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*The mission of the Santa Rosa High School Foundation is to serve as a charitable organization to unite Santa Rosa High School alumni, parents, faculty, staff and interested community members in order to provide financial support for SRHS programs and students, and to preserve and document the history and traditions of SRHS.*

## PEP BAND YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

By Don Cambou

For at least 70 years, Santa Rosa High has had a pep band in one incarnation or another. Perhaps you remember the pep band while you were in high school as always being a bit rag tag and a bit irreverent. But if new SRHS music teacher Tim Decker, a 1998 SRHS grad, succeeds in implementing his vision, the pep band will break out of its decades old mold. Let's just hope it keeps its irreverence.

We're not sure when the first SRHS pep band played, but we do know that a faculty member organized the first pep club in the fall of 1951. The club was open to all students, but a "booming voice and a healthy set of lungs" were recommended. The '57-'58 handbook reads, "Attending Santa Rosa High School means more than just reciting in class. It means having pep, enthusiasm, and participating in school activities. All students are asked to know the school songs and yells, in order to back the teams that they are supporting..." Those songs included the current fight song, "Santa Rosa", based on "On Wisconsin", and the totally inappropriate "We Never Stagger" based on Notre Dame's fight song. You may know it. "We never stagger, We never fall, We sober up on, Wood alcohol..." In the early '60s, an enthusiastic young musician named Dan Hicks was a pep band member. He went on to fame first as a member of the psychedelic band The Charlatans, then as the leader of Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks.



SRHS Pep Band '64

## Why Good SRHS Teachers Go Wacky

by Mike Daniels '59

Throughout its 146 year history, SRHS has enjoyed the services and dedication of a number of outstanding teachers. These teachers are remembered for their classroom skills, their knowledge of their respective subjects and, perhaps mostly, for the quirks of their personalities and behavior. Unafraid to break the mold of convention, these teachers found ways to inspire students to absorb their lessons. Students still remember those oddities and those lessons.

One such is English teacher Eugene DeSoto, about whom countless memories settle on his no-nonsense, drill sergeant approach throughout his 51-year career. Known as "Mean Gene, the Grammar Machine," his former students praise him and offer thanks, knowing they achieved far more than they thought they could. But there was a lighter side to the man who called himself "Coacher" and called his students "Coach."

Once, in the midst of a lesson, a baby in the classroom began crying. It was not a human, of course, but a doll, one used in life

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to our Foundation members, alumni, supporters, friends, faculty and staff! Our fiscal year 2019/2020 looks to be an eventful one. With the 24th and last golf tournament behind us, the Board and the former Golf Committee will be discussing an event to replace the tournament and the monies it has raised for the Panther Project Fund.



The Third Annual Show and Shine was a success, funds from this event go directly to the SRHS Museum.

Plans for the 25th annual Polenta Feed are under way, and donations for the live, silent auctions and raffles are coming in. The tickets for this event went on sale January 15th to Foundation Members. They will be available to non-members and supporters on March 1st. Price per ticket is \$35.00; you must be 21 or older to attend. Please note the date of the Polenta Feed this year is April 17th, a week earlier than normal.

Growing Membership will be a priority for the Board of Directors this year, as we have noticed a steady decline in the past 5 years. Membership dollars assist in paying for the quarterly newsletters and the costs associated with running the Foundation. Please consider becoming a MEMBER today! To JOIN go to our website at [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org) or complete the form on the back of the newsletter and mail it in.

This past year we added a new position to the Board: Lynette Wong, Co-president with STP, is now our STP Liaison. She reports on what STP is doing for the school, faculty and students. For those of you who don't know the acronym, STP stands for the Student, Teacher, Parent organization on campus.

Student of the Month is also taking on a new look. At the request of parents, students and staff we are no longer taking selected students off campus to lunch. A letter from the Foundation is going out to parents of the selected students, along with a window decal stating "My Child is Student of the Month at SRHS". Their names are also announced on the school PA system monthly. We will also continue to host the end of year dinner

for the selected students and their families. The dinner announces each student selected during the school year. They are given a framed certificate, and we take a photo of them with their families and members of the SRHS staff. This is a fun and rewarding night.

