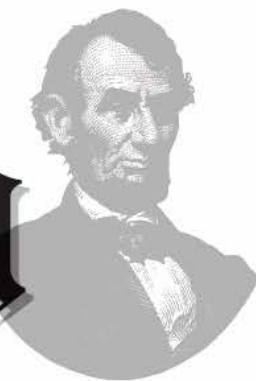




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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

President's Message

By Jon Woo

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Fellow Mustangs,

We're happy to share news of two alumni events coming up this Fall, and other important ALHS news. Our Annual Car Show takes place Saturday, Sept 26th at ALHS. We are also bringing back our regional lunches, with the first one being in San Rafael on Saturday, November 7th. Wherever you are, come join us for an informal lunch and meet Mustangs from different classes.

I'm also putting a call out for people to help us read through our student scholarship applicants. We gave over \$103,000 in scholarship money to the Class of 2026 and we need your help in determining the students who will receive the scholarships for the Class of 2027. Scholarship Readers will have approximately one month to read and determine our scholarship recipients from a pool of students that is usually around 70 applications. Please e-mail if this interests you, or if you have any general interest about joining the working part of the Alumni Association in any capacity.

The Alumni Association is saddened by the passing of Judy (Banks) Simmons and her husband Gary Simmons. You can read more about them and their contributions to the Alumni Association in this edition of the Log. Gary and Judy have been staples with the Alumni Association dating back to when I was a student! The early beginnings and base upon which this organization stands on can be attributed back to their dedication to us and to Lincoln High School. Their presence and knowledge will be missed, but their contributions will last forever.



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Membership**

Join the Alumni Association
and pay your dues, Contact
us today!



Letter from the Editor

By Amy Alexander

Greetings, fellow Mustang alumni!

We hope everyone had a fun summer. We look forward to a great Fall and Winter 2026 of Abraham Lincoln High School (ALHS) alumni events, as well as continued accomplishments of current students and faculty.

Over the Spring and Summer of 2026, several alumni classes held reunions and get-togethers, with respective class-members sharing their appreciation for ALHS then and now – and for each other. Be sure to check out the photos and appreciations shared in this edition. We're also sharing a feature on the 2026 Wall of Fame Ceremony that took place in the Spring of 2026 in San Francisco. Thanks to all the alumni and students who attended!

You'll also see important updates and calendar reminders on the famous Alumni Association Car Show and other events that are on tap in the coming months. We also pay tribute in this issue to two stalwart members of the ALHS Alumni Association, Gary and Judy (Banks) Simmons, who passed away early in 2026.

As ever, we encourage all alumni to participate in reunions and other events, as well as donate to student scholarships. Please also feel free to sign up to receive the Alumni Log online, and to share the newsletter with fellow alumni. Thanks again for your dedication to Lincoln High, and we look forward to connecting with you on or offline.



FEATURE

Home Again: 2026 Wall of Fame Recipients Gather in SF for Awards Ceremonies

By Amy Alexander, Editor-in-Chief, Alumni Association Log



2026 Wall of Fame inductees (l-r) Bill Stein, Mark Litke and John Sullivan were briefly honored during the Student Scholarship/WoF assembly at Lincoln High's Little Theatre. Photo: Alumni Association.

In early April, several dozen ALHS current students, alumni, and current and former faculty members gathered to celebrate the 2026 Lincoln Alumni Association Wall of Fame (WoF) honorees, Mark Litke (Class of '65), Bill Stein (Class of '58), and John L. Sullivan (Class of '80.) Shawn Aluk, former ALHS music teacher, received the Distinguished Faculty Award.

The joyous event took place at Fior d'Italia Restaurant in historic North Beach. The ceremony featured musical presentations, and inspiring remarks about the WoF recipients, as well as recognition of several Class of 2026 ALHS students who received scholarships from the Alumni Association.

A separate full ceremony honoring all 2026 ALHS student scholarship recipients took place in the Little Theatre at Lincoln earlier in the day.



2026 WoF Inductee Mark Litke accepts his award in April. Photo: Alumni Association.

At the WoF ceremony in North Beach, Isaac Vaughn (Class of '80 and previous WoF inductee), inducted his former classmate and Mustangs varsity football teammate John Sullivan, into the WoF.

