

## Creative writing contest winners announced



Regan Stambaugh



Abby Wallach



Lilly Thies



Kylie Wang

Photos provided

### Submitted by Angeni Lieben and Samantha Lee

The Campolindo Poetry And Creative Writing (PAC) Club's creative writing contest received 39 entries and the judges had a wonderful time reading them and picking three winners and three runners-up in the categories. The PAC also hosted an open mic April 12 where the contest winners and club members excitedly shared their work.

And the winners are: Campolindo senior Regan Stambaugh (Long Prose Runner-up); Miramonte senior Abby Wallach (Poetry Winner); Campolindo senior Lilly Thies (Poetry runner-up); Lela Tolajian (Long Prose winner); Campolindo sophomore Kylie Wang (Short prose winner); and Miramonte freshman Jessy Wallach (Short prose

Runner-up).

In her poetry winning entry, "Canyonlands," Abby Wallach writes: "... to fix a horizon in your understanding is to halt the uneven footsteps of progress. to say | i have reached where i want to go is to say | i do not want to go any farther which is to say | i will go no farther."

Wallach has loved stories for as long as she can remember. "Everyone should have an outlet for their thoughts, feelings, and imagination," she says, "and that's what poetry has become for me."



Jessy Wallach

## LPIE honors two dynamic individuals with new award



Myrna Kimmelman and Tom Mulvaney

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### Submitted by Danielle Gallagher

The Lafayette Partners in Education board of directors, at a special fundraising gala held April 23 in San Francisco, announced the creation of the Tom Mulvaney Legacy Award as a way in which to honor those individuals, families, or businesses who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the LPIE mission. The award's first recipient is Myrna Kimmelman.

Mulvaney, the award's namesake, "made significant contributions to our school community through his time, actions, talents, and dedication," according to LPIE. "He is the longest serving member on our LPIE board going on 16 years, and has served on every committee that LPIE has or has had in the past. Since retiring from a successful career in business, Tom has also served as a board member of the Acalanes Union High School District for eight years, chaired or co-chaired six successful parcel tax and bond

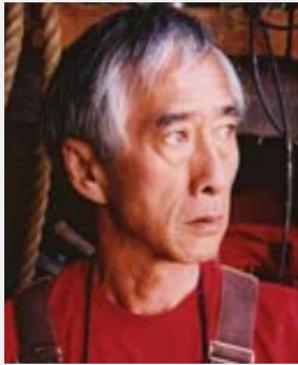
campaigns, and has generously given his time, treasure and talent to our schools. Tom is a doer who believes that our schools are the fundamental cornerstone of our great community, and works tirelessly to ensure an exceptional education for generations to come."

Kimmelman was named Executive Director in 1999, first as part time, and eventually as the foundation's only full-time employee. According to LPIE, in her 21 years of service, Kimmelman managed the foundation while it went from raising \$400,000 dollars per year to raising \$4.2 million dollars per year. "She oversaw the foundation's name change to Lafayette Partners in Education in 2010 as well as its increased responsibility to raise funds for our schools. She retired in 2020 but only after leaving a remarkable legacy. During her 21 years, she worked with thousands of volunteers and instructors, and 19 board presidents, while serving as the heart and soul of the organization."

## In Memory

### Chester Jung

1943-2022



Chester Jung died of multiple organ failure on March 28, 2022, at the age of 78, in Portland, Oregon, surrounded by his family. He was born in Honolulu in 1943 to Millie and Rufus Jung, and moved to San Francisco with his family at the age of 7. He attended Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco and Saint Mary's College. He served in the Army in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967 and worked at Wells Fargo Bank in San Francisco until his retirement in 2001. In 1977, he married Elizabeth Yeagy in Lafayette, where they raised their son and daughter and lived for 41 years until their move to Portland in 2017.

Chester was a force of nature. He was a loyal, trustworthy, ornery, straight-spoken man. He cherished his family – nuclear and extended – and was devoted to his children, attending their many concerts and sporting events from elementary school through Stanley and Acalanes; his only bumper sticker was "Love Lafayette." He read voraciously and had a mind like a trap. He loved exploring the world and shared that love with his children who now pay it forward to theirs. He was a man of many hobbies: fly-fishing, mountain biking, boatbuilding, woodworking, and home brewing, among others. He was always on the lookout for a good Asian restaurant, always open to conversation, and made friends easily wherever he went. Throughout his life, he did unflinchingly for others.

Chester is survived by his wife Elizabeth, his daughter Andrea, his son Adam (Maiko Uchida), five grandchildren, two sisters, and one brother. We all miss him deeply.

To make a donation in Chester's memory to an organization near and dear to him, we suggest Friends of China Camp, <https://FriendsOfChinaCamp.org/donate>. His family can be contacted at [RememberingChesterJung@gmail.com](mailto:RememberingChesterJung@gmail.com).

