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including the alumni of San Carlos High School

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6th ANNUAL PICNIC – ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

ATTENTION REUNION COMMITTEES & ALUMNI AT LARGE!

Mark your Calendars for the 7th Annual Alumni Association Picnic - August 17, 2013

Redwood City's motto, "Climate best by government test", proved true again this year as the grounds in front of Sequoia High School's main building were filled with gleeful alumni attending this year's annual picnic. With nearly 400 sign-ups, guests enjoyed a delicious barbecue lunch with a variety of choices to suit varied tastes. Former Sequoian, Jeremy Sowers, of Emergency Barbecue and Catering of San Carlos, catered the event. Comforted by the shade of trees and canopies and the sounds of background music provided by Hayward Audio, former classmates and friends reconnected with each other and their beloved alma mater.

Alumni Association founder, **Dr. Jeff Filippi**, did an outstanding job as Master of Ceremonies as did Spirit of the Seal Scholarship chair, Paul Sanfilippo, as he roamed the audience with a remote microphone having guests share their remembrances of their high school days. The Sequoia High School cheerleaders gave a wonderful performance with their rousing cheers and dazzling routines. Administrative Vice Principal, **Sean Priest**, greeted the guests and expressed appreciation for alumni interest and support. He also conducted an extensive morning tour of the campus featuring both old and new.

The Alumni Association honored two very special individuals as this year's Purple Patriot Award winners, **Don Milhaupt**, former Instructional and Administrative Vice Principal and **Mayela Ramirez**, Parent Center Coordinator, 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 1962) 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 teacher John Brey **(1962 – 1990)**.

A big thank you goes out to the committee that put this wonderful event together. Committee members were **Rosemary Alvarez, Pat Bernard, John Castro, 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 fund-raising 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, student groups, 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 on **August 17!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SEQUOYAH STATUE PROJECT – HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN!

Please join me in supporting the Sequoyah statue project. The statue will be a gift from the Sequoia High School Alumni Association to Sequoia High School. This has been on our radar for a little over ten years. We have solicited for it in the past and have collected a few hundred dollars in support of it. But now we begin in earnest to make it happen.

A couple of years ago, former board member, John Castro, enthusiastically agreed to be the project leader. John began contacting highly qualified sculptors for bids on both a bronze bust and statue. One of John's contacts is an artist in Oklahoma named Daniel HorseChief. Daniel HorseChief was commissioned for the 2009 Tahlequah Oklahoma Northeastern State University's Founders Day Celebration to design and create a statue of Sequoyah, which stands in front of Seminary Hall, the oldest building on campus (see photograph at the end of this column). The bronze statue is entitled "Sequoyah, The Gift." The Alumni Association has chosen this sculptor and a smaller scale near replica version of the piece created for Northeastern State University.

Over the summer, the SHSAA Board of Directors held a special meeting on the Sequoyah statue project where we formalized the selection of Daniel HorseChief's proposals and defined what we consider to be a meaningful and doable project. The Board's action authorized a project for a minimum 3 to 4 foot statue (that will sit on a pedestal) from \$14,000 to \$25,000, size depending on the amount of funds raised over a period of time, with an option for a larger size if more money is raised. The Board's action also directed placement of the statue to interior locations of Sequoia High School considered not only to be prominent but that will also lend dignity to the statue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

BOYS' NIGHT AT SEQUOIA

Photo courtesy of Al Accurso (1951)

Boys' Night at Sequoia was a much-beloved and annually-anticipated event. It was a father-son event, and often dad was introduced not only to the event, but also the campus.

An elimination process prior to the actual event meant that the two best boxers at each weight limit were going to box that evening. Each boxer fought three two-minute rounds, with Bob Andersen acting as Referee, and with three judges and several Seconds available for the evening. The proceedings began at 8 p.m., with a ten-minute intermission midway through the program. Between 10:30 and 11:00 p.m., awards were presented to the winning boxers, along with the prestigious "Al Andersen Outstanding Boxer" Award.

Bob Andersen's father, Al, originated Boys' Night in 1928, and this special event continued until 1979. It was not unusual to have guest celebrities. The 1934 Boys' Night included former World Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie.



Sequoia Annual Boys' Night Out, 1950. Left to right: Bob Andersen, Dick Leal, Vernon Burgess, Floyd Bumbaca, Ron Henry, Paul Amaya, L.J. Julian, Dick Bender, Alton Julian, Al Accurso, Alvin Julian, Coach Costello.

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MISS PALMER'S BOOK AVAILABLE

"Foothill Town," by Violet Palmer (former Sequoia English teacher)

Miss Palmer was a teacher at Sequoia in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s who died in 1983. After retirement, she had written a manuscript about growing up in the small Sierra town of Tuolumne.

When Miss Palmer died, one of Miss Palmer's former students, Barbara Bikle-Wolf, inherited the manuscript and proceeded to publish the book at her own expense. The book sells for \$20 (plus shipping), and Barbara has generously donated some copies to SHSAA so that all proceeds from our sales come to the Association.

You can order the book on the Merchandise Page near the back of this issue.

New Members

(June 26 - December 5, 2012)

Sequoia	Nicholas Zmay 2011
Chester Lau..... 1949	James Beekley..... 2012
Henry Mock 1949	Don Milhaupt.....faculty
Ed Laine 1950	Mayela Ramirez.....staff
George Lau..... 1951	
Denise McMillan 1956	San Carlos
Karry D. Fosgett..... 1966	Karen Phillips Middleton
Jim Fouse 1968 SC-1962
Barbara Hansen Winsor .. 1972	Karen Lutke SC-1971

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.

NEW WEBSITE ITEMS

Check Them Out!

Check our website, sequoiahsalumniassoc.org if you have not visited it lately. You will see the following additions: a video showing the Sequoia cheerleaders in action; photos of the 2012 alumni picnic, some with high profile personalities featured; the date of the 2013 alumni picnic; some of the auction items that were sold at the picnic; and a link to the Sequoia football website! There is also a link to the history of Sequoia and Estate Planning information for gift giving. Take a look!

Spirit of the Seal Scholarship Award Winners for 2012

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce the 2012 winners of its "Spirit of the Seal" scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each to **Francisco Gallardo – Ramirez** and **Sarah Singh**. This scholarship is awarded annually to one or more graduating Sequoia High School senior students to assist them with their academic pursuits.

Francisco Gallardo – Ramirez will be attending Notre Dame in Belmont, California this fall and Sarah Singh will be attending the University of California at Berkeley. Sarah was featured in an article on June 8, 2012 in the local Daily Journal where it was mentioned that she

was a straight A student, IB diploma candidate and active in clubs such as Anti-Human Trafficking and Rwanda Schools for Schools.

Adopted by the 1925 – 1926 student body commissioners, the Sequoia Seal symbolizes the spirit of Sequoia. It is in the "Spirit of the Seal" that this scholarship is both offered and awarded. A committee consisting of 3 to 5 people, headed by Spirit of the Seal Scholarship chair, Paul Sanfilipo, having received a written letter of application from the student/s, written recommendations from teachers, administrators, community leaders, etc., and having reviewed established criteria, makes a recommendation to the Sequoia High School Alumni Association Board of Directors as to who should be awarded the scholarship.

The "Spirit of the Seal" scholarship is paid after the student graduates from Sequoia High School. Scholarship funds are paid directly to an accredited school of higher learning of the student's choice.

See the returnable page near the end of this newsletter should you wish to make a donation to the "Spirit of the Seal" Scholarship Endowment Fund or see the Century Club article elsewhere in this newsletter for an ongoing donation opportunity.



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FS = Former Student
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Sequoia Legacy Society – Estate Planning – How Planned Giving Benefits You

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

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

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

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

CENTURY CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS

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

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

Platinum (\$10,000)

Lifetime membership
Joe & Virginia Davies Biddle

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(We apologize to any new members whose contributions reached us after publication)

Donate to Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club



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

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PURPLE PATRIOT AWARDS 2012

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. Recipients' names have been engraved on the perpetual Purple Patriot Trophy that is displayed during the year in the hall case near the library.

Don Milhaupt

For over 30 years, Don inspired students, teachers, and others at Sequoia. He has held certificated positions of Special Education Teacher, Student Activities Director, and General Education Teacher. His administrative positions included Instructional Vice-Principal and Administrative Vice-Principal.

Don was an advocate for all Sequoia students, contributing to campus order and safety, supporting students from all backgrounds, encouraging their strengths, gifts, talents and needs, and uniting all Sequoia students through his loyalty to UNALIYI (a place of friends).

