



Smoke Signals

*Things to do on
"Picnic Weekend"
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Sequoia High School Alumni Association
including the alumni of San Carlos High School

Summer 2017

CHANGES ON CAMPUS

Grand Opening of "A" Wing and new Tea Garden

The new classroom "A" wing, on the former basketball courts, recently opened and is a new home to English classes previously in adjacent modular classes, and two science classes previously sharing classrooms in the main building.



Students are starting to discover its charms as an alternative setting for lunch/brunch, and foot traffic patterns have shifted significantly during passing periods between classes.

The new wing is also a temporary home to the Band, Orchestra, and Choir classes as the performing arts wing undergoes a massive (and long-overdue) renovation and upgrade. Four of the classrooms in the A-Wing were built with retractable walls to expand into two large rooms which turned out to be a perfect solution for our transitional housing needs of our student musicians.

A concern about how the thundering timpani and a hot brass section would disrupt neighboring classes, but the new rooms are virtually sound proof. Principal Sean Priest said, "I was surprised a few weeks ago when I visited the class to speak with Ms. Woodman about the noise and learned, only when I opened the door, the band was in full swing. The A-wing is well-built."

Measure A projects such as the A-Wing and the new performing arts wing (scheduled for completion in Spring 2018) are already changing the dynamic of our campus. We doubled the number of student parking spots. We also doubled the electrical capacity of the campus. We have a new Culinary Arts classroom, the flexible learning space in Room 128, and the majestic re-imagining of the Tea Garden.

Tea Garden Renovation

Because water runoff from the Tea Garden had for years been draining under the school, it was decided to do a major renovation of the Tea Garden. The drainage has now been fixed, the dead shrubs (after the drought) were removed, and the Tea House repainted to match the bright red Adirondack chairs that are interspersed throughout the garden.



The Tea House before (left, 2016) and after (right).

Vote for Board positions

Candidates, p. 19; Ballot, p. 21.

Come to the Annual Meeting

July 28. See p. 24 for details

Help at the Picnic!

8:30 setup; 3 p.m. cleanup; or, help with sales

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sequoia High School - Now, and Then

Sequoia High School was featured in the January, 2017, edition of Climate Magazine. Climate Magazine is a very well done local magazine published by Eric and Lori Lochtefeld of Redwood City's Fox Theater. The article was ably written by former writer of the long-defunct Redwood City Tribune, Bill Shilstone. That should be a familiar name to many of our readers, harkening back to the days of when Redwood City had a comprehensive daily newspaper and there never was a wanting for local news.

The article makes mention of the time some years back when Sequoia had hit a decline but quickly segues to the renaissance that the school has experienced in its more recent history. Helping facilitate the renaissance, a number of plant improvements and additions have taken place such as a new 10-classroom building where the outdoor basketball courts used to be, a new culinary arts kitchen and classroom and a renovation of the Japanese Tea Garden. Academically speaking, the article goes on to point out that the main catalyst for Sequoia's turnaround was the rigorous International Baccalaureate program that began in 2002 which explained by Sequoia Union High School District Superintendent, James Lianides, "teaches core curriculum at an honors level in a cross-cultural context".

Seeing Sequoia in print and back in the limelight as a favored place to attend and portrayed as a source of pride for the community it serves, prompted me to look at a copy of another treasured publication I have in my possession, a July, 1925, edition of the Redwood City Tribune featuring the then almost new, Sequoia High School campus. While Sequoia began in 1895, first occupying upstairs rooms in the old Central School building which was razed for construction of the Sequoia Theater,

presently the Fox Theater on Broadway, followed in 1904 by the construction of its very own building on Broadway between Middlefield and Jefferson, students did not attend the current campus until 1924, with construction being completed in 1923.

The headline just below the masthead reads, "Redwood City Schools Among State's Best" followed by an article touting the Redwood City School District written by none other than Roy Cloud, who was then its Superintendent, having been a member of Sequoia High School's first graduating class in 1898 and later, nationally acclaimed Executive Secretary of the California Teachers Association.

Also on the front page, just above a glorious picture of the main school building with its majestic bell tower, is a caption that reads, "Beautiful Sequoia High School Rears Its Head in Pride". One can only imagine the impact that this beautiful new school and its beautiful campus must have had on the citizenry of Redwood City and the surrounding area. Articles abound regarding the comprehensive and well cared for educational needs of the students, student government, the campus grounds, athletics, student health, campus buildings and departments, the architecture, the history of the site and music instruction (Otis Carrington was then head of the Music Department).

So the impression I am left with, having had the opportunity to read publications over 90 years apart, is that our beloved high school and its current campus is as fresh and relevant now, as it was then.

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

PICNIC WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Coming to the Picnic? Here are some entertainment venues you might like to check out:

Redwood City Community Theatre: "Sister Act" in Carrington Hall, 7 p.m. Aug. 18 & 19, with a matinee at 3 p.m. Aug. 20. Live musical theater produced and performed by local community members. Check www.rwc-theatre.com

Shakespeare in the Park: "Hamlet", the Sequoia campus, front lawn, 7:30 p.m. Aug. 19, and 4 p.m. Aug. 20, free! www.redwoodcity.org/events/stage.htm

Music On The Square (Courthouse Square, downtown): Fri., Aug. 18, Whiskey Dawn. 6 - 8 p.m., free.

San Mateo County Historical Museum in the Old

Courthouse, has many great exhibits featuring the history of San Mateo County, including Nature's Bounty, Journey to Work, California Dream, Entrepreneurs, San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame, and the special exhibit during picnic time will be "Peninsula at War: San Mateo County's WW II Legacy". and "Redwood City in Bloom." Open 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Small admission. (www.historysmc.org)

You can also visit historic **Woodside Store** on Sun. from 12 - 4 p.m., 3300 Tripp Rd.

If you're here earlier in the week, then enjoy **Music In the Park** (Stafford Park, Corner of King and Brewster) from 6 - 8 p.m. Wed., Aug. 16, with "Top Shelf" (Motown and Classic Soul).

“CELEBRATE SEQUOIA” PICNIC AND BARBECUE

featuring The Treble Clef Alumni

Treble Clef is 110 years old in 2017!

Bev Shutz Morgan has been contacting as many Treble Clef Alumni as possible.

Once again enjoy Otis Carrington’s lovely songs, “Beautiful Sequoia” and the “Sequoia Hymn” sung by these talented alumnae!

Jay Selby is also planning to be at the picnic!

Treble Clef Alumnae—if you haven’t contacted Bev yet, please get in touch with her right away! bevie.lou@gmail.com.

Saturday, August 19, 2017 • 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lunch served between 12:15 and 2:15

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

\$35 per person (Children under 10, \$25).

- 2 Campus Tours morning and afternoon
- Sequoia’s National Champion Cheerleaders
- Silent Auction; Disneyland Tickets!
- Sequoia Class of 1967 honored as Golden Grads
- Purple Patriot Awards:
Carolyn Livengood and Grace Schutz
- Mini Car show
- Sequoia Alumni Merchandise for sale

Reservations required by Aug. 15.

Pick up reserved tickets on the day of the picnic at the registration table. (Limited number of tickets at door for \$40)
Reservation forms (included with Smoke Signals) were mailed or e-mailed to all members. For additional copies, check sequoiahsalumniassoc.org, or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or call 650-592-5822.

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Reunions

All Reunion Chairmen: Please contact our Reunion Liaison: Phone 650-592-5822; e-mail <sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net> or mail to: Sequoia Reunions, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.

If you are planning your reunion, contact us immediately with the information below!

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DATE/TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL			
1962 55th	Sat., Oct. 14	Spaghetti Factory, R.C. (may be other activities, too)	Jack Conklin, jhconklin1@yahoo.com, 650-892-5174
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1967 50th	Fri., Aug. 18 Sat., Aug. 19	Meet & Greet (TBA) Alumni Picnic at Sequoia, 10:30 am and Dinner at Hiller Aviation Museum, San Carlos	Carol Moran, carolm@me.com Alene Mccarthy Kathas, akarthas@mac.com, 650-365-6229 (see www.sequoia67.com for details)
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1970 47th reunion & 65th Birthday	Sat., July 1	VFW Post 4218 905 Drever St., West Sacramento	Jessie Belasco Young, youngjes@gmail.com Tim Juhasz, timjuhasz@yahoo.com (More on Facebook-Class of 1970 page)

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL

1977 40th	Sat., Sept. 23	Kingfish Restaurant, 201 South. B. St., San Mateo	Victoria Shipley, vavaone@sbcglobal.net, 707-480-7900 Gary Katz, garymichaelkatz@gmail.com, 408-421-2421
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Class of 1957: Come to our mini-reunions with fellow classmates. No-Host Lunch at Harry's Hofbrau, Redwood City, in the private dining room. Gather at 11 am. Dates: **July 26, Oct. 25, in 2017. Jan. 24, April 25 in 2018.**

Contact: Barbara Benetti Radmacher at BRadmacher@aol.com or (650) 291-2967 (text or call)

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!

Reunion Chairs & Committee Members:

Be aware that Sequoia's **National Champion Cheer Team** is able, eager, and ready to perform their routines for Sequoia reunions. This is a great opportunity to provide memories that everyone can enjoy. To make arrangements, go to the website at: <https://sites.google.com/site/sequoiacheerteam/home>

1976 CLASS RING FOUND AT SEQUOIA

Earlier this spring at Sequoia...

As a construction crew demolished part of the performing arts wing as phase one of some extensive renovation, an eagle-eyed worker spotted something small and shiny in the rubble. He notified his lead, who contacted the district maintenance crew, who contacted the principal.

Principal Sean Priest reported: "The item in question was a class ring. Upon first inspection it appeared the inscription on the class ring was 1926. Wow! At Sequoia, we interact with our history on a daily basis. But to be holding an object like this in our hands gave everyone pause.

"Susie Bass, principal's secretary, took the ring home for a thorough cleaning. The next day we were somewhat disheartened to discover the engraving was

1976 instead of 1926. The cleaning, however, revealed another clue to the growing group of interested parties (teachers, custodians, campus aides, support staff, and administrators had now all joined the sleuthing efforts).

