

Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MEMORIES



Mr. Marvel's classes gave me the love of math that I still have today. Many days, as I stand in front of my own math class, I find myself using phrases and examples that he used. Thanks CHS !!!

Tina Bressler Ballard—Class of 1971

The current music curriculum and activities are astounding! I want to go back to high school!

Del Fullmer—Class of 1945

The traditions of Colusa Union High School are being carried out as the school has progressed over the years. I'm a very proud graduate of Colusa Union High School and much is owed to the fine and caring teachers as they turn out fine citizens each year. Mr. Pence and Arch Davison convinced me to go to UC Berkley instead of going to a Junior College. I had to get a job in order to play baseball. I kept the job all four years, and we won the Big C.

Woodie Humburg—Class of 1933

Walter Coleman and Paul Barrett, music instructors, were an important part of my life at CHS, and Eaton and Lawless in athletics. Mrs. McComish got me into Cal.

Don McNary—Class of 1942

Are you really going to change the mascot?

Jack Hamahashi—Class of 1940

GO REDSKINS

Ralphene Watermann Boggan—Class of 1959

I loved our school spirit and cheering for our mighty Redskins. The students all wore white and cheered with us!!

Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel—1964

Colusa's Perennial Teacher

Most people look forward to retirement. They plan activities they have not had time to do and trips that they always wanted to take. Most people don't retire and then continue working!

Georgia Raczniak did just that! She thrived on working, even though she had been retired for 15 years. After retirement, she continued to prepare diplomas, programs, flowers, gifts and other arrangements for Colusa High School graduations.

Georgia's long history in education started when her mother, who was a teacher in Burke, Idaho, convinced the school board to allow her to enroll Georgia in the first grade at the age of five. Georgia proceeded to complete grade school in seven years. At the beginning of her senior year in high school, she needed only one class, U.S. History, to complete her requirements. Georgia wrote to Eastern Washington College of Education in Cheney, the nearest college to her home town. She convinced the college to allow her to enroll and took her history class at college. She enrolled at the school in August and was 17 years old in October.

Georgia's teaching experience began when she was 19 years old, barely older than some of her students. In 1933 she signed her first teaching contract in the County of Whitman, in the state of Washington. She was never sick; no sick leave was allowed. "No work, no pay," was a phrase she would always use. As part of her contract, she had to live in a room that belonged to the President of the Board of Education, and also had to be available to do janitorial work.

Georgia's first pay was \$90 a month, which was a good salary at that time. This was during the depression when warrants were worthless. She had to find someone who would buy her warrants. The buyer took a 10% fee, so she got \$81. The State took money from large schools districts and distributed it to smaller districts so all were paid the same.

Georgia use to say she had no discipline problems. Staying after school was the only punishment. She said she probably could have spanked in those days, but

didn't have any problems. "Besides," she would say, "I would have needed to be 6 feet tall to spank some of my students." Parental support was always there to assist a teacher dealing with discipline problems.

In addition to her teaching duties, she had to build fires to warm the classroom. Sometimes her students would assist, but she had to watch that they didn't play any pranks, such as putting something inappropriate in the fire. Georgia had never lived on a farm, but part of her assignment was to take care of the barn which housed the horses that brought the children to school. Additionally, she had to give a Christmas play and Spring play, as well as a three-act community play for the Grange.

Church services were also held in the school. Georgia had to have room decorations every week. Also she had to go to church, which was a non-denominational "community church." She had to play the piano and lead the singing for the church services. She was also required to go to the parties after church.

Georgia did not believe in lots of rules. She used to say, "The more you have, the more kids break them." When students did break a rule, she didn't believe in sending them to the office for discipline. She said, "You still have to deal with them when they come back."

Georgia Raczniak was truly a remarkable and dedicated teacher. She had the passion, the determination and the commitment to students her entire career. We were fortunate to have her as part of our teaching staff here in Colusa.

A note from the editor:

This is a revised version of an article published in May 2001 in the Colusa County Office of Education newsletter. It should be noted that Georgia Raczniak was an avid sports booster for Colusa High School and was instrumental in developing the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation. For years, Georgia encouraged many of us to start an alumni association in order to stay connected with the students. In her honor, the Colusa High School Alumni Association began in 2003.

Mission Statement

The Colusa High School Alumni Association is an organization under the direction of the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation. 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.

