



OAA Acknowledges Two Alumni in 2016

Can you imagine taking medical responsibility for everybody at a professional baseball stadium or announcing to millions of children, of all ages, the 75th birthday party for Mickey Mouse? At the Orland Alumni Association's Annual Dinner in February 2016, the two alumni that can claim fame to these events and much more, DON BARCELOUX of the class of 1964 and BRIAN FAIRLEE of the class of 1984, were bestowed the honor of Alumni of the Year. Their bios follow:



After Don graduated from Orland High School in 1964 he attended Stanford University from 1964 until 1970. While at Stanford, he earned a degree in Biology, General Engineering and Engineering Science. He then attended Medical School at UCLA where he earned his MD and then interned in UCLA's Center for Health Science, Department of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Barceloux became Board Certified in 1982 and worked at White Memorial Medical Center in Los Angeles where he initially was an Emergency Department Physician and ultimately was promoted to Chairman of Department of Emergency Medicine.

At present he is a consultant for medical toxicology, a recognized expert on the effects of exposure to chemicals and drugs and continues to teach as a Professor of Medicine.

Dr. Barceloux has numerous publications, belongs to many professional organizations and still finds the time to volunteer in his community. He is a member of the local Barceloux-Tibessart Foundation and he and his family spend time in Orland on their farm near the Plaza District.

Brian graduated from OHS in 1984 and then studied at the University of Southern CA in Los Angeles. With more than 25 years of motion picture and entertainment advertising experience, his accolades include advertising and promotional campaigns for some of the world's most recognized movies, TV shows, and brands.

Brian has also edited trailers and commercials for hundreds of films, television shows and special projects. He has been heard by millions of people around the world in promoting some of the world's most recognized movies and beloved brands -- from Disney, Barbie and Hot Wheels to Orbitz, Nickelodeon and Universal Studios.

Brian works as an editor for Trailer Park Inc., the world's leading entertainment marketing agency, and is the President and owner of Pumpkin Patch Productions. In addition to the foregoing, Kelly Lester (actress, singer and "mom-preneur") reports

that Brian and his wife, Danielle, “produce their own marvelous podcast, *The Brian and Danielle Show*.”

Brian is active with his family and his local church, The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in West Hills, CA. He also volunteers his time at youth theatre groups and with his two rescue dogs, Toby and Finn.

ORLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL DINNER MEETING February 27, 2016
Glenn County Fairgrounds

President Larry Donnelley welcomed almost 150 people to the Orland Alumni Association Annual Dinner. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Gene Russell, followed by a prayer by OAA Board Member Theresa Foltz Forrest.

Larry also welcomed the two honorees for the evening, Don Barceloux and Brian Fairlee. Then Larry asked if there were any graduates from the 1930's of which there were none. There were quite a few hands from the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and just a few hands from the 90's and 2000. Larry also recognized the past presidents of the Orland Alumni Association and past Alumni of the Year in attendance at the Dinner. He asked all the teachers (past and present) in the audience to stand – there were quite a few in attendance.

The Orland Moose Lodge again catered the buffet dinner. Dinner included Rib Roast, Fresh Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Salad (served at the tables), and Rolls. Chocolate and vanilla cake (from Costco) was served for dessert. Wine was available, as well as coffee, ice tea and ice water. Throughout the evening Orland 4-H students (Kathy Skala arranged for the three girls) served salads, ice tea and water, dessert and cleared the tables following dinner. The three 4-H students were Tucker Hammons (Orland 4-H), Clarisa Wentz (Lake 4-H) and Bailey Elkin (Plaza 4-H). The Business Meeting followed dinner.

Business Meeting: Larry called the meeting to order. Nominating Committee representative Kerrie Howard presented the names of the nominated OAA officers for 2016-17. The nominated officers included President Larry Donnelley, 1st Vice President Linda Schroer, 2nd Vice President Kathy Skala, Secretary Kathy Congdon and Treasurer Sylvia Lopez. Larry asked if there were any nominations from the membership. Motion made by Marvin Forbes to close the nominations and to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion was seconded by Hannah Barletta. Motion carried.

Larry thanked the Moose Lodge for a great dinner, Kathy and Butch Skala for setting up the P.A. System, Orland FFA students for setting up the tables and chairs, Dr. Russell for the name tags, Hannah Barletta for the Annual Dinner Program, and the 4-H girls for serving drinks, food, etc. at the tables.

2015 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR – Don Barceloux, M.D., Class of 1964 and Brian Fairlee, Class of 1984.

Before Don Barceloux's presentation, Don's classmates, Glenys Heuchert Anderson and Jim Pucci shared some stories about Don and their years together at Orland High School. Don gave a powerpoint presentation sharing not only the history of the Barceloux family in Orland, but his life following graduation from Orland High School. This included his college years (Stanford and UCLA), marriage and children – right up to the present. He continues to be very involved in the local Barceloux-Tibessart Foundation which donates to many local organizations.

Larry then introduced our second honoree, Brian Fairlee. Brian introduced his family members in attendance, including his father, Ed Fairlee, who taught in the Orland Unified School District for many years. Brian spoke about his early years in Orland and then moving to Southern California to attend University of Southern California. Brian has spent more than 25 years in the motion picture & entertainment advertising business. Brian used visuals to show the edited trailers and commercials that many in the audience were familiar with. He is the President and owner of Pumpkin Patch Productions.

Following the presentations Larry and Kathy Skala presented Don and Brian with the 2015 Orland Alumni Association Alumni of the Year Plaques.

Larry thanked everyone for attending the Annual Dinner & encouraged them to stay and visit.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Congdon, Secretary

Alumni in the News

TERRIE SALVAGNO BARR, 77, and her team once again designed the County of Glenn display for the 2016 CA State Fair. They received a gold and two special awards, one for best content and one for animation.