"On the inside lining of the ring were three letters. A set of initials? We dove into the Sequoia yearbook archive to the class of '76. One student had initials matching those inside the ring, but the search revealed also this Sequoia of long ago was not so different than our school: smiling kids, school spirit galore, maybe a few more groovy haircuts.

"Through the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, we were able to confirm that the student we thought the ring may have belonged to did in fact lose this item late in his time at Sequoia. He remembered last seeing it in a bathroom in the music wing - - a match! We have returned the ring via mail (he now lives out of state).

"It was a fun mystery that brought staff together with each other and our storied past. Sequoia never fails to find new ways of reminding me that I'm the luckiest principal in California."

—PRINCIPAL SEAN PRIEST

MEMORABILIA DONATED

We send a BIG thank you to the following person who donated memorabilia:

Jim Meskimen (1962) donated 3 football programs from 1959.

Donations

December 1, 2016 - May 15, 2017

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

Key: FR = Friend of Sequoia FF = Former Faculty

ANNUAL FUND 2016-2017

Janet Padley Bonner	1943
Antoinette Silvestrini Carter	1943
Donald Cerqui	1943
- in memory of Ron Paolucci	1961
Lucille Fagg & Beckie Beckelymer	1947
James Hammond	1947
Carl Ondry	1947
Margaret Rauch Warnke	1945
Robert Haight	1946
Nancy Sloss	1946
David Breithaupt	1948
Jack & Claire Norris Roudebush	1948
Elizabeth Rovetto	1948
Harold Alphonse	1949
Sylvia Hammer Dessert	1949
Idzumi Ishida Honna	1949
Judy Miller	1950
Dietrich Sommer	1950
Robert Bos	1951
Dorothy Cogdell Buchman	1951
David Bundsen	1951
Robert Covolo	1951
Corinne Cooley Derringer	1951
Geraldine Newton Stocker	1951
Alan Ames	1952
Robert Stevens	1952
Robin Fincher Toews	1952
Al Cerruti	1953
Joan Davies Flynn & Roger Flynn	1954
Marilyn Lawless Schappert	1954
Gary Brandenburg	1955
Joanne Clarkin Pine	1955
Wayne Marr	1956
Louis Brusatori	1957
Lloyd Collins	1957
Charles Erskine	1957

Claudia Giacomini	1957
-in honor of Caroline Cameron Scutero, 1957	
Patricia Kneip Riley	1957
H.D. Little	1958
Robert & Eileen Cancilla	1960
Judith Giomi Bogardus	1961
Gary Reinecke	1961
Theodore Schenk	1961
Robert Sloss, Jr.	1961
Robert Svihus,	1961
James Meskimen	1962
David Barlow	1963
Delores Medina Long	1963
James Rapoza	1963
William & Katherine Ganley	1966
Marilyn Heavey	1966
Laura Harke Riffle	1968
Homa Hakhamaneshi Soroosh	1970
Robert Bernard	1972
Timothy Burkhart	1972
Arlen & Janet Welch	
-for Mike Welch	1992
Kathleen Wilkin	FR
Roger & Peggy Masini	1962
GENERAL FUND	
Byron Chaney	1948
Richard Harrison	1952
Wilma Zito Velez	1954
Nina Bayer	1956
Sally Coelho Newman	1956
-in memory of Pat Schath Bernard	1944
Nancy Lebkicher Oliver	1957
-in memory of Lucille Nissan Flynn 1957	
Marty Hull	1961
Frank De Lucca	1963
-in memory of Leonard DeLucca	1961
-and Jim Kosher	1963
-and Larry Jensen	1963
Tim Juhasz	1970
Beth Ann & Jeffrey Filippi	1976
-in memory of Pat Schath Bernard 1944	
Native Daughters of the Golden West, Bonita Parlor #10	

-in memory of Pat Schath Bernard 1944	
CHEROKEE GRANTS	
Marge Fischer Holder	1951
Sandra Luchinger Ratkovitch	1956
-in memory of Kathleen Ratkovitch 1949	
-in memory of Gerald Goff	FF
Tim Juhasz	1970
Vivian Hansten	
-in memory of Pat Schath Bernard	1944
Teresa Schmidt	
SMOKE SIGNALS PUBLICATION FUND	
Audrey Allen Winters	1936
Lois Chandler Harrington	1945
Joanne Clarkin Pine	1955
Donald Lange	1957
Keith & Sandra Bautista	1958
Gary Reinecke	1961
Aimee Fowler Carlson	
-in memory of H. Greig Fowler	1954
SPIRIT OF SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
David Johnson	1970
Robert Kirchgatter	FF
Vivian Hansten	
-in memory of Pat Schath Bernard	1944
SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL ENGRAVING FUND	
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Robert Kirchgatter	FF
Diane Cordell	
TEA GARDEN FUND	
Nina Bayer	1956
Sandra Luchinger Ratkovitch	1956
-in memory of Tosh Tsubakimoto	1940
Robert Kirchgatter	FF
FRED MITCHELL BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
Robin Fincher Toews	1952
Wayne Marr	1956
Tracey Mitchell Ardwan	1981
-in memory of Ted Mitchell	1979
Robert Kirchgatter	FF

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.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Please review the following recommended changes to our bylaws. The ballot to vote on the changes is on p. 21.

Any member wishing to have a copy of the entire bylaws may send a request to sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or write to SHSA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064

Note: The wording to be eliminated or changed is shown as a strike-through; the wording for the new language is in italics and in bold.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERS:

Sect. 3.01. Classification of Members:

C. Adoptee members, shall be any persons who wish to support and participate in the activities of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, **including any graduates, former students, and faculty from San Carlos High School.**

E. Contributions in the form of applications for posthumous memberships may be made on behalf of deceased persons who were graduates, students or faculty/staff of Sequoia High School **and San Carlos High School.**

Section 3.03. Application Fee. The membership fee shall be a one-time fee of ~~Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00)~~ **established by the Board of Directors** and shall constitute a lifetime membership in the Sequoia High School Alumni Association and shall be paid on application for membership either by regular, faculty, staff or adoptee members as defined in section 3.01 of these Bylaws. **(See Policies and Procedures document.)**

Section 3.06. Membership Record. The Corporation shall keep in written **and/or electronic** form a membership record containing the name, address and class of each member. Such record shall be kept at the principal office of the Corporation and shall be subject to the rights of inspection required by law and as set forth in Section 3.07 of these Bylaws. ~~The required records may be maintained by computer.~~

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 4.02. Regular Meetings. The members shall meet annually in the month of ~~April~~ **July** of each year, but in no case later than ~~June~~ **September** of each year, ~~beginning with the year 2004~~ for the purpose of transacting such proper business as may come before the meeting, including the certification of the election of directors for such terms as are fixed in Section 5.03 of these Bylaws. If the the certification of election of directors shall not occur at such meeting of the members, or without a meeting by written ballot pursuant to Section 4.11 of these Bylaws, the Board shall, or five percent (5%) of the members may, cause the election of directors to be held at a special meeting of members called and held as soon as it is reasonably possible after the adjournment of the regular meeting of members.

Section 4.04. Notice of Meetings. Written notice of any general meeting of members shall be delivered personally, **electronically**, or mailed by United States mail, postage prepaid, thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting to each member who on the record date for notice of the meeting is entitled to vote.

Section 4.06. Waivers, Consents and Approvals. The transactions of any meeting of members, however called and noticed and wherever held, shall be as valid as though ~~had~~ **transacted** at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum is present in person and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the persons entitled to vote but not present in person signs a written waiver of notice, a consent to the holding of the meeting, or an approval of the minutes of the meeting. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed with the corporate records.

Section 4.11. Action Without Meeting by Written Ballot

A. Ballot Requirements.

3. Ballot envelopes received from the voting members must be opened in the presence of at least three (3) officially appointed, non-related Inspectors (as set forth in Section 4.13) ~~or an independent accounting firm.~~

B. Limitations Pertaining to Election of Directors. Directors shall be elected by written **or electronic** ballot.

D. Voting by ~~Written~~ **Ballot**. The form of written **or electronic** ballot distributed to ten (10) or more members shall afford an opportunity **for the members** ~~on the form of write ballot to specify a choice between approval and disapproval of each matter or group of related matters intended, at the time the written ballot is distributed, to be acted on by such written~~ **candidate or proposal on such** ballot. Provision shall be made for write-in candidates. The form shall also provide, subject to reasonable specified conditions, that where the person solicited specifies a choice with respect to any such matter, the vote must be cast in accordance therewith. ~~In any election of Directors, any form of written ballot in which the Directors to be voted on are named therein as candidates and which is marked by a member "withhold"~~

~~or otherwise marked in a manner indicating that the authority to vote for the election of Directors is withheld shall not be voted either for or against the election of a Director.~~

E. Revocation of Ballot. Any member casting a ballot may revoke a said ballot, or substitute another, by written **or electronic** notice received by the Secretary of the Corporation prior to the deadline specified on the ballot. Such a revocation shall be effective on its receipt by the Secretary of the Corporation.

Section 4.12. Conduct of Meetings.

B. ~~Secretary of Meetings~~. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as the secretary of all meetings of members; provided that in his or her absence, the Chairman ~~of the meetings of members~~ shall appoint another person to act as secretary of the meetings.

Section 4.13. Inspectors of Elections.

