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## **The Chairman's Corner**

*By Jack Fowler  
Class of 1952*

As always we thank you, the Alumni, for supporting the Fresno High Alumni Association which was started in the year 2000 by former principal Bob Reyes. Since then the FHS Alumni Association has provided funding at Fresno High School through grants and scholarships.

Sometimes we fail to thank the wonderful people behind the Alumni Association. I would like to start with Co-chair Jackie Boyajian, class of 1961, who has been a big part in keeping the Alumni Association working. I would also like to thank Secretary JoAnn Woodward, class of 1958, who keeps everything up to date in addition to her work with the class reunions; Carol Porter, class of 1952, who is in charge of the membership data base; Dave Brase, class of 1959, who is the Co-chair of the Wall of Champions Committee and also maintains the Fresno High Alumni Association website; Treasurer Bobbi Schorling, class of 1961; Marie Slater, class of 1965, our May Dinner Chairperson; Merryl Lee Hoernicke, class of 1961, Wall of Champions Committee; former principal Bob Reyes, Newsletter Editor and Wall of Champions Committee member; Jason Whipple, class of 1981, May Dinner Committee member; Gary "Writer" Becker, class of 1957, Wall of Champions Committee; Sharon Haverty, class of 1955; Judie Lane, class of 1962; and to all the others, thank you so much.

Thanks to Dr. Adrian Palazuelos "Principal" and to his staff who are always there for support.

And we thank a very special person who has been to some a mentor, a leader, and someone who is very young at heart, from the class 1936, Bernice Dyke who also was involved in making the 100 Year Centennial in 1989 such a success.

So if your class is not represented at the monthly meetings, please get involved. We need extra help. Fresno High is getting new buildings, and the "bunkers" are going to disappear. So come celebrate with us. Our board meetings are the second Wednesday of each month in the FHS Library at 5:30 PM. Thank you again for your support.

## **Principal's Message**

*By Dr. Adrian Palazuelos*

Fresno High School becomes an active construction site beginning this Spring with the scheduled work to construct our new buildings. The North building will house the Library and Counseling on the first floor and ten (10) academic classrooms on the building's second floor. The South building will house the Administration and Meeting Rooms on the first floor and ten (10) academic classrooms on the second floor. At completion our campus will have twenty (20) new classrooms and enhanced areas for students and the community. Of particular significance will be majestic Royce Hall as it welcomes future generations to Fresno High School.

The construction will require our campus to make a number of adjustments in order to guarantee the safety of staff, students, and visitors. Safety is our top priority and a shared goal for the construction team, district staff, and your Fresno High administrative team. Please rest assured that the current Administration and Library buildings will remain in use during the construction and will be accessible from Echo Street. We have tentatively scheduled our formal groundbreaking for Friday, May 4, 2012 and will communicate the confirmed date during the month of April.



*Architectural drawing of new administrative building.*



*Architectural drawing of new library building.*

I would like to personally thank the Alumni Association for all that you do to support the staff and students of Fresno High School. We have had an extraordinary year with success in the classroom, athletic competitions, and performing arts. During this month our Fresno High Concert Band under the direction of Jose

Vargas received a “Superior” rating (the highest rating awarded by adjudicators) at the California Music Educators Association Band Festival held at Washington Union High School. The Warrior Band is turning heads and your continued generosity will support their success. The Alumni Dinner has been designated as a fundraiser to outfit the band with new uniforms as we “Strike up the Band” for Fresno High School. We hope that you can join us at your alma mater and help our growing music program.

I am honored to serve as the Principal of Fresno High School and invite you to visit the campus and rekindle the memories of your Warrior Days. Thank you for all that you do to support your alma mater.

## ***New Band Uniforms Needs Alumni Help***

*By Bob Reyes  
Newsletter Editor*

First year band instructor Jose Vargas has begun his ambitious goal of returning the Fresno High Warrior Marching Band to its once lofty status as one of the premier marching bands in the Valley.

This year he has begun to lay the foundation of that goal by building the components of a successful marching band: colorguard, percussion, and the band itself. He has also instituted this year Band Conservatory (the use of private lessons provided by his contacts with Fresno State music students to build up the musical skills of the percussion, brass, and woodwind sections of the band).

But his most ambitious goal is the ordering of 100 new band uniforms for next year. The current band uniforms are in short supply which prompted Jose’s major endeavor to purchase new uniforms. At a cost of \$350 per uniform, the total cost of 100 band uniforms is \$35,000. The new uniform has purple with hints of gold against a backdrop of black.

Jose wanted the new uniforms to have recognizable elements from our past band uniforms.



