

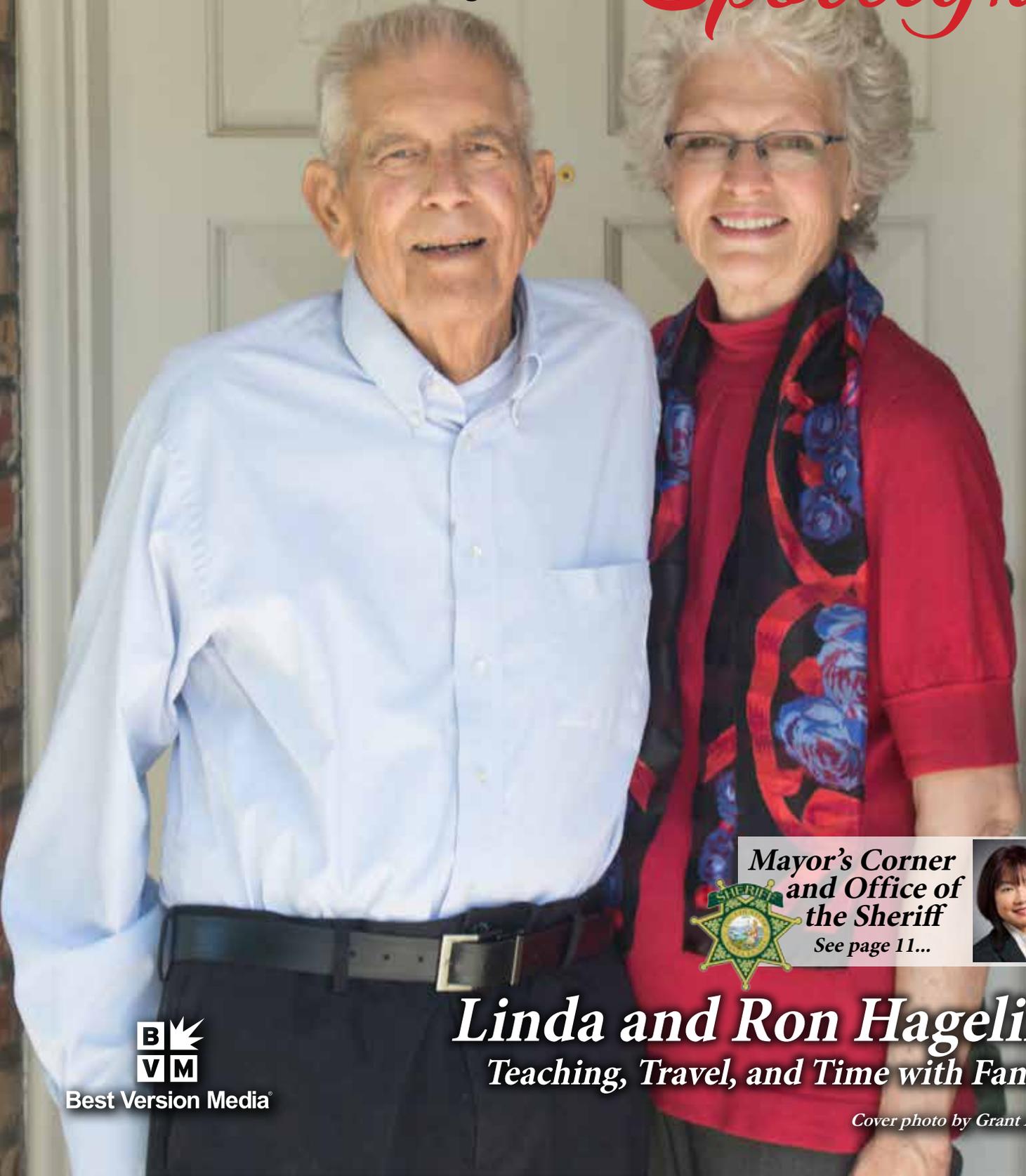
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# Dear Neighbors,

Happy Fourth of July! This month, we celebrate summer in Saratoga while also honoring veterans and those who have made a difference in the community.

In this issue, we have the pleasure of featuring Linda and Ron Hagelin, who are both very involved in the Saratoga community. Both were teachers for many years and continue to inspire others. Read about their lives, including some amazing travel experiences, in their feature article!

You'll also have a chance to read health and wellness tips from our experts in this month's issue, a story about a grandfather and grandson with a special connection through the military, an outdoor adventure perfect for the summer, and more.

Please feel free to send me any content you'd like to share. At *Saratoga Spotlight*, we love sharing what's going on in our community!

See you in town,  
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# Dear Residents,

Summer is finally here in beautiful Saratoga and in a big way! It's as though we went from cool damp weather to full on summer fun. There are so many wonderful summer activities to enjoy with friends and family and even solo.