A. Appointment. In advance of any meeting of the members or any action by ballot, the Board may appoint any persons, other than candidates for office, as inspectors of election. If inspectors of election are not so appointed for any meeting, or if any person so appointed fails to appear or refuses to act, the Chairman of the meeting may, and on request of any member must, appoint inspectors of election at the meeting. If inspectors of election are not so appointed for any action by ballot, or if any person so appointed refuses to act, the President of the Corporation must appoint inspectors of election for that ballot upon request of any member. The number of inspectors shall be three (3); ~~or an independent accounting firm as specified in Section 4.11A-3.~~

D. Report and Certificate. On request of the Chairman or any member, the inspectors of election shall make a report in writing concerning the performance of their duties and execute a certificate of any fact found by them. Any report or certificate made by the inspectors shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein, **and shall be recorded in the minutes.**

ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS

Section 5.01. Number. The Corporation

shall have not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) Directors, and **the exact number shall be determined by the Board of Directors. (see document, Policies & Procedures).** ~~and this number shall be fixed from time to time within the limits specified in this bylaw;~~ **This number may be changed** by an amendment to this bylaw duly adopted by approval of the members. ~~as that term is defined in Section 5034 of the Corporations Code.~~

Section 5.02. Qualification. The Directors of the Corporation shall be residents of the State of California and shall be either regular members, faculty and staff members or adoptee members. However membership on the Board of Directors by faculty or staff shall be limited to two (2) directors. No more than ~~three (3)~~ **two (2)** members of any immediate family (wife, husband, parent, child, or sibling, including in-laws) shall serve as Directors during any term.

Section 5.05. Election. Directors shall be certified at every annual meeting as prescribed by Section 4.02 of these Bylaws. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of Directors to be elected are elected. Directors shall be eligible for re-election without limitation on the number of terms they may serve, provided they continue to meet the qualifications required by Section 4.02 of these Bylaws. For the purpose of maintaining a certain number of experienced members on the Board at all times, **up to five (5)** new members will be elected in odd number years ~~beginning with the year 1997~~

and ~~four (4)~~ **up to six (6)** new members will be elected in even numbered years beginning ~~with the year 1998~~

Section 5.08. Action Without Meeting. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board individually or collectively consent ~~in writing or~~ **written**, verbal **or electronic** communication to such action. Such consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board in writing. Such action ~~by written or verbal consent~~ shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of such Directors at the Board meeting.

ARTICLE VII. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION [New Article VII]

Section 7.01. The fiscal year shall follow the calendar year.

Section 7.02. Finance Committee: There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of the Treasurer, President, Secretary, and one other Board member. The Treasurer shall chair the committee. There shall be an annual audit.

Section 7.03. Policies and Procedures: The Board shall set and maintain policies and procedures to control financial records consistent with the generally accepted accounting principles and federal, state, and local laws, including an annual review. (See Policies and Procedures document.)

Section 7.04. Budget.: The Annual Bud-

get shall be adopted by the Board of Directors before the end of the current fiscal year. (See Policies and Procedures document.)

Section 7.05. Insurance.:

A. The Corporation is required to have an insurance program that complies with all risk management requirements, including Directors and Officers coverage.

B. The Corporation must obtain separate insurance coverage for activities and projects not covered under the regular insurance coverage.

C. Financial Bonding: Special Financial Bonding shall be obtained.

Section 7.06. Special Projects

A. Special Projects, including fundraising activities, must be approved by the Board of Directors.

B. A written final report will be presented to the Board of Directors and to the Treasurer.

Section 7.07. Spending Authorization: The Board of Directors shall set the amount that may be spent without authorization. (see Policies and Procedures document)

ARTICLE VIII. CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

[Article VII becomes Article VIII, if changes to Article VII above are approved.]

Calendar

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

June

27 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

July

1-REUNION & 65th Birthday Party, Class of 1970

20 - Deadline to return BALLOTS

25 - SHSAA ANNUAL MEETING, 6 pm

- SHSAA Board Meeting , 7 pm

Both meetings at the District Board Room, 480 James Ave., R.C.

27 - Mini-Reunion: Class of 1957**

August

15 - Reservations due for PICNIC

18-REUNION: Class of 1967 **

19 - ANNUAL ALUMNI PICNIC at Sequoia

- REUNION: Class of 1967 **

22 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

* Sequoia High School Alumni Association meetings are held on the fourth Tues. of each month (except July and December) at the Sequoia High School's AVP Conference Room 3, 1201 Brewster Ave., Redwood City, at 5:00 PM. (July meeting place to be announced; no meeting in December.) All SHSAA members are welcome to attend. (Always double check with SHSAA beforehand, (650) 592-5822, or e-mail: sequoiasalumni@seq.org , as changes sometimes occur.)

** See details, REUNIONS, p. 4

September

23 - REUNION-San Carlos Class of 1977 **

26 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

October

14-REUNION: Class of 1962**

24 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

25-Mini-Reunion-Class of 1957**

November

28 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

January 2018

23 - SHSAA Board Meeting *

24-Mini-Reunion-Class of 1957**

Spotlight On Sequoia

Did you know that 91% of students graduating from Sequoia attend college?

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Sequoia's Choir is hard at work. These dedicated students practice on their lunch hour, shown above performing at the Redwood city Women's Club.

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In December, students from the **JAVA programming class** visited Facebook headquarters as part of the Hour of Code, which featured a career panel of Facebook engineers, coding activities for students and a presentation of highlights from last year's VR video production competition in which Sequoia students participated and shined. As Principal Sean Priest said, "Sequoia alumni such as Gordon Moore and Ray Dolby pioneered significant aspects of the world we live in today. Looking out from the stage in Carrington Hall, I've often told students, 'Both your smartphones and your headphones started right here.'"

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Raven Report Online: Find it at www.ravenreport.org. The Raven Report website includes additional articles that are not in the print version, and also has special features such as audio pieces. Be sure to check it out and see the great work of our student journalists!

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Past issues of the **PTSA Newsletter, Sentinel**, are archived on our PTSA website, www.sequoiaptsa.org. Browse previous editions or check the archives for information on events and news.

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In January, over **35 warm coats** were donated to a local organization to help those in our neighborhood.

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From the **Facebook TechStart coding class** "Wow, I didn't know that coding could be so much fun and it was easy too."

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Twenty-eight students and two teachers from Sequoia High School went to the Deep South from February 17-23 to embark on an interactive Civil Rights journey called **Sojourn to the Past**. Their journey began in Atlanta, GA to learn about the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They continued on to Alabama to visit the Civil Rights Memorial in Montgomery and walk in the footsteps of John Lewis as

they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Other sites included the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham where four young girls were killed in a bombing, and a visit to Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. The journey ended in Memphis, TN at the Lorraine Motel; the site of the assassination of Dr. King.

Among the highlights of the trip were many icons of the Civil Rights movement. Two members of the Little Rock Nine, Minnijean Brown Trickey and Elizabeth Eckford, met our students and Minnijean actually traveled with us for the entire week. They also met Congressman John Lewis who is always an inspiration. Students prepared for the journey since September, meeting during lunch once a week and gaining background knowledge on the movement. They also read two books: *Walking with the Wind*, a memoir by John Lewis, and *Elizabeth and Hazel*, an account of Elizabeth Eckford's tribulations as one of the first African-American students to integrate Central High School in Little Rock.

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Global Glimpsers planned a trip to Central or South America.

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Arts Awards: Our entries that had won an Award of Excellence were sent to the district-level of our PTA-San Mateo County. In the the district-level judging, there were 4 possible results—an Award of Excellence, an Award of Merit, an Honorable Mention, and Recognition of Participation.

- In Visual Arts, Maya Donovan's paper dress titled "Gifts of the Past" tied for an Award of Merit.
- In Photography, Isabel Donovan's photograph titled "Hidden Integration" received an Award of Merit.
- In Film Production, Briana Amaya-Ade's film "Mountain Above the Clouds" received an Award of Merit.
- In Literature, Beatrice Bugos essay "A Pair of Shoes" received an Award of Excellence.
- And in Musical Composition, Michael Dooley's layered composition titled "Life Goes On" received an Award of Excellence.

Ms. Bugos's essay and Mr. Dooley's composition are moving up to the state level of competition. All the winning entries at Sequoia are on the PTSA website

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Independent Living Skills Class Surprise: For some time, Sequoia teacher Rebeca Goodwin has shared her love of hockey with students on our campus by getting them on the ice. The program enriches the district's already stellar adaptive PE program and summons the best of what sports can do for kids: redefining their limits, understanding team roles, and lifting up those around them. And, most importantly, having fun – a lot of fun!

When word of Rebeca's work reached the San Jose

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Sharks organization, inspiration struck. The Sharks put together a generous funding package to provide equipment for the kids and pave the way for participation in the Disabled Hockey Festival this spring. The presentation of the gift was made after the students were allowed to watch a Sharks practice. The new equipment was presented in the team locker room decorated with the kids' names. Sharks players mingled with the group.

Apart from the happy faces of our kids, Rebeca's words are what strike us most about this story: "We're out there to become the best versions of ourselves."

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Wolff at the Door Excites Students: Novelist Tobias Wolff and poet Kenneth Fields visited Sequoia High School to meet with a group of Ms. Jane Woodman's creative writing and IB English students before the Thanksgiving break. Both writers are professors in Stanford University's Creative Writing Program. This author event was part of the Robert C. Powell Distinguished Speaker Series. It is supported by the Powell Endowment, which funds programs and activities that enhance the International Baccalaureate Programme at Sequoia.

Ms. Woodman's students gathered in her music annex classroom. Kenneth Fields, who teaches creative writing in poetry, started the discussion by reading from one of his chapbooks. He expertly connected classical writing fragments with a modern interpretation of those lines with projected completions of the lines. He also commented on a life in writing and how inspiration leads to vision and revision to produce good poetry and prose.

Mr. Fields then introduced Mr. Wolff with a brief summary of their 40 year friendship and creative collaborations. Fields reminded the audience that Wolff is often considered to be the American Chekov. Wolff read from his novel, *Old School*, and revealed his background that moved him to become a writer. He offered tips on writing, including reading prolifically, listening intently, and never leaving home without a notebook. Both writers urged students to pursue their true passions with intense vigor and to perceive the value of making mistakes. They also encouraged students to practice empathy and compassion in their daily lives.

Sequoia Principal Sean Priest, Library Media Specialist Betsy Snow and Library Assistant, Shannon Schadler also attended the event. Mr. Florian Shasky, co-administrator of the Powell Endowment and vice-president of the Sequoia High School Education Foundation, organized the gathering.

