



# *Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation*

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## **Where Were You in '62?**

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Many people answered this question on the afternoon of May 21, 2023, when a grand reunion was held at Sutter Creek's Historic Grammar School.

The idea began when former Amador County residents Bob and Barb Fary (formerly Shealor) drove down from Rescue for a look at the old school. They talked about getting a group together to come and tour the Historic Grammar School and asked if we'd be willing to show them around. They thought some would be interested having attended the school as children over 65 years ago. When the group appeared a few days later, we spent an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon touring the school and reminiscing about the "old days" in Sutter Creek. This small group began talking about a reunion using the old school as a venue.

As enthusiasm grew, the conversation turned to the possibility of coordinating an actual reunion of former students of the Historic Grammar School as well as Sutter Creek's Amador High School. A date and time for an initial planning meeting was set...and away we go!

As several meetings progressed, the planning group spent long hours tracking old friends, recalling names from the past, compiling lists, researching contact information, and then trying to contact potential attendees.



### The Organizing Committee

*Bob Fary, Barbara (Shealor) Fary, Dennis Rodman, Lloyd Oneto, Rosie (Bonham) Oneto, Sharon Smith, Kenny Hulse, Albert Miller, Evie (Tiquet) Ghormley. Not pictured: Nancy Beishline Rodman and Don Ghormley*

Names were added to the lists of attendees as well as some deleted. Some simply had other plans or couldn't make it, while some had health obstacles, and still others had unfortunately not survived the years. An approximate head count was assembled numbering a surprising 80 alumni and spouses willing to attend, with some traveling several hundred miles in order to reconnect with old friends. Barbara Fary's cousin, Lew Marks, came down from Roseburg, Oregon and Jim Gibbs traveled all the way from his home in Missouri! Without the commitment of the time and effort on the part of these organizers on behalf of the former classmates, this wonderful event would never have happened.

At the reunion gathering, Bob Fary, Lloyd Oneto, Dennis Rodman, and Ken Hulse brought along their Amador High School letter sweaters and football jerseys. Using these along with a letter sweater that had belonged to former Amador High athlete Ricky Randolph, a display was set up in the kitchen honoring the glories of the past. Memorabilia was also set up on several tables in the room across the hall.



*Bob Fary's old Amador football jersey and his school sweater.*

Finger food consisting of cold cuts, crackers, cheeses, and cookies was laid out as well for all comers. A highlight of the event was the cake created by Bob and Barb showing the Amador High buffalo and using school colors inside and out.





*The cake Barb and Bob Fary made.*

I think it's fair to say that a good time was had by all in attendance. For SCCBF's part as sponsors of the event, it was extremely gratifying to see the school put to such a beautiful purpose. Some of the people have not only fond recollections of their own childhood here, but very deep roots in local history. It was truly an honor and a privilege to be a part of this wonderful gathering and to be able to listen to the stories told and reminiscences shared. The Historic Sutter Creek Grammar school came to life that afternoon in May and we of the SCCBF sincerely thank you.



*Wayne Breider, Gladys Adams Noland, and Randy Wood*



*Carol Fine Roe*



*Bob Fary, his wife Barbara Shealor Fary, and Bob Wolin*



*Don Ghormley, his wife Evie, Sharon Smith, Wayne Breider, and Mike VanDeHei*



*Gladys Adams Noland and Carolene Wisner*



*Susan Case Schneider*



*Debbie Griffith Emerson and Susan Case Schneider*



*Bob Fary and Bob Wolin*



*Kathy Hulse Kenny's wife, Mary McGuirk Martin and Gabe Dick's wife Jill*



*Dennis Rodman, Randy Wood and Floyd Martin*





*Don Goodall, Wayne Breider, Lloyd Oneto, Marilyn Bustillos, Rosie Oneto, Evie and Don Ghormley*



*Lloyd & Rosie Oneto and Steve and Sharon Ingersoll Bowman*



*Barbara Spiva Toma, Bob Wolin's wife Thala, Steve & Sharon Bowman and Susan Case Schneider*



*Kenny Hulse, Bob Fary and Rick Champlin (our contact person from Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation, who was very helpful and friendly)*



*A great reunion at the Old Sutter Creek Grammar School!*



**Class 62 Sutter Creek High School gathering 5/21/23**

All of these were in the Amador County High School class of 1962

L to R Dennis Rodman, Bob Fary, Don Ghormley, Sharon Smith, Kenny Hulse, Gladys Adams Noland, Carolene Wiser, Debbie Griffith Emerson, Carol Fine Roe, Randy Wood, Bob Wolin, Wayne Breider, Mary McGuirk Martin, Susan Case Schneider, Mike Van De Hei, not in picture but attended, Sue Russell Price.



All of these either were in the Amador County High School class of 1962 or other classes before and after 1962

L to R Standing Albert Miller (61), Rosie Poggi Sutherland (67), Lew Marks (57), Barbara Toma Steel (61), Paula Garibaldi Wooten (61), Evie Tiguet Ghormley (63), Don Ghormley, Gladys Adams Noland, Carolene Wiser, Debbie Griffith Emerson, Carol Fine Roe, Randy Wood, Mary McGuirk Martin, Susan Case Schneider, Mike Van De Hei, Sharon Ingersoll Bowman (64), Steve Bowman (64).

L to R seated Dennis Rodman, Ken Hulse, Sharon Smith, Bob Fary, Bob Wolin, Wayne Breider, Butch Martin (64), Craig Battaglia (63), Gabe Dick (60).

Not in picture but attended: Lloyd Oneto (65), Jerry Baxley (66), Patty Lombardo Baxley (66), Floyd Martin (61), Jesse Doris (57or58), Tom Wait (59), James Gibbs (60).





Those two small squares are the original outhouses still in place at the Historic Grammar School. According to some alumni, they were still in use into the 1950's.



Today's girls' restroom is the former teachers' lounge.





The boys' restroom was the principal's office.



The infamous Don Ghormely spent more time standing in this corner than sitting at his desk!



Today's kitchen, formerly room 5 upstairs, showing the "Art Gallery" and Ghormely's corner.



Re-creation of a classroom in today's museum. Note "Teacher's Little Helper" on the desk front.



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# FIREMAN'S BALL 2023

September 2 5:30-10 pm



A benefit for the Sutter Creek Benefit Foundation, Rotary Passport to Amador, and the Sutter Creek Volunteer Fire Department

Doors and no-host bar open at 5:30

Tri-tip and spaghetti dinner prepared by the fire crew served at 6:30

Live music by Darin Sexton and Highway 49 - dancing under the stars

Raffle and auction throughout the evening

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKETS](#)

SCCBF's current renovation project is the Historic Sutter Creek Grammar School which is rich in Gold Rush history. This beautiful building is California's second oldest two-story brick schoolhouse. There are four rooms within the Historic Grammar School that can be rented.



Contact the City of Sutter Creek for information on rates and availability - (209) 267-5647 ext. 230 or email [info@cityofsuttercreek.org](mailto:info@cityofsuttercreek.org) / [website - cityofsuttercreek.org](http://website-cityofsuttercreek.org)

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