

# ORLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008 Edition

## *Alumni in the News*

GENE RUSSELL, 60, was selected as the 92<sup>nd</sup> Glenn County Fair Parade Grand Marshall in May 2008.

MARLENE MANERA CORRIEA, 64, DOYLE SHIPPELHOUTE, 82, Olga Peterson and Carolyn Denton were chosen as the Orland Historical Society Persons of the Year for 2008. Their award was announced at the Historical Society sponsored Fourth of July celebration. The group was chosen for the honor for their work on the Avenue Lights that is held in December at the Glenn County Fairgrounds. In 2008 it will be in its fifth year, running from December 12-14.

## *Alumnus is Published Author*

GEORGE TROVAO, 54/55, Sacramento, has written a guide and answer book for those looking to start their own small business venture. Titled *Entrepreneur: Power, Myths and Magic*, George says it took over four years to write and publish the book. Through his years of selling insurance, to creating and growing mortgage companies, George learned first hand the mistakes and misfortunes of what works and what does not as a small business owner. The fifteen chapter book covers the good, the bad and the ugly of starting your own business and becoming a prosperous entrepreneur. Congratulations George on your accomplishment!

## *News About Town*

**T**he City of Orland will celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary in 2009. The kick-off for the Centennial year will be held on December 13, 2008, when Fourth Street will be blocked off from Walker Street to Yolo Street to host a huge Christmas celebration. Events will begin at around noon and the day will include a bluegrass band, Orland High School music program, Mariachi bands, the Glenn Chorale, activities in the Library, at the Alta Schmidt Museum and all around Orland as merchants provide refreshments and sales. The festivities will conclude at 8:00 p.m. at Library Park. The event will coincide with the Orland Historical and Glenn County Fairgrounds annual Avenue of Lights in December and the Orland Chamber of Commerce Lighted Christmas Parade.

A Centennial Jubilee is scheduled for Labor Day, 2009, with most activities taking place at the Glenn County Fairgrounds. The Jubilee will be the culmination of the Centennial year, and will be a family reunion, of sorts, with many present and former Orlanders expected to attend. The 4-day event will include a Queen pageant, several dinners, lots of music, a church service and a day for classes to meet up at the Fairgrounds for lunch, where they can enjoy a picnic potluck lunch

and reminisce.

The City Council of Orland appointed seven citizens to the Orland Community Centennial Committee to be in charge of planning events and determining how best to advertise the birthday. Alumni who are serving on the Committee are Co-Chair DR. GENE RUSSELL,60, Co-Chair CLAIRE THOMPSON ARANO,65, KAREN PIAZZA GILMET,76, and THERESA FOLTZ FORREST,69. Other Committee members are, Tracey Quarne, Bob Pasero and Lisa Tietz

The year 2009 will mark the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Orland as a city, and plans have been underway for almost 2 years to celebrate Orland's Centennial in a big way.

Committee Co-Chair CLAIRE ARANO says to be sure to mark your calendars for these two great events: Christmas Centennial Kick-off , December 13, 2008, and Centennial Jubilee, September 4-7, 2009.

The Orland Ace Hardware store was destroyed by fire in mid-October. The blaze twisted the building's metal frame, exploded windows, collapsed most of the roof and consumed the back half of the approximately 91 year old business. The fire was discovered by a passing truck driver around 2 AM and there were no reported injuries. However, dozens of homes in the surrounding areas were evacuated as a precaution. Owner Ben Pforsich plans to relocate temporarily in another area of town until he can re-build the store in the same location.

### *Other Local News:*

The Kiwanis Club hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual golf tournament at Rolling Hills Casino in August. BECKY LYON BRUMMETT,74, is president of the organization...Orland citizens not only had to decide on who to chose for President, they also had a slate of six City Council and the same for the Orland Unified School Board. Incumbents MIKE YALOW,59, Bruce Roundy and Vern Montague were running for Council and Sharon Nord, James Paschall Sr. and Wade Elliott were their challengers. School board members Ben Kraemer, VANGIE PORRAS 80, and MARK HENDRY 81 were running with Roger Hansen, LARRY DONNELLEY,69 and Christine Stifter. Roundy, Paschall and Elliott were voted in for Council and Kraemer, Porras and Donnelley for school board...a place already popular for gatherings is the newly constructed gazebo in Library Park. The structure was spearheaded by the City of Orland Art Commission...keep informed on the local government by putting [www.cityoforland.com](http://www.cityoforland.com) on your favorites. The City's web site was launched in July...A Relaxing Retreat, offering various types of massages opened at 20 E. Walker Street...For the fourth year, the Barceloux-Tibessart Foundation handed out grants for projects ranging from replacing the roof at the Senior Center to the Orland Pantry Christmas baskets program. Over \$37,000 was awarded to ten recipients. The foundation was established by the late Leo and Fern Tibessart Barceloux, 28, as a tribute to the community they loved.

