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The Rockaholics, from left: Ken Lawver (guitar), Jody Kelley (keyboards), Tom Appelbaum (drums), Scott Evans (guitar), Dave Mauer (singer and sound engineer), Chris Lucas (guitar), Raymond Bini (bass), and Ginger - the dog. Photo provided Seven Miramonte High School alumni, members of the band The Rockaholics, gathered earlier this month for a charity fund-raiser, rallying to support those afflicted with cancer. The Rockaholics performed at Pacific Coast Brewing Company, celebrating friendships spanning more than four decades, the release of their first CD, and the great work being done by the International Center for Integrative Medicine (ICIM).

ICIM provides support and treatment for local cancer patients, conducts training and education for medical professionals on integrating Eastern and Western medicine, and leads scientific trials working with Sloan Kettering and other organizations in the U.S. and China to quantify the benefits of integrative medicine.

Ken Lawver, Jody Kelley, Tom Appelbaum, Scott Evans, Dave Mauer and Chris Lucas graduated from Miramonte High School in 1970. Ray Bini graduated in 1971. Evans, Lucas and Bini were also teammates on the wrestling team. Their coach, Roger Durant was in attendance at the performance. In support of the band, Lamorinda musicians Bill Garvin, John Kirby and Alan Thiel also performed.

The band's beginnings go back to as early as the 1960s when they played for various groups in the area. Over the years The Rockaholics played together, mostly just for fun, "practiced" occasionally, and performed as "The

Reunion Band" at their 20th, 30th and 40th Miramonte High School reunions.

On Oct. 20, they 'released' their first CD at the ICIM fund-raiser, with proceeds from the event going to the non-profit organization. For more information about ICIM, visit icimhealth.org or contact Scott Evans at s. evans1@sbcglobal.net.

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