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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: 1954 by Rick Blaine

In the summer before our senior year, Elvis graduated from high school, the first Corvette was built, convicted spies Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were granted a stay of execution, a National Monument to George Washington Carver was unveiled, Fidel Castro began the revolution in Cuba and was arrested, the Soviet Union conducted a hydrogen bomb test, the Korean War ended, and Ted Williams returned to the Boston Red Sox from the Marines. The year also saw the McCarthy Hearings and Brown vs. the Board of Education. Our world was changing, and so were we as we began our last year in school.

At Santa Rosa High School the fall semester began with the Welcome Dance. Its theme was "Bailamos," Spanish for "Let's Dance!" Pandy had a new outfit, kinda like Charlie Chaplin minus the cane, and the band had new uniforms.

I'm sure we guys remember the first day of our senior year because we could "initiate" the sophomore boys into high school just as we had been.

The Pep Club was the largest club. The photo in the Echo had no names of the members because there were so many. If you belonged, you wore a white shirt at the football games and followed the cheerleader's directions for the card stunts. You could join the new

Science Club. The mad Mr. Elmore was the sponsor. Block SR was another new club. It was a sign of the times as athletic opportunities for girls were increasing although equal funding for the sexes wouldn't arrive for another 20 years.

We also had other clubs: Future Teachers, Debate, California Cadet Corps (Remember the drill team?), Speech, CSF, FFA and Key Club. If you were in Block S, you probably bought your black sweater at Henderson's on Fourth Street.

We guys could buy a Pendleton wool shirt for \$11.95 at Archie Kash

in the new Montgomery Village Shopping Center, a pink dress shirt at Dwight Smith's, a pair of Peggers at Keegan Brothers. We had our hair cut at Master Barbers on Johnson Street, in one of the six chairs in the Occidental Hotel, at the Arcade in the Rosenberg Building or at College Barber by SRJC.

The girls bought their Spaldings at Smith's Shoes downtown or in Montgomery Village. They could buy saddle shoes in brown and white or blue and white or white bucks. They could buy a lamb's wool sweater for \$11.95 at the White House. We all liked to wear colors like pink, charcoal and persimmon. Remember Day-Glo socks? Drip-Dry was new. The girls liked to wear skirts and sweaters, jumpers and a blouse or fluffy dresses.

We had lot and lots of *Continued on page 3*

Top Ten Songs of 1954

- Little Things Mean a Lot
- Kitty Kallen*
- Hey There
- Rosemary Clooney*
- Wanted
- Perry Como*
- Sh-Boom
- Crew Cuts*
- Make Love to Me
- Jo Stafford*
- Oh! My Papa
- Eddie Fisher*
- I Get So Lonely
- Four Knights*
- Three Coins in the Fountain
- Four Aces*
- Secret Love
- Doris Day*
- Hernando's Hideaway
- Archie Bleyer*



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President's Message

As we move into Spring of 2014, I'd like to note some extraordinary accomplishments and recognitions to date..



First is recognition of the 25th anniversary of the creation of Santa Rosa High School Foundation. In the beginning and for the first few Foundation events, attendance was limited, but enthusiasm was enormous. With encouragement, the board of directors continued to hold an annual event, one that evolved into The Polenta Feed, now the largest class reunion/social event of SRHS. Congratulations to the following eight founding board members: Mike Grace ('65), Kathy Daniels Grace ('65), Doug Pavese ('57), Mike Daniels ('59), Donna Dennes Peterson ('67), Doug Bower ('67) and Bev Swan ('42). Without their vision, direction and stick with it attitude, the outcome surely would not be the success it is today.

Secondly, Santa Rosa High School's 140th celebration of March 30. I heard estimates of 1,000 plus attended the event, which was organized and hosted by the Student-Teacher-Parent organization. STP opened campus doors for anyone who wanted to visit, and the Foundation provided tours with expert guides Mike Daniels, Tony Negri and Art Horner. Interestingly, parents of a Montgomery High student attended the event because they had never been on the SRHS campus. They were overwhelmed and impressed with all the various activities and spirit. The Foundation's museum was one of the most active places attendees visited. Well-deserved congratulations to the STP committee and its president, Sue Burch, for organizing and implementing the celebration.

