1940s

GOLD FOR A WASP
Jean (Downey) Harman
'45 COP, Menlo Park, CA, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, D.C. for her service in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). Harman attended College of the Pacific as part of the civilian pilot training program. At the time, the College had both ground school and flight training. Shortly after Harman arrived at Pacific, World War II began, and the flight training program moved to Nevada. Harman left COP, got her pilot’s license at the age of 19, and became part of a small group of women who aided the military during the war’s shortage of male pilots.

Classified as civilians, the WASPs were not entitled to military benefits or recognition. The women underwent the same training as men and learned the military way to fly. They played a vital role in military service: ferrying aircraft to various air bases throughout the United States, testing planes and freeing up male pilots to fly combat missions. The WASPs flew every type of plane that the Air Corps had, and Harman says, “They were GOOD at it.” In 1944, the WASPs were disbanded. Harman went on to marry a naval officer. She had four children and worked as a school librarian in Virginia and Pennsylvania before moving to California, where she worked as a travel consultant. During her 30 years in the travel industry, she visited more than 130 countries. Harman now has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She loves to stay at home reading and working in her garden. In March 2010, Harman and the rest of the WASPs were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor given by Congress, during a ceremony on Capitol Hill.

1950s

Mary Ann (Paddock) Whaley
'51 COP, Berkeley, CA, married G. Baird Whaley in 1951 and moved to Berkeley, CA, where she raised her two children and taught art classes at schools in the Bay Area. Later she performed various administrative jobs on the UC Berkeley campus. She and her husband are retired and involved in many volunteer organizations.

Rose (Simonelli) Leonardini
'52 COP, Stockton, CA, has retired from teaching after 50 years. Among other subjects, she taught Spanish and Latin at St. Mary’s High School in Stockton for 42 years.

Doyne Mraz
'55, ’56 COP, and his wife Corinne (Cooper) Mraz ’57, MUS, Medford, OR, welcomed their first female grandchild, Brielle Corinne Newland, on 8/14/10 to parents Elissa Mraz-Newland and Bruce Newland in New York City.

1970s

Mike Kinakin
’72 COP, Tracy, CA, recently retired from Tracy Unified School District after 36 years as a teacher and coach. He and his wife, Diane, have two children. Lauren ’10 COP is in Pacific’s physical therapy graduate program, and Lindsay, who is a sophomore at St. Mary’s College.
Joe Dietrich ’74 COP, Stockton, CA, participated in the Second Annual Golden Gate Bridge to Bay Bridge Swim, beating his 2009 results by 11 minutes.

Luis Reyes ’76 ECC, Los Angeles, CA, is working as a production coordinator for actor Jimmy Smits and his El Sendero Productions on the set of the new NBC-TV legal drama series “Outlaw.”

Jerry White ’79 LAW, Folsom, CA, is a bankruptcy law specialist; he operates the Valley Bankruptcy Forum’s conference.

Robert Ulrich ’76 COP, Glendale, CA, was nominated for an Emmy for casting of the show “Glee.”

Kathleen (Montegna) Bellew ’77 MUS, Boise, ID, is finally retired and enjoying the good life!

Lisa (Schisler) Drew ’77 PHS, Upland, CA, became a grandparent for the first time. Her new grandson, Kieran Ryo Drew, was born June 9, 2010, to parents Sam and Stefanie Drew.

Mike Ramsey ’77 LAW, Oroville, CA, won his seventh term as Butte County District Attorney.

Linda (Watson) Kauertz ’78 MUS, Orinda, CA, is an opera singer, currently performing the role of Brunnhilde at the Bayreuth Festival in Germany. She is finishing her fifth year there in the current production of “The Ring,” and 10 years altogether. She continues her international career with a new production of “Die Frau ohne Schattten” in Copenhagen, as well as guest performances in Austria, Spain and Germany.


Denise (Wood) Walsh ’81 PHS, Fresno, CA, is now the Pharmacy Technician Program Director at Heald College.

Patrick McDowell ’81 COP, Petaluma, CA, the Asia-Pacific editor for The Associated Press, has been named assistant chief of bureau for Illinois and Indiana.

Linda (Chin) Luna ’82 MUS, Stockton, CA, was named superintendent of Millbrae Schools.

