1940’s
Margaret (Stimmann) Branson ’44 COP, Reno, NV, was awarded the NASS (National Association of Secretaries of State) Medallion.

George Durliner ’47 BUS, Scottsdale, AZ, along with his doubles partner, Eddie Tyler from Studio City, CA, was ranked 5 in 85 doubles nationally, by the United States Tennis Association in 2008. He was ranked 12 in 85 singles.

Rhizite Willard Ballenger ’49 BUS, Madera, CA is the proud owner of a three-year old filly, Snowy Empress, who won the third race at the Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa in August. She will race again at the California State Fair in Madera, CA. His granddaughter Natalie is entering Pacific as a freshman as a daughter.

1950’s
Robert McConnell ’50 COP, Newman, CA, a prominent Newman Rotarian and community advocate, was honored last fall with a surprise tribute. He and his wife, Shirley (Awe) McConnell ’50 COP, were also honored just before the tribute when the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District dedicated the McConnell Adult Education Center, named to honor Robert and his father Seth.

1960’s
Class of 1960
Reunion Committee:
Barbara (Fridell) Flores EDU
Sally (Anaclerio) Hall COP
Barbara (Henning) Gaughran COP
Janet (Barron) Geiman COP
Ron Loveridge
Robert Sapp COP
Joanne (Mills) Vera COP

Fraternity brothers Carl Kammerer ’61 COP and Richard Walsh ’60 COP

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Senior Tennis Championship, where Walsh’s team was competing. The two had not seen each other since 1960. Kammerer is a member of the Pacific Club of the Nation’s Capital, but travels frequently to California for vacations and golf outings and returns to Stockton for annual gatherings of Moose Myers Men.

Helen (Heibel) Nelson ’63 COP, Saint Helena, CA, a retired teacher, has embarked on a new career as a vintner. She has partnered with her husband Bruce and her son Trent Ghiraghehelli in Heibel Ranch Vineyards. They produce and market premium Napa Valley wines from grapes grown in their vineyard in the Pope Valley district on land that was once part of the historic Aetna Springs Resort when it was owned by her parents.

Class of 1965
Reunion Committee: Charlotte Clayton COP
Clay Clement COP
Susan (Rummel) Wyckoff COP
Gayle (Hightower) Woolley COP

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Donald Odale ’66 COP, Star, ID, just retired from the Meridian School District in Idaho after 35 years of teaching in both California and Idaho. His wife, Charlotte, runs a volleyball club in the Boise area and his two daughters, Morgan and McKenzie, have both accepted volleyball scholarships at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. His son, Corey, will enter the Marines upon graduating high school in 2010.

1970’s

Class of 1970 Reunion Committee:
Jon Werner COP

Jane Patton ’72, ’74 COP, San Jose, CA, was just elected President of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Patton is on the faculty of Mission College in San Jose where she lives in with her husband, Roger Anderson.

Laurie (Gillespie) Flanagan ’73 COP is starting production on a documentary about the injustice ordinary people experience at the hands of the police and the legal system. She plans to enter the film into the Sundance Film Festival in July 2010. The film is a production of her company, Village on the Lake Productions.

Debra Halliday ’74 EDU, Alamo, CA, is working as a licensed marriage and family therapist in a private practice in Lafayette, CA.

Michael Kerns ’76 RAY, San Diego, CA, was named vice president of human resources by the Southwestern Community College District. He is a longtime Manteca resident and former Escalon and Manteca Unified School District administrator.

Frank Jackson ’73 LAW, will be inducted into Antelope Valley College’s Marauder Sports Hall of Fame in October. The California Second District Court of Appeal justice was a standout basketball player at the junior college before going to the University of Nevada, Reno, on an athletic scholarship and then Pacific McGeorge.

Fredrick Wentworth ’77 EDU, Manteca, CA, announced he will be retiring from his post after nearly 20 years as San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools.

