

# MUSTANG MEMORIES

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## Founders participate in our Bell Tower Rededication Ceremony

Founders returned to San Dieguito October 19 2012 for our second annual Founders Reception. Then they helped



students, faculty and staff celebrate our beautiful new bell tower.

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## Calling all those who love our Mustang veterans

This is the year of the San Dieguito veteran. Read on for news about the SDHS Veterans Association, our campus memorial, and

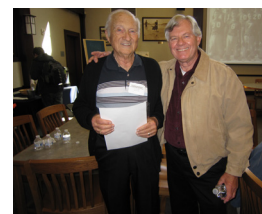


a special ceremony honoring Mustang veterans this May.

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## Faculty & Staff Reunion scheduled for March 22

We had a blast catching up with former faculty and staff at the "Principal's Tea" last spring. This year we're bringing it back, only with a much



better name: **The Faculty & Staff Reunion!**

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# Alumni kick off the "Mustang Legacy Project"

The project's goal: create a continuing program in which alumni names, years, and comments may be immortalized on a brick or a tile on campus.

Last year, Jay Helmantoler ('60) and Boydd Galland ('60) were tossing around a bunch of names.

"We were talking about individuals who had some kind of athletic achievement," says Jay, "people we thought should be listed in an athletic San Dieguito Hall of Fame."

As these kinds of conversations are always a lot more fun when more souls are involved, Boydd set up a Facebook group to bring the debates online. As more and more alumni joined the group and submitted their ideas, he and Jay noticed that the stories of unforgettable games were often accompanied by stories of achievements that had little to do with sports.

"People were remembering students who were Thespians, or members of CSF, or in the marching band or in some other activity," says Boydd. "There were other people and things that belonged in a Hall of Fame."

Like teachers and

staff: "Mrs. Stowell," wrote Ann Reed, "was responsible for me becoming a teacher and convincing my parents that I should go to college, and she even got me a \$500 Scholarship from her teaching organization."

"[Don Crickmore] inspired me in history and caused me to major in it later on," wrote Mike Ruddy.

Non-staff members made a memorable impact, too. "Like Ernie Hilton," says Jay. "For years and years he was the voice of Mustang football. He's the kind of guy we should remember."

Boydd and Jay wondered how alumni memories like these could be preserved—when they recalled their own participation in commemorative brick programs

at Petco Park and the Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta—and thus the Mustang Legacy Project was born.

Curtis Jenkins ('60) joined the team and the three of them fine-tuned their con-

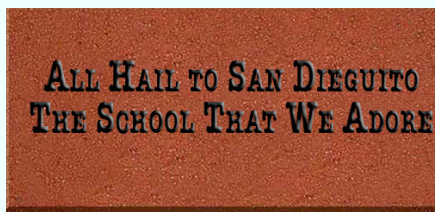
cept, deciding it should be a fundraiser for the school. When they were ready, they brought their proposal to the SDA Foundation and received the Alumni Committee's endorsement.

**Now they need your help.** The next step is to obtain permission from the school district to install bricks or pavers on campus. When Jay, Boydd and Curtis approach the district, they must show that there is a considerable amount of alumni interest in the project.

They hope to hand district officers a list of hundreds of names of those who intend to participate, to demonstrate that the Mustang Legacy Project is an achievable program. (The SDA Foundation will assist as a liaison between the alumni and the school district, but the school district ultimately has final approval on this project.)

If you are interested in purchasing a paver or a brick in the Mustang Legacy Project, please fill out and mail the enclosed "Statement of Interest". You do not send money for this project at this time.

For more information, please contact Boydd Galland at [boyddgalland@yahoo.com](mailto:boyddgalland@yahoo.com) or call (760) 753-1121 x5085.



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## A message from the Alumni Committee Chair



I'm Michael Fouts, class of 1987 and chair of the San Dieguito High School Academy Alumni Committee, sponsored by the SDA Foundation.

Our mission is to make it easier for alumni to reconnect with their old high school, and I'd say that we nailed that goal in 2012!

Our Principal's Tea, held last spring, brought former faculty and staff back to school. It was so successful that we're planning another one in March 22, 2013.

