



# COLUSA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



June 2012

## AFTER THE BELL

When you hear a school bell ring today, does it ever take you back in time to the “classroom hallway” at Colusa High School? Alumni of all ages can remember the experiences and adventures of navigating the hall between classes and the lunch break. Our lives today seem to be miles away from that place in time, but maybe, if we use our imagination, it’s just down the hall. Like the lockers that lined the corridor, we can hear the doors of your memory opening and closing on this topic right now!

If you would for a moment, put yourself back in that place, walking the hall alone. Only the soft squeaking of your shoes would interrupt the heavy silence. Suddenly there were bells and your heart rate increased with anticipation. You realized it was time for a break. There was a burst of excitement and students rushed to their lockers along the walls. Everyone worked at opening a lock, spinning the combination numbers as the tumblers fell in place.

With locksmith like skills, students opened them up. You had to be efficient at your locker, because time was of the essence. Getting your books for the next class was a must. But it was more important to find your friends and get the latest social news. It would be an eternity until you could see them again at the next bell.

Your personal locker was your home away from home, a secret safe place at school. Some students kept them really neat and organized, while others were messy and upside down. Most of the time they mirrored the personality of the occupant. Can you remember your locker number and where it was located at school? How did you take care of the school material kept inside?

Sidestepping the chaos, you could look down the

lines of lockers. Waves of conversations dominated the area. Athletic moves of perfect balance were needed to continue a positive



movement toward your destination. Within minutes, the noise and activity subsided. Locks were once again being secured and the bell that brought the burst of energy rang once again, clearing the path for quiet. Then there was silence, and a wait for another break.

A “first day freshman” in the hall, evolved into a “sly devious senior,” during the four-year high school experience. All eyes were on the pranksters and intimidators as groups of tenured students taught the tricks of the trade to eager learners. What did you observe in that setting during your high school years?

A melting pot of personalities took place in the classroom hallway. Students that were very outgoing crossed paths with the ones that preferred to be quiet and determined.

Every day the struggle of social existence was put to the test. The hall had standouts that seemed to dominate the stand backs, but each group survived with their own circle of friends. Interaction with all of those friends made the hallway a great social event every day.

Experiences in high school left a lasting impression on our lives. Our fragile and juvenile personalities were molded and formed into who we are today. Write to us and tell us what you remember about “the hall.” Were you a leader or a follower? Did uncomfortable situations, that seemed to be the end of the world, bring the best out of you? We hope to hear about “exciting hallway experiences” from you soon. See you after the bell!!



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is an organization that helps support the curriculums at the high school. All Colusa High School graduates are eligible to participate in the Alumni Association. Annual newsletters will encourage alumni to donate an amount equal to their year of graduation, such as 1963=\$19.63, 1942=\$19.42, and so on.

Donations received will be accounted for and directed to the area of scholastic interest at Colusa High School, so designated by the donating Alumni. These donations will be used to enhance the education of current Colusa High School students

The success of the Colusa High School Alumni Association is dependent upon the ideas, volunteer work and donations of the Alumni.

### 1924

Herman H. Fendt

### 1934

F. Calvin Locher  
Vivian Erisey Bowser

### 1937

Lucius F. Fitch

### 1938

Mary Grob Gobel

### 1941

Fred Graham

### 1942

Richard Cook  
Don McNary  
Gerald (Joe) Livermore  
Peggy Davison Graham  
Kenneth Keller

### 1944

Yoneko Shintani  
Helen Weast Hutsell  
Joyce Braly Keller

### 1946

Merrill Newman  
Herbert H. Tom  
Mary Keller Huff

### 1947

Barbara Betterton Messick  
Bill Collins  
Lloyd Westphall

### 1948

Marily Farnsworth Johnson  
Stuart & Barb Campbell  
Earl J. Lockhart

### 1949

Bertha Nelson Westcamp Fontes  
Vincent E. Walker  
Masako Hashioka Kanazawa  
Carolyn Crane Henry  
Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey

### 1950

Donald L. Michener  
Bonnie Farnsworth Grussenmeyer  
Jack Miura  
Barbara Conner Comfort

### 1951

Pat Fendt Connolly  
Tom W. Schwartz

### 1952

Elizabeth Phillips Berry

### 1953

Pat Capehart Totman  
George Chan  
Carleen Yungling Leise  
Barbara Smick Sanderson  
Dewey Ray Moore  
Patsy Brown Brophy

### 1954

Jimmie Lee  
Vince Sargentini  
Sharon McFarlane White  
Chester Miller  
Irene Erickson Gomes Fitch  
Raegene Cation  
Sharon White

### 1955

Beverly Whitehall Larsen  
Jerd Ferraiuolo  
Darlene Berlin Cation

### 1956

Donna Brown Chritchfield  
Eva Luce Miller

### 1957

Peter Steidlmayer  
Walt Ramazzini  
Bill Pecha

### 1958

Al Raitt M.D.  
Judith S. Geyer  
Marlene Moroni Ettl  
Patricia Cull  
Jerold E. Hulbert  
Jerry Randolph  
Sylvia Sargentini Davis

### 1959

Linda Jaconetti Randolph  
Robert Quick  
Beverly Yopp Gabbert  
Ralphene Waterman Boggan  
Ken Townzen  
Sat Ishigaki  
Dorothy Quick Murphy  
Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin  
Betty Jo Summerbell Fitzgerald  
Chris Nishioka  
Lenda Morrow Pecha

