



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.

MEET THE NEW PRINCIPAL

Kimberly Clissold, Ph.D. is Santa Rosa High's new principal. She's been on the job since August. Principal Clissold takes the place of Brad Coscarelli, who led SRHS for eight years. Coscarelli left in late spring for health reasons. He then decided to pursue another love – working with elementary school students. He accepted the principal's position at Santa Rosa's Hidden Valley Elementary School, with its student population of 540. But Coscarelli is still active with SRHS booster groups.



Kimberly Clissold, Ph.D.

The Foundation thought you'd like to meet his successor. I sat down recently with Principal Clissold to bring you this interview, edited slightly for space.

Don Cambou, Editor

FOUNDATION: This is a big job. What does it entail?

CLISSOLD: This year we have just under 2000 students and 130 teachers and staff. I take the lead on the budget for the school, I'm tasked with chairing quite a few of the meetings, and attending many more. I work with the Admin team

to provide the leadership structure for the rest of the school so that we're supporting the department chairs who thereby are supporting their departments and their teachers. I don't think being a principal comes with a great job description. You do whatever it takes to make sure that your students have the best opportunity to learn on any given day. That's the big picture. But the small picture is dealing with day to day stuff that pops up. Could be somebody pulling a fire alarm, or that the A.C. goes out, or that the library needs lights replaced. My philosophy is that I really try to work with and empower the teacher-leaders I have here in my Admin team. This is a large comprehensive high school that has so many amazing things going on that it really takes everybody with a shared vision and a shared mission for us to make sure we're doing the best for kids.

FOUNDATION: What do you see as your strengths and qualifications for taking over the principal job at SRHS?

SRHS: THE SCHOOL THAT CREATED AND SUPPORTS A SCHOLARSHIP NAMED FOR A JANITOR

By Mike Daniels

The Lorenzo Solis Scholarship, an annual award honoring a dedicated and beloved head custodian who deeply supported all things SRHS, is due to benefit from an auction of the trailer (photo at the end of this article). The winning bid will increase the amount of the fund that will, in turn, earn interest to increase the amount of the award.

This is the first campus-wide scholarship in the history of SRHS and is a fitting tribute to the man whose life at SRHS benefited everyone—administration, faculty, staff and students.

Now ten years old, the scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior whose, dedication, work ethic and commitment best reflects that of Lorenzo. The results of the auction will be deposited in the Foundation's Lorenzo Fund to ensure it will be awarded in perpetuity.

SRHS Welding instructor Tom Gutsch and his students recently

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First quarter for 2018-2019 fiscal year has been busy for the Foundation. In August the new Principal came on board at SRHS Kimberly Clissold Ph.D. (see p. 1), plus two new secretaries for the Principal and Vice Principal and two Assistant Principal positions were filled!



In September the Foundation had its 23rd Annual Golf Tournament with Doug Pavese at the helm plus a troop of Board Members and volunteers taking over the live & silent auction, tee prizes and raffle prizes. Special thanks goes out to the committee and their spouses, plus our faithful volunteers (see p. 7). Also in September the Blood Feud was brought back by Mike Grace, Foundation Founder, and Don Cambou, current Director. Although we didn't win the event it was a true success (see p. 6). September also brought the 2nd Annual Alumni Show & Shine hosted by the Foundation. Funds raised at



Auction Dinner Attendees

this event will be directed to the Museum at SRHS (see p. 5). On the day of the event, dash magnets featuring Gary Rasche '61 in his '32 Chevy were handed out in his honor (see p. 10).

With the assistance of Randy Apel as Chef, one of four dinners that were auctioned off at the Polenta Feed and the Golf Tournament was executed in

style. Our servers for the evening were Paulette Gomes, Sylvie Anne Moore and Mary Beseda. A lot of fun plus great food and wine was appreciated by the attendees!

The Foundation also received through Santa Rosa City Schools a directed donation of \$879,000. from the Holler Family Living Trust. Funds from the trust are designated to benefit SRHS. There will be more information in the next issue of the Newsletter!

The next quarter will host the annual campaign organized by the Development Committee along with Student of the Month luncheons, and the Panther Project Meetings on the 1st Friday of each month at Adel's Restaurant at "oh dark hundred".

