



# SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## A serendipitous encounter

by Mike Daniels '59

When SRHS Foundation President Tony Negri drove through his "hood" recently, he was not surprised to be hailed to the curb by a neighbor. Tony and his orange-flamed black sedan are easily recognized in Santa Rosa, and he gets his share of friendly waves, so he thought little of it.

But he was a bit taken aback when neighbor Barry Jewett said, "I've got something for you," and handed him a leather football helmet used at SRHS in the 1920s and 30s. "Orb Fortier gave it to me when I was a kid," Barry added.

Then Pat, Barry's wife, came to the car with her 1953 SRHS yell leader sweater to tell Negri he could have that for the SRHS Museum also.

Fortier, who taught physical education and coached a number of championship Panther basketball teams from the 20s through the 40s, was a neighbor of Jewett's parents in Santa Rosa's Benton Street area. Fortier, in fact, introduced them in a journalism class he taught at SRJC.

Barry and Pat, both '53 graduates, met when Pat worked for Barry's dad at Sunrise Creamery in downtown Santa Rosa. They went "steady" in their senior years and, after Barry served a hitch in the US Navy, they married in 1955. Today, they have four kids and 10

## A musical tribute

by Penny Hastings '59

Shannon Johansen '87, recently celebrated a girls' night out with four former drama friends from high school days. They gathered for a SRJC performance of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, a play they all were part of during their acting days at SRHS. Shannon says they remembered all the music and words.

Still acting and singing, her professional name is Shannon Rider, but she's also known as "Miss Kitty," lead singer in the jump blues and swing band Miss Kitty and the Big Dogs. Along with being a busy musician, she also performs in the country western Shannon Rider Band and is active in local community theater.

Shannon started building her resume early. She began taking dance lessons at age five. At Rincon Valley Junior High she took drama and choral music classes and performed in school productions.

By the time Shannon went to SRHS she was fairly confident as an actor but says she needed help with her singing. She credits former music instructor Dan Earl with teaching her to use her voice correctly and inspiring her to keep singing. "I was in A Capella class all three years. We were pretty good. We traveled to competitions and won state-wide awards."

"Mr. Earl was so passionate about music, kids and teaching. He passed that passion along to his students. We learned about our voices but also about getting along and working together in a group."

Appearing in all the SRHS musicals, Shannon starred as Barbara Allen in *The Dark of the Moon*, set in the Appalachians. About drama teacher Elizabeth Craven, Shannon says, "I learned a lot about acting from her. In fact, after I graduated, Ms. Craven moved over to Sonoma State University to teach, and I followed her. Shannon continued to study at SSU, where her favorite play was "Hair." She also became part

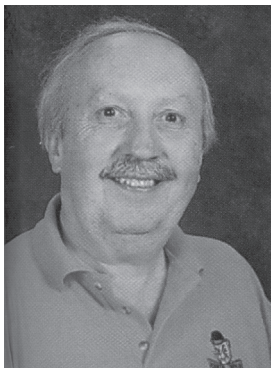
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## President's Message



As I complete my first year as Foundation President, I express my gratitude to the Foundation Board, a dedicated group always involved in bettering all things associated with SRHS. The 21 members of the board never tire of working to accomplish the Foundation mission statement--fundraising, community involvement, preservation of rich traditions and

alumni activities.

To my fellow officers, I offer thanks for their counsel and support. These include Vice-President Jon Stiffler, Treasurer Jim Ward and Secretary Sue Bolt.

The Foundation, a complex organization, divides its duties into 11 major committees. The committee chairs are the true leaders of this dynamic board. These include Mike Grace (Panther Project Fund), Doug Pavese, Sue Bolt, and Ann Porrino (Development and Golf Tournament), Mike Daniels (Newsletter), Nadine Smedshammer (Membership and Scholarship), Rosie London and Christine Tonelli (Student of the Month), Jon Stiffler and Karen Petersen (Technology/Website), Mary Schaefer (Finance), Denise Fossi (Crab Feed), and Jacky Schalich and JoAnn MacDonald (Polenta Feed).

Additional board members provide invaluable service, often behind the scenes. These include Donna Peterson and Paulette Gomes, who work the Pandy Line, a vital communication link; Paulette Gomes and Carol Patterson, who process all of the information placed in Donor Perfect; Justin Walling, who plays a major role at all Foundation events; and Matt Metzger, who helps integrate the new board-developed technologies.

