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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; to preserve and document the history and traditions of SRHS; to provide financial support to the school; to promote community involvement

Girls' sports: then and now by Mike Daniels '59

When the campus building known today as the North Gym opened in 1929, its athletic use was intended only for boys. The girls had no such facility, but they weren't expected to have an interest in exercise and athletics anyway. It would take over 40 years before the playing field would begin to level for both sexes. Big shifts in attitude and understanding first needed to evolve.

Mildred Turner joined the SRHS faculty in 1923 as the first physical education teacher for girls in the history of the school. A 1914 graduate, Turner would enjoy a lengthy career of 39 years, finally retiring in 1958. During that time, her teaching centered on dance as until 1930 that was the only activity for girls.

There are reasons for that. First, in the patriarchal society of the time, it was a common belief that intense physical activity such as running would irreparably damage female reproductive organs. As a result, girls were limited to more demure physical activities. Posture was also an important part of female physical development. Until the 1920s the female body

often found itself in a corset so that correct posture could be maintained. For years at SRHS a contest was held to determine which girl had the "best" posture. Exercises for "general beautification" were conducted that addressed posture and the "bad effects of

small shoes and stockings."

In 1930 gym facilities for girls were added to the music building, but they paled in comparison to the boys' gym. Just showers and a small locker room were attached to the dance floor.

Also that year, Frances McCanse Ballou, a 1923 alumna, became the second SRHS girls' physical education instructor. Because of her interest in physical activity (She had played golf and other sports.), she expanded the possibilities for girls interested in sports and competition. She introduced a number of games and activities and developed "Play Day" contests with other high schools so that girls could experience competition.

Ballou organized the Girls' Athletic Association (GAA), and the organization fostered the development of many athletic options for girls. Its stated purpose, in the ambiguous language of the time, was "to arouse greater athletic sportsmanship and school spirit among the girls." That first year, 211 girls joined GAA—a sizeable number considering a total student enrollment of less than 1,000.

Ballou organized the first SRHS Play Day in the spring of 1931 and hosted high schools in Geyserville, Petaluma, Sebastopol and Healdsburg. Because of the lack of space and facility, games and activity spilled onto the neighboring SRJC campus.

Over the years GAA and Play Days would grow in size and activities to include Bay Area schools. Competition also expanded to include such activities as swimming, running, tennis, field hockey, volleyball, basketball and many others. In 1937, girls were even introduced to the fundamentals of football.

Block SR grew out of GAA to become the counterpart to the boys' Block S Club. Girls earned points through competition and activity as did the boys, and they became as common a campus sight in their white sweaters as the boys in their black ones.

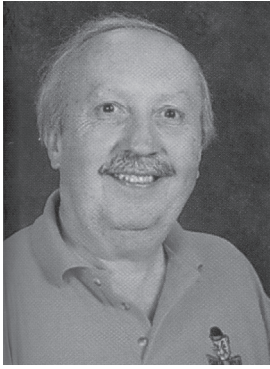
While the induction ceremony into Block SR was far less severe than into Block S, at times it went to lengths to humble the inductee. In 1945, for example,

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President's Message



As I complete my two-year term as Foundation president, I would like to express my gratitude to the Foundation Board, a dedicated group of professionals always involved in the betterment of all things associated with SRHS. It has been an honor to work with them on the projects, activities and fundraisers that are the hallmark of this dedicated group. It has made

the job enjoyable and rewarding. The 21 members of the board never seem to tire as they deal with the Foundation's broad mission statement: fundraising, community involvement, preservation of tradition and history and alumni activities.

I thank my fellow officers for their counsel and support. These include Vice-President Jon Stiffler, Treasurer Jim Ward and Secretary Sue Bolt. Hopefully, the many phone calls and e-mails were not overly irritating.

To the heads of the 12 major committees, I salute you as the true leaders of this dynamic board. These include Mike Grace (Panther Project Fund), Doug Pavese and Sue Bolt (Golf Tournament), Doug Pavese and Ann Porriano (Development), Mike Daniels (Newsletter), Nadine Smedshammer (Membership and Scholarship), Christine Tonelli (Student-of-the-Month), Jon Stiffler (Technology), Mary Schaefer (Finance), Denise Fossi (Crab Feed), Karen Petersen (Website), and Jacky Schalich and JoAnn MacDonald (Polenta Feed).

