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The primary objectives and purposes of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation are to serve as a charitable organization to unite SRHS graduates, parents of current and past students, faculty, staff and interested community members for:
~ Preserving and documenting the history and traditions of SRHS ~ Providing financial support to the school
~ Promoting community involvement

SRHS the first 50 years: 1875-1925 by Mike Daniels '59

ed note: The following is an updated version of an article that first appeared in the Summer Issue 1990 *Foundation Newsletter*, Vol. 2 No. 3

If the many thousands of SRHS graduates could agree on one thing, it would be that SRHS looks like a high school ought to. Its two-story classic brick exterior has impressed Mendocino Avenue passersby since 1925.

To subtract 1925 from 2006 would suggest SRHS is 81 years old, but the school is much older, 129 years in fact. This June, SRHS will graduate its 125th senior class. Why the discrepancy in these numbers? Here's an explanation.

SRHS began a three-year program of study to a student body of 10 in 1875 in three rooms on the upper floor of the John C. Fremont School on Fourth Street. All 10 members of that first class participated in graduation ceremonies in 1878.

The year after that commencement, SRHS was forced to shut its doors. According to local historian Gaye LeBaron, the closure happened because of community disagreement about politics, funding and commitment to education. Within a couple of years, these differences were resolved and classes met again to produce a second graduating class in 1880.

Although the school remained open, that on-again, off-again commencement pattern continued until 1885. Every year since, a senior class has participated in graduation ceremonies.

While the names of the 27 alumni that make up the classes prior to 1885 reflect many of Santa Rosa's early settlers, it is interesting to note that almost 20% of them were from the Crane family who settled on Petaluma Hill Road during the Gold Rush.

In 1886 Fred H. Julliard of the pioneer, fruit-growing Julliard family graduated along with six other students. The family's property was across Santa Rosa Avenue from Luther Burbank's. Today, a part of that property is Julliard Park.

Another member of that small class, Clement Young, is notable for a variety of reasons. He returned to Santa Rosa in 1892 as SRHS principal. He also coached the very first football team—not because he was principal but because he had actually seen a football game while in the East where the game was gaining popularity at the secondary and collegiate level.

Young left SRHS at the end of that year and joined the faculty at Lowell High School in San Francisco, a school noted for its academic emphasis. There, he authored textbooks and worked on curricular matters but soon abandoned education for real estate and politics. He was elected to the state legislature and in 1928 he became the state governor.

By the late 1880s, the Fremont School, popularly referred to as the "Fourth Street School," was literally bursting with students. That school, built in 1866 to replace other, outgrown sites, now needed relief itself. Other schools and districts also had opened, many of their students electing to come to SRHS. These schools included a new school in western Santa Rosa that would become Lincoln School. The new South Park District on Santa Rosa's southern edge and the older Lewis District to the north, plus a number of small, rural schools, all funneled their students into SRHS, also increasing enrollment. The graduating class of 1893 totaled 26, and if the SRHS student body numbered, say, 75 or 100, the impact on the small Fourth Street campus would have been substantial.

The solution to overcrowding? A new school building for the high school. In 1893 an election approved the need, raised the required capital, and selected a site on Humboldt and Benton Streets because it was the cheapest available.

A handsome, ornate three-story building of native redwood was completed there by the opening of school in 1895. The extra room allowed expansion of the curricula to enrich learning. Students could now conduct science experiments, for example, instead of watching the instructor draw on the chalkboard.

The indomitable Frances O'Meara joined the SRHS faculty when this new school opened. Over the next 45 years she would earn her legendary status in the English classroom and, later, in the study hall as she ensured it was quiet and each student was busily engaged with his or her assignments. For the five years prior to her career at SRHS, O'Meara had taught in Cazadero and in a rural school west of Sebastopol. Her 50 year teaching career was later eclipsed only by that of Eugene DeSoto, who taught 36 of his 51 years in the English classroom at SRHS. DeSoto was equally

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President's Message



We had the most stupendous Polenta Feed ever on April 28th at the Sonoma County Vets Building! Over 600 people attended and the food, cooked by Ray Lazzini and crew, was as outstanding as always. The Vets allowed more room to move around even with an additional 200 people. It was truly a Santa Rosa High School family reunion. And that is exactly what we hoped for when we started the

Foundation back in 1988. Plus, we made close to \$20,000 we will donate to SRHS. It was like Santa Rosa was transformed into a small town again. Friendships were renewed and new friends were made. My brothers and I volunteered to cook an abalone dinner for ten people and we ended up selling three of the dinners. I hope we are up to the challenge. A great big thank you goes out to JoAnn MacDoanld and Jacky Schalich for their wonderful job of planning and coordinating. To take the function from 400 to 624 is quite a task-and thankfully they are already planning next year's. Be sure to get a ticket early next year!

