

# Campo girls basketball team takes the season of giving to a whole new level



Photo provided

Submitted by Jon Wood

This basketball season, Moraga is proud to support Campolindo girls basketball and its efforts to support Soles4Souls shoe drive. It demonstrates the character of these young women and the integrity of the program beyond the court.

Soles4Souls aims to turn unwanted shoes into opportunities, by keeping shoes from going to waste and putting them to good use – providing relief, creating jobs, and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty.

“Research shows that with good shoes, kids are more healthy, attend school more often, and are more confident. Having a good pair of shoes that fit right and look good not only boosts a child’s confidence, it also removes one of the most visible signs of poverty,” says Bill Flitter, head coach, Campolindo Girls Basketball.

Soles4Souls creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distrib-

ution of shoes and clothing around the world.

Coach Flitter adds, “Most of us can’t imagine what it’s like not to have something as basic as a pair of shoes, but millions of people around the world face this every day. Last year we collected 1,500 shoes, this year we are aiming for 2,000!”

Soles4Souls partners with women’s shelters, veterans’ organizations, children’s programs, and schools to get shoes and clothing to those who need it most.

Please join this incredible group of women and bring the shoes you no longer wear. The greatest ‘feet’ you can do today is give new life to those lonely shoes in your closet.

Drop shoes off from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 25, at Campolindo High School Multipurpose Room, 300 Moraga Road, Moraga.

For more information visit: [Campogirlsbasketball.com](http://Campogirlsbasketball.com)

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# Longtime Orinda resident turns 100



Nancy Dupuis Photo provided

Submitted by Louise Diracles


Nancy Dupuis, who has lived in Orinda for 70 years, just turned 100 years old and still can navigate the internet like a pro. She was honored by her sisters in the Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution for turning 100 and being a member for 40 years. Dupuis’ mother and daughter were also members of the chapter. When Nancy was asked what kind of work do you do? This amazing woman replied that she was a “professional volunteer.” Some of her many community jobs included: Cub Scout/Boy Scout Den Mother, Brownie/Girl Scout Leader, Sleepy Hollow Parents’ Club member, Orinda Junior Women’s Club member (raising money for the first

Orinda Library), St. Stephens Sunday School Teacher, AAUW member (housing foreign students), counselor to high school girls at King’s Daughters Home in Oakland, taught needlepoint and Mah Jong, and Parliamentarian for the Lamorinda Republican Women.

## In Memory

### Elsie Anna Rossetto Gallo

Aug. 11, 1916 – Dec. 11, 2022



Elsie Anna Rossetto Gallo was born and raised in Weed, Calif. (Siskiyou County). After graduating from Weed High School, she attended UC Berkeley and graduated in 1939. She worked part time at Cal and managed to graduate in four years.

She earned three teaching certificates – General Elementary, General Secondary (High School and first two years of college) and Learning Disabilities. She had experience teaching in all three credentials. She almost pursued a career in singing. A college singing professor was amazed at the wonderful voice she had and told her to pursue a career in singing instead of teaching. She was known as the girl who was always singing. She disappointed many friends

for not pursuing a singing career.

Her teaching career started when she was a sophomore in high school. She was asked to take over her church choir and that meant teaching songs for Sunday mass and playing the organ. Also, when she was in high school, she had her own singing group and taught them not only songs in English, but also songs in Spanish and Italian. Her Spanish teacher was so proud of her that she brought her singing group to back to school night and had her group sing songs in Spanish.

She was a popular teacher among students. Her high school students use to tease her and call her a slave driver. They used to say “Boy, you sure can’t get away with anything with her.” Even with her back turned she knew who was paying attention and who wasn’t. “You had to be dumb not to get an ‘A’ or a ‘B’ in her class the way she hammered the material in your head.” She was also known to go behind the scenes of struggling students who were flunking. She was able to correct and find out what the problems were and helped them. Some problems were simple, some were complex, but she managed to correct them. She was also a popular teacher among African American students. She was told that she was the only teacher who knew how to relate to them. The African American students even surprised her with a big party to honor her. The janitors were fond of her as well. She was told that she was the only teacher who treated them with respect even though they were janitors.

She enjoyed and loved her teaching career. Some of her students made it through college due to her extra help. She was a resident of Moraga since December of 1954. She met her future husband, Victor Gallo, through a mutual friend while still living in Berkeley, Calif. They married in the Catholic Church in Berkeley.

Elsie and Victor bought a house in Moraga, Calif. and raised one daughter and one son. Elsie stayed home to take care of her children. When the children were older and on their own, Elsie went to get her teaching certificate for the educationally handicapped. She taught at Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School in Moraga for the last 30 years. She then retired from teaching.

Elsie is survived by her to children, Christina Gallo and Tom Gallo. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Sean, Christopher, and Aaron Mallory. She is also survived by her nieces, Vicki and Susan Crawford, Marla Brendel, and her nephews Bart, Eric and Alex Brendel.


Elsie also enjoyed her kitties and being with her grandsons. She will be missed by all of her family.

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## In Memory

### Kevin Barker

Jan. 10, 1982 – Dec. 23, 2022



Kevin Barker passed away unexpectedly and too soon on Dec. 23, 2022 at 40 years old, after complications from a recent surgery.

The youngest of seven siblings, he was the final child of Patti and Bud Barker of Orinda, Calif., and was born on Jan. 10, 1982 shortly after Joe Montana connected with Dwight Clark in what’s forever known as “The Catch” in 49er lore. Patti went into labor during the historic game, but kept it quiet until the 49ers were victorious and then made it to the hospital just in time for her doctor to make the next big catch of the day.

Kevin graduated from Miramonte High School (2000) and UC Santa Barbara (2005). He spent his final decade in Atlantic Beach, Fla., enjoying life and work, while being closer to his oldest brother, Bryan (former Jacksonville Jaguars Pro Bowl punter).

Kevin loved music, sports and the outdoors, especially BMX racing, mountain biking, snowboarding, golf, camping, being on the water and, of course, his Oakland A’s. He was happiest gathering with friends and family while listening to great tunes and sharing cold ones and his latest hot sauce.

Kevin is preceded in Heaven by his late father, Bud Barker (2008). He is survived by his mother, Patti Barker and siblings Bryan, Laura, Jeff, Steve (Sara), Kristen (JD) and Brendan.

His Celebration of Life will be held March 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Lafayette Public House. Those whose lives he touched are invited to attend. Please RSVP at: <http://evite.me/jbvPjRqtuj>

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