In addition to the committee leaders, a number of people provide invaluable service, often behind the scenes. These include Donna Peterson and Paulette Gomes, who work the Pandy Line and make all the seating arrangements for the Polenta and Crab Feeds; Paulette Gomes and Carol Patterson, who process all of the funds and information-placed in Donor Perfect; and new board member Ilona Williams, who played a major role at all of the Foundation events this past year.

To continue the tradition of excellence, the Board voted for a new group of dedicated officers for the next two years. They include President Jim Ward, Vice-President Karen Petersen and Treasurer Mary Schaefer.

Tony Negri
President 2010-2012

"Show Off Your Swing" at the 17th Annual SRHS Foundation Golf Tournament

The SRHS Foundation will hold its 17th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 14. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit SRHS sports and academic programs.

All graduates, friends and supporters of SRHS are invited to play in this well attended, fun tournament. The flights are Men's, Coed and Women's. Women's teams are especially encouraged to participate, and a special rate is available for Super Seniors (75 years and over).



l-r: Norma Cooper, Lynn Davis, Darlene Bath, Florine Ellingson

Dinner and action

packed silent and live auction will follow golfing action. Non-golfing SRHS supporters and non-golfing spouses are encouraged to join the post-golf activities, including no-host cocktails at 5 pm.

If you, your class or your company would like to support the tournament as a Tee Sponsor, the cost is only \$150, and you will have a large sign with your requested name placed at one of the holes and recognition in the tournament handouts. For questions about becoming a sponsor or about the tournament in general, please call Doug Pavese at 538-3167. A tournament registration form is enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience.



in the gym after classes (which now had equal shower and locker facilities for both sexes) initiates were fed a “substance of onions, whites of eggs, pickles, mustard, chocolate and pepper.” They were blindfolded, led through an obstacle course, then taken to the senior steps to wash

Physical education continued in this fashion until the late 60s when campus unrest spread throughout the country. While involvement in sports for both boys and girls continued, interest in the social organizations supporting sports did not. Participation in GAA and Block S declined as students pointed outraged fingers at what they saw as outdated and irrelevant. Many other traditional campus organizations and clubs disappeared as new ones—ethnically, politically and physically oriented—supplanted them.

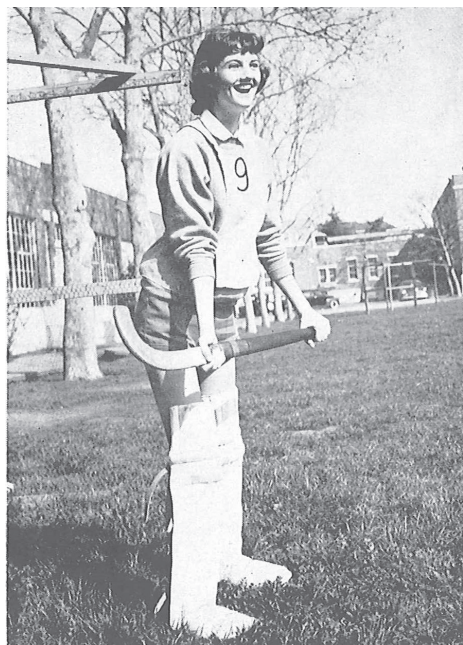


The 1935 GAA Cabinet sits for a formal portrait

photo 1935 *Echo*

them with a toothbrush. They had arrived at school wearing a man’s shirt, a tie, socks and garters, and carrying a pan as a purse.

After the ceremony, the GAA members went to the cafeteria for cake or to Doyle Park for a picnic. The boys, on the other hand, enjoyed a BBQ at the river or dinner at a restaurant, often with featured speakers and a number of guests from the community.



Field Hockey was a big-time sport for girls
photo 1957 *Echo*

The girls may have had equal showers and similar initiations, but other facilities remained lacking. In 1948 Ballou and Ernestine Smith created the new sport of

“shovel and rakeball” to prepare the field between the main building and Burke Hall for grass in order to prevent injuries during play.

