



# SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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*The mission of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation is to serve as a charitable organization to unite Santa Rosa High School alumni, parents, faculty, staff and interested community members in order to provide financial support for SRHS programs and students, and to preserve and document the history and traditions of SRHS.*

## REMEMBER WHEN: 1966

By Rick Blaine

Fifty years ago, on June 16, 534 of us graduated in commencement exercises at Bailey Field. It's hard for me to accept so many years have passed because I remember so much about my senior year at that beautiful brick building.

Once he was elected president in 1964, Lyndon Johnson promised many changes in his Great Society platform, but he didn't expect the events in Vietnam. None of us did. After graduation some of us went there to fight and didn't come back. Ronald Reagan was elected governor, and I suspect none of us expected that either. A movie star as governor! We discussed lowering the voting age to 18. I wonder how we would have voted for governor.

An H bomb was lost in the Pacific Ocean that year, and the Beatles played their last concert at Candlestick Park. Civil rights activist James Meredith was shot, the Cold War raged and Walt Disney died. A gallon of gas cost 32 cents, a stamp five cents. The minimum wage was \$1.25 an hour. I made \$1.35 working at Roger's Hamburgers, but I had been there since I was a sophomore. I haven't eaten many hamburgers since.

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## DINNER FOR 650

By Don Cambou '64

The next time you're planning a dinner party for 650 close friends, remember these tips from Santa Rosa High School Foundation board members Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68, Donna Dennes Peterson '67, and JoAnn Hembree MacDonald '56. They're the women responsible for the Foundation's annual Polenta Feed. First, they say, start planning your dinner nine months in advance. Be sure to secure the proper permits, including a liquor license, a permit to raffle wine, and another from the Fire Department. Then reserve a date at the Vets' Memorial Building. Why do they choose the Vets' when the event sells out every year? It's the biggest place in town with a kitchen.

Time to start shopping. Pay when you need. Get donations when you can. While the Foundation receives many donations, Paulette, Donna, and JoAnn want to give a special shout out to the Francis Ford Coppola Winery and Lagunitas Brewery. MacDonald, who's been doing this since the SRHSF Polenta

Feed in 2005, remembers, "Jacky Schlich '57, and I would go anywhere to save a dime." You'll need: liquor for 1,000 bar drinks, 12 cases of wine for the tables, 72 antipasti plates, 180 pounds of lettuce, 100 loaves of sourdough French bread and 20 pounds of butter. For the polenta itself, plan on 90 pounds of sausage, 160 pounds of stew meat, 110 pounds of onions, 50 pounds of mushrooms, 70 pounds of cheese, and around a thousand pounds of cooked polenta. A very seasoned chef is a must. Randy Apel '65, and his crew took over duties in 2016. Before Randy, Ray Lazzini, with



2016 Polenta Feed

his own crew, served as head chef since the Feed's inception in 1997.

Then there's the help. 35 Santa Rosa High students work as servers – and often receive generous tips.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the Foundation starts the school year and the fall 2016 activities, I'm amazed how busy the Foundation Board Members were during the summer break.

The 21st annual Golf Tournament on September 9th was a fun event! The success of the Tournament is due to the excellent organizational skills of Chair, Doug Pavese and his Co-Chair Sue Bolt. On the day of the tournament the Golf Tournament Committee, Board Members and Volunteers kick into high gear to ensure the day is fun for the golfers and their guests.

The PPF (Panther Project Fund) committee, chaired by Tony Negri, had its first meeting at Adele's Restaurant at 6:30AM on the Friday before the September Board meeting. This is when the Teachers and Department Heads request funds for various projects, from the purchase of Press Democrat Newspapers for the classroom to assisting with an Italian Exchange Student program. SRHS is fortunate to offer 3 Italian language classes taught by Ms. Forchini. None of the other area high schools offer this program. The PPF Committee continues to work within a budget established by the Finance & Investment Committees.

During the summer, with the Board's approval, I hired a Web Developer. The Developer will assist with the update of our site, [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org). The Web Developer will not only update the site but maintain it! With the update of the website other social media sites are being updated, e.g. Facebook. We will also be able to bring the class lists and pictures current.