We are in the process of looking for seven new board members to fill positions vacated over the past five years. The Foundation has an active governing Board of Directors that is responsible for setting the organization's mission and strategic direction, and for overseeing its finances, operations and policies. People interested in becoming a board member should contact me directly at [info@srhsf.org](mailto:info@srhsf.org), or call the Pand y line at 707-571-7747 to line up an appointment. You can also obtain general information about the Foundation on our website at [www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org).

"Once a Panther Always a Panther!"

Mary Orsborn Beseda



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The pep band cruised through the '60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s, as fifteen to twenty member outfits who played at SRHS football games and rallies. But in the early 2000s, the pep band fell on harder times, perhaps because of student apathy or lack of music teacher support. But in 2010, a group of students decided to create their own pep band. They had the administration's support but no teacher/organizer. Member Mike Montoya 2010 remembers, "My time with the pep band stands among the greatest things I got to participate in. We practiced Friday afternoons over pizza that we all pitched in for." The school gave the outlaw pep band access to old uniforms and sheet music. That included '60s themes to "Batman" and "Hawaii Five O". Your SRHS Foundation granted the band funds to purchase a snare drum, bass drum, marching toms, and more music. Montoya remembers, "We had fun, and we didn't let anything keep us back. We didn't take no for an answer. We saw a way to contribute to our school's spirit and we made it happen." And, according

to Montoya, they kept irreverence alive. "Our finest moment was when we traveled for the first time for a game at Montgomery. We played the Looney Toons theme as Montgomery's team ran onto the field."

Today, Tim Decker stands ready to remake the pep band into something never before seen at SRHS. He feels the pep band needs at least 20 members, but he'd like to see it grow to 70 or 80 members. If that number seems unreachable, consider that Decker had over 80 members during the 15 years he taught at Rancho Cotati High. He says "The pep band was like the center of the school." How will he recruit those kinds of numbers at SRHS? "We're going to get out and we're going to be seen. Other kids will want to join because they'll know people will hear them play."

He wants to solidify the place of certain songs during games. For example, when SRHS scores, fans can expect to hear the Santa Rosa

fight song. When the defense makes a big play, expect to hear the "Imperial March" from "Star Wars."

Decker wants the pep band to become a community outreach arm of the school. He hopes they'll play not only at games, but also at store grand openings or events at Old Courthouse Square. "I want the community to think of us when they need a band, or when they need excitement."

Excited by his vision, the Foundation recently gave him a grant to buy a new laptop and music composition software. He'll be able to use the software to take current students' music favorites, and created orchestrations for the entire band. He also wants to teach students how to use the software.

Decker's plan for what the resurrected pep band can become is bold and enthusiastic. In short, Decker wants to make the pep band the beating heart of school spirit. For that, let's give him a cheer: "Gooo Tim!"

To the Santa Rosa High School Foundation,

This is just a note of a happening in October 1950, pertaining to the class of '46.

Assembled in front of the Old Courthouse downtown Santa Rosa was a group of young men loading onto a Greyhound bus destined for Fort Ord, Army Training Center.

The Korean War started in July 1950. Included in the group on the bus were Walt Guanella, Wilbur Reine, Ronnie Alexander, Dick Read, Joe Biagi, Tom Lindsay, LeRoy Hunter, and myself – Henry Schukler.

All of us played Varsity sports at Santa Rosa High. None of us knew anything about marching when we unloaded at Fort Ord. Basic Training lasted for twelve weeks. After that, some were sent to Korea who were involved in "The Battle of the Hill" and the Inchon Landing. Others were sent to Germany as the Cold War was at its peak.

During our tour of occupation and training maneuvers in Germany, Wilbur Reine played football and I played baseball for the 4th Division (Infantry and Field Artillery) team. The football team had NFL players and baseball had MLB draftees.

We all returned home, married, were successful, and contributed to the community.