### 1960

Julie Weisbrod Steidlmayer  
Phyllis Lucchesi Winkler  
Nancy Paletta Chelinin

### 1961

Patty Griffin  
Judy Boyes Hardison  
Mary Kay Devine Hutchinson  
Richard Paletta

### 1962

Mattie Ann Spurgeon  
Jean Clarke Campbell  
Sharon Jarnagin Wade  
Betty Jo Morano Benson  
Barbara Bowser Streepey  
Janet Fendt Maggard  
Sandra Diggs Richey  
Ralph Stegall  
Betsy Westfall Harris

### 1963

Leo Steidlmayer  
Caralyn Prater Carter  
Robert Hulbert  
Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert  
Bob Keith  
Mary Diggs Hooks

### 1964

George Graham  
Diane Foster Bransford  
Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel  
Mike Prime  
Lani Yoshimura  
Stan Birge

### 1965

Fred Nielson  
Jeri Jarnagin Benson  
Gay Huffman Evans  
Jeannie Allen Kessinger  
Don Bransford  
Glenn Saxon

### 1966

Edee Westfall Silva  
Frank Rogers

### 1967

Kathy Bowser Sanders

### 1968

Jerry Abreu  
Joyce Candito

### 1969

Jim Rogers

### 1970

Robin Heuer Rogers  
Suzanne Bowser

### 1971

Cathy Schulback  
Lynne Galentine Weber  
Julie Hubbard Tully  
George Sandridge

### 1972

Mark Fisher  
Lynn Gimblin  
Diana Gonzales Mason  
Ron Griffith  
Terry Bressler  
Helen Wright Fink  
Susan Omaye Johnson

### 1973

Sheryl Sanderson Bacharach  
Kathleen Disney Hart  
Greg Weber  
Dana Collins Forster

### 1974

Mardel Tucker Sandridge  
Rick Johnson

### 1975

Mark Sansone  
Tim Parris  
Gerald P. Davies

### 1976

Mary Cook Carp  
Les Harada  
Ed Hulbert  
Randy Dunn  
Peter B. Niles  
Kirk Wilsey  
Colleen Davies Ronan

**1977**

Ben King  
Gerald Russell Uhland  
George Hulbert  
Kathy Spooner  
David Brian Whitesell  
Diane Fusaro Mabray

**1978**

Randy Wescott  
Anna Unzueta Paiva  
Chuck Hulbert  
D'Ann Miller Bressler

**1979**

Jeff Moresco  
Kamaljeet Gill Vink

**1980**

Mark Larsen  
Jim McGowan  
Robert J. Davies  
Renee Rasmussen Smith  
Gina Calcagno Moresco  
Craig Hill

**1981**

Sidonie Roach Usher  
Denise Billups Slone  
Kevin Erdelt  
Kelley Tucker Molitor  
Mary Davies O'Connor

**1982**

Lisa Rasmussen Hancock

**1983**

Ellen Holmes McGowan  
Lucky Carter II

**1984**

Monty Lee  
Denny Stilwell  
Laurie Townsend Costa  
Ron Jarrard

**1985**

Sherri Pina Tanferani, Ph.D  
Alice Davison Kerkvliet  
Kevin Carter  
Parvinder Gill  
Mike Davies  
Jaswant Gill

**1988**

Clinton Jewett  
Diana Apaseo Trujillio  
Lindee Myers Hulbert  
Blake Graham  
Charanjit (Jenny) Gill

**1989**

Natalie Lee Chio  
Jennifer Lyttle Wells  
Jennifer Hulbert Shimabukuro  
Amy Rasmussen  
Caryn Carter Hightower  
Satinderjit (Rick) Gill M.D.  
Raminder Gill

**1990**

Nicole Fusaro Hulbert  
Rajminder (Raji) Gill

**1991**

Silvia Garcia Sanchez  
Scott Hulbert  
Cindy Cerney  
Kathleen Wallace Bean  
Scottie Tyler Marvel  
Harjinder Gill Shokerj

**1992**

Darcie Bransford  
Mike Cerney  
Bessie Harbison

**1993**

Arnold Navarro  
Marisa Apaseo Prada  
Jatinderjit (John) Gill

**1994**

Scott Bransford  
Holly Galbraith Gallagher

**1995**

Lindsay Lee Mune  
Geoff Hulbert  
Barry Marvel  
Sara Rogers Kelly

**1998**

Nathan Bransford  
Lucy Gutierrez Candito

**2000**

Beth Bransford  
Ben Rogers

**2001**

Molly Weber

**2003**

David Perry  
Nicholas Weber  
Brian Davies

**2004**

Melissa Johnson

**2005**

Samantha Richards  
Katelyn Davies

**2006**

Rachel Lederer

**2008**

Brittany Lederer  
Michael Moresco

**2009**

Francisco Sanchez  
Carinne Kelley Sines  
Mallory McGowan

**2010**

Angel Sanchez  
Morgan Bressler  
Katherine Moresco

**2013**

Hannah McGowan  
Mackenzie Bressler

**2015**

Branden Woodring

**ADDITIONAL DONORS:**

Class of 1981

Joe Unzueta

Maria Unzueta

Geraldine Steidlmayer

Bob Steidlmayer

## How Can \$20 Make A "Big Number?"

Every year we contact over 4000 alumni with this newsletter asking for a small donation of \$20. We appreciate all the support we get from our alumni and we see a lot of potential in our numbers. If 4000 alumni send \$20 we would generate \$80,000 a year for our school. So let your small voice be one of many that will give back to our school. Thank you for your support.