DONATIONS!

*For General Expenses*

David Linton 58  
Beverly Chapin Morse 67\*  
Melinda Darling Kralicek 69  
David L. Brown 42  
Miles Ferris 59  
Leo, 51 and Sharon Sivesind Heise, 56  
Edo Guidotti 36\*  
Ross Woodward 55  
James W. Varner 48\*  
Ralph Adlesich 51\*  
Arlie, 55 and Judy Kees Joksch 60\*  
\*lifetime members

DONATIONS!

*For OAA's Help with Their  
Reunions*

Class of 1978  
Class of 1948



*Class News*

*65<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Orland High School  
Class of 1943*

DONATIONS!

*For Sports Trophy  
Project*

Marty Bailey 64

-submitted by Vernon Rehse and Robert Christian

Thirteen members and guests of the OHS Class of 1943 joined together to share breakfast at the Berry Patch Restaurant here in Orland on 28 June 2008, and had a chance to eat and visit, and visit and visit while remembering our graduation 65 years ago. Guests included Archie Vonasek's wife Shirley and two granddaughters and Peggy, the wife of Norbert Volny and his daughter Sharon, of Bend OR. Also Nadine, wife of Vernon Rehse, Mary, wife of Robert Christian, Lorraine, wife of Leon Hibdon and Keith Rucker, husband of Ann Hazelton Rucker.

Bob Christian introduced everyone and asked them to give a brief history of their lives. Vernon Rehse talked about the Class of 1943 Scholarship Funds, originally started by Norman Soeth, and additional contributions were from Norbert Volny and other class members. This scholarship of \$1,000 is usually given to a qualifying Orland High School senior at graduation and often presented by a member of the Class of 1943, in the past Archie Vonasek, Vernon Rehse and Bob Christian has had the honors.

Recently there was over \$40,000 given out to qualifying students who are either graduating or are continuing college students at the Awards in May 2008, including the Joe Gerber Awards. The Orland High School Alumni Association is very active with an Annual Dinner and presentation of awards to students.

Orland High School is around 650 students now, with over 2000 in the Orland school system. A 22 million dollar bond was passed, so additional money is available. All kinds of improvements are in the planning and Orland High is right up there near the top. Many changes are being made including updating the football field with a regulation track to be included.

Another member of our class, Ben Donnelly, was

DONATIONS!

*For Scholarship Fund*

Karen Blevins Padovese 76\*  
James Varner 48\*  
Megan George Sorensen 64  
Class of 1939 (for classmate Ruth Brantley  
Faulkner)  
\*lifetime member

in Orland on July 5<sup>th</sup> and joined Vernon and Bob for more visiting. We have lost five classmates in a little more than a year, Archie Vonasek, Ann Harris, Pauline Eller, Norbert Volny and Gordon Jones are the most recent. Maxie also lost her husband recently. There are about 39 of our class that has passed on and 31 remaining.

Just remember the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 A.M., class members Joyce, Stella, Mildred, Bob and Vernon meet to have breakfast at the Berry Patch Restaurant, please come and join us, September 6 will be the start of the season.

### *60<sup>th</sup> Reunion for Class of '48*

submitted by Sally Megorden

August 16<sup>th</sup> was the date and the Portuguese Plaza was the place for the OHS Class of '48 reunion. Classmates were welcomed by the Reunion committee of Ruby Simmons, Maggie Bay, Lawrence Aguiar, Esther Sabin, Clarice Morrill, Marj Martin, Gerry Gardner, Sally Megorden and Jim Varner. Committee member Gilbert Grover was present for planning sessions but was unable to attend because of illness. The room was decorated with the traditional blue and white and there were many pictures of school years gone by thanks to Maggie Bay who not only kept such memorabilia but also could find it when needed! On another table was a candle lit in memory of the 42 classmates who have passed on. The social hour was followed by a buffet dinner and lots of conversations and shared memories. After dinner classmates brought us up to date on all that had happened since the 55<sup>th</sup>. There were several items won in the raffle that followed, but the grand prize was one of Reuben Barclay ('47)'s beautiful stained glass creations which he had generously contributed to the cause. It was won by Wilma Milligan Burrow, but she had to travel all the way from Idaho to get it. Reuben also helped in many other ways and we owe him a big "Thank you" – what a guy! We all enjoyed the company, but had to realize our group is thinning out – several suggested maybe a multi year reunion would be an idea for next time.

