# SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER Vol. 24 Issue 2

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

## **Teachers go to war** by Steve Hart '68

World War II changed Santa Rosa High School, just as it changed Sonoma County.

Teachers left their classrooms for the battlefields in Europe and the Pacific. SRHS joined the war effort, offering first aid training for students and adults. Wood shop students built boxes for emergency supplies and the school auto shop held car repair classes for women whose husbands had gone off to fight.

Students began learning about aviation, meteorology and radio communications.

Santa Rosa was a busy military flight training center during the war, with an Army airfield north of town (now Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport) and two Navy airfields in Santa Rosa and Cotati.

Several teachers who served in the Army, Navy and Merchant Marine returned to their classrooms after the war, along with a group of war veterans who joined the faculty after 1945. This group made lasting contributions to SRHS and the community.

They included long-time principal Fred Duey, who

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taught Navy aviators in Texas before becoming the SRHS top administrator in 1946. He served as principal until 1970. James King joined the agriculture program in the fall of '46 after three years fighting in France and Germany. He taught at the

high school for 33 years and built an ag program of statewide prominence.

Librarian David Crockett, science teacher James Dardis and English teacher Andy Wallstrum also served before joining the faculty.

Mitchell Soso, hired in 1942 to teach English, history and math, returned to the classroom in 1946 after four years in the Army, including two years in occupied Japan. He later became Santa Rosa's superintendent of schools.

Vets returning to the faculty included social science teacher Dave Condit, math teacher Robert Newton and physical education instructor Lyle Reynolds, who saw action in the North Pacific at the invasion of Kiska and Attu.

William Barclay was an Army sergeant who was wounded at the Battle of the Bulge. He was SRHS choral director from 1952-65.

Women faculty did their part. Girls dean Grace Rothert taught chemistry for the Army. French teacher Ruth Parle wrote propaganda for the U.S. Treasury during the war, and history teacher Elizabeth Hunter joined the faculty after working as a typist for the Navy at Mare Island.

Perhaps the most decorated World War II vet on the SRHS faculty was Douglas Campbell, hired in 1948 to teach English, civics and journalism. He was awarded the Silver Star, one of the nation's highest honors for valor in combat.

Campbell grew up in Vallejo and was studying at U.C. Berkeley when the U.S. entered World War II. A member of ROTC at Cal, he soon enlisted in the Army and was sent to officer training school in England. Campbell volunteered for the Army Rangers, an elite unit that saw fierce fighting in Europe and the Pacific.

He was a first lieutenant when he landed in France shortly after D-Day in mid-1944. He took part in the battle for Brest, a French seaport that had been heavily fortified by the Germans. The Allies badly needed to capture the port on Brittany's *Continued on page 3* 

## **President's Message**

Happy New Year from the SRHS Foundation! This coming year will offer activities that will make you proud to be a member.

First is the fourth annual Crab Feed held on January 19 at the Vets' Memorial in Santa Rosa. This year the Panther Cheerleaders came and led the silent auction, the proceeds of which will benefit their activities.



The Polenta Feed on April 26 and the Golf Tournament on September 13 are the other Foundation major fundraising events. Taking a look at the Foundation web site is a convenient way to stay informed about Foundation activities.

The academic year to date, the Panther Project Fund (PPF) has contributed over \$40,000 to requests made by SRHS faculty and administration. Requests included educational field trips, improvements to the dance floor and classroom technology. The most recent funding is for a campus-wide poetry contest organized by Will Lyon and Jessica Dennis of the English department. Interest in this annual event is increasing to the point it will be held in the evening in order to seat student and community spectators.

Because of inquiries I've received, I'd like to offer explanation of the structure of the Foundation. It was formed 25 years ago as a 501 c (3) non-profit organization and is chartered with the State of California. The mission of the Foundation is to preserve and document the history and traditions of SRHS, to provide financial support for SRHS and its programs and to promote community involvement in SRHS activities.

The volunteer and unpaid board of directors currently has 23 members with two open seats. The directors operate 12 committees that meet on a regular basis to maintain Foundation operation and its activities.

The board is excited to welcome its newest members, Dan Bribiescas and Sylvia Strong. Dan graduated in 1987, coached the soccer team for years and his daughter is currently a SRHS student. Sylvia graduated in 1962 and is a retired escrow officer Both bring enthusiasm and needed skills to the board.