On a positive note, the return on our endowed investments have shown strong performance gains since the end of our Fiscal Year, 6/30/16. Our Advisor, Morgan Stanley, is projecting continued gains for the remainder of this new Fiscal Year ending 6/30/17. Without being too technical, Morgan Stanley also expects the global markets in general, which will affect our portfolio, will remain volatile based on the US election and other worldwide economic issues.

With the start of the school year I want to encourage you to become a Foundation member, or renew your expiring membership, or become a "Big Cat" member. Membership opportunities start as low \$25.00 for one year, to a lifetime member for a donation of \$500.00. All memberships include receiving the Newsletter 4 times per year. Perhaps you would like to become a ONE THOUSAND PANTHER! One Thousand Panthers is looking for 1000 donors to donate \$1000.00. These funds will go into an unrestricted endowment of which the earnings will be utilized to assist with future programs at SRHS and its students. On the back of this newsletter you will see the various donation opportunities.

The Board of Directors for the Foundation is looking for new Board Members, as we have vacancies to fill. If becoming a Board Member doesn't interest you, become a Volunteer at one of our events! Your participation has direct results to SRHS and its students!

If you are interested please contact us through our website: [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) or call our Pandey line at 707-571-7747.

As always we look forward to your support of the Foundation and the Students at SRHS.

Once a Panther, Always a Panther!  
Mary Orsborn Beseda '74

### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Article submissions are invited, as are story ideas. Please limit articles to 500 words and letters to 150 words. Please limit Panther Patter submissions to 150 words. All submissions are subject to editing and become the property of the Foundation.

Please submit articles and letters in unformatted text. Microsoft Word is preferred.

Please submit photos and graphics separately from text, but do provide identity of subjects and other relevant material.

Email submissions to [doncambou1@gmail.com](mailto:doncambou1@gmail.com). Or mail hard copies to PO Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1006.

### SRHS Foundation Directors

Mary Orsborn Beseda '74, President	Rose Machen Moeller '68
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Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68	Mark A. Walswick, '74
Art Horner, Faculty Liaison	Ilona Mayer Williams '64
JoAnn Hembree MacDonald '56	
Brian Mecchi '77	* Founding Director

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The faculty changed then. Bill Larkin, wood shop teacher since the 20s, retired and Raul Diez, a former boxer, took his place. Choral instructor Mr. Barkley and special ed teacher Mrs. Nesalhaus both passed away. Mr. Dardis, the boys' dean, resigned, and English teacher Miss Erwin, a 1926 graduate, returned from a year in England.

We were pretty mobile. Many of us had wheels, and each issue of the Santa Rosan ran "The Car of the Week" feature. Two of my favorites were a 1920s Chevy pickup with wooden wheels and a 1956 Chevy hardtop modified to carry surfboards. "The Yellow Dog" had a "sandy" interior.

Cars were important to us. On Friday and Saturday evenings, we'd "tool" around the courthouse (Who knew it'd be torn down soon?), out Fourth Street beyond Foster's Freeze and back downtown. We'd go to the movies at Star-Vue Drive In. We'd drive to the Russian River swim at the beach off Fitch Mountain that had a spillway.

We liked surfing movies and Beach Boys songs, and some of us tried surfing. We guys liked colored Levi's, especially the Slim Fit style we bought at the Brothers 4 above Keegan's. We bought Wrangler "Lean Jeans" for \$6. We liked v-neck sleeveless sweaters and desert boots. We wore Jams away from school because the dress code was strict.

Girls liked granny dresses and granny glasses, and they wore two-piece bathing suits at Morton's Hot Springs. They shopped at the Junior Bootery or Smith's Shoes, Healy's Shoes, Gallenkamp's (more miles in a Gallenkamp), Rosenberg's, the White House, the Village Shop and Deidre in Los Robles Lodge. They had their hair done at House of Charles.

We enjoyed activities like the Car Caravan before the Big Game with Monty. Remember how it rained? And the event was postponed? The Vikings won that game in the mud 19-0 on a Wednesday. We had rallies. One had a pie eating contest. Remember who won? I don't.

The varsity basketball team won the NBL that year, and we won pennants for swimming and track. The seniors played the faculty in a laugh-filled basketball game. I remember the seniors had to play with boxing gloves, at least for a while. The faculty women led cheers for their squad.