<p>1933 Woodie Humburg</p> <p>1934 Calvin Locher</p> <p>1937 Lucius F. Fitch Wilma Jeanne Middaugh Littleboy</p> <p>1938 Mary Grob Gobel Raymond L. Cook</p> <p>1939 William H. Brooks III</p> <p>1940 Jack Hamahashi Ruth Sterk Anderson Betty Jo Middaugh MacQueen</p> <p>1941 Carroll R. Doty James Fredrick Middaugh</p> <p>1942 Bill Preece Georgia Stafford Enos Kenneth Keller Don McNary Peggy Davison Graham</p> <p>1943 James Riley Fred Graham John D Abreu</p> <p>1944 Dolores Humburg-Preece Yoneko Kasai-Shintani</p> <p>1945 Del Fullmer Charles Tuttle Jr.</p> <p>1946 Alfred Gomes Merrill Newman Elsie L. Westfall Abreu</p>	<p>1947 Bill Collins Dorothy Locke Bauer Lloyd Westphal Georgeen Roberson Pierre Fred F. Sandridge</p> <p>1948 Pauline Guild Masera Stuart & Barbara Campbell Marily Farnsworth Johnson Glendell G. Golden Melba P. Woolery Golden Robyn Wilsey Dorsey</p> <p>1949 Vincent E. Walker Nellie Ann Highstreet Carey Carolyn Crane Henry Bertha Nelson Westcamp Fontes</p> <p>1950 Donald L. Michener Barbara Messick Boggs Millard Totman Bonnie Farnsworth Grussenmeyer Barbara Conner Comfort</p> <p>1951 John P. Danford Jack R. Elkins Tom W. Schwartz</p> <p>1952 Elizabeth Phillips Berry Andrew J. Ponta Jr.</p> <p>1953 Carleen Yungling Leise Pat Capehart Totman Dewey Ray Moore</p> <p>1954 Vince Sargentini Chester Miller Irene Erickson Gomes Fitch Sharon McFarlane- White</p> <p>1955 Dr. and Mrs. George T. Egling Jerd Ferraiuolo Larry O'Rourke</p>	<p>1956 Enid Diggs-Clark Judy Meadows-Ranger Donna Brown-Critchfield Duane Hurni Strain</p> <p>1957 Peter Steidlmayer Gary Moore Chris Nishioka Frank Nicoletti Walter and Susan Ramazzini</p> <p>1958 Jerold E. Hulbert Pat Skinner Cull Mary Lou Vedo Judy Smith Geyer Eddie Spurgeon</p> <p>1959 Ken Sat Ishgaki Tom Tucker Lenda Morrow-Pecha Tim Dekwa Nancy Tennant-Potts Lee Boyes Beverly Yopp-Gabbert Richard Fishback Shirley Melis Nagelschmidt Bessey Ralphine Waterman-Boggan</p> <p>1960 Phyllis Lucchesi-Winkler Nancy Paletta-Chelini Judy Mcfarlane-Pifer</p> <p>1961 Rick Libby</p> <p>1962 Stan Goodin Sandra Diggs Richey Betsy Westfall Harris Sharon Jarnagin Wade Matie Ann Spurgeon Ralph Stegall</p> <p>1963 Robert Hulbert Georgeanne Feroah Hulbert Leo Steidlmayer Bill and Beckey Dolstra</p>	<p>1964 Diane Foster Bransford Mary Ann Lanouette Marvel Jim Devine Jerry Myers Connie Cribari Driffill</p> <p>1965 William A. Baggett Don Bransford Jane White Cushing Buster Diggs Jeri Jarnagin Benson Gay Huffman Evans Fred Nielson</p> <p>1966 Edee Westfall Silva</p> <p>1967 Gene Beauchamp Woody Yerxa</p> <p>1968 Joyce Candito Jerry Abreu Greg Boyes</p> <p>1969 JoAnne Livermore Burnett</p> <p>1970 Tom Golden Janice Staple Lauppe</p> <p>1971 Mary Steffes Critchfield Mike McGowan George Sandridge Lynne Galentine Weber Tina Bressler Ballard Julie Hubbard Tully Kathy Yerxa</p> <p>1972 Helen Wright Fink Robert E. Golden Mark Fisher Terry Bressler</p> <p>1973 Dana Collins Forster Sheryl Sanderson Bacharach Linda D. Golden Kathy Altnow Greg Weber</p>
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1974
Connie Smith
Jeri Willoh
Mardel Tucker Sandridge

1975
Paul Fisher
Gerald Davies
Kathy Overton Garner
Mark Sansone

1976
Brady Myers
Earl Stegall
Kirk Wilsey
Ed Hulbert
Peter B. Niles
Les Harada

1977
Marta Gibbens Stegall
Jamie Wheeler Myers
Diane Fusaro Mabray
Ben King
David Brian Whitesell
George Hulbert

1978
Chuck Hulbert
D'Ann Miller Bressler

1979
Lori Cheim Meyers (Yuba City)
Charlie Meyers
Jeff Moresco

1980
Renee Rasmussen
Craig Hill
Demetre Goudas
Robert J. Davies
Gina Calcagno Moresco
Alice Solis

1981
Chris Cull
Andy Smith
Kelley Tucker Molitor
Mary Davies O'Connor
Denise Billups Slone

1982
Devonna Byrd Smith
Sandra Beebe Martin
Lisa Rasmussen Hancock

1983
Jeff Billups
Irma Reynoso Cull
Belinda Erdelt
Emma Valdez Wall

1984
Monty Lee
Greg Vafis
Laurie Townsend Costa

1985
Alice Davison Paulson
Sonja Winters Steidlmayer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griggs
Sherri Pina Tanferani, Ph.D

1986
Brenda Holmes Seyk
Daniel Bailey
Kim Myers Zwald

1987
Kira Spurgeon Stark

1988
Joddie Vossler Gleason
Catherine Lien Chatell Frias
Lisa Steidlmayer Bailey
Lindee Myers Hulbert

1989
Jennifer Hulbert Shimabukuro
Amy Rasmussen
Jennifer Lyttle Wells
Erika Spurgeon Pearson

1990
Nicole Fusaro Hulbert
Jennifer Lemos Sims

1991
Scottie Tyler Marvel
Scott Hulbert
Lydia Navarro Medina
Wendy Keith Duck

1992
Darcie Bransford
Ryan Myers

1993
Arnold Navarro

1994
Scott Bransford

1995
Barry Marvel
Geoff Hulbert

1996
Elizabeth Carvalho
Theron Spurgeon
Tara Spurgeon

1997
Kelly Ryan Henning

1998
Nathan Bransford

1999
Matt Forster

2000
Beth Bransford
Melissa Yerxa

2001
Molly Weber
Mike Forster

2002
Tara Forster

2003
Brian Davies
Nicholas Weber

2005
Carissa Meyers
Katelyn Davies

2007
Mitchell Yerxa

2008
Krystal Lee Cull

2010
Hayden Meyers
Morgan Bressler

2011
Caroline Meyers

2013
Mattison Myers
MacKenzie Bressler

FAMILY DONATIONS

Abreu

John D. Abreu - 1943
Elsie L. Westfall Abreu - 1946
Jerry Abreu - 1968

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'Anne Miller Bressler - 1978
Morgan Bressler - 2010
MacKenzie Bressler - 2013