CINDY MONTES, 16, is the CA Milk Advisory Board's District 4 Dairy Princess.

RAYN BURFORD, 16, was crowned Miss Glenn County.

STEVE CALLAN, 66, Redding, held a book signing at Orland Free Library in August. He presented his second book, *The Game Warden's Son* where Steve goes back a generation to talk about his father's time as a game warden, outlining the inspiration behind his career choice. This book, that received a five-star rating from the Manhattan Book Review, follows his first novel *Badges, Bears and Eagles*, that claimed the 2013 Book of the Year award at ForeWord Reviews. He also pens an outdoor column for two magazines.

2016 marked the 100th year of the Glenn County Fair

Since 1916, as this year's theme "Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels" would imply, much has changed at the Glenn County Fair. But much has stayed the same, too. A stock show is still a huge part of the fair – as area 4-H and FFA kids can attest to. But the very essence of the fair – and the reason it will remain relevant going forward- is that" it is and always has been an opportunity for the community to come together and interact," says fair CEO Ryann Newman. Because of the anniversary, a significant emphasis was placed on the fairground's Heritage Trail. On day one of the fair, 100 pennies bought a ticket into the fair and Sunday marked the first ever Cattlemen's Day. The cafeteria building was a favorite stop for fairgoers. On display was

memorabilia from past fairs and a video of interviews of former fair board members and exhibitors on their experiences working, showing and or attending the fair. The video is available on YouTube – Glenn County Fair 100 years of Memories. Alumni that shared memories are JOANNE LEVET OVERTON, 52; SHIRLEY MUDD CECCON,55; BILL WACKERMAN,75 and sister LINDA WACKERMAN GULLICK,69, with father John and JACK BUCKE,60, with wife Marsha.

And other news...

Orland annexed a few acres west of Interstate 5, allowing for the Pilot Travel Center to be built. The travel center features full amenities for residents and the travelling public, while adding more than 100 local jobs. Next up for this area, La Quinta Inn, due to start construction in the spring of 2017... Orland Free Library added a new graphic novel/comics/manga section thanks to books requested and added through the Zip Books program....The March show at the Orland Art Gallery featured the works of Emanuel Skarlatos. The Oregon artist is the father of one of the three Americans who stopped a terrorist attack on a Paris-bound train travelling from Amsterdam in 2015... Westside Anglers held their 32nd annual fishing tournament at Black Butte Lake in April...Paul Briggs, past long-time manager of the Glenn County Fair, was the Grand Marshall for the GC Fair Parade 2016...In partnership with Orland Unified School District, City of Orland and the Redding Bank of Commerce, all second graders in the OUSD were provided swim lessons by the Orland Recreation lifeguards...Glenn County Barnstormers, a local semi-pro soccer club, held their home opener at their field located to the north of the racetrack at the Glenn County fairgrounds. This game, with the Chico City Rangers, was dubbed “The River Derby.” The league consists of six teams...Lambda Iota Sorority hosted an authentic five-course dinner at Orland’s Uncle Chong’s where owner Wayne Trang shared the highlights of his life journey from Vietnamese immigrant to successful business owner. Before owning the Orland restaurant he owned four restaurants in the Bay area. His son, MARTIN, 16, is attending UCLA to begin pre-med studies. Wife Amy is a respected piano teacher...the First Lutheran Church gave a reception for college students participating in the Illinois 4000 bike club (raising money for cancer research). They were provided snacks and a dip in the Orland Pool before they continued on to San Francisco...Orland Historical and Cultural Society held their 40th Fourth of July Celebration in Vinsonhaler Park. A parade preceded the festivities with GENE RUSSELL, 60, as Grand Marshall. Paul Briggs was selected as Citizen of Year...East Coast Foods celebrated their 1st anniversary with a block party, live music, vendors and food...Fourth Annual Laws & Paws music festival was held in August at the Glenn County Fairgrounds to raise funds for the Orland Police K9 Association...Eight organizations received funding from the Barceloux-Tibbesart Foundation, splitting \$43,600 among them. Beneficiaries included school activity groups like 4-H, Friday Night Live and the Hamilton High Track and Field team, the Orland Volunteer Fire Department and St. Dominic’s Church. Orland Food Pantry received funds to purchase hams for their Christmas baskets. Friends of the Orland District Cemeteries received funds to place special markers and wreaths on the graves of veterans...The Glenn County band, Music Express, provided musical entertainment at the 2016 Seniorama hosted by the Orland Senior Center. This free event, an annual tradition for nearly 30 years, is meant to express Glenn County Seniors’ appreciation for the community’s support...City voters approved raising the sales tax by .5%. The additional funds are earmarked for public safety uses.

OAA Officers

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Class News



Classes of the '30s to the '40s

BERTIE BUSTER SPICER,38, moved from Central Point, OR to Fernley, NV... JOYCE JOBE HILLS, 43, moved from Orland to Chico... OAA was informed of the May 2014 passing of DONNA JEAN SILVER THOMPSON, 48, after a long illness, by her trustee (Maxine Ribern-Card). She was 84 years old and living in La Jolla when she passed. She liked attending the Orland class reunions. She became a very accomplished aeronautical engineer back in the 50s when women weren't allowed to be successful in a "man's world". She later became a very successful commercial real estate small-time investor and traveled the world.