The board is presently comprised of 24 members who continually accomplish amazing feats for SRHS faculty, students, administration, staff and activities and clubs. These feats are demonstrated, for example, by the Foundation's administration of individual grants. Those grants, which result from dues, donations and fund raising events, will surely exceed \$120,000 by the fiscal yearend of June 30. Those grants have supported every SRHS department, paid for field trips, equipment and supplies, educational material, uniforms, club activities, publications and routers to enable the school to become wireless—to list just a few.

The receipt of the bequest from the James Fleck Trust ('46) required an enormous amount of coordination by the Foundation Board of Directors. In particular, the Investment Committee, chaired by Doug Pavese, succeeded in organizing and selecting an investment manager for the bequest. Secondly, the Scholarship Committee, chaired by Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer, met with SRHS administrators and counselors to ensure the spirit of the Fleck Trust was met in the guidelines for the Fleck Scholarships. After a very intense and extraordinary amount of time, the committee composed very elegant and flexible guidelines for the scholarships. This year the Foundation will increase the existing 12 scholarships by 15 new Fleck Scholarships, for a total of 27 Foundation sponsored awards.

The efforts of those two committees, of each director and of the other board committees resulted in the

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Reunions: Details, Dates and Announcements

Visit the Foundation website for more information: www.srhsf.org and click on "Reunion Details"

1954 Reunion – 60th

August 14, 2014

Watch for more information by mail or email. Send address changes since 2009 to

Muriel Kingsbury

murielk@pacbell.net

707-696-9936

1959 Reunion – 55th

Scheduled for September 20

Details TBA

Information: Penny Hastings

707-526-6347

penny@sonic.net

Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer

707-544-3158

nadine@coreutilities.com

1964 Reunion – 50th

September 19 - Grad Night 5:30-9:30 pm

Cocktails and appetizers Flamingo Hotel Poolside

September 20 – Campus Tour 9:30 am

Cocktails and appetizers 5 – 6:30 pm

Buffet Dinner Fountaingrove Inn

Information: Ilona Mayer Williams

707-568-4157

LWILLIE888@sbcglobal.net

Bob Brown 707-5739545

1969 Reunion – 45th

Scheduled for October 4

Charlie's at Windsor Golf Club

Information: Marilyn Dolce Davis

707-823-5472 evenings

707-479-5472 cell phone

dolcedavis@gmail.com

1984 Reunion – 30th

July 19, 2014

Information: Bridget Palmer

707-483-5800

bridget@artofthelivinginstitute.org

1994 Reunion – 20th

Scheduled for August 2

Details: <https://squareup.com/market/srhs-class-of-1994-20th-reunion>

Information: lilyeric@gmail.com

Continued from page 3 campus activities—nickel movies in the auditorium at noon, the competition rally, science fair, girls Hi-Jinx and assemblies. Candy Cane Lane was the theme of the Girls' League dance before Christmas.



Mystery Assembly vocalist Frankie Laine wows the student body photo 1954 Echo

After a magician did his act at an assembly, Mr. Guymon, the Student Activities Director, said there'd be no more assemblies like that one because students didn't enjoy them. What was that all about? Who didn't enjoy missing class? We sure enjoyed hearing Frankie Laine sing in the auditorium. Mr. Guymon arranged that and knew we liked it.

The Block SR vs. Block S basketball game was fun to watch. The boys had to wear boxing gloves. The Faculty-Student basketball game was fun too, but I don't remember

who won although I do know the faculty uniforms had a picture of a tired, panting dog on their jerseys. They called themselves "Panthers." The alumni beat the varsity football team 25-7 in the pre-season.

We had activities off campus too, plenty of them. The Redwood Empire Roller Rink on Santa Rosa Avenue kept us on our feet with "All Skate," "Skate in Pairs" and other directions. Clubs held parties to raise money for the March of Dimes. Car guys belonged to the Street Angels. Movies at the California or the Roxy cost 70 cents.

