

FOUNDERS AND CONSULTANTS

FOUNDERS

Richard H. Bagby is a 36 year resident of Clarksburg where he currently resides. Richard received his B.A. (1968) from Standard Teaching Credential (1969) from California State University at Fresno. Subsequently he taught at Delta High School in the areas of Industrial Arts, R.O.P., and Music. Richard earned his Preliminary Administrative Services Credential and Professional Administrative Services Credential at California State University and served as Vice Principal at Delta High School from 1988 until his retirement in 2004. Richard is active in community activities including The Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department, The Clarksburg Community Church, and the Delta High School FFA Advisory Board.

Gilberto Lopez Jr. received his Bachelor and Masters degree from California State University, Fresno; Teaching Credential from University of California, Davis; and Juris Doctor from Lincoln Law School, Sacramento. He was raised in Clarksburg and went through the educational system of Clarksburg Elementary School and Delta High School. Gilberto became an agricultural teacher at Delta High School in 1995. During his tenure, the agricultural teacher staff went from 1 1/2 to 3 1/2; the agriculture department increased 62% (85 students to 192); and he supervised 9 State and 5 American FFA Degree recipients. Gilberto held the position of department chair and FFA Advisor. As a teacher, he stimulated goal setting, career awareness, and maintained a rigorous curriculum. He ended his teaching career in 1999 to study law.

Gilberto is a first generation Mexican-American. His parents instilled strong educational values in the family. He has six siblings with the following educational accomplishments: three Bachelor Degrees from UC Berkeley; one Bachelor Degree from CSU, Sacramento; one Bachelor Degree from CSU, Chico; one Masters Degree from UC Berkeley, one Juris Doctor from UCLA; one Masters Degree from National University; and one Masters Degree from Lesley University.

Gilberto is married to a 4th grade school teacher. His wife worked for the River Delta Unified School District for 5 years as a 4th through 8th grade teacher at Walnut Grove Elementary School. She is currently teaching in the Elk Grove Unified School District at a Title 1 school.

Theodore R. (Ted) Smith has been a 32-year resident of Clarksburg, where he and his wife have restored and live in the town's second-oldest house. He has served the community in various leadership positions, including a four-year stint as president of the local planning committee, two terms as chair of the Community Church's governing body, and the local representative to various councils. He earned his B.A. and M.A. at Sacramento State College and holds General Elementary, General Secondary, and General Administrative life credentials. He began his professional career in 1956 as an eighth grade teacher in the old Pacific School District in Sacramento, then he spent five years as an English and journalism teacher at Elk Grove High School. While he was there, he was elected president of the Capitol Council of Teachers of English, president of the Central Valley Scholastic Journalism Association, and vice-president of

the California Association of Teachers of English. In 1962 he accepted a position in the California State Department of Education, and spent 30 years in that Department as an editor, consultant, and education administrator. For 20 of the 30 years, he was the Department's Editor-in-Chief and Copyright Program Officer; and he directed a staff of 40 people, managed budgets of several millions of dollars annually, and oversaw the editing, publishing, distributing, and selling of all Departmental publications. Since his retirement in 1992, Mr. Smith has been engaged as a contract editor of educational documents.

Alicia Fernandez is a Deputy Inspector General with the Office of the Inspector General. Prior to this employment, Ms. Fernandez was an Education Fiscal Services Consultant with the California Department of Education. In that capacity, she approved school districts' financial reports (budget, interim reports, unaudited actuals) for school districts that had been taken over by the state due to fiscal insolvency. This also included reviewing the financial reports for any charter schools sponsored by the school districts. She worked directly with the school district administration to resolve audit report findings and assist with the resolution of state and federal program issues. Her prior experience includes investment management, project management, personnel, procurement and contracts, budgeting, and auditing.

Ms. Fernandez was raised in the Clarksburg area, receiving her K-12 education in Clarksburg via the Clarksburg Elementary School and Delta High School. Ms. Fernandez received her Bachelor and Masters degrees from the California State University, Sacramento, in the area of Business Administration. She is actively involved in the Clarksburg community and schools having been on the Clarksburg Elementary School Site Council and ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) the last three years. This is her fifth year as a volunteer at the Clarksburg Elementary School helping out in her son's class as well as volunteering in the remedial reading program. She teaches catechism at St. Joseph's Church in Clarksburg and has just finished her third year as the Delta High School Varsity Volleyball Coach. Ms. Fernandez continues to be involved with both schools to ensure a positive and fulfilling educational experience for all children in the area.