Classes of the '50s

BARBARA TAYLOR MARCH,50,moved from New Orleans LA to Boise ID... NELDA VANDERVELDEN MONTRAND,50,moved from Chico to LaGrange OR... BARBARA YANDELL HARGIS,51, moved from Pahrump, NV to Las Vegas, NV... RON BARSOTTI,53, Edmond OK, let us know that he thought it was a great article on Aldo Guidotti in the 2014 newsletter. The "Barsotti and Casanova families were very good friends with the Guidotti family and spent many evenings together"..CAROLYN YOUNG BAUCH,55, moved from Tucson, AZ to Dixon, CA... DREMA MARTS REED,56, moved from Sherwood, OR to Portland, OR... RICHARD J. JOLLEY,58, moved from Quincy to Paradise...JOAN WALLACE STUART,58, Ridgefield WA resident for 42 years. Husband Ned is retired from Federal Highways but Joan is still substituting. They keep busy with church activities, family and travel. One son is a doctor, the other is a lawyer and they have three "delightful" grandchildren. DAVID LINTON,58, moved from Vancouver, WA to Walla Walla, WA... HELEN KABER MARSHALL,59, moved from Surprise, AZ to Peoria, AZ... PATTI PEART ROTH, 59,

Redding, attributes her success with the Northern Gateway Chorus (an affiliate of Sweet Adelines) to her learning to read music while studying the clarinet and playing in the Trojan Band! Her group competed at the international level in Honolulu after winning a competition in Reno...DOROTHY HINZ LIERMAN, 59, moved from Bellevue, WA to Phoenix, AZ... DOLORES WOOD HOCKING, 59, moved from Redding, CA to Moses Lake, WA...extreme apologies MARGARET TOLLEY GAMBILL, 59, we listed you in error on the Memorium page in the 2015 newsletter. She writes: "My friend Lila shared with me the newsletter. That was my husband that passed away August 2015 and not me. We celebrated our 50th anniversary on a cruise to Alaska. Two months later he passed away. We did a lot of traveling. I am still playing flute in two bands."

HEADS UP CLASS OF 1951!

An impromptu meeting with MANUEL PORRAS, DON LONG, JOHN VERESCHAGIN, and GAIL & WALTER HICKS resulted in plans for another get-together following the Golden Grads luncheon the first Saturday of May, 2017. We may not be able to jump over the candlestick anymore, but we sure can enjoy each other's company. It will be a fun time with friends catching up, sharing stories and lots of laughs. Start thinking of your favorite high school memories to share. We will be trying to call or e-mail everyone for ideas and updates. If your contact info has changed in the last five years, please call or e-mail Gail & Walter Hicks at 530 824 5682 or wjhicks@sbcglobal.net. We are looking forward to hearing from all of you whether or not you can attend.

The Class of 1956 held their 60th class reunion over three days; Thursday August 11, Friday August 12 and Saturday August 13, 2016. They began Thursday evening by meeting for dinner, reminiscing and conversation at the Moose Hall in Orland. They had 34 in attendance – classmates, spouses and friends. A good time visiting was enjoyed by all. They continued the next day by adding some activities. At 11AM many of them toured the Orland Museum, then lunch at the town's newest restaurant, 4th Street Café. About 1:30 they moved to the Orland Art Center and viewed many artists' works which included several local Orland artists. They continued their visiting at the Rolling Hills Casino at 4:00 with pictures and dinner later. Forty three were in attendance there.

VERDA BELLE BAYLESS GOLLNICK gave the blessing at the Moose Hall and BEVERLY KANDLER ASKELAND provided the table decorations and flowers. At the Casino, DREMA MARTS REED was the MC, Reverend FRED BAKER gave the blessing and BEVERLY KANDLER ASKELAND again provided the table decorations. BEVERLY and SHARON SIVESIND HEISE were the greeters. They continued on the next day, Saturday, at the Casino for breakfast.

Those classmates that attended were: HENRY BAER...NINA FORBES BATES...BEVERLY KANDLER ASKELAND...REV. FRED BAKER...VIC COOK...LAURIS DOBBINS...FRED FOSSEK...VERNEIL GAMBLE...JAY GEHRING...VERDA BELLE BAYLESS GOLLNICK...SHARON SIVESIND HEISE...VICTOR JONES...BERNICE HALDORSON LEMON...ELIZABETH CASE LONG...LINDA ROBERTS MARTIN...JOY O'HAIR MURPHY...BEVERLY BROUSE O'SABEN...DREMA MARTS REID...ROGER RONGLEY...KAY BOJE SANFORD...BARBARA BERLINGER SICHEL...SONNY SIMONS...BELVA ELLSWORTH SLYH...DARLENE LOWMAN

THOMASSON...GORDON WILSON...SHIRLEY BALLEW WORTHAM...TONY WORTHAM...DONNA GILES PICCOTTA.

The class has lost many of their classmates over the years. Those who remain look forward to meeting again in five years – possibly after or close to the OHS Golden Grad gathering.
-submitted by Nina Forbes Bates

Classes of the '60s

The Class of 1966 held their 50th reunion over a course of three days. The first day was hosted by classmate KATHY SNYDER SKALA and husband Butch. Kathy had wanted to submit a write-up of the reunion but sadly, her battle with cancer prevented her from doing this. In its place, classmate STEVE CALLAN has given us permission to print his blog of the event titled, *Two Nights to Remember*:

I have to admit that I was more than a little apprehensive about my upcoming Orland High School class reunion. I hadn't seen most of my classmates since we crossed the stage and received our diplomas on that fateful night fifty years ago. *Would I recognize anyone? Would anyone recognize me? I sure hope they provide name tags.*