Richard Creatura ’78 LAW, has been appointed as federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court, Western District of Washington. A partner and 30-year member of Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP’s Tacoma office, he served on the Board of Examiners for the Washington State Bar Association for 16 years and was a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit. He was selected to the court from a pool of more than 50 candidates.

Thadd A. Blizzard ’78 LAW, was appointed to a judgeship with the Sacramento County Superior Court. He is a shareholder with Weintraub Genshlea Chediak, a Sacramento firm with which he has practiced since 1987. He fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Gail Ohanesian ’72 LAW.

Rickey Boyland ’79 BUS, Sacramento, CA, is co-chair of the Black Alumni Pacific Club and an active volunteer in the Alpha Academy, a mentorship and leadership program for black youth. His chapter took Chapter of the Year honors for the Western Region. Boyland will represent the Western Region at the National Convention in July in New Orleans.

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Alan Cook ’77 COP, Stockton, CA, has devoted his life to working in the community, from his non-profit experience as development director for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and positions with KUOP Capital Public Radio and the Women’s Center in Stockton, to his years as a classroom teacher and principal at St. George Parish School, a small inner city parochial school located in Southwest Stockton.

He is director of Family Ministries at Central United Methodist Church, working directly with local youth from Stockton’s richly diverse community.

Cook, who has guided young people on international service projects all over the world, has just returned from a service trip to Honduras with a group of junior and senior high school and college students.

He recently joined the board of the Alumni Association and serves as chair of the Clubs Committee and co-chair of the San Joaquin Pacific Club. He will also serve on the planning committee for Alpha Kappa Lambda’s reunion celebration in June 2010 at Pacific Alumni Weekend. His wife, Jane (Dyer) Cook ’75 COP, recently retired from the San Joaquin County Public Library and is also serving on the reunion committee of her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega, which reunites in June.
COMMERCIAL SUCCESS

Juliette Thompson ’85 COP, New Orleans, LA, is the vice president of Marketing and Public Affairs for the Ochsner Health System in New Orleans, a non-profit, academic, multi-specialty, healthcare delivery system that includes seven hospitals and over 35 health centers in Southeast Louisiana. Thompson recently received an award for outstanding performance given to a very select group of candidates at the 11,000-employee health system and was selected New Leader of the Year in a Non-Clinical Area. Her department was also a runner-up for Department of the Year. She was also nominated for Marketer of the Year by the Louisiana Hospital Association. Thompson has led the Ochsner Marketing Department to win several industry awards and was recently nominated for three EMMY awards for her television commercials.

Mary Lynn Ferguson-McHugh ’81 BUS, Terrace Park, OH, received the YWCA Career Women of Achievement award in Cincinnati. She is the first female president of Procter & Gamble’s Global Family Care, is on the board of trustees for Cincinnati’s Art Academy and is an active church member participating in numerous mission trips.

Nancy Sheehan ’83 LAW, assumed the office of president of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. The Porter Scott senior partner is only the second woman to lead the chapter since its inception in 1972.

Lorna H. Brumfield ’83 LAW, and Bryan K. Stainfield ’86 LAW, will join the Kern County Superior Court bench. Brumfield has served as a partner and associate in the Law Offices of LeBeau-Thelen since 1998. Stainfield has served as a deputy district attorney for the Kern County District Attorney’s Office since 2000.

Jeff Brehaut ’86 COP, Los Altos, CA, is a professional golfer who led the U.S. Open after Day 1. His wife Hilary (Bailey) Brehaut is a 1986 COP graduate. They reside in Los Altos with their two children, Riley and Natalie.

Diana Toche ’89 DEN, Sacramento, CA, was appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger as statewide dental director for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

Jeff Frazier ’89 COP, Cary, NC, is the security adviser for Cisco.

JoAnn (Arkfeld) Bicego ’89 LAW, Yreka, CA, was named Siskiyou Court Commissioner.