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Winter Formal Soars with the Roaring Twenties: Following five days of dressing to themes and a raucous pep rally on Friday, Saturday evening provided a wonderful cap to a hugely successful Winter Spirit Week at Sequoia. More than

650 students attended the event, held at the Fox Theater in downtown Redwood City. While records of the sort are limited, Student Activities Director Corey Uhalde estimates the attendance to be the highest ever at a dance in Sequoia High School's history.

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Congratulations:

- to Sequoia senior **Sam Pedley, a National Merit Finalist**, for his distinguished performance and high potential for future academic accomplishment. He is one of 15, 000 of the almost 4 million students who took the PSAT to get this high honor
- to **Paul Kovscek** for becoming a candidate for the United States Presidential Scholars Program. The program recognizes students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts.
- to wrestlers **Masa Danovitz** and **Daniel Camacho** for the PAL Championships they both won in February. Both Danovitz and Camacho pinned their opponents in the first period of their championship matches. Also, **Robert Marticorena** and **Desmond Shing** for placing 3rd and 4th in their weight classes. All four wrestlers competed in the CCS Championship weekend, and had two athletes advance to the 2nd day of the championships.
- to Photo 2 Students **Alan Calvillo, Jessica Garcia, Erik Huisman, Kayleen McSweeney** and **Josh Woodward**. Their work was selected in the Finalist Category of the Photographer Forum Magazine's 37th Annual College and High School Photography Contest. There were over 13,000 photographs submitted from students all over the country. Their photographs will be published in the "Best of College and High School Photography 2017" publication coming out in June 2017
- to the **Boys Basketball Team** who advanced to CCS in February! They took a loss to St. Francis in the first round of the Open Division CCS playoffs but played M-A in the next round. They have also earned a bid to the Nor Cal playoffs.
- to the **Girls Soccer Team**, who secured a spot in the CCS quarterfinals for the first time in the history of the girls soccer program at Sequoia. In the quarterfinals, they played a tough match against the number 2 seed Santa Clara and narrowly lost, 2-1.

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In March, the Media Center celebrated **Peace Corps week**. Did you know Sequoia has 4 teachers on campus who were teachers in the Peace Corps?

New Members

(December 7, 2016 - June 14, 2017)

Sally Holt Chandler	1940	Maya Ebrahimpour	2017
Mike Otis	1962	Andrew Goddard	2017
Kathy Hoekenga Cooper .	1969	Emily Hutchison.....	2017
Mary Collier Purcell.....	1975	Lani Komatsu.....	2017
Spencer Bravo	2017	Justine Levine	2017
Sigrid Carrot.....	2017	Nova Mitchell	2017

DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT E-MAIL & PHONE?

Thanks to all the members who have sent in their current e-mail address. However, we still do not even have e-mail addresses for many of you! And some are now outdated in our files!

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 and also your phone number 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. Occasionally, SHSAA will send an e-mail with a message of importance to our members.

(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! And it costs the Association extra money when the newsletters are returned! We'd also like to have your new phone number or e-mail, as well.

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French Exchange Students: Sequoia welcomed a small group of five students from Sannois, France, and their teachers. They were part of a larger group of high school students who were placed throughout other local high schools including Carlmont, Mercy, and Half Moon Bay. They enjoyed attending classes at Sequoia and enjoying a bit of California sun during spring break.

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Spring Spirit Week themes: • Mon., 4/17: Tacky Tourist Day; • Tue., 4/18: Tie-Dye Tuesday; • Wed., 4/19: Wayback Wednesday; • Thu., 4/20: Dynamic Duos; • Fri., 4/21: Color Day (Freshmen: white; Sophomores: black; Juniors: purple; Seniors: all).

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Arabian Nights in San Francisco: More than 650 Sequoia students and guests celebrated an evening of fun and dancing during prom at San Francisco City Hall. The event marks the first time that City Hall hosted a Sequoia event. ASB Activities and Dance Commissioners Caitlin Gilbert and MacKenzie Utey worked closely in concert with Senior Class President Olivia Perrone and Senior Class Vice-President Delaney Brown as well as ASB President Shayan Weerasekera to produce the event, which received rave reviews from most attendees. The dance officially registers as the most attended prom in Sequoia's long history, and the second-most attended dance behind only January's Winter Formal.

Prom capped a week that was packed with Sequoia activities. Students dressed up throughout the week in accordance with spirit days which were selected based on a poll of Sequoia students. On Thursday, Sequoia's upperclassmen witnessed the sombering reenactment of an automobile crash designed to warn against the dangers of drunk-driving. On Friday, ASB Spirit Commissioners Ayan-na Brewer and Lauren Berry helped organize and carry out a pep-rally and then several students and staff members played against each other in the first official staff-student softball game.

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In May, the **Sequoia Dream Club** was recognized with a prestigious Kent Award as one of the outstanding school



programs in San Mateo County. Students Joanna Fuentes, Litz Mendoza, Ximena Sanchez, Karolina Soto, Miriam León, Yareli Solís were on hand along with advisors Kate Sheehan and Jane Slater to accept the award.

REDWOOD CITY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Redwood City turned 150 years old on May 11, 2017, and Sequoia alum, Dee Eva '61, and former City Council member Barbara Pierce, are co-chairs of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee.

Plans throughout the year include a speaker series focused on Redwood City history, and a 150th Festival and Flower Extravaganza on May 20 featuring arts and crafts, historic re-enactors,



cultural performances, a car show and many other activities for the whole family. In addition, they are creating a feature historical documentary film of Redwood City, a commemorative edition of *Climate* magazine featuring articles on Redwood City history, and 5 "Fun-in-the-Park" events at neighborhoods all over the city. The Fourth of July parade and other civic and cultural events will feature the 150th anniversary theme throughout the year.

Dee and Barbara want to include the entire Redwood City community, feature the extensive and interesting history of our City, and provide events for all age groups AND they'd love to have you join us. For more detailed information about the year-long activities,

BREAKING NEWS: The Grand Marshal of the 4th of July Parade

will be well-known director, choreographer and producer,

Kenny Ortega,

who is a 1968 graduate of Sequoia High School!



His illustrious career in film and television include "Newsies", "Hocus Pocus", and Disney Channel's "High School Musical" franchise. He has been the recipient of three Emmy Awards and two Director's Guild of America Awards, Bob Fosse Award, American Choreography Lifetime Achievement Award, MTB Video Music award, American Music award, Billboard Award, as well as a number of others.

Here's a link to the parade information: <http://www.parade.org/parade-grand-marshal-kenny-ortega>

call Dee Eva 650-368-4800.

**Celebrate Redwood City in 2017!
We hope to see you there!**

BRICKS, TREES & BENCHES

(SEQUOIA VETERANS MEMORIAL, CARRINGTON HALL & INSPIRATION GROVE)

Honor a family member, teacher, or friend. Purchase a brick (\$100), tree with plaque (\$1,000), or engraved bench (\$3,000) for the Sequoia Veterans Memorial or Inspiration Grove or a brick for Carrington Hall. Net proceeds are used to help fund the Cherokee Grants



Program, which funds teachers' instructional services and/or purchases of instructional equipment and materials that are not included in the current District budget.

A maximum of 20 characters or spaces can be used for each of three lines.

Contact SHSAA for more information and the special order form.

CORRECTIONS:

to the Winter, 2016 issue

Ruth Pellizer Swansom (San Carlos 1965) was incorrectly listed in the Sequoia list of new members! Read more from Ruth on the Don's Doings page in this issue.

From Ken Rolandelli (1963): "This is just an observation based on my personal knowledge and information I have regarding the article about Joe Marvin where it is mentioned that in 1960 he was named Nor-Cal Coach of the year for a 33-game winning streak while coaching at Sequoia. I'm not sure of the source of that information but the win streak began at the end of the 1958 season and lasted into the 1962 season. So by the end of the 1960 season, the win streak had not yet reached 33. There was still the unbeaten 1961 season ahead as well as part of the 1962 season."



FRANK A. BRAVO
www.BravoITC.com
Sequoia Class of 1990

Dons' Doings

Current information about fellow San Carlos H. S. Alumni.

(To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, inside back cover.)

The Museum of San Carlos History has a number of San Carlos High School Yearbooks available for purchase at \$75 each (shipping not included). The Museum has available its 75th Anniversary book "SAN CARLOS STORIES" and also a SANCARLOSOPOLY GAME, which includes 37 San Carlos businesses and service clubs on the board. Do contact the Museum prior to holding your class reunions. Follow the Museum at www.sancarloshistorymuseum.org

Reunions

Planning a reunion? Please send your information to SHSAA, at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net or phone 650-592-5822. Give the class, date, place, and contact information.

1977 Sat., Sept. 23 Kingfish Restaurant, 201 South. B. St., 40th San Mateo
Contact: Victoria Shipley, vavaone@sbcbglobal.net 707-480-7900 or Gary Katz 408-421-2421, garymichaelkatz@gmail.com

More: Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1020334258061676/>
Event Page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/307254769717478/>

IN MEMORIAM

SAN CARLOS HIGH SCHOOL
(November 1, 2016 - May 22, 2017)

- David Fausson.....1965
- John Rehbock.....1965
- Scott Daniel Hughes.....1977
- Michael Hutchison.....1979

Scott Daniel Hughes (1977) died in November, 2015.

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Michael Hutchison (1979) worked at Yamas Company in environmental control panel department for 10 years and then In San francisco for 27 years as stationary engineer and finally as chief engineer.

New Members

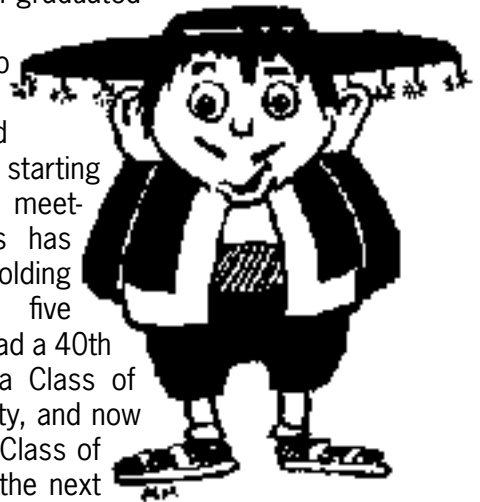
Please tell your fellow San Carlos alumni that there is a "home" for them with SHSAA!

