Don’t miss the

5th ANNUAL “CELEBRATE SEQUOIA” BBQ/PICNIC
Saturday, AUGUST 20, 2011
10:30 am to 3 pm (lunch served 12:15 - 2:15)

• Catered BBQ • Tours • Purple Patriot Awards • Cheerleader demonstration
• Raffle and Silent Auction • Celebrate the “Golden Grads” Class of 1961
• Welcome other reunion classes • San Carlos High School grads special table • Faculty table • New Merchandise
  • Special sale of bricks for Carrington Hall and the Sequoia Veterans Memorial & Inspiration Grove
• Sale of Charles Paine’s paintings • Sale of signed balls by CJ Johnson and Gary Beban

• All Sequoia school groups (Boosters, PTSA, Foundation, etc.) and faculty and students are encouraged to attend

Cost: $30 per person RSVP by 8/15/11 (limited number of tickets available at the door for $40)

See separate form enclosed in this issue of Smoke Signals, or e-mailed to you.

If you need a form, use our Redwood City Post Office box or contact SHSAA at 592-5822 or sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net for information.

If you would like to help at the picnic, contact SHSAA (see above).

Silent Auction to feature signed football and basketball, and also Charles Paine’s paintings. See p. 11

PURPLE PATRIOT AWARDS PRESENTED AT PICNIC

Three worthy individuals have been chosen to receive the prestigious Purple Patriot Award given annually by SHSAA to honor both individuals and organizations who have demonstrated outstanding service or provided a significant benefit directly to Sequoia.

The awards will be presented at the Fifth Annual “Celebrate Sequoia” Picnic on August 20 on the Sequoia campus. The 2010-11 recipients are: **Rich Eva** (1961), extra-special volunteer; **Dr. Terri Bittner**, inspiring math department volunteer; and the **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 617**, donor of the Bob Andersen Field scoreboard.

See enclosed flyer for more information about the picnic and to make the required reservations.
begin with an expression of sadness and loss over the passing of two Sequoia family icons. In March, within one week of each other, former Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame student athletes and coaches, Bob Andersen (class of 1941) and Fred Mitchell (class of 1956), have left us. You will read about both of these beloved gentlemen elsewhere in this publication. My heartfelt sympathy goes to their families and loved ones.

Thanks so much to all of those who generously contributed to our 2010 Annual Donation request. As of this writing we have received a record $3,350. In the eight-year existence of this annual request, we have received $19,941. Thank you for believing in us and for supporting our programs and projects.

In the last edition I used this space to reflect on the past and provide a brief early history of Sequoia High School. As a continuation, I am now going to reflect on the history of the current campus. As in the last edition, this text is part of the orientation materials developed by the Alumni Association for new Sequoia students and their parents. The sources are The Cherokee Manual, Sequoia Union High School, Second Edition, 1930 and Third Edition, 1941 (A handbook for Sequoians published by the Associated Students of Sequoia Union High School) and the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form prepared by Kent L. Seavey/Preservation Consultant, on behalf of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association, September 1, 1994.

Sequoia’s Campus had originally been a part of the large Las Pulgas Rancho (Ranch of the Fleas) granted to the heirs of Jose Dario Arguello by the Mexican Government in 1835. The Board of Land Commissioners, established by the United States government after California gained statehood in 1850, confirmed the Arguellos’ title to the rancho in 1853. During the confirmation process the Arguellos sold a 2,200-acre parcel to one of the three land commissioners, William Carey Jones. Jones in turn sold the property to San Mateo County lawmaker Horace Hawes in 1857. Hawes, author of the legislative bill that created San Mateo County, constructed an elegant, well-landscaped estate along the old county road on the forty acres site of the future high school. In 1880, Hawes’s widow sold the “Hawes Farm” to Moses Hopkins, brother of Mark Hopkins, who raised and bred thoroughbred horses on the renamed “Redwood Farm”. Hopkins built Emerald Lake as a water supply reservoir for his ranch.

On July 2, 1902, cement magnate William J. Dingee purchased the Hopkins estate, remodeling the house and outbuildings and transforming the grounds into “Dingee Park”. The house, which was completely destroyed during the 1906 earthquake, was located on the present site of the main school building. Remaining as evidence of this period of occupation are the concrete entry path and associated planting beds with decorative benches built by Dingee after 1902. These features once fronted the house and now act as a handsome ceremonial entry for the school. Dingee converted a rockery at the rear of the house into a scene with cascades and fountains with a rustic covered structure called a summerhouse built in its midst. This natural feature would be translated over time into Sequoia High School’s “Garden of Cherokee” and later as the “Japanese Tea Garden”. A failed attempt to corner the cement market bankrupted Dingee.

In 1909 ownership of the property passed to noted San Francisco architect Albert Pissis and his wife Georgia. It was under Pissis that the land was greatly improved and developed. It was Georgia Pissis who offered to sell the land for municipal use in 1920. Redwood City rapidly prepared and passed school bond issues for the purchase of the property and construction of the new facilities for Sequoia.

In the Spirit of Sequoia,

Ken Rolandelli, President
Sequoia High School Alumni Association

HELP AT OUR ALUMNI BOOTH

We need YOUR help at our merchandise booth!
Can you be there on July 4 at the Festival in downtown Redwood City?
Can you give an hour to help in the booth at the August 20 BBQ?

Please contact SHSAA at 650-592-5822 or at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, and let us know when we can put you on the schedule!
The Unsung Hero of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association for 2010 is Marian Aragon Wydo, Class of 1964. She is a talented woman who is active in many community endeavors. She has already received an Unsung Hero Award from another organization, but we want to recognize her for her service to the Association by choosing her to receive the Unsung Hero Award for Continuing Service.

Marian’s enthusiasm when working on a project, is contagious. Her work is meticulous and attractive.

In the mid-'90s, she worked very hard on the car show that the Alumni Association held on the grounds of Sequoia. When the car show became the endeavor of another group, she later began to volunteer for many Alumni Association projects. She became a member of the Board of Directors in 2008.

Whenever a major event was to be held, Marian would volunteer to help. Her special expertise lies in creative endeavors. Marian would design very attractive flyers and posters for the events. She would do the layout and design for the programs. She has created many colorful centerpieces for tables. She helped construct special Sequoia ornaments for the Alumni decorated tree in downtown Redwood City last December. This year, she designed special stationary featuring five scenes of the Sequoia Campus.

In addition to her creative talents, Marian has kept track of the attendees who come to our events, designing name tags, and including each person’s meal ticket along with their menu choices. She has also consulted with caterers for the events and helped make sure the tables are properly set. She also helps out at our merchandise booth when her busy schedule permits.

Our heroine is someone who can be counted on to help wherever needed. Even if things get hectic, she is always there with a cheerful smile to spur the committee.

For her enthusiastic support and dedication to our organization, the Sequoia High School Alumni Association is proud to have chosen Marian Aragon Wydo to receive our Unsung Hero Continuing Service Award for 2010.

*The Unsung Hero Award was presented to Marian at the awards banquet of the Inter-Service Club Coordinating Council of Redwood City. Recipients are chosen by each organization to recognize someone who contributes much effort to that group, often working behind the scenes with no thought of recognition. Continuing Service Awards are given to those who have been honored as an Unsung Hero in the past.
Reunions

Reunion chairmen: Please contact our Reunion Liaison, Pat Bernard, if you're planning a reunion for your class: (650) 366-1457 or e-mail <sequoiahsa-lumni@earthlink.net> or mail to: Sequoia Reunions, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.

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* Sequoia Picnic: Sat. Aug. 20, 10:30 - 3, Sequoia Campus (see flyer in this newsletter or on the SHSAA website: sequoiahsalumniassoc.org, or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net)

Attention all “Golden Grad” (50 years plus) reunion chairs: Could you arrange to have the 50-year pins and disks at your next reunion? Just contact SHSAA to make arrangements!

ANNUAL SEQUOIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI FALL REUNION BAR-B-QUE
(formerly the Foothills Picnic Reunion)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH       Cost $20.00
New Location: Sun City Lincoln Hills, Lincoln, CA
Invitations will be mailed later. Hope to see YOU there.

Contacts:
Jane Tutalak 916-408-0565
Norma Makela 916-645-9174
Jackie Krejci 916-434-6070

CORRECTION
In the Fall, 2010 issue, Milt Lindeburg was inadvertantly left out of the list of the Sports Hall of Fame Inductees. Here is his information.

~Milt Lindberg~
Graduated 1947 – Baseball
A storybook season in 1947 established him as an icon in Sequoia baseball lore as the leader of one of the school's most memorable teams. His statistics are surreal: a .557 batting average; a 9-0 pitching record; unanimous selection to the All-SPAL team, and designation as the league's Most Valuable Player. Following selection for two all-star games (and performing in Seals Stadium), he signed with the San Jose Red Sox in 1948. The following year, he hit .321 for Medford, Ore., before joining the Pirates organization in Waco, Tex. spring training. Assigned to Bartlesville, Okla., he labored for three months before abandoning a professional baseball career, opting for semi-pro action with the San Carlos Grays. Following Army service in Korea, Milt began a lengthy tenure in management with Pacific Bell and currently resides in Reno.

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Sequoia Class of 1990
Thanks For The Memorabilia...


Keith Bautista (1958) donated a book, “Sequoyah” by Grant Foreman about the history of the life of George Guess (Sequoyah), including his 12-year quest to complete his syllabary of the Cherokee language.

