

# Our Muir '61 Story

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### ***Some of the friends that meant the most to him at Muir:***

The Larkey twins, Jane Millar, Joe Abe, John Whiting,  
Trisha Doyle, Tim Cockroft

### ***An activity that mattered to him at Muir:***

The swimming team provided me a sports outlet and friendship

### ***What Muir meant for him:***

Muir was a melting pot, at least it allowed for exposure across racial, ethnic and class lines. It helped break down stereotypes and, for me, opened me to a world that later, I explored professionally. Still, with that large population there was the security of old friends that we had grown up with since elementary school. Some of those I still maintain contact with, though infrequently -- Kim Lockwood, Wayne Daniels, Mark Jones.

### ***The professional aspect of his life that mattered most to him since Muir:***

The chance to explore the world, first academically at Occidental College and Georgetown but more importantly, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia and then a trainer for Peace Corps in West and Southern Africa. Subsequently, I managed to get myself into the U.S. diplomatic service and served in embassies in Central and South America as well as at the Department of State in Washington. It was great fun!

### ***The personal aspects of his life that have meant the most:***

Becoming a father. I met my present wife later in life while serving overseas. She, too, was a diplomat. I "inherited" her two kids, and we had one of our own. They are great. We have had a wonderful time as a family while serving in embassies in the Americas and Asia -- watching our kids grow and learning to enjoy the world as we have. Now

we are retired, well almost. I'm still working but enjoying friends, family and the Washington, D.C. area while staying close to our kids.

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Cheryl Alexander-Peralta, Kenny and Bernard Peralta,  
Carol Engstrom, JoAnn Billotti

***The professional aspect of his life that mattered most to him since Muir:***  
I worked for the government (42 years) and retired out of Washington DC, and we know where all of you live

***The personal aspects of his life that have meant the most:***  
My two sons and four granddaughters

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***Two of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***  
Nancy Puckett Grant, Susan Civey

***Three of the teachers that meant the most to her at Muir:***  
Mrs. Anderson, English; Mr. Reyes, Spanish; Mr. Browne, Chemistry

***What Muir meant for her:***  
Muir was a perfect preparation for the adult world. Aside from the excellent education that was offered, responsibility was demanded, and respect for one another was expected.

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most:***  
Unexpectedly my art classes prepared me in many ways for my career in ceramic tile sales and design. And my 4 years of Spanish prepared me for many years of importing Mexican Tile. Also, geometry has reared its ugly head throughout my career, and of course a smattering of excellent English and math has also been important.

***Personal aspects of her life that have meant the most:***

Of course my children have been the joy of my life since Muir, one daughter, Tammy and two sons, Robby and Buzz. All three are well and successful and I have 16 year old twin grandsons who travel the world playing hockey! I also have been lucky enough to have been with the love of my life for the past 20 years, and with him came his one daughter, Marisa, and two sons, Andres and Javier. All three are well and successful and have added 7 grandchildren, 4 boys and 3 girls.

Almost as important to me personally was been owning my own business for almost 30 years which is very similar to raising another child! Discovering, designing, and importing Mexican tile and related products allowed me to travel extensively in Mexico and meet suppliers who actually became like "family" too.

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***Two of the friends that meant the most to him at Muir:***

Ron Castaldi and John Boelter

***Activities at Muir that mattered most:***

Football and swimming

***What Muir meant for him:***

It was a refuge from home, a source of inspiration w/the wonderful mix of races, and the joy of music and dance

***The personal aspect of his life that has meant the most since Muir:***

My marriage

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***Three of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Kathy Pitts, Danny Moses, Steve Rosen

***A teacher and class that mattered for her at Muir:***

Mrs. Esterbrook for AP English

***What mattered for her about Muir:***

It was an excellent school academically,  
and I was well-prepared for College.

***Professional aspects of her life that have mattered most to her since Muir:***

Administrator of the Gifted and Talented programs for Elementary students with the Pasadena Unified School District. Training Manager at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most:***

Meeting and marrying my second husband. Volunteering at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Hospice of the Central Coast, the larger Quaker fellowship, raising an Australian Cattle Dog and rescue-Parrots and turtles. Educational travel, dancing, Tai Chi.

