# Class Notes

#### **CLASS REUNIONS**

Details are included in your class's section.

#### Classes of '45, '46, '47

Oct. 7, luncheon, Berkeley Marina Doubletree

#### Class of '61

Oct. 13-16, campus, featuring a banquet at the Faculty Club, lectures, the homecoming game, and more. Visit www. kaneprod.com/Classof61 or email Linda Govan at glgovan@comcast.net.

#### Class of '66

Oct. 13-16. Save the weekend for a mammoth celebration.

Annually, Blue and Gold Cal alums residing at the San Francisco Towers in San Francisco celebrate at a festive brunch after the Big Game day. About 50 residents dig out their Bear ties, Cal caps, scarves, pompoms, megaphones, (Roos Bros. days) Golden Bears, and banners for the celebration (not a Stanfordite in sight!). Many left their china and silver behind but didn't forget to bring their Bear memorabilia to their retirement home! Harold Levy '32 had his 100th birthday just prior. He always wore his aged rooters cap covered with bear and fraternity pins. Madeline Schoenfeld Kaufman, age 103, was decked in Blue and Gold as she sipped the bubbly-she never misses a party! Next year plans are underway for more Cal Band music! We currently have no information for this class. If you are the class secretary, please call the magazine office at 510/642-5781.

The class of '38 had a most enjoyable 72nd reunion on Nov. 19 during a luncheon at Alumni House in a joint reunion with the Class of '37, and even one number of the '35 alumni. Some 28 were in attendance. The Straw Hat Band and the Cal Men's Octet added to the pregame spirit. Class Vice President Donna Borden made the luncheon arrangements, and Class President Borden Price chaired the event along with Christy Armstrong, '37 Class President. Those attending seemed to think the reunions of the two classes were the best ever.

Sandy Barbour, Athletic Director, and Tuck Coop, CAA Executive Director, were present and made remarks, updating events and plans being formed for both Cal Athletics and the alumni programs. For further info contact Borden, Christy, Donna, or any Class Officer. Class Secretary: Virginia Leach, 217 Hillside Ave, Piedmont 94611; Don Hardison, 1415 Vista Rd, El Cerrito, 94530

Our 70th reunion, with Class of 1942, was a success. We had 23 attending from our class. Those who could not attend sent their updates. Mickey Clark Pitti has two daughters and a granddaughter. She has been playing in volleyball tournaments for 12 years. Lucille Vartanian Lewis-Bauerly is living in The Terraces Retirement Community in Los Gatos close to her son. James Felchlin retired from Mellon this past summer and is now spending more time in Lake Tahoe. He and his wife, Diane, have four daughters. They travel a lot and he enjoys playing dominos and bridge. Edward De Lanot is still interested in urban mass transit including the high-speed rail service. His career was with transportation enterprises in their primary stage. Bob Wilson spent the month of June with his three daughters in Cape Cod. He still enjoys golfing and lives at Vi in Palo Alto. Vernon Harp Jr. enjoyed practicing cardiology at UCSF and played in the October Fest for thirty-five years. He lives in a continued care retirement home. Bob Williams and wife Betty live in a retirement community in Indianapolis where he is currently president of the Residents' Council.

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The reunion on Nov. 19 at Trader 🚄 Vic's in Emeryville was a grand success, judging from the laughter and the lively talking and mingling with long-time friends. The big hits, with loud applause, were entertainment by the Men's Octet, Cal Band, Rally Committee with the Axe (which we lost the next day), the Spirit Girls, and Oski, who stayed quite a long time and was photographed with many class members. We learned that '42ers are still very active in communities and organizations. For instance: Marjorie Phillips Block volunteers at a hospice thrift shop in Marin County; Cecelia Steinberg Hurwich is active in the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal" campaign; Janet Ackerly Mendenhall

volunteers at the Bambino Thrift Shop, which benefits the Children's Hospital in Oakland; Margaret Truebridge Miller does volunteer work in the library at Meher schools in Lafayette and hosts monthly meetings of a Poets' Circle in Walnut Creek. In the past year many of you have reported celebrations of 90th birthdays. Congratulations to each of you, but a brass ring goes to Virginia Root James for her way of celebrating: going up in a hot-air balloon. "It was glorious," she reports.

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Madeline Goodrich McLaughlin volunteers at Walnut Creek's Lindsay Wildlife Museum, caring for injured wild animals. She is also a docent at the Shadeland Museum. She reports that Phyllis Botto Robinson Clark is a busy volunteer in Seattle. Phyllis also plays a lot of tennis. Elaine Christman Sherman in Sacramento swims daily, while also pursuing golf and bridge. Meanwhile Richard and Pat Mackay Rihn drove 5,000 miles visiting our National Parks. Dick Niello has to keep one eye on his son, the State Assemblyman, and another eye on his other son, who runs the family Sacramento Volkswagen dealership. So he takes his phone calls up at his Tahoe home. He and Jack Herrero put on another pre-Big Game LeBaron luncheon. Other '44s attending included Don Campbell, Jack Hofmann, Noble Hamilton, Ross Bewley, and Dick Duhring. John Dunlap, still captain of the Napa bocce team, traveled to Cuba with a study group from Sonoma State University, and their Lifelong Learning Institute. Joe Mixer enjoys weekly lunches with a group of Phi Kappa Sigma alums. He is the only '44 attending. He is deep into a vigorous senior aerobics class and, with his wife, Madeline '49, enjoyed two inspiring trips to Yosemite last year.