Robert Parker, class of 1963, and the son of Dean of Girls Edna Parker, recently added \$5000 to the scholarship he established in his mother's name. He told me that his mom really liked helping kids who didn't get much attention, so he has directed the yearly proceeds of this scholarship towards our Student-of-the Month lunch program. A wonderful match and I am so pleased that Robert remembered his alma mater. Robert was a top student at SRHS and went on to Cal Tech and then to a very successful career in the aerospace industry. **Once a Panther, Always a Panther!**

The Student-of-the-Month program each year concludes in a dinner, and we had another successful one May 15th at the Druids. Students, parents and family and teachers attended and ate pasta and the students received certificates from the Foundation. We always enjoy the opportunity to interact with students.

Because my term as president is coming to a close, this column is my last, so I want to review the highlights of the last two years: We have given the school over \$200,000 in that time period; installed lights on Nevers Field; continued our wonderful newsletter headed by our newest board member Alicia Hodenfield; added three more board members, Dick Hutchinson and Ann Hutchinson Porrino and Jim Ward, who is our new Treasurer, and will accept former board member Christine Romani Tonelli this summer; developed a fantastic web site (www.srhsf.org), thanks to board member David Thompson; built a new ag barn, courtesy of Chris Zeek and crew; expanded the Polenta Feed to over 600 attendees. We have a dedicated and very capable board and the Foundation offers real stability to its members, to SRHS, and to its administrators and staff. Thanks for the memories. It has been fun...

Mike Grace
President



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 graduates.

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The SRHS Foundation Newsletter invites submissions. Letters should be 150 or fewer words. All submissions are subject to editing. Please identify photos and provide credits where applicable. Please mail your articles and photos to the above address or e-mail to mdaniels@sonic.net.

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Giving Through The SRHS Foundation

There are many ways to participate in providing a lasting contribution to the Foundation.

1. Establish your own fund (anonymously or in your name) with a gift of \$5000 or more
2. Establish a Scholarship Fund with a gift of \$10,000 or more
3. Include a bequest or other planned gift in your estate plan

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 Remainder Trust

For further information, please contact: Doug Pavese, SRHS Foundation P.O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406; or call Doug at 707-524-1037 (days)

SRHS Foundation Directors

Mary Main Testorelli, '47	Jim Ward, '62
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* Founding Directors - Doug Pavese, Mike Daniels, Mike Grace & Donna Dennes Peterson	

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renowned for his knowledge of his subject matter and of his classroom control. Sadly, both respected and revered instructors died shortly after retirement, O'Meara in 1939 and DeSoto in 2003.

Robert Ripley, who gained wealth and world fame as the creator of "Believe It or Not," is certainly one of the most famous non-graduates of Santa Rosa High School. Ripley did not do well in academic study but had the good fortune to come under O'Meara's tutelage. Instead of scolding him for drawing, she encouraged him. Instead of requiring written essays, she accepted his art work because she saw it indicated he was familiar with the assigned readings.



Robert Ripley photo as published in the 1926 Echo

Although Ripley left SRHS before his class was to graduate in 1907, he maintained contact with O'Meara, regularly sending her gifts and letters about his career and returning to speak at SRHS. Once, he treated O'Meara to a vacation trip around the world.

C. Raymond Clar, a 1922 graduate who experienced a lengthy career with the California Department of Forestry, rising to the position of State Forester, recalled his freshman year in O'Meara's class, when she "displayed perhaps a dozen neat pen sketches of Elizabethan costumes and related subjects. She explained that these were done by a town boy named Bob Ripley in lieu of writing themes."

In 1912 the graduating class totaled 43 students. Roy Simpson, a member of that class, rose through educational circles to become California State Superintendent of Education in 1951.

Also in 1912, a new building of concrete and steel was constructed just to the north of the 1895 classroom building. This new structure, dubbed "The Annex," had an indoor basketball court and enough room for shop and home economic classes as it



Frances O'Meara, 1931 Echo

allowed further expansion of the curricula and helped lessen the crunch of a once again crowded campus. The Annex would become the junior high for a number of years and later Fremont Elementary when the junior high moved to College Avenue when the two schools swapped campuses in 1950. The building's academic life came to an end in the late 1960s when it was scrapped because of fears an earthquake could tumble it.