## Donations made In Memory of the following Alumni

Mrs. White

Mrs. Pence

Ms. Phariss

Mrs. Shoemaker

Reg Wescott

Cressey Wescott

Violet Wescott

Ryan E. Walker

Millard Totman—Class of 1950

Koe Ishigaki—Class of 1951

Bob Bailey—Class of 1953

Shirley Mayberry Wheeler—Class of 1953

Pete Towne—Class of 1953

Craig Hurni—Class of 1955

Gary Savage—Class of 1953

Parvinder Gill—Class of 1985

Wayne Ramazzini

Dovey Cribari

Herman Fendt—Class of 1924

Carol Cross—Class of 1962

Janet Egling—Class of 1962

Irene Erickson Gomes Fitch

Harold Wilsey

Tommy Morrow

Harold Morrow

Dutch Genise

Mrs. Ponciano

# FAMILY DONATIONS

## BOWSER

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| Vivian Erisey Bowser    | 1934 |
| Barbara Bowser Streepey | 1962 |
| Kathy Bowser Sanders    | 1967 |
| Sue Bowser              | 1970 |

## BRANSFORD

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Don Bransford          | 1965 |
| Diane Foster Bransford | 1964 |
| Darcie Bransford       | 1992 |
| Scott Bransford        | 1994 |
| Nathan Bransford       | 1998 |
| Beth Bransford         | 2000 |

## BRESSLER

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Terry Bressler        | 1972 |
| D'Ann Miller Bressler | 1978 |
| Morgan Bressler       | 2010 |
| Mackenzie Bressler    | 2013 |
| Eva Luce Miller       | 1956 |

## CARTER

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Caralyn Prater Carter  | 1963 |
| Caryn Carter Hightower | 1989 |
| Kevin Carter           | 1985 |
| Lucky Carter II        | 1983 |

## DAVIES

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Gerald P. Davies     | 1975 |
| Colleen Davies Ronan | 1976 |
| Mary Davies O'Connor | 1980 |
| Robert J. Davies     | 1981 |
| Michael Davies       | 1985 |
| Brian Davies         | 2003 |
| Katelyn Davies       | 2005 |

## DIGGS

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Sandra Diggs Richey | 1962 |
| Mary Diggs Hooks    | 1963 |
| Buster Diggs        | 1965 |

## FENDT

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Herman H. Fendt     | 1924 |
| Pat Fendt Connolly  | 1951 |
| Janet Fendt Maggard | 1962 |

## GILL

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Kamaljeet Gill Vink           | 1979 |
| Parvinder Gill                | 1985 |
| Jaswant Gill                  | 1985 |
| Satinderjit (Rick) Gill, M.D. | 1989 |
| Rajminder (Raji) Gill         | 1990 |
| Charanjit (Jenny) Gill        | 1988 |
| Harjinder Gill Shokerj        | 1991 |
| Jatinderjit (John) Gill       | 1993 |
| Raminder Gill                 | 1989 |

## HULBERT

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Jerold E. Hulbert            | 1958 |
| Robert Hulbert               | 1963 |
| Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert    | 1963 |
| Jennifer Hulbert Shimabukuro | 1989 |
| Nicole Fusaro Hulbert        | 1990 |
| Scott Hulbert                | 1991 |
| Geoff Hulbert                | 1995 |

## HULBERT

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Ed Hulbert           | 1976 |
| George Hulbert       | 1977 |
| Chuck Hulbert        | 1978 |
| Lyndee Myers Hulbert | 1988 |
| Brandon Woodring     | 2015 |

## JARNAGIN

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin | 1959 |
| Sharon Jarnagin Wade | 1962 |
| Jeri Jarnagin Benson | 1965 |

## JOHNSON

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Rick Johnson        | 1974 |
| Susan Omaye Johnson | 1972 |
| Melissa Johnson     | 2004 |

## KELLER

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Kenneth A. Keller  | 1942 |
| Joyce Braly Keller | 1944 |
| Mary Keller Huff   | 1946 |

## LARSEN

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Beverly Whitehall Larsen | 1955 |
| Jerry R. Uhland          | 1977 |
| Mark E. Larsen           | 1980 |

## LEE

|             |      |
|-------------|------|
| Jimmie Lee  | 1954 |
| Monty Lee   | 1984 |
| Natalie Lee | 1989 |
| Lindsay Lee | 1995 |

## MARVEL

|                           |      |
|---------------------------|------|
| Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel | 1964 |
| Scottie Marvel            | 1991 |
| Barry Marvel              | 1995 |

## McGOWAN

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Jim McGowan          | 1980 |
| Ellen Holmes McGowan | 1983 |
| Mallory McGowan      | 2009 |
| Hannah McGowan       | 2013 |

## MORESCO

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Jeff Moresco          | 1979 |
| Gina Calcagno Moresco | 1980 |
| Michael Moresco       | 2008 |
| Katie Moresco         | 2010 |