**Community Service:** We are pleased to make space available whenever possible for some of Lamorinda's dedicated community service organizations to submit news and information about their activities. Submissions may be sent to [storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com](mailto:storydesk@lamorindaweekly.com) with the subject header In Service to the Community.

## In Memory

### James Arthur Field

Dec. 7, 1923 – April 25, 2022



Jim Field, or Cowboy Jimmy as he was known to many, lived a vibrant and rich life. Brimming with creativity, graciousness and a deep love for his family and friends until he left this world for lush pastures elsewhere.

Born and raised outside Detroit, Jim was the only child of Arthur Clarence Field and Helen Jean Spertner. He attended Royal Oak High School where he was Senior Class President and a member of the varsity tennis team. Summers as a camp counselor at the YMCA Camp in Hale, Michigan were a wonderful time for Jim. He was a wrangler with seven head of horse and Assistant Riding Master where, "each horse was my friend."

Jim attended Dartmouth College where he was a Theta Delta Chi and a proud member of their victorious inter-fraternal hockey team. Jim left Dartmouth for WWII during which he was a 1st Lt. fighter pilot in the US Army Air Corps and returned to graduate Phi Beta Kappa in 1948.

Jim moved to New York where he was a copywriter at BBDO and Young & Rubicam and was one of the original Mad Men on Madison Avenue. Receiving awards for his ads did not quell his entrepreneurial spirit, which fueled multiple small businesses including Raincoat Chaps, "don't get caught with your pants down," Lumps (lamps made out of junk), and others. While in New York, Central Park spawned Jim's "love affair with slow-pitch softball which finally ended after trying out for the Over 70's league in Walnut Creek at the age of 85 and where the hard grounders hit me instead of my glove."

Jim arrived in San Francisco in 1959, working for BBDO and "quick as a wink, I was an obsessed backpacker, fly fisherman and skier." BBDO is where he met Virginia, later to become his wife of nearly 59 years. They left the city for the country, choosing Orinda where they bought a home in 1964 and painted it fire-engine red, the color it remains today. Blessed with two daughters, known as Big Al and Bill Bailey, the three ladies were his biggest champions when Jim decided to turn his winemaking hobby into a business, making "not another \$40 cabernet, but a wine for everybody." James Arthur Field Wine was launched in 1976 with HQ in Lafayette's Fiesta Paint Store. Ahead of his time with a quality vin ordinaire in the U.S., Jim deemed it a "jug wine," which was cheerfully and affordably consumed by even the most discerning before he sold the business in 2001. Before his retirement, Jim enthusiastically donated countless cases of wine to local schools and service club events.

Easily recognized in his cowboy boots, pressed jeans and signature sterling belt buckle, Cowboy Jimmy didn't dally in the pasture. He continued to play hockey into his 60s, skied and backpacked into his 80s and fished, played tennis and golf well into his 90s. He also spent time in his workshop, designing and creating handmade furniture and other goods from nature's and mortals' scraps producing a wonder of pieces. He was quietly philanthropic, but quite boisterous about the love he had for Gina and their garden, and the love and joy he experienced with his children, grandchildren and many dear friends.

Jim Field died peacefully, Gina by his side, in the same fire-engine red house. He is survived by Gina, Allison and her husband Andrew, Bailey and her husband Robert and granddaughters Caz, Gaby and Shira.

Jim loved the Lamorinda area and hiking the local hills and trails. If desired, donations may be made in his honor to the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation: <https://www.regionalparksfoundation.org/>

## In Memory

### Charles George "Pete" Sonne

Dec. 10, 1938-May 1, 2022



Charles George Sonne, much better known as Pete, of Orinda, California, left us on May 1, 2022 at the age of 83, after a lifetime of making friends everywhere, filling the room with funny one-liners, playing a prank or two on his friends and family, and working hard in multiple long careers. Whether he was frequenting the college bars of Berkeley, shouting an ape call from the chairlift at Alpine Meadows, rounding up cattle with his horse pals, or roaming his almond orchard with one of the many dogs who "found" him, Pete always brought out some bright side of life (except when he was watching a 49ers game).

Charles was born on Dec. 10, 1938, in South Pasadena, California. At an early age, he stopped looking like "little Chucky" and soon became "Pete." He attended South Pasadena High School and UC Berkeley. Pete had a 33-year career in sales, mainly selling corrugated packaging, and a 31-year career as an almond farmer. Pete also served in the US Army and US Army Reserves from 1961 to 1974, retiring as a captain. He was passionate about his work and cared about doing the right thing for his colleagues and employees. His four-month retirement, starting in January 2022, was far too short.

Pete is survived by his wife Muriel, his son Peter and wife Holly, daughter Linda and husband Scott, and grandchildren Annika and Ashton Sonne and Peter and Scotty Harrison.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the East Bay Regional Parks Foundation or Bay Area Ridge Trail.