He coordinated the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation committee study and report when Sequoia was given "triple winner" status as a California Distinguished School, Title One Achievement School, and listing on Newsweek magazine's top high schools in the U.S.

As Instructional Vice-Principal, Don supported and encouraged both new and veteran teachers, recognizing their talents and achievements while providing constructive criticism to guide teachers to achieve their personal best for themselves and their students. As Administrative Vice-Principal, he showed consistent care for individual students, and chose appropriate consequences for the best interest of the student and the student body. As facilities chair, he worked with building and construction personnel both within and outside the district, and with school personnel, parents neighbors, and community representatives. He is now using his talents as Administrator of Registration at the District Office.

Quietly and often anonymously, Don did good things for

kids every day. Don is highly regarded and respected by students, teachers, administrators, parents, and staff. He represents to all the true Spirit of Sequoia!

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is happy to present the 2011-12 Purple Patriot Award to Don Milhaupt.

Mayela Ramirez

Mayela is a very important person to the Hispanic community at Sequoia. She helps parents by translating and gives them the tools to help their students in school.

She is always available to be present at meetings with a teacher or staff. She encourages families to become involved with school activities. She helps teachers with home calls. She helps find P.E. clothes and other items the family might need. She often works past regular school hours to assist Hispanic families.

In the late 90's, when Mayela's sons were at Sequoia, she was a parent volunteer. She started a volunteer tutoring program in her home, supported by the Sequoia District. In 2000, the school opened the Parent Center, with Mayela as coordinator. There, she breaks down barriers, so that Hispanic parents feel comfortable going to her office.

She wants to help everyone, make people feel good, help people understand more. She does this with great enthusiasm, with a smile on her face, and with encouragement to not give up but keep on going. Mayela demonstrates the true Spirit of Sequoia.

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is happy to present the 2011-12 Purple Patriot Award to Mayela Ramirez.

THANKS TO OUR PICNIC DONORS

We are so grateful to all who donated items for our picnic raffle and silent auction. We also thank all attendees who bought tickets or bid on the items.

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Sequoia 1956 Reunion committee
Sequoia Federal Credit Union
Viva La Musica
Whole Foods Market

Spotlight On Sequoia

Save the Date—Mar. 2, 2013, for Sequoia Booster Club's Annual CRAB DINNER! Dinner (antipasti, garlic bread, salad, pasta, & crab), Drinks, Auction, and Raffle will benefit Sequoia's Sports Programs. Doors open at 6 pm Cost: \$60 per person. Check the web site at Sequoia High School for more details.

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April 13 is the date for the next Annual Sequoia Stamped put on by the Boosters. Check out the Sequoia High School website for more details. All ages are welcome to the race.

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Sequoia is looking for Girls' and Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Coaches!

Our kids need you! Sequoia's lacrosse program had a fantastic 2012 inaugural season and is looking to keep the momentum going in Spring 2013. If you, or anyone you know, has experience playing or coaching lacrosse (or just loves Sequoia's Athletic Program) - WE NEED YOU! This is a great opportunity to make a difference and enjoy being part of an up and coming team.

Lacrosse season runs from February 1 - May 15, 2013 with practices daily. There is a generous stipend paid in accordance with the teacher's contract and we are willing to work around your schedule when setting practice times (am or pm). Both teams have a strong parent support group in place to assist you in any way.

Contact Kurt Campbell (kconconstconsult@hotmail.com) or Karen Wray (kkwray@comcast.net) for more information.

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16 German students and their teachers were at Sequoia October 14-21. These students shadowed their hosts each day..

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The Sequoia Cheerleaders were recently featured in newspaper stories and on television news. One young woman, Angel Gonzalez-Prado, who was born with a serious spinal condition that left her paralyzed in both legs since birth and is confined to a wheelchair, is a prominent part of the cheerleading squad. She has made local



history by being the first to cheer from a wheelchair. She practices with her fellow cheerleaders about four times a week and performs all of the rhythmic upper-body cheer movements. You can see a video of the cheerleaders performing at our picnic at www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_qkaPQ4p6Y&feature=youtu.be

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The Sequoia Speech and Debate Team is a competitive speech and debate team that is a member of the National Forensics League, California High School Speech Association, and California Coast League. Members receive education that enhance their public speaking, argument development, persuasive, researching, and technical debating skills. Students have the opportunity to compete against other high schoolers both locally and nationally. The team strives to develop the skills within students that they will use for their entire academic and professional careers.



Note: In Sequoia's early years, Debate was the most popular and best attended activity! At the August picnic, the debate team had a table.

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Sequoia Class of 2014 is raising money for its graduation week activities and Safe-And-Sober Grad Night by selling Sequoia Stadium Seat cushions. They measure 14" x 14" x 1.5" and feature the Sequoia Unaliyi in white on a purple background, and have a carry handle. Check them out, and more items at SequoiaPTSA.org.

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U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan was at Sequoia High School in Redwood City to kick off a back-to-school bus tour highlighting the challenges the nation's education system is facing. The "Education Drives America" bus tour took Duncan from Silicon Valley to Washington, D.C. Along the way, he made stops to talk with students and educators about technology, scholastic achievement gaps and college affordability. Duncan watched a music video produced by Sequoia High students titled "Promise of Tomorrow" before hosting a panel discussion featuring Salman Khan, educator and founder of Kahn Academy, an online education platform that offers more than 3,000 free educational videos. Duncan praised Sequoia High School for its academic improvement, its graduation rate and high percentage of college-bound graduates. "It's no coincidence that we started here," Duncan said. "This is an amazing school."

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In October, the Leading Education by Advancing Digital (LEAD) Commission, a non-governmental organization exploring the opportunity to use technology to improve education in the United States, hosted the LEAD Symposium on Technology in Education at the Stanford Graduate

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School of Business. In its first major event since launching in March 2012, the organization convened an elite group of education, technology and policy leaders to discuss the current barriers and emerging opportunities associated with the adoption of technology in K-12 education. The event was co-sponsored by the Stanford Graduate School of Business Center for Social Innovation and the Stanford University School of Education. "Technology in K-12 education can transform the teaching and learning experience in our country and improve the opportunity to learn," said U.S. Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan, who has supported the work of the LEAD Commission since its inception. "Thoughtful collaboration is a great way to spread the advantages of learning technology as widely as possible."

The LEAD team visited the Sequoia campus as part of the symposium.

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In the fall, Secretary of State Ann Duncan visited Sequoia to promote the Lennon Bus Project. Sequoia students created a special video. The Lennon Bus is a hi-tech mobile recording studio that includes Pro Audio, HD video recording, the NewTek TriCaster 850 Extreme and the TodoCast-provided satellite system. The bus was built 15 years ago as part of an agreement with from Yoko Ono, and has traveled across the U.S. and Canada offering free workshop and tours at schools, stores and music festivals.

This year, the U.S. Department of Education and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan is on board for his third tour. The bus made several stops in Silicon Valley Sept.

7 to Sept. 12. Students from Sequoia High School in Redwood City, CA produced a music video on the bus that was screened at the conclusion of the five day tours. Black Eyed Peas musical director Printz Board helped the students complete the video project along with the Lennon engineers. The bus also stopped at Stanford University for the LEAD (Leadership, Education, Action, Development) Symposium. Check out the video made by Sequoia students at <http://www.lennonbus.org/live>. Warning- there is no video until 6 minutes and 19 seconds. The video of the program at Carrington Hall starts at 20:41.

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Journalism students at Sequoia High School publish a monthly newspaper called "The Raven Report". You can buy a home subscription for \$15. More information is available on the school website: www.sequoiahs.org/?id=1056#1739. You can also read it online for free at www.issuu.com/ravenreport/docs/issue1_12-13

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The Sequoia Football Team was in the Division 1 CCS Playoffs and made the Semifinals this season. The successful team finished the regular season with an overall record of 8-2.

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Sequoia Robotics Team 4475, Purple Reign, took 1st place in a November competition in San Jose! After 6 games, they were ranked #5 and were then selected by a top team to play with them in the semi-finals, where they won. They will be moving on to the Northern California Regional Tournament in February.

Calendar

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

January

22 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

February

22, 23 & 24 - Spring Play "The Odd Couple" ***

26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

March

2 - Booster's Crab Feed (see Spotlight on Sequoia)

19 - Spring Music Concert - Bands & Jazz Ensemble ***

20 - Spring Music Concert - Choir & Orchestra ***

26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

April

13 - Annual Sequoia Stampede (Race)

19 & 20 - Dance Show ***

23 - 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.)