## RASMUSSEN

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Renee Rasmussen Smith  | 1980 |
| Lisa Rasmussen Hancock | 1982 |
| Amy Rasmussen          | 1989 |
| Carinne Kelley Sines   | 2009 |

## ROGERS

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Frank Rogers Jr.  | 1966 |
| Jim Rogers        | 1969 |
| Sara Rogers Kelly | 1995 |
| Ben Rogers        | 2000 |

## SANCHEZ

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Silvia G. Sanchez | 1991 |
| Francisco Sanchez | 2009 |
| Angel Sanchez     | 2010 |

## STEIDLMAYER

|                            |      |
|----------------------------|------|
| Peter Steidlmayer          | 1957 |
| Leo Steidlmayer            | 1963 |
| Julie Weisbrod Steidlmayer | 1960 |
| Bob Steidlmayer            |      |
| Geraldine Steidlmayer      |      |

## WEBER

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Greg Weber           | 1973 |
| Lynn Galentine Weber | 1971 |
| Molly Weber          | 2001 |
| Nicholas Weber       | 2003 |

## UNZUETA

|                    |      |
|--------------------|------|
| Anna Unzueta Paiva | 1978 |
| Joe Unzueta        |      |
| Maria Unzueta      |      |

## Qualify For A "Family Donation Listing"

When three or more members of a family make a donation to the Colusa High School Alumni Association, they will be listed as a "Family Donation." We have many wonderful families that have graduated from Colusa High School. So contact your family and encourage them to donate as a group. Thank you for the support!





## MEMORIES

I remember eating lunch on the lawn with Nancy Tennant, Peggy Baker, Shirley Mellis, Sandy Harmon and Carol Wellborn.

**Betty Jo Summerbell Fitzgerald**  
Class of 1959

I remember all the school spirit and support from the community as they always attended all the athletic events.

**Anna Unzueta Paiva**  
Class of 1978

Hey Gerald Sartain, nice article in the last edition, very informative. Looking forward to the next reunion.

**Chris Nishioka**  
Class of 1959

This memory is in honor of Mrs. Shoemaker, Mrs. White, Mrs. Pence and Miss Phariss, who were stars in their profession and inspired us to love to learn. They also taught us by example to live our lives with dignity, perseverance and pride.

**Sylvia Sargentini Davis**  
Class of 1958

Such wonderful memories of Colusa High School. Thanks to Del Fullmer, Class of 1945, for all of his efforts each year getting the Vintage Reunion together. What fun visiting with old and new friends.

**Pat Capehart Totman**  
Class of 1953

Gone but not forgotten – Koe Ishigaki 1951, Bob Bailey 1953, Shirley Mayberry Wheeler, Pete Towne 1953, Craig Hurni 1955 and Gary Savage 1953.

**George Chan**  
Class of 1953

Colusa High School—a small, friendly school with caring teachers- we were truly blessed.

**Nancy Paletta Chelini**  
Class of 1960

This is a comment, not a memory. Are you going to change the name of the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation? Seems a little inappropriate to call it that since the mascot is now a bird. Just wondering.....

**Jennifer Lyttle Wells**  
Class of 1989

I have lots of fond memories from my education in Colusa schools.

**Lynne Gimblin**  
Class of 1972

## Talking Ducks and Flying Snakes!

A snake slithers up to a duck and says, how did you learn how to fly?

The duck responds, "When I was young my teacher taught me to use my wings and I practiced with the other ducks until I could take flight." The

snake then asks, "Do you think your teacher could

teach me how to fly?" The duck responds, "I don't know if snakes can fly, but I'm sure you can learn new things at school."

A year later the duck is flying along when a hawk with a snake in his talons passes him in flight.

The duck recognizes the snake and says, "I see you figured out how to fly."

The snake responds, "My teacher told me I can do anything I set my mind to and here I am in flight!"

"And you know what? I got these cool body piercings for free?"

Hopefully the snake in this story made arrangements for a safe landing and release from the hawk's talons, but this silly fable reminds me how important it is to get students to dream and dream big! In our ever changing and

increasingly complex society, it is more important than ever to give students a kick start towards analyzing the world around them as well as the ability to think freely and be creative problem solvers. Science study encourages and develops these life skills.

Thank you alumni for your generous contributions to the CHS Biology Program last year. Due directly to your gifts, biology classes at CHS had the same lab experiences this school year as in years past. Once again, the state of California and education in particular, is facing severe income shortfalls and CHS and the CUSD will undoubtedly face cuts to their 2012/2013 fiscal year budget. As was done last year, alumni donations will be used to fund lab science at Colusa High in order to maintain experiences that inspire students to achieve.

Please consider making a donation towards the Colusa High Biology Program.

*Thank you!*  
*Craig Richards*  
*CHS Biology*



Dear Colusa Alumni Association:

Once again I would like to thank all those who have made possible the donations we receive at Colusa High School. This year those contributions have allowed me to purchase some desperately needed new chairs



for the Library. They just don't make things like they used to, and the plastic chairs we have been using are wearing out quickly. The Library is one of the busiest places on campus and your assistance has made it possible to accommodate the students and staff at CHS.

Additionally, I have been able to add to our reference book section and purchase novels for the freshman English classes. Having these materials available is extremely important for the success of research projects and our classes in general.