If you have any yearbooks or other memorabilia you’d like to donate, please contact Sally Newman at 650-369-1938 or e-mail sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

Donations

December 2, 2010 - May 20, 2011

THE FRED MITCHELL MEMORIAL MEN’S BASEBALL FUND
In memory of Fred Mitchell:
- Allen & Mardell Carmen
- Angie & Caroline Scutero
- Bob & Karen Sjoberg Weiske
- Brent & Barbara Britschgi
- Dan & Lynda Bostwick Silva
- Dan Williamson
- David Theis
- Dean & Suzanne Eyre
- Dennis Baldini
- Donna & Jim Williamson & family
- Edward & Jeanne Nordness
- Elaine Rohlfes
- Elsa Wyant
- Fred & Georgia Thiemann
- Frederick & Janet Vogel
- Gary & Diana Raines
- Gary & Donna Fenna
- Gary Beban
- George & Margaret Stafford
- Gerald & Carol Baker
- Jack & Sue Panos
- James Giacomazzi
- Jill McGovern & Steven Miller
- Joan Purcell
- Joanne Clarkin Pine
- Joanne Engelhardt
- Joe Marvin
- John & Joanna Watson
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- Joseph & Kathleen Kaz
- Kathryn Marconi
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- Laird & Gale Doherty
- Lisa Blanton
- Lorraine & Sally Hartman
- Marilyn Allan
- Mark & Catherine Frazitta
- Mary Beech
- Melissa Brenner
- Nina Bayer
- Norma Costello
- Patricia Schath Bernard
- Peter Newton
- Ray & Carole Haythorne White
- Ray & Maria Bolleri
- Richard & Emilie Donner
- Robert & Adrienne Swor
- Robert & Carol McAdams
- Robert & Geraldine Kirchgatter
- Robert & Patricia Edison
- Ronald & Delphine Ipsen
- Sally Coelho Newman
- Sandra Luchsinger Ratkovich
- Susan Fitcher Mitchell
- Sydney Whittle
- Terry & Judy Stogner
- The Casey Family, Joe, Gigi, Claire, Matthew & Brian
- Timothy Burkhart
- Tom & Jocelyn Miles Tuthill
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- William & Judith Uccelli
- William Heinrich

THE BOB ANDERSEN BASEBALL FIELD FUND
Bill Rayer
- Gary & Donna Penina
- Gary Beban
- Ken & Pat Pelizzari
- Ken Rolandelli
- Peter Newton
- Richard & Dee Eva
- Richard & Emilie Donner
- Richard Schlenker
- Robert & Geraldine Kirchgatter
- Robert & Patricia Edison
- Robert Bos
- Sally Coelho Newman
- Susan Fitcher Mitchell
- Tim Burkhart

THE SEQUOIA MEN’S BASEBALL FUND
In memory of Bob Andersen
- Ken & Pat Pelizzari 1956 & 1959
- Angelo & Caroline Scutero 1956 & 1957
- Ed Nordness 1951

THE TOM DEL SARTO BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Rolla Del Sarto 1953
- in memory of: Jeanne Argilla 1953
- & Orly Facchini friend
- & Jim Mason 1945
- & Bob Anderson 1941
- & Robert Gauthran 1953

CHEROKEE GRANTS
- Sandy Ting

SMOKE SIGNALS
- John Dusel 1938
- Janet Padley Bonner 1943
- Evelyn Dietrich Shannon 1944
- Richard Buel 1952
- Sandra Luchsinger Ratkovich 1956
- Gary Rennieke 1961
- Robert & Patricia Edison friends
- Steven Harrington 1968
- David Harrington 1972
- Robert & Geraldine Kirchgatter

In memory of Shirley Bright Roer 1938
- Trudy Donaldson Buckshout 1964
- Steve Santos 1977

JAPANESE TEA GARDEN
- Janet Padley Bonner 1943

SHSAA SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP
- Sandy Denny Lawson 1958
- in memory of Rich Carlson 1958

2010-2011 SPECIAL FUND
Norma Bates Estes 1935
- Ted Nell 1940

Walter Harrington 1943
- Pat Schath Bernard 1944
- in memory of Shirley Bright Roer 1938
- Robert K. Myles 1944
- Marilyn Frer Shreve 1944
- James Murphy 1944
- Edward Graha 1945
- Gordon Moore 1946
- Marjorie Hilton Johnstone 1946
- Michael Miller 1950
- Dick Sommer 1950
- Robert LaBerger 1953
- Wayne Marr 1956
- Ann Sarris Fine 1957
- Keith Bautista 1958
- Elton Rossi 1960
- Nilsa Cruz Walker 1960
- Judith Grom Bogardus 1961
- James Meskimen 1962
- Yvonne Scheppe Garden 1965
- Glenn Nielson 1977
- John Brey 1978
- Former Faculty
- James Emerson friend
- Michelle Smith Stran SC-76

GENERAL FUND
- John Dusel 1938
- John E. Frost 1942
- Kathryn Nordness Brown friend
- in memory of Richard Nordness 1947
- Joseph Greenbach Jr. 1946
- in memory of Shirley Bright Roer 1938
- Robert La BERGE 1953
- Kathy West Mounter 1954
- Diane Kusel Davis 1954
- Sandra Luchsinger Ratkovich 1956
- in memory of Shirley Bright Roer 1938
- Trudy Donaldson Buckshout 1964
- & Steve Santos 1977
- Cindy Conlin Adamson 1961
- Gary Rennieke 1961
- Robert & Geraldine Kirchgatter
- Former Faculty & Friend
- Joe Morey friend
- in memory of Richard Lennen 1955

VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
- Gary Rennieke 1961

SEQUOIA STATUE FUND
- Richard Harrison 1952

DONATIONS TO THE SEQUOIA FOOTBALL FUND
- Ed Nordness, 1951
- Donald Wieseman 1960
- Ray & Laurie Ryan Balzarini 1968
- Steve Pelizzari 1979

ATHLETIC HONORS FUND
- Ed Nordness 1951
- in memory of Shirley Bright Roer 1938
- Sandra Luchsinger Ratkovich 1956
- in memory of Dick Bender 1951

SPIRIT OF THE SEAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
- Carole Pertutala Green 1952
CENTURY CLUB CHARTER MEMBERS

The Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club is comprised of business, community, and alumni members who donate a minimum of $100 each year to help fund scholarships.

All who joined by June 30, 2006 are Charter Members. Renewal letters have been sent.

**Gold ($5,000)**
15-year membership
Ellen Stok, C

**Bronze ($1,000)**
5-year membership
Bob & Wally Arends
Chryystal Kerstan Goss, C
Gordon & Betty Moore

**Sustaining ($100)**
Pat Bernard*
Malcolm “Meb” and Jean Buchanan, C*
Jack & Susanne Chapman Campbell, C*

Richard and Donna Plumley Cesarin, C*
Richard and Dee Rowan Eva C*
Jeffrey Filippi, C*
Gary Franson*
Jan Harris Hillegass, C*
Patricia Small Horn*
James & Eleanor Killen*
Pat Jeffery Kesterson*
Howard and Patricia Macway, C*
Steven Mandell*
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Lyndon & Charlotte Olsted*
James Parker*

Gary Reinecke, C*
Ken Rolandelli, C*
Glenn A. Stewart*
Curt Talbott, C*
Donald T. Terry, C*
Bob Weeks*
Richard & Carole Francis Williams, C*

C = Charter Member
* 2009-2010 renewal

We apologize to any new members whose contributions reached us after the publication deadline. You will be included in the next issue.

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Donate to Sequoia High School Alumni Century Club

For more information, please contact Paul Sanfilipo, scholarship chairman and Century Club founder, at 961 Woodside Road, Suite D, Redwood City, CA 94061-3644, or phone (650) 365-2144 or (650) 366-5171. Fax: (650) 365-3481 e-mail: AmericanCoast@msn.com

Name _________________________________________________________________

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( ) $100 yearly SUSTAINING Member ( ) $1,000 BRONZE 5-year Member
( ) $250 yearly PATRON Member ( ) $2,500 SILVER 10-year Member
( ) $500 yearly ELITE Member ( ) $5,000 GOLD 15-year Member
( ) $10,000 PLATINUM Lifetime Member

Please make checks payable to: Sequoia High School Alumni CENTURY CLUB, and mail to same:

c/o Paul Sanfilipo--Scholarship Chairman/ Century Club Founder
961 Woodside Rd., Suite D, Redwood City, CA 94061-3644

The Sequoia High School Alumni Assn. is a 100 % tax deductible, 501(c)(3) non-profit association (Scholarship funds awarded through the S.H.S.A.A. “Spirit of the Seal” Scholarship Program.)
Memorial Bricks, Trees, Benches Still Available For Carrington Hall, Sequoia Veterans Memorial, & Inspiration Grove

The bricks, trees and benches at the Sequoia Veterans Memorial are excellent ways to remember or honor a family member, friend, fellow student, or favorite teacher; or you can simply put your own name and graduation year in honor of your time at Sequoia.

You can also place bricks, trees, and benches at Inspiration Grove near the baseball field, perhaps to honor a teacher, mentor, or anyone you wish to name. Engraved bricks are $100 each; trees are $1,000 each including a bronze plaque mounted on a boulder next to the tree; and engraved benches are $3,000 each.

We are also selling bricks for Carrington Hall. The bricks are $200 each and will be placed in front of the main entrance to Carrington Hall. You can buy a brick with a friend and share the cost. Each brick holds three lines with 22 characters or spaces per line. (See form elsewhere in this issue.)

For more information contact Dee Eva, 650-368-4800, or mail your check, payable to SHSAA, to Dee at 1021 Arlington Rd., Redwood City, CA 94062.

Profits from the sale of these bricks go to the SHSAA and help fund Cherokee Grants and scholarships.

Sequoiah Statue Project

The Sequoyah Statue Project is to have a bronze bust or full statue of Sequoyah’s image erected either directly in front of the school entrance or close to Carrington Hall. We are hoping to raise from $50,000 - $100,000 depending upon whether we have a bust or the full figure sculpted.

Four highly qualified artists were contacted, one of them an outstanding Sequoia alumni. Once a bid is accepted, the project will take up to one year; but the money must be raised before we start. Sequoia High School was indirectly, named after Sequoyah, the legendary creator of the Cherokee syllabary, a system of writing for the Cherokee language. One of Sequoyah's great-great-great granddaughters spoke recently, saying that “Sequoyah’s accomplishment of creating a syllabary for his people has ‘never been equaled’. She also mentioned that “He valued knowledge and education, and by writing the syllabary, he enhanced the education process and influenced the establishment of the Cherokee Female Seminary.” He also established a Cherokee newspaper.