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***Friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

We had a terrific class. At the moment these people/groups come to mind: Virginia and Diana Newton; Nancy and Sue Larkey; Susie and Priscilla Burgess; Judy Ames; everyone involved with Girls' League; Diane Lindhurst; Bob Blohm; Mark Jones; Martha Gerving; La Canada Elementary School alums, La Canada Junior H.S. classmates; Robin Gray; Maria Helena de la Cruz; Carole Takagaki; Mary Caye Brown; Bill Lake; Jim Stanbery; Gary Lepper; Joyce Hirano; Pam Bartlett; Kenette Oakander; Members of Miss Ranney's Honor Chemistry class 1959-60; Candy Cudlip; JoJean DeBusk; Marilyn Isshi; members of the Fall 1960 ASB Council class; Z Club members.

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

--Girls' League (a major activity for me at Muir, and a great chance to develop/hone leadership skills, in a pre women's lib way.) --Z Club (mostly fun under the guise of more leadership/service. I seem to remember something about a kidnap breakfast--in pajamas?) --AFS (a great chance to get to know our exchange students especially Maria

Helena De La Cruz from Portugal, and Gloria Machiori from Argentina, to support Muir's AFS rep to Norway, Jinny Glass, and to learn a bit about the world.)

--ASB Council (A great group, though I can't seem to recall anything we accomplished. I do remember learning parliamentary procedure and reading and approving minutes.)

--Drama/Thespian Society (I took Drama as a "fill in" elective, and ended up participating in a production or two, despite a lack of talent.)

### ***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

--Sylvia Ranney, Honors Chemistry (Jr/year) An inspiring and dedicated teacher who knew her subject well, took the time to get to know her students and made even those without much aptitude for the subject (like me) feel good. I loved the comraderie of the after school labs.

--Miss Kohr and Mrs. Payne, Latin. Also dedicated and interesting teachers. Four years of Latin left me with a good background in Classics, but a tin ear for foreign languages. (Maybe I had that all along.) I did win the "Latin Speaking Contest, so all was not lost.

--Mr. Razum, Biology (Soph. Yr.) I liked the way he brought the subject to life and the fact that drawing counted.

--Mrs. Schwartz, Composition (Sr.Yr.) Though I have no memory of what we read or wrote, I felt encouraged as a budding writer.

--Gwen Holly Simpson, Drama (Jr. Yr.) Dramatic is an understatement. We were encouraged to "vent our spleens", a nice change of pace in a buttoned-down era.

### ***What Muir meant for her:***

1)The diversity of the student body left a lasting impression. I feel lucky to have attended a school with students from so many different backgrounds. One reason I wanted to live in Berkeley was so my own children could attend Berkeley High School, which is even more diverse than the Muir we knew.

2)The opportunity to get involved in student activities and student government was an essential part of my education. Running for office required speaking to what seemed like a vast crowd in a very large auditorium. My knees quake when I think about it, but I survived. I continued the pattern of involvement at Cal and after college, and the lessons I first learned at Muir have been invaluable. I've served on community boards, the City Landmarks Commission, and worked on local elections and civic projects over the years. Looking back, this seems inevitable, but would it have happened without Muir?

3)AFS opened up the world for me, though I didn't travel in high school. I enjoyed getting to know the foreign students who came to Muir, and encouraged my daughter to apply for AFS when she was in high

school. She spent a summer in Turkey, had a great experience, and is now a Middle East specialist with the State Dept.

***Professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

1) I have a secondary teaching credential, and worked as an English and History teacher for a few years after graduation from U.C. Berkeley. When my children were older, I became an independent college admissions counselor. I've recently retired after 24 years of advising college applicants, helping them figure out their strengths and find a good fit for college. Being part of this important transition in students' lives was satisfying. A bonus: my work schedule was flexible, which meant I could also pursue other interests.

2) Since the 1970's, I've been involved with local architectural history.

A lot of what I've done is in the realm of preservation education and research.

I've lectured on the work of Julia Morgan (the architect of Hearst Castle and many other buildings), Bernard Maybeck and other Bay Area architects, given lots of architectural walking tours, and developed a curriculum on local architecture and history. Right now I'm working on a project related to Julia Morgan's work in Berkeley and participating in preparation for next year's statewide celebration of her work: Julia Morgan 2012. There's a strong connection between the craftsman houses of Pasadena and those of Berkeley from early 20th century, so perhaps my interest in this area had its seeds at Muir.

***Personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

1) My family has been most important. When I was at Cal, I met Tony Hawthorne, a law student and New Jersey native who had graduated from Yale. We've been married for 46 years, and have had a great life together. Tony is a retired trial lawyer, now doing mediation and arbitration and writing fiction.

Our daughter, Amy, the former AFS student, lives in Washington D.C. and works on Middle East Affairs. She specializes in democracy issues. She joined the State Dept. this winter, just weeks before the "Arab Spring."

Our son, Christopher, is helping me renew my connection to the L.A. area. He is the Architecture Critic for the L.A. Times. (This is a shameless pitch for you to read his articles.) Christopher and his wife Rachel, the Executive Director of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, live in Eagle Rock with their two daughters, ages 7 and 2.

2) Attending U.C. Berkeley, living in Berkeley since college, discovering its architecture and history, and being lucky enough to live in a house designed by Julia Morgan have all been wonderful experiences.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Brad Mandler, Bob Dorman, Richard Kievman, Ruth Wolman,  
Barbara Haas, Ed Kornstein

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

Maybe football and for sure Madrigal Singers and Choir

***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

Choir with Robert Heckman and Margarite Hougasian, Spanish with Mrs.  
Dean (el chicle, senorita Arlene!) Oh and Coach Craft!

***What Muir meant for her:***

Made me enough of a student to get into UCLA!

***Professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Realtor at Sotheby's International Realty

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

From Brainerd, Minnesota.

My wonderful family including my husband,  
two wonderful daughters, two great son in laws and three grandkids  
with one more on the way.

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***Friends from Muir she'd like to be back in touch with:***

I would like to reconnect with friends via Internet. This would  
include those who went to Eliot Jr. High. I will be out of the country

for the 50th, but will think of the fun everyone will have reconnecting.

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

Swim team, Aquacade, the drama club, CSF

***The teachers and classes that mattered most:***

All of my teachers: what we gained from our faculty at Muir, gave me the skills and courage to go onto to become Dr. Fox

***What Muir meant for her:***

The courage and belief that I could succeed in spite of teenage self doubt, fears, and lack of confidence

***Professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My education (started with Muir) which led me to being a college Dean and owning several profitable corporations including the current FoxandFrank.com I am an Industrial Occupational Psychologist. My corporation helps businesses, agencies, and corporations to work together better; partner with organizations to create realistic, manageable and measurable solutions to improve their effectiveness for achieving their full profitability and working potential.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My wonderfully amazing husband and 7 children and step children;  
my ability to travel the world;  
and the love and joy of good friends worldwide

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***Two of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Miriam Frankel, Ann Jolly

***An activity at Muir that mattered for her:***

Human Relations Club

***Three of the teachers that meant the most:***

Ms Iva Pickens; Norman Abbey, art teacher; Miss Toy

***What Muir meant for her:***

Attending a large urban, multicultural, racially mixed school was an important experience that has served me well throughout the years in my work and personal life. We tried to give our children a similarly varied school experience by having them attend 'community 'school. However, they ended up in smaller schools that isolated them from the kind of diversity Muir had.

***The professional aspects of her life that have mattered most since Muir:***

Education- When I finished university I worked for a large school district with an 80% ESL population in Southern California. My job was to design learning materials and environments for teachers and school librarians. At the same time I began to write and illustrate children's books as well as instructional materials for educators. When I became a mother I also became a full time children's book illustrator. Thirty years after I finished my BA I began teaching illustration and returned to the University of British Columbia to do a Masters degree in children's literature. That was the most rewarding academic time of my life so when I finished it I naively thought I would continue on and work on a PhD which makes me a poster grandma for doing a doctorate in my twilight brain years. The best part of it is being humbled. And being challenged is good too. Now my work life has come full circle because during my doctoral studies I began teaching children's literature to teachers. And thank goodness, because the close analytic work I'm doing in social semiotics needs the balance of day to day plain talk with people who are excited about education.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My family, especially my children and grandson. Also community service. I serve on a number of non-profit boards and I'm active in the children's literature community in Vancouver and across Canada as a member and organizer of many events.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Diane Muller, Kennette Oakander, Patty Kelly,  
Diane Lindhurst, Cheryl Whitmore

***An activity at Muir that mattered most to her:***

GAA

***Some of the teachers and classes that meant the most:***

Orchestra, A Capella Choir with Ms Hougasian,  
Mrs. Westerbrook - English, Ms Crandall - PE

***What Muir meant for her:***

I loved being involved in Aquacade, both as a swimmer and Dryland.  
I enjoyed being on GAA teams - field hockey, softball, etc.

