

MVA Christmas Wish List

Great Year-End Giving Ideas

Mountain View Academy is very blessed to have a supportive community of alums, parents, constituent churches and friends. We thank you for helping us provide a Christ-centered environment for our students.

We are often asked what we need and below is a list compiled from the staff. We know this can be a tough time financially for families but if you have been extra blessed this year and want to give a little extra to MVA, below is our Christmas Wish List. God bless!

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IPAD 2
SCANNER
FAX MACHINE
FLAT SCREEN TV
SMART PROJECTOR
DIGITAL SLR CAMERA
DIGITAL MICROSCOPE
ELLIPTICAL FITNESS MACHINE
ELMO DOCUMENT PROJECTORS
PRAYER

Alumni Homecoming—April 12, 2014

By Rita Hoshino

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the events celebrating 91 years of Christian education at Mountain View Academy.

The 2014 MVA Alumni Day (honoring classes that end in “4” as well as the 25 year class of ’89) will be held on April 12.

Former teacher and graduate of the 50-year honored class of ’64, Gary Swanson, will be the speaker for “The Gathering”. Alum of the year will be honored posthumously. Oscar J. Lattimore, ’84 will be remembered for his years of volunteerism as an MVA basketball coach and mentor to hundreds of students.

Official events begin on Sabbath morning at 9:00 a.m. with registration. The luncheon, again, will be provided through the generosity of the Cimino family.

A concert featuring various MVA alums and the current Royallaires will take place in the afternoon followed by class parties and an alumni vs. all-star basketball game on Saturday night.



Gary Swanson, '64, will be key note speaker for the April 12 Homecoming

For more information, feel free to contact alumni president Rita Hoshino. '73 at alumni@mtnviewacademy.org.

We Need Your Help!

We are missing people from nearly every class. We would love to keep in touch with everyone but aren't always successful in finding new contact information.

We can easily provide a list of your classmates so you can add any contact information you may have.

Send a request for your class list to alumni@mtnviewacademy.org.

Thank you!

MVA School Calendar

December 13/14

Sacred and Christmas Concerts

December 23-January 5

Christmas Break

January 23

Academy Day

March 2-7

Senior Class Trip

March 20-31

Africa Mission Trip

April 12

MVA Alumni Sabbath

May 23-25

MVA Graduation Weekend

Alumni Involvement—Invaluable!

Whether alums participate by attending events like Celebration in Music, volunteer on the school board, help coordinate



Ellie and Doug Sumaraga, '77 and Jayson Tsuchiya, '78

the Golf Classic, give to help a student go on a mission trip or pray for MVA, their involve-



Jonathan Youngberg, '00

ment is important, priceless and appreciated!

It's because of the tireless efforts of many of you who have helped on work bees, taken a day off from work to showcase your profession at the

annual Career Fair or volunteered to be a chaperone on a trip who add so much value to the education our students receive. Here are just a few



Dick Anderson, '51, and wife Clarice

photos of those who have been on campus, contributing their talents, gifts and prayers.

Come Show Off Your Profession!

The annual Career Fair is a wonderful way for MVA students to get a peak at possible career options and provides our alums a great way to give back.

Each year, multiple alums volunteer their time to come and share what it takes to be anything from a mortician, spy, engineer, doctor, artist, computer scientist and more.

The next Fair is February 5, 2014. If you would like to volunteer to showcase your profession, you many contact the school's Registrar, Alyce Schales at registrar@mtnviewacademy.org or call the school at (650) 967-2324. We would love your participation!



Joanne (Furiosi) Grigore, '80



Lori (Hashimoto) Smith, '77



Wayne Ogata, '75



Gerson Perla, '87



Gareth Igarashi, '78, Jim Smeenge, '78, Devin Igarashi, '78



Principal’s Report

By Dan Meidinger

Season’s Greetings from the MVA! The holiday season is here, and we have so many things for which to be thankful. Mountain View Academy has 146 students; with several more planning to join us after the Christmas break, helping us to continue operating within a balanced budget.