All of your donations, regardless of amounts, will be greatly appreciated, and will be recognized in future issues of our Smoke Signals.

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Sequoia Legacy Society

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Election of Board Members

This year, we have five board positions to fill. Those elected will serve two-year terms. (Six board members are elected in even-numbered years; five in odd-numbered years.) Please see the ballot on the Returnable Page (p. 22). Deadline for ballots to be received is July 22, 2011.

For the 2011-2013 term, the Nominating Committee recommends:

Jack Conklin
Rosemary Filippi Fischer
Sally Coelho Newman
Ed Nordness
Leah Schmuck

JACK CONKLIN (1962) has been a member for over 20 years and has served on the Board since 2008. He has assisted in various capacities and is currently serving on the annual picnic committee. He does much volunteer work in his spare time as well as woodworking.

ROSEMARY FILIPPI FISCHER (1967) served as founding treasurer of SHSAA for eight years. She currently serves on the board of directors and chairs the archival, Carrington Hall and library committees. She helped purchase books for the SHSAA-sponsored Native American section at the school library.

SALLY COELHO NEWMAN (1956) serves as treasurer and historian on the Alumni board. She is also a member of the Archives & Display and the Smoke Signals committees. She works part time at a resale shop.

ED NORDNESS (1951) volunteers as Redwood City Little League President, Redwood City Police Youth Club President, Redwood City Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, and the San Mateo County Historical Museum Sports Hall of Fame Chair. He serves on the SHSAA board, works on Smoke Signals articles, and is currently chair of Alumni Athletic Review Committee.

LEAH SCHMUCK (1954) has been on the board since 2001. She serves as vice-president and is presently co-chairman of the Merchandise Committee. Although she now lives in Lincoln, CA, she often comes down to help in other Alumni events. She retired as a manager at Pacific Bell and worked part-time for an auto broker.

Calendar

Check with our web site for updates: www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org

**Election of Board Members**

- Persis Mary Tangemann Hamilton, 1943

Kudos

Thank you for sending me the most recent edition of Smoke Signals. I realized, as I read through its many interesting pages, that I had failed to give you my current E-mail address. Also, my mailing address has changed. Many thanks to the many alumni who contribute to Sequoia High School Alumni events. I live in the Napa Valley, quite a drive from Redwood City, however, my interest in the many schools I have been privileged to attend continues.

-Persis Mary Tangemann Hamilton, 1943

---Craig Keith (1957)

I really do appreciate all that you and so many others have done [for the Association]. It really was a special privilege to have attended Sequoia - one I did not fully appreciate at the time. I certainly do now!

---Diane Fiala Hughes (1965)

I always love getting my Smoke Signals!!!
SEQUOIA ARTISTS RECOGNIZED: Two Sequoia artists have recently been acknowledged in local exhibitions and competitions. **Brianna Carroll** received Honorable Mention for her pastel portrait of the Dali Lama at Castilleja's Peacemaker Exhibition. Connor Park has been chosen as one of the Top 10 Finalists in Society Skate Shop's "Skate Art" Contest.

**ROBOTICS TEAM:** The Sequoia Robotics team was at a December all-day tournament. Sequoia won Innovative Design. It then competed in the Northern California tournament.

**ATHLETIC TEAMS EXCEL:** The Varsity Girls water polo team won the first title and went to the CCS; the Girls Cross-Country also went to CCS, the first time to sectionals; the Boys Cross-Country team also went the CCS, the first time since 1999. Varsity Girl's Track and Field 400-meter relay team achieved a new school record Apr. 23.

**THE NEW GYM'S GRAND OPENING:** Jan. 12. It seats 1400, the largest yet. It has a "green" design; the skylight lets in natural light. The boys played the first basketball game of the year that same day.

**The BUILD Team:** The BUILD team has students create a fictional business to create a new product and compete against the other schools. Sequoia won for their business plan 4 years in a row; 100% of BUILD students go to college.

**SEQUOIA FENCER** **Kaito Streets** has Olympic-caliber aspirations as a fencer. The 16-year-old, a junior recently fenced in Poland, Hungary, France, Germany, Russia and England, not to mention domestically in Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Atlanta (twice) and just before the Super Bowl in Dallas – where he won the U20 saber division at the Junior Olympics. His club won the national championship in the saber team event. Streets, who also won the U16 Japanese national title in Tokyo in January, was featured in the March 14, 2011 edition of Sports Illustrated as one of the “Faces In The Crowd.”

**STUDENTS HONORED:** Two Sequoia students were inducted into the 2011 San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame. The ceremony conducted by the Commission on the Status of Women recognizes the contributions and achievements of exceptional women and girls. These Young Women of Excellence are:

**Jessica Esquivel** of Redwood City is a senior at Sequoia High School who demonstrates her commitment to justice and her community through dedicated volunteerism, leadership as Co-Chair of the San Mateo County Youth Commission, and tenacious advocacy for LGBTQ equality and teen mental health issues.

**Alison Nicole Logia** of Redwood City is a junior at Sequoia High School who excels in academics, athletics, and the performing arts, and is passionate about serving her community; as president of Sequoia's Key Club, she leads much of the student body in a variety of community service endeavors throughout San Mateo County.

**SPRING MUSICAL:** Students performed the world premier of a musical written on a dare by a Burlingame man who had made the statement, "Anyone could write a musical." The play, "Graduation," portrayed seniors working through their various problems as graduation approaches.

**BIO LAB:** An article in the San Mateo County Times featured students in Sequoia's biotechnology lab who are turning to plants for a clean-fuel alternative. Students in science teacher **Kirstin Milk's** class are exploring the process that uses enzymes to convert plant material into fuel for vehicles and other uses. A tribute to Earth Day, the project is part of Milk's fellowship from the Knowles Science Teaching Foundation seeking to increase the number of skilled high school science and math teachers across the country. Milks said that the students are doing something relevant to their lives, and they're getting training in lab safety and proper use of equipment. "Studying biofuel is timely, given the escalating prices at the gas pump," Milks said.

**EDUCATORS VISIT:** During the 2nd and 3rd week of February, Sequoia hosted international educators for a Stanford program; they observed classes to see how to meet the educational needs for all diverse learners.

**SEQUOIA IS POPULAR:** Next fall Sequoia will be the largest it has ever been in recent history, with 2,000 students and a waiting list of 80.
Dons’ Doings

Current information about fellow San Carlos High alumni.

(To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, inside back cover, or e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.)

LOOK AT ME NOW...

Dr. John Alderman (SC-1964) His passion for caring for others has been reflected in his career choices from the beginning—first saving lives as a life guard and then saving lives and property as a fireman in charge of the rescue unit response team for the City of San Mateo, and now for almost three decades as a Doctor of Oriental Medicine and Licensed Acupuncturist.

Dr. Alderman’s initial Western medical science studies were at Stanford Medical School and Los Angeles Chiropractic College; In 1979 he began formal study of Traditional Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture at San Francisco College of Traditional Oriental Medicine and Acupuncture. Following graduation, he became a Licensed Acupuncturist and was accepted into the Doctoral program of California Acupuncture College, where he received his Doctorate in Oriental Medicine in 1986. He was honored by the State of California when asked to co-author the state’s Acupuncture Licensing Examination; he later served as an Acupuncture Licensing Examiner and was selected by the State of California and Santa Clara County to serve as a Legal Expert Witness on Acupuncture Protocols and Ethics in the Clinical Setting.

The curriculum for the diplomat medical courses he wrote “became the foundation for the National Board of Acupuncture Orthopedics Diplomat Continuing Education Program. He has served as President, board member, lobbyist, and chairman of the Educational and Legislative Committees of the Northern Chapter of the California Acupuncture Alliance. Today Dr. Alderman continues to offer courses for continuing education units and lectures physicians, chiropractors, and other allied health professionals on topics related to Oriental Medicine, ethics, integrated/complimentary medicine, and practitioner intention in the healing process. He resides in Garden Valley, Idaho.

James Robert Granucci (SC-1964) is a former San Carlos Police Chief, who has spent 45 years in police work. He has been Director of the San Mateo County Sheriffs Office Forensic Laboratory since 2005. Before he became San Carlos Police Chief in 1997, Jim had worked for the Redwood City Police Department for 27 years, starting as patrolman and leaving as Captain and Interim Police Chief. In 2006 his performance and dedication was recognized in a Commendation from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. Jim started his police career as a deputy with the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office. He has a bachelor’s degree from San Francisco State University and master’s degree from the College of Notre Dame. He also served as a San Carlos Parks Commissioner, Director of San Mateo County’s Criminal Justice Council, and is currently a Director of the 100 Club of San Mateo County.

Janice E Hackett (SC-1967) uses her maiden name, even though married to Gary Coverdale since 1999. After graduation, Janice studied nursing in college and eventually came up to El Dorado County to work and then retire. Janice and her husband have a permanent residence in Placerville, CA and have four boys all living on the West Coast. Gary and Janice love riding their Harley motorcycle, snow skiing, scuba, as well as playing music. Janice loves the piano. They are members of the Benicia Yacht Club, sailing their Catalina 30 around the bay.

Michelle Smith Strand (SC-1976) asks for more events for San Carlos alumni, and possibly some Don’s T-shirts! Would anyone like to form a committee to plan events for San Carlos grads? Please contact SHSAA at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or call 650-592-5822 to volunteer.

IN MEMORIAM

San Carlos High School
C. Jeffrey Fisher ................................................................. 1954
Pamela Poncia............................................................ 1964
Cynthia Challstrom......................................................... 1970
Scott Longworth .......................................................... FS-72(?)
Robert Wantin............................................................... 1976

FACULTY
Anna Scott ................................................................. librarian
Roger Heller ............................................................. social studies


Pamela Poncia, (SC-1964) passed away in Oroville. Marcia Fields Reimers (SC-1963) wrote: “We will miss her quirky and funny personality. She was one in a million with a heart of gold and a kind word for everyone.”

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Dons’ Doings

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Cynthia Challstrom (SC-1970) died in Oregon of pneumonia.

