

COLUSA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

July 2013

A GRADUATE OF THE CLASS OF 1935 “An Unsung Hero”

Aki was an “A” student at Colusa High School. He wanted to be a high school math teacher. Racial prejudice ensured that there would be no employment for him in this field.

Prior to World War II, a mandatory draft into the military was instituted. Aki was inducted into the United States Army. After Pearl Harbor, all men of Japanese Ancestry were discharged from the service and sent home. The United States Government then decreed that all Japanese had to be interned in Concentration Camps with high barbed wire enclosures guarded with machine gun towers. Aki was sent to one of these camps.

Soon America had a great need for people who could speak and understand the Japanese language that would be willing to assist in the war with Japan. Aki volunteered and was again in the United States Army. He was assigned to a unit of 3000 volunteers who were sent to Burma and who soon became known as “Merrill’s Marauders”, one of the most famous units in our military history. The mission ... fight the Japanese and eliminate them so a military road could be built to send war supplies to China.

They encountered many problems like walking into a heavy jungle that was deluged by monsoonal rains of 150 or more inches of rain a year. They fought the Japanese in these heavy jungle surroundings filled with disease and rat infested areas. Their only supplies for survival came by air and mules as the terrain was

so dense and overgrown.

Aki became very necessary to this unit, and was awarded a Battlefield Commission or in other words was made an officer. His unit achieved its goal. However, the casualties were so heavy, that most survivors were in the hospital at the end of the war.

A 600,000 man Japanese Army, which had never been defeated in battle, remained active in China near the end of the war. A small delegation of United States high ranking officers were ordered into Nanking, China, to take the surrender of this army. Aki Yoshimura was the official interpreter during that surrender. The airport runway was lined by thousands of Japanese soldiers in full battle array with all of their military equipment to show that they had never been defeated in battle.

Aki returned to Colusa after the war and worked with his family at the Vogue Cleaners until he died. He became very active in the Colusa Rotary Club as secretary and President. He participated in District Rotary Programs and led several Rotary groups on trips to Japan. He became a National Vice President of the Japanese-American League and was a fabulous master of ceremonies at many events.

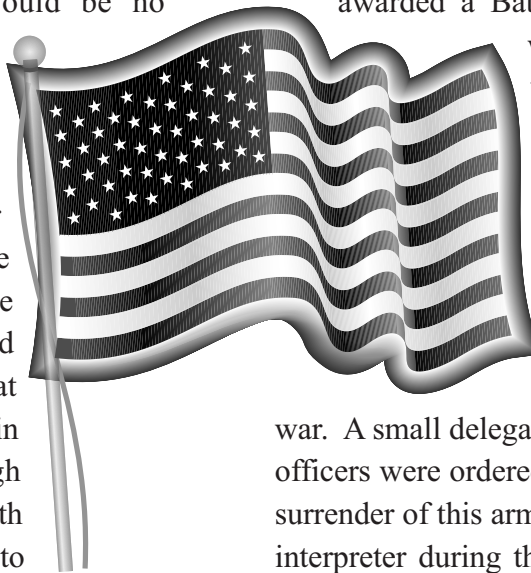
All in all, Aki Yoshimura was a great talent. Only family and loyalties kept him here in Colusa. He was truly an “Unsung Hero” and a very proud alumnus of Colusa High School.

Respectfully Submitted By

George T. Egling

CUHS Principal 1955 - 1973

CUSD Superintendent 1955 - 1977



MISSION STATEMENT

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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.

1920

Robert J. Tennant

1934

F. Calvin Locher

1937

Lucius F. Fitch

1938

Wanda Fitch Capalbo

1939

Fred J. Luzzi, Jr.

1941

Fred Graham

1942

Peggy Davison Graham
Kenneth Keller
Gerald (Joe) Livermore

1943

Bob Ash

1944

Joyce Braly-Keller
Yoneko Kasai-Shintani, R.N.

1945

Donald Heard
Kirk Messick

1947

Barbara Betterton Messick
Lloyd Westphal

1948

Robert Weast

1949

Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey
Bertha Nelson Westcamp Fontes
Margaret Roper Heard
Carolyn Crane Henry
Masako Hashioka Kanazawa
Vincent Walker

1950

Barbara Comfort Conner
Bonnie Farnsworth Grussenmeyer
Donald L. Michener
Tommy Morrow

1951

Pat Fendt Connolly
Tom W. Schwartz
Zelleta Gay McCullough Smith
Harold B. Tennant

1952

Elizabeth Phillips Berry
Jim Davison
Shirleen Wood Dean

1953

George Chan
Joanne Zoller Holmes
Carleen Yungling Leise
Dewey Ray Moore
Barbara Smick Sanderson

1954

Jimmie Lee
Vince Sargentini

1955

Dr. & Mrs. George T. Egling
Jerd Ferraiuolo
Charles O'Rourke
Larry O'Rourke
Robert L "Bob" Tennant
Dale Townzen

1956

Donna Brown-Critchfield

1957

Tony Gomez
Gary Moore
Donna Nicoletti
Frank Nicoletti
Peter Steidlmayer

1958

Pat Skinner Cull
Marlene Moroni Ettl
Judith S. Geyer
Jerry Hulbert
Al Raitt
Jerry Randolph
Connie Fitch Scherer
Bob Steidlmayer