Ms. Fernandez is a first generation Mexican-American. She is the seventh of eight children born to Mexican immigrants who continually stressed the importance of advanced education. All her siblings attended college, having successfully obtained seven bachelor and one masters degrees. Ms. Fernandez has a passion for children's education feeling it her duty to ensure all children receive the best education possible and are adequately equipped with the needed skills and tools to realize his/her potential in this world.

Donald Fenocchio has lived in Clarksburg for 50 years. He moved to Clarksburg after accepting a teaching position at Clarksburg Elementary School in 1955. His family lived in southern West Sacramento and, as a result, he and his siblings attended Clarksburg High School. Donald graduated from Clarksburg High School in 1950. He attended Sacramento Junior College and received his AA Degree in 1952. He began his upper-division work at Sacramento State during the summer of 1955. He earned a Provisional Teaching Credential in the fall of 1955 and began teaching 4th grade. During the next 10 or so years, Donald earned his Bachelor and Master of Art Degrees from Sacramento State. Also during that time, he worked at

Clarksburg Elementary School as a teacher of grades 4 through 8. He also coached baseball, football and swimming at Clarksburg High School. Donald became Principal at Clarksburg Elementary School shortly after the District unified. He served there until he was transferred to Bates Elementary School to establish a middle school there. Besides working for the School District, Donald was engaged with many community activities: Firefighter, Assistant Fire Chief, Fire Board Commissioner, Summer Swim Programs, Little League, Scout advisor and Community Advisory Committee, among others. Donald retired from River Delta Unified School District after serving for 36 years. He is still active in community activities.

Dominic F. DiMare is the Vice-President of Government Affairs for the California Chamber of Commerce, a membership organization representing nearly 16,000 businesses in California. His principle responsibilities involve managing the Chamber's Public Policy unit and serving as the lead lobbyist. Mr. DiMare has been with the Chamber since March of 2000.

Mr. DiMare has 15 years of government and lobbying experience having served as a Policy Committee Consultant in the State Assembly, as a Legislative Director and as a lobbyist representing business interests in California. Prior to his work in government and government affairs Mr. DiMare worked for FTK, Holland, a fruit and vegetable import company located outside of Rotterdam, Holland. He worked in the harbor checking incoming shipments of fruits and vegetables from around the world. He also worked in various capacities for the DiMare Company his family's national agricultural corporation.

Mr. DiMare is a native of Concord, Massachusetts. He grew up living his winters in Concord, MA and his summers in Newman, CA, on the West Side of the San Joaquin Valley. Mr. DiMare is a graduate of the American University in Washington D.C. with a BA in History and Public Communications. He earned a J.D from the McGeorge School of Law of the University of the Pacific.

Jim Lockhart and his family have lived in Yolo County since 1986. Jim graduated in 1986 from the University of California Berkeley and is a strong advocate for quality public education. Jim and his wife Barbara have been active and strong supporters of the Clarksburg Elementary School for the past 8 years. Jim has actively volunteered at CES since his son, now in 7th Grade at Bates Elementary, started Kindergarten at CES; Jim's daughter Mara is currently a 4th grade student at CES. Jim has served on the School Site Council for several years and has been President of the CES School Site Council for all but one year, when he was vice Chair. Jim has coached children in martial arts, baseball and soccer. Jim believes that all school children deserve the best quality education we can offer, so that all children can enjoy meaningful and fulfilling lives.

Jim has 15 years of Sales and Marketing in High Technology sales with sales leadership experience in field level team management for both direct and indirect sales channels. Jim also wrote an organizational history of the CA State Department of Justices Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement.

Rosalia Fernandez-Merwin grew up in the Delta. She attended Bates Elementary school, Clarksburg Elementary School and graduated from Delta High School. She attended CSU Sacramento for two years until she transferred to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1982.

Rosalia has been a self-employed architect since 1990 and operates a small architectural office. She has been active in various community organizations including Delta Young Women's Club, Friend's of the Clarksburg Library, Clarksburg Elementary School Site Council, Clarksburg General Plan Committee and St. Joseph's Church CCD program.