Scott Charles Longworth (former SCHS student, around 1972) worked as a laborer. In 1992 he moved to Oak Run to live and work on the family ranch. He had a passion for motorcycles and loved playing his guitar and jamming with his friends.

Mark Klebofski (SC-1977) loved working on cars, remodeling homes and had an incredible passion for computers. In addition to his work with Intel and IBM, Mark had received acclaim by CPU Magazine and other publications for his innovative designs and developments in Computer Modeling & Design. He took great pride in sharing his knowledge and mentoring those around him. His work under the “MK Mods” label was known and respected worldwide. Mark loved to help others and his many skills allowed him to assist people in many ways working with families through St. Vincents, helping his family, assisting the neighbors, or teaching on the web, Mark touched so many lives.

Robert Wantin (SC-1976) had a lifelong passion for cars and airplanes. His career was in the family tool and die business. He also worked in shops specializing in Ford Mustangs, his favorite cars. He was a member of the Nor Cal Shelby Club and participated in track events as well as judging. He was also an animal lover.

SCHS FACULTY

Anna Mabel Scott was a member of the first group of women to be selected to the U.S. Navy Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES). She served in the 12th Naval District, San Francisco, before being sent overseas to the Naval Aviation Supply Depot, Pearl Harbor, HA. Her next tour of duty was at the security office of the Joint Research Development Board in Washington, D.C. There she met many of the members of the Los Alamos, N.M. scientific community. Other tours of duty were: Communications, Hunter’s Point Naval Shipyards, S.F. during the Korean Conflict; in the Classification Office of Personnel, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S.C.; and finally as Separations Officer at Treasure Island Naval Station, S.F. Anna was released from duty in 1956, but continued to serve her country in the Naval Reserve. She retired as a Lt. Commander. Her career as a librarian began at San Carlos High School, and concluded after sixteen years, with the San Mateo County Library as a Reference Coordinator. She enjoyed researching the family genealogy, traveling, doing exquisite needle-point work, and was an avid reader.

Roger Heller served in the U. S. Army in WW 2; he was in five campaigns and four amphibious landings in the Pacific. He retired from the reserves as Lieutenant Colonel in 1982. His awards included the Bronze Star with oak leaf clusters, The Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Bronze Arrowhead and one Silver Service Star, the WW 2 Victory Medal, the Army of Occupation Medal with Japan Clasp, the Philippine Liberation Medal with four Bronze Stars, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman’s Badge and the 2nd Echelon Mechanics Badge. Roger earned an MA in History; he taught at U.C. Davis, College of San Mateo, and was Dept. Chair for Social Studies at San Carlos High. He was a Master Teacher and Guest Lecturer in the Intern Program at Stanford and joined the faculty of San Jose State in 1965 until his retirement in 1987. He is the author of “Luck of Fate: the Military Saga of Sgt. Roger K. Keller 1942-1946.”

Silent Auction at Picnic

Former Math Teacher Charles Paine’s Paintings For Sale

Charles Paine, now deceased, taught math and was a counselor at Sequoia for over 25 years. At the same time, he pursued a professional painting career. He had one-man shows at San Francisco’s California Palace of the Legion of Honor, Stanford Art Gallery, Crocker Art Gallery in Sacramento, Ampex Gallery, and other venues. His paintings are also found in Japan and various European countries. Charles sold for many years through the Coastal Gallery in Half Moon Bay. He developed a unique painting style—watercolor painted on wet paper.

His original, signed paintings for sale may be seen on the SHSAA web site, SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org. They may be purchased online, through PayPal and picked up at the August 20 Alumni Picnic. Five framed pictures will be sold at a Silent Auction at the picnic—starting bids will be $300. (Paine’s paintings previously sold for $600-$1000.) Bids for unframed paintings begin at $100.

At Paine’s request, proceeds from the sale are to be shared with Sequoia’s Mathematic Scholarship Fund, the Art Department, and with the Sequoia Alumni Association.

Signed Football and Basketball

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Bidding begins at $100. A letter of authenticity accompanies the football.

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On one side, Fred Mitchell (Class of 1956) was a highly competitive basketball player and coach, who as a youth played against larger and older players to improve his skill level. On the other side, he was a sensitive and caring individual, who removed all or part of his starting five when a game was under control in order that others might play. That side of Fred was also apparent during his nine years at Redwood High School, where he exhibited great patience and guidance for youth in need of positive direction. Another example of the mentoring role he filled so well, was the annual trip with his PE class to a redwood tree on Sequoia’s campus, where he would acquaint students with the school hymn, concluding his trip with a hymn “sing a long.” He was an admirer of American Indian lore, and considered all his teams to be Cherokees. When he began his freshman year, he was a paltry 5 foot tall, 100 lb. student. Four years later he was a 6 foot, 165 lb. As an All-League player he also was the team MVP. He coached Varsity Basketball for twenty three years in addition to Lightweight Basketball, Cross Country, Girls Softball, and Golf. His 1967 League Champion basketball team is still considered one of the finest ever on the Peninsula. His teams were well known for their tenacity, and it was unusual for a competitor to score more than 40 points in a game. Charlie Johnson and others would be quick to relate the positive influence Fred had upon their growth as players and their personality. There is no better method of capturing a man’s character than to turn to those who worked with and for him.

All-League performer, and member of Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame, Dick Cullen, class of 1967, wrote: “When I think of our experience with Fred Mitchell, I reflect with great fondness on the caring and patience that coach Mitchell exhibited. I believe I speak on behalf of my teammates to say that we had a wonderful experience with Fred. He was fresh out of college when he became our coach, and he inherited some good athletes; but we were a little light on “basketball and overall IQ.” Fred attempted to teach us the “Shuffle” offense, but abandoned the idea after a week when he realized we weren’t meant to play a structured offense. We were a fun group of guys that included the franchise, Charles Johnson. We were competitive, and really enjoyed and respected each other. Fred realized that we needed to play run-and-gun and he mixed things up with a full and half court press. For a young coach, that was pretty impressive: read your talent, size, experience, and athleticism, then build a system that fits the talent. He put up with some spirited adolescents who were dealing with issues of family, girls, and grades. He was a role model, encouraging us as young adults and athletes. He taught us how to deal with competition in a classy manner. There were several games where we could have blown out our competition, but Fred reigned us in and gave all players a chance to contribute to the victory.

“Fred was a player’s coach. He was the director but he let the players assert their skills and personalities. He had an uncanny knack of knowing when to step in and redirect the action and when to let players work through the challenges of the game. Under Fred, we learned when and how to have fun in athletics, and when and how to work hard. Those of us who went on to play college basketball quickly learned how the sport we loved became a job. It is no mystery that I went into teaching, coaching, and later athletic directing as a result of Fred. He continually demonstrated a caring, encouraging, and dedicated sense of purpose as teacher and coach. Fred will be sorely missed by all who have had the privilege of his tutelage.”

Fred Mitchell Memorial -- April 9, 2011

Over three hundred people attended a stirring memorial for Fred Mitchell. His children, Ted, Dean, and Tracy, spoke of the many precious memories they shared of their father. Fred’s grandchildren, Matthew and Hunter, shared special readings. Fred was remembered as a man of strong family values, incredible strength and positive attitude during his lengthy illness. Terry Stogner, CCS Commissioner, told of his long friendship with Fred and relayed a number of humorous anecdotes during their history as competitive basketball coaches. Numerous members of the Sequoia Hall of Fame were present. Afterward, a reception allowed old friends and former players to recount their relationship with Fred and the positive impact he had on their lives.

The Mitchell family has asked that donations be directed to the Sequoia Alumni Association, to the Sequoia Basketball Program, in memory of Fred Mitchell.
Two pillars of Sequoia's athletic heritage who helped numerous student-athletes grow as people recently passed away.

**BOB ANDERSEN, 1922-2011**

The term “end of an era” is often over used, but Bob Andersen (Class of 1941) may be one case where we can make an exception. Sequoia lost a valued member of its sports history when Bob Andersen passed away during heart surgery March 16, 2011. He had a thirty-year coaching career at Sequoia, winning league championships, and developing the talent of numerous young men. However, his unique specialty was the development of character and sensitivity to others. His athletes were more than just names to Bob. He showed personal care and attention toward his players, and in many cases he helped them through perilous times. His wife Myrt never knew how many places to set at the dinner table, because it was not unusual for Bob to bring home players. Camping, hunting and fishing with players, some whom had lost a parent was a common occurrence. It is understandable that many former players visited him years after their Sequoia career had been completed. My recollection of Bob began eight years ago when he was a member of the Alumni Athletic Review Committee, and the HOF Selection Committee. I believe it is safe to say that without Bob’s leadership and input, the selection of deserving Sequoia athletes to the Sequoia Hall of Fame would have been quite different. His memory and experience were always critical check points in the HOF evaluation process. I will never forget the Sequoia teams and players we discussed in his back yard. Rarely did he criticize a former player; in fact, he became visibly upset when he felt a player had been unfairly criticized. On one occasion, a player dropped a foul ball costing the team a win and on the trip back to Sequoia he was roundly criticized by some team members on the team bus. Bob drove the bus back to the practice field and the team ran wind sprints for an hour. No doubt a great lesson in life was delivered to the team.

The following quote captures the essence and character of Bob Andersen (from Gary Beban, Class of 1964, who received the Heisman Trophy in 1967): “Fortunately, over the last two years, I had several opportunities to spend time with Bob and personally convey to him the important role his guidance played in my life as I moved on from Redwood City and Sequoia High School. And even though we will miss Bob’s immediate presence, memories of time spent with him will always remind us of his strength and character and bring warmth to our hearts…. First and foremost, Coach Bob Andersen was a teacher. He chose to use the game of baseball and a baseball field as the tools of his trade rather than a textbook and a classroom. While standing by your side at your position or in the dugout directing your attention to improving your game, Bob would indoctrinate you on the importance of preparing for a forthcoming exam and how ones studies would eventually prove to be of greater value in life than a bat and a ball or being able to short-hop a ground ball. Coach Andersen rarely raised his voice to get your attention or his point across to you as a player or to an umpire who may have missed a call. He was very easy to talk to and serve as your personal sounding board. For a young adult trying to prioritize the greater importance of two games, football and baseball, Bob was never too busy to sit in the dugout or in the stands after the game or practice and talk me through a decision. I know he was busy, but he was never too busy with his time when you asked. And if you had an interest in fish or fowl, he had all the time in the world. All of us who had the good fortune to be coached and taught by Bob Andersen were really being prepped for life rather than the game we were playing for him. All of us will miss Bob and his wisdom very much.”