Jim Ward '62 President 2012-2014

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## **Annual pre-holiday lunch held**

The annual "gathering of guys" on the Friday before Christmas happened again this year at the Villa in Santa Rosa. Some 47 male SRHS alumni met for lunch to reminisce, gossip and talk guy talk.

Organized this year by Mike Grace '65 and Jim Peterson '62, the affair's original purpose was to bring together members of the 1961 Panther football team and other football players of the '60s, but its scope has increased over the years to include non-athletes and even graduates of other high schools.

Usually no program is planned, as the time is devoted to conversation and renewal of friendships.

Two prominent attendees this year were Jim Underhill Jr., '52 and Jason Franci, a '61 graduate of Point Arena High School. Underhill retired in 1994 after coaching cross country and track and field at Piner High for almost 30 years. He was honored in September when the football stadium was named after him.

Franci was similarly honored by Montgomery High last fall when the football field was labeled Jason Franci Field. He retired after coaching Viking football for 33 years.

Among other attendees, Rick Mordecai '71, the youngest, had a brief fling with the Green Bay Packers as a linebacker, Larry Steele '68 was a kicker with the Denver Broncos and Pete Magrini '60 pitched for the Boston Red Sox.



# **Reunions: Details, Dates and Announcements**

Go to the Foundation website for more information: www.srshf.org -- click on "SRHS Alumni" and then "Reunions"

### 1963 Class Reunion – 50<sup>th</sup>

August 10, 2013 Fountain Grove Inn, Santa Rosa Information: Jean Cleek Howard cleek072611@hotmail.com

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coast so it could be used to land supplies for their invading troops.

Rangers and members of three infantry divisions met intense resistance from German paratroopers and other enemy soldiers dug into fortifications in the city. The Allies suffered 4,000 casualties in house-to-house combat and artillery barrages during the two-month campaign.

The Germans surrendered the port in September, 1944, and the Allies took 38,000 German prisoners.



Doug Campbell in 1943 photo courtesy Caitlyn Campbell Woodbury

Six months later, Campbell was fighting in Germany in Gen. George Patton's invasion force when he was severely wounded. He spent the next 14 months in Army hospitals.

He later recalled an encounter with Patton. The general, known for his salty speech, was visiting wounded soldiers in a field hospital when he came to Campbell's cot. An aide recited the official report of Campbell's actions in Brittany, for which he'd received the Silver Star.

"Why, you are a goddamn fightin' son-of-a-bitch!" Patton exclaimed.

After the war, Campbell returned to California and finished his studies at Berkeley. He was hired at SRHS and taught there until 1958, when he became chairman of the English department at newly-opened Montgomery High.

Campbell hardly fit the image of a war hero. Mildmannered and scholarly, he was known for his dry wit. He was also a stickler for correct English.

Campbell left teaching in 1963 to become a school district administrator. He was director of Santa Rosa secondary education when he retired in 1981.

He enjoyed a lengthy second career as a copy

editor and reporter at *The Press Democrat*. Campbell started at the paper in 1949, working on Saturdays and during summer breaks. He also wrote columns and book reviews for the newspaper.

As a Ford Foundation fellow and faculty advisor to the SRHS newspaper, *The Santa Rosan*, he visited newspapers across the country, including *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, to study news-gathering methods. Campbell continued on *The Press Democrat* copy desk until 1987, and was considered the paper's resident expert in English grammar and usage.

Campbell didn't talk much about his war experiences, said his daughter, Caitlin Campbell Woodbury (SRHS '72). "To us, he was just Dad," she said. "But I think it shaped him as a person."

The family visited France after he retired and saw the Normandy beach where he'd landed after D-Day.

Campbell was at first reluctant to leave their car and walk to the overlook. When he did, he watched waves rolling onto a peaceful, empty beach. "That's not what it looked like the day I was here," he said.

Campbell died last April at age 90.



Doug Campbell with students in 1980 photo courtesy Caitlyn Campbell Woodbury

## **Letters to the Editor**

Editor:

I enjoyed the article about Robert Ripley (who left SRHS in 1908 before graduating) in the recent Foundation Newsletter. It was correctly reported that he was born in a home on Orchard Street in Santa Rosa in 1890.

I am aware of some other interesting facts about that home that readers may be interested in. The house was also lived in during the 1920's by Thomas Farrell, who graduated from SRHS in 1944. Tom was a well-known local insurance broker and a leader in SR Rotary.

The house was purchased by my parents, Dr. and Mrs. Martin Hutchinson, in the 1950s or 60s. It was sold around 2009.