He and his current band have been involved in fundraising all year long, but a great deal of that has also gone to pay for the new flagpoles, rifles, and competition registration fees for the new colorguard (the colorguard is under the direction of Alex Tiscanero). Jose and the band have also had to pay more in registration fees because they have been much more active in band competitions this year. Recently the percussion section played in the Day of Percussion at Fresno State, earning the highest rating of Superior. The colorguard has competed in several winter guard competitions, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place which is pretty good for a first year colorguard. This spring the band has entered two festivals, one at Washington Union and the other at Roosevelt High School.

Recently Jose was able to get the Air Force Jazz Band to play at Fresno High in order to expose our band students to good professional jazz musicians. The event was both a performance and clinic by the Air Force Jazz Band. And Jose plans to have them return on June 1<sup>st</sup> to give a community concert.

I had a chance to interview current junior band member Noe Lozano, Class of 2013, and asked him about the changes that he has seen this year and what he is expecting next year. “The new band uniforms represent a part of our comeback as a band. I’m excited because next year will be my final year, and it will be my best of 4 years in high school.”



*(Noe Lozano with band director Jose Vargas)*

So if any of your classes would like to make a special donation to the Fresno High Band Uniform Fund, you can do so by contacting Jose Vargas at [Jose.Vargas@fresnounified.org](mailto:Jose.Vargas@fresnounified.org). Or if you would like to individually sponsor one uniform for \$350, that would also be welcomed.

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## **Fresno High Cross Country**

*By Gary Becker  
Class of 1957*

Seventeen former Fresno High cross country runners from the 1950's were honored at the Run for the Dream track and field meet at the Save Mart Center on January 21, 2012.

Bob Fries, former Fresno High cross country coach, hosted a gathering of his former athletes at a restaurant across from the arena. Coach Fries brought scrapbooks that featured newspaper articles and pictures from the 1950's, which brought back many memories.

Each man received a gold shirt with purple lettering that read:  
FRESNO HIGH WARRIORS –  
CROSS COUNTRY  
UNDEFEATED – 1956 – 1957 –  
1958 – 1959 – 1960

Members of the 1956 team were Ron Richards, Bill Tuck, Aldo Marciochi, and Gary Becker. Members of the 1957 team were Dan Baker and Dick Wood. Ed Hamlin, Art Cordova, Lynn Petty and Jon Green competed in 1957 and 1958. Ted Cox and Benny Montoya were members of the 1958 and 1959 teams. Members of the 1959 team were Rick Dahlgren and Richard Morris. Jack and Jerry Hancock and George Kastner were members of the 1959 and 1960 teams.



*Front Row: Ben Montoya (60), Aldo Marciochi (57), Bill Tuck (57), Jon Green (59), Lynn Petty (60).  
Center Row: Art Cordova, Gary*

*Becker (57), Jack Hancock (61), Richard Morris (60), Coach Bob Fries. Back Row: Ron Richards (57), George Kastner (61), Ted Cox (60), Ed Hamlin (59)*

## **Four Minute Mile**

*By Rich Ballow  
Class of 1958*

Both Jimmy and I were sitting cross-legged, glued to the black and white television screen that summer's day in 1954. We were watching Aussie John Landy and Brit Roger Bannister running in the Miracle Mile at the Empire games. Both men had broken the world's record in track and field, but today they were running against each other, not just a clock. Headlines would read, "Breaking the Four-Minute Mile."

It was just a few weeks later that I looked up to watch Jimmy running toward me as fast as he could, baton in hand. We were about to make a little history of our own. But first let me tell you about our track: a black tar, pot-filled country road. The countryside was all squared up in quarter sections, from the time when the Federal Government handed out land to its citizens, 160 acres at a time, under the Homestead Act. A little east of Clovis, Grandma's farm was on the northwest 40 acres of one of these sections. That is also why our "track" was square, not oval, a quarter mile stretch extending on each side corner to corner.

The sun was high and it was hot; the temperature would top 100 degrees this afternoon. But I was ready for my quarter mile leg of this race against time. Shirtless and wearing faded swimming trunks and beat up high top Converse tennis shoes, I started to jog, my left hand, thumb down, behind me feeling for the baton Jimmy was thrusting toward me. Grabbing it, I was off! I was running the black tar road, a plum orchard on my left and peach trees on my right. I was headed for brother Bob standing at the

midway corner where the cotton fields began. Then it was cousin Billy Bryan, the oldest of us and already on the Hollywood High track team. He was anchor for this race against the clock.

It was a long, hot half-mile back to the starting point. I pulled up a bubble gum sized wad of the hot tar road, chewing it as I walked back, trying to blow a bubble but never succeeding. When we were all back together, we talked up our team cousin relay, each bragging about his leg of this race while our time keeper assured us of our record breaking potential should there ever be another run. Then we all celebrated our "Four Minute Mile" by floating down an old irrigation ditch on inner tubes for the rest of the afternoon.