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

** See details, REUNIONS, p. 15

*** See details, SEQUOIA PERFORMS, , p. 17

May

3, 4, & 5 - Spring Play "Our Town" ***

22 - "Pops" Concert/Awards ***

28 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

June

23 - Plaque Dedication at San Carlos HS site, 11 am. (p. 10)

25 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

July

4 - Fourth of July Booth at RC Festival

23 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

August

17 - ANNUAL PICNIC at Sequoia

27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

Dons' Doings

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

Reunion

San Carlos Class of 1978 : The 35th reunion is being planned. Contact **Joyce Williams Shooter** at emjoyceshootwill78@yahoo.com or **Suzy Soteriou** at suzy.soteriou@sbcglobal.net

New Members

Welcome to two new members from SCHS:
Karen Phillips Middleton.....SC-1962
Karen Lutke.....SC-1971

In the News....

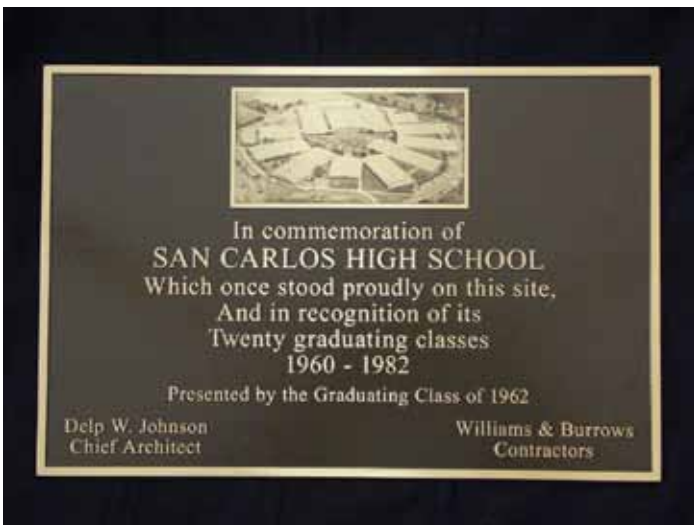
From a San Jose Mercury article dated 10-16-12 announcing nominees for Canada College Hall of Fame for 2013:

Keith Comstock, baseball: A former San Carlos High standout, **Class of 1974**, Comstock played six years with the Minnesota Twins, Seattle Mariners, San Diego Padres, and the San Francisco Giants. In 1976, Keith struck out 22 batters in a game against Marin College while pitching for the Colts. He was a fifth-round draft pick of the California Angels in 1976. He is a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame and is currently the Texas Rangers pitching rehab coordinator.

New Plaque June 23

San Carlos High's first graduating class (1962) recently held their 50 year reunion at Sparky's Hot Rod Garage. At that event they unveiled this plaque, which will be dedicated on June 23 at 11 am near the first field off Melendy Drive. All graduating classes will be invited to the dedication.

A huge bolder has been selected at Lyngso and a firm in Colma will embed the plaque.



Look at us now

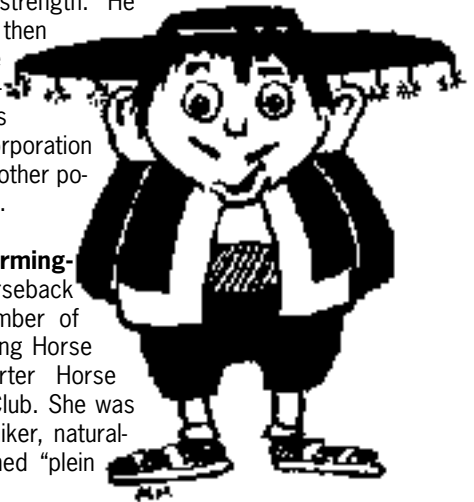
Karen Phillips Middleton (SC-1962), of Redwood City, was an office manager. ... **Karen Lutke (SC-1971)**, Redwood City, was a law librarian.

IN MEMORIAM

- Robin McCaffery Smith..... SC 1963
- Robert Wayne Amundsen..... SC 1964
- Edith Hinman Duncan SC 1965
- Carolyn Schmidt Warmington SC 1965
- Robert William Bold..... SC 1972
- Jeffrey Roy Jones..... SC 1972
- Gregory S. Baker SC 1977
- Christina Marent Hodgins.....SC-1979
- Mary "Nikki" Warren secretary

Robin McCaffery Smith (1963) earned her cosmetology license and was an accomplished seamstress, sewing Nutcracker costumes for a ballet company and all her daughter's costumes for school plays.

Robert Wayne Amundsen (1964) took part in track & field and football, along with climbing ropes, where he was called "Popeye Arms" for his upper body strength. He studied art in college, then joined the Air Force. He worked in telecommunications as a systems technician at ROLM Corporation in Santa Clara, the had other positions in different fields.



Carolyn Schmidt Warmington (1965) loved horseback riding and was a member of the Central Coast Reining Horse Assn., American Quarter Horse Assn., and the Sierra Club. She was an avid bird watcher, hiker, naturalist, and an accomplished "plein aire" artist.

Jeffrey Roy Jones (1972) received an MBA in Accounting from Westminister College in 1979. He had an increasingly debilitating disease but remained warm and upbeat. He had an incredible memory for details of events.

Gregory S. Baker (1977) was the founder of Heaven on Wheels Limousine Service in 1985 and became known as the "Limo Guy." He was also a life coach and mentor to anyone who knew him, and who was always helping others.

Christine Marent Hodgins (1979) was an important member of the Sacramento art community, showing in galleries such as the Art Foundry, The Temporary Contemporary, and most recently, the Morris Graves Museum in Eureka. She worked in drawing, painting, printmaking, and large-scale sculptures. She earned a degree in foreign languages from CSUS and taught English-as-a-Second Language for 20 years. She was a world traveler and lover of foreign cultures.

San Carlos Staff

Mary "Nikki" Warren was school secretary for over 20 years at both San Carlos and Menlo Atherton High. She loved to sing and was active in several church choirs.

ELECTIONS 2012

At the Annual Meeting on August 28, results of the ballot for the election of Board of Directors for 2012-13 were given. Congratulations to **Pat Schath Bernard (1944)**, **Carolyn Abbott Livengood (1952)**, **Nancy Lebkicher Oliver (1957)**, **Ken Rolandelli (1963)**, **Caroline Cameron Scutero (1957)** and **Marian Aragon Wydo (1964)** who were elected by your mailed ballots to serve another two-year term on the Board of Directors of SHSAA.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments as President Ken Rolandelli and other chairs gave a brief overview of SHSAA and its various activities. The meeting was then adjourned and the regular Board meeting was held.

Officers Elected

At the September 25 Board Meeting, officer elections were held. Elected to serve for the 2012-2013 year are: President, **Ken Rolandelli (1963)**; Vice-President, **Leah Schmuck (1954)**; Secretary, **Nancy Lebkicher Oliver (1957)**; and Treasurers: **Sally Coelho Newman (1956)**.

THANK YOU TO JOHN CASTRO

John Castro (1960) had served on the Board for over six years. Although has now retired from the board, he will continue to be active in the Association and serve as chair of the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee that holds many cleanup days in the garden, and also of the Sequoyah Statue Committee.

Lost Members

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

- Mary Myers Foote 1937
- Richard W. Rodrigue 1940
- Eleanor Johnson Davis 1941
- Nancy B. Roberts 1943
- Marie Jamello Hoover 1944
- Kenneth Anderson 1946
- Elaine Straver Bannister.. 1948
- Robert Butler 1949
- Edward C. Antognoli 1950
- Colleen Smith..... 1951
- Liz Fuentes Jones..... 1953
- H. Greig Fowler 1954
- Mark Risso..... 1954
- Leonard Preader 1955
- Robert Simpson 1958

- Cathy Silver Moen 1960
- Suzi Hawkins Earle 1962
- Betty Hyde Paris 1965
- Carolyn Trumbull Parnell.. 1965
- Georgett Esque Cummins 1966
- Dwaine Idleman 1966
- Stephen A. Ivanoff 1966
- Judith Flaherty..... 1967
- Margaret Powers Johnson 1969
- Larry Castro 1970
- Pamela Page Gatlin 1970
- Cecile Lewis Wilson 1976
- Susan Burr McBrayer..... 1979
- Stephani Lauren 1994
- Jason Hess 1998
- Sherry Jones..... 1998
- Nirshila Chand..... 2001
- Lisa Bushner 2003
- Helen Navarro 2004

THANKS TO THE FOOTBALL TEAM FOR HELP AT THE PICNIC

Dear Coach Poulos:

On behalf of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, I thank you and the members of the football team so very much for the outstanding job done with the setup and takedown at the August 18 Sixth Annual Alumni Association Picnic. Specifically we thank Daniel Serrano, Angel Lopez, Gerber Aguilar, Julian Bertero, Skyeler Pierce and Ed Tatola.