We could join clubs: Health Careers, Future Teachers, Key Club, Pep Club, RaRavas, Science Club, and of

course the Block S for athletes. The Ski Club had the most members but it was disbanded because too few wanted to ride a bus to the slopes. Senior Character Day was great fun with senior "mosts." One was the ugliest costume. Another featured a real garbage truck and a crew of garbage men.

Pizza and burgers kept us fed. Roma's Pizza downtown was always crowded. We also went to Shakey's Pizza. We ate burgers from Roger's, Foster's Freeze, The Pickup or High Q. A few guys liked Ingram's Chili Bowl out by Cloverleaf Ranch, and probably everybody ate late night pancakes at Sambo's on College and Mendocino.



Prom, 1966

The governing board raised money to build a new sign that identified SRHS--a big deal because the Press Democrat ran a photo of it.

I was asked to the Turnabout by a girl I thought I could fall in love with. She bought a red carnation boutonniere for me at Grohe's. It looked nice with my white dinner jacket. We ate pizza at her house with some other couples before the dance. I learned later she was seeing another guy. I heard the Prom at the Flamingo Hotel was a success. I didn't go, not because I was heartbroken, but because I didn't ask soon enough to have the night off from Roger's and because I didn't act soon enough to find a date.

But 1966 was a good senior year for me, and SRHS will always be important to my memories. I sure hope it was good for you.

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE FOUNDATION  
IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?**

Foundation Directors and 10 dependable volunteers set up, and clean up. There are 13 ticket sellers, eight bartenders and two greeters.

And here's the big skull cracker: creating the seating chart. Chairperson Gomes does that. She says people want to sit with their classmates and friends. But what if there's a problem? Say two classmates don't like each other. Gomes returns all the calls for tickets from the Pandy Line, gets to know the buyers, so that she can seat people properly. That's her most difficult job. For MacDonald, it's working with the servers to see the food gets out on time. For Peterson, it's the "fast and furious, half hour of madness" of the live auction. Getting the names and numbers of the winners.

Unlike your little get together, this dinner party for 650 is a fundraiser that includes a live auction and raffle. All the prizes are donated. In fact, it's the SRHSF's biggest fundraiser of the year. In 2016, it cleared over \$30,000; way up from the long ago Feed in 2000 that brought in \$3,000. The profits all go to the school and its students, as musical instruments,

scientific equipment, computers, sports uniforms, and much more.

But there's more to the Polenta Feed than just raising money. It's a great evening for everyone. For Paulette Gomes it's "one big class reunion, seeing all the alumni happy and having a good time." For JoAnn MacDonald it's seeing old classmates reconnected and "people having a super duper time. I loved the school when I was there, love it now, and find it's very satisfying to raise this money." For Donna Peterson it's seeing people dressed in orange and black. She says, "Whether we're in our 40s or in our 80s, we're all one age that night. We're all Santa Rosa High kids."

The next Polenta Feed will be on April 21, 2017. If you'd like to volunteer some time, or donate a live auction or raffle prize, contact any of these three enthusiastic and hard working women by calling the Pandy Line at 707-571-7747.



### In Memoriam

Mildred Rozas (Mickey) Albright	1938	Marilyn 'Jane' Sawyer Huntington	1946	Richard Trenholm	1959
Evelyn Palmberg	1938	Gloria Ruth Fox Wymore	1946	Susan Bevan Zook	1959
Sarah Zampatti Morzenti	1939	Olaf Holmoe	1947	John Lain	1967
Lauraine "Lori" Lilly Wallack	1941	Gloria Pennato	1949	Sharon Lucinda Bussell Aguilera	1974
Margaret D. Griffith Trafficante	1942	Doris Daw Johnsen-Nielson	1950	Mary Fuselier Asivido Bruce	1982
Jack Boyce	1943	Mary Alice Foley Mayhue (Former Board Member)	1954	Michael Panas, Former Principal	
Gerald Francis Hodges	1946	Michael Corrigan	1958	Rita Robinson	N/A
		Ronald Mikael Mazzucchi	1958	Doris Manfredi Woods	N/A
		Lee Bertozzi	1959	Ronald "Ron" Zappa	N/A

