

VIKE Newsletter of the Montgomery Education Foundation



Spring 2010

MEF: Building a Foundation for the Future

JOIN US!

The Montgomery Education Foundation (MEF) was founded to provide financial support for Montgomery High School and its programs, and to promote community involvement. Our mission is to enrich the learning environment for all students at Montgomery High School. Members include faculty, parents, alumni and community members.

We welcome you to attend our monthly meetings and to get involved as much or as little as you are able.



The MEF meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the MHS Student Services Center (which is located next to the teachers' parking lot). If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting moves to the first Tuesday.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR SECOND ANNUAL CRAB FEED

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who assisted with or attended the second annual Montgomery Education Foundation Crab Feed. Not only was the food delicious at this well attended event, but there were numerous items in the live and silent auction to bid on. Approximately 270 Viking friends and families attended the event helping us to raise over \$20,000 to help support the grants



funded by the MEF. This comes at a much needed time with all of the budget cuts, currently in place or upcoming.

Thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered, or bid on items at the live and silent auctions. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's event which is scheduled for January 29, 2011!

Vikings Vs. Panthers: Second Annual Blood Drive

Everyone was a winner at the Second Annual Montgomery High School versus Santa Rosa High School Blood Drive held the week of February 8th. A total of 125 pints were donated to the Blood Bank of the Redwoods: MHS – 51 pints, SRHS – 74 pints. Hopefully we'll see more Vikings next year!

Join the Human Race

The **Human Race** is being held on Saturday, May 8th. Please support

the MEF by either pledging Principal Laurie Fong and/or participating yourself on behalf of the MEF. You can donate by going to the Human Race website: www.humanracenow.org. If you prefer, you can drop off pledges at the Montgomery High School office or mail your donation to MEF, 1250 Hahman Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Checks should be made payable to HUMAN RACE (write "Donation MEF" in the memo line). If you have any questions, please contact Montgomery High School at 528-5512 or Bev Zanetti at bblz@sonic.net. Stop by and visit our booth while you are at the race.



Calling All MHS Student Artists!!!



The Montgomery cafeteria needs some colorful, appealing artwork to bring it to life, and you could be the artist who creates it! Design a colorful, abstract mural for the south or north wall of the cafeteria. The design

must be relatively simple and should not include complicated details such as faces. Final dimensions are approximately 37.5' long x 6' high. Entries will be judged by professional artists at the non-profit organization Artstart.

If your design wins, you will be invited to help paint your mural on the cafeteria wall and get paid! (You must also apply to Artstart in order to get paid this stipend.) The deadline for your mural design is Friday, April 9, 2010 at 4 p.m. Please submit your design to Liz Perez in the Montgomery High School office. On the back side of your design,

please provide your name, phone number and email address. The deadline to apply to Artstart is Friday, April 30. Applications are available on the Artstart Web site at www.artstart.us.

Questions: Contact Montgomery Education Foundation Member, Melissa Kelley, 537-8783 or mkelley@sonic.net.

See page six of the newsletter for more information about the MEF's Cafeteria Beautification Project!

Montgomery High School Activities

Teacher Appreciation Brunches

Thank you to everyone who participated in the December 16th teacher appreciation brunch was much appreciated. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food, a welcome break during a hectic time. The final **Teacher Appreciation** brunch of the school year will be held on May 4, 2010 in the school cafeteria and will be a picnic theme. If you would like to help with the event and/or bring a salad or dessert to show

your appreciation for the teachers and staff at Montgomery High School, please contact Lynn Connolly at lynnconnolly@sbcglobal.net.

Senior Breakfast

Anyone who is interested in helping out with the annual **Senior Breakfast**, which will be held on May 28th, can contact Priscilla Vivio at pvivio@neteze.com. If you would like to help defray the cost of the breakfast you can mail your donation of \$10 (or more to sponsor another child) to MEF, 1250 Hahman

Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Project Grad

Calling all Montgomery High School parents! Project Grad needs your help! Project Grad is a wonderful event put on by parents every year for the graduating senior class. If you can help, please contact Shannon Hoffmann at shannonhoffmann@gmail.com or 527-7850. Project Grad Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 20.