Class members in attendance were Wilma Milligan Burrows, Harry Ceccon, Otto Terkildsen, Ruby Medina Simmons, Virginia Brouse Piazza, Esther Vonasek Sabin, Margaret Lynn Bay, Lawrence Aguiar, Delores Bergloff May, Sally Price Megorden, Marjorie Holt Martin, Gerry Stirewalt Gardner, Clarice Mower Morrill, Harriet Owens Bates, James Varner and Carmen De La Cruz Sinclair. Diana Ellis (Chuck) was also a guest. Members not in attendance but sending messages were Dale Angus, Dorothy McIntosh Lohse, Jane Jones Barr, Lorraine Winther Carter (by her daughter in law), Lyle Floyd, Herb Foley, and Richard Peterson.

### *Classes of the 20's, 30's and 40's:*

EDO GUIDOTTI, 36, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in March with relatives and friends. He lives in Garden Grove and is doing very well health wise...MARIE CERLES BOSS, 40, Pleasanton, her family now extends to five great grandchildren. She travels and attends various concerts. She tells us her good health allows her to enjoy life...DAVID BROWN, 42, moved from Avila Beach to Sacramento to be closer to family...HARRIETT PETER HAASE, 45, West Sacramento, has renewed her membership and hopes to make it to the Golden Grads reunion in May.

The Class of 1941 lost classmate Marian Chase Kennedy in July. After graduating from OHS

and then UC Berkeley, Marian attended medical school in Philadelphia where she met fellow medical student Pat Kennedy. They joined the Evangelical Alliance Mission and their work took them to Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan before they settled in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi. While in Abu Dhabi they opened the Oasis Hospital, the first hospital in that region. They treated hundreds of patients daily during the 60's and 70's. In 1975 they moved to a private practice in Ripon CA. In 2005, Marian received an Abu Dhabi community service award during an event in which Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince, noted that she had been the delivering doctor at his birth at the Oasis Hospital and that his first born daughter, Miriam, was named for her.

*The Class of 1958 celebrates!*

-submitted by Ralph Hilzer

The OHS Class of 58 held their "Golden Reunion" at Rolling Hills Casino September 27<sup>th</sup> where the theme was "I remember you". Over 60 attended a barbeque Friday night at the home of Ralph and JoAnn Hilzer, and Saturday morning more than 50 gathered at the home of Art and Dottie (Cook) Tefelski for breakfast. Later Saturday many took a bus tour of the Orland schools, the Alta Schmidt Museum and walked around the Heritage Trail at the fairgrounds.

Around 113 attended the reunion dinner Saturday night including more than 60 classmates, 5 former OHS teachers, and lots of friends/spouses. Many traveled from states outside California including, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, North Dakota, Montana, Oregon, South Carolina, Washington and Wyoming.

At the reunion dinner Ralph Hilzer, Gary Freeman, Lana (Stockton) Trovao, and Dorothy (Cook) Tefelski shared master-of-ceremonies duties. Major features of the evening were: A DVD prepared by Eletta (Walker) Jacobson and Dorothy (Cook) Tefelski that elicited many comments on the current and former appearance of classmates and teachers; a memorial table honoring Dick Bagley, Nora Mae Beard, Virginia Bird, Eva Boyles, Miles Broderson, Jack Ellis, Lola LaRue, Pat Gustafson, Mary Ann Haglund, Shirley Hamilton, Val Hicks, Claudia King, Larry Lourenco, Delmar Mansfield, Judy Mayer, Bill Nunes, Barbara Rentfro, Charlotte Reynolds, Helen Saunders, Richard Schneider, Walter Sutherlin and Pat Turman who have passed away; a poster table prepared by Lana (Stockton) Trovao containing memorable snapshots; and a pantomime dance by Lana (Stockton) Trovao, Patti (Hibdon) Gottschalk, Dolores (Knecht) Horrell, and Doris (Johnson) Yates performed to the tune of "That Old Time Rock and Roll". Six former OHS teachers were honored by the group at the dinner. They are Ray Lyon, Ray Ballock, Charles Whitsett, Anne Rucker, Lucille Reinero and Dorothy Smith Erickson.

Those who attended the reunion were: Norma (Rockholt) Almeida, Loomis; Norman Bates, Orland; Constance (Rongley) Bercot, Glendale, Oregon; Barbara Booth, Matrinez,; Dorothy (Stevens) Burgoon, Willows; Joyce (Rentfro) Burgoon, Orland; Keith Button, Bend, Oregon; Mary(Ogbum) Cook, Acampo; Neal Cook. Galt; Truman Cunningham, Sacramento; Donna (Chapman ) Curl, Artois; Roxanne Ferry, Chico; Gary Freeman, Orland; Glen Fuller, Auburn, Ca.; Sharon (Troxel) Gleason, Red Bluff; Marie ( Fitzgerald) Gonzales, Rocklin; Patti (Hibdon) Gottschalk, Reno, NV; Janet (Hefty) Hamann, Palmer, AK; Bette (Kees) Harrison, Bradenton, Fl.; Laurene (Howard) Hefty, Orland; Kay (Woodward) Helgren, Orland; Ross Hicks, Petaluma; Ralph Hilzer, Orland; JoAnn (Graves) Hilzer, Orland; Dolores (Knecht) Horrell, Orland; Jane (Kuhnen) Lawler, Fort Bragg ;Ed LeDonne, Orland; David Linton, Vancouver, Wa; Ted Lowden, Alamo; Don Macy, Orland; Gordon Main, Chico; DeEtta (Ferry) Mayberry,

