



## Glenn Dawson Class of 2023

Glenn had an illustrious 33-year career in the Oroville Union High School District, 1978-2011, teaching fine arts, guitar, music appreciation, jazz choir, choir, jazz ensemble concert and marching band, working primarily at Las Plumas High School (LPHS), but also spent time at Oroville High School (OHS), Independent Study and Challenge Charter High School (CCHS).

His outstanding work with the LPHS Band and later the combined LPHS and OHS Alliance Band is what he is best known for but he co-founded the LPHS Water Ski Club, advised the LPHS Snow Ski Club on trips and worked at their haunted house fundraisers. He also found time to write the charter for Challenge Charter High School, and from 1998-2004, worked there as an administrator teacher, janitor and repairman.

### Some of Glenn's major contributions to OUHSD:

- Founded and served on the board of the LPHS Band Boosters Club.
- Founded the Las Plumas Band Festivo competition downtown Oroville with a parade and half-time show competition for bands throughout California to attend.
- Annually took students to the California Music Educators Association's Honor Band weekends and State Honor Band weekends throughout the state.
- Mentored 15 student teachers from CSU Chico.
- Organized and directed one-week summer band camps at mountain campgrounds.
- Directed the orchestra for the LPHS musical "Damn Yankees" and the OHS musical "Grease" at the Oroville State Theatre.
- In 1986, accepted the LPHS Band's invitation to represent the United States of America on July 4, 1988, at the World's Fair in Brisbane, Australia. The Australian government paid half of the costs, but the Band Booster Club raised over \$300,000 for the trip sponsoring numerous fund-raisers over the two years.
- On June 26, 1988, led the LPHS Marching Band and Auxiliary of 120 students/alumni and chaperones, along with a parent shadow tour of 35 parents, on the trip to Sydney, Australia for a ten-day tour.
- The LPHS Band stopped at high schools along the tour route to perform, explain student leadership and how marching bands were taught in America.
- On USA Day, July 4, 1988, led the LPHS Band's performance at the World's Fair in Brisbane, Australia.
- In 1990, led the LPHS Band trip to Oahu, Hawaii, for a five-day tour teaching and performing at schools on the island. Students also attended a Polynesian Culture Center performance and toured the University of Hawaii campus.
- In 1991, combined the LPHS and OHS music programs creating the Las Plumas-Oroville (LPO) music program so all community students could participate in an improved and united experience.
- In 1994, arranged for the Las Plumas Oroville Band to attend the Citrus Bowl Parade in Florida.

Glenn received numerous honors and awards during his career, among them being, The Golden Gifts to Education Award in 1986, the Del Oro Marching band competition Principal's Director Award in 1987, along with wife Carolyn, served as Grand Marshall of the Feather Fiesta Days Parade, and served as guest speaker and performer at the National Center for Education and Economy in Washington D.C.

Aside from his extensive involvement with OUHSD students, Glenn found time to direct the first July 4<sup>th</sup> community choir concert at Harrison Stadium, complete with fireworks. He performed with the Oroville Community Concert Band, playing the trombone, sang in and directed his church choir, sang and performed in the operas Dido Aeneas and Amahl and the Night Visitors in the Harlan Adams Theatre at CSU Chico.

Glenn continues to perform with local bands at community dances, events and businesses. He and Carolyn donate monthly to the Oroville Hope Center, helping the homeless and people in need in the community. One homeless student, who they housed in their home for two years, graduated from LPHS and is now a corporate lawyer for major manufacturing and marketing companies.

Glenn and Carolyn make their home in Oroville.