Ernie Nevers, another famous non-graduate, brought considerable athletic attention to SRHS in 1920. He moved to Santa Rosa with his family and played baseball in the spring of that year, and football and a few basketball games in the fall before he returned to Wisconsin. On the SRHS gridiron, Nevers led the team to the Northern Section Championship game with Berkeley High, a game SRHS lost but one that reflected a huge turnaround for a program that had lost every game the previous year. Nevers came back to Santa Rosa after high school graduation in Wisconsin and played and helped coach football at SRJC, which began sharing the SRHS campus in 1918. He then transferred to Stanford where he earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball, track, and baseball. In 1926 the SRHS football field was named in his honor. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and to the NFL Hall of Fame in 1963.

A dream of many high school students became a reality the night of November 16, 1921 when the redwood school building burned to the ground. The flames of the fearsome fire attracted students and residents from their beds throughout the city.



C. Raymond Clar '22 Echo

just after 11pm, but by the time firemen arrived the building was beyond saving. The fire consumed the library's books along with furniture and instructional material and all records of the high school, junior college and junior high.

The cause of the fire remains a mystery although a number of theories surfaced once it was extinguished. The *Press Democrat* treated three in a lengthy story about the fire: defective electrical wiring, chemical explosion and arson.

Historian LeBaron adds to the list towels dropped over kerosene heaters by a visiting basketball team that night, a match or cigarette dropped into oiled sawdust used to sweep the buildings each day after classes, and an ember from a cigarette that found its way into piles of leaves raked up by the custodians. In the years since, a number of both anonymous and identified sources have claimed responsibility for the fire, probably facetiously because none has offered evidence to support the claim.

Graduates From The Early Years of SRHS	
Year	Number of Graduates
1878	10
1879	0
1880	7
1881	4
1882	0
1883	6
1884	0
1885	12

Although the cause was never accurately determined, the school board did immediately order an inspection and replacement of defective wiring in the city's other schools and the immediate removal of all kerosene heaters.



Governor Clement C. Young The 1928 Echo was dedicated to the Governor

For the next four years, SRHS students were forced to troop around downtown Santa Rosa to attend classes in rented and donated space in churches, warehouses, the library and private homes.

Then, for the spring semester of 1925, classes were held in the Main Building, the first building to be completed on the Mendocino Avenue campus. That building's construction was followed, in order, by the auditorium, the gymnasium, the shop building, the Sara Pryor Music Building and Burke Hall, the ag building.



Letters to the Editor

Editor:

In his "Remember When – 1976" in the latest SRHS Foundation Newsletter, Rick Blaine writes about the training at SRHS for jobs that did not require college. For girls he mentions the opportunity to learn clothing and other homemaking skills.

Let it not be forgotten that during the 1940s Miss Locke and Miss Penzig taught typing, shorthand, business math, and other secretarial skills that helped women obtain jobs that actually paid money. I don't know how many years before our Class of 1945 that female students were offered this training beyond and along with "college prep" programs, but when women were needed to replace men sent to the front lines, many went to work without the benefit of college.

Secretarial skills taught at SRHS helped to win WW II as well as keep the home fires burning. Does SRHS still offer these courses or the modern equivalent?

Jane Edwards Stimpson, Class of 1945

Editor:

After graduation ceremonies, SRHS class of '53, Tom Scheiber and Delores Wiggins had a date scheduled. Delores' mother was fond of Tom but not her dad. Tom talked me into his plan: "You be the guy and meet her mom. I'll be around the corner." I understood. Her dad could be hard to please.

A real looker, Delores is the sister (and, there's the pretty Nadine '59) of the tough-as-nails Wiggins brothers: Clyde ('52), who married Berta Fowler ('56), and Floyd ('55), who married Julie Schulte ('55). These guys could be hard to please.

So we tried it. I played my role like Errol Flynn. It worked. I delivered Delores to Tom, who was hiding behind a tree.

The years passed. I still saw Tom (who married Elvia Gianinni '55) but lost track of Delores. Then, at last month's SRHS Foundation polenta bash I saw Delores at the Smedshammer/Wiggins' table and she knew me in a flash. After a hug, she said, "Lorin, remember when . . . ?"

"How could I forget a performance like that?" I answered. "Well," she said, "look who's with me." It was Tom. His wife had died in 2004, and so had Delores' husband.

Now Tom and Delores are happily together again. It's sort of like a 50s movie.