We could buy a hamburger at Chick and Johnnie's



The 1954 student body fills the stands for a basketball game photo 1954 Echo

across the street from SRJC for 25 cents or walk up Mendocino to Zesto's and get a supreme burger with "the works" for 30 cents. At Leola's Burger Shack opposite the SRHS campus we might win a dollar in the paper bag. If we were hungry late on a Saturday night, we could eat six burgers for a dollar until midnight at Cozad's on Santa Rosa Avenue. Eat and Run stayed open until 2:30 for the real night owls.

If we were lucky enough, we saw the very first television broadcast in color, the Pasadena Rose Parade on New Year's Day. In black and white, we watched "Rin Tin Tin," "American Bandstand," "The Perry Como Show," "Dragnet," and "I Love Lucy." Many comedians had their own TV shows: Jack Benny, Milton Berle, George Gobel, Groucho Marx and Burns and Allen. And you can't forget Amos and Andy.

Remember Senior Vocation Day? We tested the waters of how we thought we'd make a living by visiting a couple



Never a dull moment in Mr. Elmore's chem. class photo 1954 Echo

of businesses. I listened to Police Chief Dutch Flohr and rode along with Officer Spaulding, but I decided not to go into police work. I did enter the Teenage Road-E-O at the fairgrounds but I didn't win.

The faculty also had a day off. They called it Business Administration Day and visited businesses around town. Who taught the classes? Anyone remember?

I remember those years at SRHS were very special because they stay with me still. I hope they were as special for you.

President's Farewell Message

by Bob Swinth, 1954 Senior Class President

As we, the Class of 1954, come to the crossroads in life that is our parting place, we cannot help but look back and recall the many wonderful days that we have spent together in Santa Rosa High School.

Few of us, especially, the boys, will ever forget the first day of high school. I know that none of us will ever forget our last day. And in the days and years in between the Senior Class of 1954 has left its mark.

We can well be proud of the honors in sports, drama music and agriculture our classmates have brought to our school and to our class. No matter where our destinies take us, a part of us will remain with this school, the school that has meant so much to us.

And no matter where our thoughts may someday wander, may we always remember our school, our class, and most of all, each other.

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

On behalf of the SRHS Track and Field team, I thank the Foundation for its generous support by supplying starting blocks. They will ensure that we continue have the equipment necessary to teach students in the sport and to put on first class track and field meets.

Over the years the Foundation has been very generous to our program, and no amount of thanks can express the appreciation the team has for that support.

Sincerely,

Doug Courtemarche
Head Track and Field Coach

Editor:

I offer a thank you to the Foundation for its wonderful support for the SRHS Italian program. Participation in the National High School Exam in Italian is going to be a very exciting and educational process for all of my students. They will be better informed and prepared for AP Italian and in future years as a result.

Grazie mille

Carla Forchini
Instructor

Editor:

The Student-Teacher-Parent (STP) board members and I would like to thank every member of SRHS Foundation for their direction and support in planning and participating in the 140th Anniversary Open House at the end of March. I would especially like to thank Mike Daniels and Tony Negri for sharing their wealth of history and vision for the future of SRHS. Without their input the event wouldn't have been as much fun to plan or interesting to participate in.

Thank you again for helping to make the STP-sponsored event so memorable and for joining us in spreading good will through the community.

Sincerely,

Susan Burch
President, STP

Editor:

My family and Don's would like to thank the contributors to the Foundation in memory of Don.

Both he and I enjoyed our years as students at SRHS. He especially enjoyed participating in sports and being part of the Block S group.

He would be pleased with the recognition as a Panther.

Sincerely,

Deanne Kellogg-Farley
Class of 1956

Editor:

I just picked up the projector for my room, plugged it in, turned it on and voila! I was able to show a video clip directly from my teacher computer. What the Foundation is able to do for us teachers makes such a difference, and we greatly appreciate it.

Thank you,

Jessie Kroeck
Instructor

Editor:

I would like to thank the Foundation for allowing me and the whole 6 am lifting crew to come to Panther Project Fund meeting to support the request for new baseball uniforms.