Thanks to Kathy and Butch Skala, all of my apprehension turned to unbridled excitement when my wife, Kathy, and I arrived at the Skala Ranch for last Friday evening's pre-reunion dinner. *There's John Nesbitt. I can't wait to talk to him about all the books he's written since high school. I think that's Jan Vonasek over there. I worked for her dad at the 76 Station. Who's this big guy coming up in the checkered shirt?* "Hi, I'm Steve Callan," I said, staring into his eyes, hoping for a clue to his identity. "I'm John Byker," he replied, grinning from ear to ear. "John! It's so great to see you." Fond memories of John Byker, Pete Seiler, and me eating our lunches together on the front steps of the administration building immediately came to mind. Paul Meranda was hard to miss, towering over the rest of the crowd. Paul and I talked about basketball – his favorite subject- and our post-college softball careers. Nearby were my longtime buddies Larry Bruckenstein and Larry Howard. The three of us had grown up hunting, fishing and playing sports together in this small farming community at the northern end of California's Central Valley. Like me, Larry Bruckenstein spent an exciting career working in wildlife protection for the California Department of Fish and Game. Larry Howard had spent his career supervising the folks over at Holly Sugar. I didn't recognize Steve Harder at first; he'd grown considerably since graduation. Learning about Steve's successful business career in the coastal community of Sea Ranch was an adventure. Kathy and I said hello to Diana Hoffman, Linda Bucke, Kay O'Neil and Peggy O'Neil, four of the sweetest ladies who ever graced the halls of Orland High School. My good friend Ernie Simpson happened to be sitting next to John Nesbitt, so while I bent John's expert ear about writing, I was able to visit with Ernie at the same time. Ernie retired from the Glenn County Agriculture Department and served on the Glenn County Fish and Game Commission for many years. Terry Barley and I reminisced about playing on the freshman football team, coached by Dick Hoffman, Diana Hoffman's father. Terry and I both weighed about 110 pounds at the time. We shared a good laugh about the afternoon we played a much-larger Anderson High School team.

The evening was over all too soon. Kathy and I thanked Kathy and Butch Skala, Rosemarie Wiseman, Donny and Linda Schroer, and all of the ladies who worked so hard to make the first

night's festivities so memorable. "This is just the beginning." Someone said. "Tomorrow night's the reunion."

With Kathy taking photographs, I spent much of Saturday evening listening to the fascinating real-life stories of my 1966 Orland High School classmates. John Pitter retired from teaching agriculture in Los Molinos but still teaches classes part time at Chico State. Ann Higginbotham and her husband grow almonds in the Chico area. Don Schroer is a farmer, as are Butch and Kathy Skala; Kathy also was a real estate agent for many years. Linda Elmore became a teacher in Chico. Roy Wickland and his family manage Wickland Oil Company. Mitch Hoggard became a pharmacist and successful businessman. Georgiana Lockhart taught in San Francisco for many years. Pete Seiler was a teacher and school administrator in Redding. Frank Limacher knows everything there is to know about recycling and manages the California recycling program. Bruce Frank became a high school teacher and counselor. Ed Oltjenbruns built homes in Peru. Joanne Ellis works in the insurance business. And, after working many years in San Diego, Jerry Tanson became a preacher in Arkansas.

Speaking for everyone who attended the reunion festivities, thanks so much to our anonymous benefactor. You made a once-in-a-lifetime occasion even more enjoyable. Our evening ended with Kathy Skala receiving a well-deserved award for all the joy she's brought to the Class of 1966 over the last fifty years. Without her kind heart, generous spirit, and tireless efforts, much of the fun we've shared would never have happened. Am I glad I went? Absolutely! I learned more about my classmates in a few hours last Friday and Saturday nights than I did during the four years I attended Orland High School. Back in those days, we were too busy trying to find ourselves and jockey for position. Egos, competition, and hormones played a major role in just about everything we did. Now that we're more mature and have fifty years of experiences under our belts, I hope we'll stay in touch and take the time to share our stories. Everyone has a story, after all, and every story deserves to be heard.

To read other blogs by Steve – steventcallan.com

GENE EDWARDS,60, Kalispell MT, holds a number of classes through his Shin Mei Kan center. Last year they travelled to Riverside CA to focus on the Police Arts (Keisatsu Jitsu) and on Kempo Jitsu (karate) forms and applications. They also held a camp close to home that included classes in shooting, kendo and cross bow. Their honored guest instructor was Dr. Martin Bregman, 7th Degree, National Champion and USA Judo International coach. Gene also did some interesting Asian Bodywork Therapy with patients, helping with sore backs, joints, etc. His son lives in the Stockton area and is a practicing physical therapist... WALTER STRONG, 61, has moved from Oakdale to Glendale... CRAIG POULSEN,61, moved from Half Moon Bay to Fish Haven, ID... NORMAN MARTENS THIEDE,62, moved from Corning to Paradise... CONNIE STOCKTON OSBORN,62, Roseburg OR, involved with her church as a greeter, is on the missions committee and, leads a group of ladies who sew quilts for homeless teenagers. She would love to hear from other classmates... DAVID VARNER,62, moved from McKinleyville to Willows... GLENN FERRY,62, retired in 2014 and spends most of his time at his Pahrump NV home. Since 2004 has been competing in Cowboy Action Shooting; in US and World Championships. He's taking guitar and drum lessons and plays trumpet also. "Mr. Kwate would applaud all but his choice in musical genre (Country Rock – love the Allman Bros. and Eagles)"... SUE CHADICK MOSDALE,63, moved from Camarillo to Somis... RAYE ANNE OLIVEIRA KELLY,63, and husband Tom living in Willows and enjoying their retirement by

travelling to their favorite destinations – the coast and mountains... RUTH CHRISTINE MYERS,63, moved from Quincy to Corning... BARBARA THOMPSON MCDONALD,63, moved from Auburn to Hayward... LIS ATKINSON SIERRA,65, moved from Bakersfield, CA to Meridian, ID... ARTHUR THARPE,66, moved from Oakdale to Chester... MELINDA DARLING KRALICEK,69; retired this spring from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. She's moved to an acreage with an historic house near the village of Bentonsport along the Des Moines River in Southeast Iowa. OHS alumni are invited to visit. "It's a great place to stay for a long weekend with good fishing, wildlife watching, kayaking, biking and hiking through oak and hickory forests. It's green everywhere in late March through October." ...LARRY THOMAS,69, moved from Orland to Chico.