Cull

Pat Skinner Cull - 1958
Chris Cull - 1981
Irma Reynoso Cull - 1983
Krystal Lee Cull - 2008

Davies

Gerald P. Davies - 1975
Robert J. Davies - 1980
Mary Davies O'Connor - 1981
Brian M. Davies - 2003
Katelyn A. Davies - 2005

Diggs

Enid Diggs Clark - 1956
Sandra Diggs Richey - 1962
Buster Diggs - 1965

Forster

Dana Collins Forster - 1973
Matt Forster - 1999
Mike Forster - 2001
Tara Forster - 2002

Golden

Glendell G. Golden - 1948
Melba Woolery Golden - 1948
Tom Golden - 1970
Robert E. Golden - 1972
Linda D. Golden - 1973

Hulbert

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

Hulbert

Ed Hulbert - 1976
George Hulbert - 1977
Chuck Hulbert - 1978
Tim Hulbert - 1981
Lindee Myers Hulbert - 1988

Jarnagin

Ron "Fuzzy" Jarnagin - 1959
Sharon Jarnagin - 1962
Jeri Jarnagin - 1965

Marvel

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

Meyers

Charlie Meyers - 1979
Lori Cheim Meyers
Hayden Meyers - 2010
Caroline Meyers - 2011

Middaugh

Wilma Jeanne Middaugh Littleboy - 1937
Betty Jo Middaugh MacQueen - 1940
James Frederick Middaugh - 1941

Family Donations — Cont.

Myers

Jerry Myers - 1964, Brady Myers - 1976
 Jamie Wheeler Myers - 1977
 Kim Myers Zwald - 1986
 Lindee Myers Hulbert - 1988
 Ryan Myers - 1992, Mattison Myers - 2013

Rasmussen

Renee Rasmussen - 1980
 Lisa Rasmussen Hancock - 1982
 Amy Rasmussen - 1989

Smith

Connie Smith - 1974, Andy Smith - 1981
 Devonna Byrd Smith - 1982

Spurgeon

Eddie Spurgeon - 1958
 Matie Ann Spurgeon - 1962
 Kira Spurgeon Stark - 1987
 Erika Spurgeon Pearson - 1989
 Theron Spurgeon - 1996, Tara Spurgeon - 1996

Steidlmayer

Peter Steidlmayer - 1957
 Leo Steidlmayer - 1963
 Lisa Bailey Steidlmayer - 1988
 Daniel Bailey - 1986
 Sonja Winters Steidlmayer - 1985

Weber

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

Yerxa

Woody Yerxa - 1967, Kathy Yerxa - 1971
 Melissa Yerxa - 2000, Mitchell Yerxa - 2007

Alumni Donations Financial Report

Annual Totals

Donations by Curriculum Department

2003	\$8,203.34	2003	\$8203.34	Athletics
2004	\$12,060.76	2004	\$12060.76	Athletics
2005	\$10,127.48	2005	\$5362.90	Athletics
			\$904.57	Business
			\$675.50	Science
			\$465.99	Art
			\$1257.70	Music
			\$960.82	Agriculture
			\$500.00	English/Lib
2006	\$14,637.36	2006	\$5839.19	Athletics
			\$980.56	Business
			\$5058.27	Science
			\$186.17	Art
			\$1322.30	Music
			\$764.39	Agriculture
			\$486.48	English/Lib
2007	\$16,802.99	2007	\$6558.65	Athletics
			\$1456.84	Business
			\$1284.91	Science
			\$1243.21	Art
			\$2701.62	Music
			\$2125.40	Agriculture
			\$1432.36	English/Lib
2008	\$15,339.88	2008	\$7110.43	Athletics
			\$4016.52	Business
			\$825.08	Science
			\$379.69	Art
			\$1115.46	Music
			\$1079.54	Agriculture
			\$813.16	English/Lib
TOTAL	\$77,171.81	TOTAL	\$77,171.81	

What Recession? Our alumni are rich with memories...

Welcome to our seventh edition of the Colusa High School alumni newsletter. What a year since we last communicated with each other! First of all, we hope that all is well with you and your families. It is important for you to know that we are all citizens of a very productive nation and that collectively we will solve these difficult times. Work hard and think positive.

In all the previous alumni newsletters, the hallmark sections of each letter are the memories that all the alumni share with each other. In each newsletter we always try to provide you with as much current information about the progress of the alumni association and events going on at Colusa High School. But most alumni comment on and enjoy reading about their friends in the

section where people share a memory. Some memories are funny, some sad, but they all express a story about a learning experience that someone remembers.

Our alumni are "rich with memories". Why don't we as alumni use the advantage of our experiences and share our knowledge of the past so that we can shed some light on the future? This might sound a little backward when most of the time we are looking for "change" to improve our lives.

If you still have some of the past newsletters, look back at the memories shared by alumni before your tenure in school. Traditions, styles, cultural values and opportunities are different from decade to decade. Can you recognize the good and **Continued on page 5**—

DONATIONS IN 2009 MADE IN MEMORY OF

Les Cook • Frances Egling

Glendell G. Golden • Linda G. Golden

Melba Woolery Golden • Robert E. Golden

Marian Locher Gustafson

Gerald (Joe) Livermore

James Frederick Middaugh

Greg Miller • Tommy Morrow

Harold Morrow • Arlene Ponciano

Eddie Spurgeon • Millard Totman

DISAPPOINTED IN YOUR 401k?