Along with acknowledging John's stellar athleticism and team spirit during his time as a Mustang, Isaac also noted that after John graduated from UC Berkeley, he played for several NFL teams, as well as a USFL franchise. Later, John returned to Berkeley as an academic advisor.

Shawn Aluk, who had served as ASB Advisor, and also founded the Varsity Gold Show Choir during his years teaching music at ALHS, was celebrated by two alumni, Chris Lam ('03) and Melissa Allen ('03) who had been his students; Chris and Melissa read excerpts of tributes provided by other ALHS alumni and former members of the Varsity Gold Show Choir. "Mr. Aluk, your impact on our lives, both in school and in our personal lives, will be seen for years beyond our graduations," wrote Anthony Rivera ('95.)

The student scholarship awards event and the WoF dinner collectively demonstrated ALHS's continuing tradition of academic, civic and community accomplishment. Congratulations to all the student scholarship recipients and to the newest members of the Wall of Fame.



2026 WoF Inductee John L. Sullivan accepts his award. Photo: Alumni Association]



FEATURE

Alumni, Faculty and Students Mourn the Passing of ALHS Former Football Coach Greg Woods, Jr.

By ALHS Alumni Association Log Staff

Former Mustangs Football Coach Greg Woods passed away on March 12, 2026 in San Francisco.

In his youth Greg had been an exceptional athlete. He attended St. Ignatius High School, earning All-City honors as linebacker and guard. During his time on St. Ignatius's team, Greg was essential to that team's success, including as a member of the team that clinched the 1958 AAA Turkey Day Football Championship.

He went on to receive multiple scholarships to colleges and chose to attend Notre Dame, earning a football monogram in 1962. After serving in the Army from 1963-65, he returned to San Francisco and started his illustrious coaching career at the University of San Francisco, followed by John O'Connell and Lincoln High School.

During his long career at Lincoln, Greg led the Mustangs to eight Turkey Day Championships and two All-State High School Football Championship titles. In 2013, Greg was named AAA Assistant Coach of the Year. Widely known as "Coach," Greg's talents and impact extended beyond the football field. He spent 45 years in the SF Unified School District teaching English, History and Physical Education. He is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.



Pictured: Greg Woods, Jr., former coach of the Mustangs football team. Photo: Alumni Association.



Rev. Dr. Fred Haynes, 2025 Wall of Fame Honoree, Runs for U.S. Congressional Seat in Texas

By Alumni Association Staff

Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes, (S78), 2026 WoF Inductee

Wall of Fame honoree in 2025, Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes, S1978, just won (by 72%) a big primary in Dallas, Texas. The longtime pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church, Dr. Haynes, surprised many when he jumped in to run in Congressional District 30, the seat based in southern Dallas County. When he became Pastor in 1983, the church had about 40 members - it is now a prominent social justice mega church with over 13,000 members.



FEATURE

Lincoln Alumni Association Pays Tribute to Association Stalwarts Judith May (Banks) Simmons ('63) and Gary Simmons ('58)

By ALHS Alumni Association Log Staff



Lincoln Alumni and Editor of the Log, Gary Simmons and Judy (Banks) Simmons enjoying a cruise. Photo: The Simmons Family.



Gary and Judy (Banks) Simmons celebrated their marriage on the front steps of Lincoln. Photo: The Simmons Family

The ALHS Alumni Association and Lincoln High community lost two wonderful members early in 2026. Judy (Banks) Simmons (S63) passed away on her 80th Birthday in February. Her husband, Gary Simmons (S58) passed away one month later. During the 1990s, a few years after the Alumni Association was formed, Gary became Editor of this alumni association newsletter, (The Log) and held that position until his retirement in 2024. Although both were ALHS alumni, they had graduated in different classes – but their shared appreciation of Lincoln brought them together years later: Gary and Judy first met when Judy volunteered at an ALHS Alumni Association board meeting and they struck up a friendship. Gary later said he was smitten from the start, and their love story began. They were married March 16th, 2002, in San Francisco. For over 20 years Judy was the archivist for the Alumni Association and left us with many many scrapbooks of the history of Lincoln High School. And Gary was a creative, thorough and dedicated editor of the alumni Log, bringing informative alumni profiles, events and reunion news, and fundraising information to thousands of Mustang alumni for more than two decades. We are grateful for all that Judy and Greg contributed to keeping Lincoln alumni informed and thankful for their strong dedication to ALHS.