One of the many joys of growing up here as a kid was going Hakone Gardens with my parents, and then experiencing that same joy with my son when he was a little guy and now that he's twenty three, having a great time walking the grounds and taking in all the smell, sounds and color. Come out and start a new tradition or share it with the next generation. I assure you, those memories will last a lifetime.

In this issue you'll meet an AMAZING Saratoga family, Linda and Ron Hagelin. Many of you will already know them through all their service work, education, music and being long term residents who stay very active.

If it's classic cars that turn you on, it's that time of year again! The annual Classic Car Show is a Saratoga summer tradition. Come out and see over 300 vehicles, enjoy live entertainment, meet up with some old friends and make some new ones. It's a great family activity!

There are so many things to do and participate in here in beautiful Saratoga this summer. Just look around. Whether it's hiking or dining or community events, Saratoga offers it all, so get out and enjoy!

From all of us here at Saratoga Spotlight, Independence Day, happy summer and we'll see you around Town.

Sincerely,  
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# *Linda and Ron Hagelin*

## Teaching, Travel, and Time with Family

### By Genevieve Laucher

Linda and Ron Hagelin both have a passion for teaching, travel, and time with their family. Linda was born and raised in Los Angeles and moved with her family to Saratoga when she was in high school. This was before Saratoga High, so she attended Los Gatos High. She loved Saratoga—it was a nice change from L.A.—and she stayed in the Bay Area for college, attending UC Berkeley and earning a degree in English. Ron was born and raised in San Jose and went to all San Jose schools, including San Jose State, where he graduated with a degree in Mathematics.

After graduating from SJSU, Ron enlisted in the Navy. He took some exams, and was sent to boot camp in San Diego for twelve weeks. He later was admitted to officer

candidate school in Newport, R.I. Ron was on active duty in naval aviation for five years, and in the Naval Air Reserve for 27 more years. He spent five years on Oahu before Hawaii became a state, then flew out of Alameda and Moffett Field.

Ron had many interesting experiences with the Navy. From Hawaii, his squadron traveled to Kodiak, Alaska where they were keeping track of Russian submarines. Other deployments included Japan and all along the coast of Asia, where he had an even scarier experience. A U.S. plane had been shot down and airmen taken. Before his flight over Korea, Ron was given small pieces of gold, about the size of a thin dime, that he was told to trade his way out with the locals should he be captured. Luckily, he did not run into any problems, but unfortunately he had to return the gold after his flight!



Both Linda and Ron began their teaching careers: Linda taught elementary school and science and Ron taught high school math. They did not know each other until one day, Linda's mother, who taught at the same school as Ron, saw him when she was walking her dog. They began talking, and realized they lived on the same street! Linda's mother mentioned that she and her daughter were going to Hawaii, and Ron came by her house to show her pictures of places he'd been there. He then met Linda, and returned the very next day to ask her on a date. Linda and Ron were married two months later.

After Ron and Linda got married, they honeymooned in Alaska, driving a station wagon and camping in a pup tent for two months. Since they were both teachers, they got to take long summer vacations. The following summer, in



1965, they wanted to go somewhere neither of them had been before, and they chose New Zealand. They spent two months there and had a great time, although it was winter there and very cold! They stayed with families and have fond memories of gathering around the fireplace in the evenings with their friendly hosts.

Linda went on to get her Master's degree in science, and taught science methods at SJSU for fifteen years. She also traveled to share the science curriculum and give workshops. One very memorable experience was going to American Samoa to do a presentation right after a hurricane had come through, leaving the room where she was presenting in complete disarray. Linda was told she had an hour to clean the room before anyone showed up, but the teachers arrived immediately. Luckily, they were very kind and pitched in to get the room ready for the presentation. Experiences like these working with wonderful teachers led Linda to her work at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where she presents science curriculum to teachers. She still drives down there once a month for teacher workshops and institutes as part of the Education Staff for Teacher Programs.

Linda and Ron are most proud of their twin children, Julie and Paul. Paul lives in Saratoga and works for a startup in Sunnyvale and has two sons. Julie lives and works in Fairbanks, Alaska, looking after small mammals and birds for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and has one son. When Julie and Paul were growing up, Linda led Julie's Girl Scout troop from 3rd grade all the way through high school. Ron, who had been an Eagle Scout himself, was also involved with Paul's Scout troop during the years leading to Paul's Eagle Scout troop. They loved camping and the outdoors, and they even got a camper and went to Alaska fishing for salmon and halibut annually for about ten years.