Invest in our K-12:
"Our success is measured in Opportunities and Memories"
2009 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets

Funds to mail the 2009 newsletter
Generous donations from alumni
Updated alumni mailing list for 2009
Some new alumni, "The class of 2009"

Fixed Asset

Donor Wall for Alumni
Sent FBLA students to National Convention
Constructed J.V. Baseball Dugouts
Purchased one "autoclave" for science dept
Memories from our years at CHS

Total Assets

Alumni building and sharing CHS memories
for past, present and future students

Current Liabilities

Cost of stamps for mailing
In debt to alumni for support
"Return to sender" alumni letters
Finding young alums 1 year after graduation

Long Term Liabilities

Losing contact with an alum
Curriculum budgets being cut
Missing opportunities for students
Your name not on the Donor Wall
Revealing your secret CHS memories

Total Liabilities

Alumni not sharing their
"old memories" with a donation

NET WORTH

Continuing the rich traditions and opportunities at Colusa High School through sharing memories and contributions

What Recession

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difficult times that these alumni experienced?

Some alumni expressed their gratitude for a good education at Colusa High School and beyond. Others talked about war and the hardships on families and friends. Some lived through the great depression. Others enjoyed the prosperity of our nation's growth. Many recount great sport teams at Colusa High and others aren't embarrassed to tell us about the failures. On and on, as one memory is told it is sure to trigger another.

So here we are today wondering how we can make the best out of our lives in a difficult time. This recession has had an effect on all of us. The job market, the stock market, the cost of education, home loans and even our retirement packages have all been difficult to manage.

We were wondering if any alumni, with their wisdom and experience of living through tough socioeconomic times, might reach back in their wonderful memory and tell us how they learned to survive in that period of their life. Examining real life experiences might assist us to understand what the future may have in store for us. We know you have some answers and we want to share them in next year's newsletter. Please take the time to write us a short note.

We appreciate your participation and hope to hear from you soon. The success of this association can only be attributed to you, the Colusa High School alumni.

WRESTLING PROGRAM "PINNED" WITH DEBT FOR A MAT

Wrestling is continuing to grow at Colusa High School. We have completed two successful seasons. This year we had five wrestlers place in the league tournament and one place at the Div. III Championships. We have also started a youth program and had over 25 kids participate this past spring. With the assistance of the Colusa Redskins Athletic Foundation, we have purchased a used mat from Butte Valley High School. We were able to get an \$8500.00 mat, two years old, for \$5,000.00! The colors match up and it is in excellent condition. We are in need of donations to re-pay the loan that the CRAF made to our program. If you can help us, please send your donation to the Alumni Association. Thanks for your help in making Colusa Wrestling successful.

Dave McGrath, Principal
Colusa High School
530-458-2156

MORE MEMORIES

This, no doubt, will be the last time we'll donate to the Colusa Redskin Athletic Foundation. I wonder what it will be called next? Anyway, I'll always be proud to be called a Redskin. Too many fond memories of Colusa High. They will last a lifetime.

Pat Capehart Totman—Class of 1953

Eating lunch with Mattie Ann Spurgeon at Jenkies.

Sandra Diggs Richey—Class of 1962

Once a Redskin – Always a Redskin !

Bertha Nelson Fontes—Class of 1949

Although I only attended Colusa High my freshman year, my fond memories of CHS go back to first grade when my mom, Frances White, returned to teaching girls PE there. I loved hanging out in the old gym after school and going to all those Friday night football and basketball games. It was a great place for a kid to grow up!

Jane White Cushing—Class of 1965

To my wife Frances who accompanied me to almost every basketball and football game from 1956 to 1974. She passed away in 1986.

George T. Egling—Administrator 1955 – 1977

Those were good years and a lot simpler life then. Recall those jeep loads of seniors playing hookie towards the end of the year and of course being caught!

Larry O'Rourke—Class of 1955

Remembering Mr. Lindquist, Miss Balduzzi, Miss Barrett, Mr. Newman, Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Tabatha, Mr. Pence and boyfriend Chet Comfort plus many more friends. Hope to see them at the vintage picnic.

Barbara Conner Comfort—Class of 1950

I remember having the school custodian Frank Ferraiuolo drive us to baseball games and then coach the team.

Jerry Myers—Class of 1964

Looking forward to next reunion. Always enjoy getting together again with classmates and old friends.

Chris Nishioka—Class of 1957

Remembering Les Cook: footballer and U.S. Navy hero. (WWII and Korea)

Jane Cook

MORE MEMORIES

Lots of memories, lots to forgive and forget. Have a good year and it's time for the big 50.

Richard Fishback—Class of 1959 (Vintage Graduate this year, 50th reunion)

It will always be Colusa Redskins to me! And we are three generations of them.

Tom and Marily Johnson—Class of 1948

Winning two basketball championships with Coach Vossler in 1984 and 1985.

Robert Griggs—Class of 1985

I used the Ford Tractor to plow gardens around Colusa and also pulled harvesters during barley season. Are they still doing this? We use to make money for the Ag Department. This was in 1944 and 1945.

Fred F. Sandridge—Class of 1947

In memory of Arlene Ponciano.

Laurie Townsend Costa—Class of 1984

This annual newsletter just gets better each year!! Keep up the good work. Most of what I learned at Colusa High School has served me well the past 50 plus years.

Carleen Yungling Leise—Class of 1953

Although my life transformed from rural to city urban, I have retained my ag discipline learned in Colusa FFA.

Dewey Ray Moore—Class of 1953

Just a great place to attend High School.

Buster Diggs—Class of 1965

Our fun trip by train from Williams to Oakland, then to the World's Fair on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay by ferry boat in 1939. Returning by the same route that evening. What an eventful fun day for a bunch of country kids from Colusa High.