The Polenta Feed organizing committee will begin their meetings in November to ensure a fun event on April 26, 2019, so mark your calendars.

This past quarter we voted in a new Board Member, Kate Carpenter, retired instructor and Department Head at SRHS, who promises to bring her expertise and knowledge of SRHS to the Foundation Board. I want to encourage everyone to continue their support of the Foundation that in turn insures your dollars benefit the students at SRHS. I look forward to a prosperous year!

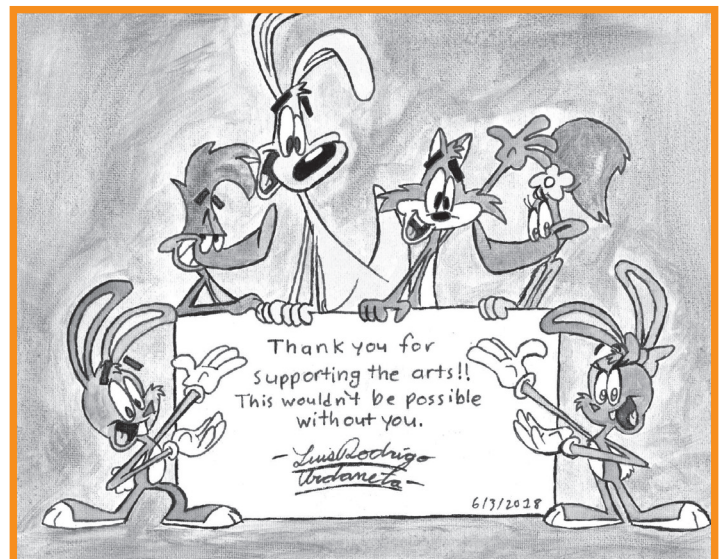
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Sometimes a picture truly is worth a thousand words. The Foundation received this one from LuisRodrigo Undaneta, a Fleck Scholarship winner in Fine Arts

Dear Santa Rosa High School Foundation,

Thank you so much for making our trip to Carnegie Hall possible. We couldn't have done it without you. We had so much fun and are so thankful for this once in a lifetime experience.

Sincerely,

Olivia Glaubiger, Genevieve Basile and the
SRHS Concert Choir

Dear Santa Rosa High School Foundation,

On behalf of the SRHS Science department, we would like to thank you for your generosity of time and assistance with funding. The SRHS Foundation provides us with ways to make our creative ideas become reality in the classroom. As we adjust to the changes outlined by the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards), the SRHS Foundation grants have allowed us to step more easily into creating new methods of teaching science in our classrooms.

For example, this year I (Elaine Dolcini) received funding which helped me bring global climate change information into my classroom. We investigated the effects of rising air temperatures to the planktonic life around Antarctica. We were also able to link those changes to recent migrations of penguin species...

Thanks to the SRHS Foundation, and Jessee Hauch's innovativeness, we are embarking on new technological advancements, the use of Apple TVs with the iPad Pro in our classrooms...

Through the support of the Foundation, Matt Davis has developed a series of labs, equipped with electronic probes for data collection, and magnificent physics hardware from which to create the data...

Another thank you comes from Paul Booker, who has been able to energize science/engineering students to design projects and compete on a national front. The Foundation granted them equipment and travel for those important competitions...

We feel fortunate to be a part of a high school with so much support. Thank you Santa Rosa High School Foundation!

Sincerely,

The Santa Rosa High School Science Department

Dear Foundation,

I wanted to update the Foundation on the wrap up of community efforts to support our fire effected students/families. In May, Santa Rosa Team Phoenix, a non profit set up to support families who lost homes during the fire, donated 20 packets of \$400 gift cards for all of our seniors who lost their home this year in the fire. Also in May, Rene Milligan (a past SRHS parent) presented the Melissa Imrie \$1000.00 scholarships to 13 of our fire affected seniors.

May also included a night of "normalcy" for our fire victims; the SRHS Prom. A special thanks to Jim Helmer and to the Foundation for helping these kids purchase prom tickets, a corsage and a boutonniere for both themselves and their date. As well, the fire victims received a \$50 gift card to both Macys and Target.

I wanted to share with the Foundation how their contributions and others in the community closed the school year with intense generosity that brought many of our students to tears. I am so happy to be a part of this amazing experience.