It’s always great to update MVA Alumni and friends about recent campus improvements. The chapel renovation is nearly complete, with a few more stage lights to be installed as funding is available. The restrooms near the chapel have been renovated as well, and were open for use early November. The short range plans include full renovation of all the other campus restrooms as well.



New fluorescent lighting has been added throughout the classrooms on campus. MVA’s computer technology infrastructure, including Wi-Fi capability and a new server has been recently installed in preparation for future technology needs.

Plans are being set for Alumni Sabbath, April 12, which will include the MVA Choir and Royalaires participation in the service. We encourage you to arranging your schedule to be with us for Alumni Sabbath, 2014.

MVA’s annual spring mission trip will be to Namibia, Africa, along with a local mission trip to San Francisco. Our school family was also able to find inspiration from the Student Week of Prayer, with students presenting their spiritual journey and challenges.

I would encourage you to consider making a gift that will help make a difference at MVA! It is because of the continuous, generous support of our alumni and friends that we are able to provide the state-of-the-art education that our students receive.

Thank you for your prayers and interest as MVA continues to serve the Bay Area.

Happy Holidays!

Dan Meidinger

MVA Golf Tournament

By Dan Meidinger

MVA Golf Classic 2013 was a success again!

Thanks to Doug Sumaraga, the MVA



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golf Classic coordinator, MVA’s annual Golf Classic had over 40 golfers gather at San Jose’s Silver Creek Golf Country Club Monday, August 26.



PUC Sponsorship Table

The group of golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golf, supper luncheon, and the usual drawings for prizes.

The benefit funds were targeted for MVA’s Worthy Student Fund and the Families of the Fallen program.

MVA Golf Classic—August 25, 2014

For anyone interested in participating and or volunteering to assist in the planning or production of the Golf tournament, please visit our website for registration or volunteer information. The web address is mtnviewacademy.org/#/alumni-and-giving/mva-golf-tournament or you may go to the main web address at mtnviewacademy.org and click on the Alumni and Giving, then



Robert Hicks, '80 and Jonathan Youngberg, '00

Ten MVA students, three recent MVA alumni, in addition to many other volunteers assisted in various tournament day assignments.

Mark the date for next year’s Mountain View



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Academy Fall Classic, Monday, August 25, again scheduled at the Silver Creek Country Golf Club.

Thanks to all who gave financial support and assisted in other ways to help make the MVA Golf Classic a success.



Lori (Tripp) Peckham, '80—Featured Alum

Interviewed by Ray Funada

I met with fellow classmate Lori, recently and asked her about her memories of academy. Here’s her story.

“I loved my academy days” recalls Lori (Tripp) Peckham, when asked to summarize her days at MVA. Lori moved to the Mountain View area when her father, Lee Tripp, decided to move his family from the East Coast to the Bay Area for the warm weather and hopes for “less allergens”.

Pastor Tripp accepted the position of Associate Pastor at Mountain View Central Church since it was close to a day academy, Mountain View Academy. Lori was just a 4th grader at the time and her sister, Teri, 8th grade. I remember when Lori first arrived at school; we were amused by her East Coast “Jersey” accent. But she quickly fit in and became part of the class family. Her father soon became the long time pastor of the Campbell Church which gave Lori the opportunity to graduate from both Miramonte School, 1976, and MVA 1980.

We all recall Lori as a fun loving classmate who always seemed to have a smile on her face. What made our class special was that “we all got along”, says Lori. During her days at MVA, Gary Swanson who was one of the English teachers took notice of Lori’s writing talents and their paths would cross years later. Upon graduating from MVA in 1980, Lori continued on to PUC where she graduated with a double major in English and Communications.

While at PUC, Lori wrote various articles for Adventist periodicals and was invited to write the editorial on a special college student issue of Listen Magazine. This would be Lori’s biggest recognition of her talents to date. At the time Lori was now making “big” money, \$40-50/article! It was at this time that Lori once again crossed paths with her academy English teacher, Gary Swanson, who was now the Editor of Listen Magazine.