# FOUNDATION AWARDS OVER \$71 THOUSAND IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 2016 GRADS

by Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer '59, Scholarship Chair

It's been another active scholarship season for the Foundation. We have 12 Memorial Scholarships and 22 James Fleck Scholarships. The Scholarship Committee has maintained our broad based plan that benefits a wide range of students. The students we have been so fortunate to meet through this process have been outstanding. These exceptional students all expressed their love for SRHS, something we like to hear. Please read their names below and enjoy knowing that the Foundation, with your help, has made this possible.

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Betty Jean Gong Business Scholarship (\$300)	Cameron McAtee
Robert Clell McKinney Art Scholarship (\$300)	Carissa Nacol
Jack Kellar "Lucky Jade" Scholarship (\$1,387 ea)	Jacob Nightingale
Lorenzo Solis Memorial Scholarship (\$300)	Delano Bell
Bruce Mecchi Memorial Scholarship (\$300)	Jodi Pasquini
Lisa Nilsen Ag Scholarship (\$300)	Adrianna Begley
Jerry Poncia Scholarship - Music (\$320)	Hope Hansen
Berta Wiggins Scholarship (\$300)	Delano Bell
Emmett O'Neill Memorial Scholarship (\$325)	Olivia Hernandez
Henry and Doris Matteri Agriculture Scholarship (\$750 ea)	Brennie Dale
	Hannah Lipman
	Yvona Zipperley

## JAMES FLECK SCHOLARSHIPS \$2,950 ea

English Department	Milena Duarte Ashlee Ruggels Opal White
Math Department	Annika Gordon Berklee Welsh Caroline Mertz
Science Department	Samuele Esperon Mariah Gehring Josue Gutierrez
Social Studies Department	Tommy LaVine Annabel Cowden-Howarth Haley Fletcher
World Language	Serafin Escutia
Visual and Performing Arts Department	Brittney Miller
ArtQuest Department	David Gomez
Resource Department	Jesus Cabera
PE & Athletics Department	Jairo Villalobos
Career Technology Department	Matt Ziemer Adrianna Begley
Admin Team	Ben Kelly-Blum Diana Contreras Madelyn Batchelder



2016 Fleck Scholarship Recipients

If you are interested in setting up a scholarship please contact Nadine Smedshammer (707-544-3158).

\*\*Please be aware that there are other funds donated by individuals that are set up to support the whole school or a specific department or sport/activity (i.e. Marsha and Jesse Carney Memorial Fund, Edna Parker Memorial Fund, Albert Clapp Memorial Fund, Joe Espinosa Memorial Fund, Nancy Fisher Memorial Fund, Pamela Griffin McMahon Memorial Fund, Dayle Puckett Memorial Fund, the Irene Scott Memorial Fund, and the Colombe "Coke" Zuliani Memorial Fund). If you have an interest in establishing a fund for a specific purpose please call Doug Pavese at 707-538-3167.

# 21ST ANNUAL SRHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT – STUDENTS ARE THE BIG WINNERS

The 21st Annual Foundation tournament was held on September 9, 2016, and raised over \$21,000 that will go directly to student academic and athletic enhancement programs at SRHS. The Foundation thanks all of our sponsors, committee members, volunteers and golfers for making this another memorable event. We especially acknowledge our major sponsors: Class of 1978, the Coddling Foundation, the Dale Family, Doug Pavese, Ann Porrino, Raley’s Family of Fine Stores, Varenna, Walsvick Financial & Tax Services, LLC and Chris Zeek. Additional gratitude goes to the SRHS Cheerleaders and Golf Teams who welcomed and assisted our golfers.

79 golfers in Open and Coed divisions competed at the Oakmont West course in this scramble format tournament. The weather was perfect and the day could not have been better. Following the tournament, golfers and guests attended our awards dinner at Oakmont’s Quail Inn. At the conclusion of dinner, winning golfers were announced and the silent and live auction bidders competed vigorously for attractively priced prizes.