Paul went to Harvey Mudd to study engineering and Julie went to Pomona to study Biology and German. Both schools are part of the Claremont Colleges in Southern California. Julie had worked for NASA as an extra class at Saratoga High. Because of her experience with Girl

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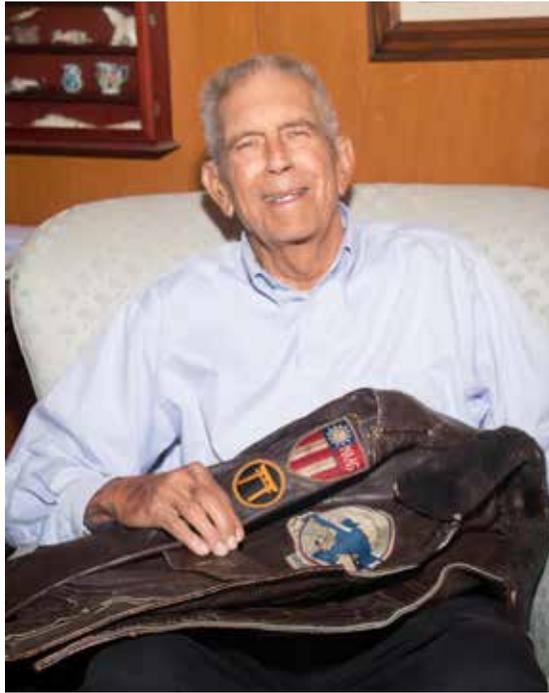
Scouts and NASA, she was selected to spend a whole summer in Antarctica with research scientists, including a visit to Geographic South Pole. Only one girl from the U.S. is selected every four years. It was quite the honor, and confirmed her love of biology.

Because of Ron's years in the U.S. Military, Ron and Linda could travel for free in space available in military planes anywhere in the world. They took advantage of this opportunity to travel and visit Paul and

Julie. Both children got the Thomas Watson fellowship from IBM after graduating college to explore topics they were interested in. Julie studied birds in New Guinea and Borneo, and Paul worked in robotics in Germany and England with Siemens. Paul was at a robotics meeting in Belgium when he met a professor who needed help fixing a robotic arm. Paul was able to do it, and was offered an MS program in engineering. Another great travel experience was when Julie worked as a scientist on a Norwegian ice breaker in Antarctica for a month, and Ron and Linda went along as passengers.

After 30 years teaching in the same classroom at Buchser High School in Santa Clara (now called Santa Clara High School), Ron retired from teaching in his mid-fifties. Many of his students still stay in touch and visit him, which Ron greatly enjoys. Linda taught at Van Meter and Ralph Barry (now closed) in Los Gatos and Alvarado School in Fremont. She still enjoys teaching educators at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, where she has worked since its opening 30 years ago.

Linda is also a member of the Foothill Club and the education director for the Saratoga History Museum, where Ron is a board member and was the secretary and handyman for many years. Ron was also a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts for beekeeping since he kept



bees for years. Both Ron and Linda play with the band the Skillet Lickers. They also get together with friends once a month for a game night. They love spending time with friends and family, traveling, and staying involved with the Saratoga community!

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Cancer CAREpoint was founded by a group of local community and health care leaders who recognized that local cancer patients and their families needed access to psychosocial support services in addition to excellent

medical treatment. Every month it offers dozens of counseling, assistance, resource and education programs open to all cancer patients, no matter type of cancer, where they are being treated or insurance status. Cancer CAREpoint serves more than 1,500 clients each year.

Additional information about Summit League can be found at [Summit-League.org](http://Summit-League.org).

# July 2017

## Every Wednesday Farmer's Market

@Blaney Plaza, the entrance to Saratoga Village, intersection of Hwy 9, Big Basin Way and Saratoga Avenue  
Certified agricultural producers complemented by several permitted non-agricultural purveyors including hummus, kettle corn, fresh seafood, delicious cooked food, plus a few specialty businesses. Parking is available in the large lot behind Village Burger Bar and continuing behind most businesses along Big Basin Way.  
Time: 2:30-7pm | Cost: Free  
[www.business.saratogachamber.org](http://www.business.saratogachamber.org)

## Sun., July 16 Classic Car Show

Over 300 classic and cool cars will gather at the historic Saratoga Village along Big Basin Way as part of the Eighth Annu-

al Saratoga Classic Car show. A wide selection of food, tasty beer and wine from local wineries and breweries, raffle prizes and a live band in the center of town are part of the fun.

Time: 10am-5pm | Cost: Free  
[www.CoolCarClub.com](http://www.CoolCarClub.com)

## Sat., July 22-Sun., July 23 Relay for Life Los Gatos Saratoga

@St. Andrews - Crestbrook Field, 13601 Saratoga Avenue  
Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Relay is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 20 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

Time: 10am  
[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17CA?pg=entry&fr\\_id=79010](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY17CA?pg=entry&fr_id=79010)