



# SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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Preserving and documenting the history and traditions of SRHS; Providing financial support to the school;  
Promoting community involvement*

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## Remember When: 1968 by Rick Blaine

The "Summer of Love" had ended, and the opening of school was delayed a week so we could help with the prune harvest. Did you go out and pick? Maybe the kids who lived on farms did, but I sure didn't, and I didn't go to San Francisco or wear flowers in my hair either. But we all enjoyed the late start to classes.

What was the year like for you? For me, it was lots of fun. I went to all the football games. My girl friend was a cheerleader, so I always yelled as loud as I could. I still see her now and then. She married a lawyer. We beat Monty that year in the Big Game as the rivalry between the two schools became pretty intense. Remember the heavy fog that game? You could hardly see a thing. I remember lots of us going to Shakey's near Coddington for pizza after the games. Johnny and Red's on Summerfield was Viking turf, so we didn't go there.

Mr. Vine said school spirit was disappearing, but the rallies always had a good turnout. The Big Game rally and the Car Caravan filled the front of the school. And there was a big turnout to vote for Homecoming Queen. Who won? I don't remember.

But I do remember the Competition Rally before the basketball game with Montgomery. Remember that skit about pirates and Norsemen? One of the pirates was asked about his "buccan-ears." His answer caused him to be suspended for a few days. The administration didn't like his choice of words, good pun that it was. Not good for students to hear they thought, but we'd heard worse and maybe said worse.

Do you remember who sang "Dock of the Bay" at the beginning of the rallies? He was really good, as good as Otis Redding, I thought. Wasn't he voted most talented or something?

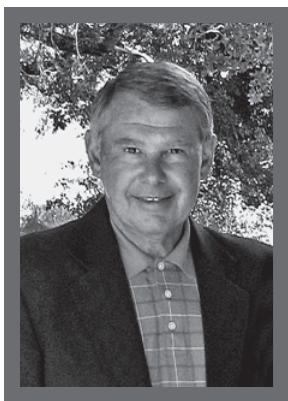
The campus was closed, but we could walk off at noon to eat. We had lots of choices. On Mendocino, you could get a burger and fries at Sandy's or Roger's. For 15 cents you could buy a Poor Boy sandwich at the Poor House across from SRJC. Out in Montgomery Village, there was the High Q and the Pick-Up (open until 2 in the morning on weekends). Sambo's and Foster's Freeze and Eat 'n Run were popular, and lots of the girls who shopped downtown on Saturday liked to go to Mac's Deli.

We did a lot of driving, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. Did we call it "cruising" or was it "tooling?" Of course, gasoline was cheap then, about 30 cents a gallon. Remember scraping together a dollar or so in coins from everyone in the car? That dollar bought enough gas to drive up and down Fourth Street and around the courthouse until it was time to go home.

In 1968 you could buy a '67 Pontiac GTO with a floor shift for \$3000 from Ralph Vesper Used Cars. For the same \$3000 you could buy a '62 Corvette from Veale Volkswagen's used lot. If you had \$2000, a '61 Porsche could be yours from Bishop-Hansel Ford. Who could afford those prices then? Think what those cars are worth today. In 1968, we'd probably settle for the '60 Rambler American two-door for \$395 at Zumwalt's—and made payments.

We dressed well. Guys wore sweaters, cardigans or v-neck pullovers and sometimes neckties. We bought our clothes at Brothers Four or Rosenberg's or Archie Kash. Levi's, we always found at Paolini's on Wilson Street.

# President's Message



As the school year ends, the final duty will be to deliver over a dozen Foundation and donor memorial scholarship checks to qualifying students at the annual SRHS Awards Assembly. This year, with your support, the Foundation continued its tradition of significant grants to student programs at SRHS. A complete grants list will be included in our summer Donor Appreciation newsletter.

One might ask, "Are these grant programs working?" and "What are the benchmarks for success?" Evidence points to the extremely competitive high SAT scores as compared to other local public and private high schools as one measure. Another recognizable achievement is the naming of nine National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists, which is a testimony to our overall Foundation supported program enhancements. The receipt of the prestigious Jack London Award given by Sonoma State University to SRHS Special Education teacher, Ron Reichmuth, for his innovative teaching methods and programs is yet another verification of overall success. The bar at SRHS is high and could not be reached without our dedicated teachers and staff as well as the financial support from you, our Foundation members.

I would also like to recognize two very successful Foundation events. In April, the Foundation held its annual Polenta Feed which was, once again, sold out with about 650 attending. The atmosphere at this dinner is always contagious and exciting with the feeling of an all-years' reunion. Kudos to co-chairs Jacky Cooper Schalich and JoAnn Hembree MacDonald and their committee for making this a special night. During May, Rosie Clarke London, with the help of her committee of Foundation Board members, organized our annual Student of the Month recognition dinner. Nearly 60 students were acknowledged for their achievements in front of their families and recommending teachers—truly our best "feel good" program of each year. Thanks, Rosie for your efforts.

Another acknowledgment I would like to make is to our tireless treasurer, Jim Ward. Jim not only assists the Board in managing the Foundation's budget and providing accurate and helpful financial statements, he also serves on various committees and is always there when someone needs a last-minute check for a vendor. Jim's work, in conjunction with our Financial Oversight committee, is critical to the financial strength of the Foundation, and we value his skills and dedication.

On a final note, please mark your calendars for our 13th Annual Foundation Golf Tournament on September 12th and our "Big Event" on October 11th that will also mark our 20th anniversary. You will find more information in this and future Newsletters. Thank you for your continued support of the Foundation.