DEPARTMENT STORIES

My Experience as a Lincoln Volunteer

By Bonnie Jones - S1967



Pictured: Bonnie Jones a Volunteer at Lincoln High School

Did you know Lincoln has a terrific program for current students called The Business Academy? Led by alum Vicky Lee, it was designed to increase interview skills for job interviews, business, and college interviews. Recently I was invited to volunteer as an Evaluator for their Mock Interviews. Most of the participants were tenth and eleventh graders. Beforehand, I had imagined that the teens would be scrolling their cellphones, ignoring the process or even worse, ghosting me. Still, as a former Human Resource Analyst who lives not far from ALHS in the Sunset District, I volunteered.

A week prior to my volunteering assignment, I was stunned and dazzled to receive from Vicky Lee a list of strong interview questions and a clear outline for the afternoon.

And once I arrived on campus, I was happy to once again be walking the halls of Lincoln, then sitting in a classroom again. In short order, right on time, well-dressed teens with killer handshakes looked me sincerely in the eye, listened intently and proceeded to “Wow” me with their work experience, classroom success stories and much more.

My exercises involved talking with two students in tandem. During one such interview, when I asked one young man about his downtime/hobbies, he answered that he liked to sketch and kept a sketch book in his backpack. When I pressed him for a few more details, he went silent.

His partner gave him a friendly tug and directed me to turn around: There, on a wall behind me, I beheld a huge detailed colorful brush portrait and club logo poster! That is when that mega talented student artist tucked away his backpack, and shared with me that his goal is to be a firefighter just like his dad who has enjoyed his career.

Following these interviews, club members served coffee, tea, fruit, and petit fours. No kidding! A few days later there was a follow-up. Imagine my surprise to read thank you notes from the students expressing gratitude and detailing what they gained from the interviews.

This important academy learning opportunity happens once per year. If you live in the Bay Area, I recommend you consider taking a morning or afternoon to volunteer in the academy or in other extra-curricular student enrichment programs that take place at Lincoln. I certainly had a positive experience – and it was good for the soul and fun to walk the halls one more time.

Correction

A photo in the Spring 2026 edition of the Log incorrectly indicated that ALHS students Angelina DeLeon and Scarlett Stevens are students in Lincoln’s Yearbook class.

Angelina and Scarlett, who volunteer in the Alumni Association Office on campus, are from the Journalism class not the Yearbook class.

Celebrating the Mustang Boy's Tennis Team

By Kevin Hu, Lincoln Log Student Newspaper Staff



Left to right: Bradley Chu, Theodore Hom, and Derek Lau posing with their silver, gold, and silver medals, respectively. Photo by Darryl Fong.

The 2026 CIF San Francisco Section All-City Boys Tennis tournament was held from April 27 through May 1, showcasing some of the best tennis players across five schools in the district. All-City featured varsity singles alongside varsity and novice doubles matches. Competition opened at Lowell for the first three days before moving to the Goldman Tennis Center for the final two days of play.

On May 1, 2026, seniors Derek Lau and Bradley Chu competed against Lowell junior Pakin Papartassee and Lowell senior Oliver Grimwood for the doubles championship, while senior Theodore Hom fought for the singles championship.

Lau and Chu went the distance against Papartassee and Grimwood, requiring all three sets to be played before a winner was determined. Lau and Chu dropped set one (1-6), and despite showing signs of life in set two, beating Papartassee and Grimwood in 8 games, the duo would ultimately lose set three (1-6).

Hom and Braunstein also went the distance, but in the singles finals. Hom, and Braunstein, who Coach Max Van Engers considers to be Lowell's best player, battled for three hours, when Hom was finally crowned as the winner.

"I was kinda nervous at the start since this was my first appearance in the finals, hence the 0-6 start," Hom explains. Despite wrestling with nerves, and dropping the first set without winning a game, Hom's determination never waned or wavered. "I went back to the basics. I decided to just focus on my footwork and my fundamentals." After Hom stopped overthinking and fell back on what he knew best, he would not drop another set, winning sets two and three in ten and nine games respectively.