We just had our post-picnic critique meeting last week and the comments were gushing with appreciation for the enthusiastic and unwavering support as well as the courtesy extended by these young men. It was a pleasure having them as our guests for lunch. We hope they enjoyed it.

—Ken Rolandelli, President, SHSAA

DO WE HAVE YOUR E-MAIL?

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

Please send us your e-mail address, either via our e-mail address, sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or mail via the Returnable Page, on the inside back cover of this issue. If you send the address via e-mail, please be sure and give your name, and if possible, your membership number, which is on the top of your mailing label on Smoke Signals. That will help us to find you in the database!

Having your e-mail is a great help if we have to contact you, especially if you move and we have no current address! Also, many members receive the electronic version Smoke Signals via e-mail.

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

Receive Smoke Signals Via E-Mail

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

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

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

Contact us at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net to be put on the e-mail only list.

IF YOU MOVE...

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tax-deductible donations should be sent to:

**Sequoia High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 2534
Redwood City, CA 94064-2534**

Sequoia Veterans Memorial Carrington Hall Inspiration Grove
 Brick Tree Engraved Bench

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

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

Your Name _____

Address _____
and street

City State ZIP

Phone _____ E-mail _____

James Austin Sisney

1944 Remains Found of Our 1942 Alumnus

For 63 years the body of James Austin Sisney (1942) lay on a remote Pacific island, visited only by the natives who live near the mountain where the Redwood City man's Marine bomber crashed during World War II. Sisney and six other crew members died April 22, 1944, when their twin-engine plane slammed into a cliff face during a night training mission above Espiritu Santo, the largest island in the South Pacific archipelago now known as Vanuatu.



A military report on the crash disappeared amid the confusion of war, and the whereabouts of the plane became a mystery. Some families thought it had gone down in the ocean. They didn't learn the truth until several years ago, when a persistent relative of one of the crew members discovered the crash site.

Tech. Sgt. Sisney finally returned next week to San Mateo County. A portion of his remains were buried with full military honors at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, underneath a headstone he received after he was reported missing in action and presumed dead.. James received his long-overdue honors when a group of Patriot Guard Riders escorted his casket – containing a uniform, medals and two pieces of his right arm – from the airport to a Sunnyvale mortuary. A ceremony for the entire crew took place in October at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.



James Sisney spent the first years of his life in Livermore. The family later moved to Redwood City, and James graduated from Sequoia High School in 1942. Marguerite Richardson, 88, was a member of that graduating class. She remembers him as a tall, quiet redhead.

James joined the Marines in December 1942 at age 17.



He was sent to the Pacific theater, where he became part of a bombing squadron known as the Seahorse Marines. He was just 19 when his PBJ-1D, a version of the B-25 bomber, failed to clear the summit of a mountain that rises more than 3,000 feet above the beaches of Espiritu Santo. Maj. John Palmer, commander of the aircraft group, learned of the wreckage a month later. He and a team of men, guided by natives, made the arduous hike up the steep, tangled mountainside to examine the plane. "It obviously exploded upon impact, instantly killing all personnel, and then burned," Roberts wrote in the report, unearthed more than a decade ago by a former Marine pilot, Dan Bookout. The team found human remains and buried them near the wreckage, which over the years was engulfed by the jungle and forgotten by all but the natives, for whom the wreck remained a piece of local lore.



That's how it stayed until 2007, when a Texas man, Craig Anderson, and his wife, Kim, clawed up the mountain with their daughter and son-in-law and a handful of native men. Anderson had begun researching Kim's late uncle, 2nd Lt. Walter B. Vincent Jr., in 2005. He eventually tracked down Bookout, who had come across the bomber that carried both Sisney and Vincent while investigating a different crash in the area. "I remember thinking, if I was to find the location of this plane, I'd just have to look at it," Craig recalled.



That determination yielded the exhilarating moment in early June 2007 when the Andersons glimpsed a rusty propeller sticking out of the underbrush. Identifying numbers on the plane proved they had found the resting place of Vincent, Sisney and their comrades. When they returned, they contacted the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in Hawaii, the military outfit responsible for tracking down missing servicemen and -women. The command excavated the site, and DNA samples confirmed the identities of the crew.

—from the San Mateo County Times/
San Jose Mercury News

Alumni in the News

On October 1, **Kenny Ortega (1968)** was honored at a program at the Fox Theater in Redwood City. Kenny's many achievements as a choreographer and director were featured. Although a last-minute schedule change did not allow Kenny to be there in person, his sister accepted the award in his name. Here is a brief summary of the highlights of Kenny Ortega's star-studded career so far.



An Emmy Award winner, Kenny Ortega in the 1990s and 2000s has become the most celebrated choreographer and helmsman of filmed and live musical stage shows in America, choreographing some of the most famous dance scenes in film and producing live sports ceremonies and other extravaganzas. Ortega arguably has become one of the most influential pop culture purveyors in show business.

Kenneth John Ortega was born April 18, 1950, in Palo Alto, CA to Octavio and Madeline Ortega, a factory worker and waitress, respectively, who raised him in Redwood City in a distinctly musical household. At age 14, he won a job with a touring production of the musical "Oliver!" After graduating from Redwood City's Sequoia High School, he had a part in a San Francisco production of the counterculture musical "Hair" for two years, followed by a three-year stint with the touring production. Next, the local rock band The Tubes asked him to choreograph an avant-garde stage show for their upcoming tour, which was seen by mass audiences, as warm-up acts for the most stage-show-intensive acts in the business. Ortega then worked with Cher's stage show, then with

Billy Joel, Elton John and Diana Ross. In 1980, Ortega worked with the song-and-dance legend, Gene Kelly as the choreographer of "Xanadu," featuring singer-actress Olivia Newton-John. Ortega later choreographed Madonna's "Material Girl" video, among others. He worked on a succession of '80s films, starting with "St. Elmo's Fire", "Pretty In Pink" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off". Ortega's signature was most evident on "Dirty Dancing" (1987). Disney tapped Ortega to direct and choreograph "Newsies, and the horror-comedy "Hocus Pocus" (1993), which included Bette Midler. Next, Kenny worked with Michael Jackson on "Dangerous."

In 1966, Ortega's new peak was the extravagant 30th anniversary halftime show of the Super Bowl XXX, with Diana Ross. He reunited with Jackson to design his "History" World Tour that summer. Then he choreographed the opening ceremony of the centennial Olympiad in Atlanta, GA.

Ortega career continued with TV work such as "Chicago Hope" "Ally McBeal", and "Grounded for Life", for which he would earn an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Choreography" in 2001. He directed 12 episodes of "Gilmore Girls". In 2002, he returned to the Olympic stage and to the Emmy Awards, earning three nominations for his stewardship of the XIX Winter Olympic Games' opening and closing ceremonies, and winning for Outstanding Directing for a Variety, Music or Comedy Program and Outstanding Choreography.

A few years later, Ortega was back at Disney, with "High School Musical"; the DVD sold 1.2 million copies in its first six days, becoming the biggest selling DVD release of a TV movie in history. "HSM" also won the Emmy that year for Outstanding Children's Program, with Ortega himself taking home his third Emmy for Outstanding Choreography. He then did the sequel to its successful "Cheetah Girls" TV movie. Ortega and the "HSM" cast returned the next year with "High School Musical 2", then "High School Musical 3: Senior Year" He also served as the stage director for the show portions of the theatrically released "Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour.

Ortega's other jobs included choreographing the "dancing fountains" outside hotelier Steve Wynn's Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas, and being the artistic director of the high-tech visual masterpiece "The Lake of Dreams" at Wynn's hotel.

In spring 2009, Michael Jackson worked with Kenny on Jackson's "This Is It" comeback tour; at Jackson's sudden death, a grief-stricken Ortega paid his respects by directing a universal feed of Jackson's star-studded, music-packed memorial service at the Staples Center

LOOKING FOR

Julia Frisch (San Carlos, 1964) asks for information about a woman named **Barbara Ladevia** who probably married a man named **Greg Morse**. She was probably in the Class of 1962.

Carol Ann Reitmeier (Carlmont, 1964) wrote: "Greetings from a 1964 graduate of Carlmont High School who attended Kindergarten in South San Francisco with a 1964 Ravenswood High School graduate. I have not seen **Beverly Wright** for SIXTY years and wish to send her a greeting." [Even though Beverly graduated from Ravenswood, someone may know her. Let us know if you have that contact information.]