The uniforms would not have been possible without the generous donation of \$2,000. The entire baseball program thanks you.

Sincerely,

Paige Dumont
Head Varsity Baseball Coach

Editor:

On February 12, the Board of Education formally accepted the Foundation's generous donation of \$22,867 to Santa Rosa High School. As per your instructions, the donation will be allocated toward the following:

- . \$4,789.89 for networking routers for administration offices
- . \$460.70 for repair of the special education food cart
- . \$305 for foreign language AP tests
- . \$1,028.41 for Elmo projectors for the math department
- . \$400 for athletic sign in the South Gym
- . \$450 for yearbook advertising
- . \$379 for an English department projector
- . \$244 for CAHSEE testing snacks
- . \$7,000 to be divided by \$500 for each department
- . \$200 for World Language Italian exams
- . \$244 for an electric grinder and safety equipment for fine arts
- . \$730 for Business Skills USA competition
- . \$765 for a biology field trip
- . \$2,299 for debate regional competition
- . \$3,000 for English journalism conference
- . \$149 for online newspaper subscription for special education

On behalf of the Board of Education and the students of SRHS I thank you for your support. It is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bill Carle
President, Board of Education

Editor:

On behalf of Project Graduation and the Class of 2014, we thank the Foundation for its generosity and support. For many years Project Graduation has provided seniors with a safe celebration of an important milestone in their lives. The Foundation has generously funded scholarships to attend Project Graduation as well as the means to offer this amazing party. We strive to make the night one to remember and one that all seniors will want to attend. We could not do it without the support of the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Staci Pastis and the
Project Graduation Team

About the Foundation

The Santa Rosa High School Foundation, a chartered non-profit organization with the State of California, was established in 1988 to provide financial support for and community involvement in the school's activities and to preserve its rich traditions and heritage.

The Foundation also functions as an alumni association, sponsoring activities for graduates, but membership and activity participation is not limited to SRHS alumni.

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- 1.) Establish an Unrestricted Fund (in your name or anonymously) with a gift of \$10,000 or more
- 2.) Establish a Restricted Scholarship Fund with a gift of \$10,000 or more
- 3.) Include a bequest or Planned Gift in your estate plan
- 4.) An Unrestricted Cash Gift of any amount that the Foundation Board will direct to a current need program

A wide variety of gifts are accepted including:

- Cash
- Publicly traded securities
- IRAs or life insurance policies with the Foundation as beneficiary
- Remainder of a Charitable Trust

The Santa Rosa High School Foundation is organized as a 501c3 non-profit corporation. For further information, please contact SRHS Foundation, P.O. Box 11006 Santa Rosa, CA 95406, e-mail donations@srhsf.org or call the Pandy Line 707-571-7747

Please always speak with your tax advisor when considering making a charitable contribution.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Article submissions are invited. Limit to 850 words and letters no more than 150 words. All submissions are subject to editing and become the property of the Foundation.

Please submit articles and letters without anchors and in unformatted text. Submissions are also invited to Panther Patter.

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

Submissions can be made through U.S. Postal Service to PO Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 96406-1006 or through e-mail to mdaniels@sonic.net.

NEXT DEADLINE:

June, 2014 for the
July, 2014 mailing

In Memoriam

Paul Gutsch	1955 and Instructor
Rae Gambini	1937
Barbara Montgomery Paige	1940
Mary Madsen Hallock	1941
Barbara Jones Konicek	1941
Peter O'Flaherty	1944
Robert Dickerson	1945
Anne Said Lewis	1947
Corrine Michie Kingsbury	1948
Clement "Ting" Guggiana	1949
John Talbot	1949
Wesley Altes	1952
Victoria Saitone Scharer	1953
Donald Farley	1956
Alice Galbaldon Lovell	1958
Jimmie Yarnell	1960
Robert Nazareus	1962
Michael McVey	1974
Delonee Hickler Rotter	1974
Susan Christensen Hufford	1979
Jeff Dominguez	1985
Dan Tomassini	1985

The good news to share with all of you is that the Foundation continues to grow by welcoming 28 new members and by receiving 129 membership renewals since the last newsletter. Contributions and memorial gifts this period are \$8,154. Thanks to all of you who include the Foundation in your gift giving.