Our Founders Reception was held October 19, 2012, with an invitation list that included all alumni who graduated 60 years or more ago.

And after working with the SDA Foundation and the school district, we were able to rebuild our bell tower and restore the "Spirit of San Dieguito" bell to its rightful place in the tower. We included our Founders in the rededication ceremony

2013 promises to be an exciting year, too. We're planning another Faculty & Staff Reunion (the former "Principal's Tea") and another Founders Reception. We hope to have a meaningful veterans recognition ceremony in May. And we're in the beginning stages of the Mustang Legacy Project!

San Dieguito is still a great school, so why don't you come back to school and see for yourself? We're looking for alumni to join our Alumni Committee—we need your help to make it a stronger organization that can accomplish so much more.

For example, teachers often ask us for alumni with specific job skills to speak in their classrooms. We hope to find alumni interested in providing internships or to act as student mentors. Our award-winning Speech & Debate team needs volunteer judges and so does our Battle of the Bands program! There are always exciting sports tournaments, theatre productions, and concerts on campus. Why don't you come and see for yourself?

Together we can rekindle our Mustang spirit and help preserve our school's rich history.

**Michael Fouts**  
[AlumniCommitteeChair@gmail.com](mailto:AlumniCommitteeChair@gmail.com)

## Please "like" our Facebook page!

More and more alumni are finding each other on Facebook. We try to publish timely, alumni-relevant news on our website at [SDAFoundation.com/alumni](http://SDAFoundation.com/alumni) and on our Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/1oSntq4>. Don't miss out on all the fun!



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*Susie Calen McCluskey ('71) and Ruth Pelko Umphres ('37) ring the "Spirit of San Dieguito" bell in the rebuilt bell tower during the rededication ceremony October 19, 2012.*

*Mrs. Umphres and Alice Ley Mannen ('38) gave the first cheer on school grounds during the January 1937 groundbreaking ceremonies.*

*Ms. McCluskey says she rang the old Victory Bell many times as a cheerleader. She teaches Spanish in Mr. Ribeiro's old classroom.*

*Photo by Patrick Canler ('13)*

## Our Founders celebrate newly rebuilt Bell Tower in rededication ceremony

Former and current students of San Dieguito Union High School (SDUHS), San Dieguito High School (SDHS) and San Dieguito High School Academy (SDA) met on Homecoming Day, October 19, 2012 from 1 to 3 pm during the second annual "Founders Reception," an event to honor our "Founder" alumni (who graduated 1937 through 1942), as well as all alumni who graduated 60 years or more ago.

Guests were entertained in the Media Center where they enjoyed music from the late 30s and early 40s, a slideshow, light refreshments, campus tours, and the opportunity to socialize with old friends.

Alumni attendees included Ruth Pelko Umphres ('37), Henry Knorr ('39), Mary Arballo Magaña ('40), Bettie Grice Wolfe ('41), Leo Swaim ('41), John Crowson ('42), Manuel "Shorty" Gonzales ('42), Richard Scott ('42), Jay Williams ('42) and his wife Wanda, Jim King, ('44), Josephine Medina Villa, ('45), Warren "Nick" Cleary, ('46), Jane Phillips King, ('47), Cherie Bourgeois Munger ('48), John Butts ('48) Jim Downs ('48), Alice Thompson Witt ('48), Frances Ardent Minshew ('49), Jan Waite Bittner ('49), Mike Corrales ('50), Richard Cullum ('50), Virginia Hawkins Higgins ('52), Margie Hennis Minshew ('55), Boydd Galland ('60), Jay Helman-

toler ('60), Curtis Jenkins ('60), Susan Scott ('75), Leslie England ('80), Leslie Kulchin Saldana ('84), Michael Fouts ('87), and more.

Principal Tim Hornig and SDA Foundation president Don Cardenas welcomed alumni in opening remarks. Several students provided tours, including Colleen Haynes, Haile Brant, Alondra Cruz, Brittney Rodriguez, Alysa Navarro, Mark



*Jan Waite Bitner ('49), Ruth Pelko Umphres ('37), Virginia Hawkins Higgins ('52), and Richard Scott ('42)*

Kaplan, Kylie Kofler, Edith Guerrero, Benjy Malings, Brigitte Wilamson, Kerri Dobson, and Alec Smith.