Ken Keller—Class of 1942

Seeing friends while "Cutting the Square" on warm summer nights.

Julie Hubbard Tully—Class of 1971

Remember Marv teaching us to drive in the driver's ed car and Mr. Regier taking us to track meets in the same car. Did somebody lose a shoe?

Belinda Erdelt—Class of 1983

We know you can remember learning about a budget when.....

You held the office of student body treasurer.

Georgia Racszniak was your accounting teacher.

Mom and Dad made you make your own car payments.

The cell phone bill was yours to pay.

You joined the FBLA at Colusa High School.

You were on the committee to hire the band for a school dance.

Generous donation from alum gives CHS athletics a "lift"

CHS athletes and PE students will have more tools to work with this fall due to a generous donation of weights and fitness equipment from John Hamill, Class of 1980. John's donation includes a Hip Sled Machine, Dual Overhead Cable Machine, Rowing Machine, 2 Olympic Bar Weight Sets, and significant amount of Free Weights.

Thanks John!

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CHS UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Booster Dinner

August 15, 2009

Football Homecoming

October 16, 2009 vs. East Nicolaus

Redskin Classic Basketball Tourn.

December 3, 4, 5, 2009

Racszniak Basketball Tourn.

December 17, 18, 19, 2009

Basketball Homecoming

TBA

CRAF Golf Tournament

April 16, 2010

MORE MEMORIES

Four years of friendship and fun as well as preparation for college.

Ruth Sterk Anderson—Class of 1940

Playing that wild and crazy version of football in PE call "Jungle Ball".

Paul Fisher—Class of 1975

The first time I heard Elvis Presley sing was in the back yard of Shirley Melis' - her birthday party. My four years of high school really were Happy Days.

Mary Vedo—Class of 1958

Hours of driving around in Jessica's "Charlie" car!

Wendy Keith—Class of 1991

The picture that was published in the latest edition and referred to as the class of 1953 is incorrect. I recognize members of the classes of 1954, 1955 and 1956, including my sister Marilyn Nicoletti Whittaker, Class of 1956

Frank Nicoletti -Class of 1957

Wayne Huer's Advanced Science Class. One of my projects was to embalm a rabbit. It wasn't successful. After a week, I was asked to terminate my experiment or be terminated myself.

Rick Libby—Class of 1961

In memory of "Mrs. P"

Lindee and George Hulbert Classes of 1988 and 1977

Naughty memory confession. In my senior year, I rubbed Linberger cheese on the radiator in Mrs. Baker's class. They let everyone go home.

Irene Erickson Gomes Fitch—Class of 1954

My four years at Colusa High School were unforgettable. The GAA trips, the band trips, the senior sneak, my classmates. We were a class of 58 students and many of us started kindergarten together. We had our 45th class reunion in July 2007 and had a good turnout, wonderful time as always, thanks in large part to Stan Goodin, our class president, and his lovely wife. We were a small class but love staying connected. I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion.

Sharon Jarnagin Wade—Class of 1962

The Gift of a Lifetime

Woodie Humburg, a 1933 graduate of Colusa High School, recently visited Colusa and donated two cherished memories from his days as a CHS athlete. Donated were an autographed football from the 1932 Pierce-Colusa game, won by Colusa 6-0 and an autographed baseball from the 1933 Pierce-Colusa game, won by Colusa 9-7. Mr. Humburg acknowledged in his presentation that he was grateful for an opportunity at Colusa High School to excel in athletics and for the encouragement he received from former CHS Principal George Pence and Colusa businessman Arch Davison to attend Cal Berkley. "Those two men really gave me an opportunity of a lifetime, so I want to share a little bit of my life with Colusa High School."



Mr. Humburg went on to share that the CHS Alumni Association and newsletters, which started 7 years ago, have given him the opportunity to share his memories with others, as well as keeping in touch with classmates and CHS news. Humburg's visit included pictures at his old book locker in the hallway of the current Colusa Unified School District office (formerly Colusa Union High School) and a visit to the new CHS football stadium.

Pictured with Woodie Humburg are (left to right) Jerry Davies of the Colusa High School Alumni Association, CHS Athletic Director Mike West and CHS Principal Dave McGrath.

Alumni Supports JV Baseball Program

Thanks to the generous support of the Alumni Association and Alumnus Ben King, The JV baseball program will get new dugouts. Colusa High has an extremely successful baseball program and your support has been a key ingredient to our success. Both the varsity and JV programs have completed back to back league championships. Colusa High also remains the only school in the county to field a junior varsity program. While other schools are cutting programs, your support has allowed ours to thrive!

Construction of new Junior Varsity Dugouts



Alumni Achievements

Joseph A. Myszka - Class of 1999

Joe Myszka is an associate attorney with Baker & McKenzie in Palo Alto, primarily in international and corporate tax planning. He graduated with his J.D. and M.B.A (Finance) from Santa Clara University in 2008 and his Business Administration (Accounting) in 2004. Joe lives in Palo Alto, CA. with his wife Clarice and their dog Nemo.

Patrick Foster - Class of 2000

Patrick Foster graduated from UCLA in June of 2004 after majoring in Political Science and also studied abroad at Cambridge, England. He then attended the University of Oregon in Eugene for three years where he earned his law degree. After graduating from law school, he prepared for the California Bar Exam for three months. Navigating the CA. Bar Exam successfully the very first attempt, he learned on November 21, 2008 that he had officially become an attorney. Patrick is currently a prosecuting attorney for the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office.

Tina Zaragoza Beckley - Class of 1976

Tina began working for Wells Fargo Bank in 1975, a year before she graduated from Colusa High School in 1976. For 34 years now, she has served the community of Colusa in the banking industry and she is currently the Colusa Branch Store Manager.