Mary Ann Gomez ’89 COP, has recently been appointed executive director of the National Association of Hispanic Publications and the National Hispanic Press Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Michael Vicencia ’90 LAW, Torrance, CA, was elected president of the California Judges Association.

Mary Gonzales-Gomez ’91 UC, Corcoran, CA, works for Corcoran Unified School District as a program manager and primary case manager.

Christian R. Gullón ’92 LAW, was appointed to the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He has served as a deputy district attorney for the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office since 1995.

Bill Floyd ’93 COP, Modesto, CA, is now the CEO of Bell-Carter Packaging in Modesto. He established a fund to help Public Relations interns, and has continued to fund it every year.

David Henigan ’94 COP, Grapevine, TX, is the new high school football coach at Grapevine High School in Fort Worth, TX.

David Tellman ’94 LAW, Meadow Vista, CA, was honored as a ‘Prosecutor of the Year’ by the California District Attorneys Association.

Kimberlee (Hall) Floyd ’94 COP, Rocklin, CA, is married to Patrick Floyd ’91 COP, and is living in Rocklin after 11 years in Alaska. Patrick played on the baseball team while an undergraduate at Pacific. He is now a high school counselor and coach. Kimberlee is with Lucy and Company in Sacramento.

Gary Gelfman ’95 LAW, Spring, TX, has been named Vice President of Economic Development for the South Montgomery County Woodlands Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Peters ’95 PHS, Stockton, CA, has opened an independent pharmacy in Calaveras County with his wife, Kelly.

Michael Cully ’96 BUS, San Diego, CA, is in his second year as president of the East County Chamber of Commerce. He is entering San Diego State University to work on his MBA.

Justin Chapman ’98 COP, ’01 DEN, Merced, CA, received the prestigious Fellowship Award during the Academy of General Dentistry.

Alicia (Halderman) Teausant ’98 COP, Mercer Island, WA, is doing a one-year podiatric sports medicine fellowship at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle for the 2009-10 academic year. Her husband Brian Teausant graduated in 2003 from COP.
Ryan Bowling ’98 COP, Mendham, NJ, is the North American public relations director for Mars M&M’s.

Kathryn (Pidanick) Hunter ’00 COP, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, received the Teacher of the Year award in 2008 from the Rialto Education Association in the Rialto Unified School District.

Kristi (Klein) Cornejo ’01 ENG, husband Miguel Cornejo ’01 ENG and his brother Omar Cornejo ’07 ENG, helped out at the Puget Sound Pacific Club annual picnic at Kelsey Creek Farm Park in August. Miguel and Kristi both work at Boeing in Seattle, WA.

Benjamin Reece ’01 SIS, ’08 PHS, Linden, CA, was elected as the director for District 3 of the California Speech Language Hearing Association. He is working for Jewett and Associates Speech Pathology Services.

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Karen (Bosche) Lavigne ’94 COP and Christopher Lavigne, a son, Grant Leland, 10/20/08, Fullerton, CA — 1

Katie (Fouch) Martin ’99 COP and Blair Martin, a son, Brady Martin, 2/3/09, Madera, CA — 2

Alicia (Lambertson) Carter ’99 EDU and Stephen Carter, a daughter, Lilian Samantha, 11/14/08, Fair Oaks, CA — 3

Megan (Jackson) Barr ’02 EDU and Ryan Barr, a son, Ryder Harrison, 9/12/08, Aurora, IL — 4

Laketha (Walker) Holmes ’03 COP and Bobby Holmes, a daughter, Taylor, 2/4/09, Baton Rouge, LA

Kia (Jorgensen) Koch ’01 COP and Adam Koch ’02 COP, ’04 PHS, a son, Andrew, 9/20/08, Sacramento, CA — 5

Jennifer (Fama) Moreno ’02 COP and Christopher Moreno ’01 BUS, a daughter, Alyssa June, 7/26/08, Danville, CA

