



# 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.*

## GIVING SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE SEASON OF COVID

By Monica Baldenegro, Kristine Erken, and Don Cambou

You might think giving a scholarship to a student would be easy. It's not. That's one reason why the SRHS Foundation has a Scholarship Committee of seven members. Led for 14 years by chairperson Nadine Smedshammer, their task is to review and evaluate candidates that have been nominated by teachers and counselors. That can be very difficult when many qualified nominees are in contention for the same scholarships. Nevertheless, the Committee must pick the winners, and distribute the awards. It's a burdensome and time consuming task any year, but made more difficult this year because of Covid. (Covid made the scholarship process difficult last year as well, but at least the teachers and counselors who nominated the candidates had a chance to know their students better because of months of face to face interactions.)

This year, scholarship awards totaled 44 – ten more than last year. Twenty two of the scholarships are called “Fleck Scholarships” since they come from the earnings on the huge \$2,100,000 plus bequest from the trust of SRHS grad James Fleck '47 and his wife Marie. This year, the Fleck Scholarships granted \$4,450 to each worthy student. The other 22 scholarships are called “Memorial Scholarships” and come mostly from the trusts of other SRHS grads. Ten of those scholarships are new this year – six alone from the Gary Rasche Trust. The Memorial Scholarships granted \$500 to \$1750 to recipients. All the scholarships are “in perpetuity,” meaning their principal never diminishes. The yearly scholarships monies are the earnings generated by the principals. The Finance Committee, with the help of Morgan Stanley, manages the scholarship principals.

Because of Covid, The Scholarship Committee could only meet remotely through Zoom sessions. Members combined an online/paperless nomination system with Zoom meetings and transitioned to a fully electronic scholarship process. In the middle of the transition, chairperson Nadine Smedshammer became ill. (She's much better now.) Monica Baldenegro and Kristine Erken stepped up to fill the

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## GETTING BACK TO SCHOOL

by Don Cambou

For teachers and students, the 2020 – 2021 school year was an emotional rollercoaster. Thank a little bug named Covid 19 for that. But, as Shakespeare wrote, “All's well that ends well.” And at least the SRHS schoolyear ended well.

The change started in March of this year. That's when widespread vaccinations became available to teachers. When SRHS reopened to students on April 26, teachers were fully vaccinated. Most students were not. The students



*A typical hybrid classroom*

reentered classrooms modified with protective Plexiglas barriers around their desks, and very small numbers of other students. They were Hybrid Group “A”. They would come to school every Monday and Tuesday until the end of the schoolyear. Hybrid Group “B” would come to school every Thursday and Friday, also until the end of the schoolyear. All their parents had to complete

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mary Beseda

With this issue of the SRHS Foundation newsletter we are nearing the end of the 2020/2021 school year and the Fiscal year for the Foundation. This has been a trying year for the instructors and staff at SRHS as well as the students. I am very excited to report on the Graduation at Nevers Field

Mary Orsborn Beseda  
President

on June 4, 2021! Each graduating senior was given four tickets for their family members (as per COVID protocols.)

The SRHS Foundation Student of the Month program had seven nominees in April and five in May. The Student of the Month recipients are nominated by their teachers and each received a framed Student of the Month certificate, a \$25.00 gift card to Mary's Pizza, and recognition via Zoom!

The Foundation Scholarship Committee was very busy

in April and May awarding Memorial scholarships to 22 students totaling \$20,650.00, plus 22 James Fleck Memorial Scholarships totaling \$97,900.00 for a total of \$118,550.00 in scholarships. The presentation was done via Zoom to the recipients and their families. There were ten new scholarship's this year!

The SRHS Foundation is looking for new Board Members, interested individuals should contact me at info@srhsf.org or call the Pandey Line at 707-571-7747. Come join the fun and rewarding atmosphere of seeing the students at SRHS thrive!

We have a tentative date in November for the next Polenta Feed. We are awaiting the go ahead for the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds along with capacity after the June 15, 2021 re-opening of California. Let's hope for a fun event!

Once a Panther, Always a Panther!

## SRHS Foundation Directors

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*Editor's note. When I recently spoke with former Foundation newsletter editor Mike Daniels, he lamented that the distance learning freshman class of '20 - '21 had no exposure to SRHS traditions or their histories. We decided that he would write the following article. It's fun reading for everyone. But it's especially a gift to the SRHS freshman class of '20 - '21, next school year's sophomore class.*

## TRADITIONS COME AND GO

by Mike Daniels

In a Foundation Newsletter of the time, 1998 class historian Julie Ward wrote, "It is left for the students to make sure traditions don't die out and to help create new ones to ensure the spirit remains strong and healthy."