Upon graduation from PUC, she was offered a position on the staff at Listen magazine but she chose to pursue a Masters degree at La Sierra College. It was a difficult decision to pass up such a great offer but after many prayers Lori stuck to her plan to obtain her Mas-



ter’s degree. Shortly thereafter while finishing up her graduate degree; she received an offer from the Review and Herald’s Insight Magazine to become the assistant editor. This time Lori accepted and on July 1, 1986, she packed up her bags and moved to Maryland.



This is where Lori’s story really gets interesting...it turns out that when Lori was still at PUC, she became friends with her future husband, Kim Peckham, who was working in the public relations department at St. Helena Hospital. While at PUC, Lori also had a part-time job at St. Helena Hospital. She was immediately attracted to Kim but decided to play it cool. Later, while attending La Sierra, the two continued to keep loosely in touch. During this time Kim moved back to his hometown of Topeka, Kansas. Apparently they both had plans of playing it cool or they

were simply too chicken to officially date. A true friendship was in the making, however.

When Lori told Kim that she had accepted the job at Insight Magazine, he invited her to stop by Topeka on the way to Maryland. Now, no offense to Topeka but it’s not exactly on my bucket list of cities to visit but I guess to Lori, the main attraction, Kim, was worth the detour. Lori’s mother, Ellen, accompanied her on this cross country journey and also thought Kim was a nice young man.

Once at Insight Magazine, a position in the Marketing Department at the Review and Herald became available and Lori conveniently recommended Kim for the job. Kim was promptly offered the position and he accepted. Now, upon his arrival in Maryland, Kim made it clear to Lori that he was a confirmed bachelor. What that exactly meant is unclear but Lori once again decided to play it cool. After a couple years of “accompanying” each other to church as single “bachelors” and spending free time together, they finally didn’t have to play it cool and were married in August of 1988!

Lori continued as Assistant Editor at Insight Magazine until she was named Editor in 1995 until retiring from the magazine in 2002 due to the arrival of her son, Reef. She later became editor of Women of Spirit magazine which allowed her to work from home. Currently, she continues to edit periodicals and books for the Review and Herald at her own pace while raising Reef.

Lori shares that after her parents’ years at Campbell Church, they moved to Sonora where he was Pastor for a few more years until his retirement. Eventually her parents moved to Maryland due to health concerns and Lori’s mother, Ellen, recently passed away on June 2 at the age of 81. Pastor Tripp still occasionally preaches at their local church and enjoys being close to his family. He is now 84 years old. Lori, Kim and Reef live in Sharpsburg, Maryland in an ideal, woodsy setting. She enjoys traveling, walking, and shopping.

Lori wishes to pass along a hello to all her friends from her academy days and hopes to make it back for an Alumni Sabbath soon. Her final thought in regards to her MVA days, “I would do it all over again!”

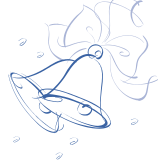
Alumni Updates

Marriages

Bonnie McConnell, a teacher at MVA was married to Steve Gottke on August 4th. They were introduced by Basil Williams, another teacher at MVA and got to know each other during time spent on trips with students to PUC and Argentina. The wedding was held at Sunnyvale Adventist church. “I look forward to spending a lifetime with Steve and continuing to grow our relationship,” Bonnie commented after her “I dos” were said.



Shannon Perez-Bechtel, '12 wed Matthew Hubbard on Sunday, August 4, 2013. The two met while attending Pacific Union College and are continuing their education at PUC while making their home in Angwin, California.



Being in Pathfinders can garner you more than a few honors, as Eryn Vingo, '07 discovered. The former Ms. Vingo met her husband, Gilbert Guerrero as kids when both attended a Pathfinder fair in Paso Robles. They met again while attending PUC and were married this summer in a wedding that was filled with MVA-ites. The wedding was officiated by Pastor Moises Guerrero and the bride’s party included E’schelle Hernandez, '08, Lisa Zuill, '06 and Eryn’s maid-of-honor was Lydia Egwim, '07. The very happy couple now make their home in Reno, Nevada.