*Doug Pavese*  
President 2006-2008

## 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 and become the property of the Foundation. 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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***To Dan and Greg Johnson (SRHS alumni) at AJ Printing & Graphics, thank you! for all your help and support provided in the publication of this newsletter.***

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The girls shopped for clothes at the Fashion downtown or at the Village Shop or Lewis in the Village. Of course, Coddington had big name stores like Roos-Atkins, the Emporium and Joseph Magnin.

Lots of girls, including my steady, made most of their clothes, even prom dresses. They found the material at places like Doyel's or the Fabritique or the Yardage Shop.

We did have a dress code. The girls said Mrs. Parker walked around with a ruler and if she suspected the dress was too short she made use of that marker. Some girls were sent home to change. That happened to my girl. She wore this paisley dress that she made. Boy, was she humiliated. Funny how you can remember some things. The Santa Rosan asked about dress length, "Where is the point of distraction? Four inches below the knee?" The administration never answered that question.

Guys could wear t-shirts, but they had to have a pocket! Did you sew one on your shirt?

And hair styles! Girls liked to pile it up in what they called "ratting." And they wore wiglets or the pastiche when they had their hair done at places like House of Charles or Clara's House of Beauty for the big dances.

Great dances that year had great attendance. It started with the Welcome Dance. That must have been city-wide because I remember Ursuline and Cardinal Newman were there. Ursuline was a really old school, but Newman was not.

Do you remember the Christmas Dance? The "Third Foundation" played, all guitars and keyboard. We rocked! That dance was sponsored by the Girls' League. I never knew what they did, but they put on a good party. The Turnabout was fun too. We guys appreciated being treated by our girls. Did you go out to dinner? We did. To the Hilltopper.

Did you go to the concerts at the Fairgrounds or the Vets? I went to hear the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. The place was packed! Moby Grape played there too.

Did you watch much television? You could choose from 12 channels if your family subscribed to Total Television. I never missed "Laugh In" on Sunday evenings or Dean Martin. He was so cool!

Senior Character Day was a good time. I wonder how all the "senior mosts" turned out, don't you? Did they live up to their labels? Mr. Vine, the senior class advisor, dressed up. He acted out a lot in class I remember.

We had some great teachers, including Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Elmore. I had Mr. DeSoto for English. He scared me

when he stood on the desk and recited some poem or other, but I learned to like and respect him. I think of him often whenever I write today because I know I am using what he taught me. Mr. Brown taught a cooking class for guys. I didn't take it, but I thought about it. I wonder if today I would use what that class taught.



The Viet Nam situation was big news though I don't think we paid much attention. I remember Mr. O'Neill telling us that we ought to find out because it could affect us all, especially us guys. I know that I thought a lot about college and studied pretty hard that senior year because I knew that good grades in college could keep me out of the war.

Were we apathetic? Or just naïve? I only know that our world was pretty small in 1968 and life was pretty simple. Drugs were not the issue they are today, yet we drank beer and harder stuff sometimes. Santa Rosa was still pretty small. Mendocino Avenue was still called "Business Route 101" even though the freeway had been elevated just a couple of years before. We were seniors just at the beginning of some radical changes in the larger world.

Do you remember how the assassination of Martin Luther King quieted the campus in the spring? How saddened we were when Bobby Kennedy was shot dead the week before graduation? Those were sobering moments. After our graduation, anti-war protests would heat up, Olympic athletes would give the "Black Power" salute, the first moon landing would happen, there would be violence at the Democratic Convention, and there would be big problems at Woodstock and Altamont.

The end came for some teachers who decided to retire that June. Mrs. Parker was one. Mr. Jamison and Miss Erwin, who had both graduated from SRHS in 1925, and Mrs. Gross, the very popular school nurse, would not return in the fall. Mr. Vine, that colorful man, retired from coaching, and Mr. Hodder left to teach at SRJC.

And 422 of us also would not come back in the fall. We graduated from Bailey Field on June 14, and about half of us went to San Francisco for an all-night cruise on the bay.

Was 1968 fun for you? I hope so. It sure was for me.



Christmas Dance, 1968 *Echo*

## Teacher wins Jack London Award

By Mary Main Testorelli '47

Ron Reichmuth, SRHS special education teacher, recently won the prestigious Jack London Award, given each year by Sonoma State University to an instructor who has displayed extra-ordinarily innovative methods of teaching. Before making their selection, this year's team of evaluators toured campuses and interviewed students and teachers at the 21 schools in Northern California where the candidates for the award teach.

Reichmuth's innovative approaches cluster under his umbrella School to Work – Special Day Program. They include the Barkery Bakery, doggy treats that the students bake, package and sell; the Pop-It-Up, a popcorn concession; the Panther Café, deli sandwiches, Italian sodas and smoothies for teachers, all of which the students make and deliver; and Recycle This!, a recycling service the entire campus uses. The SRHS Foundation is proud to have provided the seed money for many of these valuable educational programs, but all of them are Reichmuth's creations.

Students participate in each project from the beginning, by naming, designing logos, creating weekly work schedules, using the cash register, counting change and doing the banking. Reichmuth's 32 students pride themselves on their abilities to use public transportation to conduct business and on their high level of respect for each other and for their projects. A DVD the students made to explain their program was showcased by Jim Helmer, SRHS Art Quest instructor, and reviewed by Sonoma State University staff.