Lorin Sorensen, Class of 1953

Dear Board Members:

A heartfelt thank you for enhancing my little classroom and allowing me to use my digital projector more effectively. You rock my world! I, as do many teachers, appreciate your generosity a great deal!

Sincerely,
Terry Swehla, Social Science Instructor

Student of the Month Lunch

On May 15th, the Foundation hosted the annual pasta dinner for this year's 53 Students of the Month. Many honorees, with their families, teachers and admirers, were in attendance. Thank you to Elmo Rossi, Ray Lazzini, David Romano and Charlie Gondola who cooked up a great meal for all. Chris Zeek was the Foundation emcee while Mike Grace and Tony Negri handed out the Student of the Month certificates to the students. The evening was a special event for all the families as well as the teachers who nominated their students. Congratulations to all!

Chris Ahsan	Josh Fossgreen	Rose Plancarte
Daniela Alcalá	Jimmy Fremgen	Max Piepenbrink
Eric Ammons	Isabel Garcia	Claire Ramey
Keith Anderson	Robert Garland	Michael Romero
Lauren Anderson	Mark Goitom	Cliff Russell
Rachel Austin	Jose Guzman	Jose Sandoval
Troy Baker	Sarah Haertig	Luis Santos
Sandra Barbosa	Taryn Hagle	Julian Sebastian
Alan Biswell	Colleen Hanlon	Marissa Scheinberg
Preston Briggs	Terri Hoberg	Lizet Silva
Christo Calderon	Erin Jones	Brett Stapleton
Jessica Dillard	Theron Jones	Danny Tewolde
Quinn Dizon	Lisa Kelly	Joseph Tewolde
Kenneth Duncan	Yamuna Maharjan	Ian Vonseggern
Christine Embree	Ryan Miller	Kyle Wallace
Kirk Erickson *	Kathleen Mullaney *	Mikela Watson
Alyssa Esposito	Jacob Pangborn	Austin Williams
Elizabeth Field	Julian Perez	Ping Zhang
Sophia Flores		

* Recipients of the 2006 SRHS Foundation Scholarship



A small committee recently embarked on the task of collecting and categorizing photographs for use in a documentary film on the history of SRHS. At this point the group's concentration concerns the first 50 or so years but will soon expand to cover more contemporary time.

While yearbooks provide some significant photos, the committee is seeking photos and home movie or video footage more candid in nature, material probably found in private collections.

If you have such stuff and are willing to lend it to be copied, the committee would love to hear from you. You can contact them through the Foundation at P. O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406 or alicia_hodenfield@yahoo.com or mdaniels@sonic.net

You can join the Foundation, renew your membership, and make your contributions online at www.srhsf.org. Your membership fees and contributions are tax deductible.

Contributions & Membership News

Classmates and friends of Santa Rosa High School continue to show their generosity. Since the last newsletter, the Foundation has received 81 membership renewals and 16 new memberships. Contributions and memorial gifts totaled \$3,725, an amount that enables the Foundation to continue its work at SRHS. You may use the form in this newsletter or on-line to make contributions. Thanks to the following generous members who sent contributions.

St. John Barrett 1940
 Gloria & Harvey Beilgard 1951/friend
 Daisey Brosseau 1950
 Joanne Bruggemann 1951
 Robert Bush 1951
 Peggy Call 1941
 Warren Church 1949
 Joe Coggins 1969
 Beverly Daw 1947
 Dennis Escola 1958
 Don & Jackie Forster 1949/54
 Jane Foster 1940
 Ross & Virginia Gowans 1945/49
 Patricia Harget 1947
 Jack Hartman 1966
 Alicia Hodenfield 1985
 James Hurley 1958
 Sandra Loughran 1958
 Martha Maxwell 1957
 Carolyn O'Connor 1958
 Terry Page 1965
 Peter & Ann Porrino 1961
 Gwen Rigby 1964
 M Candace Roney 1966
 Belva Sager 1957
 David & Susan Smith 1970/71
 Dale Struckman 1961
 Jack Symons 1958
 Virginia Templeton 1963
 Ward & Pat Thompson 1958/59
 Larry Timmer 1959
 George Vaccaro 1958
 Doralyn Wicklund 1952
 Bill Winkler 1947

Thank you, Dick Colombini, class of 1949, for your **Lifetime Membership**. We now have 29 Lifetime Members! It's rewarding to see this group grow in number.

If you have concerns or questions about your **membership or contributions**, please contact Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer, at 707 544-3158, or e-mail at nsmeds@sbcglobal.net. Thanks again!