Rosalia's husband, John Merwin, is a third generation Clarksburg farmer. Their children include a first grader at Clarksburg Elementary school, a sophomore at Delta, and a freshman in college. Rosalia is motivated by strong family values and a desire for a flexible educational system that would address the individual and cultural needs of children within their existing schools.

Donald G. Clark, P.E., and his family live in Clarksburg and are long-time Yolo County residents. Don and his wife, Karen, have four children, three of whom attend Clarksburg Elementary, where Karen is very active as a parent volunteer. Don grew up in West Sacramento, attending public grammar and high schools there, and he graduated in 1983 from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Don is the co-owner and president of business development of a large West Sacramento based construction firm that employs over 300 people, including over 50 registered engineers, and does business throughout the West Coast. He is experienced in all aspects of running a large business concern, having held executive level responsibilities since 1984. Don currently serves on the board of directors (and is a past president) of the Construction Employers Association, and he is active in numerous other construction industry associations. Don's firm is a member company of SACTO, and he is an active member of the West Sacramento Rotary Club as well as the Clarksburg Community Church.

Elizabeth Yelland was born and raised in Clarksburg, where she currently resides with her two children. Elizabeth attended Clarksburg schools. Upon graduation from Delta High, she received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. (law degree) from the University of San Francisco. Elizabeth worked as an attorney in private practice from 1992-2004. She is now Senior Staff Counsel employed by the State of California. Elizabeth is active in community activities, including being a parent-volunteer at the Clarksburg Elementary School, Treasurer of the Clarksburg Community Church, and acting as community advocate before various local agencies.

Elizabeth's parents instilled strong educational values in the family. She has two siblings; one of whom graduated in architecture from UC Berkeley and Harvard; the other in electrical engineering from CSU Chico. Her mother was a teacher at Clarksburg Elementary and Delta High School for 25 years. Her father was elected as a member of the River Delta School Board for two terms.

Andrew S. Wallace has been a resident of Clarksburg for 34 years where he now resides with his wife and 2 school-age sons. He attended Clarksburg Elementary and Delta High School and received his Bachelors Degree in Business and Health Care Management from Chico State University in 1987. As a licensed convalescent hospital administrator, he specialized in turning around facilities that were having severe financial problems as well as personnel and patient care issues. In 1992, Mr. Wallace accepted a position as Vice President of Operations for Results, Inc., a Bay Area marketing firm that was also experiencing severe financial problems, taking over the troubled company and successfully turning it around financially and operationally.

In 1995, Mr. Wallace joined the geotechnical engineering firm Wallace-Kuhl & Associates, Inc. where he is currently the Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer. Since joining WKA in 1995, the company has grown from 35 to over 200 employees, with gross receipts topping 23 million dollars. Wallace-Kuhl & Associates has been honored 9 times since 1995 as one of the Sacramento Business Journal's Fastest 100 Growing Companies. In 2004 and 2005, WKA was honored by the Sacramento Human Resources Association as one of the Best Places To Work In Sacramento and in January of 2006, was named West Sacramento's Business Of The Year.

Mr. Wallace is a member of the Clarksburg Elementary School Site Council and a member of the Board of Directors for several entities including Presidio Insurance Company, the West Sacramento Rotary Club, the West Sacramento Rotary Foundation, and the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. In 2005, Mr. Wallace served as President of the Rotary Club of West Sacramento and received the Rotary Club of the Year Award, the first such honor in the 56 year history of the club, and he is the incoming President of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.

He is active locally in the Boy Scouts and the Clarksburg Community Church where he and his wife Debbie are youth group counselors.

Jerry and Michelle Spain have resided in Clarksburg for 10 years. Jerry has been employed in the construction industry for 30 years. He is currently employed with Corinthian Homes as Project Manager of Land Development. Michelle is a self-employed subcontractor for Sacramento Superior Court Electronic Recording Unit. She is the Vice-President of Clarksburg Elementary School Parent-Teacher Club, member of Clarksburg Elementary School Safety Council and Volunteer Coordinator for Clarksburg Elementary School. They are active participants in the community of Clarksburg and the proud parents of Matthew Spain, age 9, third-grade student at Clarksburg Elementary School.

