

# The Perpetual Light

Presented to graduates, friends and supporters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

## OLPH PRINCIPAL BILL KOVACICH WINS JAMES COSTELLO AWARD

By Vice Principal Sheila Ortega



When he took over as OLPH Principal 5 years ago, Mr. Kovacich established an award to recognize members of the school community who have significantly contributed in various ways to the students of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He titled the award the James Costello Service to Students Award, named after our previous beloved principal.

Traditionally, this award is given out by Mr. Kovacich himself, but this year, on behalf of our pastor Father Petilla and Development Director Ed Mahoney, I asked if he would allow us to do the presentation. Being the tolerant person that he is, he agreed. Substantial contributions made by the recipient of this reward have had a direct impact on the students of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

Over the course of 5 years, this recipient has had the foresight to hire a development director, allowing us an opportunity to reconnect with and involve our Alumni. He organizes and runs our annual Auction Dinner, which is largely supported by our alums, and funds generated from it are used for school improvement projects. He refurbished our school cafeteria and established Alumni Hall to commemorate all those who have previously walked the hallowed halls of OLPH.

Although he manages the day-to-day operations of the school from his office, his leadership role is far more significant with the students themselves. This hard-working individual: 1) teaches 8th grade English; 2) writes, directs and produces an annual school play; 3) allocates funds to keep our technology program and curriculum up to date; and, 4) works with Student Council and students one-on-one when needed.

This year OLPH is acknowledging its 75th year of Catholic Education. In order to celebrate this special occasion, our recipient established the "Diamond Scholarship Campaign". The goal of the campaign is to raise \$75,000 to be used for scholarship assistance. With his perseverance we have already managed to come close to reaching our goal.

People may not realize that a principal's job can sometimes be a thankless one. Today, principals are called upon to be accountants, business managers, recruitment specialists and serve on development committees. We are lucky that our principal places his greatest emphasis on the students themselves. For all he has done for OLPH, we take great pride in presenting Principal Bill Kovacich with this year's much-deserved James Costello Service to Students Award.



Principal Bill Kovacich,  
and James Costello

## 2008 OLPH COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

By Ed Mahoney '61, OLPH Development Director

**Bob Brugioni**, who graduated from OLPH in 1953, was recently chosen by the OLPH Administration to receive the 2008 OLPH Community Service Award. In recognition of the extra efforts Bob has made to give back to his Alma Mater in a variety of ways, it was determined that he was the person most deserving of receiving this year's award. Bob's generous personal contributions, as well as those which he has arranged from First National Bank of Northern California and City Toyota, have provided a sizeable increase to the ongoing OLPH Building Fund.

When it was brought to our attention years ago that Bob had specialized talents in plumbing and particularly boiler systems (our 60-year old boiler was beginning to act its age), we contacted him and he immediately came out to lend his advice and guidance, saving us unknown charges for plumbing fees and the like. Bob's participation, and that of his family and friends, including his recently-deceased brother, Alumnus **Ron Brugioni '55**, in our annual March Auction/Dinner Fundraisers added greatly to our profits for the evening, all of which go directly back into the OLPH coffers.

An early interest in attending reunions of the OLPH Class of 1953 was clear evidence of Bob's heartfelt connection with his Alma Mater going back many years, when he was juggling his education at Jefferson High School with full-time plus employment at his uncle Frank Gigli's plumbing business in Daly City. Bob still managed to carry on a full-time relationship with the love of his life, his wife Linda Bertucci, and to enjoy his and his brother Ron's hobby of vintage stock car racing and showing, as well as being a member of Jeff's Varsity Swim Team.

It is with sincere gratitude that we present Bob with this, the most prestigious award that can be given to an Our Lady of Perpetual Help Alumnus. Bob was presented with the 2008 OLPH Community Service Award during the OLPH Class of 2008 Graduation and Awards presentation ceremony in The Church on Friday, May 30, 2008. Once again, congratulations to Bob on his award and a very sincere thank you for his unselfish devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.



Principal Bill Kovacich,  
Bob Brugioni '53  
and Ed Mahoney '61

***Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
4th Auction/Dinner Fundraiser  
a Huge Success***

Saturday, March 1, 2008  
Alumni Hall  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Thanks to a collaboration of the Development Department, the administration, faculty, staff, students and parents of OLPH, a very successful auction/dinner fundraiser held on Saturday, March 1st netted profits approaching \$20,000.

