

NOVATO HIGH SCHOOL HORNET'S BUZZ

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HEADLINE NHS CLASS OF 1959 TO HOLD 60th REUNION

The members of Novato High School Class of 1959 are excited to announce their plans to hold a reunion to celebrate 60 years since graduating. The reunion luncheon will be held on October 6, 2019 at McInnes Park in San Rafael.

The class was unique, as 18 of the 82 graduating students began first grade together and many more students joined the class while in elementary school. This contributed to close friendships for a life time. Class members considered themselves lucky to grow up in Novato and be members of the first graduating class from Novato High School.

In reviewing the Memory book from the 50th class reunion, the following memories were listed as most favored – choosing the school mascot, "Hornets"; sport games were a big highlight; dances with music from the 50's were popular. Many wrote of having confidence and looking forward to the future. Teachers were appreciated for preparing the students for more advanced education.

Members of the class of 59' went on to become successful lawyers, nurses, teachers, policemen, principals, housewives, mechanics, military officers etc. Some never left Novato.

Classmates, come to the reunion and bring your favorite stories to share together for a good time and to relive the "Good Old Days".

WANTED

Classmates from the Class of 1959 to attend 60th class reunion on October 6, 2019 at Mc Innes Park from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers to help set up, registration and clean up.

FOR SALE

Luncheon tickets to Class of 1959 Reunion \$40 per person.

Send enclosed registration form and money to: Yvette Jackson
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Taken from an article in the Novato Advance for our 10-year Reunion.

" Members of the '59 class were probably the best known group to have ever attended school here. Their activities were always noteworthy and closely watched by the community. The class, an exceptionally bright and volatile group, set many of the traditions still carried on today. They chose the school colors and adopted the "Hornet" name, a decision questioned by some succeeding classes. (Several years ago, an attempt was made, unsuccessfully, to change the Hornet name at Novato High to something else.) The members of the historic first graduating class are holding a 10 year reunion Saturday with a dinner dance at the Marin Country Club. A reunion picnic is to be held the next day at Kenilworth Park in Petaluma. Because of the significant role the first Novato High class played, the affair is a particularly nostalgic one."

This article is over a full page long with pictures and a complete list of the attendees. There is a picture of the "Reunion Dance Decoration Committee" which consisted of Mrs. Warren Wright, Mrs Donald Hayden, Mrs. Bruce Mountjoy and Mrs. Allan Wade. In 1969 women didn't have first names, they were only identifiable by the husbands names.(boo Hiss) So that was Elaine, Rochelle, Carryll and Rebecca.

Taken from an article in the Novato Advance for our 30-year Reunion, .My most poignant memory of Novato High School from 1955-1959 was the closeness and enthusiasm of our student body, faculty, and administration and parents.

It was a curious melding pat of children born in the early years of World War II and brought together a community that was developing rapidly with single family housing being built in almost vacant field. About half of the 1959 graduating class had gone to school together from the first grade and about half were newcomers.

While we had our share of interpersonal conflicts, we had a camaraderie that was, and still is special. I believe that creating a new high school from scratch was an adhesive that held us together. It was an exciting time when there were no traditions to either hinder or help. Since almost everyone in Novato had a child or grand child or other relative in Novato High School community was behind us 100 percent. They attended our sports events and contributed to almost every conceivable request for money and services.

It was a great time in the history of Novato.