Classes of the '70s

The **Class of 1976 40th year reunion** was held July 8-10, 2016. We began our reunion weekend with a small but pleasant dinner gathering Friday night at East Coast Grill in Orland. The main reunion event took place Saturday night at the Ramada Plaza hotel in Chico. 44 classmates and 19 guests were greeted at the door by Mark Wackerman ('74) and Janet Blevins Wackerman ('74). We enjoyed a social hour, a nice buffet dinner, a short program, a raffle, and live music and dancing. The event was emceed by Nancy Overton. During the program, a slide show of photographs (provided by our classmates and organized by Nancy) was shown, a memorial to our departed classmates was presented by Steve Erickson, and each attending classmate had a minute or two with the microphone to update everyone with information about their lives and families. The raffle was organized by Rita Hurst Dane and Vicky Varner Francis and was highly successful, bringing in some seed money for the next reunion which will likely be planned for the year 2021. We thoroughly enjoyed several hours of dancing and listening to live music performed by "Decades", a local band based in Chico. The lead singer of "Decades" is the very talented Samantha Francis ('06), daughter of classmate Vicky Varner Francis. On Sunday, a barbeque was hosted by Greg and Jeff Overton at the beautiful home of their mom, Irma Overton. Thanks Irma!! The July weather could not have been better the entire weekend, for which we are very thankful that the extreme summer heat eluded us, for once! Other reunion planners, in addition to those mentioned above, were Karen Piazza Gilmet, Whick Smock, Mike Vereschagin and Nancy Sousa Warnick. A very special thank you goes out to everyone that helped to make this a fun and successful reunion!!

Those attending the Saturday event were:

LAURI AGUIAR LEIKER: Lives in Chico... ENNIS ARBUCKLE: Lives in Orland... KAREN BLEVINS PADOVESE attended with spouse Tim Padovese. Occupation: Insurance Manager. We have lived in San Rafael CA for 20 years. I have been married to Tim for 27 years. We have two boys Nick, 25 years and Mike 23 years. I continue to enjoy working in insurance at GeoVera in Fairfield. We enjoy traveling throughout the US and Internationally... CONNIE BROWN FUNKE: Lives in Willows. Attended with spouse Carl Funke. Retired school counselor. Carl and I have been married and living in Willows for 38 years. We have two daughters and two grandchildren. Loving every minute of this beautiful life!... LUANE CLARK BALLARD: Lives in Orangevale, CA. Occupation: Business Analyst. 2 children; Jason age 36, Amanda 33 Work at Intel Corp. In Folsom, CA Have traveled the world with Intel and have lived in Malaysia and Holland. Now live in Sacramento area... SANDRA CROUCH RODRIGUEZ: Lives in Tracy, CA. Attended with guest Jerry Crouch '74... STEVE ERICKSON: Lives in Orland. Self

Employed working mothers small olive farm in Capay. Single, no children. Studying how nature works... KELLY FORBES SMOCK: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Claude Smock '70... GAYLE GARDNER KONU: Lives in Orland. Retired. Has a son, Mike 28 yrs old that manages Round Table Pizza in Mt. Shasta Mall in Redding. Daughter, Adrienne 27 yrs old is married to Justin Dennis. No grandkids yet... PAT GASTON: Lives in Highland, MI. Pat won the honorary award at the reunion for having the most grandchildren, which number 21 and counting!... RITA HURST DANE: Lives in Chico. Retired teacher, realtor, and Grandma! Married 17 years to Mike Dane. 2 wonderful, kind, intelligent children, Brad, 33 and Leslie, 30. 2 darling grandsons, Nolan 3 and Cooper 18 months. We will soon to add to the family, Violet, our first granddaughter. We have an adopted Golden Retriever child, Gracie Honey Bear. I am so thankful for this lovely life I've been blessed with... MICHELLE JAMES NEWMAN: Lives in Orland... GARY JORGENSEN: Lives in Chico. Attended with spouse Betsy Anthieny Jorgensen '78... KIM KRUEGER SMITH: Lives in Florence, OR. Attended with guest Rick Stone... MICHELLE (CARLA) LONDON BROWELEIT: Lives in Ellensburg, WA. Attended with spouse Bruce Broweleit. I've been married to Bruce for 16 years. We have 12 children (aged 35 to 6) and 21 grandchildren (aged 13 to newborn). I am a licensed mental health counselor and love my job. We like to travel, camp, play games, sing karaoke in our own studio, and of course, spend time with family... JAVIER LOPEZ: Lives in Livermore, CA. Landscaper in Bay Area. Married with 2 boys 1 grandchild. Still coaching wrestling... ROBERT LYNES: Lives in Carson City, NV... MIKE MARTINEZ: Lives in Ft Bragg, CA... PATTY MCCOLLUM MALONEY: Lives in Fremont, CA. Occupation: Scientific Programmer Analyst. Hobbies include Dickens Fair at the Cow Palace, Renaissance Fair at Casa de Fruto and making beaded jewelry... POLLY MOREHOUSE GRIFFITH: Lives in Santa Rosa, CA. Works at Santa Rosa Surgery and Endoscopy Center as Purchasing Agent. Married to Wayne Griffith for 32 years. He is a Radiant Heating Specialist. Children: Daughter Amy, age 31, manages a Joann's fabric & crafts store in Rohnert Park and lives in Santa Rosa with her beau. Son Chance, age 28, is a diving specialist in the Navy and is based in San Diego. He recently married his beautiful sweetheart. We built a beach house/vacation rental called Footloose on the Sonoma coast at The Sea Ranch. We have a side business called Go Deep Scuba Diving & Travel, so most of our vacations are spent diving around the world; we celebrated our silver anniversary on the Great Barrier Reef. We recently moved to the country, and now live on ½ an acre surrounded by vineyards, enjoying magnificent sunsets nightly. You can see our diving adventures and our Footloose house online at GoDeepScuba.com... SID MOSS: Lives in Yuba City, CA. Attended with spouse Jaima Moss... CAROLYN MUDGE ADAMS: Lives in Springfield, MO. Registered Nurse. Married 38 years, 6 children, 12 grandchildren. Is working on becoming a nurse practitioner. Loves natural medicine and international nursing... SCOTT NELSON: Lives in Issaquah, WA... LYNN NEWMAN VARNER: Lives in Red Bluff, CA. Attended with spouse Sam Varner '72... GREG OVERTON: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Barbara Overton... JEFF OVERTON: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Julie Smith Overton '73. Almond Grower. We have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. This summer we took the granddaughters to Disney World... NANCY OVERTON MARSHALL: Lives in Shasta, CA. Attended with spouse Eric Marshall. Registered Client Associate at Wells Fargo Advisors In Redding and Chico. Married, 4 children, 4 granddaughters. Student pilot. Visited granddaughters in Bangkok Thailand this past winter... KAREN PIAZZA GILMET: Lives in Orland. I have worked at Chico State for over 27 years, currently as a construction project manager and designer. Joe Gilmet ('73) and I have been happily married for 32 years. We have 3 sons and 4 beautiful grandchildren. We celebrated our