This year’s tournament winners were as follows: Open Orange Flight – Mark Walsvick, Mike Testa, Jerry Hyde, Pat Fahy; Open Black Flight – Gregg Stumbaugh, Dion Dudley, Mark Parnel, Aaron Jordan; Coed Division – Darlene Bath, Don Zumwalt, Lynn Davis, Mike Davis; Men’s Long Drive – Danny Maier; Women’s Long Drive – Melissa Davis; Senior Long Drive – Mel Petersen; Men’s Closest to the Hole #16 – Kyle Richter; Women’s Closest to the Hole #16 – Annette Musson; Putting contest – Jerry Hyde. Congratulations to all!

The date of our 22nd Annual Tournament is already set and will be Friday, September 8, 2017. Mark your calendar. The tournament is open to all men and women golfing supporters of SRHS. If you want further information about next year’s tournament, serving on our golf committee or becoming a tournament sponsor, please email us at [golf@srhsf.org](mailto:golf@srhsf.org) or call the Pandey Line at 707-571-7747 or write us at SRHS Foundation Golf, P.O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.



Live Auction



Winners!



Tournament Banquet



Outdoor Socializing



## PANTHER ATHLETIC CLUB

The Panther Athletic Club is up and running! We are a new organization with a familiar name. Santa Rosa High School will again enjoy the benefits of a school wide athletic booster program. PAC is an independent 501(c)(3) organization. Our Board is made up of a cross section of school officials, SRHS Foundation veterans and interested parties from within the SRHS community.

PAC is designed to achieve the following goals:

- Enhance the athletic and academic experience of every student athlete
- Provide funds for uniforms, equipment, and facilities upgrades
- Provide support for every coach to allow maximum time for coaching and mentoring of our student athletes

- Facilitate fundraising by providing structure and support for events
- Maintain bank accounts for team funds
- Improve the fan experience at games and improve attendance at ALL athletic events

PAC ran football, basketball and baseball snack bars last year and began to provide funds to several programs. Our goals are much bigger this year. We have a booster membership program, expanded services to the athletic program and are selling spirit wear at the games and through the office.

You can support PAC by becoming a member. Our membership form is online at our Facebook page at **SRHS Panther Athletic Club** or email for more information to [pacboosterssrhs@gmail.com](mailto:pacboosterssrhs@gmail.com). Come visit us at a football game to become a member and purchase SRHS hats, sweatshirts and t-shirts. Don't miss out!

Santa Rosa High School has the most spirited student body and the largest alumni base in Sonoma County. We do not lack for love of our Panther teams. PAC looks to harness that energy and create a sense of pride and accomplishment within our athletic community. We look forward to meeting you this year. **GO PANTHERS!**

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## SRHSF DIRECTOR – UH -- DIRECTS

by Mike Daniels

*I think it is important to begin this article with a disclaimer. Here's why: it would be unseemly for Don Cambou to write about himself and his excellent film on the history of Santa Rosa—after all, he is the editor of this newsletter and a Foundation director—I figured I should exercise what little clout I have still as **former** newsletter editor and Foundation director and twist Don's arm to tell the following. Otherwise, you readers might never know about his remarkable accomplishment.*

If you've seen the Historical Society of Santa Rosa's film "Santa Rosa: The Chosen Spot...", you know its quality is, in a word, awesome. What you may not know is that historical documentary is the work of the Foundation's Don Cambou, a 1964 Panther.

He worked as the Executive Producer and Show Runner (main creative force) of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" (12 years, 450 episodes), A&E's "Biography" (30 episodes), writer and producer of A&E's definitive six-hour "American Revolution" and writer, producer and director for a number of cable and broadcast networks—for

a total of 37 years. Along the way he earned a number of Emmys and other awards.

So, when the historical society decided to tell the story of Santa Rosa in documentary format, HSSR board member Mike Grace, 1965 Panther and former SRHSF president, approached Cambou about the idea. He agreed it was a good one, created a budget, and Grace went about securing funding. With financing in place, Cambou dusted off his tools and went to work.

"The Chosen Spot..." does relate history, including a nod to SRHS as Santa Rosa's only high school for 84 years, but more importantly it explains and emphasizes how people and the community shaped time, events and place from the area's prehistory to the present day. Cambou hopes the film will motivate people, especially the young, to learn about and appreciate their roots and where they live.