1959

Ralphane Waterman Boggan
Beverly Yopp Gabbert
Shirley Melis Hirsch
Marilyn Hoshaw Huffmaster
Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin
Dorothy H. Quick Murphy
Chris Nisioka
Lenda Morrow Pecha
Nancy Tennant Potts
Robert Quick
Ken Townzen
Peggy Baker Townzen
Tom Tucker

1960

Nancy Paletta Chelini
Linda Jaconetti Randolph
Julie Weisbrod Stiedlmayer
Phyllis Lucchesi Winkler

1961

Mary Kay Devine Hutchison
Penny Siler Parks

1962

Betty Jo Marano Benson
Jean Clarke Campbell
Stan Goodin
Betsy Westfall Harris
Sandra Mross Hitchcock
Janet Fendt Maggard
Sandra Diggs Richey
Matie Ann Spurgeon
Ralph Stegall

1963

Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert
Robert Hulbert
Harrold Morrow
Verlyn Townzen O'Niel

1964

Diane Foster Bransford
Jim Devine
Joanna Moore Graf
Amador Munoz
Mike Prime
Wayne Ramazzini
Kathy Harrison Revak
George Sistrunk
Kirk Swim
Lani Yoshimura

1965

Jeri Jarnagin Benson
Don Bransford
Jean Dunham Delgado
Buster Diggs
Greg Dowden, Sr.
Gary Huffman Evans
Mary Ann Stokes Nation
Fred Nielson
Richard Stevenson

1966

Edee Westfall Silva

1967

Frank Briceno

1968

Jerry Abreu
Joyce Candito

1970

Terry Sartain Harter
Janice Staple Lauppe
Robin Heuer Rogers

1971

George Sandridge
Cathy Schulback
Julie Hubbard Tully
Lynne Galentine Weber

1972

Terry Bressler
Mark Fisher
Susan Omaye Johnson

1973

Kathleen Disney Hart
Greg Weber

1974

Richard L. Johnson
Mardel Tucker Sandridge

1975

Guadalupe Chavarria
Gerald P. Davies

1976

Mary Cook Carp
Ed Hulbert
Brady Myers
Colleen Davies Ronan
Earl Stegall
Kirk Wilsey

1977

George Hulbert
Ben King
Diane Fusaro Mabray
Jamie Wheeler Myers
Marta Gibbens Stegall
Kenneth Alan Thompson
David Brian Whitesell

1978

D'Ann Miller Bressler
Chuck Hulbert

1979

Jeff Moresco
Richard Tyler

1980

Linda Crawshaw Bowers
Robert J. Davies
Craig Hill
Gina Calcagno Moresco
Renee Rasmussen Smith
Kim Moorehead Tyler
Jim Wallace

1981

Mary Davies O'Connor
Kevin Erdelt
Kelley Tucker Molitor

1982

Lisa Rasmussen Hancock

1983

ToniAnn Hernandez Johnson
DeDe Benoit Soekamato

1984

Laurie Townsend Costa
Patrick Kittle
Monty Lee
Keri Randolph Steidlmayer
Mike Steidlmayer

1985

Mike Davies
Sherri Pina Tanferani, Ph.D
Darren Townzen

1986

Daniel Bailey

1988

Lisa Steidlmayer Bailey
Blake Graham
Lindee Myers Hulbert
Clinton Jewett
Cammie Townzen Simpson

1989

Natalie Lee Chio
Amy Rasmussen Sanchez
Jennifer Hulbert Shimabukuro
William Wallace

1990

Nicole Fusaro Hulbert

1991

Chris Hoblit
Christi Hall Hoblit
Scott Hulbert

1992

Darcie Bransford
Eric Steidlmayer

1994

Scott Bransford
Amanda Randolph Steidlmayer

1995

Geoff Hulbert
Mary Steidlmayer Kessi
Lindsay Lee Mune

1996

Pat Townzen

1998

Nathan Bransford
Lucy Candito

1999

Matt Forster

2000

Beth Bransford
Blake Stegall

2001

Mike Forster
Molly Weber

2002

Tara Forster

2003

Tracey Stegall Chavez
Brian Davies
Brandon Tyler
Nicholas Weber

2004

Melissa Johnson
Abigail Yerxa

2005

Katelyn Davies
Hans Herkert
Ashley Stegall

2006

Jonathon Tyler

2008

Michael Moresco

2009

Carinne Kelley Sines

2010

Morgan Bressler
Kathrine Moresco

2013

Mackenzie Bressler
Mattison Myers
Paige Townzen

2014

Hayden Bailey
Taylor Davies

2015

Brandon Woodring

2016

Mollie Townzen

2017

Alec Bailey
Justin Davies

2018

Ben Davies

2021

Mason Hoblit

2022

Reagann Hoblit

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

Tommy Morrow

Harold Morrow

Wayne Ramazzini

Anthony Gomez

John Myers

Nancy O'Rourke Regnier

Margaret Roper Heard

Carroll Reed Doty

Verlyn Townzen O'Neil

Aki Yoshimura

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Jack Staple

Vince Sargentini

Gerald "Joe" Livermore

Mrs. Frances White

Jerry Peck

FAMILY DONATIONS

BAILEY

Daniel Bailey	1986
Lisa Steidlmayer Bailey	1988
Hayden Bailey	2014
Alec Bailey	2017