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

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| Agilent Technologies
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Wesley Farmiloe '61 | Steven Orsborn '68
Joel Parker '66 |
| Agilent Technologies Foundation
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| Shirley Dimitratos '52 | Jim Nelson '51 | Van Bebber Bros., Inc. friend |
| Dixie Duffey friend | Cynthia Norman '57 | Buck Yaeger '59 |

LIFETIME MEMBERS: We welcome new Lifetime Member Jerry Traub '75

If you have friends who are interested in joining the Foundation, encourage them to do so by using the form available in this newsletter or by going on-line at www.srhsf.org to make their contributions and join. Concerns or questions about membership or contributions should be directed to Ilona Mayer Williams '64, at 707-568-4157 or LWILLIE888@SBCGLOBAL.NET.



We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do!

Six 1967 classmates, known as the "Pandy Pals," met for an enjoyable lunch at the home of Peggy Leiser '40, mom to Donna Dennes Peterson and Diane Dennes Keegan. After lunch the six pals attended the 140th SRHS birthday open house where they saw every exhibit, ran into old friends, marveled at the alumni dressed in orange and black and basked in the atmosphere of Panther Pride that permeated the afternoon.

L to R: Donna Dennes Peterson, Mary Hesse Jenkins, Molly Latta Barnum, Joan Perry Ryan, Diane Dennes Keegan and Jamey Blair Taylor

Santa Rosa High School celebrated its 140th birthday at the end of March with a Student-Teacher-Parent (STP) sponsored party and open house on the Mendocino Avenue campus, which opened in January, 1925. Previous campuses were on Fourth Street (1875-1894), Humboldt Street (1895-1921) and, because of fire, in a variety of places in downtown Santa Rosa (1921-24). California State Superintendent of Schools Will C. Wood attended the dedication of the Mendocino Avenue campus and had this to say: "You have those wonderful old oak trees and plenty of room for your school activities without disturbing any of nature's handiwork. It is one of the finest sites for school purposes I have found in the state and Santa Rosa should be proud of having it."

Memorial & Special Contributions

The Andrew Lee Alkire Memorial

Dan Kelly '59

The Wes Altes Memorial

Oren and Nadine Smedshammer '59

The John Bussman Memorial

Robert Brown '64

Judy Fox '67

Pat and Rosie London '63/'65

The Ralph Butterworth Memorial

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The Hugh Codding Memorial

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The Bob Dickerson Memorial

Don Arrabit '43

Therese Geary friend

Nancy Gross friend

Martha Keegan '47

Marie Laskelle '47

Gregory Olmstead friend

Mary Testorelli '47

The Don Farley Memorial

Jean Ahr '53

Don Arrabit '43

Darlene Bath '56

Carolee Breazeale '56

Dick and Angie Colombini '49

Hank and Ruth Cooper friends

David Gervais '59

Nancy Giannini friend

Herm and Nancy Griffin '54/'55

Carol Guanella '56

David and Susan Hunter friend

James Laier '58

Bob and Jean Leal friends

Carol Lorenzo '55

JoAnn MacDonald '56

Michael Nelligan '57

Doug Pavese '58

Bill and Mary Louise Reinking friends

Ward and Pat Thompson '58/'59

Gary Vice '58

The Gary Fisher Memorial

Nancy Guanella '56

The Gloria Galeazzi Memorial

James Laier '58

James Miller '40

Doug Pavese '58

Bill Fisher '49

The Paul Gutsch Memorial

Bill and Merlynne Carr '55

The Mary Madsen Hallock Memorial

Bob and Marci Jenkins '58/'67

The Janice Hartzog Memorial

Bob and Marci Jenkins '58/'67

The Robert Hoffer Memorial

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The Corinne Horn Kingsbury Memorial