The year's achievements are too many to include in this message. Some of the highlights: from SRHS, the great news is, first, the Board of education selected two top, young administrators to head the admin team--Brad Coscarelli (Principal) and Monica Baldenegro (SRHS '95, Vice-Principal). Also, SRHS has been designated as a California Distinguished School and as an Exemplary Career-Technical Education Program (one of just five chosen in California).

The Panther Project Fund Committee this year directed over \$110,000 to SRHS staff and students. Since the Foundation's inception, the total direct contribution to SRHS now exceeds \$1,600,000.

The three annual major Foundation events, the Golf Tournament, Polenta Feed and Crab Feed, were all major successes, both as alumni and fundraising events. The Golf Tournament in September saw about 90 golfers and over 150 for dinner. Entry fees and silent and live auctions

resulted in over \$20,000 for SRHS. The April Polenta Feed was another huge success, with a sellout crowd of 658. Ray Lazzini and his crew did their usual outstanding job of providing high quality food. The event also netted over \$20,000 for SRHS.

The Crab Feed, now into a third year, was another major success. More than 220 attended the first Crab Feed, held in the Druids Hall, and sold out so fast it was moved to a bigger venue, the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Randy Apel, lead chef, served an excellent crab dinner to over 450. Again, the venue was too small for the demand. The third annual event, in January, will have additional elbow room as it is scheduled for the larger Veterans Building.

In November, Mike Daniels, editor of the Foundation Newsletter, was honored by the Santa Rosa City Council with a Merit Award for his production of the outstanding newsletter. For Foundation members, this exceptional publication is a "must read" for its journalistic style, integrity and content. I thank Mike for continuing the newsletter's high standard of journalism.

In May, the Foundation Scholarship Committee granted \$13,200 worth of scholarships to 17 highly qualified seniors at the annual Senior Awards Assembly. These well rounded students are selected by the scholarship committee from a list provided by SRHS counselors.

On May 2, the Foundation held its annual Student of the Month dinner at the Druids Hall. All of the students chosen during the school year and their recommending teachers were invited. Nearly 240 students and family members attended, the largest number in the long history of this special event.

Recently, the Foundation proudly announced its ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS campaign intended to raise \$1,000,000 in permanent endowment funds that will benefit SRHS students and programs. The campaign, led by Ann Porrino '61, has developed many ways to donate. All Foundation members and friends of SRHS are invited to participate. The goal is for one thousand donors each to contribute \$1000 or more in support. From the earnings of this permanent fund, the Foundation's board will be able for many years to approve funding requests. More details will be provided in the next Donor Issue.

Membership this year maintained its more than 1300 numbers, a somewhat misleading figure since alumni spouses are not required to buy a separate membership. Nevertheless, at a \$25 yearly fee, Foundation membership is a good bargain. And, 138 of those members have opted to buy lifetime memberships for \$500 each.

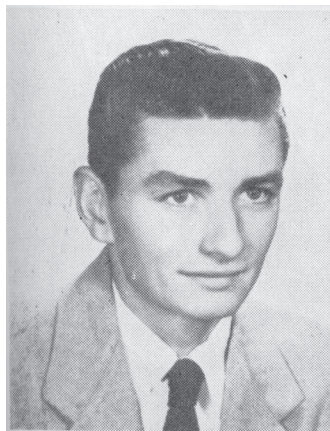
Tony Negri  
President  
2011-2012

grandkids.

Pat's father *continued from page 1* - operated Brodie displays on Roseland Avenue, and Santa Rosans of an age can remember him stringing the downtown streets with Christmas decorations each year. She attended Roseland School until she came to SRHS as a freshman. Barry went to Luther Burbank Elementary on South A and then the old junior high on Humboldt before enrolling at SRHS.

Like many others, both Barry and Pat held a variety of part-time jobs to pay for school clothes and the stuff important to 50s teenagers. She worked at the Kress department store and picked prunes—"the worst job!" Among Barry's more interesting employments was one delivering telegrams at the annual Bohemian Club encampment in the woods near Monte Rio. "I bicycled all over that canyon," he said and remembered seeing former President Herbert Hoover, one of the more significant of the bohos.