Reichmuth, who entered college at age 46 after 27 years in the retail business, has taught for just ten years, but in that time he has made a significant impact on the lives of his students, who are as dedicated to him as he is to them. Together they raised \$1,000 in pledges when Reichmuth ran for 6 days in an arduous race from Goleta to Mexico, an event supporting breast cancer survivors and special education. This year, through their programs and dedicated effort, Reichmuth and his students have earned money for a bus trip to the Monterey Aquarium.

Ron Reichmuth's inventive and innovative programs and projects, and his passion and his energy, have earned him the right to the Jack London Award, a most significant honor in education.

## 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 and become the property of the Foundation.* We also invite your submissions to Panther Patter. Please provide information about Santa Rosa High School graduates including their family, work and what they have been doing since high school.

Submissions of photos and text can be made by e-mail, through our website and by mail. E-mail to [mdaniels@sonic.net](mailto:mdaniels@sonic.net) or mail to P. O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

**NEXT DEADLINE:**

**AUGUST 15, 2008 FOR OCTOBER MAILING**

## Take a seat in the SRHS Auditorium

And insure your place in history! For a donation of \$150 you will get an engraved brass plaque prominently affixed to a seat in the completely restored SRHS auditorium. You'll also receive a certificate inscribed with the name and location of the seat.

Please provide us with the name to be placed on the plaque - you may purchase in your name or someone else's, and you may purchase as many as are available - please complete a separate form for each plaque. You have up to 50 characters (25 first line; 25 second line. Periods and spaces are considered characters).

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Payment of \$150 for each plaque is enclosed. (Checks should be made payable to SRHS Foundation)

Please charge my  Visa  Mastercard  Discover  
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Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or fax this application with your payment today. Send your payment and this form to SRHSF, P. O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-1002 or fax - credit card orders only - (707) 523-4137 fax. You may also call in your order (again credit card orders only) Phone: (707) 571-SRHS, please provide all information requested on this form.

All proceeds go to the SRHS Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund for the exclusive benefit of SRHS students.

*All gifts are tax deductible within the limits of the law.*

## Contributions & Membership News

by Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer '59

The newspaper and television tell us daily about the budget problems facing school districts all over California, and certainly we know that is the case in Santa Rosa. The money you so generously give each period through your membership

dues, contributions and memorial gifts has become more important than ever as the Foundation continues to support the students, staff and programs at Santa Rosa High School.

Since my last message, we have welcomed 17 new members and received 216 membership renewals. Our contributions and memorial gifts this period are \$4,940. The following members contributed over and above their membership fees:

Ewell & Virginia Baker friends	Allene Cornolo '55	Anne Lewis '47	Armeda Soldati '50
George Benway '40	Jack Dakin '38	Gene Malvino '50	Elaine Thompson '58
Phillip Box '58	Richard Decroff '65	Martha Maxwell '57	Tom & Anita Tomasi '42/'47
Daisy Brosseau '50	Dennis Escola '58	Thomas Moore '54	Donna Warren '58
Joanne Bruggemann '51	Thomas Farrell '44	Ann Porrino '61	Lucy Wilkes '58
Arnold & Dale Bussard '61	Joan Forbes '67	Joyce Poushey '50	Eileen Wise '58
Julia Bussman '37	Larry Hartley '62	Thelma Ramsey '43	Donna Wojtkowski '59
Robert Camm staff	Georgia Hogle '52	M.Candace Roney '66	Merlin Woodward '56
Ronald Cassano '58	David Hunter '56	Armand Schmitt '49	Buck Yaeger '59
Birgitte Christianson '62	Ken James '51	David & Susan Smith '70/'71	
George Conners '36	Nancy Koski '67	Hal & Shirley Smith '53/'56	

**LIFETIME MEMBERS:** Jerry Grey, from the class of '58 and Robert Wessell, from the class of '53 have joined our growing Lifetime membership family. We are pleased to report that we now have 75 members at that level.

**DESOTO PROJECT:** Special thanks to James Dunwoody, staff, Dennis & Mindy Narduzzi, '73, and Emmett O'Neill, staff, for their donations to this project.

If you have friends who haven't joined as yet, encourage them to do so, by using the form in this newsletter or by going on-line at [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) to make contributions and to join. Any concerns or questions you have about your membership or contributions, please contact Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer, at (707) 544-3158, or e-mail [nsmeds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nsmeds@sbcglobal.net). Thanks again!

### Memorial Contributions

***In Honor of Cliff Bath***  
Herman & Nancy Griffin '54/'55

***The Lorraine Baier Memorial***  
Mary & Bob Testorelli '47/'45

***The Ruben Beseda Memorial***  
Scott Beseda friend

***The William Burns Memorial***  
James Laier '58

***The Beverly Daw Memorial***  
Anne Lewis '47  
Bob & Mary Testorelli '45/'47

***The Albert Frey Memorial***  
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Lou Knecht '44

***The Pauline Henry Memorial***  
Bob & Mary Testorelli '45/'47

***The Dennis Keegan Memorial***  
Anne Lewis '47

***The Pam McMahon Memorial***  
John McMahon friend  
Jim & Diane Keegan '66/'67  
Brett Podstata friend

***The Randy Nash Memorial***  
William Frey '67  
Preston & Leone Rohrbaugh,  
friends

***The Mel Schefer Memorial***  
Marlene Boldt friend  
Bill & Patricia Pedersen '45/'49  
Elaine Revol friend

If you wish to have your donation acknowledged to the family of the memorial honoree, be sure to include an address for that purpose. Thank you.