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45–47 Response to the 65th reunion mailing last September was impressive, providing much information for "Keeping in Touch." Thanks, too, for the dues and contributions to TAAP and other designated Cal programs. Class President Jean Nipper Marchant, Hugh (Bud), and daughter Susie did a Crystal cruise on the

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Symphony from Dover to New York in September. On board was Pat Harvey '45, now Schneider, who recognized Jean after these many years. Patti and Bill live in a retirement home in Sterling, VA and they enjoy their large family, and travelling, especially on large cruise ships and the Elderhostel/Road Scholars program. Bill Blair '46, retired from pediatric practice at Palo Alto Medical Foundation, has added the 65th Reunion Committee to his other activities. He is treasurer and chairman of the Community Services committee of Kiwanis Club of Menlo Park, among others. He attends almost weekly lunches at Moraga Country Club with '45 and '46 Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity brothers. Bob Katz '46 of Portola Valley, also on the reunion committee, just finished a twoyear term as President of the Sempervirens Fund which has helped preserve redwood forests in the Santa Cruz Mountains since 1900. Jeanne Wheelock Lilly '45 was a landuse planner for Santa Cruz County. She and her husband, Bob, live in Pacific Grove, travel the world, and have three sons and two grandchildren. Joyce Strang Hoover '47 and husband Rusty vacationed in Palm Springs for 3 weeks while visiting their son. Erin Flanagan '47 and Bill celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June of last year. They vacationed in Michigan with a bicycle trip around Mackinac Island. C. Caldwell, now retired, and his wife live in Murphys. Eleanor Moffett Hayes '47 lives in Atherton. She is retired and enjoys travel and gardening. From Pasadena, Ruth Morris Ryan '47 reports that she is a former teacher in Adult Education and is now retired. H. Martin Ems is retired and living in San Francisco. Mary Jo Anderson Broderick '47 and her husband, Henry, live in Tiburon. Marion Fones Volberg and Fred '49 live in Oak Run where her retirement activities include gardening, sewing, reading, Newcomers club, and church activities. Marion writes, "It will be an old cronies party ... the reunion! We are the survivors."

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The 60th Reunion Luncheon attracted 227 people in the Claremont Hotel and Spa on Nov. 19. The spirited crowd was treated to a virtual trip around the campus via Dick Hafner's nostalgic talk; music by the Cal Band and the Men's Octet; a silent auction organized by Duane Dresser, Yvonne Cazier, Norma Connor, and Bob Logan; and festive decorations prepared by Nancy Bittner, Jane Koll, and Connie Brooding. Class President Marion Harris opened the luncheon

with a moment of silence in memory of her predecessor, Dwight H. (Bud) Murray, who had passed away only days before. Reunion Chair George (Ted) Jatho and a telephone calling crew led by Pat Peck, plus Sally Lyding's publicity work, lured the expected large group of Californians. The farthest travelers were John and Ann Bartlett of Sandia, NM; Edward Chupp and Camille Reed of Durham. NH; George and Ethel Fabrin, Camp Verde, AZ; W. Bruce MacKenzie, Boulder; Jeanne Clark Whetstone, Fort Collins CO; Bill and Gini Woolley, Boise; and Beverly and John Youngjohn, Houston. There were many happy reunions, including that of Barbara Boyd Evans and high school classmates Boyd Quinn and Donald Bruzzone. A memorial gathering was held at the Cal Crew boathouse after the reunion luncheon for lan Gordon Turner, stroke on the Bear varsity eight-oared shell that won the 1948 Olympic Gold. The plaque commemorating the major contributions of the Classes of 1950 and 1954 toward restoring Sather Gate is now in place on the western rail of the Strawberry Creek Bridge. Carl L. Johannessen, professor emeritus of biogeography at the University of Oregon, and a colleague are traveling, lecturing, and doing ongoing research in support of their recently published book, World Trade and Biological Exchanges Before 1492.

Class Secretaries: Norma Blair Connor, 30 Baywood Cir, Novato 94949, SheBear50@ comcast.net; Roger C. Thompson, 1439 Hawthorne Ter, Berkeley 94708-1803, 510/841-7817, gasroger@sbcglobal.net; Bill Woolley, 4018 Edgemont St, Boise, ID 83706, wlwandvlb@aol.com.

Residents of Sacramento Carol Lou Residents of Sacramento Laroi Lou Harkness Williams and her husband Bob have two sons and three grandsons. She and Bob have traveled a great deal but now take "one-day trips with a local tour group" and live simply. While at Cal, Carol lived at Epworth Hall and was active in Prytanean, IAWS Convention, Women's Ex Board, and Phi Chi Theta. Ron Chatham and Joan spend winters in Arizona and summers fishing off the Oregon coast. They have two daughters and one granddaughter. Ron retired after 30 years as a geography professor at Western Oregon University. At Cal, he was a member of the Elections Board, an honor student and lived in Bowles Hall. Ron would love to hear from Bowles Hall and Stern alums! Your class secretary will coordinate communications. Robert Kelgord of Carmichael serves as a consulting criminologist in Sacramento where he was the chief probation officer/county parole officer before his retirement. Sister Mark (Bea Sandy) has been involved with the largest affordable-housing development in Santa Barbara, which took more than 12 years to bring to completion.

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• Grete Lindeke Egan and Cliff '52 are celebrating the 52nd season of the Diablo Theatre Company in Walnut Creek at the Regional Center. The Eagans started the group in 1959 by gathering Cal graduates who had sung together in Glee Club and Treble Clef on campus. Grete was a producer for 23 years and is still active on the Board of Directors. Cliff, a practicing attorney in Walnut Creek, has performed in over 45 shows and served on the Board in the early years. Emanuel Williams entered the Army and served until 1981, retiring in Atlanta. After seminary at Emory University, he began clinical training in 1985 as a hospital chaplain. In 1987 he began serving as a staff chaplain until 2002 when he joined the chaplaincy department of the Assemblies of God. In 2009, he retired from full time work but still serves as a volunteer at a local hospital. He and his wife have one son and three grandchildren who live in Virginia Beach. Class Secretaries: Beth Mott, 14 Mariposa Dr, San Luis Obispo 93401, bethmott@charter.net; Oliver White, Ridgeback Rd, Carmel Valley 93924, thewhitehouse@redshift.com