Thank you to everyone! This community has been amazing.

Kris Bertsch-Rydell
Santa Rosa High School
Counselor, MA Counseling, PPS Credential

Hi,

I wanted to pass along a big 'thank you' from May when the Fleck awards were handed out to various SRHS students. The students I ran into that received these awards were so grateful and beyond happy, it truly affected them in the most positive of ways. If this thank you should be passed along to others within SRHSF, please do, because it deserves to be heard loudly! The Foundation is amazing and an incredible asset to the Santa Rosa HS community that continues to give and give. Thank you again on behalf of everyone involved with SRHS. Go Panthers!

Bryan Price, M.Ed., ATC
Teacher/Athletic Director
Santa Rosa High School

CLISSOLD: I've been in the classroom at the secondary level and taught some at the tertiary level (college). I currently view myself more as an educator than an administrator. I think I bring a lot of experience in having worked with programs and having taught. I was a dean at a private school, grades 7 to 12 for four years. My Ph.D. in Educational Policy really brought me back into wanting to work in Administration. I worked over at Montgomery High for six years, two years as a V.P. and four years as an Assistant Principal. When I became a V.P. I started working with Master Schedule and the Counseling Department. A student centered master schedule is really important. The way we offer courses really comes out of what our students need. You take your student requests, what they want to take, then out of that you do your staffing and budgeting. With a good master schedule at the beginning of a school year, you're where you need to be. Getting the student centered master schedule right is key.

FOUNDATION: How do you see yourself functioning in your new role as SRHS principal?

CLISSOLD: I really feel that educators who work in an administrative positions are servant-leaders. In order for me to support somebody I have to understand what they're doing, what their goals are, where their issues might be in terms of their not being able to do what they think they need to do. So my key job really is getting in there and making those important connections. It's my job to operate from the place that I'm not here to direct you, I'm here to serve you so that you can do the job that you need to do.

FOUNDATION: How do you learn how a big school like this works?

CLISSOLD: The mechanics of what happens at a given school are pretty finite. Here at SRHS there's some complexity, some layers. There's a tremendous amount of support that comes from the alumni and the community. There are a lot of students doing different things. There's a school culture. I have an outsider's awareness of that culture. And there's an interplay between strong tradition and innovation. At every point along the way, some of these traditions were innovations. I feel a lot of responsibility. I'm one of the custodians now of that tradition and I'm also one of the people that's responsible for making sure that we continue to innovate.

FOUNDATION: What do you see as your biggest challenge here?

CLISSOLD: Budget is a biggie. Availability of personnel can be a biggie. It's an ongoing process to make sure that you're staying student centered and providing opportunities not just to the students but to staff and teachers. And it's about providing entry points to the community to feel part of the school. And then it's the day to day – making sure the doors are open, the lights are on and the water's running. So it's an interplay between big picture and small picture and seeing you have both.

FOUNDATION: What would you like to accomplish in this first year?

CLISSOLD: I really like to emphasize communication and minimize meeting time whenever possible. Teachers are busy, staff is busy. I want people to understand what's going on in the Science department even though they may be in the English department; they understand what the Ag program is working on, they're aware of what ArtQuest is doing. Making sure that we're honoring meeting time, making sure that agendas are clear. How do

we make sure that we're keeping those lines of communication open so that everybody gets a little bit of what's going on? I think that overall that's my big goal because that's going to make the culture here at SRHS stronger.

FOUNDATION: Where would you like to see SRHS five years from now?

CLISSOLD: I'd like to make sure students have more clear choices when they graduate. And I'm not just speaking about getting into a four year. I'd like to see students going into internships. We're doing a lot of work trying to look at career technical education in a different way. Working in a career technical field is actually very challenging, very rewarding and in some cases very lucrative. What it really requires is some kind of certification and training. I want them to have choices. Two or three at least. I feel that would be a great marker of our success.

FOUNDATION: What do you like most about this job?

CLISSOLD: Orange and black. October is my favorite month and I really like Halloween. It's the spirit, it's the culture of the school. I wore it on my first day of work. When you wear those colors you're making a statement that you're part of the community. You're for the community.

FOUNDATION: What do you like least about this job?