Automobiles were becoming a national priority for teens in the 50s as they provided the mobility and independence kids were seeking. Barry's first car was a 1928 Franklin limousine—"it was all I could afford." After cutting off the top on the big, square limo, he entered it in the Rose Parade and filled it with friends and a bathtub. "We won first prize in the comedy category," he added.



Barry Jewett

1953 Echo

18 days—one for each person in the car!

During his senior year Barry was witness to perhaps the most tragic event ever to occur on the SRHS campus. That was the accidental explosion of a gas tank by an acetylene touch in the auto shop. Senior Paul Dutcher burned to death in the accident. Barry drove junior Dennis Rehe, who was also burned, to the General Hospital on A Street. Thankfully, Rehe survived his injuries.

After Barry and Pat married, he attended Chico State College. After earning his degree, they returned to Santa Rosa where he went to work for Royal Crown Cola at the corner of West College and Cleveland avenues.

Some time later he left RC Cola and developed a mineral water company that produced the A' Sante brand. "We were the first to offer flavors," Barry noted as he told of the company's success. In the mid-80s Anheuser-Busch bought the company, and Barry was able to retire.

The combination of an orange and black car, old football gear and a yell leader sweater resulted in the unfolding of a story that may well typify early 1950s SRHS.

Once, driving the topless car onto campus, Barry was ticketed by the police department's motorcycle cop for having too many people aboard. "There were 18," he said. In a required court appearance, the judge suspended Barry's driver's license for

18 days—one for each person in the car!



Pat Brodie Jewett

1953 Echo

- continued from page 1 - of the Ann Woodhead Modern Dance Company.

While still at SRHS, Shannon participated in the play "Strider, the Story of a Horse" at SSU, which was chosen to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. "That was a real thrill," remembers Shannon.

Moving into adulthood, Shannon married and had a son, Daniel, who is now a junior at his mom's alma mater. "When I went to freshman open house I was so proud of being a SRHS alum. I loved my days at SRHS and Daniel does, too."

Shannon's second husband, Paul Urquart, is the drummer in both of her bands and according to Shannon, one of her constant supporters. The others are Daniel and Cameron, 10. She says she and Paul met when she played as a backup singer in a local band. "There is an unofficial rule that band members don't date each other. Our friendship developed over time and because of our mutual interests. We've been married for 11 years now."

While Shannon concentrated on working and singing, then forming her own bands—the Shan-



Shannon (Johansen) Rider '87

photo laubephoto.com

non Rider Band began a decade ago playing at fairs, music halls and concerts, and Miss Kitty and the Big Dogs a l m o s t

five years ago—she hadn't acted since college.

How she got back into the theatre is an interesting story. "Several years ago Ms. Craven tracked me down. She was directing a local theater production of "Patsy Kline," and the star, Mary Gannon Graham was ill. She asked if I would fill in for the weekend performances. I had two days to learn 27 Patsy Kline songs, the scenes and monologues. I had a script and video of the play that I watched over and over again. Somehow, I made it."

Shannon has been going from one local production to another ever since, sandwiched in between her band practices and performances...and oh yes, the rest of her life. More about Shannon Rider and her local performances can be found on her Facebook page.

# Letters to the Editor

Editor:

As a “friend” of the Foundation, I really enjoy reading about your activities and the activities of many (people) whom I remember from my teaching days at Santa Rosa and Herbert Slater Junior High Schools.

I do, however, want to clear up a bit about when SRHS became a three-year high school for a time until the school board returned to a two-year model and renamed junior high schools as middle schools. (See “Remember When: 1951,” Spring 2011) Actually, Santa Rosa Junior High and Fremont Elementary (then on College Avenue) swapped campuses with the start of the school year in September 1950. Until that time, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended school on Humboldt Street (in the Annex built in 1912—ed.) with Larry Cook as principal, Orb Fortier as boys’ vice principal and Esther Serel as girls’ vice principal. In September 1951 newly promoted 9<sup>th</sup> graders from SRJHS moved as sophomores to SRHS.