Henry Schukler

science classes to teach students about caring for infants. Life science students, both male and female, were charged with carrying the doll with them throughout the school day, not knowing when a critical moment meant the doll needed tending. And in the Coach's room that day that doll needed some. As student eyes fixed on the embarrassed young "mother," their expectation surrounded a DeSoto tirade. Instead, He picked up the doll, cuddled it and when the crying stopped, he crooned, "What's the matter, little baby? Don't you like my class? That's okay, your mother doesn't like it either."

Because of that moment DeSoto showed the class that he was indeed human, that he could make fun of himself and lighten the learning atmosphere.

Math teacher Carl Hegerhorst, also known as a disciplinarian, insisted each student write "Honesty, Integrity, Dignity" and sign his or her name at the bottom of every paper handed to him. That form of rote behavior instilled a lesson perhaps more significant than the math concepts Hegerhorst taught during his 1970s-80s tenure.

Some teachers were real characters. Chemistry teacher Claire Elmore, who taught from the 40s through the early 70s certainly was one. He blew the classroom clock from the wall more than once during demonstrations, the noise reverberating through the main building.

To clarify the heavy property of the chemical element mercury, he'd challenge a student to "suck" it from the bottom floor to his second floor classroom through a flexible tube lowered through a window. A guaranteed A for the quarter was the prize if a student succeeded. One student did. When asked about the danger of using poisonous mercury in that demonstration, the ever clever Elmore responded, "I used cream soda." Not about to welch on his offer, he gave the successful student the A.

To demonstrate the effect of a powerful acid, Elmore told of an event he said he witnessed when employed as an industrial chemist. "We had a huge vat of the stuff," he said, "and one day a coworker slipped and fell into the vat." He'd pause and look around the room at the students waiting to hear what happened. "When we fished him out," Elmore said, "all we found were the brass buttons from his coat." Lesson learned.

In a biology lesson during the late 50s, instructor Ted Lieftrinck used a human skeleton to demonstrate how the jaw processed food before digestion. When he turned to attend to another task, a student crept to the skeleton and inserted a cigarette in the jaw. The teacher returned to the

lesson, saw the cigarette and, unfazed, remarked, "Well, that's another way the jaw can be used."

Before he advanced through the administrative ranks to become SRHS principal, Tony Negri often taught his history classes dressed in a costume that reflected the era or the individual under study. As administrator, Negri regularly dressed in some form of orange and black. He even had his black sedan painted with orange flames. School spirit overkill.

In the mid-80s Pat McManus once found a unique means to control a disruptive student. He took the entire current events class to the grounds beyond Nevers Field and said to the trouble maker, "I want you to run that way until I tell you to stop." The student ran and ran until McManus said, "Stop. Turn left. Run." He ran again until McManus asked him to stop, turn left and again run. After one more turn, the panting student completed the circuit. McManus said to the class, "Now, that's how big an acre is." They returned to the classroom and McManus returned to his teaching with a troublemaker too pooped to disrupt.

In teaching his history classes in the 2000s about Teddy Roosevelt and his enthusiastic, strenuous approach to life Art Horner took them on a "Teddy Walk" about campus. Whenever they encountered an obstacle, Horner insisted they proceed straight ahead by going over or under the obstacle, never around.

In the late 90s Horner and another teacher (I have to confess, I was the other teacher.) resurrected the 1920s fight song that had fallen into the dust bin of disuse. Social science teacher Terry Swehla joined in too. For about the last 20 plus years on Fridays during the football season, no class on the second floor of the main building begins until the students sing that song. That's before every class all day long.

Today, Horner leads the sea of orange and black clad students in song and with a willing student or two performs a handshake routine. While a few minutes of class time are sacrificed each hour, the amount of pride and belonging cannot be measured. You might call it a valuable tradition reborn. It's "feel good" at its best.

These teachers—and the many other "wacky" ones—through such unconventional means inspire their students to develop understanding not only of subject matter but also an understanding that different means can achieve positive, lasting ends.