Correction to Members

From **Ruth Pellizzer Swanson (San Carlos 1965)**

" I'm happy that, after all these years, I finally became a member of the Sequoia Alumni Association. However, I was listed in the Winter, 2016, issue as a new member, but not as a new member from San Carlos High, where I graduated in 1965.

I am going to try to get more actively involved this year, by starting out attending meetings. Our class has been actively holding reunions every five years, plus we had a 40th birthday party, a Class of 65 turns 65 party, and now we will plan the Class of 65 moving into the next decade. We grew up in the best of times!"



CAN YOU HELP?

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

- **Annual Picnic:** Serve on the Picnic Committee to plan the event. Also, help is needed and welcomed at the picnic itself:
 - Setting up (8:30 am) and taking down (3 pm) at the picnic. Our wonderful football team helps set up tables. YOUR help is needed to attach tablecloths, arrange the raffle table and the merchandise booth, then dismantling.
 - Help is also needed at Registration, with Merchandise sales, and at the Raffle/Silent Auction tables!
 - The more people helping, the more fun we have and the faster we can finish!
- Managing our **Facebook Page** - we post events, etc. during the year, but we do not have wall posting, etc. to manage.
- Serve as **Reunion Liaison:** Work with reunion chairmen for each class; keep information in reunion folders up-to-date; gather reunion information for publication in Smoke Signals.

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

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

"CHEROKEE GRANTS" – 2016

AND OTHER DONATIONS NET SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL \$4,447

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association has approved the donation of the following items totaling \$4,122.28 to Sequoia High School under its annual "Cherokee Grants" program:

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

Year 2016 Cherokee Grants were:

Independent Living Skills/Special Education – Britt Broome, \$160 toward pre-vocational work boxes

Science/Physics – Benjamin Canning, \$200 for Califone 3068AV headphones

Biology – Debolina Dutta, \$300 for a Vernier Optical Dissolved Oxygen Probe

Social Academic Communication – Rebeca Goodwin, \$366 for a 1 day social thinking conference and a full day substitute

Biology/IB Biology – Ashley Horgan, \$100 for 10 Casio

fx-300ms scientific calculators

Mathematics – Laura Larkin, \$300 for repair of calculators

Mathematics – Anthony Relator, \$178 for two "Breakout EDU" kits

Human Biology/Science – Greg Schmid, \$400 for heart anatomy models

Digital Photography – Kate Sheehan, \$498.28 for camera cases, lens caps and filters for Digital SLR cameras and filters for 35mm cameras

Physics – Allison Stafford, \$170 for LabQuest mini digital measuring device connector for chromebooks

Human Biology – Mitch Weathers, \$400 for swim caps and multicolored sharpies for cerebral cortex mapping

Science/Human Biology – Stephanie Weden, \$400 for human brain models

English/ English Language Development – Stacy Wenzel, \$350 for below grade reading level books from Saddleback Publishers

Advanced Via Individual Determination – Teresa Yeager, \$300 for transportation to UC Merced

Additionally, we have donated \$125 to the Cheer Team and \$200 to the Football Team.

Total donations for the Cherokee Grants, Cheer Team and Football Team are \$4,447.28.

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

MEMORIES

Sally Holt Chandler (1940) responded to the SHSAA email about the Redwood City Sesquicentennial Speaker's Program about Redwood City Schools. She answered the question, "Where did I go to School?"

"My name is Sally Holt Chandler. I was born in Saint Francis hospital in San Francisco in 1923. My parents were Charles Holt and his wife, Margaret. They moved from 16th Ave. in SF to the hills West of Redwood City, California in the early twenties. I believe they were in a house on Park St. at first. They had another girl, Jean, born 1922, and a boy, Cleveland Loring Holt born 1921. They built a house on the Lake on 4 acres; there was a vineyard and an orchard.

When it was time for us to go school, we went to Lincoln School on Whipple Avenue. My teachers were: Miss Belcher, Miss Showers. Miss Fox, Byron C. Curry, and Agnes Flynn. I carried notes from Agnes Flynn (6th) to Mr. Curry (5th) and back. Adelaide Butts was the Principal. Mr. Dalve was the Custodian, and he drove the bus. My friend Louise Chevassus and I drove Mr. Dalve crazy by giggling. One day he kicked us off and we had to walk home to Emerald Lake. I skipped one half grade.

From there we went to McKinley Middle School.

Our teachers were. Mr. Tackett (Math), Miss Gerwin (English), Eleanor Stroud Faure (Civics), Mr. Whitaker (Public Speaking). I gave the speech at Graduation and screwed it up.

We graduated at the half year, so we had an option of finishing at Sequoia in 3.5 years or four and a half years. I graduated at McKinley in February, 1936. I optioned for 3.5 years graduation in 1940 at Sequoia Went to CSM and later UC.

At Sequoia- we had to wear uniforms. You could wear what you chose on Wednesday.

Teachers: Petra Cooper (Social Living), Mr. Blaze (U S History, my favorite of my whole life). If the map was down, it made it sure we were going to have a quiz. Miss Bloxsom (PE), Miss Dansen- she was the dancing teacher and she taught me how to play tennis too.

I was in Treble Clef. I could have stayed in that class forever. So relaxed for the swimming meets after school. The bus to Emerald Lake went to San Carlos and Belmont first if you stayed for after-school sports.

Mr. Argo and his daughter Twila and I put the class of 1940 archives in the walk in front of the school. It has been moved, but still in the walk."

Alumni in the News

Carolyn (Abbott) Livengood, (1952) received the inaugural Patriot of the Year 2016 Award from the San Mateo County Veterans Commission at its first Veterans of the Year Awards Luncheon at Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos on Nov. 10, 2016. The award recognizes a San Mateo County resident who has demonstrated exceptional service to the County's veterans and veteran community.



Carolyn Abbott Livengood (1952), center, receiving a special commendation from Assemblyman Kevin Mullin, left, and Senator Jerry Hill, right.

One of the ways Livengood supports our veterans is by serving as president of the Avenue of Flags Committee in support of Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, which puts on the annual Memorial Day (May), Veterans Day (November), and Wreaths Across America (December) ceremonies.

Carolyn also recently received a special recognition from Senator Jerry Hill, 13th Senatorial District; Mark Leno, 11th Senatorial District; Richard D. Gordon, 24th Assembly District, and Kevin Mullin, 22nd Assembly District with a commendation citing her as an "esteemed journalist who has served communities across California through their dedication, exceptional journalism, and civic engagement." Especially noted was Carolyn's "Livin' Good" column that appeared in the San Mateo Times newspaper from January 1997 to June 24, 2016, that included items about events, activities, and programs offered for the betterment of the community. Her nearly 20-year column included millions of words in print and pixels that appeared in 1,509 print columns and 241 online columns and was a testament to Carolyn's consummate skill, community focus, and reader loyalty.

The commendation also cited her more than 50 years of her wholehearted involvement in numerous civic and community affairs in San Mateo County. She has organized and led two successful bond campaigns for building Skyline College. Being a longtime volunteer and public affairs officer with the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 15 in South San Francisco and serving as President of the Avenue of Flags Committee for Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno only reflects part of her devotion to efforts that honor and serve veterans. And of course she is active with the Sequoia High School Alumni Association!

The May, 2017 issue of Redwood City's Spectrum Magazine featured a story about Porta's Towing, celebrating its 90th year. The Portas are a multi-generation Sequoia family - **Carl Porta** (1961, **Jeanette Porta Bullock** (1962), Jeanette's husband **Ron Bullock** (1962) and more recently, **Tina Bullock Hubbard** (1991). Porta's was the first towing company in San Mateo



County to have small, medium, and large trucks available for rescue. Besides the usual tow calls, the company has recovered a Cessna that crashed on Bayshore Freeway, school buses, garbage trucks, and even beached whales! They have participated in many 4th of July parades and appeared in the Sesquicentennial May 10 Celebration. The company received a 2016 Legacy Award from the Chamber of Commerce.

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Beverly Schutz Morgan (1967) was one of three featured singers at the annual Veterans Day ceremony held by the Avenue of Flags Committee in support of Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016. All of the singers, which included Katie Lipka and Erin Renfroe from Masterworks Chorale, won high praise from the audience.

Bev also sang at the Redwood City Sesquicentennial Celebration in May in Courthouse Square. A highlight was the performance of "Redwood City" by Otis M. Carrington!

OLD SEQUOIA RELICS

Old Sequoia Relics get together regularly. Their mission statement is: "Get together...Tell stories...Have fun..."

OSR gathers in October at Rossotti's (Alpine Inn) for the annual Grand Meeting. ALL Sequoia grads are invited to join in. For more information, contact Bob Bowers at robert4770@sbcglobal.net.

OUR UNSUNG HERO FOR 2016

PAUL SANFILIPO

Our Unsung Hero of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association for 2016 was Paul Sanfilipo, Class of 1967. Sequoia H. S. Alumni Association Past President Jeff Filippi made the presentation.

Paul was a member of the famous basketball team in the Charlie Johnson era and was one of Johnson's official warm-up partners. He was a member of the Key Club.

Paul served on the original Carrington Hall Restoration Committee; he participated in the Sequoia Veterans Memorial Ceremony; he helped with Horses to Horsepower fundraisers.

Paul is also the founder of the Century Club, which is the funding arm of the Alumni Association's annual Spirit of the Seal Scholarship Program. He chairs the committee to select scholarship recipients and presents the awards at the Senior Awards Ceremony each year, wearing his original Block S letter sweater!

As Planning Commissioner, he led the inclusion of Sequoia High School in the Redwood City Redevelopment District, which yielded about \$700,000 for the school to be painted in time for its Centennial Celebration in 1995.