**Bob Andersen Memorial -- May 7, 2011**

More than two hundred attendees joined together to honor Bob Andersen, who passed away March 16 during heart surgery. Joe Marvin, Irwin Haydock, Rich Pellizzari, and members of the Andersen family spoke about the special person Bob was, and the incredible legacy he left behind, plus the positive effect he had on so many of the people he touched. Among the attendees were HOF members Bob Svihus, Dick Cullen; from Spokane, Rich Schlenker; from Dallas, Irwin Haydock; from SoCal, Pat Lovell, Gary Frohlich, Bill Royer, Rich Trammel, Joe Marvin, Clarence Hamel, Ted and Dean Mitchell, Mike McAdams and Dick Cesarin. Susan Mitchell and her daughter Tracy were also in attendance. I had the good fortune to deliver some choice word from Gary Beban, who was unable to attend. Refreshments were hosted by the Andersen family. Numerous friendships were renewed during the afternoon.

The Andersen family has requested that donations be sent to the Sequoia Alumni Association, either to the Bob Andersen Field Fund, or to Sequoia Baseball Team, in memory of Bob Andersen."

*Mail your donations to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534.*
Alumni in the News

The latest building at UCSF is named for Ray Dolby (1951). The Ray and Dagmar Dolby Regeneration Medicine Building is a 700-foot-long addition to UCSF’s Parnassus Heights campus that slides along Mount Sutro like an elongated silver snake, perched on stilts with an upreared head facing the ocean. Audacious and practical at once, the $123 million facility is a unique response to a unique site. But there is a larger moral as well: This distinctive structure underscores how our region’s terrain is something to be celebrated by architects and their clients, not subdued. It features rooftop garden terraces.

The 68,500-square-foot building, opened February, houses UCSF’s stem cell research efforts with room for up to 300 professors, support staff and graduate and postdoctoral students. It’s located here rather than the university’s Mission Bay campus because of a desire for proximity to the UCSF Medical Center, a top-rated hospital.

—from John King, S.F.Chronicle, 2/5/11

Lorie (Dolores) Garcia (1957) received a Governor’s Historic Preservation Award for 2010 from Governor Schwarzenegger. It is the only official preservation award presented by the State of California to worthy recipients in recognition of outstanding achievements in the field of historic preservation. Lorie received the award at a presentation ceremony in Sacramento. The award states:

Since 1986, the Governor of the State of California 15 annually presented the Governor’s Historic Preservation Award to those who demonstrate outstanding commitment to excellence in historic preservation.

“This award recognizes Lorie Garcia for a lifetime of digging into the past on behalf of the City of Santa Clara, which named her City Historian in 2004. Notable among her many achievements was her leadership of Santa Clara’s sesquicentennial celebration. Ms. Garcia was instigator, organizer, and implementer of all the projects for this three-year tribute to Santa Clara’s past. We commend Lorie Garcia as an historic preservation “maven,” connecting people to projects, people to people, and projects to projects, along with her tireless and accomplished dedication to researching, recording and recounting the history of the City of Santa Clara.”—(signed) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

The article in the Santa Clara Weekly, Jan. 4, 2011 by Carolyn Schuk states: “Santa Clara’ City Historian Lorie Garcia is well known locally for her pioneering efforts documenting and preserving local history. This month she’ll receive a Governor’s Historic Preservation Award from the California State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). Established in 1986, the annual Governor’s Historic Pres-

ervation Awards recognize achievements in historic preservation and increasing public awareness and support for preservation efforts throughout the state.

As an award recipient, Garcia joins a select group of about 200 organizations and individuals recognized for their significant contributions to California’s cultural and architectural legacies.

After nearly two decades as Santa Clara’s unofficial historian, in 2004 Garcia was named Santa Clara’s first-ever Honorary City Historian. California history is in Garcia’s DNA. Her ancestors, Jose and Petronella Garcia, came to California with the Juan Bautista de Anza party in 1776, and subsequently founded Missions San Francisco de Asis and Santa Clara de Asis.

Garcia currently is an adviser to the Santa Clara’s Historical and Landmarks Commission, has served on the city Planning Commission and the County Historical Heritage Commission, and has represented California and Nevada on the board of the American Planning Association. As a founder of the Old Quad Residents Association, Garcia was instrumental in revising the zoning ordinances to encourage preservation of single-family homes in that neighborhood.

In addition to many articles, academic papers, and presentations on local history and archeology, Garcia is the author of “Santa Clara: From Mission to Municipality,” and co-author of “A Place of Promise: the City of Santa Clara 1852-2002.”

For Garcia, active engagement with the community and its history goes hand and hand with citizenship. “I really care about my town,” she says. “And if you care about something you have a right and a responsibility to get involved.”

Constance (Connie) Crothers (1958) teaches jazz improvisation in her studio in Brooklyn NY. Her latest CD, Session at 475 Kent, was released in early 2010 and several videos of her performing and teaching jazz piano improvisation are available on Youtube.

Known for her uncompromising spontaneous improvisation, originality, virtuosity and a wide range of expression, Connie has performed extensively throughout the world as a soloist and in duos, and also as the leader of a jazz quartet and a jazz trio. In 2001, at Harvard University, she was awarded Honorary Jazz Master. She has played in Birdland in New York City, the Carnegie Recital Hall, and at many jazz festivals throughout the United States and Canada, and also Berlin, Stockholm, Belgium, Amsterdam, Estonia, Tokyo, Italy, and more. She often performs in her own Brooklyn studio.

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At Sequoia Connie was secretary of her class for three years, a Cherokette, Varsity Pom-pon Girl. She was also a member of the California Scholarship Federation and a Big Sister, and she continued to take the piano lessons she had begun at age 9. After graduation from Sequoia, Connie started college at San Jose State and then transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, majoring in music with an emphasis in composition. She moved to New York City in 1962 and studied with Lennie Tristano who began to feature her in performances. By 1972 she was teaching improvisation as well as performing and she continues to do so today.


James A. McFaul Trust
$10,000 Gift to SHSAA General Fund

The Alumni Association is most grateful to 1940 graduate James A. McFaul for remembering us with a most generous gift of $10,000 to our general fund. Mr. McFaul sadly passed in 2009. Over the years, Mr. McFaul continuously exhibited his generosity to the Alumni Association so this ultimate gift is consistent with his belief and faith in our organization. Please see the Sequoia Legacy Society article elsewhere in this newsletter should you also wish to consider a planned gift to the Alumni Association.

Carrington Hall Benches

Last issue, photos of the new benches for the Carrington Hall lobby were shown. However, the detail of the center carving of the Sequoia tree was not clear. Here is a close-up detail of that beautiful carving. The word “Unaliyi” is on the anner at the bottom.

Tea Garden Maintenance

Roll up your sleeves and come help the Tea Garden Maintenance Committee prune trees and plants, rake leaves, pull weeds, and generally tidy up the beautiful garden.

Tea Garden Work Days throughout the year are usually on a Saturday morning (mostly once a month, weather permitting). You can come for an hour or stay the whole time (until about noon or one o’clock).

If you would like to be contacted about the Tea Garden Clean Up days, contact SHSAA via e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net. Or call 650-592-5822 to add your name to the notification list.

Sequoia Authors Project

We are pleased that our collection of books by or about Sequoians is growing. The collection is a wonderful legacy housed in Sequoia’s library.

We will gladly accept donations of books written by or about Sequoia students and staff. If you wish to donate a book or have any questions, please contact Dee Eva 650-368-4800. Books can be mailed to Dee at 1021 Arlington Road, Redwood City, CA 94062-1850.

Keep Your E-Mail Addresses Coming!

Thanks to all the members who have sent in their current e-mail address. However, We still do not yet have e-mail addresses for many of you!

Please send us your e-mail address, either via our e-mail address, sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net, or mail via the Returnable Page, on the inside back cover of this issue. If you send the address via e-mail, please be sure and give your name, and if possible, your membership number, which is on the top of your mailing label on Smoke Signals. That will help us to find you in the database!

Having your e-mail is a great help if we have to contact you, especially if you move and we have no current address! Also, many members receive the electronic version Smoke Signals via e-mail.

(NOTE: The policy of SHSAA is not to give out your contact information except to your class reunion committee.)

Receive Smoke Signals Via E-Mail

It’s easy…..it’s fast…..you get Smoke Signals before the mailed version reaches members!

Getting Smoke Signals by e-mail saves the Association in printing and mailing costs!

Just let us know if you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail rather than by snail mail! At least give it a try! (You can always change back to the mailed version if you wish.)

Contact us at sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net to be put on the e-mail only list.
Cherokee Chatter

Current information about fellow Sequoians.  
(To contribute your news to this column, please see the Returnable Page, inside back cover, or e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net.)

LOOK AT ME NOW...


Raymond Albretsen (1966) writes: “I am a chiropractor practicing in Fernley, NV. I have been practicing for 33 years, mostly in Las Vegas. Hello, Sequoia!”

Linda Galonska Wright (1968) is a homemaker in Canada who enjoys music and genealogy.

Julie Eglington (1996) is engaged to be married September 17 to Daniel Johnson. She earned a BA from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and a master’s from San Francisco State.

New member James Emerson, of Saratoga, joined as a Friend of Sequoia. He is the grandson of Otis Carrington. His aunts, uncles, mother, and cousins all went to Sequoia.

WE'RE RETIRED...