The pre-UCLA game picnic at the The pre-OCLA Same F. Class of '54 Gate was smaller than usual, but heartily enjoyed by 25 '54 Bears. Bonnie Everson Kerby-Miller recruited one of her daughters to help Karl Osterloh and others get everything ready. Bonnie provided yellow chrysanthemum corsages, and Jim Griffin and Bob Collins delivered our annual posy to Mary Catherine Birgeneau at the Chancellor's house. We missed several classmates who were out of town, and most of all, we felt the absence of John Kerby-Miller, who was always with us on reunions and University occasions. Class Treasurer  $\textbf{Dave}\,\,\textbf{Francis}$  has resigned the post he held for many years, and is now Treasurer Emeritus. Dave says "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as Class Treasurer. It has been most enjoyable to work with all the leaders who put together campaigns which set a fine precedent in fund raising for UC." The account has been transferred to Vice President Bonnie Kerby-Miller; Lesley Walsh is second signer, if needed. Dave and Mary Jo, we thank you for all your help and participation in '54 events. We send you many thanks and best wishes, and look forward to hearing from you often. Professor Patrick V. Kirch, Honorary Classmate and Class of 1954 Professor of Anthropology and Integrative Biology, introduced his newly published book, How Chiefs Became Kings, at a Dec. 14 reception hosted by University Press Books. We missed Pat at our 55th reunion, when he was in the South Pacific, and send congratulations.

Class Secretaries: Donald Denton, 14039

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Claudia Mauzy Nemir recently served as Chairperson of the Board for two years and is presently the Development Chair on the Board. Vladislav Bevc has just published *The Energy Primer for Kids*, a concise volume that teaches important scientific lessons as well as how to think about science. The author hopes the book may, in at least some places, provide an antidote for the green bilge that has flooded public education. Dr. Bevc has previously published *Liberal Forces in 20th Century Yugoslavia* and *Smiling Slovenia*.

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Last November, UC Press pub- lished the first of three volumes of the Autobiography of Mark Twain which has become the largest run in UC Press history and remains in the Top 10 Seller Lists. Harriet Elinor Smith and the other editors wrote in the acknowledgements, "First and foremost we thank all the members of the University of California, Berkeley, Class of 1958 ... who have recently created an endowment of \$1 million dedicated to the Mark Twain Project. We thank each and every member of the Class for their far seeing wisdom and generosity." Over two dozen of our classmates attended a 1958 Reception at the Bancroft Library on Nov. 12 to hear Smith and two other editors provide insight into their experience of the past 44, 36, and 6 years devoted to editing the autobiography! We as a class have every reason to be proud of their accomplishment and of our continued support.

Class Secretaries: R. Scott Sherman, P.O. Box 666, Red Bluff 96080-0666, rssroots@pacbell.net; Barbara Bell Scott, 97B Frederick St, Santa Cruz 95062, barb@scottbiz.com

Gerald Frug, professor at Harvard, has become the first non-architect to win the James Stirling Lectures on the City competition, hosted by the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). To celebrate his 50th anniversary of graduation from Cal, Louis Kruger decided in a moment of geriatric bravado to take a twoweek backpacking trip in the High Sierra. The reward for this breech of sanity was a successful summit of Mt. Whitney. More importantly, he said, "you can tell the whole damn world that it is most assuredly BEAR TERRITORY." "Amped up" and revitalized, he remains steadfastly supportive of the Bancroft Library's Mark Twain Project, and all things Cal. He has summoned up the courage to dream ... Rose Bowl this century!

Class Secretaries: Gerald McFarland, 62 Shutesbury Rd, Leverett, MA 01054; Pat Kimball O'Connell, 9251 Marymount Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Shari Dunn has merged her Oakland firm, CompAnalysis, into Gallagher Benefit Services of California Insurance Services. The office will continue to operate under her leadership. Terrence Ryan has published "The Pacific Coast Lumber Trade" in the California Territorial Quarterly (Fall 2009) and "The Development of Pacific Coast Lumber Ships" in the Nautical Research Journal (September 2010). He also delivered a paper on "West Coast Seamen and Their Fight for Freedom" at the Ninth Maritime Heritage Conference (2010). He is currently writing a book on the lost dog-hole ports of the Redwood Coast.

Class Secretaries: Julia Engler, P.O. Box 336, Idleyld Park, OR, 97447, jjengler@yahoo.com; Jon Shawl, 6837 N. Lost Dutchman Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253, jon.c.shawl@gmail.com

Fresh from the success of our 40th reunion, Phil Litts has agreed to chair the 45th Reunion events once more. Please watch this column for more details. Roberta Reid Armstrong, M.A. '67. Ph.D. '71, and her husband, Mike '65, M.A. '67, Ph.D. '74, MPH '96, have returned to California. Roberta still works as a fundraiser for SUNY-Albany and Mike is retired. Both earned degrees in English and have taught and worked in higher education. She would love to hear from old friends at Armst13@aol.com. Better yet, come in person to the reunion in October!

Class Secretary: Mary Beth Mulvey Buck, P.O. Box 550, Southport, CT 06890, mabuck1@ aol.com

Class of '68 members continue to hold quarterly gatherings on Saturday mornings on campus. Don't miss the next gathering on March 12. For more information, email Cal68@blueconnect.org. Tim Comstock has published a new murder mystery thriller, Reunion in Carmel. His years as Dean of Students at California State University at Sacramento and spending a third of his life in the Carmel area add extra reality to this book. On another note, the Center on Civility & Democratic Engagement, founded by the Class of '68, at the Goldman School of Public Policy, will co-sponsor a lecture on Cal Day, April 16th. Look for details in the Cal Day campus information. The Center continues to support Cal undergraduates at the UC Center in Washington, D.C., and graduate students at the Goldman School of Public Policy during the spring 2011 semester. Fundraising for the Center is ongoing; many thanks to our classmates and others in the Cal community for their support. For more information on the Center, please visit http://gspp.berkeley.edu/ and click on the Class of '68 icon.