History of the Montgomery Education Foundation

The Montgomery Education Foundation (MEF) was created out of the Parent Teacher Club (PTC) in March of 2004 to provide financial support for Montgomery High School and its academic programs, pro-

mote community involvement, and preserve and document the history and traditions of the school. The MEF used the Santa Rosa High School Foundation as its blueprint. Since its inception, the MEF has provided over \$145,000 in grants for numerous projects. In April of 2009 the MEF Endowment drive was

kicked off with the vision of getting one thousand people to contribute \$1,000 each to reach the MEF's goal of raising \$1 million dollars, the proceeds of which will be used to fund the grants provided by the MEF. In 2009, the MEF also refined the grants rubric and funding process. We are a work in progress!

Advertise Here!!!

Please contact Karen Rondon at Kronndon@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in advertising in our newsletter. The MEF reserves the right to accept or reject any advertisement submitted for MEF's publication and its Website. In addition, the MEF does not endorse or recommend any commercial products, processes, or services.



Fundraising News

Sign up for Escrip!

Register your **Safeway Club Card** at www.eScrip.com and select the Montgomery Education Foundation as the beneficiary (call 1-877-723-3929 if you have forgotten your club car number). You can also register your **Macy's** card and your other credit cards. It is free and easy. **Oliver's** has now joined eScrip! A percentage of each purchase will be donated to the MEF.

Shop at Amazon.com

Make purchases at **Amazon.com** via the MHS website at www.montgomeryhighschool.com or MEF website at www.montgomeryhigheducationfoundation.org and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the MEF.



Dine out at Legends

Dine out at **Legends at Bennett Valley Golf Course**. We will receive 10% of your total check whenever you dine at Legends and 20% of your total check on "Montgomery High Day", which is on the first Friday of the month. Just tell your server that you are there to support Montgomery High School.

Everyday Shopping

Do your "Everyday Shopping" at **Foot Locker, Lady Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, footlocker.com, Verizon Wireless, Travelocity** and **1-800-Flowers.com**, using our school code: **6ZXJ**, which will result in a percentage of each purchase being donated to the MEF! For more information visit www.montgomeryhigheducationfoundation.org, www.schoolPAX.org or call 1-877-724-5729.

Drivers' Education



Have your student take their online drivers education course at www.highschooldriversed.com and use the discount code: **hsde105** which will save your student \$15 off of the normal \$69.95 fee, and will contribute \$20 to the MEF. This drivers education class provides students with the knowledge needed to earn a learners permit and drivers license, and offers students the opportunity to take online practice tests.

Gratitude for the Grants

AVID Programs

The MEF's support has "renewed my faith that educators at MHS truly are blessed and appreciated. MEF, together we are making important and worthwhile contributions to society, and today you reminded me that I am also doing something that I, in fact, truly love." **Heather Garcia-Rossi, MHS Teacher**

"You are angels! Thank you for funding our project. Today when I told my students the good news, their eyes lit up in anticipation of creating TAKE A WALK IN OUR SHOES 2010!" **Ann Butler, MHS Teacher**

Math Field Trip to Exploratorium

"We had a wonderful visit and the kids had a really great time. . . We selected students who had not been to the museum before, some of whom had never been across the bridge!" **Ted Seche, MHS Teacher**

Special Education Cooking

"Thank you for your generous donation! We are so excited to get cooking. Thanks. Again." **Valentino, MHS Student**

Drama Production

"With appreciation and admiration for all who support what we do." The money provided to the drama department has helped pay for a technical director who in turn trained students for the numerous shows put on by the drama department each year. Performances this year have included: *Dark of the Moon*, *Actor's Nightmare*, *Offending the Audience*, *Take a Walk in Our Shoes: Stories from the 50's Hall*, *Hello Dolly!*, and upcoming *Comic Potential* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. **Susane Byrne, MHS Teacher**