She has always been community minded and currently is the President of the Colusa Regional Medical Center Foundation and is a member of the Colusa Rotary. The Colusa Unified School District honored Tina with the "Golden Apple Award" for her dedication and time she donated to the students and athletic foundation at Colusa High School.

Tina and her husband Greg Beckley have two children, Cody and Kaela, who both have graduated from Colusa High School. She wants all to know that she still likes to have fun.

Kirk Kelleher - Class of 1985

After graduating from Colusa High School in 1985, Kirk Kelleher attended Chico State in northern California. He graduated from Chico in 1991, majoring in Liberal Studies and returned to Colusa where he worked with his brother Peter Kelleher, a 1975 Colusa High School graduate.

He is currently the co-owner and partner of Kelleher Paint in Colusa with his brother. They run a very successful business in downtown Colusa providing paint and supplies to local homeowners and commercial painters. Prior to opening their store, they both worked together custom designing and painting the interior and exterior of homes and businesses in the Colusa County area.

Kirk is very active in our community here in Colusa. For 5 years, Kirk was the president of the Colusa County Chamber of Commerce and in November of 2008, he was elected to the Colusa City Council.

MORE MEMORIES

Dear Redskin Alumni,
We two sisters wish to donate this check to you in memory of our brother James Frederick Middaugh – Class of 1941. We have great memories of the years we spent in Colusa and often talk about the good times and the good friends we had there. Hope this year's vintage reunion will be a rollicking success! We both made it to the big reunion in 1989. It was a wonderful visit!

Best Regards,
Wilma Jeanne Middaugh
Littleboy - Class of 1937
Betty Jo Middaugh MacQueen - Class of 1940

“Fun”, I had the best time attending Colusa High School. “Yes”, I even enjoyed the woodshop class I had to take from my Dad. I made a redwood trash can, perfect of course. Mr. Ted Overton would not have it any other way.

Kathy Overton Garner—Class of 1975

I'll never forget the elation I felt as I rounded the bases in Mrs. White's P.E. class after hitting a home run – one of the few times I actually connected with the baseball in my four years at Colusa High School.

Nancy Tennant Potts—Class of 1959

With the demise of our beloved 80 year old mascot, we alumni can now claim those eight decades as “The Good Old Days”. My condolences to the students who will be caught in the middle of this switchover.

Nancy Paletta Chelini—Class of 1960

Redskin Athletic Foundation Staff:
Your hard work brings a lot of pleasure to many of us Colusa High School graduates. Thank you very much. About Redskin: Redskin is the only name that refers to the original people of America. Indian originally and still does refer to the people of India and areas south. Personally, I prefer being a Redskin.

Dorothy Locke Bauer

Great times at FBLA State Conventions.

Jeff Billups—Class of 1983

Please accept this donation in the memory of Greg Miller on behalf of the Craig and Sheryl Bacharach Family.

Sheryl Sanderson Bacharach—Class of 1973

DRIVER TRAINING

I will always remember the early morning hours of driver training that were hard on all of us. I would pick up the students in front of their homes at 7 a.m. which resulted in many funny situations as they were not always ready to go as they headed out the door.

I remember one time, when the driver training car we were using had recently had some repair work done on it. We were training in the Yuba City area one morning and the right side of the car fell off! The car was towed back to Colusa, and the students and I jammed into the small cab of the tow truck for the ride home.

I am still doing the driver training today, after 42 years of working with young drivers from Colusa, Pierce and Williams.

Richard Marvel
Driver Training Instructor – 42 years

MORE MEMORIES

I can remember standing in front of the band building, waiting for the bell to ring, when we heard the shocking news that President Kennedy was shot.

Edee Westfall Silva—Class of 1966

I was very active in sports. I miss it very much!

Jack Elkins—Class of 1951

AGRICULTURE ALUMNI

It brings me great pleasure to write a thank you letter each year for your continuing support of our agriculture program here at Colusa high school. I think it's important to our supporters like yourself to see the value of your investment in our students.

The funds donated this year have gone to purchase new pig feeders and hoses for our animal unit. This along with improvements made last year from your donations are helping facilitate the large number of animals we have at our school farm this year. We have twenty-one animals this year on the school farm and a great group of students who are learning valuable skills and responsibility from raising livestock. The improvements made from your donations will serve students for many years to come. Our plans are to put new lighting in the beef barn next year, as well as make pens more accessible for smaller livestock. We are also looking for funding sources to upgrade our 1977 John Deere Tractor and 1996 Chevy Pickup. If you have any suggestions please forward them to us.

Many students this year have represented our chapter well including Morgan Bressler with his pumpkin patch, Janelly and Alexis Rameriz and the million can drive, Trevor Kilgore receiving the American Farmer Degree in Indianapolis, Morgan Bressler and Hayden Meyers receiving their State Farmer Degrees at Chico State, Aylssa Sankey winning the state proficiency in swine production, and Morgan Bressler winning the state proficiency in diversified crop production in Fresno. Thanks to your continued investments our program stays strong and students learn the importance of agriculture education, and community service. Thank you once again to your commitment to the youth in our community.

Ag Advisors,
Mr. Crabtree and Mrs. Thomas

MORE MEMORIES

Enclosed is my year “1939” donation. In 1939 our outstanding athlete was Fred Luzzi. Fred won the Northern California singles championship and paired with Bob McNary for the tennis doubles championship of northern California. He played an important part in our excellent baseball team and played guard on our very successful basketball team.

Bill Brooks—Class of 1939

I love the CHS memories, but when I see a name that I recognize, I wonder where this person is now? What are they doing? It would be nice to hear more!