Anyone knowing contact information for these people should contact SHSAA.

Alumni in the News

which was watched by 31 million people in the U.S. alone. With the Jackson family's consent, Kenny took stock of the 100 hours of rehearsal footage, and footage of the "This Is It" tour rehearsals was cut into a film, showing Jackson and the other performers recreating his classic video dance productions such as "Thriller" and "Beat It," as well as offering a the public a rarely scene private side of the King of Pop.

These are only some of the highlights of Kenny's illustrious career so far. He continues to "wow" us with his wonderful creations that we all enjoy.

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Sequoia wrestling coach **John Peavler (1989)** has taken a team that was at the bottom of the Peninsula Athletic League for the better part of a decade and is quickly making noise in wrestling circles.

It's not the first time Peavler and Sequoia wrestling have made news. A 1989 graduate of Sequoia, he was a four-year standout for the Cherokees, twice placing in the top six at the Central Coast Section meet and twice qualifying for the state meet. He went on to become a Junior College All American at Skyline and finished up his wrestling career at Fresno State.

Since taking over as coach last season, he has already made great strides. Last season, Matteo Porcedda became the first Sequoia wrestler in 19 years to qualify for the state meet after a third-place finish at 171 at CCS.

Peavler, along with a number of other PAL coaches, is proving girls can be just as successful. . . It already

appears female participation in wrestling is growing. Peavler said he, along with some other coaches on the south Peninsula, started a club program last year and are developing a feeder system for Sequoia, Woodside and Menlo-Atherton, among others. Peavler is already seeing an increase in female interest. "We had a clinic at McKinley Middle School this past Thursday," Peavler said. "We had 17 girls and maybe nine guys out there."

—San Mateo Daily Journal 2/9/12 by Nathan Mollat

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The December issue of The Spectrum (magazine of Redwood City) featured a local family of dancers. **Shari Silverstein McLeod (1983)** is the director, choreographer, and co-owner of Studio S Broadway, an independent, family-owned business with a unified vision of fostering an environment for all dancers to grow and thrive as performing artists. Shari is the daughter of the late **Barbara Koch Silverstein (1957)** and her husband Stan. Their whole family has been dancing since they were young. Now Shari and her husband John McLeod own and operate the studio. Aside from teaching dance lessons, Shari and John have worked in show business in other ways. John toured as a featured singer and dancer with Mitzi Gaynor and has starred in several musical productions. Shari has choreographed the opening ceremony for World Cup Soccer USA and the Super Bowl and has appeared with Arielle Page, Jossette and Tower of Power, Chita Rivera, and John Carradine. Shari's three daughters are also professional performers.

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			
1963 - 50th	Aug. 16-18, 2013	Save the Date! More info. next issue	Diana Koeper Threlkild dianakoeper@yahoo.com h=925-785-2161; c=925-829-1739 Elena Rossi Reynick, gusgus46@aol.com h=650-365-5974; c=650-714-1748
SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL			
1968	Sept. 2013	TBA	Suzy Barnett Soteriou, suzy.soteriou@sbcglobal.net or Joyce Shooter Williams, joyceshooterwill78@yahoo.com

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ANNUAL "FOOTHILLS" REUNION BBQ PICNIC
All classes gathered Oct. 6 in Sun City, Lincoln Hills for a wonderful day. Thanks to Jane Middleton Tutalak ('55) and Leah Schmuck ('54) for chairing the event.

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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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A new website called "Sequoia High School Class of 65" shares pictures with other classmates. It features a Remembrance Album with pictures of the last alumni picnic and of their 45th reunion. Check it out at <http://sequoiahighschool65.shutterfly.com/?toaddress>.

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.)

TWO "BEAUTIES" FROM THE CLASS OF 1937

Elvira Lopez DelCortés (L) and Hazelle Seaberg



Mills at the picnic. Hazelle writes: "Thank you again for the wonderful day. I so enjoyed seeing the lovely decorations on our 'Picnic Area.'"

You all work so hard. I lived near campus all my years in R.C. and ended up working for Asst. Supt. Bunting – retiring from Sequoia Dist. in 1979. No wonder I refer to Sequoia as my 'family.' We all attended in the family– Mills & Seaberg–Ken, Wayne, son Ken, and sister Mildred. Wish I lived nearer so I could help but wouldn't leave beautiful Northern Calif. [Redding]."

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Joan Brady Smith (1952) writes: "After a career as an educator in northern California (high school teacher and counselor), I've tried many things on Maui. At the age of 60 I took up art and now work for and display my art with the Lahaina Arts Society located under the historic Banyan Tree in Lahaina. I also work with corporate incentive groups during the winter and spring months. Life is good." Joan is also known as Koana!

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Rich Donner (1954) sent: "I thought you might be interested in including the attached photo to serve as an example of the everlasting friendships that have been created amongst former Cherokees."

Left to Right:
Dr. Louis Knaf-la, Art Lambert (both 1953) and Rich Donner (1954)



All three reunited at the Creston Golf Club in Creston, Canada, BC on September 28, 2012 for a round of golf. Lou, a noted author and retired professor from the University of Calgary, lives with his wife Maggie in Creston. Art, former

Water Polo coach at Stanford and Volleyball coach at Notre Dame University, lives with his wife Mary Jo in Sand Point, Idaho. Rich, former Water Polo and Swimming coach at the College of San Mateo, lives with his wife Emilie (Newman- Sequoia '55) reside in Redwood City.

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Jerry Hart (1959) writes: "Your summer publication 2012 listed me as 'missing in action.' To the contrary, I am still alive and well. Presently I reside with my oldest daughter in the Sacramento area. Retired since 2000, I enjoy golf, grandkids, gardening, and just being a pain to those who love me the most. My love for the game of basketball continues, but has been narrowed from coaching to providing advanced scouting reports for my friends. Special thanks for whoever remembered this old man to report him as lost but not forgotten. I enjoy your publication and wish all my old friends many happy days."

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Thanks to **Leone Rodriguez** for sending the next three items she found on the internet:

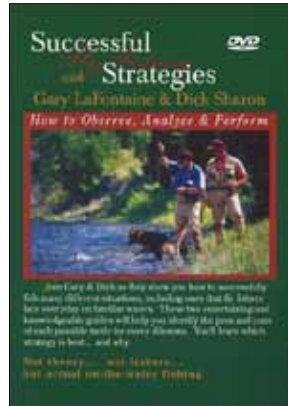
1) **Reeve Williams (1960)** is happily retired after many years of teaching Behavioral Science in middle school and high school. Reeve is a graduate of the College of San Mateo and the University of California at Santa Barbara (1965). He was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia from 1965 to 1967, and then worked in the Washington, D.C office of the Peace Corps in the office of Volunteer Selection for two and a half years before returning to school at Antioch-Putney. He had an "internship" at Hanover High School then moved into full time teaching until his retirement. He and his wife enjoy traveling and are both active in the community and enjoy working on improvements to their house in Vermont and taking photographs for local weddings.

2) **Rosemary Sedillo Glatt (1965)** was the first in her family to get a high school diploma. She went on to be the first in her family to attend college where she earned an A.A. degree in Business from San Mateo Jr. College. The daughter of farm workers and from a Spanish-speaking family, she learned early on to navigate the Mexican world at home and her American world at school. In 2000, Rosemary obtained her B.A. degree in Psychology and Sociology, continuing to build on the family's values of hard work, a love of family and community and keeping the heart and mind open to the struggles of women, children and families. Because of the agency's political and social advocacy for the education and care of children, Rosemary joined the Kidango Board of Directors in 2006. Over the years

Cherokee Chatter

she has held positions that included national recruitment of minorities at Stanford University, research and evaluation of bilingual education in schools, and 16 years working on San Jose Unified's federally mandated school desegregation case, one of only seven nationally at the time.. Rosemary finds inspiration from Cesar Chavez's statement "the end of all education should surely be the service to others."

3) **Richard Louis Sharon (1968)** What do you do after you leave Major League Baseball? If you are Sequoian Dick Sharon, you move to Montana and go fishing. Dick has taught fishing skills and led numerous fishing expeditions. With a fellow fisherman, he made 2 volumes of DVDs that teach fishing - "Successful Fly Fishing Strategies" by Gary Lafontaine and Dick Sharon.



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Wednesday, May 22nd

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Dia Samuelsson (1969) says: "I heard through friends on Facebook, that I was "missing" in the newspaper? I am alive and kicking, and still in Sweden, where I've lived 33 yrs."