At 3 pm alumni guests were invited to attend the Bell Tower Rededication Ceremony,

held in front of the school, where one of San Dieguito's first yell leaders, Ruth Pelko Umphres ('37) joined a class of 1971 cheerleader, Susie Calen McCluskey, in ringing the Spirit of San Dieguito bell for the first time in its new home, a thrilling moment for those of us loved the old bell tower.

Music students provided a short concert before the ceremony. Thespian students gave tours of the new Performing Arts Center afterward.

Patrick Canler ('13) took photos for the *Coast News*. His article and photos of the event may be found at the *Coast News* website at <http://bit.ly/11CO61m>.

# Faculty & Staff Reunion date set for March 22, 2013

## Faculty and staff reunite on campus at "Principal's Tea"

On Monday, March 19, 2012, over 50 former faculty, staff and administrators attended our "Principal's Tea," an event commemorating our school's 75th anniversary.

Honorees included Bill Berrier, Donna Blackman Blumer, Ed Burke, Claire Burnes, Jean Castruita, Sarah Close, Joyce Dallesandro, AnneMarie Ebeling, Nancy "Dr. G" Giberson, Barbara Groth, Beth Hergesheimer, Bobbi Karnes, Jerry Kranz, Joe Koch, Peggy Lynch, Charles McIntire, George Milne, Kay Moody, Maria Moreno Gonzales, Mary Arballo Magaña ('40), Judy Muhlethaler, Margaret Pluth Bruch, James Ringstrom, Roger Taylor, Joe Tody, Gaily Twohy, "Nettie" Van der Molen March ('62), Sandra Watson, Ed Wiley, Jay Williams ('42), and several more.

Several Founders attended, too: Bill Arballo ('42), Jim Brass ('41), Bettie Hunt Brass (Jr. High '41), John Crowson ('42), Jim King ('44) and Jane Phillips King ('47) and more.

Alumnus Tommy DeSoto ('79) and the Pike



James Ringstrom, Charles McIntire, and Connie McIntire at the 2012 "Principal's Tea" (AKA "Faculty & Staff Reunion")



Former Registrar Kay Moody and current Registrar Bridget Sabin

Family / Beach House supplied an incredible spread: enchiladas, tamales, chicken and rice, and salad, while San Dieguito's own Culinary Arts students provided delicious desserts.

## The Principal's Tea gets a new name

The event was so successful that many invitees suggested we make it an annual event—with one condition: that we drop the name.

"What the heck does "The Principal's Tea" mean?" groused several of our guests, "How will anyone know it's a staff reunion?"

Lesson learned.

**This year we're calling it "The Second Annual Faculty & Staff Reunion," and it will be held March 22 from 2 to 4 pm in our Media Center.**

All former faculty and staff are invited (we're including an invitation in this newsletter). We'll serve light refreshments, tours of the campus, and a great place to chat. Mustang alumni are also welcome to attend, but please note that the focus of this event will be on our former faculty and staff.

**To RSVP, write: SDAF, PO Box 235109, Encinitas, CA 92023-5109, or call (760) (753) 1121 x5085. or email: [sda.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:sda.alumni@gmail.com).**



Gail Twohy, Bobbi Karnes, and Maria Moreno Gonzales catch up with each other at the 2012 Principal's Tea

## SDHS Veterans Association will not fade away

Dear Alumni:

Samuel Hernandez, Alessio Ramirez, William F. Arballo, Mike Burns, Bill Kundinger, Jim Wheyland, William Roebuck, Charley Gibbs and I formed the San Dieguito High School Veterans Association (SDHSVA) to insure that the memories of classmates killed in the service to their country would not be forgotten.

We built a campus memorial honoring the memory of our classmates and for the last 11 years have awarded annual scholarships to deserving students in the names of the fallen.

