



# The Reunion

Spring 2009

Citrus College

## A Message From The President

### Challenges...

As we are emerging from the New Year, many of us are facing a wind of challenges. Over 2,000,000 jobs lost in the first quarter alone, retirement and college savings accounts dropping, and stress levels rising. Many of our alumni friends I have talked to, have expressed that life is almost overwhelming as of late.

While adversity happens, we all must realize that this is what made America great and what usually brings out the best in people. Each one of us has the strength to overcome obstacles, become stronger human beings, and open ourselves to help others. When you face adversity, be patient and let it be your strength. Do not allow yourself to fear or procrastinate in taking the first step. Move forward with little steps and you will be on the way to overcoming any challenge.

The Citrus Alumni Association Board is following this advice and will continue to move forward on several projects for this year. Our first and most important goal is continue to work toward reducing education barriers for students. With so many losses in organization scholarship and individual college funds, the need for more scholarships continues to rise. For our first

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## Alumni Cruise Christmas Parade in Style



The annual Glendora Christmas Parade took place on Saturday, December 13. Parade goers waved and cheered as Citrus alumni Wilma Lobb, Joyce Dill and Tickie Moline cruised down Glendora Avenue in a beautiful 1951 red Pontiac convertible. The car proved to be a popular attraction before and after the parade as well with many people stopping by to admire it. The Citrus Alumni Association thanks Joe Guarrera for once again allowing us to ride in his car for this wonderful, hometown event.

## In Remembrance: "Skeeter" Kobzeff

The Citrus Alumni Association mourns the passing of Mildred "Skeeter" Kobzeff, who died December 26, 2008 at the age of 91. The following is a letter from Citrus College Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri on behalf of the Citrus College community. The letter was read at Skeeter's memorial service, which was held in January.

*On behalf of the Citrus College community, I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences on the death of Mildred "Skeeter" Kobzeff. Our thoughts and best wishes are with her family and friends at this time.*

*Citrus College alumni and staff have spoken fondly of Skeeter's wonderful sense of humor, her storytelling ability, and the fact that she was so well liked. In addition to these qualities, Skeeter's amazing sense of history has ensured that the 94-year legacy established by Citrus Union High School, Citrus Junior College, and Citrus College is intact. Her enduring loyalty to her alma mater, Citrus Union High School ('35) and Citrus Junior College ('37), helped build*

*the Citrus Alumni Association and produced an important oral history project, "Citrus Speaks."*

*"Citrus Speaks" describes Skeeter as, "one of the most prolific chroniclers of Citrus biography and lore" and the "energetic prime mover of alumni reunions." It has been said she never missed a reunion. Her "Citrus Speaks" narratives are heartwarming accounts of campus life during the Depression years, complete with recollections of her love of sports and her efforts to enroll in auto shop—to no avail.*

*We will always be grateful for Skeeter's dedication and contribution to the advancement of Citrus College.*

*Sincerely,  
Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.  
Superintendent/President*



## Ferrari Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Citrus alum and Glendora resident Mark Ferrari was presented with the 2008 Citrus Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award at the Citrus graduation ceremony on June 14, 2008. Family, friends and many alumni gathered to congratulate Ferrari at a reception held in his honor.

After graduating from Temple City High School, Ferrari attended the Collision Repair Program at Citrus College. For the last 25 years he has owned Ferrari Brothers Body Shop in Monrovia. He serves on the executive committee of the California Auto Body Association of which he was president in 1997. He also has chaired various committees on the state and national levels. Ferrari has traveled to Washington D.C. to speak to the House Judiciary Committee and has visited Taiwan to tour automotive manufacturing plants. He was featured on KNBC and FOX11 news segments in support of the California Motorist Bill of Rights for consumer protection.

In addition to his professional involvement, Ferrari devotes much of his time to serving his community. He served on the Monrovia Day Association Soap Box Derby; was president of the Monrovia Chamber of Commerce; leader of the Explorer Post Crash Course which helped fuel students' interest in collision repair; assisted with the renovation of the teacher's lounge at Clifton Middle School and helped with the fundraising for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Monrovia through their annual haunted house.

Ferrari and his family lived in Temple City for many years, and he devoted his time and energy there as well. He was a Temple City Parks and Recreation Commissioner, a Camellia Festival Carnival co-chairman, and a member of the historical society. He coached Little League and Junior All American Youth football for 11 years. He also assisted with the junior varsity and varsity football programs.

Now residing in Glendora, Ferrari serves on the Citrus College Foundation Board and is a Citrus College Bond Oversight Committee representative. He recently helped renovate two baseball fields at Sandberg Middle School for the Glendora National Little League.