CLISSOLD: Nothing. It's not a job, it's a calling. I think education is a calling. And whatever role you do in education, you do it for a very specific reason. So that's why I'm here.

FOUNDATION: What do you think makes SRHS special?

CLISSOLD: It's the culture. I mean how many schools have their own museum? How many schools

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are as old as this one? SRHS is one of the oldest high schools in California. How many schools look like this? How many schools have the spirit and the intertwining

of multiple generations? In a public school setting it's a rarity. It's impressive. I'd heard about it. But once you walk through those doors it's not just something you're hearing about, you become a part of it.

SHOW AND SHINE 2018

By Art Horner and Don Cambou

The weather threatened, then cleared for a fine day. Thus, on September 30, the second annual SRHS Foundation's "Show and Shine" event became a success and a treat for all those in attendance. About twenty alumni sat by their pampered and polished vintage automobiles on the high school's front lawn as onlookers admired the classic cars. Mike Daniels '59 and Mike Grace '65 cooked up a feast of sausages for the crowd. Several students from SRHS helped keep things running. Teacher Art Horner opened the museum to car owners and onlookers alike. That prompted great stories from the alumni. Many attendees also participated in a fund raising raffle. Although "fun" was more significant than "fundraising," the event produced over \$1,000 for SRHS and its students.



Jack Hassett '57 and his '34 Ford

"Show and Shine" was organized by Julia Pastis 2019, along with Paulette Gomes '68, Chris Zeek '68, Mary Beseda '74, Brian Mecchi '77, Mike Daniels, and Art Horner.

Lorenzo Solis Trailer...continued from page 1

refurbished a utility trailer that they have donated to the Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Fund. The trailer is scheduled for auction, the results of which will be deposited in the fund's account with the Foundation to ensure the scholarship will be awarded to deserving students in perpetuity.

prevent splashes from entering the box, and it has the required safety chain. When finished, it'll be ready for licensing with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The all-steel trailer—seven feet in length, two feet deep and four and a half feet wide—will handle 3,500 pounds. It has a spring axle, LED lights, brake hookups and electric turn and stop lights. It also sports fenders that'll

The winner will be notified at the close of bids and can tow it away immediately. Credit card, check or cash will be gratefully accepted.



Welding instructor Tom Gutsch and students proudly show off trailer

The trailer has a value of \$2,500 and minimum bids are set at \$1,400.

To enter, submit the form below with your bid by December 1, 2018 and mail to the Lorenzo Fund, SRHS Foundation, PO Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1006. Help keep the spirit of Lorenzo alive!*

The Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Trailer Auction

Name _____ Bid Amount _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____ Zip _____

SRHS Alum SRHS Friend

* Not interested in a trailer? You can still donate to the Lorenzo Fund in any amount--\$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or more. Because they will be funneled through the Foundation, all donations are tax deductible.

THE BIG GAME

A PAC Sports Moment

By Don Cambou

For over 80 years, Santa Rosa High was the only public high school in town. That changed in 1959 with the opening of Montgomery High. A sports rivalry was born; one that would last in exhilarating fashion for well over a decade.

It was a time when boys' sports ruled. And no sport was bigger than football. And in football, no contest was greater than the Big Game – SRHS vs. Monty. So potent was Big Game fever that student bodies and alumni would fill the stands at Santa Rosa Junior College's Bailey Field. That's close to three thousand cheering – and jeering – fans. During that heyday, perhaps no game was more memorable than that of 1963.

As they did every year during Big Game week, SRHS students prepared for the Car Caravan rally. They gathered in garages in the evenings to build caravan floats. Quickly, their garland festooned dreams turned into butcher paper and poster paint realities. They carried messages like "Spike the Vikes," "Nail the Norsemen," and "Molest Monty." On game day, the parade of floats and decorated cars headed down Mendocino Avenue and circled the magnificent old courthouse. Cheerleaders, songleaders, and the pep band led a rally on the courthouse steps to further build spirit in the already fired up crowd. After,

the caravan headed back to school in time for 5th and 6th periods and an attempt at serious study.

