



## Jim Moll Class of 2023

Jim came to Oroville in 1974, accepting the job as news director at local AM radio station KORV. He could not have predicted how far his radio voice would project, or the impact it might have. He did not expect to stay in Oroville, but met his future wife Claudia here and the rest is history.

In 1994, the City of Oroville and the Oroville Economic Development Corporation (OEDCO), hired a professional production company to produce an industrial recruitment video to send to business prospects considering relocating to Oroville. The city planned to unveil the video at a public showing at the State Theatre. However, the announcer on the video kept calling it “Orville, California”, so Jim was recruited to take the script to KHSL-TV and re-record it knowing how to pronounce “Oroville, California”. Hence, he was given the “Voice of Oroville” award on April 7, 1994, the night the video premiered.

Jim’s connection with Oroville Union High School District (OUHSD) began in 1980, when he was named the master of ceremonies for the first ever Las Plumas High School (LPHS) Band Festivo, an event started by music director Glenn Dawson. The Festivo saw high school bands from all over the state come to Oroville to participate in an all-day event with parade competition in downtown Oroville and a half-time field show competition throughout the day at Harrison Stadium. Jim was emcee at the all-day event for twenty-five years.

He was also an instrumental part of the Las Plumas School Band Boosters Club’s fund-raising efforts to attend the World’s Fair in Brisbane, Australia, serving as master of ceremonies for the Rubber Ducky Race on the Feather River and the Cow Patty Party Bingo game at Harrison Stadium.

Over the years, Jim donated his time as master of ceremonies for countless numbers of LPHS and later LPHS -Oroville High School Band concerts and fundraisers and the World Champion Santa Clara Vanguards community concert at Harrison Stadium.

Other contributions to OUHSD include:

- Master of Ceremonies at the Fellows Club of Oroville’s Scholastic Achievement Awards Night, better known as the Top Ten Event, for several years. Since 1967, this event has annually honored the top academic achieving students from Las Plumas and Oroville High Schools and more recently, Prospect High School.
- Master of Ceremonies at countless numbers of LPHS band and LPHS/OHS band concerts over many years.
- Master of Ceremonies at numerous Oroville parades where OUHSD students and bands were participants.
- Involvement with a locally born teen age group AXIOM, a non-profit program designed to build opportunities for OUHSD students to experience success and realize their unique potential.

In 2009, Jim was presented with the Sam Norris Award for Excellence by the City of Oroville. The annual award was started by the city to recognize local residents for their outstanding efforts and commitments in improving the quality of life in Oroville. Honorees are listed on a permanent plaque in the City Council Chambers. Jim was nominated by former Butte County Director of Public Works, Clay Castleberry who was a previous recipient of the award.

Jim was instrumental in getting the ownership of the historic State Theatre transferred from the City of Oroville to the State Theatre Arts Guild (STAGE), a non-profit organization. He joined the STAGE Board in 2006 and was elected president in 2013 and STAGE took full ownership in 2021. The theatre has undergone extensive renovation with the goal of restoring it to its original glory when it opened in 1928. Since its renovation, the theatre has hosted countless numbers of student events including musicals, concerts, graduations, and the annual Fellows Club's Top Ten event.

Other organizations that continue to benefit from Jim's membership include Oroville Exchange Club, Oroville Hospital Board of Trustees, Oroville Rotary Club, North Valley In-Tune Foundation, the Oroville Chamber of Commerce, the Fellows Club of Oroville and Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

Jim and his wife Claudia make their home in Oroville.