BRANSFORD

Diane Foster Bransford	1964
Don Bransford	1965
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	2013

DAVIES

Gerald P. Davies	1975
Colleen Davies Ronan	1976
Robert J. Davies	1980
Mary Davies O'Connor	1981
Mike Davies	1985
Brian Davies	2003
Katelyn Davies	2005
Taylor Davies	2014
Justin Davies	2017
Ben Davies	2018

FITCH

Lucius F. Fitch	1937
Wanda Fitch Capalbo	1938
Connie Fitch Scherer	1958

FORSTER

Matt Forster	1999
Mike Forster	2001
Tara Forster	2002

HOBBLIT

Christi Hall Hoblit	1991
Chris Hoblit	1991
Mason Hoblit	2021
Reagann Hoblit	2022

HULBERT

Jerold E. Hulbert	1958
Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert	1963
Robert Hulbert	1963
Ed Hulbert	1976
George Hulbert	1977
Chuck Hulbert	1978
Lindee Myers Hulbert	1988
Jennifer Hulbert Simabukuro	1989
Nicole Fusaro Hulbert	1990
Scott Hulbert	1991
Geoff Hulbert	1995
Brandon Woodring	2015

JOHNSON

Susan Omaye Johnson	1972
Richard Johnson	1974
Melissa Johnson	2004

LEE

Jimmie Lee	1954
Monty Lee	1984
Natalie Lee Chio	1989
Lindsay Lee Mune	1995

MORESCO

Jeff Moresco	1979
Gina Calcagno Moresco	1980
Michael Moresco	2008
Katherine Moresco	2010

MYERS

Brady Myers	1976
Jamie Wheeler Myers	1977
Mattison Myers	2013

RANDOLPH

Jerry Randolph	1958
Linda Jaconetti Randolph	1960
Keri Randolph Steidlmayer	1984
Amanda Randolph Steidlmayer	1994
Frank Jaconetti	1959

RASMUSSEN

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

STEGALL

Earl Stegall	1976
Marta Gibbens Stegall	1977
Blake Stegall	2000
Tracy Stegall Chavez	2003
Ashley Stegall	2005

STEIDLMAYER

Peter Steidlmayer	1957
Bob Steidlmayer	1958
Julie Weisbrod Steidlmayer	1960
Mike Steidlmayer	1984
Keri Randolph Steidlmayer	1984
Lisa Steidlmayer Bailey	1988
Eric Steidlmayer	1992
Amanda Randolph Steidlmayer	1994
Mary Steidlmayer Kessi	1995

TENNANT

Robert J. Tennant	1920
Harold B. Tennant	1951
Robert L. "Bob" Tennant	1955
Nancy Tennant Potts	1959
Susan Tennant Robles	1962

TOWNZEN

Dale Townzen	1955
Peggy Baker Townzen	1959
Ken Townzen	1959
Verlyn Townzen O'Niel	1963
Darren Townzen	1985
Cammie Townzen Simpson	1988
Pat Townzen	1996
Paige Townzen	2013
Mollie Townzen	2016

TYLER

Richard Tyler	1979
Kim Moorehead Tyler	1980
Brandon Tyler	2003
Jonathan Tyler	2006

WEBER

Lynne Galentine Weber	1971
Greg Weber	1973
Molly Weber	2001
Nicholas Weber	2003

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 playing in the band at Friday night football games and wishing I were a cheerleader....

Shirley Melis Hirsch, Class of 1959

The few left from the Class of 1953 are looking forward to our 60th reunion this year. Where have those years gone!! Keep up the good work. I always look forward to this yearly newsletter.

Carleen Yungling Leise, Class of 1953

Our Class of 1958 has held a reunion every five years since graduation. Our 55th year celebration will be held on September 20th, 2013 at the Colusa Casino. It is always wonderful to renew old friendships. Thank you for the great newsletter each year . . . this is such a good way to stay connected to Colusa High School!!

Jerry Hulbert, Class of 1958

Some of the most enjoyable times I had were in woodshop with Mr. Sterk. Still use some of the techniques that he passed on to me.

Chris Nishioka, Class of 1959

This donation was made in memory of Tommy and Harold Morrow.

Lenda Morrow Pecha, Class of 1959

Was there any better times than the early 48, 49, and 50's??

Liz Berry, Class of 1952

This donation is made in memory of my brother Wayne Ramazzini.

Walt Ramazzini, Class of 1957

I remember when I was Colusa High School Student Body President in 1943.

Bob Ash, Class of 1943

I recall 5:30 am or 6:00 am JV basketball practice with Mr. Faulk and Mr. Lindquist. Fog and rain! I am enjoying the newsletter and hope to attend the Vintage Reunion next year.

Larry O'Rourke, Class of 1955

This donation was made in memory of Anthony Gomez – Class of 1957.

Jerry & Fay Hulbert

Robert & Georgeanne Hulbert

Scenes from the Vintage Picnic



Let there be no mistake! When we elder Redskin Kids have our yearly reunion at the Elmwood-Sankey Park (4th & Parkhill), we have a ball!

Here's a photo of some of the fun that's generated at the Vintage Reunion Picnic. At this picnic Jack Staple's cherished 1914 antique auto was on display. We were all quite happy to see at least one antique that was older than any of us!