30th anniversary in Ft. Bragg in a lovely house by the ocean with 10 family members, which is a wonderful memory I will cherish. I have sung with The Glenn Chorale community choir for over 30 years, and I volunteer my free time with several non-profit organizations. My mom, Lorraine Brouse Piazza ('45) is doing great and also joined us at the reunion barbeque. We greatly enjoy the simpler pleasures and living the quiet life in Orland... BILL REHSE: Lives in Orland. Part time work and care giver for mom. Never married, no children... ROGER ROLFS: Lives in Magalia, CA... PAUL SLY: Lives in Chico. Attended with spouse Paula Sly. HVAC Technician for 25 years at Chico Unified School District. Enjoys fishing and outdoor activities. Recently cruised to Alaska... WHICK SMOCK: Lives in Orland. Attended with guest Sandy Ward... KRISTINE SNYDER HARTMAN: Lives in Ventura, CA. Marketing executive. Loves the beach. 3 kids-Jessica, Jared and Jordan. Has "Grand Dogs". We travel a lot, and backpack somewhere in the world every two years for 6 weeks. Ultra-runner (50K is favorite). Ride Endurance Horse-50-100 miles. Have 3 Arabian Horses... NANCY SOUSA WARNICK: Lives in Chico... REBECCA STRIPE SCHROER: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Dennis Schroer '73. Escrow officer. Married 11 years. 5 children: Dennis (3)-Brandon, Jenny, Kristen (2)-Barney and Zach Canadas. 3 grandchildren: Ayden, Trenton, Jax. Kelli dog is our little girl. Dennis is an almond farmer. Passions: Being with Hubby (my best friend), playing with dog and grandchildren, riding motorcycles, going to Sturgis (2016) for the 4th time. Loving life!... TERRI TALBOT SPEICHER: Lives in Twin Falls, ID. 3rd Grade Teacher. Married to college sweetheart for 36 years. 3 daughters, 3 son-in-laws, 5 grandkids... MILISSA TOLLETT MELAMED: Lives in Thousand Oaks, CA... CHARLOTTE "LOUISE" TRAMMEL LASH: Lives in Santa Rosa, CA for 38 years. Attended with spouse Doug Lash. Special Ed Assistant/Library Tech. 3 Kids, 3 Grandkids. Signed ASL for a wedding recently. Keeps busy with Grandkids and would love to travel more... VICKY VARNER FRANCIS: Lives in Chico. Attended with spouse Bob Francis. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year of retirement from the Orland Unified School District by spending a good deal of time with my 3 granddaughters, Abbygail 5, Elliot 2 & Finley 10 months! They are the children of my son Rob & his wife Stephanie. My daughter Samantha is still singing away with the band "Decades". My husband Bob & I have been married for 33 years and happily living in Chico for almost 9 years now!... CRAIG VERESCHAGIN: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Susan Brewster Vereschagin '78... MIKE VERESCHAGIN: Lives in Orland. Attended with spouse Jenny Vereschagin... JUDY WACKERMAN FOWLER: Lives in Chico; teaches at Plaza School... MIKIHICO WADA: Lives in Kashiwa-City, Chiba-ken, Japan. Miki won the honorary award for traveling the most miles to the reunion. Hi, everyone! I am a professor of law of Hosei University for 20 years (time flies!), one of the oldest Universities and law schools of Japan, right in the middle of Tokyo. I teach Japanese family law and laws of inheritance, and "law and genetics." I am on a sabbatical leave for one year until March 31st, 2017, being a visiting professor at University of Tokyo, my alma mater. I am a member of a natural science lab, because one of my majors is "law and genetics." It's a lot of fun, being interdisciplinary! My wife Sakiko (Saki) was also an AFS exchange student in Illinois, 1978-79. We are blessed with one son and three daughters -- well, with one in our hearts. Appi (Ayumi) passed away at the age of 17 years and 350 days, in June 2011, due to acute myocarditis, apparently due to virus. She was at our 20th reunion of Class of '76! Ryuta (30; researcher at a pharmaceutical giant), our son, and Mari 31; working at a mega-bank), our daughter-in-law are blessed with our grandson, Tenma, who is now 2 years and 5 months old. He is such a joy to be around with for grampa and grandma, aunties Kaori (28; high school English teacher) and Sayuri (26; a medical doctor-to-be,