It hadn't been a stellar season for the Panthers. In fact, going into the Big Game they were 2 and 6. They had lost their last five games. A frustrated Coach Bob Bagley had demoted many of his seniors to second string. Still, on that chilly late fall evening, the stands at Bailey Field filled again. Bagley gave demoted senior quarterback Larry Wright '64 his last shot at high school football. Wright rose to the occasion, throwing two touchdown passes. One was to senior Steve Noble '64 – a 32 yard play. Junior Homer Harris '65 ruled the running game. His attacks included a 43 yard touchdown burst. At game's end, the Panthers had defeated the Vikings, 20 to 6. Delirious Panther fans roared onto the field. Coach Bagley, in his trench coat and baseball cap, and surrounded by his team, took the microphone and addressed the crowd; a Knute Rockne in Smalltown U.S.A.

That night swept away those five straight losses. The Panthers had won the Big Game. This was their moment.

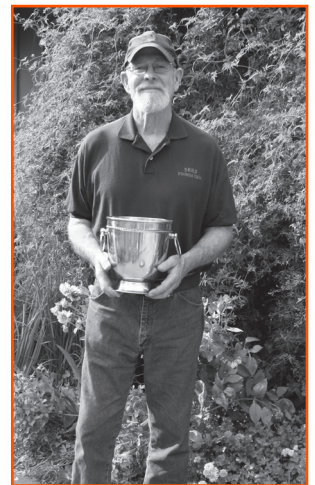
Want to help PAC, the Panther Athletic Club? Donations can be directed to a specific sport or for general use. For more information email Michael Burch at pacboostersrhs@gmail.com or call Marlene Callen at (707) 338-1486.

BLOOD FEUD

The Good, the Bad, the Winners

After a six year hiatus, the Blood Feud between Santa Rosa High and Montgomery High alumni, students, and friends boiled back to life from September 15 to September 22. First, the bad news: Santa Rosa High lost. Montgomery High controls the Bucket of Blood trophy, and bragging rights, for the next year. But the good news far outweighs the bad. Together, the two schools donated 82 pints of blood at Blood Centers of the Pacific: 31 from Santa Rosa and 51 from Montgomery. Everybody wins through these lifesaving contributions.

Through the dedication of former sports rivals Mike Grace (SRHS) and Mike Francis (MHS), the Blood Feud has pumped in 440 pints since its inception in 2009. Listed below are the SRHS alumni, students, and friends who volunteered to open a vein this year. The Foundation, co-sponsor of this year's Feud, greatly thanks all of you.



Mike Grace '65 displays the Bucket of Blood Trophy. Yes, it's a wine bucket; and it belongs to Montgomery High for a year

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23RD ANNUAL SRHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT – THE WINNERS ARE THE STUDENTS

The 23rd Annual Foundation tournament was held on September 14th and we are pleased to say that we raised over \$22,000 that will go directly to student academic and athletic enhancement programs at SRHS. The Foundation thanks all our sponsors, committee members, volunteers and golfers for making this such a memorable event. We especially acknowledge our major sponsors: Class of 1978, the Codding Foundation, the Dale Family, Dan Kelly, Doug Pavese, Ann Porrino, Chris & Vera Zeek. Additional gratitude goes to the SRHS Cheerleaders who welcomed and assisted our golfers.

78 male and female golfers in Open and Coed Flights joined us at the Oakmont West course for a shotgun scramble tournament. The weather was perfect and the competition was outstanding. Following the tournament, golfers and guests attended our happy hour and awards dinner at Oakmont's Quail Inn. After dinner, winning

golfers were announced and collected their prizes. Concurrently, silent and live auction bidders competed for attractively priced items and packages.

The date of our 24th Annual Tournament is already set and will be Friday, September 13, 2019. 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, call our Pandy Line at 707-571-7747 or write us at SRHS Foundation Golf, P.O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 WINNERS

- Open Black Flight 1st** – Ted Hollen, Jeff Komar, Eric Moore, Nick Grudzien
- Open Orange Flight 1st** - Gary Lee, David Lee, Michael Lee, Brian Lee
- Coed Flight 1st** – Alana Kelly, Tom Unthank, Charley Thompson, Bob Borges
- Men's Long Drive** – Pat Fahy
- Women's Long Drive** – Melissa Davis
- Senior long Drive** – Tim Cambra
- Putting Contest** – Paul Kalstad
- Men's Closest to Pin** – Bob Brown
- Women's Closest to Pin** – Melissa Davis



Golf Tournament Banquet



Coed Flight Winners Tom Unthank, Alana Kelly,
Charley Thompson, Bob Borges

HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE FOUNDATION IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?



CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Rose Machen Moeller

December 2017, January, February, and March 2018

The SRHSF welcomes 14 new members and appreciates 134 renewals, bringing our current membership to 981. There were 5 new LifeTime members. We applaud the continued generosity of members, and non-member donors who made contributions totaling \$10,138.82. The Fire Relief fund received \$2,110. We appreciated hearing from parents how the support given to students affected by the fires helped their child in healing. All monies benefit the students directly and provide for many opportunities that would not be possible without them.

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

CLASS OF 1978	Lisa Fitzpatrick '69	Leighton Royston '53
WELLS FARGO FOUNDATION	Jack Hassett '57	Peter/Jane Schmidt '61/61
Victor/Christine Cucina (Parents)	Helen Higgins Weingart '52	Donna Seghesio '59
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Carol Breazeale '56	Martha Maxwell '57	Truist
Joanne Bruggemann '51	Robert Ratto '48	Pat Waldow '53
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Nicolaos Econome '51	Craig Robbins '59	

SEAT PLAQUES

Brent/Lyndy Durling '77/78

Linda Jacobsson (Parent) 2 plaques

MEMORIAL & SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

You may send the SRHSF a Contribution in the name of a deceased Panther, or in the name of a specific living person, department, group need, or scholarship fund.

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Francis Mazzoni '60
Bill/Linda Pisenti '66 (Memory of Bill
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Meda Walter Hanes '55
Carol Anderson Lorenzo '55
Norma Minetti Rettinhouse '55
James Laier Jr. '58
Doug Pavase '58

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In Memoriam

Donald Warren Albritton '51
John Aliano '65
Olga Ansini - no graduation year cited
Olga Bellazzini Ansini
Darla Maxine Burgess '73
Francis Edgar "Fran" Burke '41
Alice J Cerritos Ward '39
Wilma Ann Chandler '53
Alvin Cohen '49
Kimberly Lynn Couzens Lawson '75
June L Gardella Best '43
Juanita Goff - no graduation year cited
Rita Bertolini Gondola '51

Hazel Goss - no graduation year cited
Clayton Gunn '57
Dona Rae Dickenson Wiggins '45
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Harry Friedman '46
Haley Elizabeth Hackett '2015
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Dr James Hotstetter '51
Debra Gaye Iverson Giromini '76
June Elizabeth Kingwell Gardena '43
Donna McMullen Peters '68
Hazel Malugani Goss

Scott Monroe '76
James Pearce '50
Gary Pickrell '54
Gary Rasche '61
George E Schultz Jr '49
Lenore "Scottie" Scott Foster '41
Kurt Alan Tiedemann '70
Jacqueline Teel Ulrich '43
Nancy Anne Weeks Griffin '55
LeAnn Wofford Binney '78
Daniel John Yolo '43



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ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS

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Please visit us online and learn about our consistent and valued support of SRHS since 1988!

**WHAT’S NEW!!
 FRONT SIGN PLAQUES**

Ten plaques to be mounted on the back side of the SRHS sign along Mendocino Avenue were made available - there are 4 remaining at a cost of \$5,000 each

A big thank you to the first SRHS sign plaque purchasers:

- Scott, Todd & Mary Beseda**
- John Bribiescas**
- Connie Coddling**
- Doug Pavese**
- Ann Hutchinson Porrino**
- Ward & Pat Thompson**

All proceeds allocated to the SRHS Foundation Endowment Fund. Please see the SRHS Foundation website for details and to purchase.

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 Currently - we have a total of 230 donors (many with multiple donations) totaling over \$366,500 Call the Pandy Line (707-571-7747) or visit us online at www.SRHSF.org for assistance. 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!

**FAREWELL TO GARY RASCHE,
 ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS BIGGEST DONOR**

Gary Rasche '61 died at home on August 12, 2018. According to Ann (Hutchinson) Porrino '61, a classmate of Gary's and one of the founders of the "1,000 Panthers" fund, "He had a fabulous experience at Santa Rosa High and wanted other students to have it too. He wanted to see the school's great traditions continue." He made his contributions to the fund \$1,000 at a time – for a total of \$22,000.