# 13<sup>th</sup> Annual SRHS Foundation Golf Tournament



The SRHS Foundation will hold its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 12, 2008. All graduates and friends/supporters of SRHS are invited to play in this fun tournament, and we continue to encourage more female golfers to participate. Once again, we offer a special rate for our Super Seniors (75 years and over). Following golf is dinner and silent auction. Non golfers and non-golfing spouses are encouraged to join us for dinner. If you would like to be a hole sponsor, the cost is only \$125 and you will receive recognition at the tournament for you and your company or affiliation. For further information, please see the flyer enclosed in this edition or call Doug Pavese at 524-3167.

## Submit Your Bio and Reconnect



If you've ever checked out the message board on the SRHS Foundation website, you've seen evidence of friends seeking to locate friends. Friendships made during the SRHS experience are important and deserve to last. Now you can locate old SRHS friends through the website's bio page and again nurture the bonds of your relationship.

Over 1150 alums have already posted their bios there already! We urge you to join them so that you can tell your classmates what you've been doing since graduation.

Here's an example from the Class of '85: Just recently, Hillary Wootton made use of the bio page and reconnected with Alicia Hodenfield who then found Lynn Davis who reconnected with Hillary. The three old friends have been busily catching up on the 20+ years since their graduation—all made possible because of the Foundation website!

If you're looking for a friend, you can easily find him or her by searching first or last or maiden name, by city, year of graduation or other means. It's easy! It's fun!

You can list your current bio or update an old one. You can upload a current photo. You can list your e-mail or website info.

Best of all, it's free! Log on today to [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org)

## SRHS Update and Calendar of Events

Terry Swehla, Faculty Liaison

Santa Rosa High School is extremely proud of its 9 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists. They are highly qualified, and it is very unusual for one school to host more than 5 semi-finalists!

Emma Herron  
Lyle Mills  
Caroline Modic  
Aaron Peterson  
Steven Power  
David Quach  
Eva Stuart  
Ian VonSeggern  
Kim Wicht



### August

- 6 - Freshman/ New Parent Assembly
- 7 - Freshman Registration
- 8 - Sophomore, Junior, and Senior Registration
- 12 - Teacher Work Day
- 13 - First Day of School

### September

- 1 - Labor Day No School

### October

- 17 - No school
- 24 - Homecoming Game - We take on Piner H.S.
- 25 - Homecoming Dance

Check the SRHS website to find out about your favorite sporting, music and drama events [www.santarosahighschool.net](http://www.santarosahighschool.net).

Thank you for supporting SRHS and our students.

## Giving Through the SRHS 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 Trust

For further information, please contact: Doug Pavese, SRHS Foundation, P.O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406; or call Doug at (707) 538-3167. Please speak with your tax advisor regarding your charitable contribution.

# Panther Project Fund Grants for March, April & May 2008

Social Science Dept. - teacher's Economics Pack with student workbook on CD	\$510.05
Vocational Education - pressure washer	\$350.00
Project Graduation - seat plaque for Project Graduation night prize	\$150.00
Administration - breakfast for freshman, sophomore and junior students doing required STAR Testing	\$2,500.00
Journalism Dept. - computer equipment and classroom furniture	\$1,064.54
Artquest Photography - 50 reusable frames for student exhibits	\$1,370.25
Wall of Fame Plaque - honoring Lorenzo Solis, recently deceased Head custodian	\$153.58
Social Science Dept. - PBS DVDs for history and senior social science student curriculum	\$1,484.31
Athletic Dept. - matching funds to purchase storage container for field maintenance and baseball equipment	\$1,500.00
Athletic Dept. - uniforms for badminton team	\$1,500.00
Social Science and Administration - scantron scoring packages	\$840.00
Social Studies - DBQ based assignments used in building critical thinking and essay writing skills	\$373.75
Social Studies - magnetic aids for displaying visuals	\$285.00
Administration - refreshments for the August new student and parent assembly/registration	\$350.00
Social Science - TCI supplemental curriculum program entitled "Government Alive! Power, Politics and You!"	\$655.50
Lauritzen Directed Gift - Auditorium sound equipment	\$4,279.92
Administration - Offset cost for all 2,000 students to experience the "Every 15 Minutes" alcohol and driving program	\$1,000.00
Artquest Drama - digital projector for use as a classroom teaching aid	\$970.92
Vocational Ed. Auto - Offset costs of 24 computer keyboards and 24 monitors to automate class instruction	\$2,292.44
English/Fine Arts - four computer upgrade kits for an existed outdated computer lab	\$1,611.99
<b>Total Fiscal YTD -</b>	<b>\$89,567.48</b>

To the esteemed members of the SRHS Foundation Executive Board:

Thank you so much for your consideration of our students as the SRHS Concert Choir prepared to go on tour to Mexico City and Taxco over Spring Break (last month). The students made beautiful music everywhere we went and also made some wonderful memories that will last a lifetime!

We appreciate the Foundation's continued support of the SRHS Choral Program, and the students who benefited from the scholarships you helped to fund were especially touched by their experiences in Mexico, made possible in part, by you.

Gratefully,  
Kira M. Nikiforuk

SRHS Foundation,

Thank you so much for giving me a little help for paying for Mexico this spring. It was such a great experience and I fell I got a lot out of the entire trip. Thanks again.

Mollie Outel-Rich

Dear SRHS Foundation,

I'm writing to thank you for the very generous scholarship which allowed me to go to Mexico City with the choir. It was the first time I'd been to a foreign country and it really meant a lot to me to get the financial support needed to do so.

Thank you!  
Hadley Black

Dear SRHS Foundation,

Thank you so much for your generosity, which allowed me to travel with the SRHS Concert Choir to Mexico. This trip was an amazing experience that taught me much about the culture and influenced me to travel more.