Class Secretary: Diane Moreland Steenman, 3956 Ruskin St, Las Vegas, NV 89147, dsteenman@aol.com

In response to my summer blurb about wanting to retire and play more bridge. David Gabriel (School of Education) wrote that he and his family moved to the south Denver suburbs from Piedmont about 18 years ago. David was quite clever with the bridge jokes but did say he was learning to play the game. He also attached a Lowell High School (SF) reunion photo with Herb Caen, our favorite columnist of the era. Richard Lyman (Dick) Wiltshire, M.S. '73, is yet another Cal alum living near Denver. He's a fifth-generation Cal grad and a thirdgeneration engineering graduate. He wrote, "I've been on ASCE's History and Heritage Committee since 2003 and have been the Colorado Section's History and Heritage Committee Chair since 2002. I worked for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in the Denver Office from 1977 until I retired in 2008 after also 4 years in the U.S. Air Force. Yup, I did Air Force ROTC at Cal-those were the days! I grew up in Berkeley, just like my mom, her brother and sister (all 3 Cal grads), and my grandmother (she and my grandfather were Cal grads—class of 1917)." The first grad, his great-great-grandmother, received her Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 1876 and an M.D. in 1878.

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Following a long career in arts management and fundraising with museums and performing arts organizations in New York and New Jersey, Patricia Egan is completing her MBA at the Lokey Graduate School of Business, Mills College, with an emphasis on audit and management. During the 2010–11 year, she has been privileged to serve as a Capital Fellow in Judicial Administration with the Planning and Research Bureau, Superior Court of California, County of Alameda. Her fellowship is part of the nationally recognized Capital Fellows Programs, administered by the Center for California Studies in Sacramento.

Class Secretaries: Jamie Wells Behrendt, P.O. Box 514, Ross 94957-0514; Karl Keller, 7504 Brentwood Dr, Stockton 95207

Where are you Class of 1980? Following a nice promotion in the advancement office at USC (What? I hope her office is not on probation like the Trojan athletic program), Associate Dean Susan Wilcox moved to Rancho Palo Verde this year. The True Blues of 1980 sat through a tough Cal football season, with most of us infants when

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a Joe Kapp-led team last went to (and lost in) the Rose Bowl in 1959. Sitting in the same section as his frat bro Mike Neal, Jeff Templin, now a dentist in Santa Rosa, was seen shaking his head and leaving the stadium in a huff to go escape through video games, just like he did in his days at Cal. Leo O'Farrell enjoyed a victory with his son Trevor and your Class Secretary and his son Tomás (who applied to Cal this year). Mike Quigley has turned into a Facebook photo-posting machine, with his travels all over the world visible online. Steve Roscow reports that he is now running 40-minute 5K fun runs, a far cry from his glory day sub-40-minute 10K races in the 1990s. Cary Zeitlin was in heaven this fall with the San Francisco Giants winning the World Series and is considering retirement from the stressful sports fan world. Larry Baer, President of the San Francisco Giants, accepted a Jefferson Award on behalf of the team in recognition for its community service.

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Most of the Class are or have turned 50 by now. And the parties have been fun! Karen Bozak Jelks is back in Davis after spending the first half of the year in Barcelona with her family. Julene Hunter is happy in her art studio in Tahoe and loved seeing Patty Preville Falconer and Carin Madden Wineman when they visited. Michelle Carmassi Taylor and Mike Taylor '81 became grandparents. Carolyn Ross is now back living in the Bay Area.

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Dr. Lucy Kerman, Ph.D., joined Drexel University as vice provost for university and community partnerships. For the past four years, Kerman has been at Philadelphia's Urban Affairs Coalition. She has also worked as a consultant on projects involving community revitalization and, in particular, the role of anchor institutions in supporting neighborhood redevelopment, housing development, and school reform and improvement.

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I am delighted to inform you that Harlene Katzman (CUNY Law School '95) was honored last November at the Sanctuary for Families Above & Beyond Pro Bono Achievement Awards & Benefit in New York City. Katzman, currently counsel at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP and former Dean of the Center for Public Interest Law at Columbia Law School, received the award

for creating and coordinating Simpson's new U Nonimmigrant Status Project for summer associates, and for representing Sanctuary clients in filing U Nonimmigrant Status petitions for domestic violence victims.

Class Secretaries: Althea Kippes, P.O. Box 2807, San Francisco 94126-2807, 415/541-5692, atkippes@alumni.haas.org

Ongratulations to Nancy Liu Chin of San Francisco who was among the many worthy female small business owners nominated for her city's 2010 Women's Initiative Women Entrepreneur of the Year. Nancy owns a speciality floral and event design studio in San Francisco. Her floral and event design work has been featured in many publications including Sunset, Martha Stewart Weddings, BRIDES, The Knot, and 7 x 7. She lives in SOMA with her husband of 10 years, Kevin Chin, and enjoys traveling, cooking, and raising her bichon frise, Chin Chin.

Class Secretary: Michelle Segal, michelle91@ cal.berkeley.edu

Scarlett Lin Gomez was named 2010 American Journal of Public Health Author of the Year 2010 by the American Public Health Association in recognition of her research article titled "Disparities in Breast Cancer Survival Among Asian Women by Ethnicity and Immigrant Status." Gomez is currently a research scientist with the Cancer Prevention Institute of California.

Class Secretary: Elizabeth Zamora-Villegas, francophile@alum.calberkeley.org

Deborah Yim and Tony Yao married June 2010 in Los Angeles. Although her husband is a proud Stanfurd Cardinal, Deborah was happy to note that Cal grads largely outnumbered any Stanfurd supporters at the wedding. Among the Cal grads in attendance were bridesmaids Claudia Natera '00 and Natasha Sung '00, Boalt '03, Deborah's brother Timothy Yim '07, Claudia Castillo '97, Allan Wong, Beatrice Telles '00, and David Gladfelter, Boalt '03. After attending UCLA Law School, Deborah went into private practice at the law firm of Buchalter Nemer and Reed Smith. She joined the Department of Justice as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Central District of California in 2007. Deborah started a children's literacy program in Pasadena, called Kids Reading to Succeed (www.kidsreadingtosucceed.org), where many Cal grads volunteer.