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Look at me now.....

Larry Fosgett (1966) is a mechanic in Redwood City. ... **Nicholas Zmay (2011)** is a student at Sacramento State and enjoys construction, cars, and rugby. ... **Francisco Gallardo-Ramirez**, of East Palo Alto, is a sales associate at Best Buy and really enjoys sports. ...

We're retired ...

Chester Lao (1949) of Honolulu, HI was a geologist. ... **Henry Mock (1949)** of East Palo Alto was a pharmacist ... **Ed Laine (1950)** of S. Lake Tahoe was a photographer. ... **George Lao (1951)** of San Mateo was a Chief Financial Officer, and now enjoys fishing, bike riding, and golf. ... **Denise McMillan (1956)** lives in Aptos and retired from the U.C. Santa Cruz bookstore; she likes the history of Santa Cruz County, hiking, local travel, and Giants baseball. ... **Jim Fouse (1968)** enjoys fishing, his R.V., and travel. ... **Barbara Hansen Winsor (1972)** of Redwood City was a math tutor and now enjoys music, sports, and nutrition. ...

All-Star Teams

Sequoia All Star Football Team 1941-1951			Sequoia All Star Football Team 1930-40		
Championship Years 1943, 1945 & 1946			Championship years 1931, 1933 & 1938		
Position	Player	Class	Position	Player	Class
End	Bob Peterson	1948	End	Leo Le Roy	1931
End	Don Brandenburg	1943	End	Jens Bugge	1931
Tackle	John Mirande	1946	Tackle	Bob Taylor	1936
Tackle	John Duzanica	1943	Tackle	Gail Sterling	1937
Guard	Vern Sterling	1943	Guard	Jim Bloxham	1936
Guard	Bard Berry	1946	Guard	Lee Sterling	1933
Center	George Davis	1943	Center	Corky Shicora	1939
Back	Ivan Allain	1945	Back	Willie Silva	1936
Back	Lee Bloxham	1942	Back	Ernie Quilfelt	1938
Back	Jim Yaeger	1946	Back	Jack Roche	1935
Back	Jim Walen	1943	Back	George Junkers	1932
<i>Honorable Mention</i>			<i>Honorable Mention</i>		
Ends - Bielenberg (1941), H. Mason (1941), P. Bozzo (1943), Clegg (1944), J. Bozzo (1943)			Ends- Kniveton (1933), Marchals (1935), Galvin (1939), Carillo (1940)		
Tackles - Cozad (1942), Briggs (1950), Hovig (194-)			Tackles - Farasyn (1933), Zehner (1935), Rhoda (1932)		
Guards - Farrell (1943), Barnes (1943), Condos (1949), Schott (1949), Centers - Miller (1946), Weber (1951)			Guards - Bullivant (1938), Eldridge (1937), Centers - Dittman (1937), Eaton (1932)		
Backs - Cassidy (1941), Foss (1943), Dunlap (1944), S. Ken (1945), Vistica (1944), Buchanan (1951)			Backs - De Lacy (1930), McQuilken (1932), Ferrando (1933), Hanners (1934), Celotti (1939)		
The undefeated 1943 team scored 155 points, while allowing only 16 over a nine game season					

In Memoriam

June 26, 2012 - October 31, 2012

SEQUOIA

Mary Alice Brown Keeble.....	1931
James Rhoda.....	1932
Lorraine Bullivant Schemel.....	1932
Lillian Walker Thomas.....	1933
Robeert "Bud" Lewis.....	1936
Howard Gene Bourquin.....	1938
Edward Dussau.....	1938
Edward Mairani.....	1938
Tony Montoro.....	1938
Donna Carrington Emerson.....	1939
Mildred Marcoupulos Franco.....	1939
Logan Potter.....	1939
Roland Wise.....	1939
Jack Junior Galvin.....	1940
Bernice Kuhl Anderson.....	FS 1940
Eugene "Gene" Lencioni.....	1940
Clifford C. Pierce.....	1940
Winfield Scott Whitney, Jr.....	1940
Doris Brown Walton.....	1941
Ralph Wilbur Garcia.....	1942
Betty Palmtag Mobley.....	FS 1942
James Austin Sisney.....	1942
Charlotte Proven Whitney.....	1942
Robert H. Connor, Sr., M.D.....	FS 1943
Dale Jensen.....	1943
Walter H. Harrington, Jr.....	1943
Gloria Barreto Presnall.....	1943
Gloria Norton Bruch.....	1944
Theodore "Ted" Albert Hammer.....	1944
Elizabeth Schembri Stivala.....	1944
Theodore Albert "Ted" Mutz.....	1945
Charles (Chuck) O'Connor.....	FS 1945

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James Rhoda (1932) was team captain in football at Sequoia. He attended CSM and San Francisco State, studying Engineering and Business. He supervised the crew in the Kaiser Shipyards in Richmond during the war, and was later employed by the Hugh M. O'Neil Company until he retired in his seventies. He then earned an architect's license; his career in civil engineering gave him the opportunity to work on many monumental projects in the Bay Area and across the country. He loved sailing and helped establish the Island Yacht Club in Alameda, serving as Commodore for several years.

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Lorraine Bullivant Schemel (1932) was active in both the high school and Redwood City/San Mateo County archives for many years. The Bullivant family was a founding family of Redwood City.

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Lillian Walker Thomas (1933) A teacher at Washington and Selby Lane schools for 31 years, later moving to Sea Ranch where she served on the Gualala Arts Board.

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Robert "Bud" Lewis (1936) had a football scholarship with San Jose State. He played pro football with the S.F. Bay Packers in 1941-42, part of the Pacific Coast Professional Football League. He served in WW II. He was the first black rodeo promoter in California and was owner of Black Rodeo in 1953. He worked for S.F. Muni for 23 years and was their Man of the Month in 1968.

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Howard "Gene" Bourquin (1938) learned welding and worked at the Kaiser Shipyard in Richmond, supervising the women who worked on the Liberty Ships. He played saxophone with small local bands on weekends. After 1944, he was a partner for 40 years in R & R Mobil Service, Main

Stanley Cottrell.....	1946
Joseph Froli.....	1946
Hideyoshi Kashima.....	1946
George Radulovich.....	1946
Alfred James Paolucci.....	1947
Marjorie Montague Walters.....	1947
Gary L. Adair.....	1948
Donald E. Chaney.....	1948
Ruth Ahrens Jacob.....	1948
Lavis Mundell.....	1948
Herman Schob.....	FS 1948
Philip Tousey.....	1948
Frank Vitale.....	FS 1948
Elsie Grana Baita.....	1949
Janet Nelson Fisher.....	1949
John Daniel Hoffman Price.....	1949
Walter Warner.....	1949
Richard Thorn.....	FS 1949
Hazel Doering Wilcox.....	1949
Bruce Schott, Jr.....	1950
Charles Tracy.....	1950
Eleanor Anderson.....	1951
Wallace Burness.....	1951
Lora Colombo Fichou.....	1951
Gerald "Jerry" Griggs.....	1951
Frank Graziani.....	1951
Robert E. Seely.....	1951
Charline Plant Dunasky.....	1952
Marsha Buffa Stayton.....	1952
Joseph P. Hogan.....	1955
Arthur "Joe" Hauck III.....	FS 1957
Sallie Hernandez Morgan.....	1957
Robert Camier.....	1958
Loretta Reimer Manley.....	1958
Charles Hans Godtfredsen.....	1959

Nina Sanger Prockish.....	1959
Robert Thomas Selb.....	1959
Shirley Cornell Catch.....	1960
Robert F. Facciano.....	FS 1960
Susan Mae Allen Moore.....	1960
Gary Martin.....	1961
Diane Pranza Rees.....	1961
Helen Dick Broyles.....	1965
Kathleen Morgan Buckmaster.....	1965
Susan Marie Jensen.....	1966
Nancy Moran.....	1966
Bruce John Crawford.....	1967
Debra Jean Evans.....	1971
Corinne Becker Centeno.....	1972
Laura Ann Hickok.....	2001

SEQUOIA FACULTY

Donald DeMello.....	faculty
Almarene Browne.....	faculty
Mike Douglas.....	adult school faculty
Jerry Griggs.....	girls' softball coach
Eileen Smythe Parsons.....	substitute

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

Robin McCaffery Smith.....	SC 1963
Robert Wayne Amundsen.....	SC 1964
Edith Hinman Duncan.....	SC 1965
Carolyn Schmidt Warmington.....	SC 1965
Robert William Bold.....	SC 1972
Jeffrey Roy Jones.....	SC 1972
Gregory S. Baker.....	SC 1977
Christine Marent Hodgins.....	SC 1979

SAN CARLOS FACULTY

Mary Louise "Nikki" Warren.....	SC faculty
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& Middlefield. He served for 67 years as Head Trustee at Eagle's Lodge Aerie 418, and 30 years at Forrester's Court Madrone #158, in Redwood City.