Ebb and flow tells the story of traditions at SRHS. What was widely popular in the past seems today to have faded into the dust bin of history as newer activities emerge. But there are exceptions.

The fight song is an example. In 1925, basketball coach and P.E. instructor Orbin Fortier adapted the lyrics of "On Wisconsin" to create the SRHS fight song. He wanted to instill pride and cohesion and direction to the rudderless student body that was without a campus for three years

because of the 1921 fire that destroyed the Humboldt Street building. That "fight on for your fame" song faded away in the later 1960s as those years of "enlightenment" rejected the notions of the past.

Because time and focus do change, the late 1990s saw a resurgence of interest in that long ago past, and today the fight song is again popularly celebrated on Fridays during football season by a packed second floor student body. It is also sung at football and basketball games and again just before graduation to honor the departing seniors.

Other traditional activities have not completely disappeared but have morphed into a different form. One

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void. Monica was the Vice Principal at SRHS and Kristine was a Counselor. Both have moved on to other schools, but both generously serve as SRHS Foundation Board members. They're still devoted to the Orange and Black.

A high point of the scholarship award process has always been the "reveal." Members of SRHS Foundation, SRHS counselors, and selected students would gather in one room. The students were not aware that they were about to receive a scholarship. When they found out, emotions were large, and ranged from joyful smiles to tears. Many students shared the tremendous relief at receiving funds to support their future education.

This year, all those hugs, shaking of hands, and gasps of joy were transferred to computer screens. The "reveal" was a Zoom meeting. However, there was a hidden bonus in the electronic process: Parents and other family members were invited to the meeting along with their soon to be distinguished students. The celebration was greater than anyone had expected.

Monica and Kristine also designed and presented an excellent slide show that recognized and honored each of the student recipients.

In the past, to receive their actual awards, the students would meet with Nadine with proof of their course enrollment for the following school year. Then she would hand them their scholarship checks. Because of Covid, both last year and this year the Committee took the students' words that they were enrolling in courses. Kristine will confirm that they've earned all credits and graduated from SRHS.

Covid changed our lives in many ways. But it didn't lessen the number of scholarships the Foundation granted. Hard work, ingenuity, and computer skills took care of business.

*If you are interested in establishing a scholarship, or want to learn more about the SRHS Foundation Scholarship Program, please contact Monica Baldenegro at [mbgrocksrhrs@gmail.com](mailto:mbgrocksrhrs@gmail.com), Kristine Erken at [kerken@srcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:kerken@srcs.k12.ca.us), or [donations@srhsf.org](mailto:donations@srhsf.org).*

## MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS 2021 RECIPIENTS

Student Name	Scholarship	
Lindsey Graham	Berta Wiggins	\$525
Laura Wright	Betty Jean Gong	\$500
Logan Glascock	Bruce Mecchi	\$650
Anthony Diaz Salgado	Cristian Valencia	
	Figuroa	\$500
Steven Grams	Emmett O'Neill	\$500
Dillon Sousa	Rasche - Auto	\$1,175
Kenneth Moreno	Rasche - Auto	\$1,175
Russell Franklin	Rasche - Manufacturing	\$1,175
Lauren Kelleher	Rasche - Manufacturing	\$1,175
Zeke Graham	Rasche - Woodshop	\$1,175
Crimson Figuroa	Rasche - Woodshop	\$1,175
Erica Demers	Henry and Doris Matteri	\$600
Dasie Keeler	Henry and Doris Matteri	\$600
Samantha Murray	Lucky Jade	\$1,100
Manuel Martinez-Cruz	Lucky Jade	\$1,100
Jocelyn Hernandez	Jerry Poncia	\$500
Jocelyn Hernandez	Lisa Nilsen	\$500
Stanley Selden	Lorenzo Solis	\$525
Matthew Denison	Patrick Gallagher	\$1,050
Shai Fichtelberg	Peter Slusser	\$500
Max Parrish	Peter Slusser	\$500
Macdalah Fry	Robert Clell McKinney	\$500