Bill Fisher '49

Mary Testorelli '47

The Barbara Konicek Memorial

James Laier '58

Anne Said Lewis Memorial

Martha Keegan '47

Mary Testorelli '47

Marie Laskelle '47

The Vernon & Peggy Lightfoot Memorial

Bob and Marci Jenkins '58/'67

The Lightfoot Kids

Dan, David, Kent, Mark, Mary and Jill

The Alice Gabaldon Lovell Memorial

Doug Pavese '58

The John McDonald Memorial

James Laier '58

Doug Pavese '58

The Pam McMahon Memorial

Daniel McMahon friend

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The Virginia Noonan Memorial

James Laier '58

The Leo Olsen Memorial

Don Lindquist '60

Bruce Rocco '60

The Barbara Paige Memorial

Peggy Call '41

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The Jan Baker Woodward Memorial

Sally Gard '57

The Berta Wiggins Scholarship Fund (in honor of Donna Phillips Memorial)

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

President's Message

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highest degree of service to Foundation members and make all board members justifiably proud of their roles in the Foundation.

In other news, two new members have joined the board and one former member has rejoined. The new members are Ben Catching, parent of two SRHS Students, and Hillary Wootton '85. Also, Matt Metzger '91 has returned. We are excited as they will be fulfilling some important roles on the board.

See you at the Luther Burbank Rose Parade on May 17. The Foundation will again sponsor an entry.

Jim Ward '62

President 2012-14

SRHS celebrates 140 years!

On a bright, sunny Sunday at the end of March, following a stormy Saturday, hundreds of Santa Rosa High School alumni, parents, students and friends came to campus to join in a celebration of 140 years of Panther Pride--all sponsored by the Student-Teacher-Parent organization.



Principal Brad Coscarelli speaks to the throngs of alumni and friends

photo Marlene Callen

Next up SRHS Principal Brad Coscarelli explained current programs, retired teacher Mike Daniels offered a short history of SRHS, retired principal Tony Negri spoke about the Foundation and City Schools Associate Superintendent Doug Bower explained the role of SRHS in the school system and why it's the most popular high school in Santa Rosa. It has a waiting list of students from

To kick off the afternoon, the celebrants were treated to a short program in the auditorium. The Chamber Singers and the cheerleaders performed first. Then Sue Burch, a Panther parent and STP President, gave the welcome address.

Next up SRHS Principal Brad Coscarelli explained current programs, retired teacher Mike Daniels offered a

throughout the county who desire to attend.

The welcome concluded with the Redwood Empire Chordsmen, whose lead singer was Charles "Ed" Thompson, a 1942 alumnus, still in great voice!

The remainder of the afternoon was awash in nostalgia and appreciation of the Home of the Panthers. Campus tours were conducted, celebrants wandered the campus and took in the sights and soaked up the atmosphere. The main hall was filled with historical material—photos, displays, artifacts and other materials. If one wished, he or she could sign up to receive an official transcript of the student's grades. Not everyone chose to do so.

ArtQuest maintained a visual exhibition, special ed sold eats and drinks, the ag department sold hot dogs and drinks and cotton candy. The aggies also demonstrated



Pouring over old yearbooks in the library

photo Marlen Callen

how to make jam and butter, displayed animals and showed how to make flower arrangements and how to shear sheep.

The library had yearbooks available for browsing and showed off its Author's Corner that houses about 40 books written and published by SRHS alumni.

The recently expanded campus museum was crowded all afternoon with folks who were fascinated by artifacts covering the 140 year history of SRHS.

By any measure, the birthday bash was a great success, and STP is due hearty congratulations for a wonderful birthday party!



Alumni and friends enjoy the displays in the main hall

photo Marlene Callen

Have you included the Foundation in your estate plan?

The Annual Fund Campaign: A Critical Foundation Program

By Doug Pavese '58



As the school year of 2013/14 comes to its close, the problem of funding the California State public education system continues at all levels. The SRHS Foundation works diligently to financially supplement SRHS student programs and scholarships through its fundraising efforts, including general and directed donations, special events revenue and the earnings from its Endowment Fund. The Foundation has

worked hard to deliver an average of over \$120,000 each year for the last several years through its grant process to these critical SRHS program needs.