*Editor's note: If you have a story about a SRHS teacher's "wacky" behavior, please send it to [doncamboul@gmail.com](mailto:doncamboul@gmail.com)*

# GOOD BYE TO THE SRHSF GOLF TOURNAMENT



By Don Cambou

After 24 consecutive years, the Foundation's Golf Tournament has ended. It won't be held at the Oakmont Golf Course this September, or probably any other September. But before the Tournament begins to fade from memory, let's reflect on what it was, and what it accomplished. First, the bottom line: the Golf Tournaments raised \$390,000 that went straight to Santa Rosa High students, teachers, activities, and school needs.

Founding Board member **Doug Pavese** had the idea back in 1996, when the Foundation was still a struggling non-profit. He organized and spearheaded the Tournament every year since then, through 2019. He had previously helped organize a golf tournament for the Chamber of Commerce, and had a feeling he could make a similar event work for the Foundation. The 1996 event netted \$6,000. Every year, until recently, the net would grow. 2019 saw the Tournament raise \$20,000. **Scott Wilmore** was Pavese's co-chair in '96 and '97, then **Sue Bolt** took over the co-chair duties from '98 to 2016.

Each year saw from 70 to 90 golfers compete for honors. They'd often be greeted by SRHS cheerleaders, Pandy, and the school's golf teams. The Tournament would be followed by a celebratory dinner, complete with raffles, and both silent and live auctions. Pavese had a team of Foundation Board members and friends to help each tournament day run smoothly. They included **Jacky Schalich, Ann Porrino, Mary and Todd Beseda, Joann MacDonald, Nadine Smedshammer, Oren Smedshammer, Delores Schieberl, Tom Schieberl, Brian Mecchi, Kel MacDonald, Carol Patterson, Paulette Gomes, Donna Doyle, Chris Zeek, Rose Moeller, and Mary Testorelli**. Pavese reflects, "I'm really proud of them. They were so damn professional."

Through the work of Sue Bolt and others, the raffles and auctions would raise nearly \$6,000 a year. Surprisingly, however, most of the money was raised not from the dinner and auctions, not from the golfers, but from the network of nearly 45 sponsors Pavese had cultivated over the years. There were major sponsors and tee sponsors. All would be recognized by signs at the Tournament, and in this newsletter's Donor Appreciation issue. Among the major sponsors were the **Class of 1978, the Codding Foundation, the Dale Family, the Exchange Bank, Varenna, Dan Kelly, James Laier, Jr., Ann Porrino, Chris and Vera Zeek, Mary and Todd Beseda,** and Pavese himself.

So why has the Tournament ended? Probably for several reasons. The golfers started to "age out". Previous Tournaments had 80 to 90 golfers; 2019 saw only 70 on the links. But perhaps the biggest reason is that Pavese is giving up his post. He tried for over a year to find someone to fill the job, but found no takers. Still, Pavese says, "I was surprised so many stayed so loyal to it for so long." He remains on the Foundation Board, continuing to chair the Development Committee and the Investment Committee.

What will replace the Tournament's many financial gifts to SRHS students and teachers? The Foundation is brainstorming that right now.



Golfers getting ready to play



Pandy and cheer leading greeters



Board members and volunteers keeping things organized



Enjoying the afternoon

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED THE FOUNDATION IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN?**



*Editor's note: There's a part of the school regime that nearly every teenager enjoys. It's called summer vacation. The SRHS school calendar for years reflected the need for students to help harvest crops. If you ever picked prunes or other crops, you know that classes didn't begin until after Labor Day. Here's how one SRHS grad remembers that "glorious", sun drenched time.*

## THE SUMMER OF '64

By Marcia Witte Raggio '67

We were true Santa Rosa kids, born in the Bay Area to parents who met during the war and longed to live in a small town that held the promise of a comfortable life with good schools. Our parents were blue-collar people who enjoyed a beer and a laugh at the La Rose Hotel after work, and watching their kids play softball on Saturdays.

It was the summer before my first year of high school. My two older brothers, Charlie and Tom, and our friend Penny, soon to be Santa Rosa High School juniors and seniors, and myself, spent nearly every day together. While our goal was to have as much fun as humanly possible, there was an unspoken sense among us that this summer might be the last before life would turn more serious. We had a vague awareness that the Vietnam War was escalating, and the civil rights movement was gaining traction. But the Beatles and the Stones were entering our world like a sonic boom.