Sincerely,  
Robert “Bob” Zeni  
Founding Faculty  
SRJHS 1950

*Ed. Note: The Foundation recently received the following addressed to Rick Blaine, author of “Remember When: 1951.” Rick wrote “Remember When: 1962” in April, 2002. You can find it on the Foundation website [www.srhhsf.org](http://www.srhhsf.org). Click on “History.”*

Dear Mr. Blaine,

I’m not as old as you are, but I remember some of the things of which you write. I hope you can answer a couple of questions for me:

1. Was Zesto’s around in 1951? That was one of my most favorite places to get a vanilla frosty cone.
2. Was Mr. Chris Zeek (also) in your class? He seems like he was in every class.

Thank you for your fun stories. I hope you write one about 1962. That was a fun year. I don’t know why. But it was.

Sincerely,  
John Bribiescas  
(former resident of Malano Court, by the JC)



Editor:

I want to thank Mr. Negri and Mr. Daniels for the Class of ’86 tour on May 21. They are great ambassadors for the school and the Foundation.

My daughter just finished her freshman year at SRHS. She played volleyball and made second team all league. I noticed in the SRHS gym the wooden plaque that displays the names of the basketball players. I believe the names do not change during the year. When we travel to gyms in the NBL and SCL, these plaques are present, but they are seasonal with the volleyball players’ names and numbers during that season.

I think it would be great to see SRHS girls recognized for their efforts in sports. I believe it would also be a big morale boost for them. I’m aware SRHS is in the process of hiring a volleyball coach so maybe this can start a new tradition. I don’t know to whom to address this request, but I know SRHS has a great woodshop program. Maybe they could help out.

Thanks again for the great tour and thanks for listening.

Sincerely,  
Eric Miller ‘86  
SRHS Foundation Member



## SAVE THE DATE

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION  
CRAB FEED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012  
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

SONOMA COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL

## 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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## 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 SRHS graduates including about family, work and what they have been doing since high school.

Submissions of photos, with identification, 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 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

### NEXT DEADLINE:

October 1, 2011 for the  
November, 2011 mailing



## Giving Through the SRHS Foundation

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

A wide variety of gifts are accepted including:

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

For further information, please contact Doug Pavese, SRHS Foundation, P.O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406, or call Doug at 707-538-3167.

Please speak with your tax advisor regarding your charitable contribution.

### In Memoriam

Anna Silvestri Rich	1934
Ann Babbini Galeazzi	1941
Alvin Jensen	1947
Alden "Frenchie" Petersen	1951
Gloria Gallo McDrew	1958
Jim Zimmerman	1969
Peter Carrio	1971
Kathy Walker Carson	1972
Donald Koalis	1972
Michael Nazaroff	1980
David Williams	1984
Steve Gutsch	1986
Caleb Wilson	1994

## McGill new roundball coach

by Mike Grace '65

The SRHS athletic community proudly announces that John McGill '83 was selected as varsity basketball coach. The third of four generations of SRHS graduates, John brings with him a deep love of SRHS and a real passion for the game.

John played basketball as a student, as did his dad, also John, and his uncle Dennis. John has also coached age group and high school ball. Last season he coached the junior varsity and took over the varsity when the coach stepped down mid-season.

Currently, John is busy coaching in the summer league season and raising money for new uniforms. The Foundation made a sizeable donation to help, and John is selling advertising space in the gym as fundraising.



Coach McGill

When asked about his coaching philosophy, John stated that his approach focuses on grades and developing young men. He stressed team unity and defense. He added that

his love for SRHS and admiration of teachers, administration, other coaches and the school's rich history motivate him and his players. He quoted "Once a Panther, Always . . ." Sounds like an SRHS kind of guy.



## Reunions: Details, Dates and Announcements

Go to the Foundation website for more information: [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) and click on "Reunion Details."

### 1976 CLASS REUNION - 35<sup>TH</sup>

August 12 Golf Tournament 9:30 am Oakmont  
No Host Social 5:30-8:30 pm  
Flamingo Hotel

August 13 Walk and Talk 10-12 pm Courthouse Square

Ice Cream Social 12-1 pm SRHS  
SRHS Tour 1-2:30 pm  
Dinner and Dancing 6-12 pm  
Flamingo Hotel

Information: Lee Miller 916-835-9888 or  
[leewmiller@gmail.com](mailto:leewmiller@gmail.com)  
Leslie Pringle 707-575-0833 or  
[ralroads@yahoo.com](mailto:ralroads@yahoo.com)