Gary's parents owned the local Coca Cola distributorship. He worked there with them, and then opened Boatland, that he owned for 33 years. He became one of the top drag boat racers in the country, and had a garage full of trophies to prove it. He enjoyed hunting, but was a real steward of the land as well. A large herd of Tule Elk thrive on his Potter Valley ranch. He was a philanthropist, but two charities were especially close to his heart. In fact, in lieu of flowers, his family suggested contributions in his memory to those two. One is the Memorial Hospital Fund. The other is the SRHS Foundation.



Gary Rasche and his prized '32 Chevy at last year's "Show and Shine" event



By: Pandy
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“Create Your Own Life” is the title of the address **David Vann '85** gave during commencement exercises that year—and he certainly has! Currently a professor of creative writing at University of Warwick in England, he has

published novels and short stories, among other works. His latest, *Bright Air Black*, appeared in 2017. His titles have been printed in 23 languages, and appeared in 83 best books of the year lists . . . **Elmer Gamez '95** is the president of the new Sonoma County Volkswagen Club, dedicated to all things VW, esp. classic air-cooled bugs--although anyone interested can meet up with the group on Fridays at 7 pm at the Dollar Tree Parking lot on Sebastopol Avenue in SR . . . **Cynthia Faust '85** is the business development manager for Rack and Riddle Winery, and a co-owner with her sisters of Breathless Sparkling Wines whose Brut sparkling wine received a sweepstakes award at this year's Sonoma County Harvest Fair . . .

Like grandfather, like granddaughter: back when **Mike Grace '65** competed on the Panther track squad, he set a SRHS record in the discus with a throw of 169' 1". Mike's son, **Josh Grace '89** also tossed the discus though he didn't surpass his dad's record, but his daughter set her own record. This last spring **Caitlin Grace 2019** set a new girls' varsity school record at Berkeley's Meet of Champions when she tossed the plate 125' 11" . . . in other recent track and field news, **Kristen Carter '18**, who already owns Redwood Empire records in the 100-, 200- and 400-meter dashes as well as the 300 meter hurdles, eclipsed her record

in the 400 meter dash with a 54.07 time at the California Interscholastic Federation state meet in Clovis.

MUSEUM NEWS. Donations to the SRHS Museum sometimes result from unexpected sources. When board president **Mary Orsborn Beseda '74** met **Kendy Stewart Fallentine '74** (She's a Monty alumna) in a parking lot, Kendy noted she had in her car a '24 Echo and copies of the Santa Rosan from 1925 as items for the museum. They belonged to her father, **Kenneth Stewart '30** (a SRHS alumnus) . . . President Beseda also received copies of the Echo from **Janice Weatherington Owens**, whose grandfather **Donald Weatherington** was a 1925 alumnus and whose grandmother **Myra Randall** was a 1901 alumna. Janice's mother **Joanne Weatherington** graduated in 1948. The yearbooks cover 1913, 1916, 1918, 1919, 1920 and 1922. . . . And, **Corey Gore '55**, poking around at a garage sale, spied a number of mid-50s Echoes. When he asked about a price, the seller said Corey could have them when he indicated he would donate them to the SRHS museum... **Lisa Mazzetta Fitzpatrick '69** gave two photos of the Panthers' undefeated 1940 NBL champion football squad. Her dad, **John Mazzetta '41**, played on that team . . . **Leigh Hutchinson Heyer '66** donated a pristine copy of the program for the SRHS 1966 football game with Vallejo's Hogan High Spartans . . . Finally, **Patty Hill Shepherd '59** and her sisters, while sorting stored belongings at the home of their 100-year-old parents, discovered a 1947 Echo. No one knows how the yearbook belonging to **Margie Tillinghast '47** ended up in the garage. It remains a provocative mystery. Crammed with messages and signatures, the Echo now sits in the museum, hoping a member of the Tillinghast family will want to unite with it. The Foundation would enjoy that . . .

(Editor's note. If you have an item about a SRHS classmate or SRHS relative that you'd like to see in Panther Patter, please send it to us at info@srhsf.org.)



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