## JAMES FLECK SCHOLARSHIPS 2021 RECIPIENTS

### 22 SCHOLARSHIPS @ \$4,450 EACH

<b>ENGLISH</b>	<b>ARTQUEST</b>
Jack Dippe	Shaylie Lozinto-Ryan
Giovanna Andreassi	<b>VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS</b>
Piper Kirk	Max Parrish
<b>MATH</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>
Andrew McKamey	Hailey Butcher
Shreya Thyagarajan	<b>PE/ATHLETICS</b>
Emily Johansson	Rodrigo Guzman-Tapia
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>WORLD LANGUAGE</b>
Alan Cazares-Tapia	Julia Green
Yana Feeney	<b>COUNSELING</b>
Vincent Vela	Leslie Acevedo-Cabello
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>FLECK COMMITTEE</b>
Lauren Kelleher	Lael Joseph
Faris Delgado	Russell Franklin
"Sebastian"	Manuel Martinez-Cruz Jr.
(Andrei) Lopez	
<b>CAREER TECHNOLOGY ED</b>	
Jocelyn Hernandez	

daily Covid Health Screening forms before students were admitted on campus. Those kids represented about half of the SRHS student population. The other half had opted to continue off campus “distance learning.” According to Art Horner, History teacher and SRHS liaison to the Foundation, everyone was very happy to be on campus – students and teachers. He reports that students were comfortable with the strict rules, including facemasks. There was no defiance. He also reports that most teachers did fun activities with students they’d only see once a week – things that would enforce the students’ appreciation for school and in person learning. Teachers were especially pleased that freshmen got a chance to spend time on campus, and to soak in the Panther Spirit.

The task of reopening the campus with modified classrooms wasn’t easy. Principal Kimberly Clissold reports that the administrative team worked 18 straight days to prepare the schedule and school site for hybrid learning.

Many students sixteen and older started getting vaccinated on April 15, the day the vaccine became available to them in California. SRHS teachers encouraged their student to take advantage of the daily vaccination clinic being held at Elsie Allen High School. Teachers reported that students were proud to get their shots.

Around the same time campus opened, spring sports activities began. Soon, students were participating in a full schedule of sports events with other schools,

including boys and girls basketball, boys and girls track, boys and girls soccer, baseball and softball.

On the evening of May 1, juniors and seniors attended a unique and magical Prom outdoors on Nevers Field. Just to get in, students were required to have a negative Covid test or to have been fully vaccinated. Everyone wore masks, but that did little to spoil the fun. Girls wore elegant prom dresses. Boys wore suits or sports coats. Bathed in black lights, they danced to the tunes of a silent disco – everyone wore headphones, and heard the same music. Without headphones, the scene would have look gloriously synchronized and confusing.

Just as it had hosted the prom, on June 4 Nevers Field hosted Graduation. Masked students in caps and gowns marched to Pomp and Circumstance. Each student crossed the stage to receive his or her diploma. SRHS continued the SR City School District’s strict safety protocol, and limited the size of the audience.

And so ended the year of Covid, the lost year, the year of learning new ways, the year of resurrection. As for next year, Principal Clissold says “There are many things that are still unknown and to be determined and that is okay, because I know we will continue to be a learning community that works together to do the best that we can for our students.” Of course everyone hopes that unknown future will turn out to be Back to School, five days a week. Good old normal routine.

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## **NEW SCHOLARSHIPS FROM AN SRHS SUCCESS STORY**

By Don Cambou

The SRHS Foundation is pleased to announce two new Memorial Scholarships, funded by the Redwood Foundation, founded by SRHS 1947 alum Peter William Slusser and his wife Joanne.

At SRHS, William Peter Slusser seemed destined for success. After all, he had been Student Body President and Vice President, played football, was a Drama Club Officer, and an excellent debater. He also had an outsized work ethic. After high school, Pete, as he was called, was off to Stanford, and then Harvard Business School. He served as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force, then was off to New York City. There, his career in finance stretched from 1955 until his death in 2020. He became very successful. In the 1970s, at Paine, Webber, he built the Mergers and Acquisitions group into one of the top ten firms on Wall Street. Pete lived a rich life in New York, centered on his wife and five children. He loved opera and classical music, and running in Central Park.

But Pete couldn’t leave his Sonoma County roots behind – quite literally. He retuned every few months to

take care of his family farm, Slusser Ranch, founded by his great-grandfather in 1847.