It was released to great acclaim in two public showings in September at the Roxy theatre. If you haven't seen it, information for DVD purchase is available through the HSSR's website [www.historicalsocietysantarosa.org](http://www.historicalsocietysantarosa.org).



# CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Susan Burch

April, May, June, July and August 2016

I am pleased to report that we have welcomed 25 new Foundation members and 154 renewals. Contributions and memorial gifts this period total \$3,060.00. The continued generosity of you members, new, current or donors making contributions is amazing. This is money that goes right back in to the students, one way or another, and opportunities they may not have otherwise.

The following members and friends contributed additional funds over and above their membership fees:

Diane Allen '64	Ross & Virginia Gowans '45/'49	Jason & Denise Oldfield, '87, Parent
Kimberly Alexander '45	Herman & Nancy Griffin '55/'54	Vali Reed, Parent
Donna Bianchi & Russ Childress, Parents	Michael & Heather Hammerich, Parents	Guevara Rowand, Parent
Helen Bianchini '43	Alicia Hodenfield '85	Peter & Jane Schmidt '61
Jim & Janie Carduff, Parents	Georgia & Herb Hogle '52/'52	Pam Sotak, Parent
Victor & Christine Cucina, Parents	Human Race/Volunteer Center, Friends	Sandra Spencer '54
Dorothy Curry '52	Lou Knecht '44	Jeffrey & Lisa Sugarman, Parents
Gerald Diggs, Parent	Donald Laabs '53	Florence Tiscornia, Parent
Carole & William Fairbanks '57/'55	Gloria Price LaFleur '64	Donna Warren '58
Lisa Fitzpatrick '69	Martha Maxwell '57	Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign
James Fletcher, Parent		Eileen Wise '55

## WELCOME ABOARD BIG CAT CLUB MEMBERS!

Meet the new trendsetters:

Henry Bisordi, '61	Alana Kelly, '78	Robert Ratto '48
Joanne Bruggemann, '51	Gloria Price LaFleur '64	Patricia McGrath Ryan, '60
Jerry Grey, '58	Will Lyon, Staff	Jim Ward, '62
Art Horner, Staff	Rose Moeller, '68	Chris Zeek, '68

## LIFETIME MEMBERS

Jeff Gospe, '86  
Kathleen Ruiz, '61

If you are interested in becoming a lifetime member, please see the form available in this newsletter or go on-line to [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) to join or to make contributions. The Santa Rosa High School Foundation will continue to grow with your help and our students will continue to flourish, while encouraging a commitment to education. Please talk to your family and friends about becoming members of the Foundation. Any questions or concerns should be directed to me, Susan Burch at [707-484-5234](tel:707-484-5234)

## SEAT PLAQUE

Dan Johnston, '91



# MEMORIAL & SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

You may send the Foundation a contribution in the name of a deceased Panther, or in the name of a specific living person or scholarship.