Thank you again for your continued generosity. You are truly making a difference at Colusa High School and I am very appreciative.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Corriea

## MORE MEMORIES

Great school!! We were the first graduating class from the “new high school” I believe. Good teachers.

**Gay Huffman Evans**  
Class of 1965

I am so enjoying the alumni newsletter publication. Thanks to my sister Janet Fendt Maggard 1962, I heard about the letter. We both want to thank Gerald Sartain for his article on the 1924 Redskin Football Team. Enclosed, you will find a donation in memory of our father Herman Fendt (Class of 1924). Who remembers singing almost daily in Mr. Taylor’s English Class of 1950-1951?

**Pat Fendt Connolly**  
Class of 1951

My donation this year is given in memory of Miss Margaret Phariss, who passed away recently. She was an outstanding and inspirational Latin, French and Spanish teacher at Colusa High School in the 1950’s. We in the Class of 1958 were especially fortunate in 2008 when Miss Phariss was able to join us for our 50 Year Class Reunion.

**Jerry Hulbert**  
Class of 1958

I always enjoy receiving your annual newsletter. Keep up your good work!! My Colusa High School memories are still a very important part of my life. The years were well spent.

**Carleen Leise**  
Class of 1953

Fifty years ago when we were seniors at Colusa High School, the start of the school year was delayed because the local prune harvest had not been completed. School couldn’t begin until the many students who had jobs in the harvest had finished their work.

**Betsy Westfall Harris**  
Class of 1962

A little music adds a lot to your life. I remember fondly participating in band and accompanying the glee club.

**Marily Farnsworth Johnson**  
Class of 1948

## MORE MEMORIES

It was good to revisit Colusa and see classmates and friends. Colusa never seems to change. That seems a good thing!! Mrs. Pence would not like that “sentence.”

**Mary Kay Devine Hutchinson**  
Class of 1961

Your newsletter is so well done. Keep up the good work!!

**Judy Boyes Hardison**  
Class of 1961

We were moved by the letter to Alumni by the Forever Redskin Mascot calling on alumni and community members alike to move forward with the times in embracing the spirit of Colusa High School under the new RedHawk moniker.

We will always be faithful to the spirit of our young people, our high school, our community and the memory of our years as Redskins. The RedHawk will admirably represent that spirit as we fly into the future of Colusa High School.

Thank you for admirably uniting alumni with your fabulous newsletter.

**Diane Foster Bransford**  
Class of 1964

**Former Redskin Mascot in 1963 and 1964**

Cutting the Square – not just to see who else was out cruising – but OMG – 25 cents per gallon gasoline!!! And big V-8 engines.....

**Robin Heuer Rogers**  
Class of 1970

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## MORE MEMORIES

Once a “Redskin”, always a “Redskin”!!!  
**Ron “Fuzzy” Jarnagin**  
Class of 1959

The Class of 1961’s 50th Reunion was great!

**Joe Griffin**  
Class of 1961

I will always carry fond memories of the dedicated teachers at Colusa High School. They exercised tremendous due diligence to prepare students for future life experiences.

**Dewey Ray Moore**  
Class of 1953

Good School. Good Memories.

**Merrill Newman**  
Class of 1946

The Class of 1947 gets smaller each year. But those left standing still walk softly in our moccasins – Redskins Forever!!!

**Barbara Betterton Messick**  
Class of 1947

I remember sliding in the mud for softball practice. Coach Kirkman was teaching us how to slide into bases.

**Cindy Cerney**  
Class of 1991

My grandchildren cannot believe the wonderful stories of my four years as a Colusa Redskin participant.

**Elizabeth Phillips Berry**  
Class of 1952

Colusa High School was a great time in my life. Playing in the band at the Redskin games and marching in the parades were highlights. Cheers for all the faculty members especially Miss Baldizini, Mr. Wilkerson, Mrs. King, Mr. Lindquist and Miss Barrett.

**Barbara Conner Comfort**  
Class of 1950

My dad, Herman H. Fendt (Class of 1924), always talked about the football team at Colusa High and the fact that he played half back. He was also Student Body President.

**Janet Fendt Maggard**  
Class of 1962

## Scenes from the Vintage Picnic

Richard Garcia, Class of 1956, is pictured here standing next to the Vintage Alumni Group sign displayed at their picnic this year in Colusa. Every year, on the Saturday after Mother's Day, the Vintage Alumni meet for a picnic in the park to celebrate the next class reaching their 50 year reunion. This year was the Class of 1962.



Bonnie Brown Emery 1952. In the front row left to right are Janita Allen Smith 1952 and Joyce Allen Godon 1949. We really appreciate their support and enjoy their enthusiasm for our school.

For the last 10 years, the ladies pictured to the left, have been a great assistance to the Colusa High School Alumni Association. Each year when it is time to send out our newsletter, these alumni of Colusa High put in a great deal of donated time and effort organizing and working on our mailing efforts. They always keep our mailing group entertained with great memories and fun stories of their days at Colusa High School. We took this picture of them enjoying their annual Vintage Alumni Picnic in Colusa during the month of May. Pictured left to right starting in the back row are Janet Allen Staple 1947, Bobby Jo Allen Seaver 1951, Donna Woods Stokes 1960 and

## Alum "Woodie W. Humburg" Remembered

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is sad to announce that alum Woodie W. Humburg, Class of 1933, passed away on December 5th, 2011. Born on September 8th, 1915, he was 96 years old and was laid to rest on May 20th, 2012 here in Colusa with his family at the cemetery on Wilson Road.

