



ORLAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER 2020

Dear Alumni,

A new year brings hope and a renewed sense of opportunity. 2019 tried the patience and perseverance of many Orland Alumni as much of Northern California burned. We were not out of the woods yet, 2020 started so well and we were looking forward to a better year. Then we got hit with Covid 19 and our world again, turned up-side-down; more fires and more destruction, so many of our alumni were directly affected. But we are Trojans; we pull together and remember our roots. Orland produces some pretty tough people. We still have displaced fire victims living in and around Orland. This new year give us the opportunity to increase our scholarship funds and reconnect with old friends. It also provides the opportunity to help others in so many ways. We are publishing this newsletter to help keep you informed about what is still happening with our alumni, the association, and “what’s up” in Orland. I want to thank the officers and volunteers of the alumni association. This is a very dedicated bunch of alumni that feel the association plays an important role in our past, present, and future. If you happen to see an officer, give them your thanks too!

We are especially pleased to congratulate SOFIA SUAREZ, JACQUELINE JURADO, JACQUELINE CARRILLO, AUSTIN BURRESON and XITLALITH AYONA , 2020 OAA scholarship winners. The Orland Community Scholarship Association was able to gather students’ applications, essays and conduct interviews while social distancing so OHS students could be recognized.

As a reminder, our address is P.O. Box 1, Orland, CA. 95963. Please help us keep everyone informed by contacting the Association with up-dates on your experiences or those of family and/or friends of OHS. We are only aware of your activities when you share. And when it is possible, we will still be here to help with reunions and other alumni activities again.

A special thanks to all of you who donate for any of our causes. There are numerous volunteers who make this such a great organization. Have some spare time? Contact one of our officers and volunteer for something. Everyone is welcome and we encourage your input. We are always looking at how to make OAA a better organization and how to improve communications.

Continue that strong OHS Spirit, reconnect with some former friends, get to know someone new. Orland is, and always has been a great place to be from.

Be safe and be well!

*Larry Donnelley, President
Orland Alumni Association*

2019 ALUMNI OF THE YEAR ARE HONORED

In what would be the final event at the Glenn County Fairgrounds Arts & Crafts building for 2020, Orland High School alumni gathered February 29, 2020 to honor CHRISTINA GOMEZ REDES, 71 with husband Oscar (honorary Alumnus) and JANINE ARANO CASTRO, 86 as 2019 Alumni of the Year.



CHRISTINA GOMEZ REDES graduated June 7, 1971 from OHS and then travelled to Los Angeles a few days later where she would meet Oscar Redes. As she noted during her speech at the dinner, "I travelled to LA and brought back an Oscar"!

The Redes have just surpassed 48 years of marriage, and have two children TONY, 90 and ANGIE REDES LANDEROS, 93. In addition, they have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Oscar was born in Mexico near the Texas border and came to the US where he began school in the Los Angeles area. He is a 1966 graduate of Nogales High School in La Puente. He served four years in the US Air Force and was discharged in 1971 with the rank of Sergeant. In 1976 he received his US citizenship.

In May 1978, while attending Butte College studying Commercial Art, Oscar and Chris started their sign and retail business. This business can be found on Fourth Street but you often have to go to the sign shop on Third Street to talk with Oscar.

Both Chris and Oscar have put in many years serving their community. Chris was a charter member of Soroptimist International of Orland (serving two terms as president) and is currently a member of the Orland Women's Improvement Club. Oscar is a past president of the Orland Eagles, charter member of the Loyal Order of Moose, served four terms as president of Orland Kiwanis and is a past Grand Knight of the Orland Knights of Columbus. He has also spent over 35 years as the time keeper in the press box for OHS football games. Both are members of the Orland Historical & Cultural Society and Orland Chamber of Commerce (Oscar has served as president) and in 2019 they were honored at Orland's Citizens of the Year.

As is very evident, they love their town and are happy to serve the community.

JANINE ARANO CASTRO, 86, was born in Renton WA. Her family eventually moved to California where she attended Orland schools. She is a CSF lifetime member.



After graduation, Janine attended Chico State where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Geology and Geography and a Master of Geosciences degree. She then attended Oregon State University where she would obtain a PhD in Geosciences and serve on the OSU Geosciences board.

In 2018 she married Dr. Colin Thorne, Chair of Physical Geography at University of Nottingham in England. Her son, Keston Keuchel, is a senior at Western Washington University in Bellingham WA.

Janine is the Project Leader for the Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Vancouver WA, addressing a wide variety of fisheries issues. She provides national and international training on stream restoration, river science and public speaking for scientists. For the past 20 years she has worked for the Fish and Wildlife Service and spent the preceding 10 years working for the National Resources Conservation Service. She is co-founder of Science Talk, one of the five founding members of River Restoration Northwest, a member of the Expert Regional Technical Group for the Columbia Estuary Ecosystem Restoration Program, adjunct faculty at Portland State University and the Technical Director for the PSU River Restoration Professional Certificate Program. Recently she became an affiliate professor at the University of Victoria in Wellington New Zealand.