Sean McNally ’83 LAW, Bakersfield, CA, was named to the State Board of Food and Agriculture by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Fred Downey ’85 COP, Valley Center, CA, was hired by Advantaged Assets, LLC, a private placement REIT/hedge fund, to assist in its portfolio and acquisition management.

Jeanette J. Rainey ’88 COP, Atlanta, GA, is in her sixth year working as an epidemiologist with the Global Immunization Division at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Following graduation from Pacific, she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Chad, Africa, from 1990 to 1992, where she worked on water sanitation and health projects. She earned her master’s degree in public health from UCLA in 1996 and her doctorate in epidemiology from the University of Michigan in 2005.

In February, she was deployed to assist with the Haiti earthquake response. She worked closely with the Haiti Ministry of Health, UNICEF and the World Health Organization in coordinating and implementing an emergency vaccination campaign in the temporary settlement camps in the Port-au-Prince urban area. In addition to her work with the CDC, she also lectures on global immunizations at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Rainey attributes her interest in international work to academic opportunities, including her junior year abroad in Paris, France, while studying international relations at Pacific.
George Ogilvie ’88 LAW, Las Vegas, NV, was reappointed to the Colorado River Commission by Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons. He is the managing partner of McDonald Carrano Wilson’s office in Las Vegas.

Alison Highlander Curtis ’89 BUS, Stockton, CA, was recently promoted to senior director of human resources for Hoffmann-La Roche in Basel, Switzerland.

Ronald Owens ’89 LAW, Meadow Vista, CA, will assume the position of Placer County District Attorney at the end of this year. He has served as a deputy district attorney since 1990.

1990s

Loretta Adrian ’90 COP
Loretta Adrian ’90 COP, Millbrae, CA, was named president of Coastline Community College. She was previously vice president of student services at Skyline College in San Mateo and dean of student affairs and development at San Diego Mesa College.

Jeanne Loftis ’91 LAW, Portland, OR, has been admitted to the American Board of Trial Advocates. She is chair of Bullivant Houser Bailey PC’s products liability practice.

Jeremiah Joson ’03 PHS and My Linh Joson, a daughter, Natalie Lam, 2/17/10, Marina, CA — 1

Rachael (DeRonde) White ’06 COP and Michael White ’07 COP, a son, Luke Allen, 4/24/10, San Jose, CA

LeeAnn (Feathers) Tallman ’03 COP and Joshua Tallman ’04 ENG, a daughter, Hannah Marie, 4/1/10, Catonsville, MD — 2

Brian Tibbens ’99 BUS and Kori Tibbens, a daughter, Charlotte Grace, 4/20/10, San Jose, CA — 3

Melanie (Borchers) Rogers ’95 COP and Daniel Rogers, a son, Benjamin Rogers, 10/21/09, Goleta, CA

John Eckhart ’98 BUS and Gina Eckhart, a son, Johann Donovan, 1/31/10, South San Francisco, CA

Arnold Chin ’95 COP and Erica Chin, a daughter, Ezri Andrea, 5/7/10, Stockton, CA

Byron Bogaard ’01 COP and Desiree (Forsberg) Bogaard ’01 COP, a son, Kingston Kai, 3/26/09, Stockton, CA — 4

Katharine (Devany) Thrasher ’05 EDU and Joseph Thrasher ’99 BUS, a daughter, Caroline Anne, 6/1/10, Reno, NV — 5

Melanie (Badinski) Arvonio ’03 SIS and David Arvonio, a son, Abram Alexander, and a daughter, Gianna Marie, 12/26/09, San Pedro, CA — 6

Michael Erreca ’02 COP and Sarah Erreca, a daughter, Abigail Catherine, 5/21/10, Bessemer, AL
(Submitted by grandmother Joan Erreca ’74 EDU) — 7

Emily (Eisenbarth) Matza ’01, ’02 BUS and Alan Matza ’02 BUS, a son, Carter Alan Matza, 6/20/09, San Francisco, CA — 8

Noelle (Barnes) Gross ’04 EDU and Tim Gross, a daughter, Karalena Marie, 1/16/10, Beaverton, OR — 9