Williams; Jerry Miller, Fairfield; Rowanda (Ballew) Montgomery, Chico; Harold Morey, Mount Dora, Fl.; Diana (Day) O'Reilly, Grand Forks, ND; Judy ( Wadman) Osburn, Orland; Louise Phelps, Las Vegas, NV.; Jane (Jacobs) Reisinger, Tucson, AZ.; Janetta (Smith) Roberts, Paradise; Pat (Elkin) Schmitke, Orland; John Second, Chico; Erika (Pfeil) Self, Lancaster, SC; Judy (Beck) Serrano, Gold River; Dennis Sherrill, Orland; Grant Simic, Thermopolis, WY Frances (Cooper) Simic, Thermopolis, WY; Bill Simons, Orland; Patsy (Blacet) Smith, Orland; Jim Spannaus, Eureka; Frances (Hibdon) Stemple, Orland; Dorothy (Cook) Tefelski, Orland; Floyd Thomas, Anderson; Gene Thompson, Manteca; Charlotte (Simpson) Thurman, Redwood Valley; Lana (Stockton) Trovao, Sacramento; Duane Varner, Orland; Mike Vinsonhaler, Yuba City; Alyene (Ruff) Voelker, Cottage Grove, OR; Arlene (Stemple) Whitlock, Paskenta; Larry Witherow, Browns Valley; Rozella (Elmore) Wolf, Asotin, WA; and Doris (Johnson) Yates, Fairfield.

Classmates who participated in reunion planning process but who were not able to attend the reunion are Carmen (Lewis) Doolin, Wewoka, OK.; Robert Gavigan, Melborne, Fl.; Linda (Hughes) Smith, Huntington, IN.; Dick Jolley, Quincy; Arthalyn (Noble) Kublick, Minitonas, Manitoba, Canada; Eletta (Walker) Jacobson, Orland; Judy (Miller) McCulough, Bothell, WA.; Doreen (Logan) McGrew, Scotts Valley,; Sharon (Schatz) Stockton, Waldron, MI.; Jim Smith, Grass Valley and Joan (Wallace) Stuart, Ridgefield, WA.

*(Postscript: Mike Vinsonhaler succumbed to cancer shortly after the reunion)*

#### *Classes of the 50's:*

RALPH ADLESICH,51, Bend OR, is spending retirement in a home he was contractor for. His family, which includes three children and six grandchildren had a long weekend together in September. Weather permitting, Ralph plays golf 3-4 times a week...WAYNE "SANDY" MORGAN,51, moved from Douglas Flat to Murphys...JOAN CLEEK PRESTON,51, Santa Barbara, lives in a retirement community and has reached her goal of visiting 250 countries. Her last trip took her from Moscow to the Pacific Ocean on the Transiberian train. This fall she is going to Saudi Arabia...NORM MILLERT, 51, moved from Lincoln to Fair Oaks...GERALD "JERRY" RICE,53, moved from Orland to Redding...SHARON MCGUIRE CORNETT, 54, returned to Orland from the Bay area...ARLIE,55 and JUDY KEES JOKSCH,60, Yankee Hill. Arlie comes to Orland when classmates are in town...ROSS WOODWARD,55, Spokane WA, still restoring Chevys and Corvettes in Spokane...VIKKI TREXLER, 57, moved from Rio Linda to Patterson...PATRICIA HIBDON GOTTSCHALK, 58, moved from S. Lake Tahoe to Reno NV...MILES FERRIS,59, Santa Rosa, thanked OAA for the great job they do and we thank Miles for his donation to general expenses.

#### *40<sup>th</sup> for the Class of 1968*

-submitted by Loretta Frank

On August 9, 2008 the Class of 1968 held their 40th reunion at Zeke and Margaret Ficher's. Bob Goings, Larry Smock and Bruce Gilmore did the cooking, while Julie Szabo Gilmore, Liz Hardin Zumwalt, Shelly Hughes Lopes and Loretta Frank made hors d'oeuvres, side dishes and did all the preparation. Leonard Lopes helped in planning and set up, and Mike Schroer was involved in planning and was to help cook until a bad back forced him to be unable to attend.

The temperature was in the mid 80's which allowed us to eat and socialize outdoors which made

it quite pleasant for all. There was a lot of catching up as some of the classmates hadn't been to any prior reunions and others who hadn't been since the 20th. There was a good dose of "do you remember the time", followed by, "surely it wasn't me." A good time was had by all.