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I was able to sing in Choir in HS and that led to a career  
as a middle school vocal music teacher, mostly in Aurora, CO.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I have been married 26 years to a wonderful man, I have 2 lovely step  
kids and a son. All are happily married. I have been singing with the  
Colorado Symphony Orchestra Chorus for 27 years.

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***Friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Everyone!

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

"Big M" Team & Thespian Club

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***Memorable friends & classmates at Muir:***

Jim Stanbery, Gary Lepper, Cheryl Eaton, Pete Rutishauser, Dale  
Scoville, Steve Brand, Eric Johnson, Carole Takagaki, Ron Castaldi,  
Dave Chorlian, Bob Elgin, Joanne Cilley, Pat Whiskeman, Terri

Nakanishi, Joe Abe, Jean Okumoto, Dick Krenz, Dick Snyder, Ken Lorell, Dave Jackson, Bob Kimball, Angelo Incardona, Trisha Doyle, Patty Kelly, Malcolm Taylor, Pam Bartlett, Freeman McCall, Glenn Yuki, Jayne Millar, Lois Gumz, Jinny Glass, Henry Tai, Leonard Harper

***An activity at Muir that made a difference:***

Girls League - gave me a bulletin board to decorate when I first arrived at Muir - my first opportunity to get involved and meet people

***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

The most entertaining view of history came from Mr Sheinkopf, Miss Ranney was most inspirational & her chemistry class\* was most challenging, Mr Simon was most responsible for encouraging a lifelong fascination with biology

\*Miss Ranney's 1960 chemistry class was stellar - Dave Jackson, Dave Chorlian, Steve Brand, Trisha Doyle, Martha Gerving, Bob Elgin, & maybe Sheryl Eaton were there, and I think Miss Ranney said on our last day that it was the best class she had ever taught, then burst into tears. When I told this story to Steve Smith, he said she cried for his class, too, though probably out of frustration.

***What Muir meant for her:***

The quality of education, teachers, and students was far above anything I had ever experienced up to the end of 10th grade when I transferred to Muir. It was frightening to be with people who casually used words I had never heard before, like "ambiguous". I had to stretch to catch up, and got a taste of what college would demand.

Muir was also my first experience with racial cliques. Fortunately, the boundaries were loosening at that time, and that and other social changes\*\* were exciting to witness and be a part of.

An effect of both my fallen academic confidence and heightened racial self-consciousness was a smiling social awkwardness and innocence which seemed to launch me into the dating arena - or maybe it was the "new girl" factor. Whatever it was, I don't think it would have happened in as dramatic and wonderful a way if I hadn't come to Muir.

On the down side, Muir was a peak, hard to match in my life to come, and probably stalled some aspects of my development at a high school level. I'm finally closing in on what it means to be a bona fide adult.

\*\*One of the most exciting was to be in a class that would elect a nerd over the fabulously socially successful Gary Lepper to be its senior class president.

***The professional aspects of my life that have meant the most since Muir:***

The simple achievement of becoming a professional was big. I grew up wanting and expecting to be a wife and mother. Dale Scoville showing me my astrological chart in 1961, which predicted failure in marriage, horrified me. Perhaps it was one of the reasons I went for Occupational Therapy as a safety net, hoping it would always only be that. I have been single for 37 years, retired after working 25 years as a psychiatric OT, and possibly have Dale to thank for my financial security and independence.

***The personal aspects of my life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Family, friends, and homesteading are at the top of the list. I just recently joined the ranks of deliriously happy grandparents, as my only daughter, Elly, at 40, has given me two grandsons, 2 1/2 yrs, and 1 1/2 mo. My late blooming has also manifested in the recent arrival of my soul mate, Greg.

Awareness of the global environmental crisis, which began for me with the loss of old growth forests and drinkable mountain streams I loved as a camper and backpacker, motivated my early retirement to work on forest and watershed issues. What is left of my time after home, friends, and family, I spend on community politics & planning, hoping to save and maybe start healing what is left of the once magnificent redwood forests and rivers of Humboldt County. Before too long, I also hope to understand and embrace what it means to be on this earth, in this time, human, and mortal.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

I have many happy memories of my time at Muir and my friends there. I would love to see Janet Wheeler, Sally Hostetter, Jane Nelson, Karin Meister, Merrie Sellers, Susie Levy, Linda Bowles, Sandy Chant, Jacque Duddy, Chris Hoehner, Marjorie Hewson, Marianne Lindstrand, and Ric Johnson.