Phyllis DeWree Hellwig (1949) graduated from the Providence College of Nursing in 1952, then worked as a nurse for almost 56 years. She was an operating room Registered Nurse for 50 years, 46 of them at Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. She was one of the first to obtain an Operating Room Certificate when it was first established in 1979. In 1995 she was on an Amtrak train that had a serious derailment, and she was able to give first aid to the many victims. Phyllis retired in February 2008 and works out, gardens, travels, and keeps in touch with family and friends on Facebook. (She is on Facebook and on a few other spots on the web including the newspaper articles regarding the fatal derailing of the Amtrak train where she is credited with giving first aid.)

Tom Boxler (1954) has retired after 49 years in the CPA profession and has moved to Alturas, Ca where he enjoys hunting, fishing and travel.

Barry Hinman (1958) is now “Special Collections Librarian for Cataloging Emeritus” at Stanford University, having retired in July 2007. After Sequoia he graduated from the University of Santa Clara (BA), Princeton University (MA) and San Jose State University (Master in Library Studies). He became interested in ancestral research while still in grammar school and has recently been both tutor and speaker for the San Mateo County Genealogical Society.

Tony De Maio (1958) had moved two years ago and had been having Smoke Signals forwarded that long; then recently the paper came back to SHSAA. We finally found him. This is the reason he gave for why the forwarding service lasted so long: “I make it a point to ‘get along’ with my postman (oops--post person). I make jam and give them some. I give them produce from my garden. Generally, I treat them as hooman beings. They ain’t used to that. How many times have you heard the phrase, ‘It’s just the postman.’ I do the same for the Fed Ex and UPS folk. Here, I’ve got a bigger garden. As such, they continue to forward mail long after the ‘normal period’. I guess there’s a new mailperson on the route. I’m now experimenting buying them off with homemade pickles.”

Philip Jones (1958) and his wife Beverly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November and are happily retired in Twain Harte, CA, enjoying the mountain life, and cruising together. The back-story for Philip and Beverly (not a Sequoia alum) is that Phil’s Mom, Florence Kelting Jones, graduated from Sequoia in 1928, and Bev’s Mom, Elizabeth Bowles Herren, graduated in 1931. Phil and Bev met at College of San Mateo, and their children both graduated from Sequoia; Karen Jones Berry (1980), and Kenneth Jones (1985).

New Members

(December 2, 2010 - May 24, 2011)

Sequoia

Emilio Lopez ................................. 1955
Tom Florez ..................................... 1961
Linda Galonska Wright ................. 1968
James Emerson ......................... Friend of Sequoia
Cherokee, Apple partner to put language on iPhones

Nearly two centuries after a blacksmith named Sequoyah converted Cherokee into its own unique written form, the Cherokee tribe has worked with Apple to develop Cherokee language software for the iPhone, iPod, and the iPad. Computers used by students at the tribe’s language immersion school already allow them to type using Cherokee characters.

Cherokee Chief Chad Smith said the goal is to spread the use of the language among tech-savvy children in the digital age. Tribal officials first contacted Apple about getting Cherokee on the iPhone three years ago. It seemed like a long shot, as the devices support only 50 of the thousands of languages worldwide, and none were American Indian tongues. But Apple’s reputation for innovation gave the tribe hope. After many discussions and a visit from Smith, the company surprised the tribe by coming through this fall. “There are countries vying to get on these devices for languages, so we are pretty excited we were included,” said Joseph Erb, who works in the Cherokee Nation’s language technology division.

The Cherokee take particular pride in their past, including the alphabet, or syllabary, Sequoyah developed in 1821. In 1828, the tribe obtained a printing press and began publishing the Cherokee Phoenix, which the Cherokee claim was the nation’s first bilingual newspaper. Copies circulated as far away as Europe, tribal officials say.

The Cherokee language thrived back then, but like other tribal tongues, it has become far less prevalent over the decades. Today only about 8,000 Cherokee speakers remain — a fraction of the tribe’s 290,000 members — and most of those are 50 or older, Smith said. Tribal leaders realized something must done to encourage younger generations to learn the language.

“What makes you a Cherokee if you don’t have Cherokee thoughts?” asked Rita Bunch, superintendent of the tribe’s Sequoyah Schools. Tribal officials thus decided to develop the language immersion school, in which students would be taught multiple subjects in a Cherokee-only environment. The Oklahoma school began in 2001 and now has 105 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. They work on Apple laptops already loaded with the Cherokee language — the Macintosh operating system has supported Cherokee since 2003 — and featuring a unique keypad overlay with Cherokee’s 85 characters, each of which represent a different syllable. Erb said the Apple devices that support Cherokee are most popular with students, but the technology is slowly gaining traction with older tribal members, especially those who might not like using computers but routinely use cell phones.

Tribal officials say Cherokee is so far the only American Indian language supported by Apple devices. However, they’re not the only indigenous people using technology to save their language. One language supported in the Mac operating system is Hawaiian. In 2003, the Hawaiian Language Digital Library project went online, making available more than 100,000 pages of searchable newspaper archives, books and other material in the language native to Hawaii.

“That enthusiasm for using Cherokee-themed technology is what will help keep the tribe’s language, and thus its culture, alive in generations to come,” Smith said. He compared the use of Cherokee on Apple devices to Sequoyah’s creation of the syllabary and the tribe’s purchase of the printing press. He sees a day when tribal members routinely will read books and perform plays and operas in their native language.

---from an article by By MURRAY EVANS, Associated Press – 12/23/10

Poetry By 1957 Alumnus

In the Fall, 2009 issue of Smoke Signals, a Cherokee Chatter item mentioned that Kay Kramer (1957) writes poetry. Kay had his own page on the www.poetrystreet.co.uk site, and published eight of his poems; one, “Sweet Butterfly,” was listed in its top 10 for the month of June. (To see his poems, enter poetrystreet noted above; under ‘list of contributors’ scroll under the K’s to Kay Kramer and all poems will appear.)

Another site for his poems is www.poemsonly.com—you have to scroll back about 6 pages from previous at the bottom to the first one “I Believe” which was the most popular.” Follow it through “Our Golden Years,” “Friends,” “The Beauty of Nature,” “Each New Day,” “Michael My Son,” “Achieving a Joyous Life,” etc.

Here is a sample of his poetry:

“Friends”

We come to make friends throughout every stage of our life,
From our childhood years and during life’s course;
Their often there in times of need, or to help us out,
Ye, a friend can often assist us in nearly everything we face;
And as we grow older with our friends “we grow to appreciate their kindness and care,”

When we need advice or a shoulder to simply lean on;
Friends are there to help us realize, bear burdens, and move on,
We often cherish our friends more than words can express;
But our actions, deeds, and respect for them is deep in our heart.
For with “true friends” we know they’ll be there in times of need and will not part;
So, from the start to the end of each day,
Value them with love, respect, and consideration, I do say;
Also, in your daily prayers, especially at night,
Thank The LORD and bless your friends for giving you might.
“Bob Andersen Field” Fund Drive And Dedication

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association is delighted to report that the Sequoia High School baseball field was officially named and dedicated, “Bob Andersen Field”, on August 21, 2010, at the Alumni Association’s fourth annual picnic. An ambitious and highly worthwhile fund raising drive accompanies this project. Sadly, since this fundraising effort began, Bob Andersen has passed. He died March 16 of this year. The fund drive in his honor, however, continues.

Bob Andersen is a member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame, both as an athlete, graduating in 1941, and as a coach. He is also a member of the San Jose State and San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of the most versatile coaches in Sequoia history with tenure at Sequoia between 1950 and 1980. His first love was baseball, which he coached to winning seasons, including a number of league championships, from 1951 to 1964. Five of his players went on to play professionally. He excelled in motivating players and was a wonderful role model for them.

Bob Andersen’s success as a baseball coach would have more than qualified him for the honor of having the baseball field named after him, but what he meant to the lives of the students he taught and coached transcends how many league championships his teams may have won or his high winning percentage. His mentoring and advice had a positive and lasting influence on the lives of many Sequoia students. He is a hero to many and many attribute his influence as a contributing factor to their success in life. Bob resides in Redwood City and was present at the August 21 dedication ceremony.

The accompanying fundraising drive is like nothing the Alumni Association has ever attempted. Typically projects have exclusively had something to do with a physical improvement benefiting Sequoia High School. I. B. E. W. (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Local 617 donated a new baseball field scoreboard valued at $8,000 as part of this effort. Funds from this drive have already been used for the scoreboard installation. All remaining funds will be used to benefit athletics at Sequoia by helping economically disadvantaged Sequoia athletes, providing uniforms and attendance at sport camps for years to come. Considering Bob Andersen’s heart for kids, this effort is considered to be most fitting.

The goal is to raise $56,000 over a one-year period. Whatever funds are raised during that time period will be used for the purposes described. The Alumni Association asks that you please help meet this challenge associated with the legacy of Bob Andersen by making a donation to this fund.

Donations can be made by writing a check payable to the Sequoia High School Alumni Association (SHSAA), noting on the check and/or envelope, “Bob Andersen Field” Fund. Donations may also be made via Pay Pal on the Alumni Association’s website at www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org, clicking on Merchandise which will take you to the Donation Opportunities page, and utilizing the box entitled “Bob Andersen Field” Fund.

Another option would be to purchase a brick with an inscription for $100, a tree with a plaque for $1,000 or an engraved stone bench for $3,000 for placement in the newly named “Inspiration Grove”, a stand of Redwoods outside the Business wing of Sequoia and in close proximity to the baseball field. Bob Andersen can be honored for his inspiration and lasting influence on the donor’s life or any teacher, family member or friend may be honored, who did the same. (They need not have attended or taught at Sequoia.)

To purchase a brick, tree or bench, please complete the form below and send it with your check for $100, $1,000 or $3,000

Tax-deductible donations should be sent to:

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Sequoia High School Alumni Association
P. O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534

Brick/Tree/Stone Bench Information: Please allow a space for word breaks and periods. Please print and indicate capital and lower case letters with a maximum of 20 characters per line.

YOU MAY HONOR ANYONE YOU WISH ON THE BRICK, TREE OR BENCH, WHETHER OR NOT THEY TAUGHT AT OR ATTENDED SEQUOIA.