Although we cater mainly to kids who have graduated 50 or more years ago, everyone is welcome. Come visit us - We meet on the first Saturday after Mothers Day - Same park, every year.

Del Fullmer, Class of 1945

LIBRARY NEWS!

Dear Alumni:

Once again I would like to thank you for your generous contributions to our school! This year we have decided to purchase a new printer for the Library with the majority of the funds. The Library is not only a social center at CHS, but it also houses the largest computer lab on campus. Teachers bring English, Social Science, Science, Math, and Spanish classes into the lab to complete a variety of assignments. The usage has taken a toll on our printers, so we have decided to purchase one that can handle the tremendous amount of print tasks that are generated by our students.



The additional funds will be used to replace some of our paperback novels used in conjunction with the English and Social Science classes. We are buying hardback books because we have found that the paperbacks haven't held up well.

Neither of these purchases would be possible without your donations and we cannot thank you enough for your continued support. Please know that you have an enormous impact on the students and staff at Colusa High School.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Corriea

MORE MEMORIES

My firm was holding a national sales meeting in Phenix, AZ, in the late seventies. Our keynote speaker was Merlin Olsen, a former member of the L.A. Rams "Fearsome Foursome", and of late at that time, colorful announcer of NFL games as well as a TV actor. Before dinner I approached Merlin and asked if I could pose a question. He replied; "Go ahead". I said we have a kid from my hometown that played football at Utah State and I wonder if it was during your time there. He asked; "Really, what's his name"? I said Doug Mayberry. He looked down at me from his 6'6" frame and said; "Colusa?" I said "That's right". And he replied; "Big old Doug". We went on to discuss a little about Doug and then about Merlin's announcing and acting career at the time.

A check to cover Merlin's personal appearance was already mailed to him but after his dinner speech, and since we were a manufacturer of telephone equipment, we presented him with a special business telephone which was covered in Italian leather. As the dinner was breaking up I saw Merlin was walking toward me. As we made eye contact he put the phone under his right arm and put the handset to his ear and said "Hello Doug". We both laughed and again shook hands. I was sad to learn that Merlin passed away this year.

D.K. Heard, Class of 1949

The Class of 1962 celebrated their 50th reunion up in Reno and had a great time. It started with a cocktail party, then a picnic in the park followed by a wonderful dinner at the Peppermill.

I'm pleased to say that our class has remained close over the years and it was sure nice to see our friends again. We even had a couple of classmates show up that we hadn't seen in 50 years!!!

Stan Goodin, Class of 1962

I appreciated reading the article "After the Bell" because in 1959, I wrote a full-page article for the Arrow entitled "Before the Bell." My observations included students guarding the drink-

ing fountain, stacking lockers, reading sports and Dear Abby in study hall, girls removing pincurls in the restroom, couples of the week holding hands, those studying class notes while walking, and then running before the second bell to avoid getting a "pink slip."

Nancy Paletta Chelini, Class of 1960

This donation was made in memory of Vince Sargentine a member of the Class of 1953. Sixty years.

George Chan, Class of 1953

There were some great classic cars – Craig Nicolletti's 57 Chevy, Terri Sartain's Mustang and of course there was the .25 cent gasoline.

Robin Heuer Rogers, Class of 1970

After 53 years, I still say "Go Redskins" !!!!!

Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin, Class of 1959

Such fun wonderful times, growing up and learning with great friends. Happy memories!!!!

Joyce Braley Keller, Class of 1944

This donation was made in memory of John Myers, Wayne Ramazzini and Jerry Peck. Class of 1964 – Thanks for the good times. R.I.P.

George Sistrunk, Class of 1964

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MORE MEMORIES

Ah the good old days! Our faculty consisted of 18 teachers and principal – Dr. Egling. I started to list my favorites, Mrs. Pence and Mrs. Shoemaker and . . . I realized that I really liked them all. Go figure, I should be remembering jock stuff!

Jerry Randolph, Class of 1958

This donation was made in memory of Richard Tyler.

Kim Tyler

Being in awe of the Big Five, as a freshman. Boyce, Summerbell, Fairlee, Raitt and Cooney. I think Mrs. Pence would be quite shocked that I became an English teacher.

Joanna Moore Graf, Class of 1964

Why did we cut the square? What happened to the beach at the Colusa Weir?

Terri Sartain Harter, Class of 1970

In Mrs. Mellis' Home Economics Class, our project was to make lunch for the football team. As they were collecting food on their plates, someone saw the desserts (stuffed dates) and yelled out "Yuck they are feeding us dog poops!! Smartie Pants....."

**Marilyn Hoshaw Huffmaster,
Class of 1959**

Going into Colusa High School was like being part of a family. Great memories.

Edee Westfall Silva, Class of 1966

This donation is made in memory of Nancy O'Rourke Regnier, a good friend and classmate. Nancy passed away on July 19, 2012. Two weeks before our 50 year reunion.

Betsy Wesfall Harris, Class of 1962

In fond memory of Mrs. Ponciano. Working with her during my four years was the best experience.

Dolly Cook Carp, Class of 1976

I remember Colusa High School basketball and football games and eating lunch on the school lawn with my friends.

