agent.

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Eno Barbitta (1943) owned Roy's & Hoot 'N' Toot Cleaners locally, competed at a high level in softball leagues with Bob Spillers, Bill Royer, & Hank Gingrich.

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Louena Falk Ross (1943) A talented organist, choirmaster, and social director, she worked with severely autistic children at Napa State Hospital. She was very active in the Colfax Chamber of Commerce & The Salvation Army,

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Jeanne Toner Ames (1944) A Stanford graduate, she was a major influence in the area of child custody of divorced parents, and was instrumental in changing how courts deal with families involved with separation and divorce. She began a child custody mediation system statewide that was adopted nationwide. She was Director of Family Relations, and Family Court Services in San Francisco.

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Georgette Bos Lawrence (1944) was office manager for the Sequoia District, & Sequoia District Teacher's Association, where she retired in 1991, after 30 years.

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Jerry Milner (1948) served on Glendale's Civil Service Commission, City Council, and two terms as Mayor, all during a period of tremendous growth in the area.

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Robert Vitale (1948) took an active role in the Berlin Airlift as member of the Army Air Force, & worked at TRW Space Systems for 35 years. He was a member of the TRW Track Club, and was a nationally ranked runner.

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Edmund Mahany (1948) As director from 1964, until 1992, Ed's impact on parks & recreation in Roseville was huge. Many of today's programs are a result of his work. A 157 acre park bears his name. He earned 42 titles in Masters Track & Field, & 9 times Masters All-American. A member of Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame.

William Inholt Jr. (1948) after graduating from Stanford, he served three years during the Korean War. He was later in sales & management in the cement industry, and served as mentor-coordinator for Bill Gates Foundation Achievers' Program.

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Irving Frederick Priest (1948) served as Redwood City policeman from 1951 to 1978 and had a successful tax preparation business until his retirement in 2009.

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Roland Giannini (1949) After graduating from San Jose State, he served in the Korean War. He worked in the San Mateo County Assessor's office as an appraiser. Later, he was promoted to Chief Appraiser in 1972. In 1978, Roland was elected County Assessor, an office he held for 15 years. He served 8 years as Redwood City Planning Commissioner, & contributed to the growth of the County Historical Museum.

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Bob Peterson (1949) A three sport star a Sequoia, and later a star basketball player at CSM & Oregon University, he established records at both schools that lasted for many years. Bob was the first basketball player in county history to play in the NBA, and is a member of the San Mateo County and Sequoia Sports Halls of Fame.

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Elmer Christopher Zimmer (1950) taught in the South San Francisco School District for 40 years, named first mentor teacher in the district, specializing in Art & US history.

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John Geddes Jr; (1950) a Marine Korean War vet, involved in the landing at Inchon. He was one of the few survivors of Frozen Chosin, & three time expert marksman for the Corps. He retired from Ford Motors, then spent two years in Ghana with Kaiser Aluminum.

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Irwin Haydock (1956) A UC Davis Ph.D in Zoology prepared Irwin for a career in Marine Biology. He served on the California Coastal Commission, Southern California Coastal Water Research Project, Orange County Sanitation District, Marine Monitoring Program, and a member of Governor Pete Wilson's California Science Advisory Committee. He was active in increasing Southern California wetlands, & was a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame.

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Inspiration Grove

Is there a teacher you would like to thank for their inspiration and encouragement, who had a positive and lasting influence on your life? The Sequoia High School Alumni Association asks you to honor any teacher, family member, or friend (they need not have attended or taught at Sequoia). You can purchase bricks, trees or engraved benches for placement in Inspiration Grove, a stand of redwoods outside the Business wing of Sequoia, off the student parking lot, in close proximity to the baseball field (Bob Andersen Field).

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

To purchase a brick, tree or bench, please complete the form below and send it with your check for \$100, \$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

Brick/Tree/Stone Bench Information: Please allow a space for word breaks and periods. Please print and indicate capital and lower case letters with a maximum of 20 characters per line.

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

Your name _____ Phone _____

Address _____
 # and Street City State ZIP

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Dee Eva, Phone 650-368-4800 E-mail: dee@deeva.com

In Memoriam

Continued from previous page

Barbara Koch Silverstein (1957) Founder & owner of Studio S Broadway Academy of Dance in Redwood City for 31 years, she helped numerous children enjoy & be comfortable dancing.

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Wayne Dowling (1960) He was a Community Friend for the Alliance for the Mentally Ill in San Mateo County and was involved in enriching lives & accompanying them in their daily challenges.

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Paul Thomas Jensen (1960) taught for 33 years in San Jose and was a realtor in South Lake Tahoe.

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Robert Perrin (1965) worked in juvenile probation for the state of New Mexico and formerly juvenile and adult probation with San Mateo County. He helped thousands of children during his career with endless acts of kindness.