Overall, Hom's win was a rewarding end to a tiring season for the tennis team. According to team manager Kimora Huynh, the team would practice up to hours everyday. "They have been practicing everyday unless there is a match or if the court is wet," says Huynh. "Sometimes the coach lets them have a day break but usually they're always practicing."

Hom attributed his tournament win to his team, family, and friends, citing them as the reason he worked so hard. "I couldn't do it without my teammates, family, and friends supporting me from the sidelines," Hom says. "Thank you to everyone who supported me throughout the journey."

Send Your Dues!





REUNION REPORT

REUNION STORIES

Mustangs Reunions News: Recent Class Reunions, Upcoming Reunions

By Alumni Association Staff

Alumni Shared Memories During Combined Reunion of Classes of S65, F65 S66

In mid-May of 2026, the combined graduating classes of Spring 1965, Fall 1965 and Spring 1966 met at the Basque Cultural Center in South City for their combined 60th Reunion. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and a sit down meal of salad, chicken, salmon or vegetarian main course and ice cream, along with iced tea. The evening's master of ceremony welcomed all and asked the 9 member reunion committee to join at the podium for introductions. During the meal Master of Ceremonies Peter Deutsch reminded the attendees of so many famous prior Lincoln graduates and pointed out that Bill Mustanich (Reunion Committee Member) was inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame for baseball as well as Bob Mahoney and Rick Wagner who were members of the 1965 AAA Champion Football team and Gary Bradford and Frank Kanios: members of the 1966 AAA Basketball Champion team who were all in attendance. Mike Holmgren, All-City Football, Superbowl Champion and 2025 NFL Hall of Famer, sent his regards from his granddaughter's college graduation in Chicago. In addition, attendees were reminded of the respective prices of eggs, housing and gas in 1965 and 1966, as well as the top movies and songs of those years. The guests arrived early for their badges that had their high school photo on them and stayed past "closing time" to continue talking and enjoying each others' company.

We're glad the attendees had a grand time! Now we are looking for a group to handle organizing the combined 70th and 75th reunions in 2036 and 2041. If you're interested in pitching in, please contact the Alumni Association! See you then Mustangs.



Members of the combined classes of S65, F66, S66 at a reunion in San Francisco. Photo: Alumni Association



Two attendees show off a Lincoln Sweater Photo: Alumni Association



Attendees enjoyed catching up with each other at the combined class of S65, F65 and S66 reunion in May 2026. Photo: Alumni Association



REUNION & SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Strong Mustang Spirit Was on Tap During Luncheon of Classes of 1957 and 1958

By Alumni Association Staff

The classes of 1957 and 1958 held their annual luncheon in March at the Basque Cultural Center. A total of 75 members of those respective classes were in attendance, making the event a huge success! Attendees said they are looking forward to getting together again in 2027.



Nancy Scheppler, Patti Hyer Bohren, Pamela Philbrick, Charlyne Martin & Barbara Berg Bowman. Photo: Alumni Association.



Gerri Schwartz Young, Joanne Mitchel Fennell, Marlene Bohn Hunt and Carolee Powers Padgett. Photo: Alumni Association.

ALHS Alumni and Class of 2026 Graduates Gathered on Campus for Spring 2026 Scholarship Winners Luncheon

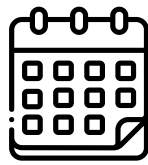
By Alumni Association Staff

In April, dozens of ALHS Class of 2026 graduates gathered at Lincoln to receive Alumni Association Scholarships. They also were celebrated during a luncheon that followed the award ceremony in the Little Theatre. The Alumni Association was proud to award more than \$100,000 total in scholarships to the college-bound graduates! Please consider making a donation today!



Alumni President Jon Woo (right) celebrated with several Class of 2026 Alumni Association scholarship recipients during a luncheon at ALHS in April. Photo: Alumni Association.

Serena Yeung thanked the Alumni Association for her scholarship: "The myriad of science classes at Lincoln allowed me to explore what I was really interested in, and encouraged me to pursue internships at the SF Veterans' Hospital and Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center in Seattle. I am incredibly grateful and honored to receive the Alumni Assn. Scholarship for Academic Achievement in Math & Science. Your generosity not only eases the financial burden of my education, but also motivates me to continue pursuing a career in healthcare with dedication and purpose."