Kathy Harrison Revak, Class of 1964

COLUSA CLASS OF 1963 MARKS LIFETIME OF MEMORIES

Thirty-one classmates from the Colusa High School Class of 1963, along with 18 spouses and guests, gathered for a 50-year reunion celebration on Saturday night, May 18 at Colusa Golf and Country Club. Though most attendees currently live within 100 miles of

Mexico when his craft was struck by a breaching whale and he was rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard just prior to the boat's sinking.

Many of the graduates and invited guests who were not able to attend extended their greetings through emails

served as emcee for the reunion. In addition to welcoming attendees, expressing his thanks and encouraging those present to share the mic. and address the group, he paid a special tribute to the 32 deceased classmates. Their photos were displayed on a memory board along with yearbooks, picture albums and assorted memorabilia. Committee members in addition to Dolstra who were responsible for planning and preparation include Vivian (Speck) Reading, Janis (Stinchfield) Ramazzini, Brenda (Harris) MacPherson, Bonnie (Critchfield) Marshall, Georgeanne (Feroah) Hulbert, Russell Fusaro and Charlie Bailey, with Nancy (Tucker) Vierra and Bob Hulbert serving as co-chairs. Dinner for the event was catered by Tommy's Market Street Grill, and Richard Garcia tended bar.

Earlier in the day, some of the '63 alumni attended the annual Vintage Graduates Picnic held in Sankey Elmwood Park and chaired by Del Fullmer, Class of '45. This was their first year of eligibility, since participants must be Golden Grads Plus. Russ Fusaro who had covered the Golf Club rental fee also arranged to host a round of golf for all who were interested on Sunday morning following the reunion. However, it was cancelled due to North wind.

As Dolstra appropriately toasted Saturday night, "Here is to those who taught us and encouraged us; those who are with us tonight; those who could not make it; and those who are no longer with us. Lift your glass with me . . . to the Class of '63."



Members of the Colusa High Class of 1963 attend their 50th reunion at the Colusa Golf & Country Club. Front row, left to right: Tom Bennett, Bill Dolstra, Max Young, Rick Bruggman, Rowena (Mena) Sandoval, Judy (Fishback) Durbin, Georgeanne (Feroah) Hulbert and Bob Hulbert.

Middle row: Curtis Birge, Ron Hiegel, Bonnie (Critchfield) Marshall, Barbara (Gilmett) Orozco, Bonni (Salatino) Scudder, Rita (Mora) Goolkasian, Grace (Cortez) Cerillo, Nancy (Tucker) Vierra, Brenda (Harris) MacPherson, Rosalyn (Lee) Zaragoza, Carolyn (Prater) Carter, Nick Stephens and Bill Christian.

Back row: Dennis Lacert, Leo Steidlmayer, Jean (Stark) Drane, Richard Kelly, Russ Fusaro, Janis (Stinchfield) Ramazzini, Vivian (Speck) Reading, Sharon (Kidder) Pollinger and Charlie Bailey. Vince Garofalo, not pictured, attended the event as a former classmate, but he graduated from Red Bluff High. Ten members were unable to attend, and 32 members are deceased.

the Colusa area, Tom and Ingrid Bennett traveled from Spokane, WA; Dennis Lacert came from Las Vegas, NV; Nick Stephens from Rio Rancho, NM; Carolyn (Prater) and Lucky Carter from Waldport, OR; Bill Christian from Erie, MI; and Sharon (Kidder) Pollinger from Crescent City, CA. However, it was Col. Bonni Salatino Scudder who won the prize for coming the furthest from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and also for serving in the military the longest period of time—30 years.

Others recognized during the event were Richard and Wanda Kelly for being married the longest, 49 years (though it was learned later that Carolyn and Lucky Carter were actually married three months before the Kellys); Rowena "Rusty" (Mena) Sandoval and Rosalyn (Lee) Zaragoza for each having the most children, seven; and Rosalyn (Lee) Zaragoza for having the most grandchildren, 21. It was Max Young of Sacramento who had one of the most intriguing stories to tell of his solo sailing expedition around the world in 2012 which ended abruptly off the coast of

and telephone calls, including retired Superintendent/Principal George T. Egling, 95, who lives in Ft. Bragg and had just returned from a road trip to Nevada to see his two-month-old great-grandson for the first time. Messages received have been posted on the reunion link to the Colusa High School website and can be accessed at <http://colusahigh-colusausd-ca.schoolloop.com>>Parents, Community & Alumni>Alumni>Class of '63 Reunion.

Bill Dolstra, Senior Class President,

Alum Vince Sargentini Remembered

Vince Sargentini, a 1954 Colusa High School alum passed away on February 20, 2013. He was born to Ivo and Nida Sargentini in Bozzano, Italy on August 31, 1934.

His family moved to Colusa in 1947 and Vince attended Our Lady of Lourdes School, Colusa High School and Yuba College.

Vincent was an avid sportsman and loved baseball as he and his classmates played on championship teams during their time at Colusa High School. He

then continued on to play baseball at Yuba College and later in life donated many hours of coaching and umpiring of Little League games in the Hercules – Pinole area. He was employed by Sunset Scavengers of San Francisco and retired from that business at an early age to enjoy many years of hunting in the Colusa and Willows area.

We will remember his strong support for our alumni association and passion for the athletic programs at Colusa High School.

MORE MEMORIES

I learned to drive my boyfriend's (Chet Comfort) model T with 3 pedals. I went to the prom in it. It was noisy fun!!