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Your name_______________________________________Phone ___________________

Address__________________________________________Phone ___________________

# and Street   City   State  ZIP

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: Dee Eva, Phone 650-368-4800 E-mail: dee@deeeva.com
“Cherokee Grants” 2010 and
Other Donations Net Sequoia High School $8,396.79

The Sequoia High School Alumni Association has approved the donation of the items listed below, totaling $4,671.79, to Sequoia High School under its annual “Cherokee Grants” program.

The “Cherokee Grants” program is set up to fund instructional services and/or the purchase of instructional equipment and materials that are not included in the current District budget. Grant applications are given to every teacher. The “Cherokee Grants” Committee studies each request and makes a recommendation to the Alumni Association Board of Directors as to how our limited monies can best be spent to benefit the most students. The application form contains several questions that must be adequately addressed for the Committee to make its determination.

Year 2010 Cherokee Grants were:

- Science Chemistry and Biology – Jamie Beacom and Katie Finlay, $500 toward a document camera
- Ceramics 1 & 2 – Z. Becker, $220 for banding wheels
- French – Karina Chin, $100 toward a trip to France
- Special Education – Lana Clemens, $400 toward a field trip to the San Francisco zoo
- English 4 in RSP – Karol-Ann Coleman, $150.59 for copies of the book “The Perks of Being a Wallflower”
- Math/Geometry – Jimmy Karditzas, $304 for compasses
- Mathematics – Laura Larkin, $163 for a case for graphing calculators
- AVID – Teresa Yeager, $250 toward the cost of sophmores and juniors to go to Southern California to visit colleges
- Photography – Kate Sheehan, $463.64 for Kaiser Darkroom Aprons
- English – Alissa Talesnick and Jessica Mass, $420 for student licenses for the Revolution Prep California High School Exit Exam
- Special Education – Marilyn Vandenbroeck, $434 for Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language (CASL)
- English – Kim Vinh, $250 toward registration fee for 2011 Journalism Education Association National High School convention
- AVID – Teresa Yeager, $250 toward the cost of sophmores and juniors to go to Southern California to visit colleges

Additionally, we have donated $2,000 to Athletics for football helmets, $225 to the Cheer Team, $500 to the Sequoia High School Track and Field team for equipment and uniform needs and $500 to the Football team for weight lifting equipment.

Another $500 donation to the football program was made possible by a donation to the Alumni Association by one of our members (1979 graduate Steve Pellizzari), instructing that the funds be passed along to Sequoia High School for that purpose.

As a result of all of the above, donations from the Sequoia High School Alumni Association to Sequoia High School for this school year total $8,396.79.

The Alumni Association is especially grateful for the ongoing financial support of the “Cherokee Grants” program by Rich and Dee Eva (class of 1961).

Lost Members

The following members are lost. If you know whereabouts, please let the Alumni Association know. (See contact information on p. 2 or on the Returnable Page, p. 22.)

Bernice Marcopulos Dadaos .................................................. 1943
H. Greig Fowler .......................................................... 1954
Richard Pitcher ............................................................ 1957
Kathy Fitzgerald Campbell .................................................. 1964
Margaret Powers Johnson ................................................. 1969
Susan Burr McBrayer ...................................................... 1979
Robert Oseguera .......................................................... 1991
Stephani Lauren ........................................................... 1994
Jason Hess ............................................................. 1998
Sherry Jones ............................................................ 1998
Nirshila Chand .......................................................... 2001
Helen Navarro ......................................................... 2004
FS = Former Student,
FR = Friend of Sequoia
FAC = Faculty
In Memoriam

Nona McGlashan (1928) Became a nun, serving several years in China as a Mother Superior, leaving when the communists came to power. She wrote several books. After leaving the church earned a Masters degree in her 70’s.

Bert Bergman (1932) began his plumbing career right after high school. Later, while in the Army in the Middle East he actually worked on the plumbing at the Palace of Versailles. He was a member of the Plumbers Union for 72 years.

Sidney Gutterman (1935) Owned and operated Sidney’s Interiors at Stanford Shopping Center, and served as President of Congregation Beth Jacob, where she was the longest living member. Shirley, and her husband, Bill, were very supportive of the Alumni Association.

Emmett John Murphy (1939) WW2 POW for 15 months. UC Berkeley Graduate, employed 40 years as an engineer.

Thomas Winnovich (1939) was a naval aviator in WW2 and had 30 years of service with A.T.T.T. where he retired as Chief Economist. He was President of the Palo Alto Little League.

Sidney Lewon (1941) Multi faceted, with talent in a number of persuasions, and a WW2 war hero, flying 30 missions.

Jack Blair (1942) served in the Army Air Corps in WW2 as Assistant Flight Engineer with the 315th Bombardment Wing. He earned a BS in Animal Husbandry at Cal Poly. His career was in agriculture in California, Oregon, and finally in Twin Falls, Idaho, where he owned C.K. Brown & Associates.

James Cameron (1942) served in the Navy in the Pacific in WW2. He earned a BA in 1947 then received a CPA certificate in 1952. His career was in the U.S. steel and international defense industries; with top secret security clearance he managed projects in many countries.

Harlan J. Schoennauer (1942) Managed to live through some of the highest profile and deadly battles of WW2, including Wake Island, Bougainville, Leyte, Tinian, and Guam. He spent 28 years as Property Appraiser in Assessor’s office.

James B. Mackie (1944) Part of the invasion of Manila, he returned home to earn an engineering degree. Worked for Chevron for 35 years as Mechanical Engineer. After he retired, he delivered food, for 15 years, for Interfaith Ministries.

James B. Mason (1945) A member of the Sequoia Sports Hall of Fame for baseball and boxing; continued those talents at Stanford. Taught 31 years in the Sequoia High School District.

Dr. Mark W. Sullivan (1945) Chaired the Philosophy Dept. and Humanities Division at Notre Dame de Namur 1952-95. Left Sequoia early to serve his country in WW2. The Democratic Central Committee named him, “Mr. Democrat of San Mateo County,” He earned a Ph.D. from Stanford.

Sydney Overton (1946) served up the Army at Ft. Lee, Va, where he was an instructor teaching personnel how to assemble weapons. He later taught junior high social studies and English in Los Altos for 27 years, where he was also a football, basketball, and softball coach. He was famed for riding his bicycle, in coat and tie, to school almost every day.

Noboru Ishida (1947) He started high school in the Topaz Relocation Center in Utah, finishing high school at Sequoia. Served his country in the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1954.

Donald Vaillancourt (1947) After serving in the Air Force in the Korean War, He took over is father’s welding business; he mentored and taught many future welders and was a member of the American Welding Society.

Richard S. Bender (1951) A member of the Sequoia & San Jose State Sports Hall of Fame as a boxer, where he lost only six times in a total of 129 fights. He was a TV personality, US Soccer Commissioner, owned car dealerships & an Ad Agency.

Gerald (Jerry) Chandler (1951) had more than 34 years of community in...
Thank You For The Grants!

(See list of the 2010 Cherokee Grants elsewhere in this issue.)

On behalf of the English department, I’d like to express our appreciation for the class set of white boards, markers, and erasers, as well as the butcher paper wall mount, which the maintenance team has already installed in the office. These items give instructors more ways to help the variety of our students learn and demonstrate their skills—and to increase the ranks of Sequoia Alumni! 

—Thank you, Jessica Mass

In Memoriam

Continued from previous page

Emmanuel served as Redwood City councilman from 1978-82 and 1984-88, with one term as vice-mayor. He also served on commissions and boards including the Bay Area Water Agency, Water Conservation Committee, Port Commission, and Peninsula Celebration Association.

Angelo Del Ben (1952) served in the U.S. Army in Germany and was an automotive business owner in Mountain View for 41 years.

Walter L. Marks (1954) Walter was a long-time business owner in Scotts Valley, after graduating from USC & later SMU, where he earned a master's degree. Goodwill Industries of Santa Cruz County named him Employer of the Year for his dedication and generous contributions to the community.

Richard Mabie (1955) was commissioner of recreation in San Mateo County. He worked at the county Juvenile Hall for 10 years and was superintendent of Juvenile Hall for Shasta County for 11 years. Most recently, he was chief probation officer for Trinity County for 13 years.

Faculty

Marjorie Bopp worked in the district accounting department for 20 years.

Dorothy Eggiman Flice taught business at Sequoia, then at Gunn, and finally at Evergreen Valley College. For more than 20 years she used her computer expertise to register athletes at the annual Special Games.

Juanita K. Laumets-A Home Economics teacher 1957-1980, she earned several degrees, including a master's degree. In 1976, she was named “Home Economics Teacher of the Year.”

Tsukasa Matsueda-Taught at Sequoia for 33 years and also lectured at Stanford and San Jose State Universities. He also went abroad as a Fulbright Exchange Teacher to Japan and taught English at the University of Niigata and the attached junior high school for two years.

At the age of 16, along with other Japanese Americans, he was held in the relocation camps at Rohwer, Ark., and Tule Lake, Calif. After his release, he was drafted into the U.S. military where he served in the 525th Military Intelligence Unit. After retirement, he worked with San Jose Japanese's Yu-Ai-Kai/Japanese American Community Senior Service as a case manager for its Japanese-speaking clientele.

He is the author of “Issie: The Shadow Generation,” a book citing the contribution Issie made to Japanese American culture since their arrival, through the incarceration camps and beyond.


Dr. Byron Skinner-Former Social Studies teacher at Sequoia. He demonstrated great courage as a Civil Rights activist at a time when it was not convenient. He was a skilled teacher of Western Civilization and a man of great character.

The A.V.I.D. (Advancement Via Individual Determination) class is immensely thankful for your support. We are looking forward to visiting the different college campuses, and we greatly appreciate your contribution to help us get to this goal. Thank you for helping get closer to this unforgettable experience.

—Ms. Yeager’s Sophomore AVID class.