Class Secretaries: Paul Huang, zooropa821@ hotmail.com; Jonathan Stewart, calboy@alum. berkeley.edu; Deborah Yim, P.O. Box 80097, San Marino 91118, dyim98@gmail.com

Charles S. Patrick III of Los Angeles was recently engaged to René
N. Lumley-Hall. Charles is a Vice President in the Wealth Management Division at

Merrill Lynch. René is a Director of Global Banking at Citigroup. The couple currently resides in New York. A spring 2011 wedding is planned. Kirsten Mickelson and Cal Crew rower Filip Filipic '05 got married earlier this fall in Lake Tahoe. They live and work in San Francisco. He proposed to her while climbing Mt. Kilimajaro in Tanzania. Kirsten recently passed the CA Bar Exam and works as an associate at Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold in San Francisco.

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Cal Crew rower Filip Filipic married his college sweetheart Kirsten Mickelson '03 earlier this fall in Lake Tahoe. After leaving his home country of Serbia to row for Cal, Filip has remained in the United States working as a civil engineer in San Francisco. The couple spent their honeymoon in the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and the United Arab Emirates.

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Vincent Ferro '08 and Cheryl Pon were engaged in Nov. 2010 in Paris. Cheryl currently works in Digital Content and Commerce for Google eBooks at Google Inc., and just returned from working abroad in Europe. She is now publishing a children's book. Vincent currently works in environmental policy and management for the West Contra Costa County Integrated Waste Management Authority. Their wedding will be held in July 2011 in Ventura.

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#### **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

CAA is seeking names of outstanding alumni for consideration in the 2012 alumni awards. For more information, visit alumni.berkeley.edu/awards.

#### **CAN'T FIND YOUR SECRETARY?**

Email classnotes@alumni.berkeley.edu or call 510/642-5781 for names and contact info.

Class Secretaries: email your notes (classnotes@alumni.berkeley.edu) with "Class year" in the subject line. You can also fax them to 510/642-6252 or mail a hard copy to Class Notes, *California* magazine, CAA, 1 Alumni House, Berkeley, CA 94720-7520.

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### Richard N. Goldman '41



Richard N. Goldman '41, who gave generously to support environmental causes through the Goldman Environmental Prize and was among the University's most ardent supporters, died on November 28, 2010. His legacy of philanthropy is evident throughout the Berkeley campus, his hometown city of San Francisco, and the world.

The son of prominent lawyer and Cal alumnus Richard S. 1909, Goldman matriculated in Boalt after majoring in pre-law at Cal. But he dropped out because he could not reconcile the demands of that career with his conscience. After service in the Army during WWII, he began a career as an insurance broker. He married Rhoda Haas '45, great-grandniece of denim magnate Levi Strauss—a union that marked the beginning of a six-decade commitment to philanthropy. As he recalled to the San Francisco Chronicle in 2009, "it sounds corny, but we said we wanted to make the world a better place." In 1951, the couple established a fund bearing their names. To date, the fund has contributed more than \$680

In addition to a generous spirit, the pair also shared a love for the outdoors. The idea for the Goldman Environmental Prize came after the Exxon Valdez disaster in 1989 dumped millions of gallons of oil

off Alaska's pristine coastline. They realized there was no Nobel Prize equivalent for environmental work, so they established one of their own. Commonly called "the Green Nobel," the Goldman Prize annually awards \$150,000 to six individuals who have made a bold stand for environmental causes.

The Goldmans also deeply identified with their Jewish roots, and in 1960 visited Auschwitz. Shaken by their experience, the two expanded their philanthropic efforts to include pro-Israel causes and support the Jewish community. He gave generously to San Francisco, including helping to restore the broken-down Victorian-era Conservatory of Flowers in memory of his wife.

Despite his international prominence, Goldman kept a local focus and remained one of Cal's strongest advocates and supporters. "Richard was an invaluable adviser to me and to previous chancellors," wrote Chancellor Robert Birgeneau in an official statement. "Richard exemplified the very best of Berkeley, possessing a generosity that was boundless in spirit, practice, and impact." The Goldman Fund contributed \$15 million in combined gifts to expand the Graduate School of Public Policy, which in 1997 was renamed for him and his wife. An avid fan of the Cal Bears, Goldman contributed \$10 million towards the Student Athlete High Performance Center. In recognition of his outstanding service, the Cal Alumni Association named him the 2010 Alumnus of the Year.

He leaves behind children Susan, John, and Douglas '74; 11 grandchildren including Jason '10 and Matthew '10; and three great-grandchildren.

Robert Arnot Rice, M.A. '35, Ph.D. 34 '47, Aug. 29. After graduating from Berkeley High School, Bob attended Cal and lead the ROTC band as Drum Major for three years. He served in the Air Force during WWII. Bob then taught music in the Berkeley School District for 47 years, and eventually became head of the science department. He also helped design the Lawrence Hall of Science. He was president of the State and National Science Teachers Associations, was active in the Berkeley Kiwanis Club, and earned Cal's Benjamin Ide Wheeler award for public service. He is survived by his wife, Esther.

**39** Evelyn (Richardson) Carman, Aug. 14, in Corona del Mar. She is survived by two sons, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Edward McConnell Griffith, Oct. 14, in Hillsborough. A third-generation San Franciscan, Edward joined the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Cal. After graduation, Ted, along with his fraternity brothers, toured Europe by bicycle. He served in the Navy before returning to San Francisco, where he and his business partner refurbished historic blocks in the city. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two children; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Norman David Savinar, Oct. 19, in Portland.