Her hobbies are travel, home improvement and the New York Times crossword puzzles.

She related that her exposure to Stony Creek, blocks from her childhood home, started her interest in stream restoration.



News About Town

The Orland Fire Department hosted the 65th annual spaghetti feed fundraiser - it's one of the department's main fundraisers and helps them purchase things like equipment and medical supplies... In March Glenn County activated the Emergency Operations Center to further coordinate a unified response to the COVID-19

pandemic. School districts also started to announce closures, and local events started to be canceled and postponed...Orland Volunteer Fire Department was able to conduct their annual ticket drive but not the Ball...The Glenn County Fair was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic but the Junior Livestock auction was held virtually with assistance from the Glenn Ag Expo. Glenn County 4-H also hosted a virtual showcase to show off local members' projects...K-9 Dutch joined the Orland Police Department - his partner is Officer Thomas Roenspie. Dutch is a German Shepherd Malinois mix donated to the department by Meyer's Police Canine Training...Recipients of the 2020 Barceloux-Tibessart Foundation grants were: Friends of the Orland Library, Wreaths Across America, Orland Tree Committee, Orland Community Scholarship Association, Orland Historical & Cultural Society, Glenn Co. Special Olympics, Orland Police Department, Orland Queen Bee Capital Committee and St. Dominic's Catholic Church. Over the years the foundation has distributed more than \$525,000 to more than fifty local organizations...Orland Unified School District served free breakfasts and lunches during the summer for local children...The Orland Chamber of Commerce announced the annual Fourth of July parade and other events were canceled but Willows still hosted their fireworks show...Christian Garcia, a Chico muralist, added almond blossoms and honeybees to the once plain walls of the Honeybee Discovery Center located in the former Farm Bureau/City Hall building. Check it out as you are driving east or west thru downtown Orland...The first coronavirus-related death in Glenn County was reported in July...The Butte College Board of Trustees authorized the purchase agreement for a new Glenn County Center in Orland. The 13,700-square-foot facility will be near Cortina Drive and Interstate 5...Caltrans upgraded sidewalks, driveways and curb ramps along Highway 32 (Newville Road and Walker Street) in Orland over late summer and fall 2020...Orland's downtown tree will be lit year-round as well as for the holiday season thanks to the George Turnbull Memorial Fund. Also helping with the 2020 holiday season, a couple organized a light parade - which included 21 entries who put up holiday lights and other decorations on vehicles and trailers - to go around the streets of Orland...The Orland Chamber of Commerce hosted free mask giveaways for local businesses which came from the North Valley Community Foundation's Rapid Response Fund and the Feather River Health Foundation. A total of 4,500 masks were distributed at this time...Country Pumpkins still had their pumpkin patch, country store and maze in October under the watchful eye of the County Health Doctor...The Moose Lodge conducted a drive-thru spaghetti dinner fundraiser; Alumnus of the Year REGGIE OLNEY, 58, was at

the helm...Avenue Lights was held at the Glenn County Fairgrounds, minus the North Pole Lodge. Food trucks were available instead.



JEFFREY A. TOLLEY,00, was elected to the Orland City Council in November with Chris Dobbs (spouse of MICHELLE TAYLOR DOBBS,07). Bruce Roundy, former teacher/coach at OHS, was re-elected also.

Alumni were also elected to the Orland Unified School District Board. JEFF AGUIAR,82, BECKY LYON BRUMMETT,74 and JAKE REIMERS,01 were voted in in the November 2020 election.



In past newsletters we have listed each move with their respective classes. We hope you don't mind if we list them this way. Thanks to HANNAH HARRISON BARLETTA,69 and KERRIE SUE HOWARD,69 for keeping track of our comings and goings. It's a big task!