### 1951 CLASS REUNION - 60<sup>TH</sup>

August 19 Negri's restaurant, Occidental  
August 20 BBQ, DeMeo Ranch

Information: Carol Underhill 707-894-9416

### 1981 CLASS REUNION - 30<sup>TH</sup>

August 20 Flamingo Hotel

Information: [www.santarosahighclassof81.com](http://www.santarosahighclassof81.com)

### 1956-1957 COMBINED CLASS REUNION

September 23 Grad Night Flamingo Hotel 5 pm - ?  
September 24 Dinner and Dancing  
Flamingo Hotel 6 pm - 12 am

Information: JoAnn Hembree MacDonald  
707-546-6185  
[SRHS1956reunion@aol.com](mailto:SRHS1956reunion@aol.com)  
Jacky Cooper Schalich  
707-546-4631  
[Jaclyyn1@yahoo.com](mailto:Jaclyyn1@yahoo.com)

### 2001 CLASS REUNION - 10<sup>TH</sup>

October 29 11 am Tour SRHS  
October 29 6 pm Flamingo Hotel  
Other Activities TBA

Information: [www.srhs2001.com](http://www.srhs2001.com)  
[santa.rosa.high.2001@gmail.com](mailto:santa.rosa.high.2001@gmail.com)

## We've moved!

The Foundation has a new address. Please write to us at PO 11006. That's in Santa Rosa of course. The zip code also has changed. It's now 95406-1006.

## Polenta Feed succeeds again!

by Jacky Cooper Schalich '57 and JoAnn Hembree MacDonald '56

In early April, 665 Panther alums and friends gathered in the Vets' Memorial for a wonderful time celebrating SRHS and remembering friendships, good times, teachers, staff and even lessons.

The delicious polenta dinner was again lovingly prepared by Ray Lazzini and Randy Apel. They were assisted by Elmo Rossi, Ron Fertita, Bill Ward, Tom Timko, Jim Armstrong, Bill Occhipinti, Jerry Deghi, Craig and Linda Kay, Phil and Chris Bertoli, Mike Dolce, Dan Rummer, Steve Lazzini and Jeff Bertoli. Mark Lazzini and Kaye Castro took care of the cleanup and the dishes.

The one and a half hours for gathering and gabbing didn't seem to be enough time before dinner was served. Next year a large bell will announce "Dinner is Ready." As the salad was passed, grads of the 30s were honored. They included Olga Wilson and George Connors '36, Julia Bussman and Pete Cambra '37, and Lenore Falco '39.

SRHS students served the excellent dinner. Their skills were very welcome. After dinner, baskets were passed and enough money was collected to give each young Panther a significant gratuity. These students enjoyed their time and were amazed to learn that "Once a Panther, Always a Panther" is so true!

Proceeds from the evening's fundraising raffle and auction resulted in \$22,362 that will benefit SRHS students and programs. Ben Grace and Mark Davis of Robert Mather Gibbs Company donated table wine; Clover Stornetta provided butter and sherbet; William Harrison Winery and Richard Kunde each gave a case of wine for the auction; and Round Table Pizza fed the students.

The following Foundation Board members made generous donations to the raffle: Chris Zeek, Ann Porriño, Carol Patterson, Karen Petersen, Denise Fossi, Tony Negri, Nadine Smedshammer, Sue Bolt, JoAnn MacDonald, Jacky Schalich and the Chapel of the Roses Daniels family.

The SRHS horticulture class, instructed by Lisa Piehl made the flower arrangements, and the special education class sold SRHS logo apparel. These students and their instructors, Ron Reichmuth and Monet Bell, operate Pandy's Marketplace and will return to next year's Polenta Feed.

The Foundation Board cannot thank its members and friends enough for their support and interest in the Polenta Feed. The board is very grateful and promises another wonderful evening next year in April. Thank you, thank you!

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

The SRHS Foundation will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 9, 2011. All graduates,



friends and supporters of SRHS are invited to play in this fun fundraising event. Female golfers are encouraged to participate. Please see the registration form in this newsletter for more information. Following golf is the awards dinner and silent and live auction.

Non-golfers and non-golfing spouses are encouraged to join the dinner and enjoy the evening.

Sponsorships are also available! If you, your company, class or organization would like to be a Tee Sponsor, the cost is only \$125. A large sign placed on a tee box will recognize your sponsorship as well as a listing in the program materials and additional acknowledgment in the Annual Donor Newsletter. For further information, please Doug Pavese at 538-3167.

