



Mary Long Andrews Class of 2015

Mary Long Andrews graduated from Oroville High School (OHS) in 1956 and was very active in school activities. She never missed a single day of school at OHS, was a life member of CSF, started the Brain-Brawl Team, and earned Girls Athletic Association (GAA) block letters. She was a member of the Pep Club, the Lyre Club, played clarinet in the band, was a cheer leader, and served as the OHS Mascot,

The Tiger. On the weekends and two days after school during the week, Mary worked as the desk clerk at the Oroville Inn.

Upon graduation, Mary passed the state Cosmetology exam and opened the Bon Marche' Hair Fashions. She also passed the State exam to become a licensed Real Estate broker, joined the Real Estate Association in Chico, and opened her own office. Through the Association, she chaired the Intergovernmental Relations committee.

In 1985, Mary was first elected to a 4 year term on the Chico City Council where she served for the next 13 1/2 years. In 1990, she was elected to a 2 year term as Mayor of Chico and in 1994, was elected President of the League of California Cities. Governor Pete Wilson personally installed Mary and, while in this position, she represented California at National meetings. On two separate occasions, Mary represented the state on Economic Trade Missions to New York with the Governor of California and his Secretary of Economic Development.

Remaining highly active in Chico, Butte County, and California, Mary participated in the Committee 21, looking into the 21st Century for Cities, and represented the Chico City Council on the Butte County Association of Government and Tri-County Economic Development Board. She also served on the Northern California Advisory Board of Great Valley Center. Locally, Mary was the driving force behind the Rancho Chico Days that was designated to replace Chico State's Pioneer Days Parade. She was instrumental in helping establish the city's land incentive program at Chico Municipal Airport and First-Time Home Buyer's Program.

A Chico Enterprise-Record Editorial on recommendations for the City Council, states: "Andrews has a track record as a hard worker. She was recognized for her leadership skills and volunteer spirit toward the betterment of the Chico community when the Greater Chico Area Chamber of Commerce last year presented her with its prestigious Athena Award. She is a dynamo of energy and she happily puts that energy to work for her community."

Mary finished her education later in life, earning her AA degree from Butte College in 1998 and her BA degree in Public Administration from California State University, Chico (CSUC) in 2000. At CSUC, she held memberships in Phi Sigma Alpha and Golden Key Honor Societies, and was appointed by the Associated Student's president as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Associated Students. She then went on to earn her master's degree in Political Science in 2002. Her thesis was on "The Evolution of the Environmental Movement and a Comparative Analysis of Its Effect on the Price of Housing in Chico."

In addition to working and going to school, Mary was very active in Chico community activities. She is a long time member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (her 2nd great grandfather fought in the Revolutionary War), and has served as secretary and vice-regent of the organization. She is also a charter member of The First Settlers of Shenandoah Valley. Other community involvement of Mary's is being a 50 year member of the Chico Josephine Chapter of Eastern Star, and a member of the Butte County Historical Society, where she has served as vice-president and president. From 2013-14, Mary served on the Butte County Grand Jury, but could only serve 6 months due to time constraints.

Mary currently is on the teaching staff at Butte Community College, having started teaching Political Science in the summer of 2003. She has served as advisor to the Political Science Club and was a member of the Academic Senate whose members are elected from the teaching staff. The mission of the senate is to oversee the academia of the campus.

Mary and her husband are both 4th generation Butte County residents and reside in Chico.