Holli (Kraus) Granados ’08 PHS and Steven Granados ’06 ENG, a son, Caleb John, 8/5/10, Murrieta, CA

Rebecca Balint ’02 COP, a daughter, Oella Honor, 7/31/10, Las Vegas, NV — 10

Justin Gingery ’96 COP, ’99 LAW and Louisa Gingery, a daughter, Gemma Grace, 3/17/10, Elk Grove, CA — 11

Susan (Little) Hemingson ’93 COP and Chris Hemingson, a daughter, Zoe Quinn, 7/14/10, Bellingham, WA

Malaya (Kraus) Goris ’98 EDU and Frederik Goris, a daughter, Mira Angelique, 6/17/10, Mountain View, CA

Audrey (Costa) Baker ’99 COP/BUS and Nick Baker ’00 COP, ’10 PHS, a daughter, Paige Camile, 6/8/10, Modesto, CA — 11
Jose De La Hoz ’92 DEN

Jose De La Hoz ’92 DEN, Madrid, Spain, was elected to a three-year term as president of the Spanish Society of Craniofacial Disorders and Orofacial Pain.

Darrin Atkins ’93 COP

Pittsburg, CA, celebrated his fifth wedding anniversary with his wife, Ling Tandian, on August 14, 2010.

Sherrie Lowenstein ’93 LAW

Roxann (Shearer) Shimizu ’93 ENG, Stockton, CA, is now the control and information systems international manager at General Mills.

Douglas Fowler ’95 BUS

Naples, FL, was recently promoted to VP portfolio manager at Wasmer, Schroeder & Company.

Lori (Yarbrough) Fowler ’95 BUS

Naples, FL, was hired by the YMCA of the Palms as the director of financial development. Years ago she represented Pacific’s Anderson Y Center on the YMCA National Board of Directors. She is proud to share her professional and personal experience benefiting the organization.

Kate (Foss) Smith ’96 COP

San Mateo, CA, received an MS in Education at Fordham University in 2001, an MA in English at Notre Dame de Namur University in 2009, and recently co-authored Cracking the CSET, a study guide published by The Princeton Review. She currently teaches English and education courses at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, CA, and at Skyline College in San Bruno, CA.

Aaron Woliczko ’97 COP

Butte, MT, and his wife, Erica (Reynolds) Woliczko ’01 COP, along with their two-year-old daughter, McKenna, have moved to Butte, MT. Aaron has accepted the head men’s basketball coaching position at Montana Tech University.

Jason Meyer ’97 LAW

La Jolla, CA, is a partner in the San Diego office of Gordon and Rees and directs the firm’s Southern California environmental and toxic tort practice group. He recently co-wrote “Clean up That Mess,” an article that appears in the August 2010 issue of the California Lawyer magazine.

Alicia (Halderman) Teausant ’98 COP

Great Falls, MT, graduated from a podiatry sports medicine/surgical fellowship at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, WA, in June 2010. She and her husband, Brian Teausant ’03 COP, and son Nicholas have moved to Great Falls, MT, where Alicia has accepted a position as a podiatrist at the Foot and Ankle Clinic of Montana, practicing foot and ankle surgery.

Travis Hawkins ’98, ’99 BUS

Travis Hawkins ’98, ’99 BUS, Reno, NV, along with David Hofman ’98, ’99 BUS, and Joseph Thrasher ’99 BUS own ETL (originally named Energy Technology Laboratories) and have grown their company into a conservation business success. Their business was featured in the January 2010 issue of Nevada Business magazine.

Paul Bauer ’99 LAW

Fresno, CA, is an insolvency law specialist. He is senior counsel for Walter and Wilhelm Law Group in Fresno and was named a Rising Star by the Northern California Super Lawyers magazine.

Class Notes

2000s

Jason Preeo ’00 BUS, Highlands Ranch, CO, qualified for the U.S. Open golf tournament.

Nick Baker ’00 COP, ’10 PHS, Modesto, CA, graduated last spring and started a managed care pharmacy practice residency with Kaiser Permanente in the Central Valley. He and his wife, Audrey (Costa) Baker ’99 BUS, welcomed their first child in June.