Barbara Comfort, Class of 1950

50 years ago – I can't believe it!!!

Jean Clarke Campbell, Class of 1962

Please accept this donation to the Colusa High School math department from the Townzen Family in memory of Dale Townzen's sister Verlyn Townzen O'Neil – Class of 1963.

The Townzen Family:

Dale Townzen, 1955

Peggy Baker Townzen, 1959

Darren Townzen, 1985

Cammie Townzen Simpson, 1988

Patrick Townzen, 1996

Paige Townzen, 2013

Mollie Townzen, 2016

The Colusa High School teachers always tried to stimulate critical thinking in their students. A very fine staff of teachers.

Dewey Ray Moore, Class of 1953

I've lived in England for 30 years, but still think back to the fun in Mr. Bean's art class with my friend Helen Rosales Gersbach (1960) who is a very gifted artist. I also have fond memories of Mrs. Mellis, Mrs. Pence, Mrs. Shoemaker and Mr. Casey.

Penny Siler Parks, Class of 1961

In Memory of Carroll Reed Doty—A great Giants and 49er Fan! He died a happy man, the Giants won the pennant!

Very good to see past classmates at the picnic in the park.

Dorothy Murphy, Class of 1959

Memories of great teachers: Mary J. Baker, Charles Lindquist, Art Newman, Amy Lance, Lorraine Opedahl and our great coach Bruno Pellegrini.

**Barbara Betterton Messick
Class of 1947**

This donation is in memory of Greg Dowden, Sr.

Sheri Pina Tanferani, Ph.D

MORE MEMORIES

Remembering the June day of graduation 50 years ago (1963) we went to graduation at the fairgrounds, had a party at festival hall, then went to Colusa Theater to watch a movie where a drawing was held to win a car, then went to a breakfast as a final celebration. Great memories!

**Robert & Georgeanne Hulbert
Class of 1963**

Miss seeing you at the picnics – Sure wish we could attend.

Fred J. Luzzi, Jr., Class of 1939

This donation is made in memory of Tom Guild.

Rob J. Davies, Class of 1980

Mr. Heliker's band practices were always positive and supportive. I do not recall that he made a single negative comment about any person or their performance. That is a rare talent, indeed.

Al Raitt, Class of 1958

Thank you as always for the fabulous, fun, informative newsletter! Please accept this heartfelt donation on behalf of all the Bransfords.

Diane Foster Bransford, Class of 1964

Don Bransford, Class of 1965

Darcie Bransford, Class of 1992

Scott Bransford, Class of 1994

Nathan Bransford, Class of 1998

Beth Bransford, Class of 2000

I saw Coach Gilkey a few months ago. He turns 90 this year and fondly remembers his time in Colusa. . .

Harold B. Tennant, Class of 1951

Went to my older sister Sandra's 50th year reunion and was shocked that Wes Shockley and Ralph Stegall didn't beat me up!

Buster Diggs, Class of 1965

This donation was made in memory of Mrs. Pence.

Richard Stevenson, Class of 1965

In loving memory of Jack Staple, a long, friendly presence in Colusa. He will be missed. Also, it is so special reading news of life-long classmates and friends in the newsletter!

Pat Fendt Connolly, Class of 1951

MORE MEMORIES

Many great memories from my years in Colusa schools. Friendships started in kindergarten are still maintained 50 years later. How lucky I was to grow up in Colusa.

Matie Ann Spurgeon, Class of 1962

This donation was made in memory of Irene Erickson Gomes Fitch, Class of 1954.

Lucius F. Fitch, Class of 1937

JUST A FUN TIME FOR ALL!!!!!!

**Ralphene Watermann Boggan,
Class of 1959**

In memory of Ryan E. Walker.

Vincent E. Walker, Class of 1949

I remember riding my horse to school on Sadie Hawkins Day and parking him in back. Not many girls can say they've ever done that before. Thank you Colusa High School for some great memories.

Julie Hubbard Tully, Class of 1971

I remember fondly, sitting in the stands rooting for our "Redskins" football team and playing in the marching band under Mr. Heliker. Good times and great memories!!

I would also like to include a donation in memory of William Dunham who was a member of the Colusa Board of Education.

Jean Dunham Delgado, Class of 1965

In memory of Zeletta Gay McCullough Smith. July 17, 1933 to April 13, 2012. Class of 1951.

Gay's best friend as a senior in high school was Lena (unknown Maiden name) Wilson. She was from Jamaica and lived with a family in Colusa to finish her high school. She later married an airman from Beale AFB and when his enlistment was up they went back to Philadelphia where we stopped visited her a few times. The coincidence is that Lena and Gay both passed away on Friday, April 13th 2012.

Ken Smith

A donation was made to the athletic, agricultural and music department in memory of Robert J. Tennant and Robert L. "Bob" Tennant.

Nancy Tennant Potts, Class of 1959

Music Department Thanks The Alumni For Donations

The Colusa High School Music Program has been busier than ever this past year! Combined, we've done about

50 performances this year, in Colusa, around the county, around the state, and around the country. Members of the

Concert Band, Choir and Jazz Band have all been busy performing at such events as: Football games, weekly morning concerts in the CHS quad, Christmas Tyme in Colusa, Holiday Craft Faire, Christmas caroling at the hospital, playing at christmas parties, in restaurants and churches in Colusa, Concerts in the park, music week performances, a memorial service, a wedding, a cabaret dinner show, and that's just in town.