Woodie was a great friend and supporter of the alumni association and shared donations, treasured memories and personal memorabilia with our school. Within the last few years, he personally visited the old brick high school on 10th street in Colusa to donate his original Colusa High School championship football of 1933, and a championship baseball of 1933, both signed and dated by all the team members of

that year. He also provided original Colusa newspaper articles written about the team's successes. After his graduation from Colusa High School in 1933, Woodie attended Cal Berkeley to play baseball and later had a successful business career in engineering and building design.

A year before his death, Woodie set up a \$5000 scholarship fund with the Colusa County Scholarship Program. A scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded each year for five years to financially assist and recognize outstanding academic students from Colusa High School that have exceptional goals toward future education. Hailey Prasad, a 2012 graduate of Colusa High School, was the recipient of this year's scholarship.

## Third Annual Colusa High School Bike Ride

On May 5th, 2012, Colusa High School hosted the third annual 3F Century bike ride. Why 3F? In cycling there has been a move toward more climbing, the more difficult the better. It was felt that there are many riders out there who would like a flatter course. We offered a course that was Flat, Fast, and Fun.



Riders had the choice of riding 100 miles, 63 miles, 37 miles or 22 miles. We had 68 riders and a great time was had by all. In addition to the ride, Larry Yeghoian, CUSD Superintendent and Terry Bressler, School Board member and 1972 Colusa grad., provided a tasty post-ride lunch of pork loin, Terry's special rice, salad and bread.

The date for next year's event is May 4, 2013. You can find out more about the ride by visiting [www.3Fcentury.com](http://www.3Fcentury.com).

All proceeds will go to benefit youth activities in the Colusa Unified School District. As always, donations to the event are appreciated. We hope to see you out on the road.



## MORE MEMORIES

This is a nice way for me to tell my daughter, (Dana Collins Forster), that I love her.

**Bill Collins**  
**Class of 1947**

Mrs. Betty Hulbert and Mrs. Sharon Robinson always made me feel special in office practice elective!

**Caralyn Prater Carter**  
**Class of 1963**

Going to see Mrs. "P" in the library will always be a favorite memory. I will always remember my other mom!!!

**Ron Jarrard**  
**Class of 1984**

Warm summer nights "cutting the square" with Stroud, Jaconetti and Wise ... Hanging out at Rick's with Bransford, Myers and Diggs...and the beautiful girls...Diane, Bev and TonyAnn. Priceless memories of Colusa High School.

**Glenn Saxton**  
**Class of 1965**

When I look deep within, my roots still draw life from the soil in Colusa.

**Ms. Lani D. Yoshimura**  
**Class of 1964**

The Class of 1981 celebrated our 30th Reunion last summer. We are donating some money to help replace any expenses associated with digging up our Class Time Capsule. Nothing was in it but a ton of fabulous memories and laughs!!!!

**Mary Margaret Davies O'Connor**  
**Class of 1981**

Before Facebook, twitter, and texting, we had "cutting the square." That was our kind of social networking. It was fun, safe and it worked!

**Randy Dunn**  
**Class of 1976**

In memory of Carol Cross and Janet Egling – Class of 1962. We miss them both. What fun we had!!

**Jeane Clarke Campbell**  
**Class of 1962**

Colusa High had great spirit and pride. Students sat together at games, wore white shirts and actually cheered with the cheerleaders.

**Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel**  
**Class of 1964**

## MORE MEMORIES

Sorry to see our mascot go. Good luck RedHawks!

**Dorothy Murphy Quick**  
**Class of 1959**

Here is a small donation in appreciation of all the good tidings that I received over the last 60 years. I lived in Colusa for less than 10 years, but it was a very memorable time. Good times at CHS.

**Jack Y. Miura**  
**Class of 1950**

Lots of good memories, good friends that remain to this day. Good hamburgers at Lena's and waiting for the mosquito truck foggers to pass so a football game could start!!!

**Pat Brown Brophy**  
**Class of 1953**

Ditto to Richard Elkins memory about Charlie and Gary shooting us with the fire extinguisher in Mr. Newman's Physics class. Those were the fun days. Sorry that Gary has passed.

**Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey**  
**Class of 1949**

My best memories were my 3 years as a Majorette.

**Darlene Berlin Cation**  
**Class of 1955**

"Cutting the square" was so much fun that I took a job that paid me to cut the square.

**Raegene Cation**  
**Former City of Colusa Chief of Police**  
**Class of 1954**

## MORE MEMORIES

Where else do you find such a close family of friends, generation after generation, so special!!!

**Joyce Braly Keller**  
**Class of 1944**

Thank you to the folks who put together the Alumni Association annual newsletter. It's always fun to read about what's happening with the people from Colusa High!!

**Al Raitt**  
**Class of 1958**

I enjoy reading the memories. Next year will be our 50 year reunion. I can hardly wait! I loved being a Colusa High School Redskin and will always cherish those memories.

**Ms. Mattie Ann Spurgeon**  
**Class of 1962**

I recall that cutting the square or (cruzin) included Williams and Arbuckle.