Pete died at 91, preceded by Joanne, his wife of 66 years. His children, who are board members of Pete and Joanne’s Redwood Foundation, decided to honor Pete’s memory by establishing the two new Memorial Scholarships. Working with the SRHS Foundation’s Doug Pavese, they decided to endow an Agriculture Scholarship and a Debate Scholarship – two disciplines close to Pete’s heart. Both scholarships will exist in perpetuity, meaning that the scholarships will be funded by the endowed donations’ earnings, leaving the principals untouched. This year’s recipients are: Agriculture – Max Parrish, \$500, and Debate – Shai Fichtelberg.

*For more information about creating a Memorial Scholarship, contact Doug Pavese at 707-538-3167, or write us at [donations@srhsf.org](mailto:donations@srhsf.org).*

example is the “death march.” The first football game of the year for years was with Analy High and was kicked off with a rally at the downtown courthouse. A parade of students then marched up Mendocino Avenue to the campus where a flaming bonfire waited. Carried at the head of the procession, a coffin was tossed onto the fire. The bonfire is long gone, but the death march remained for years as a part of the Big Game with the Montgomery Vikings.

Before MHS opened its doors in 1958, rallies and other activities generated enthusiasm for the game with the Petaluma Trojans, the Big Game of that earlier era. A “War Club” was passed back and forth between the two schools, according to which was the victor. Both schools committed lots of pranks that regularly surrounded the game. Petaluma’s lath and plaster chicken at the entrance to town was destroyed in the 1930s by dynamite—perhaps at the hands of SRHS students. (Petaluma for years heralded itself as the “Egg Basket of the World.”) After the 1942 game, students from both schools rioted in downtown Petaluma, the fire department’s hoses finally quelching the disturbance. Sodden SRHS students had to walk home as the rooter buses were gone.

The Class of 1925 gifted SRHS with a bench that sits today outside the Auditorium. Custody of that bench was a traditional struggle for a while. The envious junior class “kidnapped” it and held it for ransom in a sort of turf war with the seniors. That ultimately led to the annual Junior-Senior Brawl, carnival-like activities involving the entire student body each spring on Nevers Field.

Dress-up days may have their roots with the “Whang-Doodle Day” of the 1920s when students dressed in costume and competed for prizes. By the early 1950s dress-up had evolved into Senior Character Day when only seniors came to school in costume. The day was an opportunity for seniors to recognize their classmates for their accomplishments, talents and creativity.

Dressing in costume generated other activities no longer around these days. One example is Girls’ Hi-Jinx, a thematic activity that involved a big percentage of female students and teachers. At times, the costumed event was held as an all-nighter in the gymnasium.

Dress-up days are still popular today. Wearing orange and black on Fridays is practically required, but on other days students may wear pajamas, college sweatshirts or camouflage clothes. There’s also Halloween (costumes, yeah!) and Monty Nerd Week when the student body lampoons the crosstown rival.

Circus Days, important when the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus came to town, no longer exists. But when it did, school was let out early to watch the elephants and zebras and other animals march down

Benton Street from the North Street depot to the staging grounds on the west side of town.

Initiation was once a common ritual as students were “welcomed” to high school and to clubs and activities. The freshman was identified by his lip-sticked head or his beanie. He was corralled by upperclassmen on his way to the first day as a SRHS student. The Future Farmers of America held its initiation in the Ag Building as initiates pushed a peanut with their nose on the floor and down the hallway.

Certainly, the most severe initiation was handed out by the Block S Society. It was an elite organization for male athletes who earned a block letter in a team sport. During the ceremony initiates had to experience a gauntlet of private humiliation at a number of “stations.” Prior to that, his head was shaved, a red “S” was painted with lipstick on the forehead, and he was forced to wear a dress and carry a doll to classes. At noon he was dismissed for the initiation. In the fall the ceremony was held in the basement or elsewhere but in the spring it took place at Mirabel on the Russian River. A steak bbq followed.

Block S initiation was a rite of passage that initiates were proud to have endured. But by the mid-1960s its severity was no longer acceptable and it came to a halt. The society itself also disappeared in the early 1970s, probably because of changes in the larger society that had trickled down to the high school level.

Block SR, the girls’ athletic association, also had an initiation ceremony, albeit much tamer, to induct its members. Initiates wore pants, a man’s shirt and carried a pan the day of induction. It was held after classes in the gym--no bbq at the river. Block SR also exists no longer.