Classmates in attendance were: Curt Anderson-Paradise, Penny George Bailey-Orland, Ann Nunes Barley-Orland, Richard Blakley-Bend, Oregon, Charlotte Hills Bohannon-Chico, Duane Broaddus-Leavenworth, WA--Terry Cauble-El Dorado Hills, Dan Cufaude-Orland, Janet Ellis Ellis-Chico, Dr. Brian Ely-Sacramento, Roger Ewing-Tracy, John and Gail Garton Ficher-Tillamook, Oregon, Joe Frank-Orland, Julie Szabo Gilmore-Orland, Bob Goings-Orland, Tom Hatcher-Redding, Marsha Erickson Kaiser-Orland, Leonard and Shelly Hughes Lopes-Orland, Greg Lorenzo-Orland, John Lowman-Wichita Kansas, Randy McLaughlin-Orland, Ray Montero-Orland, Cecelia Lewis Mullins-Petaluma, Patty Huffman Paul-Fair Oaks, Marjorie Ward Pilgrim-Colusa, Ron Plants-Elk Grove, Barbara Seavers Roberts-Chico, Jerry Rychtera-Chico, Chuck Sanford-Durham, Larry Smock-Orland, Darlene Montero Wahlborg-Orland, Ione Ewert Whitney-Port Orchard, WA, Aileen Creek Wilson-Orland, Elizabeth Hardin Zumwalt-Orland.

### *Classes of the 60's:*

TONI SIMONS,62, Orland, has purchased the Butte City Club in Butte City. She moved from Reno to Orland, to be close to family...JAMES D. TAYLOR,63, moved from Live Oak to Los Lunas NM...JOHN HEINTZ,63, Pinole, retired from law enforcement and then BART (Bay Area Transit); attended his wife's nursing class reunion in England in September. Plans to make it to his class' 50<sup>th</sup>...PEGGY SCHILLING CLEMENTS,64, moved from Gerber to Paradise...MEGAN GEORGE SORENSEN, 64, Silver Springs NV, loves reading all the news (in the newsletter); "it takes you back to such a special time; life was so simple then"...DENNIS DE FRIES,64, moved from Olympia WA to Orland...ALVIN JOHNSON,65, moved from Las Vegas NV to Henderson NV...NOELLE ADAMS, 66, lives with mom FRAN SUE ADAMS, 34, in Paradise. During the recent fires Fran had to be evacuated...BILL PLEISCH,67, moved from SoLaotna AK to Kenai AK...JOELLEN CEYLAYA REARDON, 69, moved from Milo MO to Manila UT...MELINDA DARLING KRALICEK,69, moved from Des Moines IA to Urbandale IA. She works for the Air Quality Bureau of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. During the week she lives in an apartment but on weekends she can be found restoring a house built in 1856 along the Des Moines River in southeast Iowa.

### *Class of 1978 holds their 30<sup>th</sup> reunion*

-submitted by Janice Pollesel Reynolds

On Saturday, June 28, the Class of 1978 held their 30 year reunion at Carlino's Nightclub and Event Center at Rolling Hills Casino with a buffet dinner, music by DAN GOMEZ, a silent auction and dancing.

The event kicked off Friday night at the casino with a social get together.

On Saturday night those in attendance for the event were, BETSY ANTHIENY JORGENSEN and Gary,76. Betsy works at Sierra Nevada Brewery and they reside in Chico; SHERI BENSON MONDRAGON, who lives in Orland, has two children and has worked at Enloe Medical Center for 24 years; APRIL BUCKMASTER MENDES, from Ord Bend; NICK CAMERON from