Paul is a past recipient of the Alumni Association's Purple Patriot Award for his ongoing support of Sequoia High School.

In the community, Paul served as councilman, chair of the Planning Commission for two years, and was instrumental in the inclusion of El Camino access to Sequoia Station. As a 50-year member of the Peninsula Celebration Association, he was president during the sky dive era of the 80's, chairman of the 4th of July parade, and founder of the 4th of July Festival in 1985. He is a 49-year member of the Miss California/Miss America Pageant Association and serves as the current State Field Director.

In addition, he is a 20-year member and former trustee and chairman of the Redwood City Elks Club,



Paul Sanfilipo, 1967, (right), being presented with the Unsung Hero Award by Sequoia Alumni Past President Jeff Filippi, 1976 (right).

a 20-year member and past president of the Optimist Club, and Treasurer of the Sign of the Times Redwood City welcome arch Project. He also belongs to the Downtown Business Group, Chamber of Commerce, San Mateo County History Museum, and is a charter member of the new Downtown Lions Club. He is a past member of the Native Sons and the Sequoia Club.

In 1968, Paul trained for the Olympics and was in the track pre-trials. In the early 70's, while on a cable car in San Francisco, he was challenged by his buddies and the conductor to race the Cable Car for two miles from Market Street to Ghirardelli Square at night, wearing street clothes and loafers. He won! The feat was noted in Herb Caen's column.

He sang by invitation at Harvey's in Lake Tahoe, and also at the Silver Slipper in Las Vegas.

For his continuing support of its projects, The Sequoia High School Alumni Association was happy to present our 2016 Unsung Hero Award to Paul Sanfilipo.

* NOTE: The Unsung Hero Award was presented to Paul in November, 2016, at the awards banquet of the Inter-Service Club Coordinating Council of Redwood City. Recipients are chosen by each organization to recognize someone who contributes much effort to their group, often working behind the scenes with no thought of recognition.

TEA GARDEN MAINTENANCE***Keep the Tea Garden Beautiful!***

The Tea Garden Maintenance Committee activities will resume, now that the renovation of the Tea Garden by the district is completed. Contact SHSAA if you would like to help with the occasional clean-up days—weeding, tidying, etc. John Castro heads the group which usually meets on Saturday mornings, and there is some task for everyone who would like to help!

In Memoriam

December 1, 2016 - June 11, 2017

FS = former student Fr = Friend FAC = faculty

Margaret Feldscher Wilson	1932	Carmen Sanchez Bicker.....	1948	Lucille Nissen Flynn	1957
Marshall Hughes.....	1933	Shirley Matney Chaney.....	1948	Sally Woolsey Kirby	1957
Jerrold (Jerry) J. Smith.....	1935	Lewis A. Demuth	1948	Gary R. Gonzales (Gary Quile).....	1958
Larry W. Killpack	1938	Vivian Knydsen Johnsens	1948	Robert Green	1958
Peter A. Merrill.....	1938	Roberet Robb.....	1948	Gordon Orvan Gale	1960
Robert L. Wallace.....	1938	Jerry K. Walsh.....	1948	Jackie Mangnuson Bairey.....	1961
Mary Lou Linsey Linhart.....	1939	Constance Woodward Peterson.....	1949	Margaret Howard Spiess.....	1961
Carmon Mills Courter	1940	Gene Solari.....	1949	Carol Hardin Updike.....	1961
Marjorie "Marge" Stewart Miller	1940	Paul Amaya.....	1950	Richard John Shields.....	1962
Vivienne Bright Pearce	1940	Ernest Philip Baga	1950	Anne Lovelace Malone	1963
Tosh Tsubakimoto.....	1940	Eleanor Heidhoff Killen	1950	Linda Hanners.....	1965
Ralph J. Balanesi	1941	Charles "Chuck" Schob.....	1950	Nathaniel Wellington	1965?
Peggy Reynolds Bethard.....	1941	John Jerome Figone	1951	Judy Lee Carmine LaDuca.....	1966
Loretta Helfrich Fowler.....	1941	Patricia Canty Jackson.....	1951	Louise Johnson Marandas.....	1968
Doris Sampson Rankine.....	1942	Toula ??? New.....	FS-1951?	Steve James Mariani.....	1968
Bertram McDonald, Jr.	1943	James "Jim" Nystrom	1951	Kristina A. Robles	1972
Glenn Stewart	1943	Peter James "Jim" Peterson.....	1951	Jeffrey Little.....	1973
Patricia Schath Bernard	1944	Patricia J. Stewart Hildreth.....	1952		
Alda Mileti Houchin	1944	Benjamin F. Priest.....	1952		
Helen O'Leary Maul.....	1944	Virginia Bowen Beeson.....	1953		
William F. Monahan	1944	Beth Little Hamilton	1953		
Robert K. Myles, M.D.....	1944	Dan McCarthy	1953		
Ben (Bernard) Schweickert, Jr.....	1944	Richard Lloyd Elliot.....	1954		
Barbara S. Webster	1944	H. Greig Fowler	1954		
Betty Jean Banks Narlesky.....	1945	Marlie lone Johnson Hynes.....	1954		
Richard Grant Elliott.....	1946	Michael J. Brady.....	1955		
Doris Marie Hart Fleming	1946	Stephem Bertil Sacson	1955		
Margaret Bloxham Rowell.....	1946	Kay Deardorff Sitkowski.....	1955		
Anna Victoria Sagasty Smith.....	1946	Mary Rickabaugh Uhl	1955		
Ann Randall Waldo	1946	Lila Morales Cinquini.....	1956		
Alton M. "Dink" Cryer, Jr.....	1947	Barbara Winters Moller	1956		
Wendell J. "Whitey" Johnson, Sr.	1947	Laverne Isaacs Munizich	1956		
Barbara Peterson Marcopulos	1947	Julian Howard Unger.....	1956		
Peter Merrill.....	1947	Charlene Cave.....	1957		

SEQUOIA

Peter A. Merrill (1938) was in the Merchant Marine as a marine engineer in the Pacific supporting the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

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Robert L. Wallace (1938) After serving in the Navy in WW II and the Korean Conflict, Bob became a contractor, then earned his GED from Sequoia and studied data processing at the College of San Mateo. He then worked as machine maintenance manager for Raychem. He was very active in the Native Sons and helped restore Union Cemetery. He and his wife Madeline were Marshals in the 4th of July Parade.

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Mary Lou Linsey Linhart (1939) earned a BA and MA at Stanford. She

taught in Junior High and High school but then moved to Carmel and opened "Merry Loom" where she sold knitting and weaving supplies.

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Marjorie "Marge" Stewart Miller (1940) was the first woman from Redwood City to enlist in the WAVES following Pearl Harbor, becoming a Yeoman First Class when she was discharged after the war. She worked for the Petaluma School District and was the first Dean of Students at Rancho Cotate High School.

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Peggy Reynolds Bethard (1941) told her daughter that she remembered singing with the High School Choir at the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge.

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Pat Schath Bernard (1944)



Pat served on the Board of Directors of the Sequoia High School

At graduation, Pat received the Sequoia Seal award for outstanding achievement. She worked for the Office of Censorship in San Francisco during WW II. After marrying her high school sweetheart Bob Bernard, she continuously volunteered in the community. She was the Friends of the Redwood City Library Book Sale Chairman for 23 years and was a 50-year member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Alumni Association for many years as Reunion Liaison, Historian, Administrative Secretary, and also on the Centennial Celebration Committee, Membership Committee, Picnic Committee and the Cherokee Grants Committee. In 1977, she received the Alumni Association's Unsung Hero Award for her outstanding contributions to the Association.

Pat always said goodbye with the words, "May God bless you and the angels watch over you." She collected angels until the day she became one.

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association purchased a plaque and tree in Pat's name, to be placed near the Sequoia Veterans Memorial. Pat had been instrumental in providing many names for the SVM to Dee Eva when the memorial was being installed.

In Memoriam

Doris Sampson Rankine (1942) attended Heald Business College then worked at a San Francisco import/export business. Later, while raising her family, she was active in the Peninsula Hills Women's Club, receiving many honors during her more than 50 years of community service. She also volunteered at Sequoia Hospital, was docent at historic Lathrop House, and was active with the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Bertram McDonald, Jr. (1943) served as a Seabee in WW II. After graduating from the University of the Pacific, he was an elementary school teacher.

Glenn Stewart (1943) was a frequent contributor to the "Sequoia Memories" in Smoke Signals. Several generations of his family attended Sequoia, and he always signed his letters, "A Real 'Cherokee' Sequoian." He served in the U.S. Army Infantry, with combat in Okinawa. He wrote an autobiography, "Eight Decades With Glenn Stewart."

Alda Mileti Houchin (1944) was an executive secretary at Lenkurt for almost 30 years.

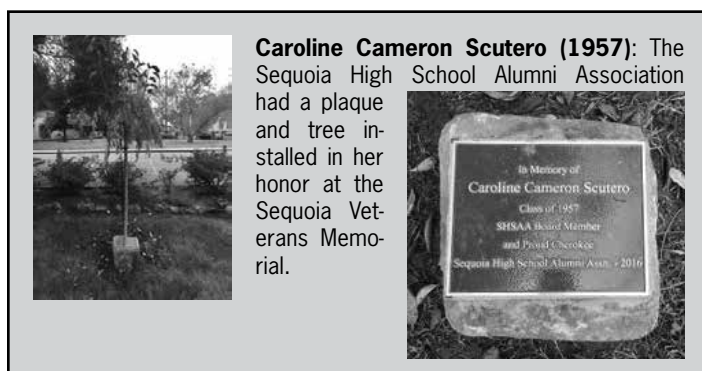
William F. Monahan (1944) served as a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Corps. At San Jose State he obtained a BA in Accounting and earned an NCAA championship on the water polo team. He also earned an MA at UC Berkeley. He eventually held Treasurer/CFO positions in real estate development. After retirement, he was golf marshal in Cupertino, Pebble Beach, and Spanish Bay.