interested in palliative care)! Saki and I live in Kashiwa-City, Chiba Prefecture, in the outskirts of Tokyo. I commute usually for 75 min. one way, which is very common in Greater Tokyo Area. We love our home! Saki works three days a week as a college lecturer. Her areas are comparative literature (she has her M.A. and is still a Ph.D. candidate in this field), English for American/English literature majors, and Japanese as a foreign language. MY SPECIAL EVENT WAS THAT I COULD MAKE IT TO OUR 40-YEAR REUNION THIS SUMMER! It was ggggggggggggrrrrrrrrrrrrreeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeaaaaaaaaaaaatttttttttttt!!!! Thank you for hosting me, Greg and Jeff Overton, together with your Mom, Irma! I still enjoy playing my flute and recorder, nowadays with Japanese "koto", zither with 13 strings, with a former student of mine, Hikari. We played in a concert in summer 2015, and still are practicing together regularly. I am a movie fan, and beside Japanese master pieces, I love later works of and by Clint Eastwood, for example "Gran Torino", 2008... RON WHITAKER: Lives in Beaverton, OR. HVAC contractor for thirty years in Portland, Oregon. Married Dec. 17, 1982 to Robin. Now 6 kids and 6 grandkids. They live in Portland, Oregon and are empty nesters, "Living the Dream".

OTHER CLASSMATE UPDATES:

JULIE PONTAROLO EVANS: Lives in Lodi, CA. Attended the barbeque... NORMAN SCHATZ: Lives in Oroville, CA. Attended the barbeque... MARK FAIRLEE: Lives in Bend, OR. Did not attend but all who did attend want to thank him for his generous donation to cover reunion expenses... TARA LEPP: Lives in McMinnville, OR. Did not attend but joined several classmates for a dinner party at Rita Hurst Dane's house in Chico a few weeks later... DAVE PETERSON: Lives in Richmond, CA. Did not attend but generously donated several items to our raffle, including some rare photos taken of famous people and places.

Apologies go to anyone that may have been inadvertently left out of this article. You can find us on Facebook at "OHS Class of '76", <https://www.facebook.com/groups/665855676884441/> -submitted by Karen Piazza Gilmet

WILLIAM "BILL" ERICKSON,71, moved from Edmond, OK to Beverly Hills, FL... DAVID SCHONAUER,72, moved from Larchmont, NY to New Rochelle, NY... KATHERINE MADSEN THOMAS,72, moved from Orland to Chico... LELAND SATTERFIELD,72, moved from Yountville, CA to Newburg, OR... LINDA TORRES MCCLOUGH, 75, Orland, is on the 16-17 Glenn County Grand Jury... GARY BRIDGES,75, moved from Los Molinos to Niland... STEVEN MILLERT,77, moved from Quincy to Greenville... JODY WOOD SAMONS, 78, Orland, is the Glenn County Community Development Director. Previously she was with the UC Cooperative Extension office.

Classes of the '80s

DERA WOOD MILLER,82, moved from Orland to Sacramento... LORI BROKAW THOMPSON,83, moved from Caldwell, ID to Orland... LINETTE CLOUGH RICHIE,83, Colville WA, works for the Colville School District as their elementary music teacher. She is also the director of Voices of Fire (an after school choir of 70 members) She teaches a total of 750+ students and is also the district's cheerleading coach. Linette is president of the Woodland Community Theatre, member of the Mountain Melodies Sweet Adeline, Woodland Orchestra, National Association for Music Education, Inland Empire Orff Chapter and the Northeast-Spokane Falls Music Teachers. Her hobbies are classic cars, dirt car racing, creating art,

travelling, spending time with family (two daughters and four grandchildren) and friends... LAMUMBA AJAMU,83, moved from Chico to Sacramento... TRACI KING BOOTH,85, moved from Magalia to Pahrump, NV...JEFF GOMES,87,Orland, received the Jefferson Award for Public Service. This award recognizes people who go above and beyond in community service without any expectation of recognition or reward. Jeff has more than 25 years as a volunteer fireman, equating to more than 15,000 hours. In his service to OVFD, he was the fire chief for six years and assistant chief for four. He has been an employee with P.G&E. for 26 years, most of them as a lineman. Additionally, Jeff received the Frederick W. Mielke Jr. award, the highest honor awarded to P.G.&E. employees. As well put by Lee Woodson, P.G.&E. electric distribution supervisor for Glenn County, "Jeff is an extremely dedicated person who constantly demonstrates his commitment to his community through his tireless leadership efforts and always in a humble manner."

Classes of the '90s

JODY HALSEY MEZA,96, Orland, received the 2016 Woman of the Year award sponsored by Congressman John Garamendi. Jody is the head librarian for Orland and Willows Public Libraries.

Classes of the '00s

NFLplayers are becoming a regular site at JOSER ROSALES' Explozo's Custom Tattoos in Orland. Cleveland Browns free safety, Jordan Poyer visited the '00 grad in March. Joser is also a member of the city's Economic Development Commission....DILLON WACKERMAN,01, Dallas TX, joined the Hamon Arts Library at Southern Methodist University in August 2016 as the Digital Repository Librarian, a role that encompasses the dissemination and development of topics and initiatives surrounding digital scholarship and scholarly communication. Prior to joining SMU Dillon was the Head of the Center for Digital Scholarship at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He received a BA in Classics from San Francisco State University and an MLIS from San Jose State University...SARA TAYLOR VAN TOL,08, Orland, is the Glenn County 4H Program Representative, working out of the UC Extension office.

Classes of the '10's

REBECCA PENDERGRASS, 12, is employed with the City of Orland in their public works department while she finishes her studies at CSU Chico. One of her instructors was JOHN RUCKER,79....JAMES WISEMAN,14, pitched for the Chico Heat during their '16 season. James attends St. Mary's College, Moraga...MARTY STRAWN,68, donated funds so the following seniors of 2016 would receive a five-year membership to OAA: KEVIN KEYAWA, DEREK FOSTER, ERICK RUIZ, PATTY MALAGON, JANET LOPEZ, JORDAN SANCHEZ, JUNIOR MALDONADO, JOCELYN WATHEN, MARTIN TRANG and MADELINE WILSON. Great idea Marty!..TORI FOUNTAIN,16, will continue swimming at San Jose State.