CALENDAR



REUNIONS

Save the Date

70th Year Reunion
Fall 1955 & Spring 1956 Classes

 **Wednesday, September 30, 2026**

 **11:30 AM**

 **Basque Cultural Center**
South San Francisco, CA

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Nancy Nicholson Reidy

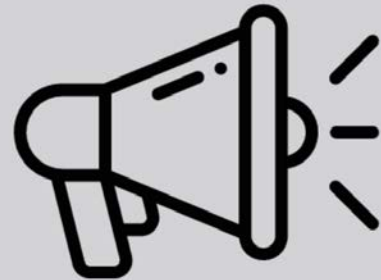
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UPCOMING EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

Held on the
first Tuesday of every month
6:30pm via Zoom
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CALENDAR:REGISTER NOW!



ALHS Alumni ***Regional Lunch***

Saturday, November 7, 2026
11:30am to 3:30pm

The Club Restaurant
McInnis Park Golf Center
350 Smith Ranch Road
San Rafael, CA 94903

\$48

Includes choice of entree and dessert

Reserve at lincolnalumni.com/regional-lunch
or leave a voicemail at 415.779.2162.



CALENDAR:REGISTER NOW!

The Abraham Lincoln High School Alumni Association's **10th Annual Car Show**



Join us for the San Francisco City Event!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

9AM - 2PM

**Abraham Lincoln High School Parking Lot
Enter on 22nd Ave between Rivera and Quintara
San Francisco, CA**

Car entry begins at 8am.

\$35 per vehicle when pre-registered online.

\$40 at the gate.

Current ALHS students' vehicles free with Student ID.

All cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome!

Scan the QR code or visit our website for more.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to Donors

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

Is-e (Nadel) Hogan (S58)
(For the Jeff Stahl Scholarship)

Troy Daniels (S55)
(For the 1955 Men's Club Scholarship)

Bob Pollitt (F58)
(For the Gordon Gribble Scholarship)

Norm Stahl (F66)
(For the Jeff Stahl Scholarship)

Teresa Levitin (S61)
(For Teacher Grants)

GENERAL FUNDS

Mike Deely (S80)
(For Teacher Grants)

Norm Stahl (F66)
(Fund a Dinner for the Wall of Fame)

Leah (Badaracco) Snowden (S58)
(In Memory of classmates Steve Sankoff,
Clark Swarhout and Gary Simmons)

Art Citron (FS56)
(In Memory of Bernie Davey (S55))

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Is-e (Nadel) Hogan (S58)
(In Memory of Judy (Banks) Simmons (S63) and Gary Simmons (S58))

Dianne (DeLauff) Easton (F59)
(In Memory of her brothers, Robert DeLauff (S62) and Donald DeLauff (F64) and husband Wayne Easton (S57))

Ann (Polacchi) Jennings (F66)

Pamela Zeidell (S64)

ANNUAL GIVING

Karleen Martin (S66)
(In Memory of Irene (Brooks) Holl (S66))

June (Spinetti) Heise (S52)

Bill Curran (S68)

Ross Heil (S60)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Member:
Anna (Ashley) Burrell (S78)
David Olson (S67)
Jack Simon (S26)

Welcome New Life Member:
Christopher Ward (S80)



SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to the 2026 Scholarship Winners

Alumni Association Scholarship for Academic Achievement in Math or Science

Jeanna Truong, Kyra Cheung, Serena Yeung, Logan Li, Joyce Ye, Leo Starfas, Vincent Guan, Moyses Aguirre, Cicily Yu

The Ted Soulis Scholarship for Art

Luke Hu

The Whitehead Family Scholarship

Stella Van Ness

The Car Show Scholarship

Kaydan Williams

**Hersh & Hersh Law Scholarship
Riley Jang**

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**Mustanich Family Scholarship for JROTC
In Memory of Bill Mustanich, A WWII Veteran**