The music department went to a competition in Southern California in April. The choir earned a Bronze medal, the Jazz band got Silver, and the Concert band took the Gold!

Alexia Vargas, my senior trumpet player and band president, marched at the BCS national championship college football game (Notre Dame vs Alabama) in Miami this past January.

Our own "Carnegie Quartet" (Thomas Critchfield, Lupita Ramos, Efren Fuentes, Alexia Vargas) all auditioned for, and were accepted to the American Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall in February, and we all spent 5 days making music and playing in snow in Central Park. Very cool!

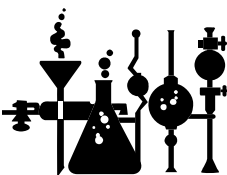
In May, eleven students participated in the California State Solo and Ensemble festival in Sacramento. In order to qualify for this event, musicians must earn a superior rating at a qualifying event. Of the eleven performances, 4 earned silver medals, 7 earned gold, and two got unanimous superiors to get a Command Performance!

We are very grateful for the past alumni donations you have given us. We have used past funds to purchase music, band instruments, and to help pay for trips to solo festivals, band and choir events, and even a Broadway musical in Sacramento. Thanks to your help, music is thriving in Colusa!

Michael Phenicie
Colusa High School
Music Director

Valley Oak & Community School

Ancient and usually isolated valley oak trees (*Quercus lobata*) can be found in the few remaining undisturbed grassy plains, and in farmers' fields where they were protected, of California's Central Valley. These trees also grow as a riparian (riverside) species at a slightly higher and drier riverbank elevation than the cottonwoods and willows that grow directly adjacent to the Sacramento and other valley rivers. Valley oaks are a very stable and long lived



tree and very important to both the riparian and valley savannah communities they inhabit. Next to rivers, they often grow in groups with the older trees' canopies shading out the valley floor and reducing competition from other plants, providing a nursery for younger oaks that will eventually take over.

The Colusa Unified staff reminds me of a group of valley oaks. We have many veteran teachers who retired this year and others who are getting close to the end of their careers, including yours truly. I see these individuals as the mature oaks that play a key role in the success of their community, but are also preparing the way for new and younger teachers who will eventually replace them. I'd like to introduce one of these new teachers; Amanda Spencer, who taught freshmen science, chemistry and physics this year at Colusa High. Amanda grew up in Lancaster, CA and earned a degree in biochemistry at Chico State University. She hit the ground running this year and offered almost daily "hands on" labs and demonstrations in all her classes, while also coaching girls' soccer and boys' tennis as well as being a teacher in the Environmental Sciences

Academy and attending the JSHS young science scholars symposium with three students, Yosemite Institute field trip with a group of ESA seniors and the Angel Island field trip with a group of academy juniors. Ms. Spencer teaches science the way I believe is best, by providing interesting hands on lessons while covering the standards; soon to be common core. Like the young oaks, she will grow and thrive, taking her place in the educational community, and is deserving of all the help I/we can give her.

With Amanda and the future of science at Colusa High School in mind, I'd like to both thank the alumni for your generous contributions to the CHS Biology Program last year and ask you to consider a donation this year that will be shared by all science classes taught by Amanda and me. Between the Environmental Science Academy grant and alumni donations, all science activities were funded last school year and we have even acquired a donated laminar hood for microbiology and have also purchased a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) DNA duplicating machine to expand our biotech education. Ms. Spencer has some exciting plans for her classes, including a new freshman geosciences course, and any donations will be applied to these activities as well as the existing program.

Please consider making a donation to Colusa High Science.

Thank You!

Craig Richards

CHS Biology

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"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 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
Juanita Roberts	Honored	12-13-12	Donor	CRAF

Soon To Be Honored in the Fall of 2013
Ron & Susan Rassmussen

Soon To Be Honored in the Winter of 2014
Mrs. Claire Pence and Mrs. Frances White

COMMON CORE KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

There are big changes planned for mathematics education over the next few years. New math standards have been adopted nationally that will bring drastic changes to the curriculum and standardized testing system in California. The California Department of Education plans to test students under the new system starting in the spring of 2015. For those of us in the Colusa High Math Department this means we have a lot to do over the course of the next school year. We will be aligning our curriculum to the new standards, developing strategies for helping students communicate what they know in a new ways and purchasing new textbooks and materials to support our efforts.



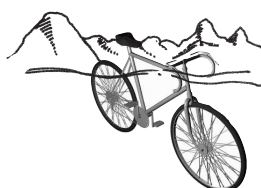
While large school districts have staff dedicated to the implementation of the common core standards we will be working with our administration to gather information and make important decisions on our own. Our plan is to save the generous donations that we received from the alumni in 2013 and combine them with donations from 2014 to send representatives from our department to the 2014 National Council of Teacher of Mathematics Conference. By attending the conference we will be able to examine and evaluate textbooks, talk to publishers and learn about implementation of the Common Core standards from leading experts in the field of mathematics education.

Thank you again for your generosity in over the past few year and your future support.