***A teacher that made a difference:***

Mr. Simon, my Advanced Biology teacher was very influential to me. A lot of what I learned from him was about life and not necessarily "Biology". I did learn to love Petrie Dishes, though!!

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My Art experience at Muir was helpful in my career as an artist and art teacher. I am also a Calligrapher and I learned this skill at Muir, also.

I have had the opportunity to paint scenery for plays, roadshows and major stage productions and even build and decorate floats for parades. Last year I designed and helped build a float to celebrate the Boy Scout 100th Anniversary which was featured in the second largest parade in America. I have decorated window displays, aided teachers with bulletin boards and walls in their classrooms, etc.

Most of my hard work has been on a volunteer basis. But I have been well paid by the gratitude of those I've served and a sense of satisfaction in my achievements.

I enjoy painting and hope that I can leave a legacy for my family to enjoy in the years to come.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I married a wonderful man, Dan Harps, who has been patient with my projects and has helped me fulfill my dreams and aspirations. We are the proud parents of 10 amazing and talented children, who are now, of course, adults. They have given us the joy of 18 beautiful grandchildren, so far. They are the most important part of my life now, besides my church membership and activities, I am a Mormon.

I served a two year Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1965-67 before I was married. My husband and I are now preparing to serve again as Missionaries together.

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***Some of the classes that mattered most to him at Muir:***

I was a music major in the choir and especially liked that class.  
Always got an "A" there, and the drafting class as well.

***A teacher who mattered most:***

Mr. Heckman was a wonderful teacher and person. When I left, he took my hands and said some very important things to me for the future. I still carry his words and always will. What a remarkable human being he was. He passed away some time back. I investigated his whereabouts just last summer.

***What Muir meant for him:***

I personally liked the street separating the campus from the sports yard. It gave us smokers a chance to light up. I appreciated the gardening. It was a really nice place to go to school.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to him at Muir:***

Donna Reed, Wayne Edwards, Freeman McCall, Harvey Pinyoun, Laurie Rice, Joyce Hirano, Steve Brand, Sheryl Eaton, Sheila Lombard, Geoff Groves, Joe Borland, Pat Hardy, Andy Karsten, Joyce Thomas

***What has meant the most personally to him since Muir:***

My wife and my family.

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***Loved ones:***

Married Kathleen Sloan 1968;  
Daughter Kelly 1975, Son Morgan 1979;  
Granddaughter Greta 2009, Grandson Griffin 2011.

***Some of his adventures since Muir:***

Drove furniture truck 1961-62  
Caltech swim team and soccer club 1961-65  
Caltech social chairman 1964-65

BS Physics Caltech 1965  
Started Muddy Charles Pub (with Kathy) MIT 1968  
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***Some of the friends that meant the most to him before Muir:***

I attended Altadena Elementary School and Eliot Jr. High with people who probably graduated in the Muir class of 60, 61, and 62. Prior to moving on to Muir myself, I moved to northern CA and my last name changed to Cattin. I eventually graduated from Glendora High in 61. I miss many of my friends from Altadena Elementary School and would like to renew old acquaintances once again - people like Danny Walker, Jack King, Jim Dalton, Sally Shields, Ann Marie Peterson, and many more. Please let me know if you have contact information for any who went to Altadena and desire to say hi.

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***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

Thespians, Future Teachers of America,  
synchronized swimming-the yearly water ballet performance.

***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

Dr. Venable's summer biology program, before he became principal. Mr. Rhinehart's geometry--the last math class I really "got". Bob Carroll's and Gwen-Holly Simpson's stagecraft and drama productions. The four years of Latin I took with some great friends.

***What Muir meant for her:***

Muir was like a community, too large for everyone to know everyone, as they do in many high schools. We had the opportunity to know people from many backgrounds, and we could meet new people every day. That was good preparation for life beyond high school.

***The professional aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My full time teaching years in Glendora, CA were very important to me. Later, I had the opportunity to work with a foundation and to live in Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador. I learned to speak Spanish and organized the ESL/Migrant program at our small high school in Oregon. Since then I have been substitute teaching in AZ and OR, which can be an education in itself!