This year, the Foundation fortunately received a significant bequest from the Estate of James Fleck, a 1946 graduate. The annual earnings from the Fleck Scholarship Fund this year support 15 scholarships for 15 graduating seniors. The Fleck Scholarship Fund is a permanently restricted fund and none of the earnings can be utilized for broader SRHS student program needs.

Therefore, the Annual Fund Campaign, now completing its fourth year, remains a critical program to raise unrestricted funds for wider program needs. A list of departments and programs that need directed funding include: English, mathematics, science, social studies, world language, career technology, fine arts, ArtQuest, special education and physical education.

You can support this campaign in several ways. First, you can clip and complete the donation card on the back indicating your wishes. A return envelope is inserted within this newsletter for your convenience. A check to SRHS Foundation, credit cards, gifts of marketable securities and employee matching funds are gratefully accepted.

Another option is to create a fund with a minimum of \$10,000 where the annual earnings can permanently benefit the departments listed above or a specific area of your personal interest. More information on establishing a fund can be obtained by emailing donations@srhsf.org or leaving a message on the Pand y Line (707-571-7747). Presently, agriculture, auto Shop, boys' baseball, boys' soccer, Student of the Month and the Foundation Unrestricted Permanent Endowment Funds are in place. Additions to any of these or future funds are always welcome. Please consider a 2013/14 donation to the Annual Fund Campaign program. Gifts to the fund are tax deductible. The Foundation is organized as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit corporation and the tax ID # is 68-0195375.

Crab Feed Recap

by Jacky Schlich '57 and JoAnn MacDonald '56

The Foundation Crab Feed held at the Veterans' Memorial in January was just one more successful fund raising event for SRHS. Many thanks are extended to the alumni and friends who attended.

The Panther cheerleaders greeted the guests and performed some routines to the delight of the crowd. Their silent auction netted \$2,500 to help them support Panther school spirit.

Randy Apel, Elmo Rossi and Jim Uboldi prepared the delicious crab, ceviche, clam chowder, Caesar salad and chocolate mousse. The SRHS baseball team competently did the serving.

During the evening the eight alumni who originated the Foundation were acknowledged: Mike Grace '65, Kathy Daniels Grace '65, Mike Daniels '59, Rick Call '67, Doug Bower '67, Bev Dixon Swan '41, Doug Pavese '58 and Donna Dennes Peterson '67.

The generous donations of several businesses and people contributed to the evening's success. They include Alexander Valley Vineyards, Randy Apel, Fieldstone Winery, Forcini Winery, Geysler Peak Winery, Kenwood Winery, Korbel, Kunde Family Estates, Metlock Ames Handcrafted Wines, Seghesio Family Vineyards, St. Francis Winery, Trione Winery and Williamson Winery.

Additional donations came from Culligan Water, Franco-American Bakery, Clover-Stornetta and Lagunitas Brewery.

Donations to the live auction came from Randy Apel, Andy Brennan, Chuck Root Air Tours, Running Rabbit Ranch, Cazadero Winery, California Rivers Winery and the Board of Directors of the SRHS Foundation.

Special thanks go to The Crab Feed Committee whose tireless efforts ensured an enjoyable evening.



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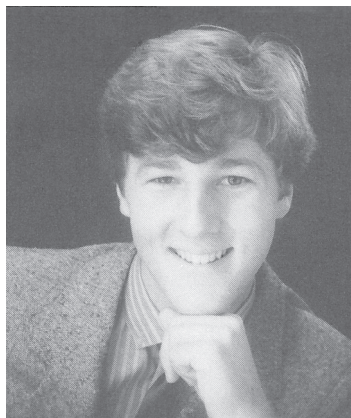
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by Pandy