Besides the usual silent and oral auctions, delightful food and cash raffle, there were also 2 class reunions staged that evening. The "Golden Class" of 1958 celebrated its 50th year since graduation from OLPH and was presented with "Golden Diplomas" to commemorate this distinction. 35 years after the fact, the class of 1973 also gathered to celebrate this milestone in their educational history.

There were over 225 guests on hand for dinner, including almost 100 graduates, and the event was hailed as the most successful since its inception in 2004. The tradition will continue next year on Saturday, March 7th, 2009

**Class of 1973**

***Reunites at OLPH on March 1, 2008***

—By **Douglas Clark '73**

It's hard to believe that 35 years have passed since our class left OLPH. Nine graduates of the Class of 1973 attended this year's Alumni dinner in the cafeteria, now known as "Alumni Hall." When you walk into the school, it is amazing to see how it looks the same, but remarkable to think that in all that time not much had changed. The Alumni Association is working to change that, and our participation will help.

But unlike the school, the rest of us have had some changes. A few of us are a little heavier, some lighter; some are grey, some are not. You really wouldn't recognize a few, while others seem to not have changed at all. No matter what, we all reconnected as if we had left only yesterday. It was a fun evening to catch up on our lives, what we have been up to since leaving the Top of the Hill, and to think back on some of the things we did back in the day.

We're hoping to get a larger group together some time very soon. Classmates who attended the dinner were **Tim Brown, Vilma Carballido (Tentnowski), Annette Cardenti (Bianco), Doug Clark, Jim Flaherty, Kevin Garvin, Lynda Pacheco (Montiel), Ellis Paz and Jeanette Pineda (Montufar).**

**50 YEARS AND COUNTING...**

**CLASS OF 1958 GETS GOLDEN DIPLOMAS**

By **Olivia (Fontana '58) Aquino and Mike Stanley '58**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School recently honored nine of its Class of 1958 graduates at the annual fund raiser/dinner in Alumni Hall. To our surprise, current Principal, Bill Kovacich, presented us with very special diplomas to commemorate 50 years. Many remembered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange who taught us, along with the friendships we shared, some of which have continued right up to the present. **Mike Stanley '58** had another memory: "Slapped on the knuckles with a wire-edged ruler for talking, having to stay after school and pound the chalk dust off the erasers on the playground asphalt, those were the days."

Alumni Hall served many purposes. It was our cafeteria, theater, bazaar and Bingo Hall, to name a few. We each have our memories of OLPH. The 1950's were a great time to be in grammar school. Life was simple. It was a time of respect, innocence, walking to school by yourself and being grateful for what you had. Some very special people should be mentioned here--our parents, many of whom struggled and sacrificed to put us through Catholic school. Many families had 3, 4 or more children to raise. Through their sacrifices we achieved many goals. They may not have been standing there with us this past March evening, as they did on June 12, 1958, but I know many were looking down, smiling and applauding proudly from above.



**CLASS OF 1958** (left to right) **Mike Stanley, Ruth (Shea) Schroeder, Maria (Montalvo) Casazza, Jim Kollman, Charleen (Maschinot) Hurton, Terry Irwin, Jim Green, Olivia (Fontana) Aquino, Bob DeGroot, Dave Garcia** (not pictured)

**CLASS OF 1973**  
(back row) **Ellis Paz, Jim Flaherty, Annette (Cardenti) Bianco, Kevin Garvin, Doug Clark,**  
(Not in photo) **Tim Brown,**  
(front row) **Vilma (Carballido) Tentnowski, Jeanette (Pineda) Montufar, Lynda (Pacheco) Montiel**



# GUESS WHO CAME TO DINNER?

Alumni who attended OLPH "Diamond Jubilee" Annual Dinner and Auction on March 1, 2008

**1940's** Elsie (Belli '40) Tonelli • Marjorie (Schreiber '40) McHugh\* • Rhodie (Sutherland '43) Valente (Alumna, Parent, OLPH staff --retired) • William Drury '45 • Nancy (Drury '45) Sulpizio • Allen Menicucci '45\* • Lanty Molloy '47\* • Grace (Menicucci '49) Lyons • Judy (Menicucci '47) Murolo