In the late 40s limited co-ed games came about. In one basketball game before 700 spectators crammed into the gym, the Pretty Boys beat the All-Star Girls 18-12. In coed noon time baseball games, the girls’ teams had male pitchers and catchers and the boys had females.

But by 1971 not much had really changed for girls in sports. Brenda Pagliari, just out of college, arrived on the SRHS campus ready to make changes. She found herself thwarted at every turn. Girls were not allowed to play in the new gym on the south part of the campus. Softball was played between the main and ag buildings and the girls had to mow the grass themselves. They had one uniform for volleyball, basketball and softball. They held bake sales to raise money to pay for officials. Many times they had to clean the North Gym if boys had used it for a basketball game. Boys didn’t suffer any of these indignities. President Nixon signed Title IX into law in 1972. This legislation mandated that funding for educational and athletic opportunities for the sexes be equalized in the school system. Title IX led to a huge expansion in athletic opportunities for girls at SRHS and proved that sports participation is an important part of curricula and personal growth. It became clear that high school students who play sports—girls and boys--also achieve in the classroom.

Pagliari noted that in 1976 the girls were finally allowed to play and practice in the South Gym and if there was a boys’ tennis team, for example, there must be one for girls. Also, money soon became available for uniforms, officials and buses. Girls teams became a part of the North Bay League and games were scheduled with the other high schools in the league.

The harbinger of change was made obvious when in 1974 Maridee Noonan, Dana Belden and Jill Lightfoot earned a Block S by swimming on the boys’ team and reinforced in 1978 when Teresa Pellegrini earned her block on the boys’ soccer team and was elected president of the Block S Society.

Attitudes toward girls in sports and understanding of their abilities have indeed come a long way at SRHS . . . and a long way toward leveling the playing field.



Merrie Converse, posture trophy winner.

photo 1935 *Echo*

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Thank you, Rick Blaine! Your nostalgic article about life in Santa Rosa and SRHS circa 1947 was terrific. Even though my husband and I graduated after you did, all you wrote about is exactly what we also enjoyed and experienced.

Sincerely,

Jean Bosock Ahr '52

Ed. Note: The Foundation received 16 thank you letters from the SRHS Debate Team for helping to fund its tournament participation. The following reflects the content of all 16.

Dear Foundation Members:

Thank you for funding our tournament! We couldn't have done it without your support. This team would not be possible without your gift. It has made it possible for 30 teens to have a better future toward being a great speaker. The debate team has been a great experience for me, and we are all grateful to you.

Sincerely,

Thomas Pastis '16

Editor

I want to thank the SRHS Foundation for its generous gift of discus and shot put. We have a girl, Georgi Ryan, who set a personal best mark in the shot put at 34' 4 1/2". That makes her the 7th all-time in the shot put at SRHS. She finished 4th in the West Coast Relays seeded event. Georgi is a junior and will be a potential state qualifier next year.

As always, your gifts are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Doug Courtemarche
Head Track and Field Coach

Editor:

Oh la la, merci beaucoup to the Foundation for the 10 copies of *L'Homme Qui Plantait des Arbres* (The Man Who Planted Trees). We now have enough copies for the large class. And thank you for the DVD of Disney's "Lion King" (in French) to replace my worn out VHS copy. We are all hugely grateful for all you do for us.

Sincerely,

Amanda Newlon
French Instructor

Editor:

A million thanks to the Foundation for honoring the "Blanket Boys" at the recent Polenta Feed. We enjoyed the good food, fun and fellowship of the evening. The video is nice also, seeing all the tables and people we may have missed.

It's a lot of work and we want you to know that we appreciate it all.

Sincerely,

Janice '52 and Lorne (Sonny)
Swanets '49

Ed. Note: Charles Johnson, writer of the following, donated a copy of his novel, *Reunion Promise*, to the Authors' Shelf in the SRHS library.

Editor:

I've been meaning to send you a note for a long time. I very much appreciate the Foundation's strong message. The newsletters are well written and carry stories of interest to all SRHS grads. The generous amounts of money given to needy projects at SRHS set this superb public school apart from others. I have tried to get a public school in Maryland to follow the example of the SRHS Foundation but cannot get much interest from parents and alumni. SRHS alumni are clearly a step above others in their willingness to contribute to maintaining their special high school.