2020 Moves

Name	Year	From	To
Sidney Cockrell	1946	Carson City,NV	South Lake Tahoe, CA
Leroy Madsen	1949	Truth or Consequences,	NM Orland, CA
Joanne William Rizza	1950	Vacaville, CA	Napa, CA
Dale Turman	1954	Twain Harte, CA	Oroville, CA
Pat Dempsey Martin	1957	Eagle, ID	Garden City, ID
Frank Simmons	1961	Forest Ranch, CA	Belton, TX
Louis &	1962		
Hannah Harrison Barletta	1969	Orland, CA	Homedale, ID
Joanne Osborne Chapman	1964	Chico, CA	Los Molinos, CA
Alan Lundberg	1966	Sacramento, CA	Boise, ID
John Lundberg	1970	Shasta Lake, CA	Palo Cedro, CA
Gail Wilcoxon Ash	1970	Medford, OR	Beaverton, OR
Marilyn Vlasoff Grosswiler	1970	Orland, CA	Spirit Lake, ID
John &	1970		
Tammy Derrington Vincze	1978	Orland, CA	Weiser, ID
Terry &	1970		
Connie Quail McCoy	1972	Thorp, WA	Vancouver, WA
Sandra Wackerman Sherman	1971	Los Angeles,CA	Rancho Palos Verde, CA
Kenneth Ewert	1972	Montague, CA	Rio Lindo, CA
Cecilia Utter Jackson	1972	Raveena, NE	Fullerton, NE
Richard Brewster	1972	Red Bluff, CA	Mountain Home, ID
Karen McCall Rodgers	1972	Maxwell, CA	Orland, CA
Janet Plott Clark	1972	Chico, CA	Peoria, AZ
Leland Satterfield	1972	Newburg, OR	Red Bluff, CA
Joann Sousa Beasley	1973	Orland, CA	Wilsonville, OR

Wendy Joksch Sullivan	1977	Chico, CA	Wasilla, AK
Janet Piazza Hensley	1977	Danville, KY	Lancaster, KY
Jennifer Martens Cassani	1977	Folsom, CA	Nashville, TN
Manuela Porras Marston	1978	Orland, CA	Medford, OR
Bonnie Tanson Morgan	1978	Willows, CA	Corning, CA
Denise Kratzer	1978	Chico, CA	Scotia, CA
Joan Daniels Hovanec	1978	Foresthill, CA	Gilbert, AZ
Dan Leadbetter	1978	Chico, CA	Fountain Valley, CA
Tami Bridges Kibby	1978	Red Bluff, CA	Chico, CA
Don Jeter/Karen Quail Jeter	1978	Phoenix, OR	Winchester, OR
David T Anderson	1979	Myers Flat, CA	Carlotta, CA
Anne Finwall Biggs	1979	Plumas Lake, CA	Yuba City, CA
Mary Costanzo Blackwood	1979	Elk Grove, CA	Rancho Murieta, CA
Cheryl Burnham Coons	1979	Terra Bella, CA	Shell Lake, WI
Catherine Hoaglund Cottle	1979	Durham, CA	Chico, CA
David &	1979		
Teresa Marley Cushman	1980	Fairfield, CA	Vacaville, CA
Wade M Forbes	1979	Orland, CA	Kalama, WA
Teresa D Sealy	1979	Ely, NV	St Johns, AZ
Jone Erickson Janzen	1979	Conrad, MT	Chateau, MT
Ronald C Molleson	1979	Orland, CA	Gerber, CA
Mary Paternoster	1979	Santa Rosa, CA	Sebastopol, CA
Jodi Bostrom Rundel	1979	Keewatin, Ontario, Canada	Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Alfred Eric Stokes	1979	Vancouver, WA	Pendelton, OR
Shelton Ford Taylor	1979	Orland, CA	Yuba City, CA
Craig Sturm	1979	Chico, CA	Lincoln, NE
Craig A Thomas	1979	Belmont, CA	Saratoga, CA
Anita Bell Waltz	1979	Live Oak, CA	Citrus Heights, CA
Troy LeDonne	1980	Chico, CA	Orland, CA
Debbie Mastellar Niegel	1980	Colorado Springs, CO	Colville, WA
Cindy White Sarkis	1980	Brentwood, CA	LaQuinta, CA
Lynn (Stevie) Smith	1980	Arlington, TX	Springfield, TX
Winona Aradoz Vargas	1980	Selma, CA	Fowler, CA
Shannon Martin Cullen	1981	Boise, ID	Garden City, ID
Randy Behrens	1984	Twentynine Palms, CA	Highland, CA
Richard Dennis Whipple	1985	Orland, CA	Junction City, OR
John Baltazar	1987	Chico, CA	Rocklin, CA
Marty L Davidson	1987	Canyon County, CA	Salem, OR
Janeen McCormick	1987	Boston, MA	Lynn, MA
Sandra Duggins Galbraith	1987	Willows, CA	Glenn, CA
Sherri Vereschagin Haldorson	1987	Ukiah, CA	Orland, CA
Christy L Howe	2004	Giddings, TX	San Antonio, TX



Thanks to all of the OHS Alumni that have sent in scholarship and general donations this past year. As noted in the President's message, we were able to offer five OAA scholarships to Orland High 2020 graduates. Recipients were SOFIA SUAREZ, JACQUELINE JURADO, JACQUELINE CARRILLO, AUSTIN BURRESON and

XITLALITH AYONA. Thank you all for your generosity. The students are very grateful! The Orland Community Scholarship Association is working with the OHS staff to make sure the 2021 graduating class has the opportunity to apply for approximately 30 scholarships that are sponsored by local organizations such as OAA.