Thank you!  
Lydia Margitich

Dear SRHS Foundation,

I would like to thank you for your generous support you provided me for the choir trip to Mexico/Disneyland. I had a great time.

Gabe O. Case

Dear Foundation,

I would like to say thank you for giving me money so it was possible for me to go on the Mexico/Disneyland trip with the Chorus. Singing in Mexico was an experience I will never forget.

Thank you.  
Derrick Podlewski

Foundation,

On behalf of the students and staff of Santa Rosa High School, thank you for your support of the library media center. It is much appreciated!

George Spinass

Dear Santa Rosa High School Foundation members,

I would like to thank you so much for your support and for your kindness and generosity! My students are very excited to have the in focus projectors in their language classes - and along with the new superior viewing method - a ton of interesting, culturally relevant movies in Spanish to show!!! Thank you so much!!!

Carla Forchini

SRHS Foundation:

I would like to thank the Foundation on behalf of the Social Studies Department. The funds you provided for the purchase of materials has helped everyone in the department. I did not tell any of the members I was going to be making a request to benefit everyone. When I showed up with a stack of 25 magnets from the Foundation for each of them, they were extremely thankful. A request that might have seemed odd has made a big difference. Thank you for your support of all things great and small,

John Cortopassi, Social Studies Department

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



# 13th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 12, 2008

Oakmont West Golf Course

Check in 11:30 AM Shotgun Start 12:45 PM

Registration Fee: \$135 per golfer or a special rate of \$100 for those Super Seniors (75 years or older) which includes:

- ❖ Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch with Soft Drinks ❖
- ❖ 18 Holes of Golf - Four Person Scramble (Open & Co-ed Teams) ❖
- ❖ Awards Dinner Following at the Quail Inn at Oakmont ❖

Tee Prizes \* Raffle Prizes \* Silent/Live Auctions

- Top Foursome Awards - Open & Co-ed Flights
- Longest Drive - Men, Women and Seniors (65 and over)
- Closest to Pin - Men and Women
- Free Putting Contest

For more information contact: Doug Pavese at 707-538-3167

Golf Tournament Registration Form

Mail registration form with check to:

SRHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, P. O. Box 11002, Santa Rosa, CA 95406

*Deadline for registration is Friday, August 29, 2008. No registration accepted without entry fees or index/handicap/average scoring information.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Super Senior (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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The Board of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation will host a special fundraising event to celebrate 20 years of success and to kick off future activities. This event will be held at The Fountaingrove Golf and Athletic Club on October 11, 2008. Admission is \$100 per person, which includes specialty tapas, fine wine, Champagne and dessert. The event will focus on a live auction, and a silent auction will continue throughout the evening. A special focus will be a drawing for a one-carat diamond, generously donated by E. R. Saywer Jewelers.

The primary objectives and purposes of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation are to serve as a charitable organization, to unite Santa Rosa High School graduates, parents of current and past students, faculty, staff and interested community members for preserving and documenting the history and traditions of Santa Rosa High School; to provide financial support to the school; and to promote community involvement in SRHS.

The goal of the October Special Fundraising Event is to fund the construction of a new, more visible sign at the school's entrance that will be in keeping with the school's architecture and history. Donations in excess of the cost of the sign will be distributed into the general fund and used in support of future school projects.

The Santa Rosa High School Foundation Board is confident that with the support of the community and “Friends of the Panther,” this goal will be accomplished. The Board seeks donations through several venues, including:

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# REUNIONS: Details, Dates & Announcements

## Class of 1998 - 10th Reunion

Saturday, October 11, 2008  
Druid's Hall, Santa Rosa  
7pm to Midnight  
RSVP and or update address with  
Reunion@ClassEncounters.com or  
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## Class of 1988 - 20th Reunion

August 2, 2008  
Hyatt Vineyard Creek Hotel, Santa Rosa  
August 3, 2008  
Family BBQ  
Contact Erika Bley McGrath  
srhs1988@yahoo.com



## Class of 1978 - 30th Reunion

Saturday, October 11, 2008  
Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, Santa Rosa  
No-host Cocktails: 6pm Buffet Dinner: 7pm  
Cost: \$78 per person  
Sunday October 12th - Picnic and SRHS tour  
Email contact: srhs1978@yahoo.com  
reunion website: [SRHS1978Reunion.net](http://SRHS1978Reunion.net).



## Class of 1968 - 40th Reunion

August 23, 2008  
Quail Inn, Oakmont  
No-host cocktails 6pm Buffet Dinner 7pm  
\$45 per person, dress is casual  
Tour of SRHS 11am-12:30pm  
Contact: Paulette Guaspair Gomes  
pgomes68@comcast.net  
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Ken Corriea kcorriea@comcast.net



## Class of 63 - 45th Reunion

July 26, 2008  
The Villa 6pm  
Contact: Jean Cleek Howard  
cleek0726@comcast.net  
(707) 525-8021

## Class of 1958 - 50th Reunion

August 15-17, 2008  
Friday - Grad Night - Fountaingrove Golf Club,  
Saturday Dinner & Dancing - Wild Oak Saddle Club  
Sunday - Optional Brunch - Flamingo Hotel  
Contact: Doug Pavese dougpavese@hotmail.com  
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## Class of 1953 - 55th Reunion

August 9, 2008



## Class of 1948 - 60th Reunion

September 20, 2008  
Wild Oak Saddle Club, Oakmont  
Contact us if you haven't received our first mailing  
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## 2008 Foundation Scholarship Winners

This year the Foundation again interviewed some outstanding applicants for the annual SRHS Foundation Scholarship. The winners this year are Denia Perez and Candace Borders. Both young women have made a definite and positive impact on SRHS in academic study and extracurricular activities.