In addition, individual members of the class also expressed their appreciation: • "Thank you so much for the Cherokee Grant. You're super awesome for that! Ever since we've received the grant, it's helped a lot of my fellow peers out, and taken some of the heavy load off their weary shoulders. We are forever grateful and would like to give you a thousand hugs and thank you's without being overly creepy. We really do appreciate it!"; • "We appreciate your grant to Sequoia. We really needed it."; • "By making this contribution to our AVID class, you are making some of us who are less fortunate and can't afford to go to getting closer to reach our goals. Don't you know how much this means to us; we really appreciate it."; • "Thank you for donating $250 towards the AVID program. We appreciate your courtesy. Avid does not know how to thank you enough. God Bless."

This note is to make sure you know how much I appreciate the Comprehensive Assessment of Spoken Language. It has been ordered and I'm looking forward to receiving it. Using the C.A.S.L. materials will make assessments easier, more efficient, increasingly thorough, and absolutely reliable. Once the educator has such specific information, she is then able to use the areas of specific strength as a facilitator to teach and develop the areas of greatest weakness.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity to me over the years. Your gifts have had a significant, positive impact on the education in my classroom. My students and I are all very grateful.

—Marilyn Vandenbroeck, Speech/Language Pathologist

Thank you so much for the Cherokee Grant to purchase a graphing calculator case. In this time of extremely limited funding, your grants provide an opportunity to obtain some much-needed supplies. We can now pack away the trader Joe shopping bags and safely carry our class set of graphing calculators between rooms. Thank you again for supporting the Sequoia Math Department.

—Laura Larkin

Thank you for your donation of $100 to the Sequoia High School French Club. This year, 16 students from Sequoia will be visiting France for an educational exchange. They will be spending ten days with a French family and four days touring Paris. Because the students come from different financial backgrounds, we spend a year and a half fundraising. Your donation is greatly appreciated. On the students’ behalf, thank you very much for your generosity.

—Karina Chin, French Teacher

I would like to thank the Sequoia High School Alumni Association for my Cherokee Grant of $400 to fund a field trip to the San Francisco Zoo. My class is looking forward to going on their field trip. Thank you for your generosity.

—Lana Clemens, Special Day Class Teacher

Thank you for for the grant to the Photography class. Every little bit helps. Please extend my thanks to all the members of the Alumni Association.

—Kate Sheehan
The Returnable Page

Return this page to: SHSAA, P.O. Box 2534, Redwood City, CA 94064-2534, order/donate with PayPal on our Website (www.SequoiaHSAlumniAssoc.org) or e-mail information to: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

Name ___________________________________________ (______________) Grad Year: _______ Sequoia or San Carlos? ______

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Please contact me about the SHSAA Legacy Society’s planned giving.

Enclosed is my business card & benefit to members, for SS ad @ $50/issue $__________

Yes, I would like to receive Smoke Signals via e-mail instead of snail mail! Please give your name and e-mail above.

I’d like to donate to:

• The 2010-11 Annual Fund $__________
• General Fund (for Alumni Operations) $__________
• Tea Garden Maintenance Endowment Fund $__________
• “Spirit of the Seal” Scholarships Endowment Fund $__________
• Sequoia “Cherokee Grants” (for school programs) $__________
• Smoke Signals Publication Fund $__________
• Bob Anderson Field Fund $__________
• SHSAA Sports Scholarship $__________
• Del Sarto Scholarship (baseball/softball) $__________
• Fred Mitchell Memorial Basketball Fund $__________
• Sequoia Veterans Memorial $__________
• Books by/about Sequoians Collection $__________

Total $__________

For the following items, feel free to use another page if needed:

My News for Cherokee Chatter or Dons’ Doings (circle one) ______________________________________________________________________
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Memory for “The Way It Was At Sequoia” _____________________________________________________________________________________
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Ideas for events/fundraising: _______________________________________________________________________________________________

WANT TO SERVE? _____ on the Board? ... or on the following committees:

  _ Smoke Signals  _ Athletic Review  _ Special Events
  _ Cherokee Grants  _ Labeling for Mailing  _ Merchandise
  _ Archives & Display  _ Annual meeting  _ Help in booth

BALLOT --- 2010

(see article about candidates on p. 8)

Please vote for no more than 6 people.

______ Rosemary Filippi Fischer
______ Jack Conklin
______ Sally Coehlo Newman
______ Ed Nordness
______ Leah Schmuck

Write-in name (with phone numbers and e-mail):

Deadline for receiving ballots is July 22, 2011.

Mail to the address above.

SURPLUS YEARBOOKS

Please circle the book(s) you wish to buy


Add $7 per book for shipping & handling $__________

Yearbook Total: $__________
Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

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50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton
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| Sweatshirts — LIMITED SIZES
50/50 Cotton/Poly., 9 oz.
S-6 White Crewneck, Purple Logo |     | Sizes: M, L, XL only | $12        |             |
| Hats
H-1 Purple Baseball-style, w. embroidered Alumni Logo |     | | $18        |             |
| Memorabilia
B-1 Bottle “Shirt” * |     |       | $3         |             |
| P-1 Sequoia Lapel Pin * |     |       | $5         |             |
| P-2 50-year Grad Disk * |     |       | $3         |             |
| P-3 Sequoia Pen * |     |       | $2         |             |
| M-1 Mouse Pad * |     |       | $5         |             |
| R-1 Sequoia Replica |     |       | $5         |             |
| LP-1 License Plate Holder |   |       | $18        |             |
| LP-2 2 License Plate Holders 2 for | |     | $35        |             |
| Stationery
N-1 Small Notecards (set of 5) * |     |       | $8         |             |
| N-2 Large Notecards (set of 5) * |     |       | $10        |             |
| N-3 5x7 Notecards - on watercolor paper, suitable for framing * | |     | $8         |             |

Shipping & Handling Charges*
$3.00 - $10.00 Add $4.00
$11.00 - $20.00 Add $6.50
over $20.00 Add $8.50
*except for: D-1, B-1, P-1, P-2, P-3, M-1, Only add $1.50 each

Information and photos available at www.sequoiahsalumniassoc.org or call 650/592-5822.
e-mail: sequoiahsalumni@earthlink.net

SHSAA Membership Application

Name ____________________________ ____________________________ (__________________________)  
Address__________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________ ____________________________ -  
City ____________________________ State ___________ ZIP ____________  
Phone (___)___(___)__________ e-mail: ____________________________  
Home ____________________________ Work ____________________________  
*Occupation (Present or Past) ____________________________  
(circle one)  
*My interests/hobbies are: ____________________________  
* Is it ok to use occupation/interests in Smoke Signals for Cherokee Chatter or Dons Doings? ____ yes ____ no  
Type of Membership:
1) SEQUOIA: Class of ________ Graduate ____ Former Student (not graduate) ____  
2) SAN CARLOS: Class of ________ Graduate ____ Former Student (not graduate) ____  
3) _____Faculty/Staff (years ______________)  4) ____Friend Of Sequoia  
____GIFT from: ____________________________________________________________  
Gift card will be sent to the above address unless otherwise specified.  
I would also like to donate to: $_________  
• General Fund (ongoing Alumni Operations) $_________  
• Tea Garden Maintenance Endowment Fund $_________  
• “Spirit of the Seal’’ Scholarships Endowment Fund $_________  
• Sequoia “Cherokee Grants” (directed to school needs) $_________  
• Smoke Signals Publication ($4,000 per issue) $_________  
• Athletic Committee Fund $_________  
• SHSAA Sports Scholarship $_________  
• Sequoia Veterans Memorial $_________  
• “Bob Anderson Field” Fund $_________  
• Books by/about Sequoians Collection $_________  
Total $_________

All Shirts Reduced! WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!  

Not sure if you’re a member? Check the mailing label. If there is a number by your name, you’re a member!

New Items...

Stationery: Notecards
5 different scenes of the campus

Baseball Hat!
Baseball Hat-embroidered with the Sequoia Logo

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Sequoia Alumni Merchandise

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| T-Shirt — LIMITED SIZES
50/50 Cotton/Poly. or Cotton
T-3 White Shirt, Purple Logo |     | Sizes: M, XL only | $5         |             |
| Sweatshirts — LIMITED SIZES
50/50 Cotton/Poly., 9 oz.
S-6 White Crewneck, Purple Logo |     | Sizes: M, L, XL only | $12        |             |
| Hats
H-1 Purple Baseball-style, w. embroidered Alumni Logo |     | | $18        |             |
ANNUAL MEETING
of the Sequoia High School Alumni Association

Tuesday, July 24, 2011
6 p.m.
District Office Board Room, 480 James Ave., Redwood City

Hear results of the election of officers and enjoy the overview of the past year.
Light refreshments will be served.
Feel free to stay for the regular SHSAA board meeting at 7 p.m.

Remember to VOTE! See Ballot on the Returnable Page, p. 22.
Voting deadline: July 22, 2011
5th Annual
Celebrate Sequoia
“Remember the Past…Look to the Future”

Picnic / B. B. Q.
presented by the
Sequoia High School Alumni Association
Saturday, August 20, 2011
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

On the beautiful Sequoia Campus, corner of El Camino and Broadway, Redwood City

$30 per person

Reservations are required, and due by Aug. 15, but a limited number of tickets available at the door at $40 per person.

Pick up tickets on the day of the picnic at the registration table.

Lunch will be served between 12:15 and 2:15 p.m. ONLY.

Emergency BBQ Deli & Catering
765 Old County Rd., San Carlos, CA
(owned by Sequoia alumnus Jeremy Sowers)
will again cater this year’s BBQ lunch.

The Class of 1961 will be honored as our "Golden Grads" on their 50th Anniversary.

Highlights include:
campus tours at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.,
raffle and a performance by Sequoia's award-winning cheerleaders.

SAN CARLOS GRADS are welcome!

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Make checks payable to: SHSAA

Mail to: "Celebrate Sequoia", c/o Marian Wydo
833 Clinton St. Redwood City, CA 94061

Grad Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Maiden Name _______________________________________________________________________

Spouse/Guest Name: ____________________________________________________________________

Address __________________________________________________________________________

Phone __________________________ E-Mail __________________________________________________________________________

Grad Year ______________ if not a grad, state your years at Sequoia ____________

Number of tickets: ____________ @$30 ea. Total enclosed $ __________

We do not share your personal information with anyone, even other classmates, without your permission.