Scott Griffis ’02 COP, Visalia, CA, became president of Platinum Ridge Inc. and launched CubeCheck.com, a website that allows job searchers to find out information about a company before they apply.

Shaun McGearry ’02 BUS, Pacific Grove, CA, started a new business in July of 2009. His company, McGearry Investment Management, serves the investment needs of a growing number of families in the Central Coast area. He and his wife Alexa married on October 24, 2009, in Carmel Valley and honeymooned on Mauna Kea Beach. They are both active in the Monterey Bay Pacific Club.

Michael Pang ’03 BUS, San Francisco, CA, is engaged to Kristen Fong ’04 BUS. The couple are planning a wedding for August 2011.

Moises Zapien ’03 COP, Stockton, CA, recently graduated from Humphreys College School of Law where he served as president of the Student Bar Association. He works for the San Joaquin District Attorney’s office and was elected to serve as chairperson of the City of Stockton Civil Service Commission.

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Donald Mascardo ’06 UC
Donald Mascardo ’06 UC, Stockton, CA, recently graduated with his master’s in public administration from the University of San Francisco. He is an associate regional planner with the San Joaquin Council of Governments, the regional transportation planning agency and federally mandated metropolitan planning organization for San Joaquin County. He is a retired member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, having served 20 years, including a six-month deployment to Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Tory Ungari ’06 EDU, Antioch, CA, is engaged to Ryan Amos ’05 COP.
Michael Mahaffey ’10 COP, Los Altos, CA, was hired by Keller Williams Real Estate.

IN MEMORIAM
Ione (Giovanetti) Pellegrini ’35 COP, Cloverdale, CA
Lucile A. (Anderson) King ’40 COP, 5/2010, Alameda, CA
Ardys (Sibole) Heilman ’43 COP, 6/9/10, Sacramento, CA
Marilyn (Smith) Peters ’48 COP, 9/29/09, Sioux City, IA
Lawrence DeRicco ’49, ’72 COP, 7/2/10, Stockton, CA
Richard Leonard Soulsby ’50 COP, 5/29/10, Stockton, CA
Robert Harvey ’50 LAW, 6/11/10, Redwood City, CA

Veto Ramirez Sr. ’56 COP, 7/29/10, Stockton, CA
Robin Pittman ’58 EDU, 3/1/09, Merced, CA
Carol Pittman ’60 MUS, 3/12/06, Merced, CA
Silas Green ’61 BUS, 4/30/10, Modesto, CA
Marlene (Francis) Beltramo ’62 EDU, 7/16/10, Missoula, MT
Joel Pegg ’63 LAW, 8/1/10, Sacramento, CA
Norman Roberts ’63 LAW, 6/12/10, Menomonie, WI
Diana (Delucchi) Cox ’67 COP, 7/3/10, Merced, CA
Melanie (Pitcher) Kelly ’68 COP, 6/11/10, Glen Ellen, CA
Karen (Barsoom) Pieretti ’69 COP, 5/23/10, Burlingame, CA
Kathy Mayes ’70 COP, 5/24/10, Bakersfield, CA
Julia Beatrice Little ’74 COP, 7/14/10, Stockton, CA

Pearl Garrett Crayton ’83 COP, 5/22/10, Natchitoches, LA
Steven Cabral ’85 ENG, 4/2009, Santa Clara, CA
James Cramer ’90 EDU, 6/22/10, Sacramento, CA
Alyssa C. Joyce ’98 LAW, 3/15/09, La Mesa, CA
Lisa Marie (Loduca) King ’00 UC, 5/13/10, Woodbridge, CA
Erwin C. Burmeister Pacific Librarian, 7/21/10, Stockton, CA
Gertrude Johnson Tri-Delta House Mother 4/25/10, Santa Barbara, CA