Use of the Victory Bell at football games is a traditional activity that has recently resurfaced. In the past, cheerleaders ran to the bell after each Panther touchdown and rang it according to the point total. Today, the bell symbolically and quietly rests in front of the student seats on Nevers Field.

The Senior Steps were originally the front steps to the Main Building where only seniors hung out. Lower classmen avoided the area at their peril because trespassers might be forced to scrub the steps with a toothbrush or be subjected to other demeaning activities.

Today—well, prior to the pandemic-- the year begins with the Toga Dance and culminates with Country-Fair Day that includes the Student Auto Show and a barbeque. In between, traditions--the Mr. Panther talent show, Week of Tolerance, Poetry Slam, Dress in Pink (breast cancer awareness), Pi Day--continue their emergence and their disappearance, their coming and going. What’s consistent is student pride in being a Panther and in ensuring a strong and healthy spirit.

# SANTA ROSA HIGH CAMPUS COMES OF AGE

By Mike Daniels  
Photos by Mike Grace

In our last issue we offered the story of the original buildings that made up the Mendocino Avenue campus. In this issue we tell how the campus has changed—and, boy, has it!

## Agriculture Building

Finished in 1940 by the Works Progress Administration, the building's proper name is Burke Hall. It honors a long-time member of the board of education who was a champion of ag education. From its beginning at the Humboldt Street campus until 1940, the agriculture department operated as a poor stepchild, meeting in confined and temporary spaces. The ag building provided needed room to develop a program that generated champion judging teams and produced graduates who have left their mark in local, state and national agriculture. The green house and the ag barn—allowing animals on campus for the first time--went up in 2007.



The Ag Building



Science Building Entrance

## Science Building

It was built in 1963-64 when the campus underwent reconstruction to required earthquake standards. The building provided room and storage that wasn't possible in the rooms on the main building's second floor. In 2000 the science building was remodeled to provide even more room, and the state-of-the-art library was added in an extension facing the teacher parking lot. In another extension at the building's other end, food service facilities were included. The Student Store is a part of this extension.

## South Gym

Also constructed in the 1963-64 year, the gym provided lots of room for basketball and other athletic activities that the original gym lacked. A new entryway with display cases and a snack bar was added in 2000 along with a weight room,



The South Gym



The Pantherettes enter the new South Gym, 1964

## ArtQuest Complex

Originally brought on campus to help temporarily with the overcrowding of the 1950s when SRHS was on a double session (one student body in the morning and another in the afternoon), these former WW II barracks have been converted to a permanent status. They now house the variety of ArtQuest programs that include art, dance, photography, instrumental and vocal music and drama. The Black Box, a small theater, is used for instruction and practice and public performances.



The ArtQuest Bungalow complex



The Math Bungalow Complex

## Math Complex

These bungalows, located just south of the ag building, were brought to campus in 2000 to help with the crowding of the campus. Here, programs in Basic Math, Precalculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics and Statistical Reasoning in Sports are offered. The department also sponsors a Math Club and for years participated in a countywide Math Steeplechase. Today, in a celebration of pi (Remember 3.14 + numbers to seemingly infinity?) the department sponsors a contest to see which student can memorize the most of those pi digits. The winner's reward? Pie.

## DeSoto Hall

Finished in 2004, the two-story DeSoto Hall is named in honor of Eugene DeSoto, English instructor who taught for 51 years, 40-plus of those at SRHS. The thousands of his students remember him as a demanding but loving teacher. English curricula occupy the majority of the building's classrooms. Its exterior and the spacious entryway are reminiscent of a college. Constructed of brick, it blends nicely with the original buildings. The brick, manufactured in Sacramento, is known as Santa Rosa High School Brick.



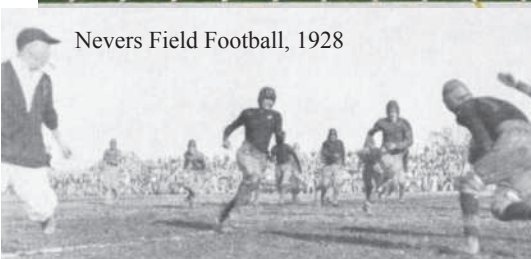
Desoto Hall



## Nevers Field

Named in 1926 to honor sports legend Ernie Nevers, who led the Panthers to its first ever league championship in football in 1920, and went on to a star pro career. In those early days, before the players could practice, the field was cleared of rocks as Coach Victor Hodge had them each fill a coffee can with rocks. The original turf was laid in 1925 and replaced with state-of-the-art synthetic material in 2004, the same year lights were added partly through financing and fund-raising by the SRHS Foundation. Today this multi-sport complex--in addition to hosting SRHS football, track and field, soccer and physical education—is used for graduation exercises and by community youth football, soccer and other athletic activities.