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Ed Dussau (1938) served in the U.S. Navy in WW II and worked as an Aircraft Loftsmen at Alameda Naval Air Station for 37 years. He was an exceptional harmonica player.

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Mildred Marcoupulos Franco (1939) attended Canada College and the University of Santa Clara. She served 43 years for the Redwood City Police Dept. as Manager of Records and Property. After retirement, she traveled extensively.

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Jack Galvin (1940), a football All-League player at Sequoia and Modesto J.C., he attended San Jose State, earning a fine arts teaching credential and taught fine art at Hayward and Castro Valley high schools for many years.

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Eugene "Gene" Lencioni (1940) was Service Manager and partner at Riggs Oldsmobile for 36 years.

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Clifford C. Pierce (1940) was Student Body President at Sequoia and San Mateo Junior College. During WW II, he joined the U. S. Navy and became a fighter pilot, flying Corsairs off the Intrepid. Later, he was hired by Pan American Airways as a pilot and later Manager of Crew & Flight Scheduling, retiring after 34 years of service. Cliff was well-known in the equestrian community, spending many hours riding and jumping at the Webb Ranch in Portola Valley and exploring trails in the foothills.

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Winfield Scott. Whitney Jr. (1940) spent a distinguished 45 year ca-

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reer as Redwood City Tribune business manager.

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Robert H. Conner, Sr., M.D. (1943) earned a BA in biology and then a medical degree from Stanford. He served in the U. S. Air Force as a medical doctor, achieving the rank of Captain. He had a private practice in Ob/GYN in Marin County for 33 years.

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Judge Walter H. Harrington, Jr. (1943) had a degree in engineering from Stanford, and after serving in WW II, he earned his law degree from Hastings College. He served as Deputy Legislative Counsel in Sacramento; in 1955 he became Deputy District Attorney for San Mateo County. In 1962 he began private practice in civil and business litigation for over 22 years. In 1984 He was appointed Judge of the San Mateo County Municipal Court, in 1990, was elected to the county's Superior Court. He was Publishing Director, Chairman, and Editor of the California State Bar Journal, President of the county Bar Assn., Criminal Justice Council, and President of the county Legal Aid Society.

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Gloria Barreto Presnall (1943) worked at the Presidio Commissary. She later worked for Masonite, and then, with her husband, purchased a store and gas station in Louisiana. She was an avid bowler, a member of several leagues, and competed in many senior tournaments until she was 86. She passed away two years later.

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Gloria Norton Bruch (1944) was a librarian in Half Moon Bay and also a special needs helper in Grass Valley.

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Theodore "Ted" Hammer (1944) served in the Air Force then earned a BA at the University of Oregon. He and his wife were active in various RV clubs and traveled in their motor home. He was an avid sports fan.

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Elizabeth Schembri Stivala (1944) attended the Art Institute in San Francisco. During the Depression, she worked at the Emporium, ushered at the Opera House, and took private piano lessons with Margaret Christianson, becoming an accomplished pianist at a young age.

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Theodore Albert "Ted" Mutz (1945) spent his childhood in Canada. After high school, he served as a U. S. Navy Seaman in both WW II and the Korean War. He received the WW II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, and Bronze Star, and the United Nations Service Ribbon. After the war, he had a career in the printing industry, working at H. S. Crocker Printing for 18 years, then owner and President of Regal Graphics until he retired in 1998. He was an avid reader, gardener, historian, and Giants fan.

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Stanley S. Cottrell (1946) was a graduate of Stanford. He was an engineer with Pacific Bell. He was active in little theater in San Mateo in the 1950s and '60s, portraying police detectives and father figures. He traveled to every continent except Antarctica.

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Joseph Froli (1946) earned a degree in food technology from U.C. Davis. He served in the Air Force, then worked at The Handyman and the Tree Farm.

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Hideyoshi Kashima (1946) spent more than three years at Topaz concentration camp. He later served with the U.S. Army in Korea. He ran a chrysanthemum growing business in Redwood City with his brother Pete for over 40 years. He was an avid golfer and gardener.

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Alfred James Paolucci (1947) earned an Engineering degree from Cal Poly, SLO, and was a member of the Army, participating in the 1955 Nuclear tests at the Nevada Test Site. He was an Electrical Engineer and

Licensed Electrical Contractor. As a member of the Shriners, he drove their motorized cable car for many years in the 4th of July Parade and the San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Marjorie Montague Walters (1947) attended Canda College after rising her children and was a bookkeeper with an insurance company. Later, she learned to fish and hunt.

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Gary L. Adair (1948) Served in the U. S. Marine Corps in Korea, the worked at Paddleford Auto Dealership in Palo Alto for 35 years as the Service and Parts Manager. He served as Trustee of the Elks Lodge. He also worked as a basketball referee for high school and college competition on the S. F. Peninsula. He was a very active member of the Semper Fi Assn. in Lincoln, CA.

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Donald E. Chaney (1948) was a Boy Scout Life Scout. He served with the U. S. Marines in Korea. He earned a BA in Business Administration at San Jose State and worked as a purchasing and materials professional at several electronic companies over a 40-year period, including Bethlehem Steel, Fairchild, Signetics, and Monolithic Memories.

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Ruth Ahrens Jacob (1948) earned a BA from Stanford and MA from Point Loma Nazarene in San Diego. She was an educational instructor and administrator until her retirement in 1995. She loved tennis, camping, travel, swimming, sports, and her family.

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Philip Tousey (1948) was a high school teacher for 19 years. He received a BS from Sacramento State University, MS and PhD degrees in psychology from La Verne University, and a law degree from La Salle.

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Elsie Grana Baita (1949) was the accountant in the family business. She also served as Treasurer and provided dining room service for the Fun After Fifty Club, and was a member of their bowling league.

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John Daniel Hoffman "J. Dan" Price (1949) was in the Merchant Marines, and was captain of the Marine air wing in the Korea. He climbed Mt. Whitney, hunted elk in Montana, camped and fished at Mt. Lassen, and in his 70's, still found any excuse to climb a ladder or tree.

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Walter Warner (1949) worked as a plumber for the County of San Mateo. He was an avid 49er fan.

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Bruce Schott, Jr. (1950) went to Menlo College, San Jose State, and served in the U. S. Army. He was the founder of AdMail Express, Inc.

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Eleanor Anderson (1951) A lengthy volunteer for "Meals-on-Wheels" in Bellevue, WA, where she worked as an accountant.

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Wallace Burness (1951) was an author/illustrator for 46 years. He had 29 books published, a comic book, a train book a house book, and the rest in the automotive field. He had a syndicated column "Auto Album", still seen in newspapers today.

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Lora Colombo Fichou (1951) lived in Morocco and France for several years. She was an assistant and Little House and Rosener House in Menlo Park. Her family lineage had been traced directly to the explorer Christopher Columbus.

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Frank M. Graziani (1951) Served in the US Air Force in Korea and Vietnam, receiving the "Airmans Medal" for heroism that involved a voluntary risk of life. He also received a Purple Heart, and later served in Desert

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REQUEST FROM A STUDENT

for alums from 1966-68

My name is Sarah Ciambrone, and I'm a current senior at Sequoia! I'm in IB 20th Century Topics, and as part of that class we must do a Historical Investigation based on a topic of our choosing. I decided to investigate the question 'What were the social and political effects did the Vietnam War have on the students and community of Sequoia High School during 1966-1968?' I was wondering if the Association could put me in contact with any alums who attended Sequoia at the time who would be willing to help, and are still in the area.

(If you live in or near Redwood City and could help this student with your memories of the Vietnam War, contact SHSAA at (650) 592-5822 or e-mail us at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.)

RECIPES WANTED

Many thanks to those who have sent in their recipes! We still need more!

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

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

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

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

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Storm with the Undersea Welfare Unit.

Gerald "Jerry" Griggs (1951) was star pitcher for San Carlos Little League and American Legion, and played at Sequoia. He also coached girls softball at Sequoia. He was a plumber for 25 years and coordinator of the Plumbing Apprenticeship Program in San Mateo County.