**1950's** Tom Menicucci '50\* • Donald Ray '50 • Vern Waligora '51 • Don Monson '51 • Roger Gordon '51 • Anne (Nolan '51) Dowd • Sheila (Sullivan '51) Castagnetto • Tom Ryan '51 • Frank Cirimele '51 • Janet (Cirimele '51) Bosma • Joyce (Webb '52) Dineen • Marianne Petroni '52 • Michael Ryan '53\* • Peter Soto '53 • Bob Nunes '53 • Robert Brugioni '53 • Arleen (Kordoules '53) Russi\* • Mike Nolan '56 • John Mahoney '56 • Cecilia (Drury '56) Smith • Rich Rider '57 • Bob DeGroot '58 • James Green '58 • Ruth (Shea '58) Schroeder • Jim Kollman '58 • Olivia (Fontana '58) Aquino • David Garcia '58\* • Mike Stanley '58 • Terry Irwin '58 • Charleen (Maschinot '58) Hurton • Maria (Montalvo '58) Casazza • Father Joe Gordon '59 • Kathleen (Carroll '59) Nibbi • William Bruening '59

**1960's** Betty Rider '60 • Kathleen (daRoza '61) O'Rourke • Dona (Pesino '61) Edlund • Ed Mahoney '61 • Judy (Pearlman '61) Shelver • John Quezada '61 • Mike Shea '61 • Margie

(Muela '61) Eriksson\* • Gerry Nolan '61 • Bob Konevich '62 • Bob Reese '62 • Barbara (Gonzales '62) Moroney • Nadine (Mignault '63) Goyhenetche • Ramona Spinetti '64 • Noelle (Clark '64) Bianchi • Kathy (Harrison '64) Duffy • Rich Hall '64 • Barbara (Senkir '64) Hall • Tom Neary '65 • James McGuire '65 • Brian Stanley '65 • Judy (Hastings '65) Stuber • John Shea '65 • Linda Kleinheinz '65 • Dennis Pustelnik '69

**1970's** Cathy (Ferrari '70) Lagomarsino • John McGuire '70\* • Janine (Mignault '70) Greenwald • Karen Pacheco '71 • Jayne Ferrari '72 • Lynda (Pacheco '73) Montiel • Vilma (Carballido '73) Tentnowski • Annette (Cardenti '73) Bianco • Timothy Brown '73 • Jeanette (Pineda '73) Montufar • Jim Flaherty '73 • Douglas Clark '73 • Kevin Garvin '73 • Ellis Paz '73 • Heidi (Bella '74) Caparro • Corinne (Francisco '74) Bosa • Mark Stanley '74 • John Ferrari '76\* • Michelle (Correa '77) Nunez • Caren (Ferrari '78) Severi (Alumna and OLPH Parent)

**SPECIAL GUESTS** Sister Rita Marie Kropp, CSJO • Sister Mary Rogers, CSJO, taught at OLPH in the '70's • Mr. James Costello, Principal of OLPH from 1986-2003 • Honorable Carol Klatt Mayor and City Council Member, Daly City (OLPH parent-70's) • Ms. Marianne Petroni '52, Jefferson Elementary School Board member • Mrs. Betty O'Connor (former teacher at OLPH and mother of two alumnae) • The Ferrari Family, ASF Electric, Daly City • Mrs. Joan Martin (mother of 10 OLPH grads)



**1958 Alumna Olivia (Fontana) Aquino** receives her "Golden Diploma" from Development Director **Ed Mahoney '61**



**Sr. Rita Marie Kropp, CSJO - OLPH teacher 1939-43 and Principal and teacher from 1960 to 1966** was one of the revered guests

• The Ferrari Family, ASF Electric, Daly City • Mrs. Joan Martin (mother of 10 OLPH grads)



**Jayne (Ferrari '72) Ferrari** and her husband **Jim**, enjoying the March auction and dinner. *That's right - a Ferrari married a Ferrari!*

\* indicates unable to attend



**Sheila (Sullivan) Castagnetto '51** and **Roger Gordon '51** perusing auction items

**"You Go, Girls!"** **Caren (Ferrari '78) Severi, Janine (Mignault '70) Greenwald** and **Cathy (Ferrari '70) Lagomarsino** re-kindle lifelong friendships at the March fundraiser



# Notes from past grads...

Congratulations to OLPH 4th grade teacher, Amelia Axler, on her reception of the 2008 San Francisco State University "Golden Torch Award," honoring her extraordinary contributions of time and energy to further the causes of the SF State Alumni Association. We're very proud of you, Amelia.