We longed for freedom from school, warm days and cool nights, afternoons at the Swim Center, dollar-nights at the Redwood Drive-In, the fair, eating at Roger's, and spending time at the river. All of that would cost money, and we didn't have much. We had no allowance or babysitting money. We only had birthday and Christmas money, a few dollars from returning empty bottles to Red Rooster Market, and tips from working at the Church of the Incarnation Tea House at the fair.

We had to figure out how to make money or summer would be spent watching Gunsmoke reruns or sunbathing in the backyard. Charlie was always the brains of every operation. On the first day after school let out, he told us his plan to make all the money we would need. We would register at the employment office for work permits. That way we were sure to get good-paying jobs, and if we pooled all of our earnings, we would have a grand time that summer. With our permits in hand, we could smell the popcorn in the air.

At the employment office, we scanned the job board looking for good paying jobs that started about 10:00am and stopped around 3:00pm so we could still make it to the river before the sun went down. There weren't too many of those jobs. The only thing we could find was picking fruit or vegetables. Prunes looked good since

we could make a killing earning 25 cents a box. So, first thing the next morning, we piled into my mother's old Studebaker, with Charlie behind the wheel, and headed out.

We would get to the orchard on Todd Road early, only to see a wall of boxes already lined up, picked by the migrant families. Clearly, they were working for money to pay the bills, not to get into the Village Drive-In. The days were blistering hot, the air clouded with dust, and our hands scratched and dirty. It took us an hour to fill up one box, so at the end of each short day, with weary pride, we turned in our dozen boxes and Charlie collected our meager earnings.

We quickly tired of prunes, and went back to the employment office to see what else was available. There it was! The answer to all of our problems! Picking strawberries was offered at 75 cents a box! Why didn't we see that before? We quickly learned that strawberries were planted in rows, half-buried in the dirt. We sat down and started to pick the strawberries, scooting along on our behinds. It took us all day to fill one flat. By the end of the first day, we were done with strawberries.

Penny and I decided to go to the employment office to see what else we could find. The only thing left was green beans at 2 and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cents per pound out near Mark West Springs Road. Turned out we were actually good at picking beans. We stayed with it for a whole week.

We were able to make it to the drive-in and the river once in awhile that summer, but mostly we watched hours of TV while eating peanut butter out of the jar. In the next year, Charlie would graduate from Santa Rosa High School and join the Air Force. Tom quit before graduation, joined the Marines, and shipped out to Vietnam. Penny got married. Eventually, I graduated from Santa Rosa High and moved away. When I look back, I remember those warm summer days swinging on the rope near Hacienda Bridge and camping at Squaw Rock. Seems there are fewer orchards around Santa Rosa these days, but I will be forever grateful for the time we got to spend in the ones we used to know. I miss those days once in awhile, even though my back begins to ache a little when I do.

## 25TH ANNUAL POLENTA FEED – FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2020

It's almost time again for the 25th Annual SRHS Foundation Polenta Feed. This year's feed will be held on Friday, April 17, 2020 at the Santa Rosa Vets' Building. The social hour, with bar, begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. **Tickets are \$35.00 per person, adults only.** 50/50 raffle, golden raffle for 25 bottles of wine, silent auction, and live auction included.

**Tickets went on sale beginning January 15th and are available for Foundation members only until March 1st. After March 1st tickets will be available to all supporters of SRHS.** We will stop selling tickets on April 10, 2020. You can order tickets by calling the **Pandy Line at 571-7747**. Leave your name and phone number and your call will be returned by the following day. Tickets sell quickly, so mark your calendar now to make that call.

Join the fun with other alumni and supporters of SRHS. You won't want to miss this fantastic event!



**"ONCE A PANTHER, ALWAYS A PANTHER!"**



## OLD AND IN THE WAY

They're beat up and worn out. They get jumped over and knocked down five days a week at practice, and really get abused at the five to seven big track meets held at SRHS each season. Varsity and JV girls and boys must pass over them to reach the finish line. They are the small army of 120 hurdles, now 30 years old. And the time to replace them is yesterday.