Sincerely,

Charles Johnson '61

About the Foundation

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

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

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- 1.) Establish an Unrestricted Fund (in your name or anonymously) with a gift of \$10,000 or more
- 2.) Establish a Restricted Scholarship Fund with a gift of \$10,000 or more
- 3.) Include a Bequest or Planned Gift in your estate plan
- 4.) An unrestricted cash gift of any amount that 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.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

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

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

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

NEXT DEADLINE:

October 1, 2012 for the
November, 2012 mailing



In Memoriam

Doug Campbell	Instructor
Evelyn Page Osten	1941
Lawrence Geiger	1941
Donald Huntington	1946
Joseph Nordyke	1950
Nina Vorobey Arrabit	1951
Richard Faulkner	1958
Janet Grant	1959
Frank Reed	1959
Elsa Conner Walker	1962
Ronald Wareham	1962

Authors' Shelf growing

The Foundation project to gather books written by SRHS alums is proving to be an especially rewarding one. Many authors have stepped forward on their own to donate copies of their writing efforts. Some 24 titles now sit on the shelf with room for more.

So, if you are a published SRHS author, please send the Foundation an autographed copy of your book(s). If you know of a graduate who's published, please tell the Foundation his or her name—and contact information if you have it.

Works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, photography and other genres, either new, old or not so old are welcomed. Authors below are arranged by year of graduation.

Recent additions

Wray, Phoebe Gregory ('52). *Jemma 7729*. Edge Science Fiction and Fantasy. Publishing, Calgary: 2008.

--- "Names." *Backless, Strapless & Slit to the Throat: A Femme Fatale Anthology*. Ed. Betty Dobson. Inkspotter Publishing, Halifax, Nova Scotia: 2008.

--- "Trashing." *No Man's Land*. Ed. Mike McPhail. Howell. Dif Publishing, New Jersey: 2011.

--- "Eden, Early One Morning." *All About Eve*. Ed. Carol Hightshoe. Wolfsinger Publications, Security, Colorado: 2010.

McDrew Rich ('58) and Rachel Haislet. *Mountain Lore: History and Place Names of Mount Diablo*. Mount Diablo Interpretive Association, Walnut Creek, CA: 2011.

Johnson, Nancy Rolph ('61). *Subject: To Change (Composing Myself)*. Lunaeria, Crestline, CA: 2011

--- and Janith Johnson. *The Medicine Cabinet: Words of Wisdom & Wellbeing for Women*. Lunaeria, Crestline, CA: 2009.

Kennish, William ('67). *Golfing for the Emotionally Impaired*. Walrus Productions, Seattle: 1999.

Romano, Frank ('69). *Love and Terror in the Middle East*. World Audience Publishers, New York: 2011.



Authors' Night—part deux

Last year the Foundation hosted a successful discussion between Press Democrat columnist Chris Smith and Scott Gummer '82 and David Vann '85, two successful SRHS author-alums.

This year's free admission event, scheduled for September 26 in the auditorium at 7 pm, will feature author and peace activist Frank Romano '69 in conversation again with Chris Smith, whose services greatly contribute to the success of the event.

A 1969 Panther, Frank attended SRJC and earned his undergraduate degree at UC Davis. His law degree is from Golden Gate University and his PhD is from the University of Paris where today he is Assistant Professor of Anglo-American Literature and Law. He is a member of the Bar in California and in Marseilles.

Frank has co-authored *Storm Over Morocco* and is the author of *Love and Terror in the Middle East*, books that, among other topics, concern his quest for spiritual peace in the Middle East. He actively organizes and participates in interfaith events involving Jews, Muslims and Christians in Israel and Palestine.

You won't want to miss this event! Circle your calendar now!

Editor:

On this last day of classes I am filled with gratitude that I have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful high school. Among many of the unique offerings and qualities of SRHS is its Foundation.

This year I benefited by receiving supplies for the whole science department, among them such field biology supplies as lighted hand-held magnifying glasses and stainless steel calipers for measuring three dimensional irregularly shaped objects. I look forward next year to getting closer and more precise measurements of marine specimens out in the field.