Robert K. Myles, M.D. (1944) studied medicine at Stanford, McGill and Duke Universities. He taught students at Stanford, Duke, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Orvis School of Nursing. Northern Nevada owes much of its success in recruiting and retaining top-notch medical talent to "Dr. Bob" Myles, who was one of the first professors of medicine at the Nevada School of Medicine, where he taught Clinical Diagnosis, mentored pulmonary and internal medical specialists in Reno, and worked in every aspect of health care. He was elected to Washoe Medical Center's board, serving as medical director for respiratory care at two hospitals, and as quality and policy expert and also president for the Washoe County Medical Society. After retirement, he also oversaw several health clinics and served on the Washoe County Regional Board of Health, and the Public Health Committee for the Nevada State Medical Assn. until 2008.

Ben (Bernard) Schweickert, Jr. (1944) was in the U. S. Army and later in the U. S. Navy Reserve. He worked for PanAm and then Ampex.

Richard Grant Elliott (1946) served in the U. S. Army in Korea. He worked as an engineer at Caltrans, retiring as Deputy Director for region 5, directing highway construction and maintenance from Big Sur to Santa Barbara. He loved American, Californian and railroad history.

Margaret Bloxham Rowell (1946) had a long career with AT&T, Sebastiani Family Winery, and years of community service.



Caroline Cameron Scutero (1957): The Sequoia High School Alumni Association had a plaque and tree installed in her honor at the Sequoia Veterans Memorial.

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Alton M. "Dink" Cryer, Jr. (1947) was with the Chrysler Corporation in the Bay Area then moved to Reno had owned several Chrysler dealerships in that area.

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Wendell James "Whitey" Johnson, Sr. (1947) served in the U. S. Navy, then the U. S. Army as a paratrooper, and then joined the Merchant Marines during the Korean Conflict. He later worked for Peninsula Building Materials for 23 years.

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Barbara Peterson Marcopulos (1947) was a Superior Court Clerk for San Mateo County.

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Lewis A. DeMuth (1948) served in the U. S. Air Force then graduated with a degree in business from UC Berkeley. He worked for Lockheed Martin for 30 years.

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Jerry K. Walsh (1948) was senior class president, lettered in water polo and swimming, and was elected to Boys' State. At UCLA, he was president of his fraternity and lettered in water polo, graduating from the School of Business. He served in the Korean War, then worked for 37 years as a printing broker specializing in business forms.

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Paul Amaya (1950) served in the U. S. Army then became a journeyman sheet metal worker, eventually with his own company, Rountree Sheet Metal.

Ernest Philip Baga (1950) served in the U.S. Air Force and then worked for Pacific Bell for 34 years.

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Eleanor Heidhoff Killen (1950) graduated from San Jose State and taught first grade for many years.

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Charles "Chuck" Schob (1950) served in the U. S. Army in the Korean War and then held many positions with the City of Palo Alto, ending his 39-year career as Chief Public Works Inspector.

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John Jerome Figone (1951) served in the army Corps of Engineers in Korea. He was a general building contractor with partnerships in two motels, building and co-owning Southbay Materials, and often worked with his son at Figone Construction.

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James "Jim" Nystrom (1951) served in the U. S. Air Force. He later managed the Palo Alto Airport, owned Nystrom Aviation, and was the largest Piper dealer in the world in the late 1960s. While serving as Mayor of Los Altos, he helped establish Westwind Therapeutic Riding Barn, improved the Little League fields, and expanded the trail system.

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Peter James "Jim" Peterson (1951) worked at the Appleton Coated Paper Co. for three decades. He also had a lifelong passion for photography.

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Patricia J. Stewart Holdreth (1952) was active in supporting her husband who was director at Stanford's Sierra Camp at Fallen Leaf Lake; one of the camp's meeting rooms was dedicated to Pat and her husband.

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Benjamin F. Priest (1952) served in the U.S. Army in Korea and then started an accounting firm in Los Altos and then Sunnyvale.

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H. Greig Fowler (1954) served in the 129th Air National Guard, trained in fire control for SA-16 Albatross and U-10 Helio Couriers. A graduate from UC Berkeley and Hastings College of Law and member of the International Legal Honor Society. He was partner with Cartwright, Sucheman, Slobodin & Fowler and served on the board of the San Francisco Bar Assn. and as President of San Francisco Trial Lawyers Assn. twice. He had many inter-

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In Memoriam

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ests ranging from art and music to sports.

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Marlie Ione Johnson Hynes (1954) had a 45-year career in nursing, including post-surgical duties and management at several San Jose hospitals, and also admissions nurse at Agnew State Hospital when it housed 4,200 patients.

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Michael J. Brady (1955) was a CPA and former President of the Santa Clara County CPA Assn. He was a lifelong volunteer with the Boy Scouts.

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Stephen Bertil Sacson (1955) was with Pacific Gas & Electric Company for 37 years.

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Lucille Nissen Flynn (1957) was first an elementary teacher and then became a law firm receptionist.

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Gordon Orvan Gale (1960) owned his own traffic control company, Kar-Gor, in Kirkland, WA.

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Margaret Howard Spiess (1961) lived in Guam producing batiks and teaching in the elementary school. She later taught at San Bernardino H. S. for 25 years.

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Richard John Shields (1962) graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He worked as an embalmer in Redwood City, Ventura, and eventually Ely, NV, where for 35 years he was the sole provider of funeral services in East-Central Nevada. He was also active in many service clubs and the Ely Volunteer Fire Department.

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Nathaniel Wethington (1965?) worked with TWA and then American Airlines, where he traveled worldwide.

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Louise Johnson Marandas (1968) graduated with honors from Stanford, earned an MA from Lewis and Clark College and was a school psychologist with Lake Oswego and Portland Public School Districts.

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Steve James Mariani (1968) was an accomplished gymnast, skydiver, Lieutenant Commander in the Navy, science teacher, and dancing soldier in "The Attack of the Killer Tomatoes."

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Kristina A. Robles (1972) advised and participated in searches with the Explorer's Search and Rescue Unit of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. In her 33-year career as Financial Analyst with NASA's Ames Research Center, she was given an exceptional Service Medal in 1999.

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Jeffrey Little (1973) earned a BA in History from Stanford and a law degree Santa Clara University. He practiced in San Francisco and then Columbus, OH. He was General Counsel of Safe Auto Insurance Co.

SEQUOIA FACULTY

Lorlene Boyer taught nursery school in San Mateo and Home Economics at Sequoia.

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Gerald Meade Goff first taught English at Sequoia. After a trip to Europe and Montreal, he learned French and then taught that. During a second sabbatical, he did a solo circumnavigation of the globe, visiting many countries. He retired after teaching 35 years at Sequoia. Then he volunteered for many years teaching English to Russian émigrés.

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Buddy Miller first taught at Ravenswood High and then spent 27 years as teacher and football coach at Sequoia. He was also a member of the San Francisco 49er chain gang for 42 years. After retirement, he was a volunteer with the Nevada County Sheriff's Department and also earned a black belt in Jiu Jitsu while in his 70s.

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Douglas David Murray taught at Sequoia and later was principal at San Carlos, Menlo-Atherton, and Carlmont.

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Peter Harrison Newton worked in the district from 1960-92 (his last 11 years as Principal at Carlmont). He also worked with the Sequoia H. S. Scholarship Fund.

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John L. Peterson, taught at Sequoia in 1956-58. He later taught at State University, New York and State University of Wisconsin.

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Curtis Oscar Safsten taught arts and crafts in the Sequoia H. S. School District for 36 years and also night school oil painting classes for 20 years.

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Elizabeth Van Dalsem served as Director of Guidance and Research for the Sequoia H. S. District.

BOARD ELECTIONS 2017

Five board positions are up for election. Those elected will serve two-year terms. (Six board members are elected in even-numbered years; five in odd-numbered years.) Please see page 21. Deadline for ballots to be received is July 20 2017.

For the 2017-2019 term, the Nominating Committee recommends:

Janice Jennings Abidi
Rosemary Filippi Fischer
Sally Coelho Newman
Leah Schmuck
Melissa Quinn Utecht

the board of directors and is on the Picnic committee.

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SALLY COELHO NEWMAN (1956) serves as treasurer and historian on the Alumni board. She serves on the Archives & Display, Picnic, and Smoke Signals committees. She is also a past president of the Redwood City Woman's Club and manages the 106-year-old clubhouse and rentals there.

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

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MELISSA QUINN UTECHT (1974) has served one term on the board. She is also on Picnic committee. She enjoys working with a great group of Alumni members.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

JANICE JENNINGS ABIDI (1970) was appointed last year to fill a vacancy on the board. She serves on the picnic committee.

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ROSEMARY FILIPPI FISCHER (1967) served as founding treasurer of SHSAA for eight years. She also chaired the Archival and Carrington Hall committees and helped purchase books for the SHSAA-sponsored Native American section at the school library. She currently serves on

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.)

Audrey Allen Winters (1936) says: "Another 97-year-old! Hi, to Gertrude Peterson Paul. I also lived in Grass Valley! Wonderful memories of Sequoia!"



1944 Grads Turn 90

Bob Reese (left) U.S. Army WW II Vet, Civil Engineer, and Alan Rehbock (right) U.S. Army WW II Vet, Marine Air Corps Vet. and Captain TWA Airline Pilot, celebrate their 90th birthdays. Alan & Bob lunch together regularly. —sent by Bob Reese (1944)

[Ed. note: SHSAA recently received notification that Alan passed away (see In Memoriam).]

Byron Chaney (1948) wrote to say that his high school sweetheart, **Shirley Matney Chaney (1948)** had passed away. They had been married for 64 years.

Robin Fincher Toews (1952) reports that she is a retired teacher, with 44 years teaching 4th grade in Portola

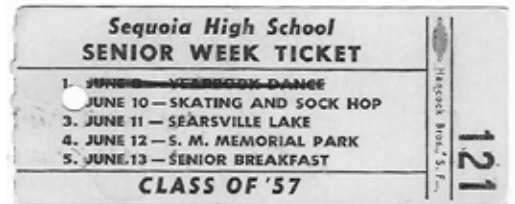
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REUNION COMMITTEES
& ALUMNI AT LARGE!**

Mark your Calendars for the 11th Annual
Alumni Association Picnic
(August 19, 2017)

Valley and China Lake School District. She now enjoys doing photography, and keeping up with family and friends!