'45 **SISTER ADELE MARIE (Betty Korhummel)** after being in education for some 44 years, is currently serving as the Archivist for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange in Southern California. Unable to attend the March fundraiser, Sister Adele Marie nevertheless sent up some photos from 1945 with Sr. Rita Marie and Sr. Mary Rogers. She appreciates receiving "The Perpetual Light" and immediately places an extra copy into the CSJO Archives. Betty has lovely memories of growing up on Shakespeare Street in Daly City (see story on page 5) with Betty Curtin, Betty Geoghegan and the Nolan Family.



'45 Sister Adele Marie, CSJO

'47 **FRANK KORHUMMEL**, Betty's younger brother, lives in Coeur d'Alene, ID with his wife Missy. He has 5 children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

**DON MONSON** ("woulda been '51") remembers his classmate, **Brendan O'Sullivan** had an "angelic singing voice. He sang one time over at the Elk's Hall (San Jose and Shakespeare Streets) and literally brought down the house! It would have been 1944 or 1945."

**ELEANOR KORHUMMEL STRAUBEL**, who would have graduated in 1954, lives in Redwood City with her husband, Frank. They have 2 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

'61 **GERRY NOLAN**, after working with helicopters and other flying machines in the US Army for 30 years has taken up this hobby in his community in Rio Vista. Gerry is one of the coordinators of "Wings and Wheels" Airport Day at the Rio Vista Airport. For more info, call (707) 374-5318 or go to [www.oscar88.org](http://www.oscar88.org).

'69 **RICK PACHECO** is feverishly organizing a 40-year reunion for his class of 1969. They are about ready for their first organizing meeting, and have already started discussing potential dates and locations for the big event. Rick went on to Riordan High School upon graduation from OLPH (Class President at Riordan) and, even though he moved down to San Diego for several years, left his heart and love in the Bay Area. He is anxious to reunite with as many of his '69 classmates as possible. Email: [rickpacheco@hotmail.com](mailto:rickpacheco@hotmail.com)

'73 **TIM BROWN** sent in some nice comments after his 35th-year class reunion, celebrated at the March 1, 2008 OLPH Auction-Dinner. "It was great to see a lot of the people we had spent so much time with, knowing each other was doing well and just to rehash old stories about our days at OLPH. We may have had a lousy baseball team and just as bad a basketball team, but none of those other teams had the closeness that we shared last Saturday night. I don't think many other schools had the camaraderie that we shared, then and now. It was like we just picked up where we left off. OLPH built our foundations."



'73 Tim and Mary Brown

'97 **KIM TERNATE** is a Registered Nurse at Fort Miley Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco, working in the Oncology Department. She recently became engaged to a wonderful young man and she will be moving to Boston, where he is a practicing Doctor at Harvard University Hospital.

'00 **LAUREN SANCHEZ** has been on a very busy educational track since leaving OLPH. She graduated in 2004 from UCLA with a BS in Molecular, Cell and Developmental Biology, followed by an MA in the same field. In the Fall, she will be attending UC Irvine as part of their MD/PhD program. Congratulations, Lauren!

'00 **VALERIE SANTOS** recently graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Ethnic Studies.

'02 **REX BROWN JR.** and **ANTHONY GUEVARA** will host a basketball fundraiser for the OLPH athletic department on July 17th. Please call (415) 963-1051 or (415) 305-1527 for more info. Website: [www.baskets4hope.org](http://www.baskets4hope.org)

'04 **CHISTOPHER ESPINEDA** and **MICHAEL LIM** both graduated from Archbishop Riordan High School with the class of 2008 and will be attending University of San Francisco on scholarships in the Fall, participating in the Nursing program.

'04 **MARIA GERONIMO** was Valedictorian for this year's graduating class at Mercy Burlingame. She will be attending UC Davis in the Fall, pursuing a pre-med course of studies.

'04 **STEVEN GOROSPE** will be attending University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA) beginning in Fall, 2008. Steve graduated 4th in his class from Sacred Heart/Cathedral Prep this year.