Thank you for your time and energy to ensure that the Foundation continues to enrich the educational experience of SRHS students.

Sincerely,

Elaine Bechler
Biology Instructor

History

by Dave Franzman, social science instructor

Ed. Note: Two years ago, SRHS social science instructor Dave Franzman created a club for student history buffs. It's since quickly established itself as a major player among campus organizations by some major coups. Among these, in History Day competition, the club scored a first place at the county level with a presentation about women's suffrage and followed that with another first place at the state level, winning against 900 other high schools. In June they took their entry, "Revolution, Reaction, Reform," to Washington, DC to compete at the national level. The Foundation was pleased to assist in funding for the trip.

The SRHS team and I had a great learning experience in Washington. The experience was certainly worth the price of admission. I learned a great deal, not the least of which is how to get nine young people across the country and not lose any one of them.

Including teachers, parents and chaperones, around 7,000 people were involved in the national level competition, 2,800 of them students. We competed against 100 exhibits, and while we didn't finish in the top three, we did receive excellent comments from the judges. To touch up the exhibit, the kids added some content that turned out to be a wrong move as the addition exceeded the 500-word limit—serious flaw!

Our accommodations were at the University of Maryland, a school founded in 1807, 67 years before SRHS. Call it beginners' luck, but our dorm with two occupants per room enjoyed air conditioning. Most of the dorms did not have that luxury. In fact, I learned it was the first time since 1996 that California teams enjoyed cool dorm evenings.

Each day the students and I traveled 45 minutes by Metro to DC. One day we were fortunate to be guided on a fantastic tour of the capitol by SRHS alum Jimmie Fremgen '04, who is working as an intern for Senator Robert Hargen of Ohio. We appreciated the fact he took the time to get us into places not normally available to tourists.

We also took in the Holocaust Museum, which definitely affected us all, and we visited many of the memorials, including World War II and the Lincoln Memorial. The most touching was the Vietnam Memorial. One of my students lost a family member in the early part of that conflict. Most poignant, though, was the parent accompanying us who, when she was a high school student, wore a wrist band with a soldier's name on it. Wrist bands were given to students in the 70s in support of the soldiers in the field. The parent did not know what happened to her wrist band

soldier until our visit to the memorial. It was a powerful moment for us all.

The week peaked for us when our exhibit was chosen to represent California at the National Museum of American History where we answered questions asked by the history fans visiting the museum. Our entry was placed in the Kenneth E. Behring Center of the museum, and the kids were honored to have Mr. Behring himself come by and talk about the exhibit. Mr. Behring is one of the biggest sponsors of National History Day.

I am proud of the students, their accomplishments and their role as representatives of SRHS, Sonoma County and California.



ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS

The SRHS Foundation is dedicated to keeping and enhancing Santa Rosa High School as a remarkably diverse school with a variety of academic and extra-curricular programs. The Foundation has the unique opportunity to directly influence the quality of programs through generous donations by its members and the community at large. Indeed, the impact that donors have made over the last 24 years is a significant one.



The arena the Foundation now proposes through its ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS campaign is to guarantee continual giving and assure SRHS of essential financial resources. The goal is to have one thousand donors each contribute at least one thousand dollars or more to create a one million dollar endowment fund. The earnings from this fund will produce thousands of future dollars to be issued to SRHS through the Foundation grants process.



An endowment is a lump sum of capital that is invested, managed and preserved. Only the generated earnings are used to fund requests by the faculty, students and the administration. This method is the avenue to ensure the ability to fund projects well into the future. To date, this program has raised over \$70,000.

The Foundation urges you to join the PARADE of PANTHERS by responding to this request. Send your check today to the SRHS Foundation, P. O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406.

April, May, June, 2012

It's been wonderful serving as membership chair for the past eight years. I will be turning over these responsibilities to the newest board member, Ilona Mayer Williams, Class of '64, at the end of June. It's been great fun and I will continue to have fun by remaining the Scholarship Chair and by being part of several other committees that work for you to keep the Foundation running smoothly. It's such a privilege to be part of an organization like the Foundation, which serves its members and supports a school like SRHS.