**Beverly Yopp Gabbert**  
**Class of 1959**

I have used moe of what I learned from John Sterk's Freshman woodshop class over the years than anything else!!!

**Merrill E. Newman**  
**Class of 1948**

Learning to drive on narrow country roads!

**Georgeen Roberson Pierre**  
**Class of 1947**

## AGGIE ALUMNI!



As advisors and members of the Colusa FFA Chapter we would like to take this time to thank our FFA Alumni for their generous donations to our department. This year's donations were used to make improvements to our animal unit. We were able to build two new steer pens with steel livestock panels which were purchased. Along with the panels rubber mats were bought to place on the concrete in the existing beef pens. In the shop classes students were able to build 26 feet of new counters and cabinets for tool storage which the facilities desperately needed. We were also able to purchase a new Miller 180 Diversion Tig welder for advanced students to learn how to Tig weld with.

Your continued support of our FFA program provides leadership and educational opportunities for all FFA members. We look forward to your continued support in the future and we appreciate your efforts and consideration for all future FFA members. As always our gratitude is extended to Jerry Davies and his continued support and development of the Alumni Association.



# Music Department Thanks The Alumni For Donations

Members of the CHS Music Department have been very appreciative of the support we have received in recent years from our alumni! Since the funding provided to the music department has been reduced to just a few hundred dollars each year, Friends of Music has had to step up to the plate. Friends of Music doesn't do all of the fund-raising for the kids. Instead, they work with the kids and myself to make our job easier. This year, FOM has had income of over \$30,000.00, which has been wonderful, but our expenses have exceeded that! Getting the generous help from our CHS alumni has allowed the kids to spend

less time fund-raising, and more time making music. Alumni donations in recent years have helped us to purchase band instruments, sheet music for band and choir, keep instruments in working condition, and even travel to competitions.

With your help, many young musicians have been members of honor bands, attended solo and ensemble festivals, earning many gold and silver medals. Ten band and choir students, ranging from 6th through 12th grades, attended the California State Solo and Ensemble Festival this past May. Over two days, they did 12 separate perform-

ances, earning 5 Gold and 7 Silver Medals! In February, two CHS band students, Alexia Vargas and Lupita Ramos, performed at Carnegie Hall in New York! They auditioned against thousands of high school students from around the world for this opportunity. Currently, four CHS band students are preparing their auditions to go to Carnegie in 2013.

We are so grateful for your generous donations in the past, and, with your help, our kids can continue to thrive in the music world!

Michael Phenicie



## Scheduled Class Reunions

### Class of 1972 Reunion

Saturday, September 1, 2012

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

\$30.00 per person

Casual Attire

AT THE HOME OF

ARLENE OKIKAWA OJI

4468 Fortna Road, Yuba City, CA 95993

For More Information

email: arleneoji@yahoo.com



### Multi-Year Reunion

with the

### Classes of '81, '82 & '83

Saturday, July 28, 2012

5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner

\$45.00 per person

Colusa Indian Community Center

Colusa Casino Resort

3740 Highway 45, Colusa, California

Dinner, DJ, Fun!

Reservations

Join us on Facebook:

Colusa High School

Class of 1982

(can pay via PayPal!)

## 2nd Annual CHS ALUMNI DAYS REUNION

# July 20-21, 2012

We encourage ALL Colusa County Alumni to enjoy this time to reminisce with classmates and enjoy a great summer weekend in Colusa!



WEBSTER AND 10TH STREET - BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND PARK

Plenty of activities all day long  
horseshoes, volley ball and swimming available

Friday, July 20th - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**CUTTING THE SQUARE, BBQ AT THE DAVISON  
PAVILLION NEXT TO THE SWIMMING POOL**

Saturday, July 21st

**FREE CAR SHOW PUT ON BY THE COLUSA DEPUTY SHERIFF'S  
ASSOCIATION starting at 10:00 a.m.**

- BBQ PROVIDED BY THE COLUSA LIONS CLUB
- PLENTY OF MUSIC

**SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE AT THE PARK**

**7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

**\$15.00 Single/\$20.00 Couple**

**Saturday, July 21st - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**TOUR OLD HIGH SCHOOL AND NEW HIGH SCHOOL**



# "YOU INSPIRED ME"

## Nominate Someone Who Inspired You

Is there a teacher, coach, advisor, staff member or administrator that inspired you during your time at Colusa High School? You can now honor the person that made such an impression on your life. The person selected by you, or your donor group, will receive a plaque and recognition at a Colusa High School home event and have their name placed on the Donor Wall at the Colusa High School Football Stadium. The price to express permanent appreciation for a person who inspired you is \$500. For more information, please contact the Colusa Unified School District Office at 530-458-7791 or mail a request to CRAF/Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1027, Colusa, CA. 95932. Also view this program on our Alumni Link of the Colusa High School web page. You can locate us a [www.colusahigh.org](http://www.colusahigh.org) and find us under the alumni section.