The front door of the house is now in the Church of One Tree in Santa Rosa, the Ripley museum. Tom Farrell told me that at a Rotary Club meeting. Tom wanted a record of this fact.

I hope this adds a bit of pizzazz and color for SRHS history.

Sincerely,

Bill Hutchinson 1971

#### Editor:

The Robert Ripley story in the fall newsletter interested me because I recall him back in the '40s. I was born on North Beaver Street (called Hardin Lane then), and Mrs. Kuykendahl, the neighbor across the street, apparently had been Ripley's babysitter in his early years. When he visited Santa Rosa, Ripley showed up in a limo to visit with the elderly woman who had helped raise him. All of us neighborhood kids were really impressed to have the celebrity in our midst.

The newsletter says he was born on Orchard Street (one block from Beaver). Is there any chance we could learn the address?

Sincerely,

Ed Pisenti

Ed. Note: The newsletter put Ed and Bill Hutchinson (above) in touch with each other concerning Ed's question.

Editor:

On behalf of the SRHS girls' basketball program, I would like to thank the Foundation for its donation to the teams for the much needed travel bags. The new gear with the SRHS basketball logo will serve the varsity and jv teams well for the upcoming season and beyond. The players and I are very excited about the prospects for the coming season as the program continues to grow and gain recognition from the NBL and the North Coast Section basketball community. The Foundation's continued support of SRHS athletics and programs is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steve Chisholm SRHS Girls' Basketball

Editor:

On behalf of the entire SRHS community, I would like to thank the Foundation for a wonderful Author's Night event. We had approximately 200 students, teachers and community members attend. What a wonderful night! Special thanks to Mike Daniels.

Sincerely,

Brad Coscarelli Principal

Editor:

Thank you to the Foundation for its over-the-top generosity! The money to restore the original plaques and lights is greatly appreciated. We are waiting for one more plaque that the district will install.

The difference is amazing, and I encourage you all to come to campus and take a look.

We at SRHS are so thankful for the Foundation as it provides us with the latest technology, yet still holds dear the buildings and preservation of the fixtures.

Again, thanks for your hard work, dedication and support.

Sincerely,

Marlene Callen Main Office Secretary

## 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
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4.) Give 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.

## **N**EWSLETTER 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 U.S. Postal Service to PO Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 96406-1006 or through e-mail to mdaniels@sonic.net.

NEXT DEADLINE:

April 1, 2013 for the May, 2013 mailing

## In Memoriam

Robert Jackson Julia Turcatti Bussman	Instructor
Milton Cia	1937 1939
Maurice "Red" Shaw	1940
Janice Noonan Putnam	1942
Maxine Bohn Karlson	1947
Richard "Malin" Campbell	1948
Peter Binkley	1949
Rita Gemetti Sweeney	1949
Donald "Bud" Zanolini	1952
Virginia Lundquist	1956
Robert Zanolini	1957
Carol Thomsen Babbini	1965
Thomas Behnke	1978
John Asti	1985
Christopher Decker	1990

## October, November, December 2012

The good news to share with all of you is that the Foundation continues to grow by welcoming 35 new members and receiving 120 membership renewals since the last newsletter. Contributions and memorial gifts this period are \$3,583. 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 Tech Foundation Campaign	Stacy Dunn '86	Craig and Melinda Moeller '72
AT&T United Way/Employee Giving	Peggy Espindola Friend	Joan Parks '76
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**LIFETIME MEMBERS:** We welcome as Lifetime Members: Margaret McMillan '65, Sylvie Anne Moore '65, Maridee Noonan '76, John Bevan '62.

If you have friends who are interested in joining the Foundation, encourage them to do so by using the form in this newsletter or by going on-line at www.srhsf.org to make contributions and join. Please direct concerns or questions about membership to Ilona Mayer Williams at 707 568-4157 or lwillie88@sbcglobal.net.

# Slam some poetry!

Recently, SRHS English teachers Will Lyon and Jessica Dennis approached the Panther Project Fund to finance a campus poetry contest, called a "Poetry Slam."

The committee saw the contest as a way to involve the on-and-off campus community and suggested the teachers allow the Foundation to sponsor the event as it did with last fall's Author's Night.

Both teachers eagerly accepted the offer, and with increased funding they set about planning a larger event than originally conceived.

Scheduled for Thursday January 31, from 7-9 pm, the "Slam," held in conjunction with the national organization Poetry Out Loud, will feature up to 40 young SRHS poets competing for the opportunity to advance to the county level and then state and national. The national winner will receive a \$20,000 scholarship, and the top nine will earn cash prizes.