## **Class of 1961 A Celebration To Remember**

*By Joyce (Elinor Conn) Hale*

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our graduation celebration was one for the record books. We came, we saw and we celebrated to exhaustion. Things have changed a little since 1961. At this 2011 rocking good time, we were slower and quieter, the upside of that being, no one called the cops! If you missed it or can't remember it, this is what we did.

- 1) Ate and drank (a little)
- 2) Danced to the old music
- 3) Recognized each other, mostly ....
- 4) Remembered the good times
- 5) Laughed about the 'stupid' times
- 6) Saluted our absent friends
- 7) Hung out and in at least one instance 'hooked up' (how sweet is that after all these years).

- 8) We did our share to pay it forward, by donating a thousand dollars to the FHS Marching Band.

What a weekend we had, and we have pictures to prove it. From my perspective, everyone looked great. Nobody looked old, or out of shape. Bald is beautiful now, and so is grey. To walk slower or with an aide is a sign that you 'never give up' and straining to hear a conversation is a sign of sustained interest in things that are important. We had IT! We kept IT! AND WE WON'T LET GO!

The bond we share was evident when the FHS Marching Band came in playing the FIGHT SONG. We came to our feet as one, sang as if no one was listening, and celebrated like we had just won the Little Big Game. We felt young again, and as I looked around the room, we looked young, and HAPPY. What fun it was to wrap our arms around classmates and in, what to my ears sounded like, perfect harmony sang HAIL TO FRESNO HIGH. It was quite a night. Hearing the story of the need for new band uniforms touched our hearts and opened our wallets. We passed the hat and proved that OLD WARRIORS are generous WARRIORS.

To 'the best classmates ever' I want to say "Thanks for the memories, and God willing, I'll see you in five years."



Joyce and Bobbie Schorling, friends since Lafayette Elementary, at the Classmates Reunion Pow-Wow.

Class of '61 if you are reading this and have not ordered your memory book, there is still time. The Cost is \$35.00. Contact Tim Moore at [fhs61@hotmail.com](mailto:fhs61@hotmail.com) to order your book. We anticipate distribution (via snail mail) in early summer.

## Reunion In Maui

By Sharon Henryson Haverty  
Class of 1955

On February 12, 2011, a group of Fresno High 1955 female classmates converged on Maui for a vacation. We arrived on 3 different flights. Five classmates stayed in condos in Ka'anapali and three of us stayed in Lahaina.

We have three classmates who live on Maui which I thought was really neat. Two of us got the airplane bug flying over and spent about 4 days coughing our insides out. On Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, we all got together at Leilani's in Whalers Village for a wonderful lunch.



(1<sup>st</sup> Row: Donna Stewart Kelton, Ellie Mason Huston, Arlene Johns Smith; 2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Sandra Whyte Moore, David DeMark, Joann Alavezos Anderson, Carol Bowman Underhill; 3<sup>rd</sup> Row: Sharon Henryson Haverty, Rosanne Jensen, Helen Johansen, Jane Tradwell Huff.)

Carol, Sharon, and Donna stayed for seven days with Jane at her home in Lahaina. I wish that I never had to leave. She has a deck to die for and being a book person I needed nothing else to enjoy the trip. We all spent so much time on the deck catching up on the last 25 years. She has a rectangular spa set into the deck that is 3 ½ ft. deep with seating and jets on all 4 sides. She also

revealed to me on the last day that two geckos lived inside the house but only came out at night. One lived behind a large oil painting in the upstairs living room and one in the kitchen. Geckos and toads keep the mosquito population in check. Oh, we also left the airplane bug with Jane.



Our other Maui classmates are David DeMark, who lives in Wailuku, and Sandra Whyte Moore and husband Richard (class of '53) who live in Kihei. David retired to Maui a few years ago to surf every day. He said he found out rather quickly you have to be mentally and physically tough to do that and realizing that he couldn't keep up, he went out and got a job. Way to go David.

Sandra and husband Richard have lived in Kihei for a few years. She used to be a docent for the whale center in Kihei. She had to learn to identify and know the names of all the fish that lived near the reef and then had to commit this to memory. After developing some health problems she had to give that up.

Jane moved to Lahaina 12 years ago with husband Charlie Huff who passed away a few years ago. She volunteers at a grammar school on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Her daughter lives next door to her and her son-in-law is with TS Restaurants owners of many restaurants on Oahu, Maui and Kauai. Leilani's, Kimo's and Dukes are three that I remember. Dukes has only been on Maui for 2 ½ years. If you haven't been

there it is in the Honua Kai Resort area. It is spectacular at sunset and the food is wonderful.