## The Herman Baggenstos Memorial

Don Arrabit '44  
James and Carol Underhill '51 & '52

## The Lou Bertolini Memorial

Dick and Angie Colombini '49

## The Dan Bribiescas Memorial

James and Carol Underhill '51 & '52

## The Lois Del Guerra Memorial

Class of 1948

## The Spirito "Petie" Falco Memorial

James and Carol Underhill '51 & '52

## The Ardi Coover Fitzgerald

Don and Mary Coover '65

## The Julie Huntington Gleason Memorial

George Viramontes, Friend

## The Olaf Holmoe Memorial

Beverly Stumbaugh, Friend

## The George Lawry Memorial

Class of 1948

## The Janet Heryford McClintock Memorial

Carolee Breazeale '56

## Jane Sawyer Huntington

Martha Keegan '47

## Mary Mayhue

Carol Guanella '56  
Jo Ann Mac Donald '56  
Erin Koch-Goodman, Friend

## The Bruce Mecchi Scholarship

Rick and Paulette Gomes '68

## The Michael Panas Memorial

Oren & Nadine Smedshammer '59

## Harry Pelletti

Carol Guanella '56

## The Donald Petersen Memorial

Oren & Nadine Smedshammer '59

## The Marv Soiland Memorial

Allen Soiland  
Don Arrabit '44  
Adele Mortensen '44

## The Gwin Stumbaugh Memorial

Class of 1948

## The Brook Tauzer Memorial

Terry Smith, '75

## The Beverly Wallstrum Memorial

Oren & Nadine Smedshammer '59

## The Berta Wiggins Scholarship

Oren & Nadine Smedshammer '59  
Tom & Delores Schieberl '53

## Marilyn Wilson

Carol Guanella '56

## Artquest Video in Honor of Jim Helmer's Family

Julie & Whitney Smith, Parents

## English Department

Madeline Getts, Parent

## SRHS Choral Department

Gloria LaFleur

NOTE: If you wish to have your donation acknowledged to the family of the memorial honoree, please include an address for that purpose.

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## BIG CAT CONFUSION?

We have a feeling some of you are confused about how a BIG CAT Membership works. Here it is in a nutshell.

If you become a new member of the Foundation, are a renewing member, or wish to update your current membership, you have a BIG CAT CLUB option. Your BIG CAT membership will last for only one year, then revert to a standard \$25 membership. For a one year, \$100 membership, you will receive a BASEBALL CAP

embroidered with Pandy's head, and all other membership benefits. For a one year, \$75 membership, you will receive a SHOPPING BAG emblazoned with Pandy's head and all other membership benefits. You'll be contributing more to the school and its students, and you'll be wearing or carrying the Orange and Black. Email Susan Burch at [info@srhsf.org](mailto:info@srhsf.org) or call the Pandy Line at **707-571-7747**.

# THE '61ERS DO THEIR 55TH REUNION IN STYLE

By Jim Nelson

July 9, 2016, was big for the Santa Rosa High School Class of 1961. Seventy-six classmates gathered at the Wild Oak Saddle Club in Santa Rosa to celebrate 55 years since graduating from high school. Before dinner, the group gathered in the patio area enjoying the beautiful views and a polo game being played on the polo field.

To keep with a casual picnic theme, a barbecue style dinner was served on the open deck. To top off the event, all of us gathered again on the patio around a huge fire pit where we shared old memories and classmates provided details of their life journeys.

We enjoyed music throughout the event, ending with dancing to live music. Yes, many of the '61ers can still shake a leg!!

Classmates traveled from many parts of the country to share good times and reconnect with old friends. There is a close bond between the '61ers that is unique and delightful. We are truly connected. Stay tuned as this great journey continues.



Bob and Janice Yates boogie



## Santa Rosa High School Foundation

“Once A Panther, Always A Panther”

# ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS

*Thank you* for your generous support!

**2016 - 17 Donations to date**

WES 1985 & CAROL LANGFORD 1985 DANIELS

SHARON L. WAITE FERNANDEZ 1962

MICHAEL 1971 & KIM ROBERTS GUTZMAN \*\*

ROY KUNZ 1956

CALEB LOGUE

*\* indicates multiple donations. Wow!*

GARY RASCHE \*\*\*\*\*

MARK A. & SHERYL L. SIMPSON, PARENTS OF 2015 & 2017 GRADS

MARK STOKES 1977

LARRY WEESE 1964 \*\*\*\*\*

*A special note - apologies to  
David A. 1972 & Michelle Welch 1972 Head  
who were both in the SRHS class of 1972*

A Campaign in progress to enrich the SRHSF Endowment Fund

**by utilizing \$1,000 donations by 1000 Panther supporters to reach a goal of \$1 million**

Proceeds are allocated to student needs at SRHS through the Panther Project Fund of the SRHS Foundation

The campaign began in 2011 and **will continue until the goal is met.**

Currently - we have a total of 191 donors (many with multiple donations) totaling nearly \$250,000

**JOIN US! We are making a difference.**

**Call the Pandy Line (707-571-7747) or visit us online at [www.SRHSF.org](http://www.SRHSF.org) for assistance.**

Donation options are available.