Orland has been a painter for 20 years; CARRIE CARNAGEY REYES from Orland who also was celebrating her 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; JOANNE CRAWFORD BENTZ and Keith from Vina. Joanne is a massage therapist and keeps busy with softball and her five children; TAMI DERRINGTON VINCZE and Jon, 71, from Orland - she is working in the field of Early Childhood Education; PAUL DE WOODY and wife from Sutter who has been in law enforcement for 28 years with six children and six grandchildren; JOE GLEASON and Timmarie from Chico; DAN GOMEZ from Chico is working for the Chico Courthouse; TERRI GRANGER CLENDENNING and Bruce from Chico who have two sons and three grandchildren and have been doing a lot of traveling; ANN GILMORE MERRIFIELD and Mike, 75, from Orland who have two children and one grandchild; KEN GUTIERREZ and Linda from Oregon who have been married 29 years and have four children and two grandchildren; KEN HIBDON from Corning has been married for 27 years, has three children and works at Rolling Hills Casino; HEIDI HUBERT TOOKER from Colorado who is an administrative assistance and still artistically talented; DON and KAREN QUAIL JETER from Oregon, RHONDA JOHNSON NYBERG and Dave from San Jose have been married for 20 years with two children and Rhonda has started her own business; RICK KREPELKA and Rose from Chico have three sons. Rick has been a computer consultant for 20 years and is now a tech and finance director and head coach for the Hamilton City High wrestling team; DARRON LONG and Kelli, 80, from Orland; THERESA LAMBERT SANDERS from Chico has a daughter; DAN LEADBETTER and his bride to be in October 2008 from Costa Mesa; CAROLYN MATTEUCCI PENDERGRASS and Jack from Orland have two children and lots of step grandchildren; RICHARD OLNEY and Debbie, 80, from Orland have been married 25 years with two sons and is self-employed; SUZANNE OVERTON SEEKATZ from Gilroy has been married 26 years, has two children and is a teacher; JANICE POLLESEL REYNOLDS and Jim from Chico, she has one son and has been in dentistry for 27 years; MANUELA PORRAS MARSTON and Forrest from Willows; MIKE ROBBINS and Denise from Chico has his own landscape business; GREG SHEA and Julie, 80, from Chico has been a mechanical engineer for 25 years and has three children; KAREN SMITH from Santa Clara has participated in three marathons; TODD TALBOT and Denise, 80 from Kings Beach celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 25 and are empty nesters; FARON TAYLOR and Nancy, 84, from Orland; JESSICA TORRES LEDAY from Orland has three children and works for the Orland Police Department as a dispatcher/clerk; HILDA VAQUERA MEZA and Ignacio from Corning; DR. KEN VERESCHAGIN and Suzanne, 80, from Mountain View is a pediatrician; JODY WOOD SAMONS from Orland has two daughters and has worked at the UC Co-op Extension for 29 years; STEVE WESTABY and Kari, 80 from Anderson is a middle school principal and a car broker; ANN WHITAKER PALMER and Matthew from Yorba Linda.

Sunday morning final good-byes were said over breakfast at the casino.

Special thank you to the following people who helped to make this event a time to remember: Terri Granger Clendenning for making the arrangements on the facility, food and a great support person to Heidi and Janice and the committee. Heidi Hubert Tooker for the awesome invitations and class picture. Dan Gomez for his musical entertainment and being a part of the committee. Dan Leadbetter for his lifetime nomination as our emcee. Carolyn Matteucci Pendergrass for the decorations and help on the committee. Bonnie Tanson Morgan for being a part of the committee. Suzanne Overton Seekatz for our name tags. Theresa Lambert Sanders and Karen Smith who were our greeters. Joanne Crawford Bentz for being a part of the committee and



silent auction. To those who donated to the auction and to all of the above listed classmates for making this reunion one that was very fun and memorable. Who won the auction to chairperson the 35 year Reunion????

*Classes of the 70's:*

DAN LEADBETTER, 78, Chino and KEN GUTIERREZ, 78, Salem OR, won five year memberships to OAA at their class' 30 year reunion. Great idea!

*Class of 1983 Reaches Their Silver*

-submitted by Lisa (Brokaw) Brake

On June 28, 2008, the OHS Class of 1983 met at Carlino's at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning, CA. The event was planned by Lisa (Brokaw) Brake and Karen (Osburn) Simas. We met at 6 pm and enjoyed a buffet of hor d'oeuvres. It was followed by live music and dancing. We had approximately 45-50 classmates that attended. We were joined by Brian O'Hair, Mike Guasch and Susan Pyles who moved before graduation, but were able to join us for this reunion. Our name tags for the event were made using our senior photos from our yearbook. Carrie (Calkins) Dawes put together a CD of photos that were taken that evening. (Thank you Carrie).

A big congratulations to Doug and Becca Uptmor who were unable to attend due to the fact that our event fell on their wedding date.

Even though the event lasted well into the early morning for most of us, it still seemed that our time together was way too short.

See you in five!

*Classes of the 80's:*

CINDY SMITH DUPEE, 80, moved from San Diego to Orland...DEBORAH PURSELL, 82, moved from Morgan Hill to Napa...EDDYE GOINS BAKER, 87, offered to take on the role of Class of 87 representative for OAA. (Thanks Eddy!)...ROBERT, 88, and JENNIFER VARNER PERUE, 89, Lees Summit MO; moved from Texas in '99, Jennifer is a stay at home mom to their three children and Rob is a senior project mechanical engineer with Burns and McDonald's.

**The Class of 1997 held their ten year reunion 2007 and we heard everyone had a great time getting together for the first time since graduation. SHANNON DONNELLEY OVARD has returned to Orland with husband Scott, and son, and will be submitting a write-up for the next published newsletter.**

**The Class of 1998 held their 10 year reunion but OAA didn't receive a write-up in time for this newsletter.**

*Classes of the 90's:*

MARC, 91 and CAILLIN KENNEDY FOSTER, 90, moved from Chico to Orland...ROBERT SHAWN BOECHMAN, 98, moved from Kihei HI to Wailuku HI.