Grants Funded by the MEF During the 2009/2010 School Year

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| Administration — Office Supplies | \$5,000.00 |
| Administration — STAR Test Incentives | \$1,500.00 |
| AVID — Buses to UC Davis for Campus Tour | \$1,800.00 |
| Drama — Technical Director | \$4,500.00 |
| English — Take a Walk in Our Shoes/Freedom Writers Program | \$3,300.00 |
| English — Substitute Teachers/Teacher Reading Time | \$1,320.00 |
| IB — Digital Voice Recorders for IB Testing | \$430.00 |
| Math — Field Trip to the Exploratorium | \$250.00 |
| Science — Class Set of Calculators for Chemistry | \$450.00 |
| Special Education — Cooking Supplies | \$400.00 |
| Tech Committee — Various Technology Items | \$11,500.00 |
| TOTAL GRANTS: | \$30,450.00 |

The MEF has also provided funding for: Project Grad, Senior Breakfast, and Teacher Appreciation Brunches

Alumni Corner

Upcoming Reunions:

The Montgomery High School *class of 1980* is having its 30th Reunion on Saturday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Flamingo Hotel. For more information, contact Steve Bruner at 818-388-3662 or 1-800-675-8531.

Montgomery High School *Class of 2000* is having its 10th Reunion in November. For more information, go to <http://montgomery.projectalumni.org>. As part of their reunion, the Class of 2000 is promoting a fundraiser which will help with the MEF's cafeteria beautification project! This is a several year project which will include student murals (see page two of the newsletter) and new tables in order to make the cafeteria a more inviting place for the students.

The MEF is offering a \$1,000 challenge grant. All donations are welcome.

Donations for this project can be sent to MEF, Attn: Cafeteria Challenge Grant, 1250 Hahman Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Or you can donate online at www.montgomeryhigheducation-foundation.org.

Calling All Alumni!

Contribute your MHS memories, alumni updates and reunion notices to this newsletter. We would like this publication to become a must-read for anybody who attended Montgomery or who just loves this school. There is room for recollections from Montgomery's first 51 years. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please send your submissions to Karen Rondon at Kronndon@sbcglobal.net. Thanks!



Upcoming Santa Rosa School District Board Meetings:

April 14
 April 28
 May 12
 May 26
 June 6
 June 23

2009-2010 Pledge Drive/Donation Thank-Yous

Bob and Andrea Borowicz
 John and Cecilia Christensen
 Joan Gates
 Diane Hernandez
 Patrice and Latrice Jordan
 Reed Maidenberg
 Marguerite Matthews
 John Nimitz
 Mike and Deb Pavone
 Jeff and Linda Sargent
 Joe and Priscilla Vivio
 Jeanette and Tony Wilson

Stephen and Linda Bowser
 Bernadette Compton
 The Goldfield-Sauer Family
 Brad and Liz Illing
 Melissa Kelley/Stephen Meffert
 Dan and Suzi Manwiller
 Tina Montgomery
 John and Kirsten Olney
 Smruti and Rick Pearson
 Frederick and Lisa Seitel
 Dan Walker
 John Wright

Gary and Wendy Breazeale
 The Evett-Fong Family
 Lois Havness
 Nora and Jerry Iroz
 Jeff and Tracy Lerdahl
 Eran and Annie Matalon
 Roger and Stephanie Nacouzi
 Bernard and Patty Passemar
 Patty and Bob Reynolds
 Laura Somerville
 Mark and Teresa Weinberger

Montgomery Education Foundation

Dollar-a-Day Fund Drive

The mission of the Montgomery Education Foundation (MEF) is to enrich the learning environment for all students at Montgomery High School through raising money to fund grants that enhance the curriculum and engage the students and the community.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the following represent a sampling of the grants the MEF funded:

- Funded the "Every 15 Minutes" presentation
- Granted funding for technology projects
- Funded the Safe School Ambassador Program
- Paid for "Freedom Writer" speakers to present a lesson on success to students at MHS
- Supported a technical director for the Performing Arts Center
- Paid for transporting AVID students to UC Davis to tour the campus
- Provided STAR testing incentives
- Granted funding for basic classroom supplies for all departments

The MEF needs your help now more than ever as our district faces severe budget cuts. Your gift to the MEF will help assure that Montgomery teachers have what they need to educate all students. We are asking each family to donate \$1 per 180 school days...**that's only \$180** per year to ensure the educational success of our children!! (Of course, a donation of any amount is always welcome.) *Their future depends on the foundation we lay for them today.*

Please complete the form below and return as indicated. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution!

Yes...I want to contribute to the Dollar-a-Day Fund Drive for MEF!

In support of that effort, I/we pledge **\$180.00** or \$ _____

- Enclosed is my check made payable to "Montgomery Education Foundation"
- I hereby authorize MEF to charge my credit card

Name on credit card _____

Signature _____

Visa/Mastercard/Amex # _____ 3 or 4 digit CVN _____ Exp Date ___/___

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

(Please provide email as this is the best way to stay connected)

Please return to MHS Education Foundation, 1250 Hahman Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

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Become One of the MEF One Thousand

Members of the Montgomery Education Foundation are working to create a \$1 million endowment fund, by encouraging 1,000 Montgomery alumni, parents and other MHS supporters to make a \$1,000 gift to the endowment fund.

The MEF Endowment Fund is in its initial years and thanks to many Friends of Montgomery High School, is already a great success. The Investment earnings of the Endowment Fund will go towards funding grants approved by the MEF Board of Directors. These approved Grants benefit Montgomery High School Students throughout the school. Since this is an Endowment Fund, our Tax Deductible Contributions will remain a

legacy from us and continue to benefit MHS students in perpetuity. Tax Deductible Contributions of all amounts are welcome. If you would like to leave a legacy of your own that will benefit our children now and for generations to come or would like to be a part of the continued success of the MEF Endowment Fund, please contact Dan Walker, email DanW@villa-marin.com or cell phone 707-483-5590.

To become a Founding Member of the Endowment Fund, please write a check, or make a pledge and pay it off in several payments. We also accept credit card payments. Gifts can be mailed to : MEF Endowment Fund 1250 Hahman Drive Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Viking 1000 Founding Members as of March 10, 2010 Endowment Balance: \$106,219.01