SEQUOIA FACULTY

Robert E. Sutter (1957-59) Sequoia line coach during the early growth of Joe Marvin's great football teams (a streak of 33 games without defeat). Considered a tough coach who helped develop young men by increasing their talent and helping them enjoy sports.

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Ben Parks After a successful coaching career at Menlo Atherton High School, he spent several years heading the wrestling program at Sequoia.

OTHER SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOLS

Did you know that there are several other Sequoia High Schools in the country? Here are some found by

Tom Goethe (1961):

- Sequoia High School Everett, WA 98201
- Sequoia High School Visalia, CA 93291
- Sequoia High School Tabernacle, NJ 08088
- Sequoia High School Merced, CA 95340
- Sequoia High School Pasadena, CA 91104
(found on a web site for a university named University High School of International Theological University. They have an independent high school as part of their university named Sequoia.)
- Sequoia Charter High School Mesa, AZ 85204
- Sequoia High School Canton, Georgia, 3011
(Sometimes shows up as Sequoyah)

THANK YOU FOR MEMORABILIA

Many thanks to the Ross family for sending material that belonged to **Louena Falk Ross (1943)**. There was a graduation booklet for 1943, a 50-year reunion booklet, and a wooden graduation scrapbook.

The Returnable Page

Return this page to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, 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

____ Please contact me about the SHSAA **Legacy Society's** planned giving.
____ Enclosed is my business card & benefit to members, for SS ad @ \$50/issue \$ _____
____ Yes, I would like to receive Smoke Signals **via e-mail** instead of snail mail! Please give your name and e-mail above.

I'd like to donate to:

- The 2010-11 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 \$ _____
- Sequoia Veterans Memorial \$ _____
- Books by/about Sequoians Collection \$ _____

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:

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

SEE THE ALUMNI HOLIDAY TREE AND CAST YOUR VOTE!

Many groups have decorated holiday trees in various locations in downtown Redwood City. Our own Sequoia H. S. Alumni Association tree salutes all the graduating classes since the first class in 1898! It is hung with mortarboards and diplomas for each class. Visit the tree at 801 Middlefield Rd. (corner of Broadway), near the entrance to the Century movie theater.

People can vote for their favorite tree and the winners receive prizes. Ballot forms are available at www.hometownholidays.org, but you must deposit your ballots at any of the locations shown on the map on that page. Vote until Dec. 19 at 5 pm. Winners will be posted on Dec. 21.



SHSAA Membership Application

Name _____ (_____)
Last First Maiden

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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

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

*My interests/hobbies are: _____

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

Type of Membership:

1) SEQUOIA: Class of _____ Graduate ____ Former Student (not graduate) ____

2) SAN CARLOS: Class of _____ Graduate ____ Former Student (not graduate) ____

3) _____ Faculty/Staff (years _____) 4) _____ Friend Of Sequoia

_____ GIFT from: _____

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

I would also like to donate to:

\$50 per lifetime membership:

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

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Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

All Shirts Reduced! WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

T-Shirt — LIMITED SIZES

50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton

T-3 White Shirt, Purple Logo **\$5**
Sizes: M, XL only

T-4 Purple Shirt, White "SEQUOIA
 Go Cherokees" **\$18** *NEW!*

Sweatshirts — LIMITED SIZES

50/50 Cotton/Poly., 9 oz.

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

Hats

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

Memorabilia

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

Stationery

- N-1 Small Notecards (set of 5) * **\$8**
- N-2 Large Notecards (set of 5) * **\$10**
- N-3 5x7 Notecards - on watercolor paper,
 suitable for framing * **\$8**

New Merchandise Items...

(see page 24)

Note & Designer Cards

Tiles

New T-Shirts

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:** B-1, P-1, P-2, P-3,
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Ship to Name: _____			Shipping (see chart)	\$ _____
Address, City, State & Zip _____			Grand Total	\$ _____

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New Merchandise Items

Note Cards

Packaged in sets of 5 (1 of each scene)
Small = 3" x 5" • Large = 4" x 5"
Designer Card: One scene on Watercolor paper, 5" x 7" (suitable for framing) Specify scene. Photos for cards are: Argo Tower, the El Camino Gate, Carrington Hall, Tea Garden, and Sequoia Seal.



Tiles

Trivet (1) 6" x 6" – specify scene. Coasters, set of 4 (1 of each of the 4 scenes), measuring 4" x 4"
Photos for trivet and coasters are: Argo Tower, El Camino Gate, Carrington Hall, Tea Garden.



New T-Shirt

Enjoy our new "SEQUOIA Go Cherokees" tee-shirt, purple with white writing. Available in M, L, XL, and XXL.