The good news to share with all of you is that the Foundation continues to grow by welcoming 13 new members and receiving 38 membership renewals since the last newsletter. Contributions and memorial gifts this period are \$1,544. Thanks to all of you who include the Foundation in your gift giving.

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

Agilent Technologies Friends	Jane Gorrell '44	Al and Sharon Pisenti '41
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SPECIAL THANKS to the Santa Rosa Champions (You remember the Champions!) for their generous donation.

LIFETIME MEMBERS: We welcome new Lifetime Memberships to William and Cynthia Gallaher from the classes of 1969 and 1970.

If you have friends who are interested in joining the Foundation, encourage them to do so by using the form available in this newsletter or by going on-line at www.srhsf.org to make contributions and join.

Memorial & Special Contributions

The Nina Arrabit Memorial

Bill Fisher '49
Richard and Marilyn Hunter '49/'52
Peggy Leiser '40
Joe and Jacky Schalich '46/'57
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(Note): If you wish to have your donation acknowledged to the family of the memorial honoree, please include an address for that purpose. Concerns or questions about membership or contributions should be directed to Ilona Williams at 707-568-4157 or lwillie888@sbcglobal.net.



Sound the trumpets!
by Donna Dennes Peterson '67

The SRHS Foundation's entry won second place in the category of "Novelty/Specialty—Nonprofit" in Santa Rosa's 2012 Rose Parade. SRHS social science teacher and Foundation board member Art Horner drove his beautiful 1971 Chevrolet Malibu convertible with Peggy King Leiser '40 in the front seat. Peggy, an active Foundation member, celebrated her 89th birthday the day of the parade.

Also riding in the car were the school mascots, "Vintage Pandy" and "New Pandy." The convertible was followed by the SRHS cheerleaders and the Pep Band, wearing their vintage uniforms. They cheered, sang and played the SRHS Fight Song.



Outgoing Foundation President Tony Negri and incoming President Jim Ward, along with board members Paulette Gomes and Mary Schaefer carried the Foundation banner and waved to the many Panther alumni along the route.

A special thank you to all those who participated in this fabulous and fun-filled event! Let's look forward to next year's parade!

Reunions: Details, Dates and Announcements

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

1952 Class Reunion – 60th

August 24: Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 4-7 pm
Information: call Judy 707 575-8627

August 25: Social 3 to 7 pm
Dinner and Dancing 7-10 pm
Sally Tomatoes in Rohnert Park
Information: SRHS1952@gmail.com
Georgia Tenter Hogle 707 545-7866

1962 Class Reunion – 50th

August 24: No-Host Cocktails 4-6 pm
Cricklewood Restaurant, Santa Rosa

August 25: SRHS Campus Tour 10 am
No-Host Cocktails 5-7 pm
Buffet Dinner
Fountaingrove Inn, Santa Rosa
Information: saraboulware@comcast.net
Sara 707 539-5394 or Bill Clegg 707 996-9651

1967 Class Reunion – 45th

August 11: Grads and Guests Buffet Dinner
Fountain Grove Inn
101 Fountain Grove Parkway, Santa Rosa
\$60 each, \$120 couple
Mail to: Eloise Jamison White
3801 Shadowhill Drive
Santa Rosa CA 95404

Facebook Page: Santa Rosa High School Class of 1967

1972 Class Reunion – 40th

August 17: Social Hour – TBA

August 18: SRHS Campus Tour 11 am
Cocktails 3 – 5 pm
BBQ Dinner 5 pm
Wild Oak Saddle Club, Oakmont
Information: kar4wd@hotmail.com

2002 Class Reunion – 10th

Details to be determined.
Information: SRHSclassof2002@yahoo.com

The Fifty Group is Nifty

By Margaret Mayer Keith '50

The Nifty Fifty Group is made up of 1950 Panthers who have remained friends over the last 62 years. We gather three or four times a year for dinner and for other special occasions.

The group originally got together in January 1979 with Thelma Young Frey, Pat Chalmers Scott and Lorraine Boitano Evert. It now includes Doris Frey Thompson, Dorothy Frey Gemmet, Dorothy Junkeit Cundall, Margaret Mayer Keith, Bob Acquistapace. Recently, Jack Rackerby joined the group. Sadly, we have lost Lorraine Sloan Baier and Barbara Cottrell Hardin.