*Classes of the 00's:*

MICHAEL WADE HENDRY,03, transferred with the Air Force from Japan to Albuquerque NM where he is a "rigger". Loves Albuquerque!

What, not much news from the "younger" decades! We know you like e-mail so send your information to [jwack@sunset.net](mailto:jwack@sunset.net). We would like to know how you are doing after OHS; Class of 2000 your ten year is coming up and 2005, you could get together for your five year in 2010 also. Plus, we know someone must be getting their masters, doctorates or scoring the perfect job. And if you are still in school, remember the Joe Gerber Scholarship. Any OHS graduate is eligible to apply for a \$1,000 scholarship that can be renewed up to four times!

**They helped to get the Spring newsletter out:**  
Pat Daniels Mullanix,54,  
Sharon Sivilind Heise,56,  
Lucille Andrews Freitas,49,  
Belva Ellsworth Slyh, 56,  
Reuben Barclay,47, June  
Gundry Gilmore, 44, Irma  
Levet Overton,50. If you want to help next time, give Irma a call or one of the others listed above.

*Orland High News*

The boys tennis team finished their 2008 season with a 15-1 overall record while going undefeated in league play for the second straight year. The girls 2008 team recently finished their season and claimed the Northern Section Division II championship. These two teams have to practice on the City's tennis courts since their high school courts are being replaced as part of the school district's refurbishing plans.



Jeff Scheele has taken over as the principal of Orland High and Jason Bramson is the new vice-principal.



Orland High saw a number of teachers that had put in a long service to the school retire - JEAN HUGHES KANDLER,61, Spanish teacher; Bill Robinson, Science and Math; Paul Brossoit, Science and Math and; Lori Stevens, Art. Kit Robinson, District librarian and Mary McWilliam, library technician also retired at the end of the school year.



**OAA 2008 Scholarship Recipients: Rachelle Hudson and Alex Hernandez**



JEANINE PETERSON WACKERMAN,78, put on a tennis tournament fundraiser to help purchase uniforms and a ball machine for the OHS tennis teams. Sponsors for the event included All Seasons Screen Printing, Spence Trucking, Sulara Enterprises, Lavey Electric and Olivarez Honey Bees Inc. Sophie Wackerman,11, and ADAM REIMERS, 98, were among the winners of the inaugural Orland Independence Day Open Tennis Tournament. Current tennis team members, alumni and others participated in what Jeanine hopes will be an annual event; JASON MOLLESON,03, JUSTIN DONNELLY, 04, SHANNON DONNELLEY-OVARD,97, TYLER DONNELLEY,00, BRIAN ERICKSON, 02, KATIE ERICKSON,99, JOHN ERICKSON, 73, Scott and JOSIE PORRAS CORPORON,87, JAVIER VAQUERA,77, KYLE GOINGS, 07, LINDSEY SCHMELTZER,05, CODY WACKERMAN,08, and future alumni - Colby Lavey, Reily Dingus, Caneane Salinthone, Lisette Gomez, Tony Whipple, Natalie Roessel, Gustavo Banuelos, Erica Vaquera, Adam Acosta, and Gabe Wackerman.

If you still wield a tennis racket, contact Jeanine at OHS. All alumni and non-alumni are welcomed at the 4th of July tournament.



Seven girls from the cheerleading squad have been invited to attend the Pro Bowl in Hawaii next

February. Head Cheerleading Coach CAILIN KENNEDY FOSTER,90 and Assistant Coach JENNIFER ADAMS OVITZ,90 are proud of the team members who received superior ratings and plaques for cheer and dance sections of the camp held at CSU Sacramento. This is the first time in many years that a team from OHS has been invited to Hawaii. Cailin and Jennifer went to Hawaii as OHS cheerleaders during the 1988 Christmas season.



As mentioned by the Class of 43, a bond measure was approved by Orland citizens and a number of projects will finally be accomplished on school campuses. The Orland School Board named eight community members to serve on the Measure K Bond Oversight Committee, Jan Lacy, Roger Hansen, CAROLYN MATTEUCCI PENDERGRASS,78, Dustin Coughlin, JOHN ERICKSON,73, Sandra Hogg, Greg Cochran, and LAURENE HOWARD HEFTY,58.

At the high school, Roosevelt Field will get a new track, field, bleachers and PA system covered by developer impact fees, state critical hardship grants and state deferred maintenance money. However, the bathrooms for the new stadium will be paid for from bond money. Projects targeted for Measure K include the demolition of an old farm house on the North Valley High campus and its replacement with a teacher workroom and conference center; the relocation of overhead powerlines and the modernization of student and staff computer systems. The elementary schools will receive new playground equipment, carpeting, heating & air conditioning systems and computer upgrades. The School District is using as many other funding sources as possible to stretch Measure K dollars.