Barbara Beckwith, her husband and youngest of four children are three-year residents of Clarksburg. Barbara is a Project Administrator with Royal Electric. Barbara is an active member of the board for Friends of the Clarksburg Library and an active member of Friends of Clarksburg Schools. Barbara has an extensive background in parent participation in both academic and athletic programs with her four children and two grandchildren. Barbara has done volunteer work in various schools in the Elk Grove Unified School District, San Juan Unified

School District and River Delta Unified School District and has participated extensively in cooperative preschool programs. Barbara is an active Clarksburg community member, volunteering her time and efforts with the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department of which her husband is a volunteer firefighter. Barbara has a 5-year-old granddaughter who attends Clarksburg Elementary School and an 11-year-old grandson who is completing his elementary school education at a charter school in the Sacramento Unified School District, where he has excelled both academically and socially.

David Merwin is a life long resident of Clarksburg, growing up on a local family farm. After graduating from Clarksburg Elementary School and Delta High School, David continued his education at the University of California at Davis. David graduated from UCD in 1986 with a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural and Managerial Economics. After a year in the television industry, David returned to his family's farm in Clarksburg and joined his father, uncle, brother and cousin in a family farming operation that was started by his grandfather in 1922. David continued to farm with his family until 2001 when he made a career change and joined Thomas Weisel Partners Merchant Bank in the Asset Management team. Then in 2003 David joined the Alternative Investment Management program at the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS), where he works today as an Investment Officer.

David has two children that have both attended Clarksburg Elementary School since kindergarten. His children are currently in the 3rd and 6th grades at Clarksburg. David has been active in the Clarksburg community. He has served on the Clarksburg Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years and been involved with the Cub Scout Pack 83, Boy Scout Troop 83, the Clarksburg General Plan Advisory Committee and the Clarksburg Community Church. David has also been the "voice" of Delta Saints football for the past 18 years.

Rev. John Allerson has a BA in Psychology with an emphasis in economics, and history from Saint Olaf College. Rev. Allerson began work as a staff therapist with Home-A-Way, Inc., in the inner-city of Minneapolis.

In the fall of 1980, Rev. Allerson began a four year course of study becoming an Ordained Lutheran Pastor of the American Lutheran Church, headquartered in Minneapolis. At Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary, Rev. Allerson earned his Master of Divinity Degree. Rev. Allerson served three congregations: in Sacramento, Rancho Cordova, and Elk Grove areas, serving the larger community as the Associate Dean of the Sacramento Conference for 5 years, two campus ministry counsels (UC Davis and Sac. State), was on the Board of Lutheran Social Services, and worked with the Office of Governmental Affairs with his denomination.

Leaving Congregational Ministry in 1992, Rev. Allerson served as a Hospital Chaplain for Sutter Health for three years. There he served with distinction, receiving commendations from then Governor Pete Wilson, and receiving Advanced Standing for work with HIV patients and families from the American College of Chaplains.

In 1998 Rev. Allerson returned to college and in 1998 he received his preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, with a C.L.A.D. emphasis. His Clear Credential was earned in 2005.

Rev. Allerson taught Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade at Bates Elementary School from 1998 to 2005. He has taught Fourth Grade at Clarksburg Elementary School since 2005.

Rev. Allerson has been married to his wife Cynthia for 16 years. Cynthia is a career Registered Nurse for Sutter Health. They have two sons, currently enrolled at Bate's Elementary. Always enthralled with language, Rev. Allerson has engaged in formal studies of French, Spanish, Norwegian, Greek, and Hebrew.

Shannon L. Breckenridge is a 27 year resident of Clarksburg. She is a single mother of a nine year old, a member of Clarksburg Elementary Parent Teacher Club for four years, including one year as vice president and two years as president. Member of Clarksburg Soccer Club, with one year as assistant manager and two years as league registrar. Shannon attended Clarksburg Elementary School, Bates Elementary, and graduated from Delta High School in 1991. She has also attended accounting classes at Los Rios Community College. She is currently working as a Payroll and Benefits Administrator for a farm equipment supplier in West Sacramento.