Marisol Ramos-Rico, '03, married Danny Chavez on November 7th.



Have you married recently? We would love to hear about it! Please forward a photo, the person you married and the wedding date.

Births

Born to Mark Wilmot, '79 and his wife, Tomomi, the double blessing of twin boys, Kent David and George Daniel on September, 17, 2013. The boys, along with their parents, make their home in Japan, where Mark teaches English.



Obituaries

We bid a temporary good-bye to Marshall Horseman, '45 who suffered a massive stroke and passed away on Sunday, June 23. Marshall had been a faithful contributor to Christian education as well as attending nearly every MVA Homecoming. He and his lovely wife Rose, would host a yearly feast at their hotel for school friends.

A service to honor Marshall was held on Sabbath, July 6 at the Auburn SDA church in Auburn, California.

Notes of remembrances and condolences may be sent to Rose Horseman, 3642 Country Meadow Ct. Auburn, CA 95602.

It saddens me to report the passing of my father, Wayne “Bovay” Burkhart, graduate of the Class of 1957. Dad loved his years at the Academy. He attended the 50 year reunion and was delighted to reconnect with so many former classmates and long lost friends. His passing came roughly a year after he suffered a stroke in May 2012. He passed on September 20, 2013. He is survived by his two daughters, Kimberli Burkhart and Monique Maguire. No service is planned. He will be cremated and a final resting place has not yet been decided.

I wanted to relay the information, as Dad was already looking forward to the next reunion.

- Contributed by daughter Monique

Ida (Donleavy) Hillock, '52 passed to her rest on February 22, 2013 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 78. She was born in San Jose, California and married John B. Hillock on September 6, 1953. Ida enjoyed being with her family and friends, going to church and appreciated her church family. Many children of Wallowa County grew up

knowing her as “Grandma Ida.” Ida enjoyed cooking, baking, crafting, sewing and reading. She was an avid collector of cookbooks, always trying new recipes. She was Homemak-er of the Year at the Wallowa County Fair more than once, and held the position of the county fair’s open class superintendent of baked goods for many, many years.



She belonged to the Wallowa County Hand-crafters Guild, and was very proud to be a charter member of The High Wallowas Red Hat Society, where she was serving as their first Queen Mother. Ida is survived by her husband John of 59 years; son: John (Gail) Hillock, daughter: Grace (Doug) Sandlin, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Clarence Lenhart “Len” Cochran, '51, of Cody, Wyoming died Jan. 3, 2013, after a lengthy battle with cancer. Len was 79. Len was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on May 18, 1933, to Verlin and Thelma

Cochran. As a young child in Hawaii, he experienced the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Shortly thereafter his family moved to Oregon and then eventually to the San Francisco Bay Area where he lived most



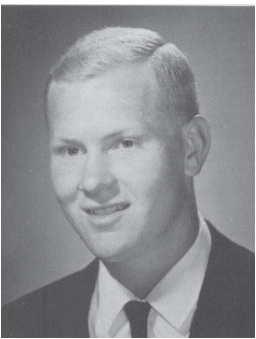
of his childhood with his parents and sister Betty Jean. Following his graduation from MVA, Len graduated from Walla Walla with a bachelor’s degrees in math and mechanical engineering and earned a master’s degree in mechanical engineering from Stanford.

Len married Rowena Gayle Harrison on December 28, 1958, in Newark, California. During his career he worked first as an engineer in the Apollo rocket program and then as an engineer in oil filtration. He later entered the retail business and he and Rowena successfully managed various organ and piano stores in the Stockton area. Len loved the

outdoors and spent much of his life climbing, hiking, fishing and camping. While he was serving in the Army and stationed in Europe he was able to summit the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

Len was an active member of the Powell Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition to traveling in the great outdoors, Len and Rowena visited many exciting destinations including all 50 states, Europe, Africa and most recently Antarctica. A quote from Len, “Make a friend, lose an enemy. Make the New Jerusalem your goal.” He is survived by his wife Rowena of Cody, sons Steven (Tina) Cochran, Scott (Cindy) Cochran and Scott’s daughter Mia of northern California and daughter Gayle Cochran of Cody.

