

Ted Boyce 90th Birthday Bash



April 14, 2012

Orinda Country Club

- No Host Cocktail Party5:30
- Buffet Dinner.....7:00
- Program.....8:00



The Meher School of
Lafayette Children's Chorus

Ellen Evans-Principal; Terry Hogan Johnson-Musical Director

Original songs composed by:

Henry Mindlin

Songs:

Pledge Allegiance

Learning to Work Together

Love Grows Like a Rose

When Every Heart Shall Beat as One

Happy Birthday, Mr. Boyce

- Intro Dr./Mr. Ted Boyce Life..... 8:15
- 'The Time of Your Life' Slide Show
- Speakers:
 - Bruce Little
 - Toni Ayres
 - Scott Ingram
- Open Mike
- Presentation to Dr./Mr. Boyce
- Dr. / Mr. Ted Boyce

Ted Nelson Boyce Biography

EARLY LIFE:

Ted Boyce was born in the home of his parents in Oakland, CA on April 15, 1922. He attended Hawthorne Grammar School and Hamilton Junior High, both in Oakland. In 8th grade he moved to San Francisco and went on to attend Mission High School where he graduated in 1940. Directly after high school he worked for P G & E Headquarters in San Francisco as a mail clerk.

YOUNG ADULT:

Right after the war broke Mr. Boyce enlisted in the Army Air Forces in 1942 and served for 4 years before being discharged in 1946 as a Sergeant. He was stationed at Mather Air Force Base where they had the Flying Fighter Training School and worked under the commanding officer, who was a colonel. After his discharge, Mr. Boyce returned to Oakland to live with his parents, who had since moved back from San Francisco. He knew from an early age that he wanted a college education, so he used the GI Bill to attend San Francisco State College, where he received his BA. He later attended the University of San Francisco where he received his teaching credential and later his Masters Degree in Education. He supplemented his income working for the Oakland Recreation Department while attending school.

CAREER:

After finishing college in 1952, Mr. Boyce began looking for a teaching position using the USF placement office, where he was sent for an interview in San Ramon. However, before leaving for the interview he noticed a postcard posted on the placement office bulletin board advertising an opening for a teacher in Orinda. While on his way back from the San Ramon interview he decided to make a stop in Orinda just to inquire about the job posting he saw in the USF placement office. He was given an interview right away with Mr. Joseph Sheaff, who was the Superintendent of Orinda Schools and the Principal of Orinda Union School, which was then a K-8th grade school. Within a few hours of arriving home, Mr. Sheaff called and offered Mr. Boyce a position teaching 8th grade at Orinda School and also to participate in the after school recreation program. Originally Mr. Boyce wanted to teach high school because of his fond memories of his high school experience. However, after accepting his position at Orinda School teaching the 8th grade, Mr. Boyce found that the junior high level was a perfect fit. He observed that the 8th grade children were "still absorbing information like a sponge", as they were leaving childhood and moving to young adulthood.

In January of 1956 Pine Grove Intermediate School opened (YEAH! Go Panthers). This was the first 7-8 grade junior high school in Orinda and Mr. Boyce was appointed Pine Grove's first Principal. He remained in that position until Pine Grove sadly closed in 1975. This was the same year 'Dr.' Boyce received his doctorate at University of California, Berkeley, after going to night school for several years. When Pine Grove Intermediate School closed in 1975, it merged with Inland Valley Intermediate School and became O.I.S. (Orinda Intermediate School), where Dr. Boyce shared Principal duties with his life-long friend, Frank Isola, from 1975 to 1978. He left O.I.S. to become principal of Wagner Ranch Elementary School for a year-- but missed those Jr. Hi kids! He returned to O.I.S. in 1978 as the Dean of Students and held that position until he retired.

RETIREMENT (?):

Dr. Boyce retired from full time teaching and administration in 1982, but soon found he missed the students and the daily activity of 'going to school' everyday. Shortly thereafter he put himself on the substitute teacher list and taught at O.I.S. regularly until 2009. By all accounts he was a favorite with students. But it doesn't stop there... Dr. Boyce still continues to coach three O.I.S. 8th grade students every year with their graduation ceremony speeches. In 2001, after teaching Orinda junior high students for 50 years, several of Dr. Boyce's former students honored him with a dinner at the Orinda Country Club. Over 100 of his 'kids' came to 'Ted Boyce Night' for an evening of "Reminiscing, Roasting and Reacquainting' and to honor a great man and teacher who devoted his entire life to educating young Orinda children, so they could be all they could be. Former students shared wonderful stories and memories of the affect Dr. Boyce had on their lives. Today his students range in age from early 20s to early 70s. Many still attend to a yearly birthday dinner held in his honor held at various local restaurants.

POSTSCRIPT:

When asking Dr. Boyce what special memories he has, his reply was this:

"They're all good. I don't have one special memory, all my memories are special. I looked forward to going to school everyday. I loved all the activities (dances, games, athletic & academic programs, plays, musicals). You can't put a price or a dollar value of all the loyalty, goodness, kindness, and friendship from what all the former students have given me. There is no better reward than that for me."

Interviewed by Deborah (Corsi) Hill 4-4-12



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Pictures of tonight's event will be posted on the All Orinda Reunion
website:

www.allorindareunion.com

'The Time of Your Life' video on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MsMauihill>

The Committee: Paula (Corsi) Marshall; Deborah (Corsi) Hill, Gayle (Baker) Albo. Marc Corsi

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taking pictures tonight.

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