Responses III

Elizabeth Eberle Payette M72

My family lived in Orinda from 1958 to 1979 on Moraga Way across from Camino Encinas (about 1/4 mile from the crossroads). My sisters and I attended IVE, IVI and Miramonte. I was Miramonte class of 1972.

After university, I moved to Sacramento and now live in Roseville.

Lots of Bay Area "transplants" up this way.

Mike Sullivan M69

A friend sent me an excerpt from your story & I laughed as it brought back some really funny memories...

Glad you are well

Cheers Mate

Jud Carter M60

I really enjoyed reading the messages from graduates of Miramonte and Acalanes. Brought back so many memories of my childhood in Orinda. Grew up in Sleepy Hollow and graduated from Miramonte in 1960.

David Ashburn M73

My Memories of growing up in Orinda include knowing people that were members of both the Knights and the DMA. I was never a member of either but had friends from both. I was more of a misfit but loved the area and had great adventures.

Joey Tuttle Judge Acalanes '58

A couple of times, just for fun, Sally Johnson, Steph Jensen and I hiked to Orinda School through the barbed wire fences and cow pastures that are now Orinda Woods.

We once took our very heavy fat tired bikes and our dogs to Happy Valley Rd and up over the hill to Briones. We rode through the settlement of Briones. I remember a store but not much else, now long under the Briones Reservoir.

Orinda School was still K-8 at that point. Mr. Boyce was my 8th grade teacher and Billy Judge was in my class. I kissed him the first time as seniors at Cal, married him ten months later and that was 63 years ago. Orinda has been good to me!

Mark Locklin M67

Who you are and your writing have made a difference in my life. Thanks for wanting to put your experiences in writing.

Marilyn Anderson Lindell M64

I will always feel grateful to have been raised and educated in Orinda! At Miramonte I remember an emphasis on critical thinking which I believe is sadly lacking today. People's responses have been so much fun to read.

Bob Bahme M69

Wonderful reading you. Keep it up.

Takes me right down memory lane.

You have it right! The Good. The Fun and the Trouble..only if you got caught.

Julie Hickcox Tomlin M65

I too grew up in Orinda age 4-18 and have lots of memories. Attended Sleepy Holliw elementary, Pine Grove and of course MHS We live now in Carmel Valley which is soooo much like Orinda. Even oak trees in the middle of roads, skunks, deer etc.

Michelle Miller Bauer M67

I always enjoy reading. Keep it up

Lisa Douglass M71

Jack Krenek, Rex Scatena, Jon Donlon, the wild, darling, bad-boys, and of course as a little sister, they were so cute!!!

The Knights....

Running Moraga Way before football games....always a great visual!

We were so lucky to have been raised together and in such a special place!

Sharon Smith Dodson M70

This is the best!! I think you were a couple of years older than my brother Larry Smith. I loved being raised in Orinda and your stories are spot on !!

Pretty wonderful life !! My parents gave me a great foundation, unconditional love (well Dad not so much when I broke curfew)!

Susan Dewing Duling M71

Beautiful. Thank you for sharing.

Carolyn Caldwell Lambiase M65

Your recollection of Warren and Hoot and Aggie got my attention.

The Websters were good friends of my family. When we needed a doctor my Mom or Dad would just walk us up and have Dr. Hoot take a look at us.

My brother had a bad accident on my bike when he was in the 4th grade. He never went to the hospital. Hoot and Bobby Hussey's Mom, Martha, a former Naval nurse, took care of him in our home for weeks.

Every 4th of July Hoot would buy fireworks and all the neighborhood kids would come to his back patio. He would get special permission from the Orinda Fire Department to set them off. We all had a ball.

Art Dawson M67

Basically, we had what you might call a tight knit community, especially among so many who started out attending Sleepy Hollow Elementary School. We just knew who each other was.

I have been thinking about the enormous octuple blessing that some of us were so privileged to have had. All people were born on earth, some were born in the U.S.A., fewer were born in California, still fewer were born in the Bay Area, and yet fewer still were raised in Orinda. We are not better than anyone else

The way you bring back memories is incredible. Perhaps you will put together a book about it all. All the best to you from this time forward.

Elaine Osmunson Ahrendt C70

What caught my eye in your last update, was your table of contents that included a mention of Pat Haley. Pat was a close friend of my brother, Woody Osmunson, who was also a Knight. I can't wait to read what you have written! I didn't really know Pat, but I certainly knew his reputation.

PS I didn't know any better either.