Memorial Contributions honoring deceased family, friends, classmates and former SRHS staff have been increasing each month. Beginning with this edition of the newsletter, we will be listing in this column those who contributed and to whom they are honoring. Following are the memorial contributions beginning with January and up to the publishing date for this newsletter:

<p><u>Herb Greenberg Memorial</u> Lester & Evelyn Bennett Friends Elmer Brown Staff Bruce & Karin Camilli 1959/59 & Staff Hazel Conkling Friend James De Cou Friend Robert & Joan Dickerson 1945 Peter Eckstrom Friend Peter & Mary Menth Friends Margaret Millner Friend Michael Mouat Staff D.H. & T.J. Nelson Friends Suella Pipal Friend Jean Schultz Friend Robert & Joan Strauss Friends Leland Torliatt Friend Florence Wheeler Friend Celia Whittemore Friend Shirley Young Friend</p>	<p><u>Inez Bertolone Memorial</u> Irene Waters Maxwell 1925</p>
<p><u>Jackie Woodville Memorial</u> Class of 1967 Jim and Diane Keegan 1967</p>	<p><u>Karen Ragsdale Memorial</u> Allen Garayalde 1955 Richard Hutchinson 1959 Yvonne Martin 1959 A.J. & Frances Perry 1943 Harold & Mary Sledgen Friends Ann Thompson 1959 Sharon Alexander Friend Robert Burpee Friend Bruce & Karin Camilli 1959/59 Dave & Pat Engman 1957 Gordon & Carmen Miller Friends Walt & Joan Ryan 1967 Donna Wojtkowski 1959</p>
<p><u>Jacqueline Clement Memorial</u> Joanne Bruggemann 1951</p>	<p><u>Gudrun Simons Memorial</u> Dick Colombini 1949</p>
<p><u>Marcia & Jessie Carney Memorial</u> Michael Carney Friend N.A. & A. L. Claeys Friends</p>	<p><u>Mary Jeannette Rodman Memorial</u> Marie Lauritzen 1941</p>
<p><u>Dena Arata Kellit Memorial</u> Irene Waters Maxwell 1925</p>	<p><u>Elaine Franz Memorial</u> Peggy Leiser 1940</p>
	<p><u>Norma Freeman Memorial</u> Edwin Ciavarelli 1938</p>
	<p><u>Ruben Beseda Memorial</u> Bob & Mary Testorelli 1947/45</p>

Panther Project Fund Grants 2005-06 school year

The Panther Project Fund has been able to give over \$89,007 so far this school year because of your generous donations. The following reflect the grants made in March, April and May.

Administration - Breakfast for Frosh, Soph and Junior Students Doing Required STAR Testing	\$ 2,000.00
ArtQuest Video Arts - Replacement One Video Camera Package And Replace Two Computers	\$ 3,072.41
ArtQuest Drama - Financial Assistance For Students In Need To Attend A New York Drama Field Study	\$ 2,000.00
Athletic Dept. - New Soil For Baseball Infield (Partially Funded From Beseda Funds)	\$ 660.96
Athletic Dept. - Panther Athletic Club - Cabling For Speaker System At Nevers Field (Donor Directed)	\$ 500.00
Athletic Dept. - Field Lighting Fund Commitment (Third Of Five Annual Payments)	\$ 5,000.00
Business Dept. - Replace LCD Projector	\$ 842.70
ESL - Purchase American English Dictionary Sets For Basic, Intermediate And Advanced Classes	\$ 485.28
Fine Arts Dept. - Art Curriculum Purchases at National Art Convention *	\$ 500.00
Math. Dept. - Bus For 30 Students To Attend Mathematics Conference At SFSU	\$ 619.47
Science Dept. - 37 Copies Of Redshift Astronomy Desktop CDs and LCD Projector **	\$ 2,152.70
Social Science Dept. - Wireless Keyboard, Mouse and Computer Speakers	\$ 223.52
Social Studies - Photo Series Supplementing History Studies	\$ 450.12
Social Studies - Replacement LCD Projector	\$ 842.70
World Languages Dept. - 2 Recorder/Headset Sets For Language Lab	\$ 1,033.88
Total for March, April and May	\$20,383.74

* Up to \$500 versus receipts

** Needs to be approved by Board as amount over \$2,000

Polenta Feed Re-Cap Joann Hembree MacDonald '56 & Jacky Cooper Schallch '57

What a wonderful evening! On April 28th, the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial main dining hall was packed with 614 fun-loving people for the annual Polenta Feed. It was our most successful dinner yet!