As a child, Norman worked for his father's poultry business in Portland. He entered Cal on a soccer scholarship and joined the ROTC. He then served in the military as a basketball coach and worked for the Intelligence Corps. After WWII, he returned to Portland and was active in the Jewish community. In 1990, Norman married his second wife, Elaine. He is survived by Elaine, two children, and three stepchildren.

William Biggerstaff, Nov. 15, in Portola Valley. Bill was born in Berkeley in 1919. At Cal, he lettered in basketball for three years, playing against UCLA's Jackie Robinson. Upon graduating, he joined the Navy, then earned his MBA from Harvard. Bill worked in auto sales and later in banking. In 1983, Bill and two colleagues opened the Silicon Valley Bank, an investment office that serves technology firms. Bill also was a deacon in the Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; four children; and seven grandchildren.

Nathan Radin, Dec. 15, in Atlanta. Nathan graduated Chi Pi Sigma with a degree in biochemistry and then served in the Army during WWII. He earned his master's at Columbia University and his doctorate at Purdue University. His career included eight years as Chief Biochemist at the Rochester General Hospital in New York and 19

years at the Centers for Disease Control as a research clinical chemist. He is survived by his wife, Galla; two children; and two grandchildren.

42 Arline Coe Erb, Sept. 4, in Berkeley. Although born in Richmond, Arline lived most of her life in Berkeley. At Cal, she was a member of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority and participated in the Election Council and Class Committee. She was a member of the Alta Bates Volunteer Association for almost 40 years. She is survived by four children and six grandchildren.

Jeanette Ruth Harper, Jan. 2, in Auburn. At Cal, Jeanette was a member of the Women's Athletic Auxiliary and the Winter Sports Club. Her teaching career extended from southern California to Davis, where she taught physical education for 15 years. She also volunteered with the National Ski Patrol for ten years, working in Lake Tahoe. She is survived by children Carol, Alison, and Donald, Ph.D. '82; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

43 Jacob Bigeleisen, Ph.D., Aug. 7, in Arlington. Bigeleisen was a renowned chemist who worked on the Manhattan Project during WWII. He attended the University College of New York University and obtained his master's at Washington

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State University before earning his doctorate at Cal. After WWII, he held research positions at Brookhaven National Laboratory, the University of Rochester, and the State University at Stony Brook. Bigeleisen was also a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is survived by his wife, Grace; three children; and six grandchildren.

David Barrows Stewart, Oct. 1, in Pleasant Hill. Raised in Berkeley, David graduated from University High School. At Cal, he played football and rugby while pursuing a degree in history. He earned the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for service in WWII. He returned to Cal in 1959 and worked in various departments before becoming Director of Undergraduate Admissions. He also served in the Naval Reserves, retiring as a Captain in 1968. He is survived by three children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Donations can be made in his honor to the Cal Athletic Department/Bear Backers, 195 Haas Pavilion.

Wyman Leroy Taylor, April 7, 2009. Wyman was born in Alameda to two Cal alumni. After graduating Beta Theta Pi from Cal, he served in the Army aboard the USS *Maryland*. He worked for Stauffer Chemical Company for 38 years, where he eventually became Vice President, and ultimately retired as the Executive Vice President in 1983. Wyman is survived by his wife, Betty; five children; six grandchilddren; and one great-grandchild.

Margaret Ellen Wiltshire, Oct. 17, in Santa Rosa. A third generation Californian, she was born in Oakland in 1922 and grew up in Berkeley. After earning her degree from Cal as a fourth-generation graduate, Margaret taught elementary school in the Bay Area. She earned a master's degree in visually handicapped education from San Francisco State University, then taught at the California School for the Blind in Berkeley for ten years, retiring in 1976. She belonged to a number of organizations, including CAA and church and community groups. Margaret is survived by her children Richard '72, M.S. '73, and Martha and two grandchildren.

46 Daniel Halperin Kurzman, Dec. 12, in Manhattan. Dan was born in San Francisco in 1922. At Cal he wrote for *The Daily Californian* until he joined the Army in 1943. Upon his return, he completed his bachelor's degree in political science. He worked in Europe and Israel in the early 1950s and then took a job as Jerusalem correspondent for NBC News. He joined the *Washington Post* in the early 1960's and received the George K. Polk Memorial Award for foreign reporting.

The author of 17 books, Dan wrote extensive military histories about WWII and the first Arab-Israeli war. He leaves behind his brother, Calvin.

48 Jane Hohfeld Galante, M.A., Dec. 1, in San Francisco. Jane received her master's in musicology at Cal, where she was a life-long supporter of International House. She had a 40-year career as a chamber music pianist, with performances around the globe. She was a founder of the San Francisco Composers forum, a former board member of San Francisco Performances and the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music, an Honorary Trustee of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and an honorary member of Cal's Library Committee. Jane also established Galante Vineyards in her ranch in upper Carmel Valley and the Devendorf-Galante Historical Trust to which she donated a collection of documents describing the history of Carmel. Jane is survived by her husband, Clement; two sons; and seven grandchildren.

Mary Louise Wiggins Taber, Aug. 18, 2009, in Vacaville. While at Cal, Mary Louise worked at *The Daily Californian* and was a member of the Students' Cooperative Association. She returned to her hometown, Dixon, where she started Taber Income Tax with her husband, Art, and worked as a real estate agent and broker. She volunteered for her city and the state in many capacities. She is survived by three daughters and grandchildren Diego, Olivia'08, Kira, and Ariel.

50 Dorothy R. (Tennant) Harrington, Sept. 22, in Boise. Dorothy was born and raised in Long Beach. After graduation, she spent her career working for museums, including the Oakland Museum,

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Oregon Historical Society, and California State Archives, until her retirement. She is survived by three children and three grandchildren.