The SRHS contest will feature live music and guest poet Christina Perez, who will help with judging, as will the Press Democrat's Chris Smith and Kerry Benefield '91 along with two SRHS faculty. Admission is free and the Foundation membership and the SRHS community are especially urged to attend to help support the young SRHS poets.

# Memorial & Special Contributions

<u>The Nina Arrabit Memorial</u> Robert Bailey '45

<u>The Bruce Barclay Memorial</u> Jim Nelson '61

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*<u>The Jebby Cooper Memorial</u>* Bob Cate '57

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<u>The Jean Loustau Memorial</u> Jan and Sue Bolt Friends

<u>The Jack Low Memorial</u> Richard Arrowood '63 Jack Orme '66

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#### The Berta Wiggins Scholarship:

Thomas and Delores Schieberl'53

*The Jessie/Marsha Carney Scholarship:* Norbert and Avis Claeys Friends

Note: If you wish to have your donation acknowledged to the family of the memorial honoree, please include an address for that purpose.

# **Campions march again**

The Campions, the local five-time national champion precision drill team, will again be featured in this year's Rose Parade. But, instead of performing, this time they'll be grand marshals of Santa Rosa's popular annual event.

They're a bit grayer and older now, and the last time they were in the Rose Parade was 1987. That was when 25 of the team reunited, rehearsed to perfection and twice strutted though the route to the acclaim of many parade goers who had never seen them in their glory days.

They marched to honor Ralph Wareham, their long-time drillmaster who was grand marshal that year.

The Campions were an outgrowth of the local Boys' Club, organized in 1944 by Tom Campion, a constable in the sheriff's office.

Marching and practicing helped give the boys the "something constructive" that Campion envisioned. They appeared in parades in the mid-40s as a "junior boys marching team."

When the boys grew too old for the club, many of them did not want to stop marching so a squad was established for them. In 1949 these older guys won first place in a parade in Healdsburg.

Wareham became drillmaster in 1950, and in 1956 team members voted to call themselves "Campions," after the Boys' Club founder.

The Campions, every one of the first generation team a SRHS student, won five national championships and 13 state titles before their steps ended in 1965.

The '57 team, the first national champion, perhaps garnered the most publicity, even at the national level. The competition for that champi-



Campions march to championship in Milwaukee, 1957 photo courtesy Jack Hassett

Pantherettes, a girls' precision drill team at the high school in 1958. They performed at football games and in parades for a number of years.

Some members of the '57 Campions included Bill Fulwider, who became Sonoma County auditor, Dan Hicks of "Hot Licks" musical fame,

Jim Pedgrift, who served on the board of education and the city council, Dick Arrowood, a noted Sonoma County winemaker and Jim Ward, current Foundation President

Through the years, some 200 marchers belonged to the Campions, according to '57 SRHS alum Jack Hassett, who marched from the beginning to the end. Jack today notes the pride with which all Campions view their participation in the group and believes their successful lives are a result of their dedication to precision.

that championship took place in Wisconsin, and the Campions endured a three-day bus ride to get there. They were led by flag girls, sisters Sue and Carol Lukasko. Sue Lukasko, who

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kasko, who graduated from SRHS in 1960, organized the

Tickets are now on sale for the Foundation's Annual Polenta Feed. Scheduled this year for Friday, April 26, 2013, it will again be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building. No-host cocktails will • be available at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 7 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available for members-only purchase until March 1 through the PANDY Line 707 571-7747. Tickets sell out quickly, so be sure to call and order yours today. Foundation members receive first • priority to purchase and they may order up to four tickets. Spouses are considered Foundation mem-

Annual Polenta

The time is here once again!

Feed is near

bers. Leave your name and telephone number on the PANDY Line

and your call will be returned the following day.

After the March 1 date, tickets will be sold on a first-come, firstserved basis to all supporters of SRHS.

Because tickets to this popular event sell so quickly, there will be no waiting list. You are urged to call now.

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"Once a Panther, Always a Panther"

Foundation News

Winter 2013

# Henry and Doris Matteri Agricultural Scholarship Established

by Doug Pavese '58



Denise Matteri-Roberts '70 and Deborah Matteri '74 recently contacted the Foundation to accomplish the wish of their father and mother that, when the final one had passed on, to establish a scholarship at SRHS in their names. The scholarship will be known as the "Henry and Doris Matteri Agricultural Scholarship Fund." An initial \$25,000 has

been delivered to the Foundation and earnings of the fund will annually be awarded to deserving graduating agriculture students.