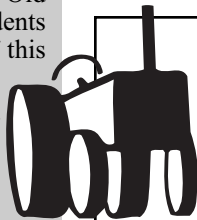
Betsy Harris—Class of 1962

Although we have lost a good part of our Class of 1942, it is a real godsend to have my good friends Ken Keller, Jack Zoller and Barney Gonzales still kicking!!!

William Preece - Class of 1942
Delores Preece - Class of 1944

Walking one mile to Colusa High School in the rain. Then removing pin curls and combing my hair in the girl's bathroom. I learned a few things listening to conversations in that room!

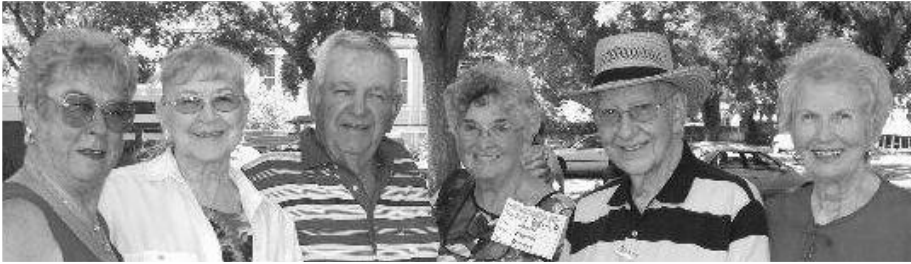
Georgeen Roberson Pierre—Class of 1947



The Vintage Alumni Reunions

It's great to get together with old classmates and see what happened in their lives since high school.

Some come from far away and some are still here in Colusa. They are now coming with walkers, canes, bald heads, gray hair, dyed hair and some look darn good! Still they come with a sense of humor and a young heart.



1950 Kids - Mostly

Bonnie (Farnsworth) Grossenmeyer 50, Wanda (Fullmer) Mills 50, Jiggs Gonzales 48, Joanie (Seydel) Rubert 50, Keith (48) & Donna (Flodstrom 50) Cale

We relive all our old times and laugh about our experiences and our goofs such as our senior sneak, our school plays, football games and everything else we tried to do or did.

We learned that we have lawyers, nurses, pharmacists, CPA's, contractors, business people, teachers, farmers etc. Just think they all started from our school here in Colusa. Some of our classmates, that we thought would never succeed, proved us wrong.

Our group, the Vintage Alumni, usually meet once a year at the Sankey-Elmwood Park here in Colusa. This year, we had another "Vintage Picnic Reunion" on May 16th, 2009.



1951 Class

Marion (Clark) & Delbert Tucker, Marlene Coleman Binninger, Luci Schwartz, Koe Ishigaki, Tom Schwartz, Bobbie Jo Allen Seaver, Marilyn Lucches Rosetti, Wally Emery, Robin Harris, Al Cardenas

Every year, another graduating class becomes eligible for the Vintage Alumni reunions. When a class reaches its 50th reunion mark, it is included in the reunions. This year, the class of 1958, became Vintage Graduates. Classes from the 1930's to 1958 were included in the reunion this year.

Watch for more information, or contact us about the reunion next year. Come and join us.
See you there!!!

Vintage Alumni Group
The Classes of 1930 - 1958



1954 Class

Vince Sargentini 54, Sandra (Jacobson) Sanchez 54, Jim Lee 54, Marie (Stefano) Mahoney 54, Irene Erickson Gomez, Margie (Tucker) Thoma 54

MORE MEMORIES

I remember Mud Bogging with friends in Tom Aldrich's green VW dune buggy, also Mr. Rankine's outstanding and effective teaching style.

Mark E. Fisher—Class of 1972

I remember practicing football until 9:00 and 10:00 at night for the game against Willows. We did this for the three years and got our butts beat every time. Then I ended up marrying Brenda Hagan from Willows.

Tim Deckwa—Class of 1959

I enjoyed playing sports!

Vince Sargentini—Class of 1954

Music festivals, going to the games and dances, and many great memories with friends and teachers I will never forget. I wish that for all students now and future students. Make the most of it! It goes by fast!

Sonja Winters Steidlmayer—Class of 1985

I received excellent office skills training from Rose Kingand and was always able to get a job.

Carolyn Crane Henry—Class of 1949

Where's your spirit Class of 1972? Please give what you can!!!

Helen Fink—Class of 1972

The Junior Play! A great time had by all! Will miss the "Redskins".

Elizabeth Phillips Berry - Class of 1952

Varsity Wrestling – "A one man team". Coach Ted Overton

John L. Hamill – Class of 1980

Friends of Music

The CHS music department continues to be as busy as ever in 2009. Overall enrollment is up, students are active in many different musical areas, from student teaching in the 5th and 6th grade bands, competitions, and jazz bands. Our fund-raising activities are up as well, as current declines in state fund-



ing has almost completely eliminated the music department budget. Past alumni donations have been greatly appreciated, and through your generosity, we recently purchased a bassoon and a clarinet. Band and choir students got the opportunity to see "Phantom of the Opera" in May of 2008. For many of these kids, it was their first experience seeing a Broadway Musical, and they still talk about it. In June of 2009, Friends of Music will sponsor their trip to see "Lion King". Spring is always a busy time for us, and 2009 is no exception. With 10 performances in the final four weeks of school, the kids are kept busy. Many will spend the summer rehearsing, as the jazz band will perform at the last concert in the park in August. Thanks again for your past support!

Michael Phenicie

MORE MEMORIES

I remember cutting school in my junior year and not getting caught! Some of the same people cut in our senior year – got caught and got detention for both years because someone said that we hadn't been caught the year before!

Matie Ann Spurgeon—Class of 1962

Mrs. McComish was a tough but excellent Latin teacher. She also kept us informed about World War II battles at the beginning of class.