Nevers Field Football, 1928



# CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SPRING 2021

By Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68 and Mark Noonan '70

For the period February through April, 2021, the Foundation welcomed 5 new members and 74 renewing members. Membership dues totaled \$3,390 for this period. Total active membership in the Foundation now stands at 946.

In March we began proactively reminding members whose membership was nearing expiration or had recently expired. Early indications are this effort has been well received – fully 2/3 of the renewals for this period came in April!

The following Foundation members and friends made contributions in addition to membership dues.

Phylis Fallon Accornero '68  
Nancy Cuneo Diez '49  
Dennis Escola '58  
Robert Guenza '57  
Ed Hansen '57

Nancy Hoffman Hodapp '52  
Jim/Shirley Ann Sherrill Hurley '58  
Robert '53/Beverly Chiappuzzo '57 Jensen  
Nancy Duignan Koski '67  
Tom Schmidt '64

Henry Schukler '46  
Richard Silverek '66  
Sandra Lee Husby Spencer '54  
Kaaren Conkling Spitzley '58  
Carol Canevari Tinney '64

## ORGANIZATION DONATIONS

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## 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.

### AG DEPT

Elaine Rasmussen Thompson '58  
Larry Timmer '59

### AG DEPT IN MEMORY DAVID LOOP '70

Craig/Debbie Roberts '72 Kiefer

### BASEBALL PROGRAM IN MEMORY

#### ROBERT "BOBBY" BROWN '64

Todd '73/Mary Orsborn '74 Beseda  
Don Cambou '64

Mary Brown Covington '57/Marilyn Lane

John/Kathie Boyle Dalke '64

Mike/Kathy Daniels Grace '65

Larry '64/Pam Ingham

Barry Maroni '64

Pat/Dena McDonald & Family - Friends

Lynn/Billie Meister - Friends

Jim/Barbara Kennedy '64 Mello

Dan '64/Tracey Newell

Lee/Iлона Mayer '64 Williams

William '64/Diana Tillmannshofer '62

Zollner

#### PATRICIA PATTESON GRIEWE

#### BIRKHOLZ '47

Suzanne Griewe Smith '65

#### NORMAN BOSTOCK '56

Diane Camilli Abraham '57

#### BRUCE CAMILLI '59

Diane Camilli Abraham '57

#### CARMELITA PHILLIPS CANEVARI '52

Connie Codding '52

Doralyn Fisher Wicklund '52

#### ALVIN COHEN '49

Gary Meagher '49

#### CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK

Ballo Family

#### RON FERTITTA '52

Art Valencia '59

### DON FLOHR '57

Diane Camilli Abraham '57

### ELISE DALE FONG '85

Wes/Carol Langford Daniels '85

### JIM GRISHAM – RETIRED STAFF

Don Zumwalt '58

### SUSAN GUENZA

Jim Slaten '52

### JACK KELLAR

Betty Kellar Lowdermilk '44

### ROBERT PETER LARSEN – RETIRE

### STAFF

Robert/Dolores Zeni – Friends

### KIMBERLY COUZENS LAWSON '75

Michael Lawson '74

### SUE ANN STRONG MARSHALL '47

Martha Comstock Keegan '47

### BRUCE MECCHI MEMORIAL

### SCHOLARSHIP

Darrel Mead '61

### JANICE FREEMAN MEMEO '48

Martha Comstock Keegan '47

### RUTH MILLS '51 (SISTER)

William/Joan Magers Mills '49

### GARY NOONAN '55

Allen/Yvonne Post Garayalde '55

### ROBERT RATTO '48

Ron Alexander '47

Dick '49/Angeline Colombini

Steve/Leslie Larson '76 Lazzini

Beverly Stumbaugh - Friend

### JUNE BONDELIE RASMUSSEN '61

Carmel/Travis Brown – Friends

Davis/Kathleen Faris '69

Steve Olson '60

Harold/Maxine Rasmussen - Friends

Elaine Rasmussen Thompson '58

Bob Zeni – Friend

### SYLVIA ZANE STRONG '62

John/Rochelle Bowman '62 Berizzi

George Dutton – Friend

Rick/Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68

Mike/Kathy Daniels Grace '65

Lee Vice Lutz '62

Art Valencia '59

Lee/Iлона Mayer '64 Williams

### MARY MAIN TESTORELLI '47

Todd '73/Mary Orsborn '74 Beseda

Donna Born - Friend