***The personal aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***

No contest here! My husband Phil and I have seven children, sixteen grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. We raised them near Klamath Falls, Oregon. We did a lot of camping and traveling together. Now it's fun to spend time with them and help when I can.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to him at Muir:***

Bill Daniels (we were roommates at Ramstein AB, Germany for 2 years), Junso Ogawa, Rick Callaghan (but don't think he'll make it), Scott DuBose, Marian Johnson, John Van Valkenburg, Susan Clayson Fox (Longfellow, Eliot & Muir), Barbara Aikins (also Longfellow, Eliot & Muir).

***Activities at Muir that meant the most:***

Loved the '61 football team and band...spent time with the Cal Cadet Corps Drill Team and club. It served me well during my Air Force service.

***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

Mr. Nixon in Physiology, Mr. Hansen in Government, Mr. Mack 10 grade Social Studies, Mr. Bowers in drafting, Col Young.

***What Muir meant for him:***

Great bunch of students and very diverse which helped prepare for working and going to school in different parts of the country.

***Two professional aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Two things: 1) A rewarding (not monetarily though) 25 years in the retail industry (management) where my children got a pretty good taste of what it's like living, going to school, adjusting to a variety of regional "attitudes" and 2) working in 7 different states during that time (Calif, New Mexico, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Arizona).

***The personal aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***  
Family, naturally. Two great children (no grandchildren yet): Shannon attended Univ of Central Arkansas, Ariz State & Northern Ariz, and graduated from the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising; Greg who is graduating in History from Black Hills State Univ and looking at grad schools.

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***A friend that meant a lot at Muir:***  
Douglas Shaul

***The activity at Muir that mattered:***  
Auto Shop

***A teacher and class that mattered:***  
Mr. Eberhard- English Literature

***What Muir meant for him:***  
Emphasized the value of a well rounded education that gave me confidence to take on greater challenges.

***Two personal aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***  
My conversion to Christianity and my 37 year marriage.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***  
Eileen Sonleitner, Marilyn Roberts, Virginia Solis

***A teacher that mattered:***

Miss Pickens- I loved her accent- she made me love poetry-while working for Pacific Telephone I took her order to move to a retired teachers home- I could still recite much of the poetry I learned in her class- she was touched

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I learned to never give up-I never take no for an answer- it helped me get my appointed as Assistant Assessor of the largest county in the nation. It helped me understand the importance of education and I have been an elected member of the Morongo Unified School District for the last 12 years. In 1996 I was State of California Women of the Year for service to the community I live in.

***Personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I have remained friends with many of my old classmates -  
I enjoy my old relationships the most  
because it is like time never happened.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Sharon Bourquin, Sheryl Eaton, Trina Vorwerk, Judy Schott

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to me:***

Football was the sport I enjoyed watching most. Being in the Big M was a lot of fun and doing the card tricks was a blast.

***Two of the teachers who mattered most:***

Mr. Logothetti inspired me to pursue a degree in Math. Mr. Eberhart inspired me to read, read, read.

***What Muir meant for her:***

I feel I got a quality education at Muir that enabled me to succeed in college and beyond. The diversity of the student body taught me tolerance.

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

I had a wonderful career as a software engineer with General Dynamics/Hughes Aircraft/Raytheon Missile Systems. I developed the system that analyzed production test data for missile components.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My family - my wonderful husband of 45 years, Willis, our son, Andy, daughter-in-law Amy, grandson William, our daughter Maryann, son-in-law Ken, and grandson Caedan.

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***Some of the friends he's stayed in touch with since Muir:***

I am fortunate to have been able to stay connected with many close Muir friends, through personal contact (Pete Hall, Denny Gomez, Danny Walker, Bill (Iggy) Lewis, Ray Randall, Tony Albin, Patty {Bright} Fortenberry, Tom Sellers, and of course their fun loving spouses, and I am sure I missed many). There are many too that I stay in touch with through e-mail and phone (Stu Russell, Jim Klein, et. al.) and I would like to reconnect with John Allison, Norm Evenson, Steve Kreck, and Dick Hummer (deceased). I love all you rascals.

***Activities at Muir that mattered for him:***

There were many, but the Rooter's Club, of which I was a founding father, stands out as a wonderful source of just plain, high spirited fun.