McKenna Bertsch '11, who contributed greatly to the growth of the girls' basketball program at SRHS, has continued her excellent round ball play at UC San Diego, where she is a junior. She played on two NCAA Division II tournament teams her first two seasons and has been an outstanding starter . . . It is so very refreshing to hear that the North Bay League bestowed its season-long good sportsmanship label to the SRHS girls' 2013 fall athletic program. The sportsmanship award was created in honor of long-time SRHS teacher, coach and NBL commissioner **Elmer Brown**, Teams honored include golf, soccer, tennis, cross-country and volleyball. Way to go, Panthers! . . . In another athletic accomplishment, SRHS boys' soccer coach **Antonio Garcia** was named Coach of the Year for the All-Empire Team . . . **Robert Parker '63**, a contributor to satellite design and construction, was recently selected as an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. In another significant achievement, Bob co-wrote a paper on recovery from open chest surgery that was accepted for the March edition of the American Journal of Cardiology. His co-writers are a group at Baylor Heart and Vascular Hospital in



Tim Kniffin

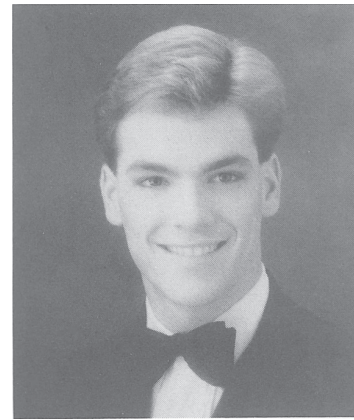
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Dallas . . . More Panther honors: the San Francisco Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates recently awarded **Dan Kelly '59** its Civility and Professionalism Award. In the 50-year history of the chapter, the award was granted just 15 times. One of the earlier recipients is **Jack DeMeo '51**. Both Kelly and DeMeo are past presidents of the S.F. chapter. Proud of you both! . . . In February, **Frank Rackerby '59** was named to the Board of Directors of Soul's Palette, a non-profit organization that provides healing arts services for extended care patients in the Denver area. More info: www.soulspalettearts.org . . . Did you know? **Dick**

Colombini '49, who has contributed almost beyond measure to SRHS and its Foundation both monetarily and in construction, played football at SRHS for Jimmy Underhill and was a member of the 1951 University of San Francisco football team invited to play in the 1952 Orange Bowl. Every one of the players courageously took a stand against racism and turned down the invitation because Orange Bowl officials said the two African-American players on the Dons' team wouldn't be allowed to play. Nine members of that '51 team

were drafted into the NFL, and three were eventually inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame . . . Once again proving "Once a Panther, Always a Panther," **Wes Daniels, Kurt Hawkyard** and **Tim Kniffin** (all of them 1985 alums) together cheered the girls'

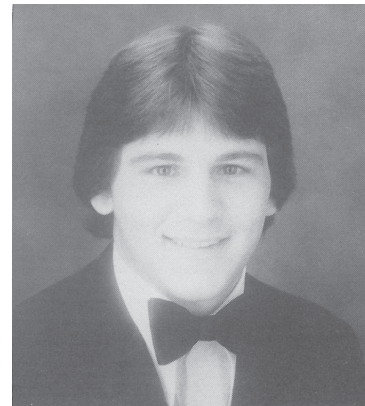
varsity basketball game in the NBL Championship played at SRJC's Hael



Wes Daniels

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Pavilion. And in a side note, sitting behind the three was **Kathy Daniels Grace '65**, who taught Kurt's son in first grade . . . **Tim Crawford '85** is an Associate Professor at Boston College, where in addition to teaching he serves as Director of Undergraduate Studies. He teaches, researches and publishes in international relations.



Kurt Hawkyard

photo 1985 Echo

Married, with two kids, the transplanted Westerner declares himself to be a diehard Red Sox, Patriots, Celtics and Bruins fan . . . Petaluma High School and SRHS experienced an intense rivalry for 83 years when

the two were the only high schools in their respective communities. So it is with some interest that Trojan alumnae **Sheila Dodd** donated 1931, '32 and '33 Echoes to the SRHS museum. Much appreciated gesture . . . After serving churches in the East and the Midwest, **Rev. Dr. Curran Reichert '86** is now minister at Community Congregational Church in Tiburon. Known for her vocal talent, Rev. Reichert has recorded an album "Draw the Circle Wide." . . . You might watch to watch for a new ABC comedy called "Young & Hungry" because it's partly the creation of **Gabi Moskowitz '00** who's also written cookbooks and who blogs about food and life.



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