General Douglas MacArthur once said, "Old soldier never die, they just fade away." And as the SDHSVA founders fade from us, membership has failed to keep pace. We must pass our mission on to those who will show new students that these are more than just names on the memorial; that they were much like themselves, sharing the solitude of a misty December morning along Cardiff reef, feeling the warmth of a Santa Ana in the fall, and the camaraderie of a party at Moonlight Beach.

The SDA Foundation has offered to sustain our mission. As an IRS §501(c)3 charitable organization, the SDHSVA may transfer the scholarship fund to the nonprofit Foundation, which will continue funding scholarships in the names of our fallen classmates. We are excited to have this promise.

Please send veteran's scholarship program donations to the SDA Foundation (SDAF), PO Box 235109, Encinitas, CA 92023-5109 so that this program may continue. Include a note that your gift is to the Veterans Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for all your past contributions to our program,

David Gonzales ('59)

Founder, SDHS Veterans Association



## Memorial Ceremony Sat. May 25

Ken Harrison ('73) and Scout Troop 2000 have taken on the honor of leading a short Memorial Day service at the veterans memorial on Saturday, May 25th at 11 am.

The veterans memorial was recently renovated by San Dieguito student and Eagle Scout Nick Post ('14), with some assistance from the SDA Foundation. Renovations included skateboard-proofing the memorial while keeping it wheelchair accessible, and providing additional concrete benches.

Please mark your calendars for this important occasion. For more information—or to help plan this event—please call (760) 753-1121 x5085 or email [sda.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:sda.alumni@gmail.com).

# Alumni Contacts/Calendar

Let us publicize your reunion event on our website, in our newsletter, and on our Facebook page.

If your class graduated 60 years or more ago, allow us to host your reunion on campus during our Founders Reception. We will provide light refreshments, tours, and a comfortable place to sit and chat. Call (760) 753-1121 x5085 for more information.

## Classes of 1937 through 1942

**October 2013, Founders Reception at San Dieguito High School Academy.** Contact Mary Arballo Magaña (858) 761-1965 or Bettie Grice Wolfe (760) 591-0434.

## Classes of 1943

No representative registered with the Alumni Association for this class. Call (760) 753-1121 x5085 for more information.

## Class of 1948

**September 2013.** Reunion will be held at Jim Downs' residence. Contact Jim Downs (760) 439-3573 or [downs24@cox.net](mailto:downs24@cox.net).

## Class of 1953

No representative registered for this class. Call (760) 753-1121, x5085 for more information.

## Class of 1958

Susie Good Stevenson at [goodstevenson@yahoo.com](mailto:goodstevenson@yahoo.com).

## Class of 1963

Lorrie Simonson Seiler at (760) 316-0631 or [lor889@gmail.com](mailto:lor889@gmail.com).



*Guerin Brockhoff was a freshman when she passed away during heart surgery in 1984. Her family created a beautiful structure on campus in her memory, which soon became a popular student gathering place. Over the years, however, the wood began to rot and the memorial became a safety hazard. When Foundation staff learned it was scheduled for demolition, they contacted the Brockhoff family and worked with them and the school district to preserve and restore Guerin's memorial. We are glad to have a part in keeping Guerin's memory alive on campus.*

## Class of 1968

**September 8, 2013 at San Dieguito Park.** Facebook page: <http://on.fb.me/W4cxxR>. Jan Thompson: [jthompson1777@roadrunner.com](mailto:jthompson1777@roadrunner.com)

## Class of 1973

Cheryl Holmerud at (760) 436-3158 or email [mustangs73@att.net](mailto:mustangs73@att.net).

## Class of 1978

Carla Jones Applegate at [catz4cj@aol.com](mailto:catz4cj@aol.com).

## Class of 1983

No representative registered with the Alumni Association for this class.

## Class of 1988

Laura Wetherill Waterman at [Laura@TLWaterman.com](mailto:Laura@TLWaterman.com).

## Class of 1993

**Saturday, August 17, 2013, La Costa Resort & Spa.** Visit:

<http://www.reunion-specialists.com>.

## Class of 1998

Joseph Ciullo at [SDAclassof98@yahoo.com](mailto:SDAclassof98@yahoo.com).