After Jane's house we moved to the Royal Lahaina for three days and Ellie from the other group came with us. We had previously taken the whale watching boat, but our trip was a "quiet" day for whales. The next day out in front of the hotel we sat and watched about 15 whale breaches. Carol stayed true to her goals and went snorkeling with 2 girls from France and then swam laps in the pool. The rest of us went to Whalers Village. We had such a great time in Maui and, of course, the weather was incredible with all the trade winds. Finally, and dragging a bit, we arrived home on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Class of 1962 Holds 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

*By Judie Lane*

Ready for a fabulous "Look" back at "Life" with old friends who we may not recognize? Our "once in a lifetime" big 50th will be a wonderful, fun, and memorable event to share. All in the class of 1962 are invited, whether you graduated or not.

**Friday**, October 12, 2012, for classmates only social event with photo booth fun and appetizers.  
**Saturday**, October 13, 2012, for dinner, music, good friends; a professional photo will be taken for our **Memory Book**.  
**Sunday**, October 14, 2012, for a Farewell Breakfast Buffet.

All individuals who plan to drive to the reunion with vintage cars, please notify Judie ASAP, so we may reserve a spot out front for you.

**Contact information:** Judie Lane at 559-285-7561, fhs62@rocketmail.com or Paula Siemens Klaus at 559-917-1622, pklaus.fhsreunion62@yahoo.com

with address or lost updates. Or, Facebook page "Fresno High School 1962."

A fund is being set up to help classmates who may not have the means to attend our 50th reunion. If you feel you qualify for this, please contact Judie Lane only, at one of the contacts listed. All inquiries will be confidential.

## **Fresno High Yearbooks**

*By Jackie Garo Boyajian  
Class of 1960*

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I put out a call for yearbooks that have been made available by previous owners. I will also list these on the Fresno High Alumni Website, and as they are purchased, I will remove them from the list. The prices will vary according to the year and their condition. There will also be postage fees, hopefully, not a lot as they will be sent as printed material. Please contact me if interested in purchasing one or even if you have some to be donated. Remember – all the money made from the sale of these yearbooks will go right back to the students at Fresno High. Here is a list of FHS Yearbooks that are available for purchase:

**1920's – 1940's:** 1926; 1933; 1934; 1935; 1936; 1938; 1942

**1960's:** 1963; 1968 (2 copies); 1969

**1970's:** 1970; 1971; 1975; 1976; 1978; 1979 (2 copies)

**1980's:** 1980 (2 copies)

**1990's:** 1990; 1993

My contact information is Jackie Garo Boyajian; [jfb15@live.com](mailto:jfb15@live.com); (559) 224-6643.

## **2012 Scheduled Reunions**

*By JoAnn D'Ambrosio Woodward  
Class of 1958*

*(Additional information can be found at [FresnoHighAlumni.com/classes/reunions/future](http://FresnoHighAlumni.com/classes/reunions/future))*

1952 – 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
May 4-6  
Contact Bettylee Ginsburg Wapner, 559-439-2676

1954 – Mini-reunion Gathering  
May 4-5  
Contact Roy Spina, 559-297-1041

1957 – Alaska Mini-reunion  
July 22  
Contact Elaine Parnagian Sudjian, 559-431-7306

1957 – 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
October 5-6  
Contact Elaine Parnagian Sudjian, 559-431-7306

1962 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
October 12-14  
Contact Judie Lane, 559-285-7561

1967 – 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
August 11  
Contact Bob Boro, 559-285-2450

1992 – 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Information on Facebook at Fresno High School Class of 1992

## **A Picture from the Past**

*By Bob Reyes  
Newsletter Editor*

From time to time, our alumni members find some memorable pictures from our past. This picture comes from Alumni President Jack Fowler and shows our 1917 football team boarding a train for a Friday game (probably with Bakersfield High School).



**CONTINUING THIS NEWSLETTER:** Membership is the primary support we get which allows us to give back to the students and teachers at Fresno High. There is a membership application included in this newsletter. If you are not interested in becoming a member, maybe a donation would be something you would like to do. Your tax-deductible check made payable to Fresno High Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 27516, Fresno, CA 93729 would be greatly appreciated.  
 \$5 \$10 \$25 \$50 Other



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- Scholarships to deserving students
- Much needed classroom supplies
- Supplemental facilities and grounds maintenance
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## Fresno High School Alumni Association Membership Application

Please sign me up as a member of the Fresno High Alumni Association as a:

Chief \$100/yr     
  Warrior \$50/yr     
  Brave \$25/yr  
(Includes Annual Alumni Dinner)

Your FHS graduating class year \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name/Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

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