Denia is the 2007-2008 student body president and the first Hispanic to hold that office. During her time at SRHS, she seemed to be everywhere, from student body activities to athletics.

Candace is responsible for resurrecting the school newspaper—which she started as a freshman and served as editor through her senior year. Thanks to Candace, the school has an outstanding Santa Rosan once again.

Also this year, the Foundation initiated a new scholarship called the Heart of the Panther. This award goes to the student who has demonstrated unusual grit and determination in achieving success at SRHS. This year's winner, Joel Flores, was an outstanding student in vocational studies and showed leadership around the school. His auto shop teacher, Vic Colli '65, said that Joel is respected by all students and acted as a teacher's assistant in his advanced auto class.

The Foundation Scholarship has been awarded since 1990, and the organization is certainly fortunate over the years to have provided financial benefits to many wonderful recipients.



From left: Candace Borders, Joel Flores and Denia Perez

## Jack Kellar “Lucky Jade” Scholarship Winner

Ross Barbieri is this year's winner of the Jack Kellar “Lucky Jade” Scholarship, given this year to an outstanding music or drama student going on to college to major in music or drama. Jack Kellar '39 loved music and drama, and he played the lead in the 1939 operetta production of “The Lucky Jade.” His daughters, Judy Kellar Fox '65 and Joanne Kellar '67, named the scholarship in memory of their dad.

Kellar studied music and drama in college and experienced a successful business career in Santa Rosa where he established Santa Rosa Auto Parts with the late Bob Call. Judy and Joann wanted to help future SRHS music/drama students continue their educations by establishing this scholarship.

Ross sings in the SRHS choir and plays in a local band that was offered a recording contract but turned it down to find the right fit for the band. Ross and his band mates have designed and set-up their own recording studio, so their possibilities are limitless.

Ross will be going to SRJC and then Berkeley School of Music in Boston. Ross hopes that in 20 years he will still be involved music, perhaps writing musical scores for movies (His friend plans to produce movies, and they expect to hook up.)

The “Lucky Jade” Scholarship is a \$2,500 award, and the Foundation is excited to award the initial scholarship to a deserving young man. Congratulations to Ross. Remember, “Once a Panther, Always a Panther”.



“Lucky Jade” winner, Ross Barbieri

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## Student of the Month Annual Dinner

by Rosie Clark London '65

On May 7th, the Foundation Board held its 16th annual Student of the Month Awards dinner at the Druids Hall. Foundation Board members served a great pasta dinner to 214 students along with their families and nominating Teachers. Once again the Foundation was fortunate to have Elmo Rossi along with Ray Lazzini, Dave Romani & Jerry Myers donate their time and great pasta sauce! Imwalle Gardens donated salad fixings.

Foundation Board President Doug Pavese assisted Principal Jim Goddard in handing out the award certificates to 49 Students of the Month.

Chris Zeek, in-coming President of the Foundation, announced the following students as the Foundation's scholarship winners. They are Candace Borders and Denia Perez. The Heart of the Panther Scholarship went to Joel Flores and Ross Barbieri was awarded the first of the Jack Kellar "Lucky Jade" Scholarships.

The Student of the Month dinner has come a long way since we first served 15 students in the school cafeteria. Then it was prepared by board member Christine Romani-Tonelli's '88 Grandfather, Frank Stefani. Her parents and many Board members also cooked in the early years. To see how proud the parents and teachers are of these students is most gratifying and rewarding.

As chair person, and on behalf of the Foundation Board, I extend a special thank you to Ann Porrino '61, for sponsoring the Student of the Month program.

## 2007-2008 Student of the Month honorees...

<i>Mayra Aguirre</i>	<i>Matthew Horstman</i>
<i>Jose Albor</i>	<i>Eric Knibb</i>
<i>Perrie Allen</i>	<i>Cassandra Maggio</i>
<i>Brittiany Bagwell</i>	<i>Rachel Meltzner</i>
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<i>Ashley Blaylock</i>	<i>Neri-Mendoza</i>
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<i>Kimberly Bringham</i>	<i>Claudia Ortiz</i>
<i>Tessa Brunsmann</i>	<i>Ciara Pegg</i>
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<i>Gabriella Elliott</i>	<i>Robert Tighe</i>
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<i>Joel Flores</i>	<i>Phillip Whipple</i>
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## Polenta Feed Report Jacky Cooper Schalich, '57 and JoAnn Hembree MacDonald, '56

The recent annual SRHS Foundation Polenta Feed was another astounding success. What has become the largest ever SRHS reunion was celebrated by the 644 alums and friends who gathered at the Vet's Memorial Building last April 25.

The social hour began at 5:30, and by 6:00 all attendees were busy strengthening old friendships and making new ones. While a large number of SRHS faculty and staff attended, it was especially heartwarming to see retired long-time wood shop instructor Raul Diez, retired art instructor Pat Gallagher, Jean Brown, widow of instructor Elmer Brown, and a large number of current faculty and staff.

After a welcoming address by Foundation President Doug Pavese, 50 SRHS students flawlessly served antipasto, salad, polenta and gravy, and ice cream and homemade brownies. A collection resulted in a handsome gratuity for each student.