The criteria for selecting students is their enrollment in an agriculture program at Santa Rosa Junior College after graduation from SRHS. Scholastic standing is not necessarily a requirement, rather, a promising and committed pathway to an agricultural- related career and the student's financial need are more highly considered. Each year, two students will be selected by the agriculture department and the Matteri family will be notified.

The Matteris operated a dairy on the outskirts of Santa Rosa and for four decades farmed the land. At a young age, Henry had a love for dairy farming and picked prunes so that he could purchase his first Jersey bull. Henry graduated from SRHS in 1951 and won top honors as an FFA member. He married his high school sweetheart, Doris Ferrari, Class of 1950, a marriage that lasted until her death in 2004. The couple ran the ranch as a team with a herd of 350 milking cows, numerous heifers and calves with the milk sold to Safeway. In 1978, they were honored as the Sonoma County Fair's "Dairy Family of the Year." Their ranch was subsequently sold in 1988. Both served simultaneously on the board of directors for the Sonoma County Farm Bureau, a group that honored Henry in 2000 as the "Agriculturalist of the Year"

Both Denise and Deborah appreciate the work of the Foundation to fulfill their parent's desires for generations to come while encouraging students to pursue agricultural-related studies and careers.



## ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS



The Foundation thanks these new donations to the SRHS Foundation Permanent Endowment Fund

> Dave Armstrong '58 in memory of two great teachers: Lucy Spaulding and Clare Elmore

Arlene Bush in loving memory of my husband, Robert C. Bush '51

Bob Cate '57

Gloria '40 and Chet '41 Galeazzi

John P. (Jack) Guenza, Jr. in memory of all deceased 1952 grads

> Pat and Larry '62 Hartley Jim and Janice Jordon '66

> > Alana Kelly '78 \*\*\*

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Debbie Jalli Martini '61\*

Dennis '57 and Arlene Hareland '60 Petersen

Gary Rasche '61

Bruce '60 and Sandy Rocco

Jacqueline Hightower Scheibel '54

Christiejo Andersen Sharpe '61

Ted Smith '55 \*

the Stumbaugh Family in memory of Gwin Stumbaugh '48

Virginia Grossi Templeton '63 in memory of Bruno Grossi

Class of 1952

Class of 1962

Please join the Parade of Panthers! Today's students immediately benefit from the Foundation's tireless efforts to improve SRHS.

\* Denotes multiple donations

# **PPF keeps on giving**

The Panther Project Fund is a method through which SRHS faculty and staff can request financing for educational projects. The PPF committee meets every month to hear and weigh requests. Last year PPF administered \$117,000 in grants, all of which supported the educational mission of SRHS thanks to the generosity of Foundation members.

No other local high school can boast of a support program as beneficial to students, faculty and staff as the PPF.

Chaired by Mike Grace '65, PPF meets at Adele's Restaurant in Santa Rosa at 6:30 am the first Friday of the month. Requests

are usually presented in person so the committee can ask questions and get to know the teachers.

Current committee members include Foundation President Jim Ward '62, retired SRHS principal Tony Negri, Doug Pavese '58, Karen Skelgaard Peterson '72, Jon Stiffler '72, Mary Schaefer '76, Nadine Wiggins Smedshammer '59, SRHS principal Brad Coscerelli, and principal's secretary Marlene Callen.

The meeting starts at an early hour, but Foundation members are invited to attend to see the program in action.

Panther Project Fund Grants 2012-13 AcademicYear	
ArtQuestkiln	\$ 1,862.00
Social Sciencebusing (Vietnam Memorial trip)	1,277.45
Agriculture	500.00
Girls Basketball—uniforms	950.00
Science—supplies	890.00
English—computer cables	227.91
Social Science—Elmo projectors	10,290.00
ArtQuest—projector	1,246.99
Industrial Technology	500.00
Social Studies	447.50
Special Education—misc. items	792.06
Total academic year, through December	
A manan	\$41,000.00

# Alumni baseball game on

The third annual SRHS alumni baseball game is scheduled for Saturday, April 20. All former players (recent or not so) are invited to come to the SRHS diamond for a day of great baseball, good friends and food, food, food.

The Panther Baseball Club thanks the Foundation for its tremendous support. The donations and labor have jump started the field improvement program. Everyone is urged to come and see the progress and to help improve the base-

ball program and the facility.