Many, many thanks to Ray Lazzini and his cooking crew. Thanks also to board members, family and friends who helped set up, clean up, baked cookies, donated wine and gave us so much encouragement and support. And a big

round of applause to our servers from SRHS clubs La Raza and Club Alive and their supervisors Gina Follensbee and Terry Swehla. Thanks to Donna Peterson, Rosie London and Paulette Gomes for a great raffle.

A special thank you also goes to Lisa Piehl, our wonderful auctioneer. Lisa's horticulture class also did the lovely flower arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you all next year!



A few generations of SRHS Grads including: Claudine Boulware Kunkle '85, Alicia Hodenfield '85, Sara Stratton Boulware '62, Lindsey Condron, Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer '59, Tracy Condron Weltzenberg '88



A few Foundation Board Members Carol Laabs Patterson '55, Paulette Guaspari Gomes '68, Donna Dennes Peterson '67, Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer '59



More than just an All Years' reunion - as evidenced by the Grace's - it's a family reunion: Mike Grace '65, Erlene Grace, Kathy Daniels Grace '65, Jeannette Spenst Grace '89 & Josh Grace '89

Thank you to Bob Patterson, husband of Carol Laabs Patterson '55, for all the great photos - visit the Foundation website to view more! www.srhfsf.org

Lady Golfers! We want you!

The SRHS Foundation will hold its 11th Annual Golf Tournament on **Friday, September 15, 2006** and we specifically would like to encourage more female golfers to play. Following golf is our dinner and silent auction. Non-golfers and non-golfing spouses are encouraged to attend the dinner. If you would like to be a hole sponsor, the cost is only \$100 and you will receive recognition at the tournament for you, your class or your company. For further information, contact Doug Pavese at 524-1037.

Project Update By Chris Zeek '68

The Foundation, sometimes viewed only as a source of money for SRHS extra-curricular programs, is really much more. Because its talented membership is generous and loyal, the Foundation knows it can tap this important resource when needed to help see on and off-campus projects to completion. Many times the Foundation's involvement in a project is limited

to locating donations of materials and labor and coordinating their use. Following is a sampling of campus projects planned and underway.

Phase one of the project to improve campus agricultural facilities is now complete. Many thanks to Ron Cox, who installed the electrical component, and to Dave Hunt, who completed the finish work for the siding and trim.

The next phase of construction will include a combination wash and scale area, a pad a storage shed will sit on and protection for an electrical box..

Another completed project is the sound system on the visitors' side of Nevers Field. A donation by Jerry Poznanovich made possible the installation of wiring and brackets.

Donations by N.A.P.A. and a number of local businesses allow the auto shop program to continue its expansion. Shop instructor Vic Colli has secured vehicles for student use in diagnostic and repair practice.

In the planning stage for this summer is the construction of a monument in honor of Ernie Nevers. It will be located near the flagpole and scoreboard at the south end of Nevers Field. Nevers, before his collegiate and professional accomplishments in football, led SRHS to a championship game in 1920. Rich Peters is donating his services to construct the monument that will be made of brick and will house a plaque designed by Foundation board member David Thompson.

The SRHS Athletic Wall of Fame, to be located in the lobby of the remodeled South Gym, is also still in the planning stage. The experience and knowledge of Foundation board member Jim Ward as president of the SRJC Bearcub Athletic Trust will be helpful to guide the development of this program.

Donations of material and labor to these and future campus project are always greatly appreciated.

SRHS Calendar of Events



July - Summer Vacation

August
9th - Freshman Orientation
14th & 15th - Teacher work day
16th - First Day of School

September
21st - Back to School Night

Check the SRHS website to find out about your favorite sporting events www.santarosahigh.org

Thank you for supporting SRHS and our students,

Terry Swehla
Faculty Liaison

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

11th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 15, 2006

Oakmont West Golf Course

Check in 11:30 AM Shotgun Start 1:00 PM



Registration Fee \$135 per person which includes:

- ! Golf cart, range balls, lunch with soft drinks
- ! 18 Holes of golf - Four person scramble (open & co-ed teams)
- ! Dinner following at Oakmont Inn

Tee Prizes * Raffle Prizes * Silent Auction

- ! Top foursome awards - open and co-ed flights
- ! Longest drive - men, women & seniors (62 & over)
- ! Closest to pin - men & women
- ! Complimentary putting contest



For more information contact: Doug Pavese at (707) 524-1037

Golf Tournament Registration Form

Mail registration form and check to:

SRHS Foundation Golf Tournament, P. O. Box 11002 Santa Rosa, CA 95406

Deadline for registration is Friday, September 1, 2006.