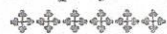
Also, it just may be possible that the 40 year old "portables" that a majority of us attended classes in might be replaced! Stay tuned to see what happens when the District implements phases two and three.



JIM MILLERT,52, Orland, was in charge of tossing the coin for the first football game played on the new Roosevelt Field in September. The high school gave him a football jersey with the #1 for the event and the referee let Jim keep the dollar coin. The Trojans won the coin toss but, not the game.



Football Homecoming was held October 10-11. Because there were no lights yet for the new stadium, the Trojans played their game on Saturday. The annual parade through downtown Orland was still held on Friday afternoon. Kyle Smutney and Yesenia Godinez were crowned King and Queen. ROXIE FORTNER SPENCE,49, SHERRIE SPENCE COOPER,76, and Bruce Roundy judge the floats. First place went to the Juniors, second to the Seniors, Sophomores were third and Freshman were fourth. Orland played Wheatland but lost.



The former "voice of Orland Trojan Football" on Friday nights in the 70's, Bill Basich, recently passed away. During his years in Orland from 1960 to 1981, he was also president of the Orland High School Boosters Club. Bill had been a resident of Cheyenne, Wyoming for the past 11 years. All four of his children were graduates of Orland High: Sue,67..Barbara,70..Jan, 73 and Steve, 76.

### **Orland Alumni Association Officers**

President: Alex Vereschagin 53  
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JULIO MURILLO 07-HEATHER NIEGEL 04  
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GARY STORY 01-Kari Sturt

# Coming Events

Annual Dinner- February 28, 2009; in recognition of Orland's centennial year, OAA will honor all City of Orland Mayors and Councilmembers who are OHS alumni. Reserve your spot now by contacting Debbie Olney (530) 865-7881 or Kathy Skala at (530) 865-3621. Invitations will be sent in late December, early January.

Golden Grads Reunion - May 2, 2009; 1958 and 1959: You are officially Golden Grads! Come together with other alumni who have passed their 50<sup>th</sup> milestone.

Class of '67 Cruise in Honor of their 60<sup>th</sup> Birthdays  
-contact Kathy Gilmore Congdon (530) 865-9625

Class of '79 Reunion June 27, 2009, Rolling Hills Casino, Corning  
-contact Joline Bible Raquel (530) 894-5932

Class of '59 Reunion September 26, 2009, Rolling Hills Casino, Corning  
-contact Nancy Rongley Montero (530) 934-5586

Class of '64 Reunion October 17, 2009, Rolling Hills Casino, Corning  
-contact Glenys Heuchert Anderson (530) 893-1422

Class of '74 Reunion - *in planning stage still*  
-contact Diana Madsen Trammel (530) 865-5354

## *In Memoriam*

TILLIE VONASEK ONDRICEK 1931  
 ELEANOR BORGESON WRAA 1935  
 MARY EUSEBIO 1937  
 DESS W. TIBBITTS 1937  
 JOHN LOFTTUS 1937  
 FRANCES WILSON CALDWELL 1938  
 RICHARD JACOBSON 1939  
 RUTH BRANTLEY FAULKNER 1939  
 LESLIE "LES" JONES 1939  
 PAULA DADO CROWELL 1940  
 GEORGIANA MICHAEL 1941  
 DR. MARIAN CHACE KENNEDY 1941  
 CARLETON HARDY 1942  
 AMY LOTHROP OLTJENBRUNS-NAULT 1942  
 REV. JOHN NICOLAI 1942  
 PAULINE ELLER STRANNARD 1943  
 MILDRED STANLEY KESTER 1944  
 CARL TANNER 1945  
 FAY SEALY TANNER 1947

MARTHA LEACH POWELL 1948  
 ROBERTA SOUTHARD DUGGER 1951  
 WILLIAM DIETZ 1953  
 ANN POLZIN MEMEO 1953  
 TED FRIESEN 1955  
 CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS GREGORY 1958  
 MIKE VINSONHALER 1958  
 VAUGHN WILLIAMS 1962  
 BARBARA BLACET PETERICH 1964  
 MARY LOU GOMEZ ROMERO 1965  
 SHIRLEY SANDERS BRINKLEY 1966  
 MICHAEL CAUBLE 1967  
 JULIA EWERT GRAHAM 1971  
 LEONARD MARTINEZ 1971  
 GARY HAYTON 1971  
 ALLEN RIPPY 1972  
 DAN FREITAS 1974  
 AARON ARGUETA 2006

### Orland Alumni Association Membership Application

Last Name	First Name	Maiden Name	Class Year
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Mailing Address	City	State	Zipcode
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 Return form to: Orland Alumni Association, Orland High School, 1320 Sixth Street, Orland CA 95963  
 Information for OAA Newsletter's next published edition about you or other Alumni: \_\_\_\_\_