### Current List of "You Inspired Me" Recipients

|                  |         |          |       |                        |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------|------------------------|
| Dave Dana        | Honored | 10-16-10 | Donor | Ben King-Class of 1977 |
| Barbara Boggs    | Honored | 01-12-11 | Donor | The Class of 1980      |
| Georgia Raczniak | Honored | 01-12-11 | Donor | The Class of 1980      |
| Art Heliker      | Honored | 01-12-11 | Donor | The Class of 1980      |
| Joe Unzueta      | Honored | 02-03-12 | Donor | The Alumni Association |
| Larry Yeghoian   | Honored | 06-01-12 | Donor | CUSD Board of Trustees |

## Alumni Success Story!

Matt Vedo, a 2008 graduate of Colusa High School, was selected by the Seattle Mariners in the 2012 Major League Baseball Draft. He recently graduated from the University of Santa Barbara where he led the Big West with 112 strikeouts in 82 and 1/3 innings and his 12.24 strikeouts per nine innings is the fourth best in the country. Good luck to Matt as he embarks on his new career as a professional baseball player.



## 2012 ALUMNI BASEBALL TEAM

Alumni covering a span of 26 years gathered to take on members of the 2012 Varsity and JV baseball teams. The Alumni pulled out a 6-3 win with some crafty base running and pitching. Next year's game will be held on the Saturday before Easter and may be expanded to include a Softball Alumni Game.



The participating alumni team consisted of: Fred Hernandez, Austin West, Todd Winters, Matt Forester, Jacob Wright, Nate Manor, Brandon Rader, Daniel Perez, Benji Gil, Geoff MacPherson, Coach Dave Driffill, Joe Lucero, Nico Valencia, Adler West and Gino Genera.

## "From CUSD Superintendent's Desk"

Dear Alumni:

At the end of this year I will retire after 11 years as Superintendent of Colusa Unified. I am happy to share that these years have been among the best years of my 39 years in education. I have learned what many of you have shared through your memories of Colusa. Colusa is a wonderful community to grow up in and community support of its youth and schools is as good as I have seen during my career. I watched the CHS Alumni Association grow from an idea to an outstanding group of supporters. Your donations continue to make a huge difference during our current economic crisis. Because of your generosity, current CHS students continue to enjoy activities that students before them enjoyed. The values of family, community commitment and parent involvement are still very much alive in Colusa. Your memories continue to remind us of the importance of the high school years and the impact CHS has made in the lives of so many. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of CHS, but more importantly for the wonderful traditions you began or continued as Colusa High School students!

*With sincere thanks and appreciation,  
Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent*

### **Donor Wall and Sidewalk Pavers**

A significant focal point to our stadium is the Donor Wall and the sidewalk pavers. Through the generosity of Class of 1977 graduate Ben King, we were able to add the "You Inspired Me" portion of the Donor Wall this year. This is a great way to show your support for CHS or pay tribute to someone who has made a difference in your life. For more information, please go to [www.colusa.k12.ca.us](http://www.colusa.k12.ca.us) and go to CHS homepage and click on Alumni section.

### **CHS Landscape Project**

Through the dedication and leadership of Class of 1988 graduate Lisa (Steidlmayer) Bailey, the CHS campus received a wonderful landscape makeover this year. Lisa planned and organized a community effort to raise money and secure volunteers to renovate a significant portion of the campus with new plants and ground cover. A special thank you to the following businesses for their monetary donations: Colusa Rotary Club, Sycamore Family Trust, Gardener's Compost, River Vista Farms and Colusa Industrial Properties. CHS students, staff, parents and community are extremely appreciative of this tremendous achievement!

## **COLUSA FBLA "GOLD SEAL" TRADITION CONTINUES**

The Colusa Chapter of Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA) is proud to be recently recognized as a California Gold Seal Chapter for the 13th consecutive year. This is a coveted award given to the top 15% of the chapters in the state of California. Based on the ideals of service, education, and progress, members enjoy a comprehensive range of opportunities to prepare for their futures.

The generous contributions received from Colusa High alumni ensure that this program is able to continue at CHS during these desperate economic times. Your donations purchase chapter operating supplies and competitive event materials, fund leadership training, conference fees and other travel expenses. Your valuable contributions are also used to purchase classroom equipment, software, and curriculum materials. The Business department/FBLA chapter extends a BIG THANK YOU for your support!



## **THANK YOU ALUMNI!**

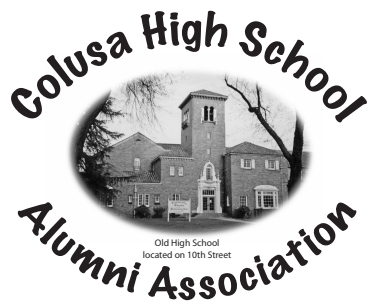
Dear Alumni,

You may remember the grit of chalk dust settling over the classroom as Mr. Lindquist finished another fascinating math lecture. Now even the white boards and overhead projectors that replaced the chalk are old technology. Modern classrooms are equipped with smart boards, data projectors and document cameras. Thanks to the CHS Alumni Association two more math department classrooms will have data projectors installed this summer.

I was able to secure funding for a data projector several years ago and I cannot imagine teaching a day without it. The projector allows me to display internet resources, PowerPoint presentations and textbook pages so that the entire class can see them on the screen. I am excited that my colleagues Kim Olson and Eric Lay will have access to the same technology in their own classrooms.

On behalf of the Math Department and the students of Colusa High School, I want to say thank you to all alumni for your generous support of our school.

Sincerely,  
*Darren Townzen*  
*Colusa High Math Teacher*



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