*Above: Mark Ferrari and his family. Below: Past recipients of the Lifetime Achievement Award who attended the reception are Mike Hurtado, Wendy Nichols, Joyce Dill, Mark Ferrari, and Tom Gerfen.*



## Alumni to Recommend Honoring Smyth

The Citrus Alumni Association is in the process of submitting an official recommendation to the Citrus College Board of Trustees and to Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, to name the new field house (under construction) after Buzzy Smyth.



The facility is northwest of the football field and will consist of locker rooms, training rooms, classrooms and public areas. Although the field house is currently under construction, when complete it will be an attractive and well-utilized facility. The field house is just one example of Measure G funds well spent. Recent renovations and new buildings all across campus are improving the face of Citrus College.

Several former academic associates, students, community leaders and friends and acquaintances whose lives Smyth touched have given their support to the naming effort. To lend support or offer comments, please call Sharon Lewis (626) 335-1035, Wendy Nichols (626) 292-7710, or e-mail us at [alumni@citruscollege.edu](mailto:alumni@citruscollege.edu).

# A Taste of Autumn Raises Friends and Funds

The Citrus College Foundation held its 11th Annual A Taste of Autumn on Sunday, October 5. The evening featured 27 area restaurants and wineries, a silent auction, art exhibit and sale, opportunity drawing and entertainment by the Citrus Singers, the Citrus College Jazz Combo and Night Shift. The event raised approximately \$40,000 for Citrus College scholarships.

The success of A Taste of Autumn is due in large part to its tireless volunteers. A special thank you goes to Sharon Lewis and Joyce Dill for securing sponsors and gift basket donations. Also, thank you to Chris Stoner, Jim Williams, Jane Cole and Cheryl Greer for doing such a fantastic job coordinating the event. The Alumni Association would like to acknowledge others too numerous to mention for their contributions as well. All the hard work and months of planning sure paid off as guests enjoyed a great time of dining, dancing and socializing.



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## A Message From The President *continued*

step, we created a new scholarship to honor Mildred “Skeeter” Kobzeff who recently passed away. Our next step will provide start-up funding for a new “Readers to Leaders” continuing student book scholarship fund. Over the next few years we will actively raise money to increase all of our scholarships.

Our second and third goals include improving our communication and offering more events such as an All Class reunion, homecoming weekend, and a Chocolate Sunday. We have created a new central e-mail address [alumni@citruscollege.edu](mailto:alumni@citruscollege.edu) and are currently collecting alumni e-mail and representative

contact information from each class to help facilitate communication. If you haven’t done so already, please e-mail us your address and updated contact information.

We see a bright future ahead and are looking forward to better serving alumni from Citrus Union High School and Citrus College. Take a step forward, overcome the challenges, and use your strength to help your organization, current students, and alumni grow.

– Eric R. Magallon

## Class of 1958 Reunion Recap

The Class of 1958 held its 50th reunion on October 25, 2008 at the Sheraton Fairplex in Pomona. Approximately 200 classmates and their spouses/guests attended the event. Some classmates traveled many miles to be with their school friends who they had not seen in a long time. Many classmates went to grammar school together. What wonderful friendships to have for all these years. The Class of 1958 is the last graduating class from Citrus Union High School.

## All Class Reunion

The next “All Class Reunion” is in the planning stages at the present time. It will take place October 18, 2009. We hope individual classes will also plan reunions that same weekend. We look forward to a great time of renewing old friendships. E-mail us for more information at [alumni@citruscollege.edu](mailto:alumni@citruscollege.edu).



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## In Memory

We wish to offer our condolences to the families of the following Citrus alumni:

John Alf	1946
Joe Burrell	1944
Audrey Dawson Chapman	1941
John Cortez	
Meredith Tucker Detwiler	1928
Robert Dingman	1942
Robert Esparza	1954
Ruth Hernandez	
Kenneth Hill	1953
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Mildred "Skeeter" Kobzeff	1935
Eleanor Malen	1953
Carmelita Mariscal	1950
Kenneth Midkiff	1944
Rod McLeod	1933
John D. Richardson	1951
Willis "Duke" Roberts	1939
Dorothy Quick	
Bob Turner	1942
Alice Fehrs Williams	1935

## Dues Notice

Your Citrus Alumni Association dues are due now.  
Dues are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple  
or \$150 for a lifetime membership.

Please send dues to:

Diane Healy  
559 N. Live Oak Ave.  
Glendora, CA 91741

*Thank you!*