At the dinner's conclusion, President Pavese offered thanks and appreciation to the many alums, organizations, board members, faculty and the community at large for their contributions: Daniels' Chapel of the Chimes, tickets; Franco-American Bakery, bread; Clover-Stornetta, ice cream; Tom Wright and Bill Harrison, wine; Mombo's Pizza, pizza for servers; Donna Petersen and Rosie London, raffle; Chris Zeek, Ag Department, Choral Music, Tim and Marlene Callen, Jim Goddard, Wes Colgan, Jr., Carol Guanella and Terry Swelha.

A special thank you went to the super cooking crew that Ray Lazzini and Randy Apel gather each year: Elmo Rossi, Jim Uboldi, Duane Meyers, Ron Ferritta, Gary Meagher, Victor Tordino, Bill Occhipinti, Mike Dolce, Mark Lazzini, Kay Zastro, Steve Lazzini, Tom Timko, Charles Gondola and Herm Baggenstos.

Hard-working and dedicated chairs of the Polenta Feed, Jacky Cooper Schalich and JoAnn Hembree MacDonald, said, "We'll do the work if you promise to come and have a good time. Your enjoyment makes it all worthwhile." Certainly, the entire Panther community looks forward to another great event next year!

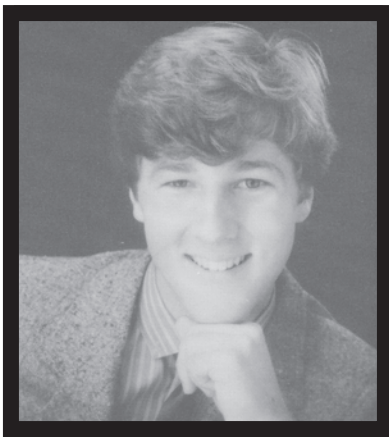


## by Pandy

The annual Polenta Feed again this year filled the Veterans' Memorial to capacity. The Foundation developed this event years ago to show its appreciation to all its members who have so generously supported the organization since its inception.

Each year it's a sell-out, and this year was no exception. More than 640 alums and friends wined and dined their way through an enjoyable evening of remembrance and renewal . . . One of the attendees, **Aileen**

**Biachini '43**, explained how she reconnected with friends she has known since grammar school. Aileen also donated some copies of the Santa Rosan, a couple of Echoes, her own Block SR, and her husband's Block S. All these treasures will be housed in the campus museum . . . **Randy Hankla '61**, son of recently deceased and very popular SRHS instructor Allene Hankla, donated a collection of his mom's materials, and promises more. They will all find a place in the museum . . . Now in its second year, Pennies from Heaven—the Lois Roche Foundation continues to help financially disadvantaged school children with



Tim Kniffin, 1985 Echo

outdoor education scholarships. Begun in memory of their mother by the four **Odegard sisters (Sandra '68, Judy '70, Nancy '73, Kathy '75)**, the organization will hold its second annual dinner-auction on September 20. For tickets, more information or to donate a raffle item or cash, contact Sandy Odegard Ratliff at sandyratliff@comcast.net or Nancy Odegard Rosenblum at nancy.roseblum@comcast.net Or you can call (800)

225-7175 . . . Dave Johnson sent a photo of the '46 undefeated NBL champion football squad, coached by Jimmy Underhill. The photo will also find a place in the museum . . . Drama update: **Tim Kniffin '85** recently acted in some local productions of *Public Exposure* and *Oleanna*. And **Paul Huberty '86** performed the lead role of Randall McMurphy in SRJC's production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* . . .

**Andrea Fishbein Cantin '86** studied at UC Davis and the Sorbonne in France. She lived in London, Cabo San Lucas, Montreal and several places in the U.S. before returning to S.R. where she lives "about one mile from where I grew up." Andrea works for Rich Xiberta, USA, is married and has 2 children . . .

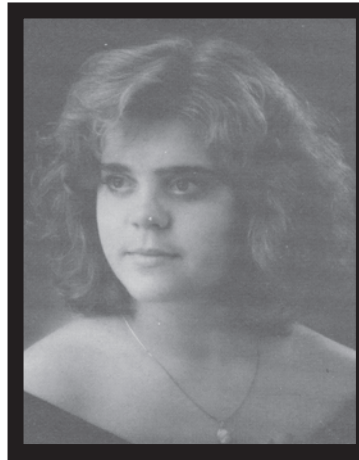
**Todd Frediani '86** is married, has 2 kids, lives in Santa Rosa and works for Smith, Barney . . . **Humberto Juarez '82** also lives in S.R., is married and has 3 children, two of whom are Panthers. He works as a recruiter for Spherion . . . After retiring as a colonel from the U.S. Army, **Kirk Moeller '68** went to work

for the Department of Defense as chief of counter-terrorism in Hawaii. He graduated from U. of Georgia . . . **Milton Gee '67** lives in Rancho Santa Fe where he works as a small animal practitioner. He went to vet school after UC Santa Cruz and 2 years in the Peace Corps. Married, Milton has 2 kids and 2 grandkids . . . Recently retired from teaching in Visalia

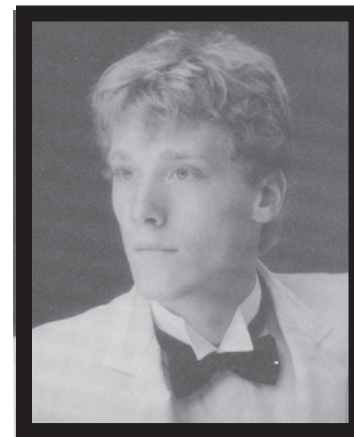
where she continues to live, **Suzanne Griewe Smith '65** has 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren and "loves retirement" . . . another retired teacher, **Constance Welch '65** taught elementary school and community college in El Paso, TX. She now lives in Cloverdale, has 2 children and 1 granddaughter and "spoils them all" . . . **Mel Flohr '54**, retired after 25 years with the FBI and another 15 in investigation, lives in West Hills, CA, is married and has 4 kids and 6 grandkids

. . . After living 10 years in Hawaii and another 18 in Alaska, **Carol McLain Scott '54** returned to Santa Rosa in '97. She has 2 children, 4 step-children and 14 grandchildren. She works for Sonoma County, Department of Human Resources.