'04 **CHESTER TARUSAN** was a member of the 2008 graduating class from Archbishop Riordan High School.

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** Ria Aquino '06 announces the upcoming OLPH Parish Youth Ministry "Night in the Islands" social event on Saturday, July 26th, from 6pm to 11pm. Tickets are \$15 pre-sale (ends July 12th) and \$20 at the door. For tickets and more info, contact Youth Director Sister Loa at (650) 271-6356.

# Shakespeare Street

By **Gerry Nolan '61**, with input from **Annette (Cardenti '73) Bianco**  
and **Betty Korhummel '45** (Sr. Adele Marie-CSJO Archivist, Orange, CA)

The streets that were an integral part of Original Daly City and housed our beloved grammar school's families are numerous, Shakespeare Street being one of the more notable. Family names which come to mind that had a connection to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and School and who lived on Shakespeare as far back as the 1930's through the 1970's are **Korhummel, Cardenti, Nolan, Pardini, Curtin, Powell, Machado, Rossetti, Cardellini, McGuigan, Carrington, Powers and Hall** ("Bridge Families"), **Zolan, Peterson, Geoghegan** and many more.



**Frankie Cardenti '54** stands with his scooter in front of family's Shakespeare Grocery

Shakespeare street was at the northwestern "Top-of-the-Hill," along with the "Daly City Record" newspaper printing offices, the original home of John Marchbanks, Donahue Car Repair, Lewkowitz Gas Station, the infamous Daly City Cigar Store, the F.O.E. (Fraternal Order of Elks), DiAntonio Car Repair, Bank of America, the 14 Mission Muni turnaround and the Daly City Theater.

OLPH had a flagpole and each day all classes recited the Pledge of Allegiance in concert in the playground to start the school day. Patriotism was ingrained and important. Historically memorable events on Shakespeare St. itself were not many, although family patriarch and occasional Daly City B of A Manager Ed Nolan told his family that August 1942 was significant. World War II was underway at that time and "blackout curtains" were a reality in Daly City. When a Navy patrol blimp broke loose and drifted by Shakespeare St. one day, on its way to the eventual crash site up on Bellevue Avenue, Mr.

Nolan said you could touch the mooring lines it was so close. The circumstances of this incident are sketchy. The crew was never found and a recent piece on "The History Channel" failed to turn up any new evidence.

Kite Hill. What a dream to grow up in a city the size of Daly City and only one block from neighboring San Francisco. We had our own hill for flying kites and sliding down the hillside on cardboard boxes supplied by the Shakespeare Grocery and Matthew's TV and Appliance Mart. Was that ever fun!

Then somebody came and built houses on our hill.

Nino and Marina **Cardenti** (Parents of **Frankie '54, Gloria '61, Annette '73**) played a huge role in Shakespeare St. and the Daly City Communities, by operating the Shakespeare Grocery. As pictured above, the store became the focal point for other OLPH families from Bepler, Flournoy, Vendome and Rhine streets with names such as **Bendik, Quezada, Martin, Reese, Bruening, Dziacko and DeGroot**. Nino was the first employer for many neighborhood kids, who would break down the cardboard boxes and stack the beverage bottles.

Shakespeare Street was the only street in Daly City with a bridge, which was not really a bridge. But we called it a bridge and that was all that mattered. Those families that lived on the bridge on Shakespeare St. probably had the unique distinction of being the only people in the world living on a bridge, even though it was not a bridge. We knew those families well-they were the Shakespeare Street bridge people.

Living so close to San Francisco sometimes was not in our best interests. **David Powell '55** recalls the time a house burned out of control while the San Francisco Fire Department crew from Broad Street argued with the Daly City Fire Department over who had jurisdiction.

Shakespeare Street was also known as a place where red wine was made in some basements in big wooden vats which, when bottling was completed, were used by some of the kids as swimming pools. Cliff Linhares, the OLPH custodian ("janitor" we called him back then) lived on Shakespeare Street for over 40 years. And across the street next to the Nolan Family's house at 64 Shakespeare Street lived Cliff's brother Art, a Daly City policeman. Many people over the years would ask why that police car was always parked there and now you know why. Other Linhares Family OLPH grads included **Roderick '41** (recently retired as Principal from Pacifica School District), **Leslie '44** (later a teacher at OLPH) and **Diane (Linhares '51) Wood**.