### Panther Project Fund Grants 2010-11 School Year April – June

Debate Club – conference	\$2,000.00
Administration – sign	963.60
Science – field trips	311.00
Social Science – magazine subscription	341.72
Science – chemistry supplies	4,100.00
Girls Soccer – uniforms	1,500.00
Mathematics – algebra kits	1,825.00
Agriculture – Rose Parade float	500.00
Auditorium – digital projector	3,843.84
Digital Arts – memory cards	335.87
Administration – plaque	1,230.85
Senior Awards – flowers	200.00
Cisco Networking – conference	1,299.40
Climate Club – tree project	1,123.00
Administration – freshman orientation	300.00
French – supplementary materials	517.49
Athletics – basketball sign	400.00
Athletics – uniforms	400.00

**Year to date \$80, 413.07**

It's a joy for those of us who work behind the scenes for the Foundation to see that we again have a considerable number of new members. Their membership helps make it possible to support the programs and staff at SRHS as well as to publish this newsletter five times a year and keep you informed with alumni news and how your money helps SRHS. Together we are investing in our community and staying connected to our past.

Here's the good news, the Foundation welcomed 17 new members and received 99 membership renewals since the last newsletter. Contributions and memorial gifts this period total \$6,913. The following generous members and friends contributed over and above their membership fees:

Diane Allen '64	Jean Jensen '50	M. Candace Roney '66
Henry Bisordi '61	Diane Kuykendall '61	Henry Schukler '46
Julia Bussman '37	Susan Lewek '75	David and Susan Smith '70/'71
Allene Cornolo '55	Ronald Lindley '61	Suzanne Smith '65
Dennis Escola '58	Martha Maxwell '57	James Streeter '76
LaDell Escola '53	Thomas Moore '54	Elaine Thompson '58
Tom Farrell '44	Frances Perry '43	Phillip Trowbridge '51
Coy Gore '55	Pat Pickering '49	Robert Tuttle '40
Aubrey and Sheryl Gray Staff	Ed Pisenti '55	United Way Friends
Steve Hart '68	Charles Proses '50	Don and Denise Ziskin Friends
Georgia Hogle '52	Lois Roberts '57	

ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS: Tony and Sue Negri, Retired Staff; JoAnn MacDonald, Class of '56; Peter and Jane Schmidt, Class of '61; Tom Unthank, Class of '78; Dan Kelly, Class of '59; Bobby Yates, Class of '61; Larry Weese, Class of '64; Cathy Krause Gobbi, Class of '55; Gail Rocco Dutton Peterson, Class of '62; and Connie Williams Codding, Class of '52.

If you have friends who are interested in joining the Foundation or making a contribution, encourage them to do so by using the form in this newsletter or by going online at [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org). Any concerns or questions you have about your membership or contributions, should be directed to Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer, at 707-544-3158, or [nsmeds@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nsmeds@sbcglobal.net).

## **Students of the month dinner in May**

by Rosie Clarke London '65

In early May the SRHS Foundation held its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Student of the Month Awards Dinner at the Druids Hall in Santa Rosa. With the help of cooks Elmo Rossi, Jim Uboldi and Ray Lazzini, the Foundation put on a great pasta dinner to honor students, their families and nominating teachers.

Twenty years ago, the Foundation held its first Student of the Month Dinner in the SRHS cafeteria. Back then, Frank Stefani, grandfather of Foundation Board member Christine Tonelli '88, prepared and served the initial dinner. He continued his culinary efforts until 2003, as he established the now traditional year-end ceremony.

Each month during the school year, the SRHS faculty nominates outstanding students to be honored during a luncheon at Chevy's restaurant in Railroad Square. On average, the Foundation honors eight students each month during the school year. This past year a total of 48 outstanding students were recognized for their achievements. They all have demonstrated Panther spirit as they set high goals for themselves and were productive and helpful in their classes.

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for 2010-11!