Doug Courtemarche and Carrie Joseph have been co-head track coaches for over 20 years and have run one of the most successful programs in the tri-county area. Their Big Cat Track Meet has attracted close to 1000 athletes from Marin County schools to Eureka. And they've done it the hard way. Gone are the days when school districts would provide coaches funds they needed to run their programs. Now, the individual coaches are responsible for raising the money to buy uniforms and equipment. The only funding from the district is the coaches' salaries. The SRHS Foundation supports the sports program as does the non-profit Panther Athletic Club (PAC). Each organization has contributed \$3,000 for new hurdles, but at around \$120 apiece, for 120 hurdles, the coaches have a long way to go to reach their goal of nearly \$14,800. If you would like to help in this effort, contact the Foundation at [www.SRHSF.org](http://www.SRHSF.org), or write a check to the PAC and indicate it is for the hurdle project. Mail checks to: Santa Rosa High School, 1235 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

## Buy Wine, Help the Ag Department

How many high schools can boast of their own wine? SRHS can. Its Vintage Panther Chardonnay grapes were student grown and harvested at the SRHS chardonnay vineyard, with vineyard management by La Crema, wine making by SRJC's Shone Farm, and label created by SRHS ArtQuest students. The wine is the Ag Boosters primary fund raiser.

**Buy a bottle of this high quality chardonnay at \$12, or a case at \$130**

You'll be helping the Ag Boosters support FFA and the Ag Department. The Ag Boosters provide academic scholarships, assist with funding for students traveling to competitions, conferences, and leadership conventions throughout the state and the nation, and are even helping rebuild the SRHS barn that burned to the ground in the October 2017 fire. To purchase, contact Don Mills at [don@soundideas.biz](mailto:don@soundideas.biz) or call him at 707-321-6803.



# CONTRIBUTIONS & MEMBERSHIP NEWS

By Rose Machen Moeller '68

The Foundation welcomes five new members, 83 Renewals, current membership 889.  
We gratefully thank our members and non members for donations totaling \$13,669.42

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

Bev Alexander/Walt Frey '45  
Diane Allen '64  
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You may send the SRHSF a contribution in the name of a deceased Panther, or in the name of a specific living person, department, group need, or scholarship fund.

### ROBERT (BOB) BAILEY '45

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Donald Christensen	1945	Shirley James Milligan	1955	Gloria Rowles-Joens	1967
Francis DeMarco	1949	Norman Bostock	1956	Don Whitaker	1970
Lillian Bartolomei Mooney	1949	Lee Wayland Medero	1958	Robert Jones	1973
Nilda Ricci Mulas	1949	Terry Bates	1961	Steven Noah	1974
Jean Stolting Wilson	1950	Robert (Bobby) Yates	1961	Brian Stratton	1976
Duane Meyers	1952	Kathleen Miller Weber	1962		

**GENEROSITY**

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

– *Winston Churchill*

“You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late.”

– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Let us try to teach generosity and altruism, because we are born selfish.”

– *Richard Dawkins*

“Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think.”

– *Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

“Gentleness, self-sacrifice and generosity are the exclusive possession of no one race or religion.”

– *Mahatma Gandhi*

“Obviously, you would give your life for your children, or give them the last biscuit on the plate. But to me, the trick in life is to take that sense of generosity between kin, make it apply to the extended family and to your neighbour, your village and beyond.”

– *Tom Stoppard*



Santa Rosa High School Foundation  
 "Once A Panther, Always A Panther"  
**ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS**

One Thousand Panthers is a campaign in progress to enrich the SRHSF Endowment Fund by utilizing \$1,000 donations by 1000 Panther supporters to reach a goal of \$1 million.

**CURRENTLY - WE HAVE DONATIONS TOTALING OVER \$422,000.**

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**Thank you for your generous donations.**

**THE SIGN PROJECT**

Fifteen individuals or families recently have each donated \$5,000 to the Foundation and in return now have their names on bronze plaques on the back of the SRHS sign facing Mendocino Ave. We wish to offer our great thanks to all of them.