Vania Ng ’97 DEN and Christopher Sing, a son, Calvin, 7/1/08, Point Roberts, WA

Carlyn (Apodaca) Cheatham ’96 COP and Fred Cheatham, a daughter, Kaili Ann, 6/1/08, Carlsbad, CA

Erlinda Ramirez ’98 COP, ’00 DEN and David Bircher ’99 PHS, a son, Charlie, 8/8/08, Stockton, CA

Jeannie (Sarina) Zimmerman ’95 COP and Curtis Zimmerman ’95 COP, a son, Chase Parker, 4/17/08, Ripon, CA

Kelly (Cesare) Pfeiffer ’02 LAW and Tom Pfeiffer, a son, Ryan Thomas, 2/20/09, Aliso Viejo, CA — 6

Taryn (Lockard) Witt ’07 COP and Dustin Witt, a son, Aidan Dean, 10/11/08, Merced, CA — 7

Nicole (Nezbeth) Dolder ’99 PHS and Christian Dolder ’99 PHS, a son, Broderick Christian, 12/23/08, Concord, NC

Kathryn (Pidanick) Hunter ’00 COP and Samuel Hunter, a daughter, Kyla Joy, 4/17/09, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Heather (McCoy) Bauer ’94 COP and Adam Bauer, a daughter, Madeline Patrice, 3/24/09, Belmont, CA

Alison (Behr) Thomas ’97 BUS and Marc Thomas, a daughter, Megan Louise, 2/27/09, Sacramento, CA

Waqar Rizvi ’02 BUS and Maria (Velasco) Rizvi ’00 EDU, ’01 EDU, a daughter, Fatima, 4/22/09, Stockton, CA

Tara (Nguyen) Greene ’02 BUS and Brian Greene ’02 BUS, a daughter, Kaitlyn Jessica, 2/10/08, Rocklin, CA — 8

Sara (Laflin) Sandgren ’02 COP and Derek Sandgren ’04 ENG, a daughter, Claire Marie, 2/17/09, Yuba City, CA — 9

Keri (Murch) Chappell ’01 COP and Jim Chappell, a daughter, Kelsey JoAnne, 5/15/09, Petaluma, CA

Sadie Stone ’07 COP and Marcus Stone, twins Eli Marcus and Emerson Elaine, 5/8/09, Winnemucca, NV — 10

Matthew Kolken ’93 COP and Natasha Kolken, a daughter and son Catherine Elizabeth and Alexander Levin, 10/09/08, Buffalo, NY — 11

April (Becker) Engelken ’97 COP and Matthew Engelken ’96 COP, a daughter, Addison Jane, 4/9/08, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA — 12

Susan (Johnson) Burgess ’05 PHS, a daughter, Addison Alene, 6/5/09, Fortuna, CA
Tara (Cuslidge) Staiano ’05 COP, Tracy, CA, was promoted to online editor for The Record and Recordnet.com in November 2008. During her years at Pacific, she served as a multimedia and features reporter for The Record.

Brandon Takahashi ’06 LAW, was chosen as a director at large of the Asian-Pacific Bar Association and is the chair of the Sacramento County Bar Association’s Constitutional Law and Civil Rights Committee.

Brian Huff ’07 EDU, Stockton, CA, has joined the Quail Point Psychotherapy Center.

Lisa Mak ’07 ENG, San Francisco, CA, is an Applications Software Developer at HighWire Press at Stanford University.

Emily French ’08 EDU, Stockton, CA, rode in the AIDS/Life Cycle 8-A San Francisco to Los Angeles fundraising bicycle ride.

Sherice Ajifu ’09 COP is the new Director of Women’s Basketball Operations at the University of Hawaii and hopes that Pacific Women’s Basketball will come to Hawaii soon for a tournament. Ajifu is the co-chair of the Hawaii Pacific Club with Hans Chun ’03 COP, ’05 COP, ’08 EDU.