David Willard Nelson, '66, passed suddenly at his home in Bakersfield, California on March 3, 2013. David continued his education, post-MVA, at PUC. He



spent many years working in the Adventist Health system, serving as an administrator of three hospitals. He was involved in retrofitting hospitals and preparing them for earthquakes. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing and gardening. For most of his adult life, David made his home in Glendale and Bakersfield. David is survived by his wife Beverly, two sons, Timothy and Mike (Christine), a daughter Emily as well as one grandchild. David also leaves behind his sister, Barbara (Nelson) Freleigh, '69.

Maria (Ahlkvist) Harty, '46 was born on April 20, 1926 in Mountain View, California, and passed to her rest on June 1, 2013 in Sonoma, California. Maria is predeceased by her husband Benny Harty and is survived by her brother Lennart Ahlkvist, '43 along with step-children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, many of whom have also attended MVA.



It is with regret that we let our MVA family know of the passing of Dean McCoy, '70 or Deano (as he was affectionately known to his friends and classmates). He died on June 9, 2013 as a result of advanced melanoma, he was 61. Dean is survived by his brothers Pat and Kerry, sisters Becky and Sherry, and his two daughters, four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.



Many will fondly remember Dean’s sense of humor as well as his artistic abilities. We pray for peace for his family.

Jim Retzer, '65 passed away. He was the beloved seventh grade teacher at Paradise SDA Elementary School. Jim collapsed on the morning of October 29 while at home, getting ready to teach. He was rushed to the hospital but was not able to be revived. He was married to Marti (Wollard), '67.



Sadly we lost another MVA alum. Lucinda (Robertson) Crim, '74, passed away as a result of a long-time battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Cindy is survived by her husband Tim, son Kevin, her sister Diana Bristol, '70, brothers Ted, '82 and Curtis, '84 along with several nieces and nephews.



Cindy will be well remembered and missed. Messages of condolences may be sent to: 1231 Sonoma Ave., Sacramento, CA 95815.

Do You Have Any News?

We want to hear from you! Anything you would like to share with us—marriages, births, career updates, etc. we would be happy to pass along your news to fellow alums.

Email us your updates at alumni@mtnviewacademy.org.

Gifts of Stock

How to Give a Gift of Stock to Mountain View Academy

1. If your shares are held in an account ask your broker to make an electronic transfer to MVA’s Charles Schwab account #2930-3763. The DTC number is 0164, which is needed if the stock is currently in an account with any company other than Charles Schwab. You can reach Schwab customer service at 800.435.4000.

Once the stock is transferred into the MVA account, we will receive notification of the transfer and a receipt will be sent to you. The effective date of the gift for this method is the date the shares are placed into the MVA account. As an alternative, if the stock is already in a Schwab account, you can visit your local office and complete a Transfer of Stock form and then have the trade made by your Schwab representative who can stamp the form with the current date and provide a copy to you.

2. If you hold the certificate for your shares, you can sign the stock over to MVA by either endorsing the back of the certificate or by using a stock power which you can mail to the MVA office. Due to the nature of the document being mailed, we recommend that you send it via certified, registered, or express mail. When the gift is received, it will be liquidated within 30 days and a receipt will be mailed to you. The effective date of the gift for this method is the date of the postmark. If it is convenient, you can also bring it by the school office.

3. To complete the gift transaction, please advise Sara Baroro, MVA Business Manager, of the number of shares, the identity of the stock and any parameters you intend for the use of the gift. We prefer that this be done in writing, although you or your broker may call Sara directly at 650.967.2324.