\$5000 and Above Founding Members

Vivio, Joe and Priscilla

\$2500-\$4999 Founding Members

Bolander, Ivar Jeffrey (Jeff) – 1978

Fallon, Michael

Ferrick, Reed and Nancy

Judge Family Vineyards: Joe and Gail Judge

Kelly, Dan - 1959

Merffert, Stephen and Melissa Kelley

Reinking, Bill and Mary-Louise – 1960/1961

Tompkins, Dr. Geoffrey and Amy

\$1000-\$2499 Founding Members

Andersen, Jim and Linda

Baker, Greg and Leanna – In Name of Justin and Madeline Baker

Berg/Shum Family

Berlin, Steve

Bloom, John and Joanne Harris-Bloom

Bortolotto, Robert and Elizabeth

Brady, Joe and Sallie

Breazeale's Automotive: Gary and Wendy

Breazeale

Brott, Jeremy and Shelley

Bruner, Miriam in honor of Cori and

Steve Bruner

Brunson, Darin and Deanne – 1984

Buzzini, Renny, Carol and Robb –

1970/1971/1996

Chalmers, Dr. Mary Ellen

Chase, Doug and Robbie and family

Claiborne W. Gooch Jr. Charitable Trust,

Chris and Carter Bradshaw

Connell, Brian and Sally

Cooper, Charles and Nancy

Crocker, Kay Novelli – 1968

Diklich, Brian (Bennett) – 1982
Goldfield, Daniel and Dr. Loie Sauer
Halpern, Lindsey
Hardcastle, Alan and Vickie
Hutton, E.S. and W.O.
Iantosca, Robert and Julia
Johnson, Shawn and Angela
Karsten Family Foundation, Tom and Janis
Karsten
K.B. Communications, Jeff and Katherine
Breithaupt
Komrij, Henri and Laura – 1982
Kotula, Jon and Tina
Kuhn, Jeffrey and Lori
Landesign Construction and Maintenance,
John and Denise Fitzgerald
Luchetti Construction, Inc., Jeff and Nancy
Luchetti
Luther Burbank Savings, John and Dana
Biggs – 1968
Matalon, Eran and Anne
McKean, Darren and Karen – 1978
McKean, Tina – 1975
McMahon, Dan
Messinger, Nancy Rankin
MHS Bunko Babes
Mitchell, Steve and Terri
MOB Squad
Nelson, Martin and Sherry – 1980
Nimitz, John, M.D.
Olney, John and Kirsten - 1976
Owen, Robert and Susan
Parisi, George and Lufu

Parker Family Partnership, Parker
Family Alumni
Parker, Robert – 1966
Pavone, Mike and Debra
Pearson, Rick and Smruti
Perry, Michael and Gail
Podstata, Brett and Julie – 1977/1978
Raven, Brett and Diane Kleineke
Redwood Hotels Corporation, Claus and
Debbie Neumann – 1968
Reynolds, Robert and Patricia
Sargent, Jeff and Linda
Scalercio, Frank and Trish – 1978
Shine, John and Barbara Fitzmaurice
Smandra, Rick and Robin – 1983/1982
Traverso, George and Sandra
Treleaven, Peter and Marie
Uppal, Parmjit and Holly
Waldorf, Michael
Warren, Robin and Lewis
Wood, Robert and Carol
Wuesthoff, William
Zanetti, Lauren, Michelle and
Michael — 2007/2007/2010

MEF 2009-2010 Officers and Board Members

Priscilla Vivio – President
Sally Connell – Vice President
Carol Abramson – Treasurer
Vacant – Secretary

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| Renny Buzzini | Bernadette Compton |
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| Mike Pavone | Karen Rondon |
| Michael Waldorf | Dan Walker |
| Beverly Zanetti | |

*To our Neighbors at
Montgomery High School!*

Join us
At.....

Legends
at
Bennett Valley

Be a part of this “Legendary” fundraising event.

It's as easy as eating breakfast, lunch or dinner. In fact, your school will earn 10% of all your families' guest checks on a daily basis! And it gets even better.... once a month is “**Montgomery High Day**”.

Montgomery High will earn 20% on all your guest checks on the **1st Friday** of every month. This could amount to hundreds of dollars each month coming back to help your school with much needed funds. Enjoy some great food for a great cause....**OUR KIDS!**



Legends
at
Bennett Valley

Montgomery
High School
ID# 528-5191



Located at Bennett Valley Golf Course
3328 Yulupa Ave. Santa Rosa 95405
707-523-4111

Email: margo.legends@aol.com



MONTGOMERY EDUCATION FOUNDATION
1250 Hahman Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95405

KEEP IN TOUCH with the Montgomery Education Foundation...
and help the MEF to keep in touch with you.

Name

Street address

City

State

ZIP Code

Phone Number

E-mail address

I am a: ? Grad from year ____ ? Parent ? Staff member ? Friend of MHS

I would like to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____ to the Montgomery Education Foundation

Please mail your check to: Montgomery Education Foundation, 1250 Hahman Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95405

To a make an on-line donation, click **MEF Donations** at:

www.montgomeryhigheducationfoundation.org