Mergers



DARCIE ANDERSON 10 – STEVE GARMAN 10
CODY WACKERMAN 08 – Ashley Anderson

Anniversaries

50 years –RAYE ANN OLIVEIRA KELLY,63 and Tom Kelly



News from Orland High

Girls soccer were Butte View League champs with a 14-1-1 record.

Boys tennis finished their 2016 season 19-1 and claimed its fifth Division II Northern Section title in six years. And this year was supposed to be a rebuilding year! The majority of the spots on the BVL teams for both singles and doubles went to OHS players.

The theme for the Sock Hop was “Super Heros.” The theme for the Senior Ball was “Masquerade in Paris.”

MICAH FLEMING,16 and TANNER THOMSON,16, were named to the all BVL team for baseball. The Trojans were 16-11 and 6-4 in league for the '16 season.

Academic Decathlon members were: CLARISSA WETZ, PATRICIA MALAGON, MARTIN TRANG, ANDREW LONG, ARON NUNEZ, ABIGAIL MCINTYRE, GABRIELA RAMIREZ, RICARDO SANCHEZ-MACIAS, DANIELA SEDANO, SHARON MAI, MADELINE WILSON and TIM KRAEMER. The theme of this year’s event was India. Orland Women’s Improvement Club is one of the sponsors of this event.

2016 Co-Valedictorians were Taylor Hunt and Martin Trang and Salutatorian was Yadira Gamboa.

2016 Sealbearers: DARRIAN ALLEN, ALYSSA MATTOON, YADIRA GAMBOA, SOPHIA MONTALVO, MARTIN TRANG, TANYA RIVERA, ADRIANA POMPA, YULIANA RINCON, JOSH ROWE, KEVIN KEYAWA, DOMINIC GARZOLI, CORMAC FLEMING,

TAYLOR HUNT, PATRICIA MALAGON, MADELINE WILSON, ADRIENNE BREWSTER, VICTORIA FOUNTAIN and PAOLA CARRANZA.

Congratulations to CATHERINE TOMPKINS, ERICK RUIZ, TANNER THOMSON and NATALIA VALASQUEZ, OAA scholarship recipients for 2016. Each will receive \$750 after the completion of one semester of college.

ARON NUNEZ,17 was selected as OHS's Boys State delegate and GERADO CARRILLO,17 the alternate. SELENA HOOD,17 was selected as the Girls State delegate with AILEEN FLYNN,17 and LACEY EMBREY,17 as alternates. Orland's Tau Alpha and Lambda Iota chapters of Beta Sigma Phi pay the students' tuition costs.

Proceeds from OHS' theater production of "It's a Small World" (written and directed by JOSEPH TANSON,16) were donated to JORDAN SANCHEZ' cancer fund.

DOMINIC GARZOLI,16, participated in the 39th Lion's All Star football team; representing the North.

The 2016 Girls tennis improved to 19-0 this season and took home their fourth straight Northern Section Division II championship with a 5-1 win over Live Oak. Along with the program's seventh overall section championship, Orland also won its 10th consecutive Butte View League title this year.

The Trojans boys football team "axed" the Honkers for the 8th straight year. The final score was 24-21. At Homecoming they played Oroville, winning, 52-6. Their quarterback Mateo Martinez was crowned Homecoming King and Allison Hill was crowned Queen.

Named to the Butte View League all-league football team for 2016- ALEX GRANADOS,17, DANIEL EVANS,17, MANNY VALDIVIA,17, OSCAR MARTINEZ, 17, GERSON DELGADO,17 and HECTOR VALDAVINOS,18. ANDREW LONG,17, was voted the league's Defensive Most Valuable Player. The team ended the season 7-4 in league play. They would fall to West Valley in the first round of the Northern Section Division III playoffs.

ESTELLA GILBERT,17,was selected to play percussion in the National FFA band during the 2016 National Convention & Expo in Indianapolis held in October. She submitted an audition tape and was selected to help bring full instrumental balance to the band from a pool of applicants nationwide.

OHS' girls volleyball finished second in Butte View League and advanced to the quarterfinals of the D-Ivsection tournament. AILEEN FLYNN,17, YASMIN PUERCO,17 and SOPHIA SILVA,18, were named to the All-League team.

Riley Cloyd will be the Drum Major for the 2017-18 school year and Claudia Cramer will be the Assistant Drum Major.

Upcoming events:

Annual Dinner – March 11, 2017

Golden Grad Reunion – May 6, 2017

In Memorium

LILY HINZ ALBERICO 1937
VERNON SQUIER 1942
BETH HIBDON JASPER 1945
NANCY DERRICK MORANVILLE 1946
DONNA JEAN SILVER THOMPSON 1948
KENNETH IRA HIBDON 1949
MARILYN JOHNSON AGUIAR 1950
NORMAN C. MILLERT 1951
MILTON "Springy" ROMER 1951
WILLARD TURMAN 1952
FRANKLIN LOWMAN 1954
BARBARA MARTIN COLVIN 1955
BEATRICE WALSH BIBLE 1956
KIETH KABER 1956
SHIRLEY TURMAN MILLERT 1956
PHILLIP W. OSBORN 1956
DONALD MACY 1958
JOAN SCHUSTER SAMUELSON 1959
NANCY BUTTON ELLIS 1959
MARILYN NEER KING 1964
CHARLES FULTON 1966
ROSS HAMILTON 1966
JEAN MARIE SALVAGNO 1966
KATHY SNYDER SKALA 1966
RANDALL WIGHT 1968
IRVIN D. SMITH 1969
WALTER STEUBEN 1970
TAMMY GINGERICH 1988

Dr. Buren W. Krahling – OAA associate member; local doctor in the 1950s through early 1960s.