While we are giving out thank yous, let's give a few more to the OAA Board: President Larry Donnelley, 1st Vice President Linda Schroer, 2nd Vice President Claire Arano, Secretary Kathy Congdon and Treasurer Sylvia Lopez.



Without class reunions, formal or informal, we are a bit light for Class News. But we do have a few items to mention:

IRMA LEVET OVERTON, 50, Orland, has stepped down as the Executive Secretary for OAA after many years of service.

KATRINA WOO WILLIAMS, 65, Springville, and husband Andrew celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

MELINDA JETER CASILLAS, 74, came down last year "before the Corona started" and wandered around Chico and Orland. She found that Orland has grown and changed!! It made her very proud to have grown up here and also a little homesick, after all these years. Melinda worked 24 years with Sutter Hospitals in Sacramento until moving to Oregon in 2005. Worked for the hospital there until her grandson was born in 2017, then quit to help out. Been happily playing with toys ever since! She has been married to Richard for 38 years, and has 4 kids and 6 grandkids. She likes Oregon but "I'll always be a California girl. Love and hello to all"!

ANGIE TROVAO CROOK, 79, Orland, after 21 years, retired in July from her position as City Clerk of Orland. JANET BLEVINS WACKERMAN, 74, Orland, filled her spot.

TODD BISHOP, 91, WA, is co-founder and editor of GeekWire. He is a longtime business and technology journalist who reports on subjects including AI, the cloud, startups, and health technology, plus Amazon and Microsoft, in addition to hosting GeekWire's weekly podcast.

JODY HALSEY MEZA,96, Orland was recognized by ByWater Solutions as their librarian of the month for November 2020. Jody is the Library Director for Orland, Willows, Elk Creek and Bayliss communities.

JOCELYN ANDERSON,05, a Glenn Co farmer, has been appointed to the American Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers & Ranchers Committee. She is a graduate of the Leadership Farm Bureau program and a member of the CA Young Farmers and Ranchers State Committee.

ALDRICK ROSAS,13, is now a kicker with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

KIMBERLY CROOK,07, Richfield, is a patrol officer with CSU Chico.

Hayley Sites,20, signed to play softball at Simpson University with an academic scholarship to major in biology.

OHS NEWS

Community members got together to host graduation parades to celebrate the class of 2020. In Orland High School's case, the graduation ceremony had been postponed, so the parade marked their original graduation day.

Over the past few years, OAA Board of Directors have been fortunate to welcome Orland High student representatives to OAA monthly meetings. Although the Board did not meet this year due to the pandemic, last year the student representatives were Justin Dalton, Destiny Daniels and Sabrina Beauchamp. It was a pleasure to have them at our meetings where they would share what was happening at OHS and would participate in discussions of upcoming OAA events. Including students at our meetings have been a great addition to the Board.

And now a message from VICTOR PERRY,94, principal of OHS...

The 2020-2021 school year has been a challenge, to say the least. We started the year out completely on Distance Learning. As new state and county guidelines come out, we continue to move to have more kids on campus. Beginning Monday, February 1st, Orland High School will combine the A/B in-person schedule. This will allow all students currently signed up to attend in-person classes for the second semester to come on campus five days a week. Students that are signed up for Distance Learning only will continue to log on to their classes every day.

In Memorium

HELEN BAKER SCHRUMPF	1934
ORRIN LOUIS REAGER	1942
B. KENT PLOTT	1947
GERALDINE DUMAS BOWEN	1948
BEVERLY PETERSON LYNN	1951
JOHN VERESCHAGIN	1951
WILLIAM LATHROP	1952
JACK GLEASON	1953
BERTHA ANDREW TARESH	1953
ROBERT JACOBSON	1954
FRANCES HANSON WALLER	1955
FLORINE SMITH BLAIR	1957
RICHARD M. MAYER	1957
DENNIS D BEHRENS	1959
ROBERT BOEHM	1960
KENNETH L JACOBSON	1961
GLENN FERRY	1962
ERNEST LANGLEY	1962
WAYNE OTIS	1962
MARGARET MANGUM NORAAS	1963
LUCILLE BENSON STOCKTON	1963
JOHN GEHRING	1964
CAROL CALDWELL JIMINEZ	1964
NORMAN STANBERRY	1965
HENRY LAMPLEY	1968
GERALD K BOSTROM	1970
DAN WILFONG	1970
ROBERT NORDBYE	1972
DARLA HEAD PETTIGREW	1972
LOREN ALBERICO	1973
RAMON ZABALA	1973
JOHN FORTNER	1976
CARL J BRAMANTE	1977
ERNEST BLEVINS	1978
BRAD LOWDEN	1978
KARI L O'HAIR	1979
ROGER L SMITH	1980
ANGELITA SALDANA COWEE	1985
ROBIN CAMPER HARPER	1988
RACHELLE COLLINS	1991