No registration accepted without entry fees or index/handicap/average score information.

Name _____ Day Telephone _____

Address _____ Evening Telephone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Please provide current (as of August 1st 2006)

Index _____ or Handicap _____ or Average of last five 18 hole rounds _____

I'll be playing with: _____

Please check all appropriate spaces:

_____ Open	_____ Co-ed	Golfing with cart \$135 per person	\$ _____
_____ Please arrange foursome		Guest dinner(s) @ \$35 each	\$ _____
_____ I will/will not be able to attend the dinner		Guest name(s) _____	
_____ I attended SRHS, Class of _____		Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____

All Proceeds Benefit SRHS Sports and Academic Programs



Throughout the years, SRHS has paid tribute to its outstanding athletes and academicians by honoring graduating seniors with a memorial award in the name of the outstanding Panther. Recently a new award was added to the list, but it honors the memory of a very regular guy, one who epitomized consistent effort and dedication to his sport. **Myron Gutzman '65** gave of himself 100% on the Panther football squad every day. Never a starter, he worked tirelessly to better his skills and support his teammates. This year marks the first time this award will be given to the football player who best demonstrates the total commitment Myron did. **Pandy** just loves that kind of recognition. . . Recently relocating to S.R., **Alan Ramos**



Bill Harrison '59 (1959 Echo)

husband and 2 kids have recently moved from S.R. to Dundee OR to continue work in the wine industry, but the move means Lisa can be a stay-at-home mom . . . Since



Myron Guzman '65 (1965 Echo)

'84 is working for Investors Trust. His wife, **Kathy Furia '84**, is a special ed teacher at SRHS. While a SRHS student, Kathy dated Alan's twin brother, Alexis! . . . **Lisa Keller '85** and her

Julio Lopez Jurado '85 graduated he's become a world traveler as he works for an oilfield service company. Julio was an exchange student and would like to "go back to Santa Rosa". . . **Christopher Nagata '90** lives in Missoula MT with his wife and 2 boys . . . **Mariah Panza Garcia '90** graduated from UC Santa Barbara, is married, has 1 daughter and works as a real estate attorney . . . many Panthers donated many significant and valuable items for auction at the recent Foundation Polenta Feed, including **Dave Thompson '92**, who made copies of the oil portrait of **Ernie Nevers** he bought on ebay (by the way, that portrait hung for a long time in the 440 Club before that saloon moved to its current location). **John Bribiescas '66**

donated his talents for framing and matting that portrait and some photos of Nevers for silent auction. And **Matt Condron '95**, who with other '95ers donated wine and an abalone dinner for 10 to be prepared and served by **Jim '61, John '64** and **Mike '65 Grace**, a trio of "celebrity cooks" who no doubt regaled as well as nourished the lucky diners. (Note: three bidders

"bought" dinners during the live auction, so the Graces will be busy!). And **Art Valencia '59** donated much of all that wonderful wine found on the tables. Speaking of wine, if your auction bid won the superb wine donated by **Bill Harrison '59** of William Harrison Winery, you are fortunate indeed . . . Pandy noted that a number of mid-80s alums attended the Polenta Feed, including **Jennifer Richardson '86** and her husband, **Shawn Brumbaugh '85**. They recently returned to S.R. from Texas, and both now teach at SRJC, Jennifer in the nursing program and Shawn in biology. Also attending were **Kurt Hawkyard '85**, who operates HVAC Construction and **Kerrie Kendyer '84**, who now lives and works in Novato . . . Speaking of **Ernie Nevers**, he was featured in a recent issue of *Inside Wisconsin Sports* magazine. The article makes reference to Nevers' time at SRHS, SRJC and Stanford as well as his professional careers in football and baseball . . . Here's some news about more re-

cent grads: Brothers **Greg Johnston '88** and **Dan Johnston '91**, the owners of AJ Printing & Graphics and have been doing a great job helping the SRHS Foundation with the printing of this newsletter. . . **Jaiya Ben-Yumin '92** graduated from Cal Poly SLO in architecture and works in that field



Carrie Bingham '92 (1992 Echo)

in San Francisco, volunteers with the Girl Scouts and is thinking of earning a teaching credential (Pandy has known many teachers in his life and thinks it's a great career! You go, Jaiya!) . . . another Cal Poly architecture grad, **Carrie Bingham '92**, now works and lives in Santa Barbara after stints in Copenhagen and New York City . . . **Kevin Erwin '92** is working on a PhD in French literature at Columbia U . . . **David Freydenlund '00** is married to **Claire Sidener '00**. They have 1 child. David works for Redwood Toxicology in the IT Dept but says he greatly enjoys his part-time work for the S.R. Children's Chorus . . . **Jennifer Ellis '00** is married and is studying drama and screen writing at UCLA. She's had 3 plays produced in L.A. and currently is negotiating over one scheduled in S.F.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

When submitting photos for the newsletter, be sure to provide the identity of the individuals in the photos, the year the photo was taken, if you would like the source of the photo identified and any other relevant information regarding the photo.