Robert "Bob" Seely (1951) served in the U.S. Navy (2 years in the Submarine Force Pacific and 2 more years on the U.S. Navy China Station). He spent 30 years in law enforcement, retiring as Sunnyvale Det. Lieutenant, then later as Special Deputy U.S. Marshall in the San Jose U.S. Federal Court House. He was also a private pilot, avid salmon fisherman, and built ship models.

Joseph P. Hogan (1955) Joseph was a journeyman electrician, dedicated to improving work conditions, wages, and benefits, and served on the Examining Board, and the Health & Welfare Trust. He worked on the Alaska Pipeline in 1976.

Arthur Joseph Hauck III (1957) A long time Alleghany, CA fire dept. volunteer. He served as Fire Chief and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Alleghany Water District. Locals say it was not unusual to see him clearing snow from residents driveways.

Sallie Hernandez Morgan (1957) had been a realtor in Los Altos for many years.

Robert Camier (1958) was owner of Research Machine Development for 28 years. He designed and manufactured computer and biomedical products. He served eight years in the Marine Corps. He loved sailing, building and flying radio control air planes, traveling, and architectural design.

Nina Sanger Prockish (1959) Her interest in education was realized in 1965 in Anchorage, AK, where she taught 5th grade. Later she earned a library degree, and was school librarian until 1998.

Robert Thomas Selb, Sr. (1959) worked in the maintenance area for United Air Lines for 42 years until retirement in 2002. He was an avid Giants and 49er fan.

Shirley Cornell Cattich (1960) She progressed from realtor, manager, to Vice President in Anaheim Hills, and hosted food drives for Second Harvest Food Bank, and care packages for military serving overseas.

Gary Martin (1961) played water polo at Sequoia. He worked on spy ships for the Navy during the Vietnam War—one of 22 people certified for this top-secret job. He worked for the phone company for over 30 years, and did outside tech, PBX Broadband, and fiber optics. He had a passion for golf.

Susan Marie Jensen (1966) managed a Subway shop in Sonoma and worked for the Black Oak Casino cafe.

Nancy Moran (1966) She had a career as eligibility worker for San Mateo County where she was popular for her caring attitude and problem solving. Nancy was a Lathrop House docent, and served as President of Native Daughters of the Golden West Bonita Parlor 10, where she was named Unsung Hero in 2009, for her many contributions to the community.

Corinne Becker Centeno (1972) spent 33 years in public service, serving as Redwood City Assistant City Manager, Superintendent of Parks Recreation and Community Services, and P & R Director for 10 years. She was an active board member at Shelter Network, Conflict Resolution Center, and the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

FACULTY

Almarene Brown—Home Economics Department Head at both Sequoia and Ravenswood from 1962 until she retired. Almarene also had her own interior design business.

Mike Douglas - Adult School, worked in commercial and home construction. He worked as Carpentry Apprentice Teacher from 1959-69.

MEMORIES...

Update on the Indian Cleaners...

The Cleaners were started by Harmon (deceased 1987 81 yrs) & Callie (99+) Ralstin. Their only son Wharton (deceased 2005 76 yrs) (nickname Whartie) drove the delivery Sedan and made the deliveries. After Harmon retired to Auburn, California. Whartie inherited the stores and married Stella. The 4 stores were located/named in Belmont, known a Belmont Cleaners; Woodside Cleaners in Woodside and Half Moon Bay Cleaners in Half Moon Bay. The "Indian Cleaners" was not named Redwood Cleaners because Whartie went to Sequoia High School in Redwood City and their mascot was the "Cherokee's" hence, "Indian Cleaners." They retired the 1949 Sedan sometime in the early 60's. According to Stella the car was blue; the Indian was red and the writing was white..... (sent by "jm" via Leone Rodriguez))

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"I have fond memories of **Coach Bob Andersen**. My mother was Coach Andersen's third grade teacher, which had its advantages as well as its disadvantages. First a disadvantage: one morning I arrived late for gym roll call, and Andersen announced in a loud voice, "Mason, your mother did not tolerate tardiness!"

"An advantage: during the six-week boxing segment in gym class, I was paired for sparing with the renowned swimmer Marty Hull. Each time Coach Andersen walked by us, he cautioned Marty not to flatten me. I survived boxing without a bruise and managed to stay upright."

—Robert Mason (1960)

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Al Accurso (1951) wrote: "As a Sequoia graduate, I was fortunate to have participated in Coach Andersen's boxing program and knew him well. Coach Andersen taught us basic boxing skills and boxing conditioning elements. For those of us who were too small (like me as a freshman at 5'3" and 115 pounds) to play football or basketball, boxing gave us some school sport program to participate in.

"I did participate in the Sequoia Boys Night programs and was successful. I still have some trophies. For some reason I was blessed with exceptional coordination, reflexes and balance, which Coach Andersen recognized and improved.

As in the previous Smoke Signals article, "Bob Andersen came out of the college boxing program at San Jose State and knew the boxing coaches there well. In my senior year at Sequoia, I really didn't have any idea what I was going to do after graduation. I was just an average student. It was Coach Andersen who brought me to San Jose State College for recruitment try out for the SJS boxing team. The boxing coaches liked what they saw and had me back for a second tryout. This time I understood what was going on, that a boxing scholarship was potential and college enroll-

ment acceptance help was involved. I trounced one of their varsity regulars and that's how I became a college student. I took the place of the boxer who I trounced and became a first string varsity boxer in my freshman year at SJ State. I boxed for four years....in every major college boxing event-NCAA tournaments (in Idaho, Wisconsin), Intermountain Invitational Championships in Sacramento, Intermountain Invitational Championships in Idaho. I graduated from SJS in 1956 with a degree in Business with a Real Estate Major, which I parlayed into a 32-year career in government as a Real Estate Specialist.

"I live very well because of the college education that was a direct result of the influence and direction of Coach Andersen. So, when I see references to Bob Andersen, I have strong reflections, that there, but for Bob Andersen and the grace of God, I never would have achieved what I have today.

"After I got too old for boxing, I took up motorcar racing in 1980. In 2010, at age 79, with the Sequoia spirit that never dies, I won the Vintage Auto Racing Assn. Road Racing Championship at Buttonwillow Raceway in Bakersfield.

Thanks for reminding me of Bob Andersen."

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Men's P.E. in the '50's

Stan Mofjeld (1954) enjoyed the article about the Men's Physical Education Department during the mid-1950's that appeared in the Summer, 2012 Smoke Signals and has more observations:

"The Department was headed by Frank 'Grif' Griffien, who was nationally known for his approach and program for physical education at the high school level. We Cherokees also knew him as 'the Great White Father.'

"He believed in the physical development of everyone, not just emphasizing star athletes. (These are the years we develop our bodies for the rest of our lives, and our consequential health.)

"Men who were seriously interested in physical education at this level wanted to teach at Sequoia and learn from him and study his program. When I was at Sequoia, we had men that colleges would be proud to have on their faculty. There was 'Buck' Devine, all American football center; Bruce Harlan, Olympic diving champion; Chuck Thompson, NCAA tumbling champion; and of course, our own Bob Andersen, baseball and boxing standout. Sequoia graduates had no trouble with boot camp in the armed services; they were well-prepared. The Sequoia program was even featured in a national newsreel.

"Buck Devine and Bruce Harlan also created a great show for the community, the 'Aqua Follies.' It featured dozens of Sequoia's lovely co-eds. The ladies also had a wonderful P.E. Department, but that is their story to tell."

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

My News for Cherokee Chatter or Dons' Doings (circle one) _____

Memory for "The Way It Was At Sequoia" _____

Ideas for events/fundraising: _____

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

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

KUDOS.....

"I want to thank you and Smoke Signals for the article on my Inspirational Book of Verses. Reading Smoke Signals brings back many memories also.

—Kay Kramer (1957)

"I wish to thank all of the members that have done so much work to keep Sequoia alumni alive and kicking. You all have put in a ton of work and I wanted you to know that I for one appreciate each and everyone of you. Please keep up the good work. It is very much appreciated. I have a smile on my face when the post office delivers "Smoke Signals". If possible, I sit down and read it all of the way through."

—Jan (Christ) Stoltz-Willis (1969)

Sports Trivia

Don Harper (1951) has the distinction of being the only athlete in NCA history who won a national championship in two different sports during the same season—diving and trampoline—accomplished during 1956 and 1958. That combines with his three-meter 1956 Olympic silver medal, five NCAA and seven National AAU championships. While a student at Ohio State University, he also found time to earn a Doctorate in Sports Medicine.

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H-4 Sequoia History Booklet * **\$3**

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LP-1 License Plate Holder **\$18**

LP-2 2 License Plate Holders 2 for **\$35**

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