



Newt Green Class of 2014

Newt Green, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, earned his BA and MA degrees from Chapman University. He was on the staff at Las Plumas High School (LPHS) for 34 years, retiring in 1999. During his career at LPHS, Newt worked with students in a multitude of ways serving as a classroom teacher, coach, Director of Student Activities, advisor to several student clubs, mentor teacher, master teacher, and College Connection Counselor, to name a few. He took one break and that was a sabbatical where he spent the year taking coursework towards a second MA degree in Speech Communications.

Subjects taught by Newt over the years included social science, English, advanced composition, journalism and public speaking. He staged rallies, skits, a mock trial election, and served as consultant to graduation speakers, the athletic decathlon, Future Homemakers of America (FHA) and Future Farmers of America (FFA). As Director of Student Activities for 11 years, he took students to Stanford University, Butte College, and Gridley for leadership conferences where they learned not just to follow orders but to create meaningful activities for their peers.

An article in the Oroville Mercury-Register titled the "Master of Activities", stated that Newt always put the work in the hands of students. He helped involve students in freshmen orientation, canned food drives, sports rallies, "Child Reach", (adopting children from South America), a recycling program, and the North Valley Blood Drive. At the time this article was published, Newt was teaching a student leadership class.

Newt's 12 year coaching resume includes coaching all levels of basketball for both boys and girls. As varsity boys head coach, his team was the Easter Athletic League co-champion and northern section runner-up in 1984. He also coached varsity golf for 12 years and was a huge promoter of golf in the greater Oroville area. In his spare time he held golf clinics for local area youth where he taught youngsters by example, to conduct themselves with respect, etiquette, and warmth.

Newt exposed his LPHS golf athletes to events other than area matches, when one year he invited members of his golf team and a parent to travel with him in his motor home to the Bing Crosby Golf Tournament in Pebble Beach, CA. While there, they had the unique opportunity to actually meet Bing Crosby.

As a class and club advisor, Newt worked with Block LP, Pep Club, Mecha, Black Student Union, Speech and Debate, and Chess Club. He was co-founder of the North Valley Forensics League, working with students in numerous competitions.

In addition to all of the above, Newt was faculty representative to the Oasis Grant Dropout Prevention Planning Committee, LPHS coordinator for peer tutoring, master teacher for the California Mini-Corp, and was on the Butte College campus for two years serving as College Connection Counselor.

Newt's many awards and citations include LPHS Teacher of the Year, Oroville Rotary Club Outstanding Teacher of the Year, the Sacramento Bee Award for the Global Connections Project, a citation from the Association of California School Administrators, and a certificate of recognition from the California State Department of Education. He was also crowned the Oroville City Golf Champion.

In addition to Newt's extensive service to LPHS students, the citizens of the Greater Oroville Area also were the recipients of his many talents. Newt was coordinator for LPHS entries for Feather Fiesta Days, liaison for community speech contest with the Lions Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Oroville Rotary Club. He emceed the Little Miss Butte County Pageant, played a leading role in a Hocks Unlimited Melodrama production, and led fundraising projects for Table Mountain Junior Golf, OHS and LPHS golf teams and individual scholarships for over 30 years. He was a board member at Table Mountain Golf Club for 9 years, serving as president in 1992.

Quotes from some of Newt's many supporters, "Newt approached teaching and coaching the way he lived: All in!"; "On the golf course, he taught his athletes, again by example, to conduct themselves with respect, etiquette, and warmth"; "As a teacher, you have inspired our son and encouraged him and we as parents want you to know that we deeply appreciate this"; "Mr. Green exemplifies the best qualities of his profession. He cares and listens to his students!"

Newt and his wife Karen reside in Sacramento, CA.