- Scott, Todd and Mary Beseda
- John Bribiescas
- Connie Coddling
- The Grace Family
- Paul J Huntzinger
- Marie Hindringer Kelly
- Charles A Lahm
- Herschel Niles Family
- Jack G Orme
- Doug Pavese
- Ann Hutchinson Porrino
- Gary Rasche
- Ward and Pat Thompson
- Class of 1961, In Memory of Bobby Yates
- The Zeek Family

*2019-2020 Donations to Date*

- Carolyn Anderson
- Darlene Bath 1956 To recognize Doug Pavese for his undying devotion to our beloved Panthers
- Bob Borges 1978 \*\*\*
- David C Faris 1969 \*
- Bill & Suzy Friedman 1966 \*\*\*\*
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- Dick 1967 & Vivian Gong

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- Paul Troppy 1984
- Larry Weese 1964 \*\*\*\*\*

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By: Pandy  
Winter '20

**Brett Cozier '88**, a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and now a Captain, is the commanding officer

of the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt. The nuclear powered ship is home to 6,000 sailors and 90 fixed wing aircraft and helicopters.... In 2018, **Mohammad Ali Dehestani '85**, retired as a Sports producer for IRID, Iranian Television Broadcasting. Among his duties, he covered the athletes that would compete in Paralympic Games. He decided that 51 is too young to retire. After a year off, he started working as a volunteer on the Iranian National Paralympic Committee in the International Department.

**Merria Dearman '95** builds commissioned, hyper-realistic wigs for clients ranging from celebrities and fashion models to people suffering from hair loss due to alopecia, cancer treatment and other medical conditions. Her clients have included Irina Shayk, Naomi Campbell, Sarah Jessica Parker, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Madonna and many more. All her wigs are made from human hair. She says her goal has always been to source sustainably and ethically in all of her business practices, thereby transforming the wig industry one strand at a time. She lives in New York



Merria Dearman '95

City... **Jordan Bunnell, also class of '95**, is the CEO of LOCALLANGUAGE, an art and design studio in Oakland. He and his team are described as artists, art consultants, designers, engineers, and extraordinary makers.

It's getting to be a holiday tradition. For the fourth year, **Ron Falco '65, Dave Hunt '66, John Grace '64, Josh Grace '89, Mike and Kathy Grace '65, Don Cambou '64, Jim Bennett '68, and Mike Daniels '59** pooled money to buy 50 blankets to give to homeless and other needy SRHS students. They donated the blankets to Lynette Casey, the SRHS health technician, for distribution. This holiday season, they also added wool hats and gloves. If you'd like to join in, please contact Mike Grace at 707-483-6095.

The Student, Teacher, Parent organization (STP) hosts Staff Appreciation luncheons several times each year in the SRHS Staff Lounge. This luncheon gives the "adults in charge" a chance to connect with each other in a happy setting. STP is wholly dependent on student and parent contributions of food and drinks to feed the 200 smiling faces! If you'd like to help, email Lynette Wong at shecan\_lw@yahoo.com. The next Luncheon will take place in May... The STP will also be hosting an outdoor campus clean-up day on **Saturday, April 4th between 8 am and noon**. If you'd like to volunteer, show up in front of the Music building with rakes, gloves, and bags. Again, the contact is Lynette Wong.

Notes from the SRHS Museum: **Jane Rogina Liscum** (She's an Analy Tiger) donated '40 and '41 Echoes and 50th reunion material that belonged to her SRHS dad, **Ed Rogina '41**. And **Nancy Snodgrass Libby '69** donated yearbooks from 1940-43 and a SRHS diploma and case, all of which were her mother's—**Thalia Carey Snodgrass '43**.

The Foundation offers a HUGE THANK YOU to **Sue Bolt** for her ten years of service as a Foundation Board member, and then as a Foundation volunteer. This mother of three SRHS grads put in countless hours on the Golf Tournament, Polenta Feed, with the Development Committee, and with One Thousand Panthers. Her dedication to detail and her computer skills made her a very valuable member of the Board. We are happy for her in her new adventures.



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