Article submissions are invited. Letters should be 150 or fewer words. All submissions are subject to editing. We also invite your submissions to Panther Patter. Please provide information about Santa Rosa High School graduates including about their family, work and what they have been doing since high school.

We accept submissions of photos and text by e-mail, or through our website as well as by mail. E-mail to mdaniels@sonic.net or mail to P. O. Box 11002 Santa Rosa, CA 95406

Reunion Updates!

Classes of 1934 - 1938

Date: July 13, 2006

Location: Ledson Winery

This is the 5th consecutive year our classes have held a reunion. Last year we had about 85 alumni at our reunion. Alumni from before 1934 and after 1938 are also invited this year.

There will also be a champagne brunch on Friday, July 14th at the Flamingo Hotel. Both events are being hosted by Steve Ledson, of Ledson Winery and son of Noble (class of '34).

For more information please contact: George Conners, class of '36 at: (707) 431-1419 or Ms. Karyl Bridgewater at Ledson Winery (707) 537-3810 ext. 29.

The Class of 1951 - 55th

Date: August 26, 2006

Location: BBQ at the home of one of our classmates

Grad & Spouse Night - August 25th at Negri's in Occidental

Please contact

Carol Nielsen Underhill (707) 894-9416

Barbara Acuff Johnson (707) 996-9992

for all the details

Class of 1956, 50th

Date: August 26, 2006

Location: Flamingo Hotel - Dinner & Dancing

Grad Night - August 25th - Deck party at Jo Ann MacDonald's home

Sundy, August 27th - BBQ and a tour of the school & Nevers Field. We still need current addresses! Please call

JoAnn MacDonald at (707) 546-6185 or e-mail Carol

Guanella at carolguanella@pon.net.

We need your help finding missing classmates!

Class of 1961, 45th

CONFIRMED DATE AND LOCATION!

Date: January 20, 2007

Location: Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club

We need your help!

For more information contact:

Ann Hutchinson Porrino

3305 Jeremy Court, SR, CA 95404 (707) 575-4745

e-mail: porrinopad@aol.com

After the reunion, tell us all about it! We would love to share your stories and photos. We'll be happy to link your photos on our website, too!

Tracking people down is one of the most challenging jobs for reunion coordinators. If you know the whereabouts of any SRHS grads, let their reunion coordinator know. And have you posted your BIO on the Foundation website? You'll also find up-to-the-minute reunion information including dates, links, reunion coordinators, etc.! www.srhfsf.org

Class of 1966, 40th

Date: October 14, 2006

Location: Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club

Dinner Dance

Grad Night: Friday October 13 - Hilton

Tour newly remodeled SRHS, mid-day, Saturday, October 14th. Contact: Leigh Hutchinson Heyer. E-mail any contact info, address changes or other vital information. leighheyer@yahoo.com or phone: (707) 539-1120.

Class of 1971, 35th

Reunion Date: August 12, 2006

Location: Geyser Peak Winery Picnic area, Geyserville

Grad Night: August 11, 2006

Location: TBD

We are still looking for classmates - Please fill out your BIO on the SRHS Foundation website.

Please contact Carol Williams at SRHS1971@aol.com

Class of 1976 & 1977, 29th & 30th

Date: Saturday, August 12, 2006

Location: Flamingo Hotel

Contact Lee Miller for more information:

lwm@surewest.net

Class of 1986, 20th

Reunion Weekend!

Date: Saturday, August 5th

Location: Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club

Friday: Grad Night - Saturday: Tour of SRHS - Sunday: BBQ

Check out our website for all the details and help us find who's still missing www.srh1986.com; email srhs1986@gmail.com or call Tod Samson (916) 419-0765.

Class of 1996, 10th

Date: October 28, 2006

Location: Doubletree Hotel Sonoma County

We are currently planning our class reunion. Please contact us: Michelle Crosbie (Nelson) mcsr96@gmail.com and Arthur Chung rt1manparty@yahoo.com



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