## ***Memorial & Special Contributions***

### ***The Bruce Barclay Memorial***

David Soldate '69

### ***The Barbara Basch Memorial***

Richard and Marilyn Hunter '49/'52

### ***The Hilma Bower Memorial***

Benita Jones Friend

### ***The Gene Gianoli Memorial***

Jim and Lisa Fitzpatrick '69

### ***The Gerald Gleason Memorial***

Bob and Joan Dickerson '45

Frank and Mary Duyanovich Friends

Virginia Gowans '45

Sharon Hawes Friend

Martha Keegan '47

Marie Laskelle '47

James Murakami Friend

Bill Ronchelli '45

Joe Schalich '46

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## **Foundation looks ahead**

Over 50 very capable people have served as directors of the SRHS Foundation in the 23 years of its existence. All of them have contributed to the value of the organization.

Some have served on the board since the beginning, some have resigned because of the demands of other commitments, some have moved away and others have left for a variety of reasons. Always, other competent folks have come forward to fill an opening and make their own contributions.

Currently, however, the Foundation is considering future board personnel needs in two areas: technology and media.

The more immediate need of the two concerns the Foundation web site, which is currently undergoing a revamping. An individual with web experience is needed to help with development and monitoring.

The second need concerns the newsletter. Someone with writing and editing skills will be needed in the future to supply content and to ensure submissions meet the requirements of the newsletter's style sheet. Five editions are printed each year.

Both unpaid, volunteer positions involve participation in decision and discussion at monthly meetings during the school year and help as needed during fundraising activities. The reward, of course, is the knowledge that a significant contribution will be made to the Foundation and to SRHS and its students.

If you or someone you know has interest and willingness in either area, contact Mike Grace at 528-6026 or [mgrace@sonic.net](mailto:mgrace@sonic.net) or Tony Negri at 570-2164 or [asnagri72yahoo.com](mailto:asnagri72yahoo.com).

## SRHS earns state-wide recognition

What SRHS alums already knew was made official in April when California State Superintendent of Public Education Tom Torlakson announced that Santa Rosa's oldest public high school would receive both the prestigious award of California Distinguished School and the Exemplary Career Technical Education Program Award.

At the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education meeting at the end of May, Director Bill Carle opened the proceedings by acknowledging those SRHS achievements.

These awards, Carle noted, did not come easily. Though well qualified, SRHS saw its initial application returned because one category out of 23 disqualified it. The graduation rate was not acceptable because 23 English language learning students were labeled as "dropping out." Carle said that rejection motivated the faculty and staff to become "private detectives" to discover the accuracy of that claim.

Headed by principal's secretary Marlene Callen, the combination of old-fashioned legwork and current technology combined to ferret out the status of those 23 students. Some were found actually to have graduated, some had transferred to other schools and some foreign exchange students should not have been labeled as non-graduates. Carle said further that because of faculty and staff dedication, hard work and vision, state-wide recognition resulted.

Justifiably proud, Principal Brad Coscarelli accepted the board's recognition and asked the faculty, staff and students at the meeting to step forward and participate.

Earlier, upon learning of the award, the principal said, "These prestigious honors are a testimony not only to the hard work of students, faculty, staff and administration but also to the support of parents, the Foundation and our boosters."

Just 96 California public middle and high schools were selected as distinguished schools in addition to SRHS, and only four others earned the career tech award. To achieve these awards, SRHS demonstrated a narrowing of the achievement gap between high and low performing students and showed annual progress on the Academic Performance Index (API) accountability model.

As example of the high level of academic performance at SRHS, 18 students this year met the requirements to enter the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are among the 50,000 highest-scoring of some 1.5 million program entrants nation-wide.

Additionally, for the third year in a row, the SRHS Cisco Networking Academy students earned the gold medal in the California Skills USA competition in San Diego. They competed against other California high schools in welding, crime scene investigations and internet networking.



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One Thousand Panthers is a fundraising campaign to raise \$1,000,000 in permanent endowment funds that will benefit students and programs at SRHS for years to come. The goal of the campaign is to encourage 1000 SRHS alumni, parents, faculty and other SRHS supporters to contribute \$1,000 or more in support of the endowment fund. Gifts to the Fund are tax deductible as the Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation and the tax ID # is 68-0195375. Checks can be made out to SRHS Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406. If you have questions, please e-mail [donations@srhsf.org](mailto:donations@srhsf.org) or call the Pandy Line at 707-571-7747.