Rick/Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68

Mike/Kathy Daniels Grace '65

Martha Comstock Keegan '47

Marie Bridges Laskelle '47

Pat '63/Rosie Clark '65 London

Bill/Mary Louise Reinking – Friends

Jean Schulz - Friend

Oren/Nadine Wiggins '59 Smedshammer

Beverly Stumbaugh – Friend

Clarence Tauzer '44

### GEORGE V. VACCARO '58

Ruth Taylor Hauschildt '58

Gail Reed Johnson '58

Ward '58/Pat Townsend '59 Thompson

Gary Vice '58

### KATHLEEN MILLER WEBER '62

Lee Vice Lutz '62

### BERTA WIGGINS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### IN MEMORY CLYDE WIGGINS '52

Michael '83/Pamela Smedshammer

Oren/Nadine Wiggins '59 Smedshammer

#### CLYDE WIGGINS '52

Gary Vice '58

### PEGGY HARBOLD WINSLOW '43

Carol Rouse Carr-Colglazier '58

### MIKE WYNANT '74

Todd '73/Mary Orsborn '74 Beseda

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



## In Memoriam

Sanford Twitchell	1942	Susan Newton Henry	1958
Eggy Harbold Winslow	1943	George Vaccaro	1958
Patricia Patterson Griewe Birkholz	1947	Diane Avery Layton Ogan	1959
Mary Main Testorelli	1947	Judy Mathis Paolini	1959
Foundation Board Member		Gerald Gervais	1961
Sue Ann Strong Marshall	1947	June Bondelie Rasmussen	1961
Janice Freeman Memeo	1948	Raymond Ulrich	1961
Robert Ratto	1948	Connie Duncan Muelrath Nunes	1962
Janet Jahn	1949	Sylvia Zane Strong	1962
Carmelita Phillips Canevari	1952	Foundation Board Member	
James Hundall	1954	Robert Brown	1964
Arthur Siri, Jr.	1955	Alvin Minnefield, Jr.	1974
Diane Morgan	1956	Michael Wynant	1974
Kay Huddle Bennett	1958	Michael Adams	1977
Dorothy Freeman	1958		

## A LONG, STRANGE SRHS FOOTBALL TRIP

By Coach Roy Keegan

Well...It was the longest year ever. From a 10 game schedule that was supposed to start in August 2020, to 3 games in the spring of 2021. We ended up with a 1-2 record. We were plagued by turnovers which caused us issues. We opened the season by having our first game canceled due to a positive Covid test from a player and a coach. This happened at multiple schools in the district. We did not have the opportunity to lift weights for 13 months which showed up on the field. We were not allowed to use equipment such as footballs until March 1st. We were only allowed to condition under strict Covid guidelines.

We opened up against Montgomery and lost 14-6. Both of their TD's came on a short field after we fumbled the ball away. Our defense played really well. The next week we played Maria Carillo and it was 7-0 at half time. The 2nd half they ran away with it... again with us giving the ball away, but we also had a much smaller roster. Only five of our players had varsity experience as we went up against a senior heavy Carillo team. Our last game was against Piner. We pulled out a 7-0 win despite having two TD's called back by penalties and a few more fumbles in the red zone.

It was a long, stressful year but I am happy our five seniors got the opportunity to play again, and our 20 juniors got some game experience. We lost a few kids to grades and some opted not to play during the pandemic. We are looking forward to the upcoming season. We are hopeful to have a normal summer to get us prepared for the fall.



## POLENTA FEED ON LINE RAFFLE

By Paulette Guaspari Gomes

In 2020, the Polenta Feed was cancelled due to COVID-19. Now that we are in 2021 and still not able to celebrate our Annual Polenta Feed, the Polenta committee decided to have an on line raffle with the items that were already donated. Through the raffle we raised nearly \$4,000 for the students and programs of SRHS. Below is a list of our winners.