Keep Pandy posted with the happenings in your life. E-mail news to Pandyc/o mdaniels@sonic.net or mail to SRHSF Attn: Pandyc/o Box 11002 Santa Rosa, CA 95406



Andrea Fishbein Cantin, 1986 Echo



Paul Huberty, 1986 Echo

## We are Friends—Still! by Pandy

*Ed. Note: Because Pandy is a shameless promoter of all things SRHS, he was impressed by the staying power of this relationship, and he hopes you will share the story of your own friendship. Heck, we'll even send him to interview you if you like. You can access the poem discussed below at [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) Click on "History."*

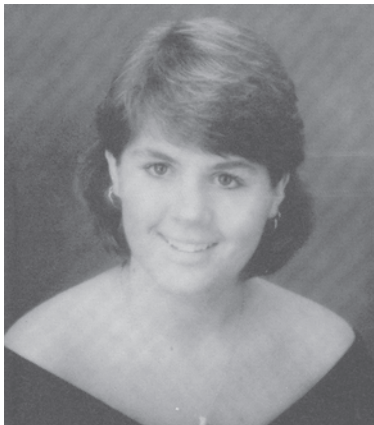
Pandy has been around the SRHS campus since 1955, and in that time he has watched thousands of friendships blossom and develop. Perhaps one of the most enduring and endearing is the story of two 1985 grads, Hillary Wootton and Jenny Treadway, who together broke with tradition and composed a long and saucy poem for delivery at graduation. The opening lines certainly establish the tone:

"These are the best years of your lives,"  
Say the parents of 1985.  
That what they tell us high school should be,  
But was it really that way for you and for me?"

But the poem was never delivered because a more conventional piece was decided upon by the panel of faculty judges. Hillary, though, "still believe(s) that poem would've knocked 'em dead."

The graduation ceremony, that bastion of formal tradition and ceremony, has in the years since, lost some pomp in favor of more informality. But in 1985, tradition still ruled.

Hillary and Jenny met in dance class as sophomores and had many classes together. "We used to spend a lot of time driving around, doing errands," noted Hillary. "I don't know why two high school girls needed to run so many errands, but it seems we did an awful lot of them."



Jenny Treadway, *Echo* 1985

As their senior year ended, circumstance caused a break in SRHS graduation tradition.

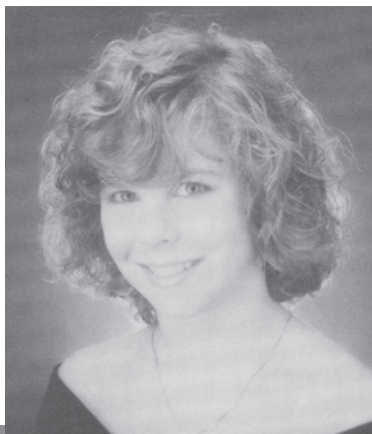
Since the early 1950s, commencement had taken place at Bailey Field on the SRJC campus, but in 1985 the board of education decided all high schools—SRHS, Montgomery and Piner—would graduate their seniors on the same night and Montgomery would use Bailey Field.

Ultimately, SRHS went to the county fairgrounds, partly through fears that problems could arise because of nearness should SRHS use Nevers Field. The fairgrounds was a hard sell to seniors and parents, but that break in tradition also made appropriate the attempt to write the poem.

Jenny was invited to join the competition to speak but didn't know what to say. One afternoon, as Jenny remembers, the two girls were "goofing around," and the poem "came together . . . the rhymes came together very quickly and gave me the push I needed. I wasn't seriously considering an entry."

Working on delivery with speech teacher Jim Dunwoody, Jenny gained confidence and felt her chances were strong. So, naturally, when the formal composition was chosen instead, she was crushed. But life continued and so did the friendship.

Jenny went to Cal Poly, where she earned her degree in math, then to Dartmouth and Portland State for graduate study. She lived in Minneapolis for years, married and moved to Salt Lake City, where she now works as a software engineer. She has a two-year-old daughter and recently gave birth to a son.



Hillary Wootton, *Echo* 1985

Hillary was more of a vagabond: studied at San Diego State, a nanny in London, BA in English at UC Davis, taught at Vintage High in Napa, ESL in Berlin, taught at Petaluma High, trained teachers with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, more ESL in London, and taught at a junior high in Seattle. Today, she lives in Seattle with her two dogs and works in contract sales of office furniture.

Over the years, the relationship strengthened. Jenny believes it did so because of letters Hillary wrote her the summer she spent in Italy. She also says remaining friends with Hillary gave her "an excuse to go to places - like the Philippines - and a place to stay - like in London."

Hillary expanded on that belief when she said, "In the days before e-mail and cell phones, keeping in touch took more effort. The fact that both of us love getting a real letter in the mail was a huge factor in our long friendship."

Heartwarming stories like this indicate the important place of SRHS in the lives of young people as it provides an opportunity for lives to come together and for a strong, lasting relationship to result.

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**The 2008 Homecoming Game is on October 24th. Wouldn't it be fun to have a contingent of SRHS Alums at the game?**  
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