Darren Townzen
Kim Olson and Eric Lay
Colusa High Math Department

Fourth Annual 3F Century Bike Ride

On May 4, 2013, the Colusa Lions Club hosted the annual 3F Century bike ride. With the retirement of Principal Dave McGrath (founder and chief organizer of the annual event), the Lions accepted responsibility to maintain this growing tradition.



3F, which stands for Flat, Fast and Fun, gave riders a choice of riding 100 miles, 63 miles, 37 miles or 22 miles courses throughout Colusa and Sutter counties. We had 190 registered riders this year, which tripled last year's high of 63 riders.

Once again, School Board member and 1972 CHS grad Terry Bressler provided a delicious pulled pork, rice and salad lunch at the end of the ride. Retired Principal McGrath also returned to provide invaluable assistance.

The date for next year's event is Saturday, May 3, 2014. You can learn more about the ride by visiting www.3Fcentury.com. Proceeds from the event continue to support CUSD projects at all district schools.

"From the Desk of the Superintendent & Principal"

Dear Alumni:

Moving to a new school and community is always interesting. Making the leap from Colorado to California has been a whirlwind of learning and new experiences for me and my family. I have a six-year-old son, Alden, who just finished his Kindergarten year in Colusa schools. My wife, Nicole, is the principal of Orland high school. To say this year was busy would be an understatement. But we have grown to love California, and particularly Colusa.

I have been in small rural districts for my entire career. As I reflect upon my twenty years of experience, I see many similarities between Colusa and other places I have served. Small towns are full of friends and neighbors who know one another and can be counted on to lend a hand when help is needed. It has been wonderful to see how the parents and community members help out here. The high school has a new landscape design and is getting an LED marquee sign to advertise events—all from donated funds! Volunteers help us do everything from classroom reading instruction, to fundraising, to grounds maintenance. Colusa is a small town full of people with big hearts who care deeply for their schools.

We are making some changes in Colusa Schools. Looking to the future, we must expect more from our students, and do more to prepare them for a world much different than the one in which we grew up. In some regards we are simply re-emphasizing what used to be the mission of schools—teaching students the power of critical and creative thinking. Our main focus remains the same; a safe and student centered school where expectations are high.

As a Colusa Alumni, you have made a tremendous impact on our programs. Alumni donations helped fund materials and supplies for academic and athletics. You helped current students generate memories like the ones so fondly related in the newsletter.

On behalf of myself, the staff, the Board, and our community, I would like to thank you for your generosity. I would also encourage you to continue helping make Colusa High School a place graduates will remember for the academics, and for the experiences that a caring small town has to offer its students.

Thanks Again,

Dwayne Newman, District Superintendent

Dear Alumni,

In my first year as principal of Colusa High School, there were many pleasant surprises along the way. One such surprise was the enormous positive impact the Colusa Alumni Association continues to have on instruction and students at the high school. This year we began to take photos of materials purchased through the generosity of the association and posting them on our new Colusa High School Facebook page. We posted pictures of kids in our shop classes with equipment purchased this year and will continue to advertise and inform the Alumni Association where exactly the donations are going this year and just how appreciative we all are for your efforts.

I encourage all of you to follow CHS on our Facebook page as we will continue to update everyone where exactly your contributions are going and how the students are benefiting from the donations. Simply log into your own Facebook accounts and search "Colusa High School." When you see the Redhawk icon, click on it and like our page so you are updated regularly on all school events.

On behalf of the entire school, I want to thank you for continuing to care so much for our kids and programs. We are so grateful for your passion to Colusa High School.

Sincerely,

Darren Brown, Colusa High School Principal

Thank You From The Colusa High School Athletic Director

Dear Colusa HS Alumni Association;

On behalf of the Colusa HS Athletic Department I'd like to thank all of you for your generous donations. Your donations allow us to keep up the proud tradition of athletics here at Colusa High School. Our programs had an outstanding year in 2012-2013. Some of the highlights included playoff appearances for football, volleyball, girls and boys basketball, and softball. In the Fall our Cross Country team had competitors make it all the way to the State Championships. Our JV Girls basketball team earned a league championship this year as did Varsity Baseball and Softball. Our Varsity Baseball team set a school record for wins at 26 and also captured the first Northern Section championship in baseball since 1997, downing Winters HS for the Div. 3 crown. I'm excited to be heading into my second year here at Colusa HS as we have many great things in front of us. I'm also ecstatic to be moving forward as the new Athletic Director for the Redhawks. With your support we hope to continue building on our proud tradition here at Colusa HS.

Sincerely,

Eric Lay

Colusa High School Athletic Director

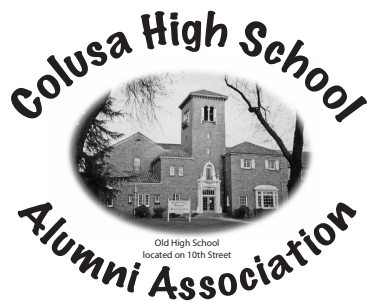


AGGIE ALUMNI!



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 help students at the livestock unit and the shop classes. We were able to continue building new pens for the sheep and goat students. In shop Alumni funds helped acquire 10 new welding jackets and several new pieces of equipment for our students.

Your continued support of our FFA program provides leadership and educational opportunities for all FFA members. Please follow us on the Colusa FFA Facebook page and see your Alumni donations at work. As always our gratitude is extended to Jerry Davies and his continued support and development of the Alumni Association.



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