## Class of 2003

**August 2013.** Katie Aspell. Email [sdaclassof2003@gmail.com](mailto:sdaclassof2003@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SDAClassOf2003>.

## Support your school!

### WE LOVE MONEY, SURE. Who doesn't?

**But we also love TIME.** Please consider volunteering on campus. Can you provide an internship or a mentorship to a deserving student? Would you be willing to serve as a member of the alumni committee? Will you help your class plan and carry out a rocking reunion? We need volunteers! Call (760) 753-1121 x5085 for more information.

**WE LOVE MEMORABILIA, TOO.** We are looking for original commencement lists and graduation programs, original film (or good quality tape) of "San Dieguito High School: Those Early Years" and the original film (or good quality tape) of the school groundbreaking filmed on January 11, 1937. We are also looking for original *Mustang* newspapers (and local newspaper clippings) about the school prior to 1997, as well as report cards, pink slips, employee manuals, etc.

### DID WE MENTION WE LOVE MONEY?

We hope to keep this newsletter free—your donations can help! Or perhaps you'd like to support a special team or club on campus. Your donations are tax-deductible and will help support the students and programs of San Dieguito High School Academy.

[Donate securely online at Paypal](#) and indicate your gift preferences in the special instructions box. Go, Mustangs!



The Alumni Association is part of the San Dieguito Academy Foundation, a 501(c) non-profit organization which supports the students and programs of San Dieguito High School Academy by fundraising and promoting active parental and community involvement.

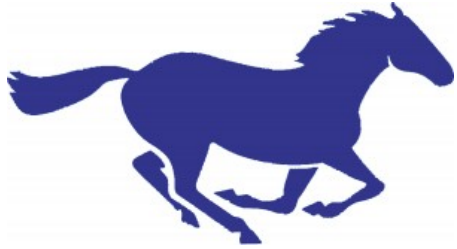
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Contact us for more information:

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## MUSTANG LEGACY PROJECT

### Statement of Interest



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**BRICKS:** CAN BE 3 LINES WITH 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE. **\$60.00**

**TILES:** CAN BE 6 LINES WITH 18 CHARACTERS PER LINE. **\$75.00**

Examples:	John Doe 1982 Band Member	Jane Doe ('55) Mrs Stowell taught me to love writing	We'll never forget Don Crickmore Class of 1961
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*Other examples: Surf Team, Athlete, I loved history, Cheerleader. (This is our school, so keep it clean!)*

PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE ENGRAVED ON YOUR BRICK. COUNT SPACES AND PUNCTUATION AS CHARACTERS. IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY BUT YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE SEND IN THE FORM ANYWAY. WE'LL CONTACT YOU WHEN WE'RE READY TO GO!

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MUSTANG LEGACY PROJECT  
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**SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**SAN DIEGUITO HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY**

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE**  
**Second Annual**  
**Faculty & Staff**  
**Reunion**

**Monday, March 22, 2013**  
**2 to 4 p.m.**

Media Center / Library  
San Dieguito High School Academy\*  
800 Santa Fe Drive, Encinitas

**PLEASE RSVP TO:**

**SDAF, PO Box 235109, Encinitas, CA 92023-5109:**

OR by phone to (760) (753) 1121 x5085  
OR by email to [SDA.Alumni@gmail.com](mailto:SDA.Alumni@gmail.com)

*\*Also known as San Dieguito Union High School and  
San Dieguito High School*

You are invited to attend San Dieguito's second annual Faculty & Staff Reunion.

All former SDUHS, SDHS and SDA faculty and staff are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served and tours of the campus provided. Current faculty and Mustang alumni are also welcome to join us.

Please share this invitation with any other teachers or staff members with whom you are in contact.

If you let us know how to contact them, we will be glad to mail them an invitation, too.

**GO, MUSTANGS!**

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**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN March 15, 2013**

YES, I WILL ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_ NO, I WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_ (see note below)

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IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, *please send us some information about yourself for this event; for example, your current activities, your memories of San Dieguito, or whatever information you feel comfortable sharing with us.*