Dwight Harrison (Bud) Murray Jr., Nov. 16. After serving as a pharmacist's mate in the Navy, he earned his bachelor's from Cal while pursuing a private pilot's license. Bud then received his medical degree from UCSF. Throughout his career, Bud practiced medicine in Napa, taught at UCSF, served as a Battalion Surgeon in the Marines and belonged to numerous medical societies. Under Governor Reagan, he served on the California Board of Medical Quality Assurance. As the Class of 1950 President he lead the "Save Sather Gate" campaign to restore deteriorating campus landmarks. Bud is survived by his wife, Jeanne '49; two children; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

John Charles Meyer, Oct. 3, 2009, in Grass Valley. He was born in Redding as a third-generation Californian. He received his degree in between tours as a Navy yeoman. At Cal, John enjoyed attending classes and games of pick-up basketball. After graduation, he began his long, award-winning career in the insurance industry as an underwriter in Sacramento. John was active in Little League baseball, golf, and gardening. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; five children; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

51 Frederic S. Siu. Fred was a supporter of Cal's Gump Research Station on Moorea and served as President of the CAA alumni group of Tahiti, an active club with seven members who met every Friday for dinner.

52 Lucy Pfund Martell, Aug. 6, in Los Altos. Lucy was born in San Francisco and graduated from San Mateo High School. She graduated Alpha Phi from Cal, earning a bachelor's in English. As a young woman, Lucy backpacked the Sierras, traveled Europe, raced MG cars, and learned to fly. She later worked as an English teacher and as a curator at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, where she incorporated jazz into the Little Theater performances at the Legion of Honor. She also staged many symposia and classical musical concerts. She is survived by her husband, Charles; two children; and two grandchildren.

Gordon Richard Royle, July 17, in Ukiah. Dick graduated with a bachelor's in political science and received his second bachelor's in business administration in 1958. He served as a lieutenant in the Army between 1952 and 1954 and also worked with the

Department of Defense between 1960 and 1987. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, and two children.

Robert Claire Smale, Nov. 9, Woodland Hills. Bob was born in Oakland and began playing piano at the age of 4. At Cal, he earned his degree in music with honors, and received his teaching credentials in 1954. He joined the Army, where he played in a jazz combo. After performing at various clubs in the Bay Area, he was hired as an accompanistdirector and composer. He was discovered by the Mary Kaye Trio and then composed for The Donald O'Connor Show in Hollywood. Throughout the years, Bob played for many television shows including Andy Griffith's and composed for Nancy Livingston, among others. He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Ted W. Nelson, Nov. 8, in Seattle. Ted graduated as a member of the Acacia fraternity with a degree in forestry from Cal. After spending two years in the Army, he went on to receive his master's at the University of Michigan. Ted worked at a logging camp near Mt. Lassen, where he became the resident forester. He later moved to Washington and traveled the world selling lumber. Ted was a member of the Tacoma Yacht Club, and enjoyed skiing and authoring nonfiction books with his wife. He is survived by his wife, Sharlene.

55 Frances (von Geldern) Moore, Aug. 18, in Woodland. At Cal, she belonged to the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. She is survived by daughters Sheila '79 and Carol and one grandson.

Deborah Willey McCabe, Nov. 13, in Orinda. Deborah attended Piedmont High School before coming to Cal, where she majored in rhetoric. She later earned her master's in special education at Holy Names University. She worked as an educational therapist, and sang in many choirs, including to patients at the Fairmont Hospital. She loved to read, write poetry, and cook. Deborah is survived by her husband, Eugene; two children; and five grandchildren.

Mike Storm, Oct. 16, in Salinas. Mike was born in 1937 and graduated from Salinas High School. After graduating from Cal with a degree in agriculture business, he served two years in the Army. Over the course of his career, Mike founded three businesses. He also participated in various community activities including the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Board and Salinas Rotary. He was an avid supporter of Cal Athletics, a

#### Albert Ghiorso '37

**Albert Ghiorso '37,** a master engineer who developed specialized equipment to detect and identify radiation, died in his Berkeley home on December 26. A core member of Berkeley's "Rad Lab," he had a hand in the discovery of 12 elements—more than any other scientist.

Ghiorso was born in Vallejo in 1915 and grew up in Alameda. He showed an interest and aptitude for electronics at an early age—as a teenager, he tinkered with radio circuits.



Though his father pressured him to become a lawyer, Ghiorso earned a scholarship to study electrical engineering at Cal. After graduation, he worked odd jobs before returning to Cal, where he was tasked with wiring Geiger counters. "I was not told it would be necessary to build hundreds of these devices for Professor Glenn T. Seaborg's group," Ghiorso later joked. It wasn't all drudgery, however—during one of his wiring projects he met his future wife, Wilma Belt, one of the Rad Lab secretaries.

He also caught the attention of Seaborg, who invited him to work on the Manhattan Project. Ghiorso agreed—provided he wouldn't have to wire any more Geiger counters. Instead, he began to invent increasingly sensitive devices to detect nuclear radiation, and so embarked on the career that would make him famous.

By the mid 1950s, Ghiorso, working in collaboration with Seaborg, had helped discover five elements at Berkeley Lab. By then, the scientists realized they would need better accelerators to discover more elements. Ghiorso headed the team that would design the Berkeley Heavy Ion Accelerator, or HILAC, which would enable the team to discover an additional five elements.

Ghiorso retired from Berkeley in the 1980s, but continued work at the lab until well into his 90s. During his 50-year career, he authored 130 scientific papers, a mark of his prolific and wide-reaching achievement. "Time and again, Ghiorso produced an idea of uncommon reach, arguing against skeptics that it could be done, and then doing it," said Andrew Sessler, who directed Berkeley Lab 1973–80.

He is survived by his son, William Belt Ghiorso, who follows in his father's footsteps as an engineer at Berkeley Lab; and his daughter, Kristine Pixton.

CAA life member, and a Bear Backer donor. Mike served on the Incentive Awards Committee for six years and was also a member of the Beta House and Skull & Keys, among other groups. He is survived by his wife, Sandy '61; children Scott, Sue '86, and Gary '92; and five grandchildren.