PACIFIC WEDDING ALBUM
Judy (McMillin) Chambers ’58 COP and Jim Darrah, 5/30/10, Stockton, CA — 1
Kyle Wyatt ’74, ’84 COP and Deborah King, 5/21/10, Sacramento, CA
Shaun McGeary ’02 BUS and Alexa, 10/24/09, Carmel Valley, CA
James Stanford ’03 BUS and Rachel Stanford, 11/22/09, Costa Mesa, CA
Betsy Deliramich ’05 BUS and Jeremy Rafferty ’04 BUS, 1/30/10, Stockton, CA — 2
Ryan Herche ’06 COP and Nkiruka Chizea, 8/8/09, Sacramento, CA
Mary Gunishaw ’07 EDU and Marcus Culpepper, 8/8/09, Stockton, CA — 3
Sylvia Mihalik ’08 EDU and Brett Chloupek, 1/2/10, Roznava, Slovak Republic — 4
Daniel Lapidus ’04 COP, ’06 DEN and Melissa Seror, 8/22/09, San Luis Obispo, CA — 5
Matthew Waldron ’09 EDU and Shellynne Allen ’07 SIS ’09 EDU (Submitted by proud father Mark Byrd Allen ’83, ’84 COP) — 6
FAY GOLEMAN
1910–2010
Emerita faculty member Fay Goleman passed away at her Stockton home September 21 among loving family, just a few months short of her 100th birthday. Born in Chicago on November 30, 1910, to Jacob and Emma Weinberg, immigrants from Poland and Lithuania, Mrs. Goleman became a much-respected and beloved teacher, counselor, community leader and scholar.

After completing her undergraduate education at the University of Chicago, she earned a master’s in social work and received the University’s Susan B. Anthony award in 1989. She consistently encouraged students to advance their educational goals through scholarship, and supported programs to assist economically and culturally disadvantaged students. Known for her sensitivity to human needs, patient consideration of difficult problems, encouragement of others and consistently positive spirit, Mrs. Goleman had friendships with people in all walks of life, earning their highest respect and warm affection.

The Goleman name came to be synonymous with quality higher education in Stockton, both through Mrs. Goleman’s teaching and that of her husband, Irving, who first taught at Pacific and then joined what was then Stockton College — now San Joaquin Delta Community College — on its founding.

Dedicated to community service, Mrs. Goleman served under three governors of California as a member of the Advisory Committee on Mental Health and three terms as a member of the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Children and Youth. She was a leader in community service for three decades, including two terms as president of the San Joaquin County Community Council, and on the boards of San Joaquin County Public Welfare, Parent-Teacher Association Foundation and Temple Israel.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Goleman pioneered services needed to preserve families and prevent mental illness. As a board member of the Stockton Community Council, she helped initiate the founding of the Visiting Nurse Association, the Senior Citizens Center in Oak Park, the Center for the Handicapped, services to the mentally retarded and the building of the Stockton Public Library. In 1970, she received the John R. Williams Award for distinguished community service.

She was awarded the Order of Pacific in 1976, and the Distinguished Faculty Award upon her retirement from the University. In 1988 she founded the Emeriti Society for retired faculty members and held meetings in her home. At age 99, she was the oldest living member of Pacific’s emeriti faculty.

LOUIS LEITER, PROFESSOR
1921–2010
Louis H. Leiter, who taught at Pacific for 30 years, passed away June 1 at his home in Point Richmond, Calif. Born in Ohio in 1921, Leiter was raised in a family of migrant sharecroppers. During the Great Depression, he worked the sugar cane plantations of the Florida Everglades near Lake Okeechobee. After serving in the Army in World War II, Leiter turned his attention to studying the arts, especially literature, earning his doctorate in English literature from Brown University in 1961.

For 30 years, he taught English literature, poetics and film criticism at University of the Pacific. His dynamic teaching methods stimulated hundreds of minds, helping students understand and interpret fiction, poetry and cinema. In 1967, he taught for a year in Finland as a Fulbright scholar. He had the honor of being selected Teacher of the Year, and gave the commencement speech in 1972. He retired in 1990.

Leiter published many articles analyzing medieval, classical and contemporary literature, and was co-editor of the college textbook, “Seven Contemporary Short Novels.” With co-author Diane Borden, his colleague and friend at Pacific, he published short textbooks on film aesthetics with closing readings of selected films. He and Dr. Borden established foundational film courses that were part of the evolution of the Film Studies program. In his later years, he participated in the film study group at the San Francisco Psychoanalytic Institute.

At age 80, he completed and self-published his one and only novel, “Grow Slowly, Eden,” a visionary autobiographical fantasy set in the Florida Everglades and Lake Okeechobee.