***The professional aspects of her life that have mattered most since Muir:***

I retired as the Director of Public Safety for the County of San Diego. For the most part a fast paced, high stress, personally rewarding job.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My gorgeous wife, Mary. Two great kids (Damon and Monica), two equally great grand kids (Seth and Logan), the opportunity to travel (Africa, Tahiti, Hawaii, Scotland/Ireland, Norway, Mexico, Alaska) the time and energy to fish with friends, my son and grandson. A peaceful home on the top of a hill overlooking San Diego. The good fortune to have many Muir friends who are still an important part of my life and who continue to make me laugh and reflect upon the wonder of Muir and the Class of '61.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir:***

Joyce Mayweather-Anderson, Shirley Jackson-Rener, Sharon Trowell-Leonard, Carol King-Goodeau, Gwen King-Brown, Edwina Sears-White

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to me:***

Big M Club

***A teacher who mattered most:***

Mildred Wardlaw

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My marriage to Edgar Betts (RIP) and my two children

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to him at Muir:***

Friendships from Washington that continued or deepened at Muir or later: Henry Tai, Carole Takagaki, Don Smith, Jack Setian, Wayne McKimson, Steve Rosen, Giovanna Billotti, Cheryl Peralta, Elise Stevens; friendships that began at Muir & have deepened wonderfully ever since: Joyce Hirano, Steve Brand; classmates I didn't really know at Muir but with whom I'm now in touch: Joe Borland (a lot) & Patty Wehrheim (a little ... & I sure wish that it was vice versa ... just kidding, Joe), Dick Snyder, Toby Scott, Stu Russell (maybe as much despite his e-mails as because of them); friends I got to know at Muir I especially wish I'd stayed in touch with since: the Newtons, Steve Reed, Dick McIntosh, Ric Johnson, Laurry Harmon; plus a dozen classmates I wish I'd really got acquainted with then & stayed in touch with since.

***The activities at Muir that mattered most:***

Forensics & student government

***Some of the teachers and classes that mattered most:***

Always planned on being a teacher myself, & am grateful for nearly every teacher I had at Muir, especially Clair Schwartz (English, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades), Stan Sheinkopf (world history, 12<sup>th</sup> grade), Orvetta Clinesmith (speech, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 grades), Walt Mack (world history, 10<sup>th</sup> grade), & John Zweers (U.S. history, 11<sup>th</sup> grade). Miss Clinesmith made a specific difference in my life, & John changed it, from Washington on. Stayed in touch with him & with Walt for the rest of their lives.

***What Muir meant for him:***

Maybe each of us has a time where we feel we came alive, & Muir was it for me, suggesting possibilities I'd literally never dreamed of. I grew away from the larger ones, yet they informed & deepened the realistic ones. & Muir was a world: two numbers, "Something's Coming" & "Welcome to the '60s": I was & remain on the nerd side of the transition, but at Muir you could feel the tremors; so much of what a high school should have had right in front of us was there for us to see at Muir.

***The professional aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Graduated from Berkeley, on the nerd side of the FSM coalition (the groups that balked at the sit-in); Peace Corps, Philippines; teaching since 1970 at the community college near San Pedro, where I've kept repeating my Muir routine, I hope not too pathetically, in college governance. In 1977 was the only "socialist" to make the L.A. run-offs as a political independent since 1911; after which abandoned electoral politics, in that being a socialist & a nerd both at the same time was as bewildering to me as it was to the voters. Active since in the local history society & Civil War Round Table ... naturally.

***The personal aspects of his life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Family moved to San Pedro in 1963, where my Mom's family owned the major department store. Got married in the Peace Corps; fine person, so of course we split ten years later, just after our daughter, Lani, was born. "Muir" happened for her in junior high, where she discovered dance, & she danced professionally for 7 years, settling in NYC for another 10, handling arts & entertainment insurance & getting her degree from NYU, then relocating back here last year, praises be.

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***Some of the friends that meant the most to her at Muir***

Laurie Rice (So glad to see she's coming); Diana Mugnaini; Dick Purcell; Dick and Bob Krenz; Pat Buckner Morgan (and Tom); Jill Shafer Stasiek; Stu Russell; John Steward; Frank Noda; Julie Robledo; Frank Virgallito; Elaine Galambos; Tom Fee; Trina Vorwerk Karol; Wanda Porter Baker; Sherrie Crest; Diane Naismith; Toni DePerini; Linda Powell; and so many more it's hard to list them all. (Some of those I listed have been on the missing list for years. Sure wish we could find them.) Many I have known since elementary school, and really knew them better than at Muir. Bob Reeve, whom I met just before the last reunion, while looking for missing class members on Classmates.Com. Also, of course, everyone on the committee. Some of them I knew at Muir, some I met later, but I am so thankful for the friendship of everyone on the committee.