Craig and Nancy Kirchhoff, Rural Clarksburg residents in 1987/88 and since 1997; Two sons, graduates of Delta High School with honors, currently in California colleges; One daughter, currently enrolled in Clarksburg Elementary grade 1. Craig is a lifelong farmer, currently growing wine grapes; is active in his church and as an Agricultural advisor on the Delta High School FFA Advisory Committee. Nancy has run a home-based portrait photography business for 25 years and maintains a position on the Board of the Professional Photographers of Sacramento Valley; She is active in the community and as a volunteer/booster for the schools. Both are strong believers in the potential for quality education within a safe and nurturing rural environment, and share an ultimate goal of making that education a reality for all the Northern Delta communities.

Deborah Elliot is from a 5th generation farming family near Courtland. She attended Bates Elementary and graduated from Delta High in 1973. She graduated from University of California at Berkeley in 1977 and received her B.A in Communications and Public Policy. She has been employed by Lyon Realty in Sacramento since 1979 as a Realtor and is a Senior Executive Associate at Lyon, a member of the Lyon Board of Govenors, and a lifetime member of the Sacramento Masters Club. She specializes in waterfront properties and ranch properties. She moved back to the Delta area in 1988 and currently owns a ranch in Clarksburg. Her son who is 7 has attended Clarksburg Elementary since Kindergarten. She has volunteered her time at the Clarksburg Elementary School, been active on the Clarksburg Community Advisory Board, and is a past board member of the Clarksburg Library Board.

Mark Pruner is a graduate of the University of the Pacific (1977, B.A. Economics; 1982, J.D.). Continuously since 1982 he has been an attorney with a legal practice emphasizing real property and business. Mark is the sole proprietor of his own law firm and has clients ranging from individual property owners to large national businesses. Mark is married to Vicki and together they have six children and three grandchildren. Family, church, and community have always been central for Mark. His involvement in church has included various local and regional leadership positions. His community involvement currently and for several years has included work on area land use planning. Through a Yolo County appointment Mark worked for several years on the development of the Clarksburg General Plan Amendment which was subsequently adopted by the Board of Supervisors. He is currently a member of the River Delta Unified School District Bond Oversight Committee (SFID #2). As a volunteer, Mark also participates in and/or leads several other local and regional groups.

Vicki Pruner has been a part of the Clarksburg community for over 25 years. Her two children attended local schools until their graduation from Delta High School. Her children are 4th generation Clarksburg residents and her grandchild, also a resident of Clarksburg, is the family's first 5th generation resident. Vicki currently works for the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Inspector General where she leads teams in the conduct of audits and performance reviews throughout the country. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management and a Master of Arts degree in Leadership. Once serving as president of the Delta Young Women's Club and as the club's pear pie coordinator at the local Pear Fair and on the high school scholarship committee, Vicki has demonstrated her commitment and support to local community activities. She is currently the chairperson of her church's leadership council. Vicki's vision for the local elementary school-aged children is one of strong community support and involvement. She believes a charter school will provide an accountable environment where both the children and their families hold the key to successful learning. Vicki lives in Clarksburg with her husband, Mark Pruner.

CONSULTANTS

Spector, Middleton, Young & Minney, LLP (“SMYM”) has been providing expert, effective and responsive legal advice to California's charter school community since the inception of the Charter Schools Act in 1992. SMYM focuses its representation on charter schools in all areas of law that are most significant to the successful development and operation of a charter school: Labor and employment matters, student discipline, constitutional claims, facilities, finance, and nonprofit corporate issues to name a few. SMYM has assisted hundreds of charter schools in the successful development and operation of charter schools throughout the state. Partner, Lisa Corr, is working with the Petitioners to ensure the successful development of the School. Lisa has represented charter schools for over eight years. Her primary focus has been on special education and the developmental phase of charter schools, including the charter petition process and negotiation of legal and fiscal agreements between a charter school and authorizers. Lisa also was the lead petitioner and on the Founding Board of Directors for Westlake Charter School, where her children attend school.

Insight Education Group has been retained for advice on school curriculum and outcome measurement and alignment. Insight Education Group, Inc. establishes sustained relationships with clients to inspire high-quality classroom instruction through the use of the *Strategic Design for Student Achievement* framework. Michael Moody is the founder and principal of Insight Education Group, Inc. Michael S. Moody earned a Masters degree in education with an emphasis in teaching and curriculum from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California.