Shakespeare Street in Daly City was not a bad place to grow up. Even if you lived on the bridge that wasn't

# OLPH Web Sites, Class Blogs & E-Mail Contacts

## OLPH GENERAL CONTACTS

OLPH Website [www.olphdc.org](http://www.olphdc.org)

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1959

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Kathy (Carroll) Nibbi '59 [Kathien@aol.com](mailto:Kathien@aol.com)

1961

Gerry Nolan [GerryNolan@aol.com](mailto:GerryNolan@aol.com)

John Quezada [johnquezada@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnquezada@sbcglobal.net)

1969

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1973

(Jim Flaherty)

[http://jimsjoint.typepad.com/olph\\_class\\_of\\_1973](http://jimsjoint.typepad.com/olph_class_of_1973)

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is an exciting time for the OLPH Class of 1969. Next year marks the 40th anniversary of our graduation. Through networking and utilizing the power of the Internet, we have been able to find over 20 of our classmates from all corners of the country in just a little over four weeks time. For some of us, it is the very first contact since our OLPH Graduation .

Those looking forward to the long awaited return to the Top of the Hill include ....Our ladies .....**Nisa Monterrey-Valcazar, Denise Norwood-Denike, Twila Foster, Cathy Fesinmeyer-Verette, Patti Pacini-Spinetti, Susan Sanz-Radiotes, Darlene Solem-Dinius, and Carol Sharp.** Classmates from earlier years include **Donna McCurdy-Abrahamsohn** and **Maureen Palma-Dziacko.** We are hoping that **Jean Hopman** can clear her schedule and make it out from Chicago to join us.

Men from our class include **John Sawyer, Wayne Bascom, Gary Aguiar, Brendan Rocks, Peter J. Martin, Rick Siordia, Dennis Pustelnik, Russell Wertenberg** and two of our Sports Program participants **Paul Groft** and **Dan Cross.**

We have set up a Blog Site for our fellow Alums to stay in contact and post stories of some of our more memorable moments. The site is ...<http://olphalum1969.blogspot.com>....We look forward to the day when all Alums, past, present and future, are able to share and stay connected through the OLPH website. The years 1960 through 1969 were some of the best times for our graduating class. The stories bear this out.

As the saying goes " Once an OLPH Alum, Always an OLPH Alum. " We are all looking forward to " The Event " in 2009.

— **Rick Pacheco '69** ~ OLPH Class President

## TAKING THINGS FOR GRANTED

When it comes to funding education at Catholic elementary schools in San Mateo County, people seem to have several misconceptions.

Some of these misconceptions are:

- 1) That federal and state taxes help to pay the costs of Catholic education (they don't!);
- 2) That the Archdiocese supports the schools (only in a limited sense, the vast majority of fundraising is strictly the school's responsibility);
- 3) When a school is allied with a church, the church supports the school. (Again, only in a very limited sense, with second collections, etc.)
- 4) That grants from private foundations and philanthropists are automatically presented to chosen schools every year (false: someone must take the initiative to write to these foundations and request help in financing the school budgets for the year.)

Thanks to the efforts of Principal Bill Kovacich, VP Sheila Ortega and 8th grade teacher Mary Lucett, OLPH has received grants totaling over \$75,000 in the past 3 years from the following foundations: Gellert Foundation, Darling Foundation and Basic Fund.

Contact the Development Office if you would be willing to help out on fundraising by contacting foundations, businesses, private donors and/or charities. Talk to your employers' Human Resources Department today to find out if they offer a "MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM," whereby any money you donate to OLPH is doubled by your employer.

### OLPH STUDENTS DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP!

**2008-2009 OLPH Tuition:**

**1 child = \$4,250 + \$200 registration = \$4,450**



**OLPH ANTICS on the HILL**  
Starting bottom row L-R  
**Peter J. Martin, Paul McCoy,**  
**Rene Garcia** Second Row L-  
R **Rick Pacheco, Dave Galli**  
Top Guy **Rick Siordia**

# Where Are They Now???

## AN OLPH LOVE STORY —FORTY YEARS LATER, ROMANCE BLOOMS!

By Linda Kleinheinz '65

**John Shea '65** and I attended OLPH in the same class for 8 years. We barely spoke a word to each other. John says he didn't even know what my voice sounded like. We both lived in Daly City, a block away, but never saw each other going or coming from school; never saw each other on the weekends. In those days my parents did not want us kids playing or talking to the boys from school. We both attended Jefferson High School. John said he remembers saying "Hi" to me one time in all the years we were at Jeff.