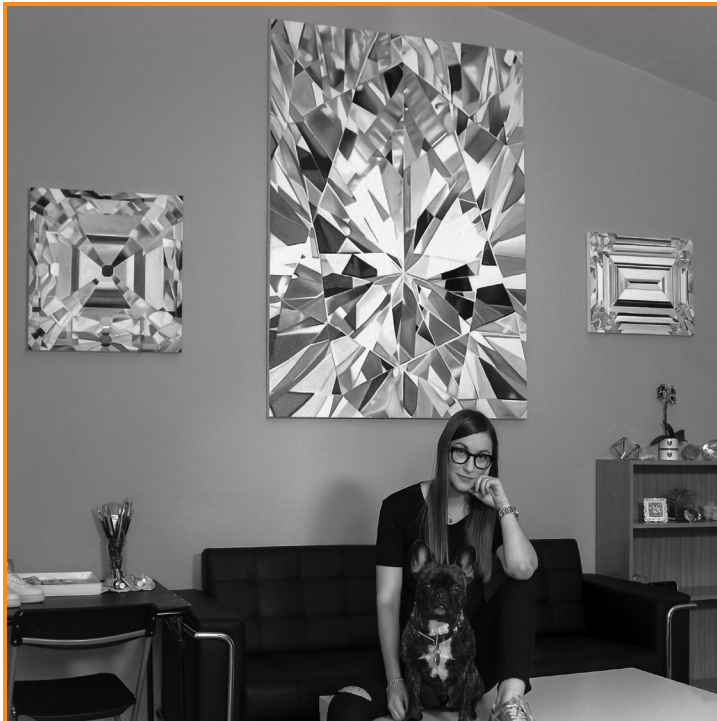
Donations by cash, check, credit card are accepted from individuals and **groups (pooled)**, pledges over 2, 4, and 5 years, employer matching funds, and marketable securities. **CALL US!**



By: Pandy  
FALL 2016

**Luca Mazzanti '17**, who was already named to the All-Empire First Team for his long distance running feats, recently placed second in the USA Track and Field Junior Olympic National Championships in

steeplechase. He's following in the footsteps of another Panther, **Steve Guerrini '91**, who set the national record back in '91... **Curran Reichert '86**, became an actor and singer on the stages of New York. An about-face took her to NYC's Auburn/Union Theological Seminary. She recently became the new pastor of the First Congregational Church of Sonoma... **SRHS environmental horticultural class students** aren't just growing Chardonnay grapes, fruit trees and vegetables. They're now raising and picking hops as well. Their crop was sold to St. Florian's Brewery... **Angie Crabtree '05**, a SRHS ArtQuest student is now a successful professional artist painting diamonds – enormous-close



Angie's Diamonds

ups of diamonds. Her works are in demand... The City of Santa Rosa recently honored **Sandy Wright Frary '64** for her volunteer efforts over many years to research the burials of the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery... **Molly Hannis '10** made it to the semifinals in breaststroke at this year's Rio Olympics... **Seth Barrett '97** found himself

at West Point, the United States Military Academy, where he became Captain of the school's basketball team. This year he graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, RI. Major Barrett is now based in Turkey... **Elsa Vera '86**, coordinated her 30 year class reunion this summer. She has owned her own hair salon in Santa Rosa and worked for Club Med in the Caribbean and Mexico. Since 1998, she has owned an Event Planning Business, EVP Events in Santa Rosa... **Gina Pellegrini '06** has had a busy 10 years. She attended U.C. Berkeley on an athletic scholarship where she was the starting soccer goalie for four years.



Seth Barrett

Then she was off to a Boston Culinary College. Later she returned to Santa Rosa as an assistant soccer coach and Cooking teacher at SRJC. She moved to Los Angeles to become a personal assistant to a celebrity. Finally, she attended USC to obtain a teaching degree. She now teaches Fourth Grade in Tustin and coaches for a youth soccer club... On the first Thursday of every month, a group of men who graduated from SRHS in the 1940s get together for lunch. They've kept it up for almost 30 years. In the last few years, the bar tab is finally less than the food tab. Once a Panther, always a Panther!



Clockwise, from left front: **Mori Nelson '45', Bill Pederson '45', Walt Frey '45', Roy Memeo '44', Gordon Pope '44', Bob Bailey '45', Bill Sawyer '45', Bob Reinking '46', Brook Tauzer '44', and Bud Anderson '44'.**



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