Donald Christy Dyché (1954) writes: "I remain retired from corporate finance. I had a busy travel schedule in late 2016, with trips to Washington DC (twice) New Orleans and Phoenix. Too busy to get all my gardening done before the ground froze. Phoenix was for the College Football Playoff New Year's Eve. My wife, an Ohio State alum, and I went with an OSU alumni group and had a fine trip, except for the 31-0 drubbing by Clemson."

Jim Jordan (1957) writes: "Jim and wife Carol (of 57 years) just completed a bucket Trip to Pitcairn Easter island last year. Jim attended is 50th medical school reunion and continues to practice medicine in Fairbanks, Alaska. Give us a call if you're in the area."



Jim also sent word that he couldn't attend the '57 reunion earlier this year because he would be in Papua New Guinea. However, he enclosed a photo of his Sequoia High Senior Week Ticket and said "I especially want to go to Searsville Lake but not hiding in the car trunk as I now have a ticket to go through the gate. I'm too old to skate or sock hop but will think of you during the dance. Have a great evening. I will do a toast as I run from the headhunters and cannibals in the high lands of New Guinea."

Keith Bautista (1958) tells of all the Sequoia Grads who live on Sterling Way in Redwood City: **Arleen Bowers Lombardi (1958)**, **Gene Masini (1958)**, **Keith & Sandy Voss Bautista (both 1958)**, **Bob Wolger (1957)** and **Sandy Wolger (1959)**. And Sterling Way is only one block long!

Jim Miles (1962) told us how much he enjoys reading the articles in Smoke Signals and what fondness he has for his days at Sequoia, where he was an All-American in Swimming.

Mike Otis (1962) is in Labor Relations and Personnel at the Boeing Corporation.

Kathy Cooper Hoekenga (1969) is a teacher.

Mary Collier Purcell (1975) is a teacher who enjoys swimming tennis, volleyball, walking, reading, cooking, her three adult children and singing at Saturday Mass.

Justine Levine (2017) is a talented designer of light shows, etc. (check out Levine's Lights on Youtube).

ALL EYES ON SEQUOIA HIGH

(article from Joyce Romero & Tatum Clarke at Dwell Realty, San Carlos)

Most who invest in a home and life in San Mateo County know that there is not just one motivator that brings us here. There are numerous reasons that our location is one of the most sought after regions in the nation. It's not just it's desirable climate, the economic engine that is the Silicon Valley, or its unique homes... the Mid-Peninsula is also coveted for its diversity and chiefly, it's high-scoring public schools.

Recently, Sequoia High School has received a significant amount of positive buzz, following a few years of dramatic improvements to its curriculum, student body and campus. Now with more than 2,100 students, and many more hoping to make a transfer there, Sequoia is making big strides across the board.

High School students in the Redwood City School District learned their fates this week with their 2017-2018 public school placements. While students are guaranteed a spot in their neighborhood schools, they can apply for a transfer to the other two public high schools, Woodside High School or Carmont High School in Belmont, or charter schools Everest and Summit in Redwood City or East Palo Academy in East Palo Alto, which are funded but not controlled by the high school district.

Those who plan to attend any of the Redwood City District high schools this upcoming fall should feel

very privileged to attend such a high quality school. And those planning to head to Sequoia will be particularly excited with all the new improvements that have taken place over the last few years, thanks to \$12 million in bond money approved by voters in 2008 and 2014.

Among the improvements the school has witnessed is a full-functioning kitchen with a culinary arts program that adheres to students hoping to find work in hospitality, tourism or recreation. Many job-training courses in the fields of computer science, graphics, business, international studies and medical fields are snapping the interest of high schoolers hoping to enter these fields with some advance preparation and hands-on experience.

Also premiere to Sequoia is its International Baccalaureate program, which since its 2002 inception, appears to be thriving. The only high school in the district to offer an IB Diploma, this program teaches all core curriculum at the honors level and offers an international focus on all subjects. This unique program stresses critical thinking, knowledge, reflection, risk and open-mindedness.

Once a feeder school to Stanford University, it appears with these recent advancements, Sequoia is returning to its age-old reputation of being a college-prep school. Hats off to the district in seeing the benefits of providing more opportunity to our children!

BALLOT 2017

Nominees

(See article about candidates p. 19.) Please vote for no more than 5 people.

- Janice Jennings Abidi
- Rosemary Filippi Fischer
- Sally Coelho Newman
- Leah Schmuck

- Melissa Quinn Utecht
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* Write-in names: include phone number and e-mail.

Bylaws Revisions

(See wording on p. _____)

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Please mark and mail your ballot by JULY 20 to: SHSAA-Ballot, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, or you may email your ballot choices to sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

The Returnable Page

Return this page to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534,
or e-mail information to: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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

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

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

____ Information about one of our "Lost" members: _____

____ Information about someone being looked for: _____

I'd like to donate to:

- The 2016-17 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 \$ _____
 - Sequoia Veterans Memorial Engraving Fund \$ _____
- Total \$ _____

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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 (or San Carlos)" _____

Ideas for events/fundraising: _____

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

- | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ____ Smoke Signals | ____ Facebook Page Management | ____ Merchandise | ____ Help in booth |
| ____ Athletic Review | ____ Cherokee Grants | ____ Reunion Liaison | ____ Tea Garden Cleanup |
| ____ Special Events | ____ Annual Picnic | ____ Archives & Display | |

"REDWOOD CITY"

BY OTIS M. CARRINGTON

Near the Coast Range closely snuggled In a grove of stately oaks
Where the golden poppies blossom, There a band of happy folks!
And they've built a pretty city, Where all live in harmony,
And if you don't believe this song, Why come yourself and see.

There are schools—the very finest,
And they're marked with gardens too!
The weather is the fairest You can find where'er you go,
And there are other reasons why We love our City so!

There are roads and pleasant highways
Marked with gardens fair to view,

Redwood, Redwood, High your praise
we're sounding with this melody.
Redwood, Redwood, Redwood City, That's the place for you and me!

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR BALLOT (on p. 21, reverse side of this page)

SHSAA Membership Application

Name _____ (_____)
Last First Maiden

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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

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

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

*My interests/hobbies are: _____

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

Type of Membership:

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

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

\$50 per lifetime membership:

\$ 50

I would also like to donate to:

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- 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 (\$5,000 per issue)
- Sequoia Veterans Memorial Engraving

\$ _____
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 \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

Make checks payable and mail to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534
 Not sure if you're a member? Check the mailing label. If there is a number by your name, you're a member!

Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

**Limited
 number of
 T-shirts and
 Sweatshirts
 available --
 contact us!**

Memorabilia

- P-1 Sequoia Lapel Pin * \$5
- P-2 50-year Grad Disk * \$3
- P-3 Sequoia Pen * \$2
- P-4 Sequoia Flashlight Pen * \$3
- B-1 Sequoia History Booklet * \$3
- M-1 Mouse Pad * \$5
- R-1 Sequoia Replica \$5
- LP-1 License Plate Holder \$18
- LP-2 2 License Plate Holders 2 for \$35
- TB Tote Bag "Go Cherokees logo" \$20

Stationery

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



Note Cards



Shipping & Handling Charges*
 \$3.00 - \$10.00 Add \$4.00
 \$11.00 - \$20.00 Add \$6.50
 over \$20.00 Add \$8.50
***except for:** P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4, B-1, M-1 & N-1, Only add \$1.50 each

Information and photos available at
www.sequoiahalumniassoc.org
 or call 650/592-5822.
 e-mail: sequoiahalumni@earthlink.net

Item	Qty	Size	Price Each	Total Price
Subtotal			\$ _____	
Shipping (see chart)			\$ _____	
Grand Total			\$ _____	

Ship to Name: _____
 Address, City, State & Zip _____
 Make checks payable to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534
 Items mailed in US only. No CODs. Price/items/availability subject to change.

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

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Plan to attend the
ANNUAL MEETING
of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
6 p.m.
Sequoia District Board Room
480 James Ave., Redwood City

Light refreshments will be served.
Enjoy the overview of the past year and hear results of the election of officers.
Feel free to stay for the regular SHSAA board meeting at 7 p.m.

Remember to **VOTE!** See Ballot (Directors & Bylaws) on the Returnable Page, inside back cover.

Don't miss the
9th ANNUAL "CELEBRATE SEQUOIA" BBQ/PICNIC
Saturday, August 19, 2017
(details on p.1 and flyer you received)



The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is a proud sponsor of the Redwood City Sesquicentennial Celebration 1867 - 2017



11th Annual "Celebrate Sequoia" Fundraiser

Picnic / B.B.Q.

presented by

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association

"Remember the Past, Look to the Future"

Saturday, August 19, 2017

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

10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\$35.00 per person

Reservations required by August 15.

A limited number of tickets available at the door at \$40.00 per person.

Children under 12 yrs - \$25.00

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

Lunch will be served between 12:15 and 2:00 p.m. ONLY!

The Class of 1967 will be honored as our "Golden Grads" on their 50th Anniversary.

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Campus Tours

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Live Auction

Purple Patriot Awards

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Alumni Merchandise available

Credit Card and PayPal available

Performances by:
The Sequoia Cheerleaders

and

Sequoia's Treble Clef Alumnae

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Food by Emergency B.B.Q

Have a Vintage Car? Registration available at discounted rate for lunch and special parking area available.

San Carlos Grads always welcome!

For information contact: SHSAA 650-592-5822

Email: Sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

Online: www.SequoiaHSAumniAssoc.org

PayPal available for online registration

Make checks payable to: SHSAA
No prepaid reservations accepted after Aug. 15

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

Graduate's Name _____ Maiden Name: (if applicable) _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Grad Year _____ if not grad, what years at Sequoia or San Carlos _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$35.00 ea. Total enclosed \$ _____

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