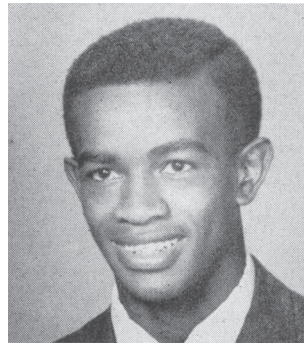
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Tours of the SRHS campus as part of class reunions have become popular for the gathering of classmates. Conducted by board members and retired faculty Tony Negri and Mike Daniels, seven classes will have visited the campus this year and seen the changes that have taken place since they graduated. The groups always enjoy the tour and remark how things are not the same since they graduated and praise the beauty of the SRHS campus and buildings. Some alums even comment that the gorgeous DeSoto Building almost makes them wish they were still in high school--almost. This year, the classes of '61, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '01 and the combo of '56 and '57 have scheduled tours. The Foundation is eager to help with a campus BBQ as a part of a tour. If your class is interested, it's not too early to book! Call the Pandý Line . . . Last fall SRHS social science instructor **Art Horner** and his students decided to undertake a letter writing campaign to convince President Barack Obama to attend SRHS commencement exercises in

May. They composed some provocative content regarding the very special school that is SRHS—its diverse student population, its quality faculty, administration and staff, its excellent academic classes, its special programs and its many extra-curricular activities. Their efforts failed. The president went to

a high school in Memphis, Tennessee instead. But, while they received form letters in reply, they gained wonderful experience in a group effort and awareness that even the president will respond to letters . . . **Bettye Kerby Lund '74**, president of the SRHS Ag Boosters, indicated that Vintage Panther Chardonnay will again be released this year, at the annual SRHS Farm Open House

on Alba Lane in October. The grapes are grown there . . . **Corrine Michie Kingsbury '48** now lives in Roseville after secretarial work at Sonoma Valley High School and after selling real estate in the Sonoma area. She and her husband have 3 kids, 8 grandkids and 4 great-grandkids. They spend time at Donner Lake . . . After SRJC and UC Berkeley, **Ben Smith '54** had a lengthy career with the US Forest Service, notably in the Stanislaus National Forest, and was headquartered in Sonora. Now retired, he lives in the Columbia area. He has 3 sons, 2 stepdaughters and 7 grandchildren . . . Remember radio station KJAX in Santa Rosa?



William Gray

1955 *Echo*

That's one of the places **Marie Griffith Wagner '54** worked after SRHS. She also was employed by AAA and lived in a number of places, including Sacramento, San Diego, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, Eureka, Fremont and two locations in Mexico . . . **William Gray '55** lives in San Francisco. A Certified Public Accountant, he has been a State of California Probate Referee since 1981. After SRJC, UC Berkeley and Cal State Hayward, he worked for Kaiser

Aluminum, owned a bookstore and taught high school in the City and at SRJC and Skyline JC . . . **Augusto Pina '61** served in the US Navy and then had a 41-year banking career. Living in Rohnert Park, he serves on the board of the Pomo Tribe's Dry Creek Rancheria and is the tribal administrator . . .

**Ivan McCord '61** moved to Hawaii in 1967 where he worked for the Caterpillar Tractor Company until he retired in 1996. He then moved to Reno and now is back in Santa Rosa . . . Now in Mill Valley and married to a retired judge, **Veronica**



Veronica Popovich Chariat

1961 *Echo*

**Popovich Chariat '61** was based in New York City and San Francisco during her career as a flight attendant with Pan American Airlines. She has 4 kids and 2 grandkids. She and her husband travel and periodically threaten to take up golf.

*Have some news to share with Pandý? Please email updates and news to Pandý at [mdaniels@sonic.net](mailto:mdaniels@sonic.net) or PO Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.*



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# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf

# Tournament

Friday, September 9, 2011

Oakmont West Golf Course

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

Registration Fee: \$145 per golfer or a special rate of \$110 for Super Seniors (75 years or older) which includes:

- ! Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch with Soft Drinks
- ! 18 Holes of Golf - Four Person Scramble (Men's, Women's and Co-ed Flights)
- ! Awards Dinner and Auction following in the Quail Inn. Guests welcome

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- ! Longest Drive - Men, Women and Seniors (65 and over)
- ! Closest to Pin - Men and Women
- ! Putting Contest

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



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

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

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Please check all appropriate spaces:

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Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

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