Along with our spouses, we rotate for potluck dinners, and we've traveled to Lake Tahoe for week-end get-aways. We attend the Foundation Polenta Feed every year and the other special events. In years past, we have played cards and games after dinner, but now we just talk and discuss our aches and pains, and, most of all, we love to reminisce about the "good old" days in Santa Rosa and at SRHS.

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by Pandya

If you are of the age that remembers when the **Campions** precision drill team dominated the state and the nation in the late 50s and early 60s, you'll know that many of the march-

ers then were SRHS Panthers. So, you'll be especially pleased that they made a \$2,700 donation from their treasury to the Foundation. During their 20-

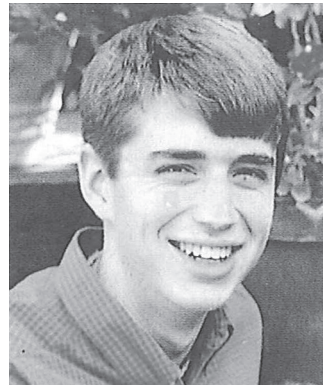


Donna Panizzera Wojtkowski
1959 *Echo*

year career, the **Campions** won 13 state and 5 national championships . . . **Donna Panizzera Wojtkowski '59** made a museum donation of 1956 Christmas and drama productions along with some Santa Rosa Junior High materials that were gratefully received by the now middle school . . . Memories of friends made in high school often last a lifetime, and that's what **Pamela Roberts Lloyd '63** remembers most, along with thoughts of the Pep and Marching Bands, Orchestra, Block SR and GAA. It was "a great deal of fun," she says. Today she's retired but stays active through volunteer work and her church . . . **Lewanna Bloyd**

Archer '60 donated a pristine Block SR sweater that's adorned with the many patches that reflect her athletic prowess back in the day . . . in other donation news, **Meredith Leoni Dreisback '69** brought to campus her pristine cheer-leading outfit that'll soon find its way to display . . .

Michael Smedshammer '83, who teaches English at Modesto Junior College, was awarded an "Exemplary Course Award" for 2012 by the international educational organization Blackboard Catalyst Awards and will be honored in New Orleans in July along with 19 other winners from around the world. The award recognizes the significant value of the online course Michael created. Pretty neat . . . Another Panther is on the cusp of remarkable accomplishment: at the National High School Rodeo Association California State Championships In Bishop, CA **Cierra Hubbard '14** qualified as one of ten high school students to represent California at the Silver State International Rodeo Championship in Winnemucca, NV in July . . . Competing for a spot on the US Olympic team, **Molly Hannis '11** was scheduled to swim the 100 and



Silas Stafford
2004 *Echo*

200-meter breast stroke at the trials in Omaha. She won the 100-meter breaststroke for the U. of Tennessee at the Southeastern championships . . . Track and cross country runner **Silas**



Coach Doug Courtemarche
2001 *Echo*

Stafford '04 has already qualified for the US Olympic team but not as a runner. Having taken up rowing at UCLA and Stanford, he'll compete in that sport at the 2012 Olympics in London. In his senior year, running for the Panthers under long-time track and field and cross country coach **Doug Courtemarche**, Silas was named to the All-Empire First Team in cross country . . . Also in track and field competition, **Morgan Bertsch '14** was a medal winner at the State Meet in the high jump . . . Not to be outdone, the **SRHS FFA Chapter** had a number of winners: nine State Degrees, eight Regional, two North Coast Regional Officers, a STAR Administrator and a STAR Reporter . . . **Gabriel Kahane '99** debuted as a composer and performer last March at the prestigious Carnegie Hall . . . Every summer **Steve Ledson '70** hosts a reunion at his Ledson Winery on Highway 12 for the classes of 1934-39. He does so to honor the memory of his father **Noble Ledson '35**,

who was a member of FFA championship judging teams and played a large role in area agriculture. At the recent big gathering, coordinated by **George Connors '34**, two of the grayer Panthers, 99-year-olds **Nello Bassignani '31** and **Eva Ryder Fwel '30**, joined in the festivities. Cue big applause for these Panthers!



Noble Ledson
1935 *Echo*





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