Charles W. Tuttle Jr.—Class of 1945

My thanks to great teachers, Mr. Wayne Huer, Mr. Charles Lindquest and Claire Pence, for the knowledge and skills which have lasted a lifetime. I'm forever grateful.

Connie Cribari Driffill—Class of 1964

I received the first "Girl Athlete of the Year" award in 1973. Thank you Coach Pat Tucker!

Dana Collins Forster—Class of 1973

The Class of 1958 held a very successful "50 Year Reunion" on September 6, 2008. There were 47 attendees, including 26 members of the class and 2 of our staff members, Principal George Egling and Foreign Language teacher, Miss Margaret Phariss. We all had a great time visiting and sharing so many memories of our Colusa High days. Thanks to you Foundation folks for all your efforts putting together this newsletter each year!

Jerry Hulbert—Class of 1958

FBLA

The Colusa Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America is very fortunate to receive a very generous donation from Ben King, Colusa High School Alumni. This donation has given high-achieving chapter members the opportunity to attend the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim this summer. Attending this conference is a valuable and rewarding experience. The energy and enthusiasm that these members will bring back to the Colusa Chapter of FBLA will ensure that FBLA continues to thrive at Colusa High School. Thank you Mr. King!

2009 FBLA members

Brenda Ramirez, Robert Guzman & Jenny Herrea



"From CUSD Superintendent's Desk"

Dear Alumni:

First and foremost, thank you for your tremendous contributions and memories year after year. I can't begin to tell you what a difference you have made in a short amount of time, but I can share that your timing is excellent! All areas of our curriculum and extra-curricular activities have benefited from your generosity, and have allowed students to enjoy and/or experience activities we may have had to eliminate due to budget cuts. A special acknowledgement goes out to 1977 graduate Ben King, who has made significant contributions over the past several years. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading your memories and they only reinforce the reasons my family and I enjoy living in Colusa. To help keep you posted on what's happening in the district, I would like to share the following updates and news. As alumni, you are very much about our history; as alumni donors, you are very much about our future.

With sincere thanks and appreciation,
Larry Yeghoian, District Superintendent

Football Stadium Update

Through local support and grants, we have made tremendous strides toward completion of our football stadium. We still have work to do with all-weather track, restrooms and parking, but all other stadium amenities are outstanding for a high school our size. Although the fairgrounds stadium holds many wonderful memories, having an on-campus stadium opens up many opportunities for students and community. This has all been accomplished with minimal district funds and no long term debt to the district or community.

Mascot Update

As many of you know, the district has chosen to change the Native American themed mascots used in our district. After a community-wide nomination and voting process, the Colusa H.S. RedHawks will become the official mascot beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Thanks to alumni far and wide that used e-mail to be part of the process. We further recognize that this is a difficult transition for many alumni and encourage you to consider the needs of students, regardless if they are Redskins or RedHawks. Changing the name of a mascot will not erase the years of pride, accomplishment and memories at Colusa High School.

State Budget

Next year begins my 37th year in education and I can share without reservation that this is the most challenging time for school finances that I have seen during my career. We are all faced with difficult economic decisions during this time, but as a school

district we will keep our focus on what is best for students and minimize any negative impact from this nationwide crisis. The support of the Alumni Association and the Colusa Redskins Athletic Foundation are invaluable as we work through these challenges.

2009 Retirees

This year we have six teachers retiring that have a combined 178 years of service to students in our district. These individuals will be missed, but the memories they have helped provide will last a lifetime. Leading the list is Sharon Waite (Huttman) with 47 years in the district; followed by longtime CHS teachers and coaches Pat Tucker (37 years) and Dave Driffill (29 years); elementary teachers Sandy Diest (25 years) and Susan Woods (21 years); and finally CHS and Egling teacher Dan Humphers (19 years). On behalf of many years of alumni, we thank each of these individuals for choosing Colusa to share their wonderful talents and wish them the best in retirement.

Board of Trustees

In these challenging times, leadership at the Board of Trustee level is critical and our district is fortunate to have outstanding individuals who appreciate the past and understand the needs of the future. All five board members have significant connections with our alumni through their personal CHS experience and/or raising CHS graduates. We wish to thank and acknowledge the following individuals for their dedication to our students and schools; Don Bransford (Class of 1965), Cindy Steidlmayer, Terry Bressler (Class of 1972), Charles Yerxa (Class of 1975) and Lincoln Forry (Class of 1991).

Good News from the Biology Department!

In a complex and technologically advanced world, a solid science background is imperative if our future citizens and leaders are going to solve the many challenges they will face, from averting pandemics to engineering alternative energy sources. Towards this goal, it is important to maintain a rich science program at CHS which includes meaningful laboratories. Despite the state of the economy and cuts being made at many schools state wide, Colusa High School programs have remained relatively unscathed. Thanks to the California Partnership Academy Grant, Site Council funding and the generosity of CHS Alumni, CHS biology activities and laboratories were fully funded in 2008-2009. This was in spite of a severe reduction in classroom budgets. Due to a very tight projected district budget for the 2009-2010 school year, classroom budgets will be zero next year, making supplemental funding sources more important than ever. Also, as mentioned in past alumni news letters, there is really no budget provision for replacing aging lab paraphernalia or

buying new and more up to date equipment. Last years letter spurred generous donations to the biology program totaling \$825.08. These funds along with this year's donations will be kept in a special district account to be used for large and often unanticipated capital expenditures in science. A PCR machine for biotechnology labs will be purchased this summer as there are now enough funds in the account. Any additional money will be held in reserve to cover new and or unanticipated costs.

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

Thank You!
Craig Richards
CHS Biology
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