Game day will begin at 10:30 am with batting practice and warm-ups for players and alumni who want to "get a little work in," including taking a few hacks in the new bat-

y d y r, d The Panther baseball team in 1927

photo 1927 Echo

ting tunnel that proceeds from past alumni games have purchased, tak-

ing fly balls or working a session in the bullpen.

The game will feature alumni ballplayers and the 2013 varsity squad. The first pitch will be tossed right after lunch. Food, drinks and snacks will be available at the snack bar for spectators and friends.

The \$10 fee for participating alumni includes lunch. Memberships in the Panther Baseball Club are available for \$25, including lunch. General admission to the game is \$5.

To make a reservation or request more information e-mail Michael Burch at pantherbaseballclub@gmail.com.





#### by Pandy

Musical note: Brian Carmody '92 scored a coup not long ago when he

composed a blend of jazz and classical music for the soundtrack to "Somm," which premiered at the Napa Valley Film Festival in November. The film tells the stories of four sommeliers attempting to pass the Master Sommelier exam, a tough one. Brian earned his doctorate in music at USC . . . In another musical note. **Dave Hamilton '66** 

plays the guitar with

the Sonoma Mountain Band, a fine local bluegrass group. You can find their schedule at www.simplybluegrass.com. Dave also performs solo, often singing

and playing his own compositions. His schedule is on his site www.reverbnation. com/davehamilton1

. . . The big football news last fall was the SRHS gridiron victory over cross-town rival Montgomery High School. It was the first Panther win over the Vikings in the last 22 years! That *is* something to shout about . . . Back in November Doug Pavese '58, one of the eight

Brian Carmody '92 photo 1992 Echo

alums who created the Foundation, was selected to accompany eleven other Viet Nam veterans on a Huey helicopter flight to Sonoma to the traveling ver-

sion of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall. Doug served in the U.S. Navy in Viet Nam from 1964-67. Eighteen members of his squadron were lost in that conflict. David Chase '59 also perished in combat in that Southeast Asian nation as did John Snyder '65. Their names are on the wall along with more than 58,000 others. In a discordant note, SRHS knows who lost their lives in WW II and in Korea but no list is to

be found for the Viet Nam conflict ... Names and their history are vital links to the past, so it is

with some sadness to learn the names of two Santa Rosa schools have disappeared. The John C. Fremont School (also

known as the Fourth Street School). named in honor of

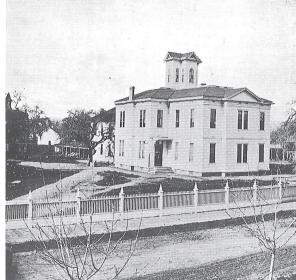
the "Pathfinder of the West," opened in 1874 on Fourth before the school moved to College Avenue and then to Hum-

> boldt. The Santa Rosa

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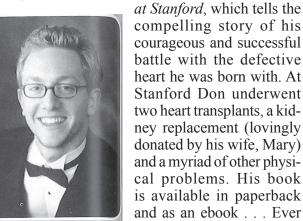
School for the Arts now occupies the site and buildings of the former Fremont School. The second name to disappear is that of Doyle Park Elementary School. It referenced benefactor Frank P. Doyle of Exchange Bank fame. The Santa Rosa French-American Charter School has replaced Doyle . . . Con-

gratulations to Doug Beretta '81, who was recently elected as the president of the Sonoma County Fair Board of Directors. Doug's agricultural family



John C. Fremont School on Fourth Street photo 1932 Echo

has been active in the fair for years and years and years . . . Don Coover '62, former Foundation board member, joins the ranks of SRHS authors with his recently published I Left My Heart



Andrew Golis '02 photo 2002 Echo

compelling story of his courageous and successful battle with the defective heart he was born with. At Stanford Don underwent two heart transplants, a kidney replacement (lovingly donated by his wife, Mary) and a myriad of other physical problems. His book is available in paperback and as an ebook . . . Ever since his graduation from Harvard, Andrew Golis '02 has been on the achievement fast track. His latest? Recently, he was

placed on Forbes' "30 Under 30" list. He is also a senior editor and director of digital media for PBS's "Frontline" documentary series . . . The memory of longtime former math teacher Carl Hegerhorst was honored with a scholarship to be awarded each year at the Healdsburg Farmers Market to students planning to major in college in agricultural studies. Agriculture in the area was near and dear to Hegerhorst, who lived in the Dry Creek Valley.

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Don Coover '62 photo 1962 Echo

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