I moved away to San Diego for parents' home on Hanover Street in Daly City Burlington Police Department and is now a Francisco Sheriff's Department.

My brother **Billy Kleinheinz '66** Dance last March 3, 2007. I did not even event. Billy had already purchased the tickets.

I'll shorten this story a little. I dance. After about a half hour I saw John's each other. I work at the Daly City Fire there for about 13 years until Mike retired. came over and said "Hi". We talked for a few minutes then went our separate ways to our dinner tables.

After dinner, John came over to our table and said hello again. My sister-in-law Jolene asked John to join us at our table for a glass of wine. John sat down and started visiting with us and never left the table.

The evening was coming to an end. My brother Billy handed me a pen. I said what is that for? He said for you to give John your phone number so he can call you for a date. Billy said this in front of John. I was so embarrassed. Billy and Jolene both really liked John and they thought we would make a cute couple. My good old brother, always looking out for his sister. I did give John my phone number and he called me the next day. John asked me out to dinner and we have been dating ever since.

On Christmas Eve John presented me with a gorgeous diamond engagement ring and asked me to marry him. I was shocked. Of course I said "Yes" and we are planning a summer wedding this year. Yes, this year!

I know John and I will live happy ever after. If it had not been for my brother giving me that pen, who knows? If I had decided not to go to the dance, who knows? I guess we were meant to be together. It's just too bad it has taken us so many years to find each other again after graduation.

And if it had not been for the OLPH dinner March 3, 2007, we probably would not be spending the rest of our lives together!



about 20 years then came back home to my where I grew up. John went to work for the Senior Deputy Sheriff working at the San

talked me into going to the Auction Dinner decide to go to the dinner until the day of the

walked into OLPH cafeteria the night of the brother, **Mike Shea '61** and we said hello to Department with Mike. We worked together While talking to Mike at the OLPH dinner, John

### UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS 2009

Saturday, January 24, 2009 ~ Alumni Open House and Mass  
Saturday, March 7, 2009 ~ 5th Annual Auction Dinner-Dance

### "TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF"

HELP US TO TELL THE STORY OF  
OUR OLPH ALUMNI

E-mail Ed Mahoney:  
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OLPH DEVELOPMENT  
Att: Ed Mahoney  
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Daly City, CA 94014



**OLPH CLASS OF 1948** gathers at annual luncheon at Nick's Rockaway in Pacifica on April 9, 2008. While most of the attendees graduated in 1948, some are sisters or brothers who graduated in other years close to 1948. On top of that, there are couples from different classes who have married, twins and all kinds of romances and relationships that developed at OLPH. OLPH Principal, Bill Kovacich and Development Director, Ed Mahoney were very honored to have been invited to join this special class for their 60th anniversary this year. Next reunion is April 2009!

# OLPH Class of 2008 Superstars

## Special Recognition Upon Entrance To High School

**Jia Arrieta, Michael Johncy Arrieta** - Sacred Heart Cathedral College Preparatory High School, *acknowledgement of outstanding achievement in attaining a Grade Point Average of 3.75 or better in seventh and eighth grades.*

**Christopher Ritona** - Archbishop Riordan College Preparatory High School, *in recognition of outstanding academic achievement at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.*

**Graciela Urias** - Mercy College Preparatory High School, San Francisco, *with Honors at Entrance and Acceptance into Honors Biology and Honors Advanced Algebra. Additionally, this student has been accepted into the prestigious Women in Medicine Program.*

**Faustina Arriola and Rudolf Lopez** - **The OLPH Drama Award** is given to the students who have shown an outstanding potential and dedication in the area of Theatre Arts.

**Jia Arrieta** - **The OLPH Leadership Award** is given to the student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and organizational ability in helping plan and present school activities throughout this school year.

**Nicole Biasbas** - **The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saint Award** is given to the student who has exemplified the spirit of OLPH School.

**Katrina Alcantara, Alyssa Nunez, Christopher Ritona, Nerissa Soliven** **The High Academic Honors Award** given to those students who have achieved the highest grade point average in all academic subjects.