Richard Carl Morey, M.A., Ph.D. '65, Sept. 29. After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Syracuse University, Richard attended Cal to earn his master's and doctorate in operations research. He then taught at the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University and traveled around the world, teaching in Australia, France, and Dubai. He was an avid bridge and tennis player, and was passionate about music. He is survived by five children and many grandchildren.

66 Diana L. Delucchi Cox, July 3, in Merced. Diana was born in Modesto and raised in Stockton. At Cal, she was a member of many organizations, including

Sigma Kappa. Diana earned her teaching credential from the University of the Pacific, then taught first grade students at John Muir School for the next 26 years. Diana was an active volunteer in establishing the UC campus at Merced. She is survived by a large extended family.

67 Shirley J. Turner, Dec. 18, in Tahoe City. Shirley taught in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District for 24 years. She was a founding member of Bears in the Woods, a Cal alumni club at Lake Tahoe. The club has named its annual Freshman Scholarship Award for Shirley in honor of her years of work with scholarship recipients and her dedication to Cal and all young people. She is survived by her husband of 44 years, R. Edmund Turner '68, and two children.

86 John Lawrence Maffeo, June 28, in Fresno. Born in Berkeley, he earned his biology degree from Cal with high honors.

John also attended Loyola University Medical School and completed Internal Medicine residency at UCSF-Fresno. He then moved to the Central Valley and spent his career providing quality health care service to the medically underserved. His vision led to the establishment of the Health Care for the Homeless Program and the Behavioral Health Program in Fresno. Most recently, he served as CEO of Sequoia Community Health Centers. He was a passionate Cal Bears fan and enjoyed collecting Cal sports memorabilia. He is survived by his wife, Marleen, and two children.

Matthew Margolin, Sept. 24, in Oakland. After college, Matthew remained in the Bay Area, playing as a guitarist for the Smokin' Rhythm Prawns and Black Kali Ma. He also worked for the Associated Press covering Bay Area sports and as an editor of technology-related articles. Matthew believed that communication should be accessible to all. He provided technology planning and training to the Kingdom of Tonga and co-founded the Humboldt Institute of Technology. He is survived by his partner, Michele, and his extended family.

Albern Patrick Sayo Yolo, May 12, 📘 in Orange. Albern had a passion for music, sports, peace and justice issues, and sustainable architecture. After earning his bachelor's degree in architecture, he worked for 16 years as a designer at Bassenian Lagoni Architects, MVE Institutional, KTGY Group, and QQ Design. He is survived by his wife, Andrea, and two daughters.

**5** Cary Dwight Chiappone, Oct. 13. Cary was born in Berkeley in 1972 to alumni parents and graduated from Acalanes

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### **Faculty/Staff:**

Jerrold Eldon Marsden, Sept. 21, in Pasadena. Marsden was born in 1942 in British Columbia and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1965 with a bachelor's in mathematics. He subsequently earned a doctorate in applied mathematics from Princeton University. Jerrold joined the Cal faculty in 1968. Then in 1992, he joined the staff of the California Institute of Technology as a Fairchild Distinguished Scholar. He was appointed professor of control and dynamical systems and in 2003, he was named the Carl F. Braun professor of Engineering, Control and Dynamical Systems and Applied and Computational Mathematics. Marsden was considered one of the world's leading experts in mathematical and theoretical mechanics. His research led to developments in various fields, including spacecraft mission design, leading him to publish six undergraduate math textbooks. Marsden also helped found and served as director of the Fields Institute, a mathematical research facility at the University of Toronto. Marsden received numerous other honors including two Humboldt Prizes, a Fairchild Fellowship, and the United Technologies Research Award. In 2006, he received an honorary doctorate from the University of Surrey and was elected a fellow of the Royal Society. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two children; and two grandchildren.

Charles Desoer, Nov. 1, in Oakland. Professor emeritus of electrical engineering and computer sciences, Desoer conducted research on circuits and control systems that have helped advance aerospace, transportation, and other technologies. Born in Brussels on Jan. 11, 1926, he joined the Belgium Resistance during WWII. After the war, he earned a degree in radio engineering then moved to the United States to earn a Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He worked at Bell Labs for five years before joining the faculty at Cal, where he worked until retiring in 1993. He wrote more than 100 journal articles as well as a series of textbooks now considered to be standards. Among his numerous awards are a Guggenheim Fellowship, Cal's Distinguished Teaching Award, and the

Berkeley Citation. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; three children; and two granddaughters. Gifts can be sent to the Charles A. Desoer Chair, College of Engineering, 208 McLaughlin Hall #1722.

Burton Benedict, Sept. 19, in Berkeley. Benedict, former director of the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology, was awarded the Berkeley Citation, Cal's greatest honor. He joined the faculty of Cal, where he taught social anthropology, in 1968. In 1984, he was appointed associate director of the Hearst Museum, then served as its director from 1989 to 1994. One of his most successful exhibits was the 1982 exhibit of the SF Pan-Pacific world's fair of 1915. He later wrote a book and produced a documentary based on the exhibit. Benedict also served as chair of Cal's anthropology department, and was the first dean of social sciences for the College of Letters and Sciences. After his retirement, he became a docent at the Hearst and a trustee of the Oakland Zoo, where he created an exhibit of early hominids. He is survived by his wife, Marion, and two daughters.

Susanna Barrows, Oct. 27, in Berkeley. A professor of modern French history, Barrows was a prize-winning book author, and a beloved mentor to her graduate students. Her research focused on discovering history through the voices of the people who lived it, seeking out graffiti, police records, and other minutiae as sources. Barrows earned degrees from Smith College, Indiana University, and Yale University. She joined Cal's faculty in 1981, becoming full professor in 1992, and retiring in 2010. She received a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Sarlo Distinguished Graduate Student Mentoring Award. She is survived by her daughter, Alexandra.