***An activity at Muir that mattered for her:***

This only club I belonged to was Thespians,  
and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

***Three of the teachers that meant the most:***

Ruth Toy, (English III and U.S. History). By requiring a term "project," rather than a term paper, she forced me to give a 55-minute speech, which got me over my fear of public speaking and helped me to come to thoroughly enjoy speaking to a group. Also Gwen Holly Simpson (drama), who increased my love of acting and the theater, and taught me to appreciate all forms of drama. Mr. Monson (11th grade physiology), made physiology fascinating -- and challenging. His approach to teaching made me realize that self-motivation and hard work pay off.

***What Muir meant for her:***

The general tone of common courtesy and ethical and moral conduct that was displayed by the faculty and expected of the students helped to make me a better person. I think all of the experiences combined also helped me to think analytically and look at more than one side of an issue, which helped me finally get to, and through, law school.

***The professional aspects of her life that have mattered most since Muir:***

Returning to my education at age 37 (right after the 20th reunion), going to law school and becoming an attorney.

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My children and grandchildren, number one. And re-meeting and marrying Keith Richardson at the 20th reunion (1981-82 were very memorable years) and having 21 good years of marriage before he passed away.

Also, my health and still being in touch with so many good people who have been my friends for years.

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***Some of the friends from Muir she'd most like to see:***

I'd love to see the Newton twins and Jody Porterfield,  
Sharon Bourquin and Diane Muller

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

Chorus and GAA

***Two of the teachers that mattered most:***

Mrs. Mintz, Ms. Hougasian

***The personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

Getting married, having a child, becoming a grandma

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***Some of the friends from Muir she'd most like to see:***

I'd love to see the Newton twins and Jody Porterfield,  
Sharon Bourquin and Diane Muller

***Activities at Muir that meant the most to her:***

I belonged to and/or help start groups at Muir having to do with theater (Thespian Society) and international and intercultural

relations. I know I belonged to other clubs but that was oh so long ago....50 years, OMG how did that happen?!

***The teachers that mattered most:***

There were many exceptional teachers at Muir and I regret to say I can see faces and even remember some of the things they said or assignments they gave out but their names have vanished. One teacher who was especially important to me and my future interests and activities was Paul Finot. I had him for US Government in our senior year. He forced (I use that word intentionally) us to watch/listen to the Kennedy-Nixon presidential debates and awoke in me a life-long interest in politics. Thank you, Mr. Finot and all the other teachers who had a strong impact on my life.

***What matters most to her about Muir:***

I grew up in an all white area and had never had much experience with people from other ethnicities and cultures. My life has been richer because the school exposed me to worlds and cultures I hadn't experienced before. I've continued this interest through friends and work relationships from many different backgrounds. My political involvement was born out of my experiences and Muir.

I also think we had an exceptionally broad education over all. There were many foreign language classes that other schools didn't have and I remember that I had few teachers I thought were less than stellar.

***The professional aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My broad education has given me a solid basis on which to build my careers. College and grad school had a lot to do with it, of course, but Muir laid the groundwork. At Muir I began to learn to work with people who's life experiences were significantly different from my own. That has made it easier to get along with the many personalities, backgrounds and personal styles we find in the workplace. What has been most important to me professionally was finding my own "work" at the age of 55 when I trained to become a life and career coach. I was successful in my other jobs but I felt like I'd come "home" when I chose this career path and it has rewarded me many times over.

***Personal aspects of her life that have meant the most since Muir:***

My life partner, Carl, and I have known each other since 1981 and have lived together since 1994. I am grateful to be part of such a mutually loving and supportive relationship. My daughter, her daughter, Carl's sons and our three grandsons bring me joy beyond description.

I'm on a life-long journey of personal growth that has been accelerated by my coach training and my wonderful clients.

Through Carl's large family and my son-in-law's family, I have a huge group of people I treasure and who, I hope, feel the same way about me.

And last but far from least, I have deep friendships of many years and I continue to meet new people who add to my life in various ways.