## Awards for Academic Excellence

**Alyssa Nunez** - Excellence in Religion

**Christopher Ritona** - Excellence in Math

**Graciela Urias** for Excellence in Reading

**Faustina Arriola** for Excellence in English

**Jia Arrieta** for Excellence in Social Studies

**Johncy Arrieta** for Excellence in Science

**Faustina Arriola and Rudolf Lopez** for Excellence in Art

**Katrina Alcantara and Charlie Espineda** for Excellence in Musical Expression

*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, this day that we are spending together is a gift. That's why it's the present."*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

**Rinna Pera and Christopher Ritona** - **The Technology Award** is given to students who demonstrated exceptional skill in all areas of technology and a willingness to share their knowledge.

**Anthony Castillo, Genebelle Moreno, Mariel Landerito, Nerissa Soliven** - **The 8th Grade Effort Award** is given to students who demonstrated a dedicated effort in all subject areas.



OPEN HOUSE,  
JANUARY 2008  
Visiting OLPH for the first time since she graduated is **Ms. Helvethia Castillo '79**, shown here with Development Director, **Ed Mahoney '61**.



Returning for a second curtain call, OLPH Principal/Director/Writer Bill Kovacich brings out the cast from the 2008 OLPH school play, "**International Icon**," to a thunderous ovation from the adoring crowd. Mr. Kovacich has directed and co-written the plays for over 30 years (Including the past 5 years at OLPH), working with lifelong friends from the educational field and utilizing up to 65 students and parent volunteers for each play.



**Anthony Castillo '08** is this year's recipient of the Duggan Serra Family Mortuaries Kindness Award, given to a student who demonstrates extraordinary kindness and good will toward his fellow classmates. Seen here with Dan Duggan, Anthony was also given \$400 toward tuition at Archbishop Riordan High School, tickets to an SF Giants' game and a Riordan sweatshirt. Anthony's Mom is OLPH School Secretary Arlene Castillo and his brother **John '02** graduated last year from Riordan and attends UC San Luis Obispo.

# Diamond Jubilee

## 1933 — 2008

### \$75,000 OLPH DIAMOND Scholarship Campaign

Our \$75,000 Scholarship Campaign has passed the halfway point with over \$45,000 (60%) of our goal being reached. Check out the list below and see how much your class has helped, if at all. Last month, we were able to award \$7,000 to fourteen families towards next year's tuition payment. This is solely because of Alumni donations. Keep up the good work. We want to reach our goal by next year. Thanks to the classes of 2004, '05, '06 & '07 for their donations of almost \$700 towards scholarships that they gave through ticket purchases for this year's school play. Although still only in high school, their enthusiasm in giving back to their Alma Mater is greatly appreciated.

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Class Totals as of 6/13/08

**YES! I would like to be a Diamond Jubilee Donor.**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is my \$750 donation.
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- Here is my donation of \$250 — I will share a diamond with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
- Please put my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the class of \_\_\_\_\_

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**"STICK 'EM UP!" OLPH "WESTERN DAZE" 1940**

*(Class of 1945, 2nd grade, outside temporary classrooms)*

In days of less PC innocence, the call may have been going out to OLPH supporters to help with a donation to a current fundraising drive. These days, OLPH supporters have a chance to "Git 'er Done!" by purchasing an engraved "Diamond Plate" which will be perpetually displayed on the "Diamond Jubilee Plaque" in Alumni Hall. Your modest donation of \$750 will be applied toward the ultimate goal of raising \$75,000 in scholarship money to commemorate this 75th-anniversary year of OLPH school's founding.

*Details inside.*

**† IN MEMORIAM †**

MARY CALEGARI

*Mother of Michael '63 and Janet '69.*

*School secretary in 50's, 60's*

LOUISE CRUDO

*Mother of Angelo '55 and Judie '64*

FRED LOCOCO

*Father of OLPH teacher Terry Keller*

JOHN CASTILLO

*Grandfather of Christina '96,*

*Melissa '99, John '02 and Anthony '08*

*Father-in law of current OLPH secretary Arlene Castillo*

DICK HOLMBERG

*Father of Richard '61, Douglas '65, Steven '69*

*and Michelle*

*Husband of Gloria Holmberg,*

*OLPH School secretary in 50's and 60's*