**Grand prize winner: Kelly Lopez**

**50/50 Raffle winner: Alana Kelly**

Raffle prize winners: Kevin & Sarah Costello; Sharon Quenelle; Stacy Mertz, Rhonda Loop; Joanne McLaughlin; Elaine Stone; Lynn Davis; Stephen Olson; Kelly Lopez; Jennifer Richardson & Shawn Brumbaugh; Ann Senkevich; Joan Boyce; Don Cambou; Neftaly Garcia, JoAnn MacDonald; Ruby Decker; Julie Avila Hanson; Vickie Lakatos; Alana Kelly; Mark Temple; Mark Coughlan and Donna Doyle.

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By Pandy  
Spring 2021

**Jessica Ellis 2000**, graduated from UCLA and the American Film Institute. She has written and directed a feature film, *What Lies West*. The drama highlights a recent college grad and a 16 year old girl she has been hired to watch over during the day. The big hearted story involves their 40 mile journey across Sonoma County to the ocean. The low budget offering features a cast and crew made up of 80 percent women. You can find it on streaming services like iTunes, Apple Plus, Amazon, and You Tube TV.

**Tim Crawford '85**, an Associate Professor of Political Science at Boston College, recently authored “The Power To Divide: Wedge Strategies in Great Power Competition.” What is a wedge strategy, you ask. It is diplomatic method used to divide or weaken an adversary coalition. Crawford is also the author of “Pivotal Deterrence.”

Who owns the record for the most touchdown passes thrown in a single SRHS football game? **Petie Falco '41**. He set the record against Tamalpais his senior year. He was very proud of his outstanding football feat as were his two sons, **Pete '62** and **Ron '65**. Both of them also played football for the Panthers.

In early 2019, **Don Cambou '64**, saw a need at SRHS and decided to address it. The school had no scholarship that dealt with the enormously important issue of climate change. With the guidance of the Foundation and the Science Department, he created the \$1,000 Renewable Energy/Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scholarship and guaranteed it for two scholarship seasons. Today, with the help of a small group of supporters, the fund is growing. In fact, this June – the third season – \$1,000 Renewable Energy scholarships went to TWO graduating seniors: **Kate Simpson** and **Krystal Guerrero**. For more information about this scholarship, contact Don at [doncambou1@gmail.com](mailto:doncambou1@gmail.com)

**Sharon Bailey Glasco '85**, an associate professor at Linfield College in Oregon, has taught Latin American and World history there for 18 years. Prior to that, she instructed at U. of Maryland. She's the author of a number of articles and *Constructing Mexico City: Conflicts over Culture, Space and Authority*.

**Kristen Zinnamon Dick '95** is a Forensic Scientist. Armed with a Master of Science in Biology, with an emphasis on Molecular Genetics, she has processed hundreds of DNA samples from crime scenes in major investigations. She now works for a company that helps to identify victims of mass disasters, including the 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise and the 2019 Conception boat Fire in Santa Cruz. In 2020, she assisted in identifying the nine helicopter crash victims in Calabassas, including Kobe Bryant.

The last qualifiers in surfing for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics came from competitions at two famous surfing sites in El Salvador – La Bocana and El Sunzal. So why was the *L.A. Times* recently interviewing **Bob Levy '64** about the sites? In the late 60s he went back to his native El Salvador and became one of the very first to discover and surf both breaks. He still surfs. A feature article appeared in the June 2 *L.A. Times*.

**Daniel Farrands '87**, wrote and directed “American Bogeyman,” based on the untold story of a rookie FBI profiler who pursued serial killer Ted Bundy. Voltage Pictures has secured worldwide rights.

The Fleas was the affectionate nickname given to a 1960s era SRHS Varsity Basketball team. Their tallest player was just a smidge over six feet. Yet they compiled an outstanding record, running circles around their taller opponents. **Bobby Brown '64** was their point guard and floor general. He was a superb basketball player, but may have been an even better baseball player. He won a college scholarship in that sport. In an age when jocks ruled, and sometimes flaunted their supposed excellence, Bobby was humble and a friend to all who knew him. Bobby died recently of Covid related causes. Because he frequently gave to the SRHS Baseball Program through the Foundation, his family and friends have decided that donations to his Memorial go directly that program. Already, donations total over \$6,500. For more information, contact the Foundation at [donations@srhsf.org](mailto:donations@srhsf.org).



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