Do You Hear the Music?
Vincent “Vince” Gomez ’56 MUS has taught music for more than 50 years and has conducted youth and professional choral and orchestral groups both nationally and internationally. At Pacific, Gomez majored in music with an emphasis on violin performance and was a member of the basketball team and Phi Kappa Lambda. He has performed professionally as a violinist, a violist, bassist and vocalist. He has shared the stage with entertainers such as Dinah Shore, Victor Borge, Roy Kral and Les McCann. In March, Gomez conducted the All State Orchestra at the California Music Educators Association annual conference.

Robert Gross ’66 MUS, Rancho Mirage, CA, is a conductor of the 45-member Lodi Community Band. He has also performed and conducted in Army groups: the California Army National Guard, 59th Army Band in Sacramento, and the 91st Division U.S. Army Reserve Band at Camp Parks near Dublin.

Bernadette Hoke ’79 MUS and her husband, Eric Birk, have been performing as a keyboard duo since 1995. As Chamber Music Award Winners of the 28th annual Artist International Auditions, they were presented in a sold-out debut recital in Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall. In fall 2008, they were the featured pianists in the concert “Bernstein: A Jewish Legacy,” held at the Jewish Museum in New York City. The concert was part of a citywide festival celebrating the 90th anniversary of the composer’s birth.

Greg Meath ’90 BUS, ’95 LAW, is a drummer in a band that has released its second recording, “Loose Change.” An adjunct attorney at Pacific McGeorge, he is a principal in the Stockton IP firm of Meath & Pereira, Attorneys & Counselors.

Jennifer (Monk) Youngs ’02 MUS, Oronogo, MO, was selected as a Metropolitan Opera district finalist in Kansas City and was nominated by Joyce DiDonato for a Richard Tucker Grant. She is auditioning for young artist programs in the fall.

Cathy (Shaw) Dodson ’91 EDU, Lou Sandine ’38 COP, Kelli (Williams) Page ’87 COP, Terry Hull ’62 COP, ’72 COP, ’74 EDU

CHANCE MEETING OF PACIFIC ALUMNI!
At the Train depot at Denali National Park in Alaska, Cathy and Kelli were just ending their travels in Alaska and just happened to run into Lou and Terry as they were beginning their Alaskan adventure!
Those who were there that football season 60 years ago this fall remember it like it was yesterday: the College of the Pacific Tigers were undefeated, 11–0, outscoring their competition 574–66 and leading the nation in offense. The Tigers were ranked 10th in the country by the Associated Press.

It was Larry Siemering’s third season as Pacific’s coach, and he was hailed as an innovator and gridiron genius. He was told his unusual offense, a version of the Wing-T that worked at Manteca and Stockton high schools, would not translate in college. He disproved that immediately as Pacific went 10–1 his first season in 1947.

Siemering died this summer after a fall at his home in Watsonville, Calif. He was 98.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Lodi, he starred as the center of the undefeated 1928 Lodi High School football team. He played baseball and football for the University of San Francisco and made the All-Coast team before moving on to two seasons in the NFL. His first team was the Boston Redskins. When the team moved to Washington in 1936, Siemering was the starting center.

Eddie LeBaron, the Tiger dynamo who quarterbacked the 1949 team, was excited to play for the man who came up with the double spin and belly series, in which the quarterback spun and faked handoffs to deceive the defense. “We did trick plays, and I thought it was a great offense,” LeBaron told the Stockton Record. “We did all of the fancy things. Larry was well organized and a terrific coach.”

Siemering left Pacific after the 1950 season, when the Tigers went 7–3–1, to coach at Arizona State. He also coached the Washington Redskins for a year, spent a year with the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League and coached 17 years at Cabrillo College in Aptos before his retirement in 1970.

He was inducted as a charter member in the first year of the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983; his 1947 and 1949 teams were inducted later.

His wife, Sophie, died in 2001.