Jin Yi Li

Rick Boyle Memorial Scholarship

Emi Saunders

The Mark Litke Scholarship for Journalism

Phoebe Seigel, Angela Gin, Sophie Ng

**The Diane Warden Currier Memorial Scholarship
for English**

Kevine Liang

**The Jeanne-Marie Soderquist Scholarship
for Career Academics**

Karina Chan

**The Gordon W. Gribble & Class of F1958
Science Scholarship**

Connor Wu

The John E. Conner Memorial Scholarship

Angali Evans

The Florence & Eddie O'Malley Memorial Scholarship

Janeice Lopez

The Ted Soulis Scholarship for Athletic Achievement

Justin Kwong

The Charlotte, Paul & Peter Forrette Memorial Scholarship

Anson Leo

The Kenyatta Scott Memorial Scholarship

Kei'Shae Whitaker

The Jeff Stahl Memorial Scholarship

Jack Simon

The Bob Kahn (S1955) Memorial Scholarship

Madison Lee

The Class of 1955 Men's Club Scholarship

Landon Kan Huy

The Bill Buckley Memorial Scholarship

Lauren Ng

**The Bill Mason Memorial Scholarship in
Recognition of President Abraham Lincoln**

Tyler Chan

The Norma Busse Memorial Scholarship

Fiona Liu

The Peter Yan Memorial Scholarship

Lina Pierce

The Gwen Chan Scholarship

Xavier Malizia

The Dolores Daubert Lewin Scholarship

Alex Lam

The Jeanne-Marie Pannier Soderquist Scholarship

John Nguyen

The Ron Pang Scholarship for Special Recognition

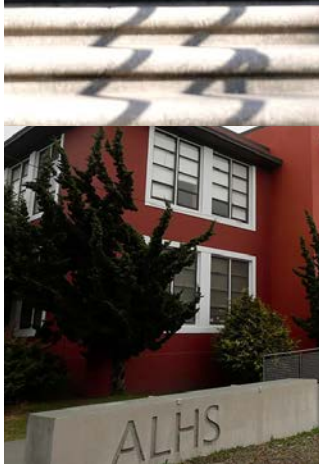
Steffie Kwong

The Class of 2004 Leadership Scholarship

Yasmine el Hattab

**The Class of S1958 Scholarship in Memory of
James Frederick**

Lillian Yu





IN MEMORIAM

Football Coach Greg Woods

3/12/26 in San Francisco

Ward Donnelly, Life Member - S50

11/16/25 in San Jose

Anita (Thoresen) Iacopi, Life Member-

S52 5/20/24 in Medford, OR

Bernard Davey, Life Member - S55

2/16/26 in San Carlos

Senta (Schredl) Yonts - S56

8/2/1991

Barbara (Denniston) Hammond - S57

7/21/26 in Grass Valley

Benn Sah, M.D. - S58

Spring 2026 in Fremont

Gordon Grimm, Life Member - S58

2/16/26 in San Ramon

Bob Sirbu - S58

8/4/2025 in San Rafael

Gary Simmons, Life Member - S58

3/28/26 in Magalia

Gary Nelson, DDS - S58

5/12/26 in Mill Valley

Roger Nissim, Life Member - F58

7/18/26 in San Rafael

George Gross, M.D. - F58

3/15/26 in Lake Oswego, OR

Patrick Uriarte - F58

7/9/26 in Daly City

Nancy (Lestrade) Campana - S59

2/3/26 in Burlingame

Dennis Sinor, Life Member - S59

1/2/2026 in Woodland

William Scott Boyle, Life Member - F61

1/12/26 in Novato

Isabelle (Tanzi) Roman-Nelesen - F61

12/24/25 in Lincoln

Judith (Banks) Simmons, Life Member

S63 2/19/2026 in Magalia

Thomas Michael Senn - S65

6/12/26 in Sommerville, So. Carolina

Ken Masry - F65

3/27/26 in Redwood City

Catherine (Anderson) Komsthoeft -

S66 4/30/26 in Clayton

Freda (Hoffman) Koslowski - S66

3/18/22

Loretta Coleman - S66

3/25/22

William McCall - S66

11/16/20

Randy Schiller - S66

10/4/20

David Warshauer - F66

9/28/22 in Middletown, WI

Richard Wagner - F67

4/30/26 in Forestville

Donald Sonne - F68

7/16/26 in Wilmington, North Carolina

Edwin Cohen - S69

2/13/26 in Portland, OR

John Minkwitz - F70

4/1/26 in Kelseyville

Brian Borgfeldt - S74

7/10/26 in Kenwood

Valerie De Chadenedes

3/12/2026 in San Francisco

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