

# HOME ROOM



Keith Aguilar



Faralee Wright

## Two WHO are worthy

Food and Faralee Wright just can't seem to get along. The longtime Armijo High School teacher usually has to resort to turning a napkin into a bib to stop salad dressing, sauce or gravy from finding their way to her blouse.

Such was the case on May 7 when glazed chicken was on the menu at the Site Representative Council meeting. Before reaching for a fork, Wright took a napkin and tucked it in place to avoid any mishaps.

"I often wear my dinner," Wright joked, "and it's not pretty."

Her makeshift bib disappeared, however, when FSUTA President Nancy Dunn revealed the winners of the WHO (We Honor Ours) award. Dunn said one winner was an original member of the Professional Development Committee when it was formed 20 years ago. Anyone want to guess who that was?

Guessing the other winner will not be as easy, especially since the recipient had no idea he was in the running. Sem Yeto teacher Keith Aguilar was

going to crack a joke when Dunn turned to him.

"I was about to say, 'Was I even nominated for this thing?'" Aguilar admitted, "when (Dunn) called my name."

This is Aguilar's 12th year of teaching and his first as a Site Representative. This is Wright's 30th and final year. The WHO award is not a parting gift for Wright. She earned it by volunteering for FSUTA and encouraging others to do the same.

Wright has done her part at Armijo by recruiting three Site Representatives to ensure her place at the table will not go vacant in 2018-19. She also convinced D.J. Bowen to apply for our Bargaining Team and he was accepted.

"He's going to be perfect," Wright said of Bowen. "He's the new Art Aronsen (a retired Armijo teacher who was once a member of our Bargaining Team and our Grievance Committee chairperson)."

Those are big shoes for anyone to fill, just like the pair Wright is leaving behind.

# MILEST★NES

REACHED IN 2017-18



Amy Tusup (above), a second-grade teacher at Anna Kyle, and Andrea McFarland, a kindergarten teacher at Crescent, both reached 30 years.

**25**  
YEARS

Christina Brown, Suisun Valley  
Catherine Bryan, Tolenas  
Susan Kinder, Green Valley

Claire Borge, Armijo

**35**  
YEARS

Philip Borge, Independent Study  
Linda Forsell, Fairfield High  
Audrey Jacques, K.I. Jones  
Andrea McFarland, Crescent

**30**  
YEARS

Cheryl Stumbaugh, Adult School  
Amy Tusup, Anna Kyle  
Jamie VanWart, B. Gale Wilson  
FaraLee Wright, Armijo

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

**RETIREMENT  
RECEPTION**

CAST IRON BAR & GRILL

Join us in giving retiring teachers a fitting farewell on Wednesday, May 30 at Cast Iron Bar & Grill in Suisun City. The event will be 4-6 p.m. with an appetizer buffet, no host bar, music and champagne toast. Each retiring teacher and one guest can attend courtesy of FSUTA. Additional guests are \$20. Members can attend for \$10. Please RSVP by Friday, May 18 to [www.fsutaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:www.fsutaoffice@gmail.com).



# Evidence of volunteer work

His buzz haircut is a dead giveaway. Don Hafich did spend time in the military, and the sixth-grade teacher at Green Valley Middle School teacher would have gladly served more than six years in the Navy had a colleague aboard the USS Leahy not suggested he take the college entrance exam.

His military days meant so much to Hafich that he jumped at an opportunity to see the USS Leahy after the ship was retired in 1993 and joined the Mothball Fleet in Suisun Bay,

Hafich is again wearing a uniform these days as a volunteer in the Suisun City Police Department. Just as a Navy colleague encouraged him to go to college, Hafich heeded the suggestion of a neighbor working in the department to lend a hand to the law.

Once he entered the Napa Valley Police Academy, he took an Introduction to Crime Scene Investigation class and was fascinated by all he could learn about the gathering and processing of evidence.

“There I saw, held and read through one of the actual case files from the Zodiac Killer from the ‘60s and ‘70s in the Bay Area,” Hafich recalled. “After that, I was kinda, sorta hooked on the game of forensics and law enforcement.”

In his 10 years as a volunteer, Hafich’s duties have ranged from writing parking violations to dusting for fingerprints at a crime scene. He has had to go to the Solano County Coroner’s Office for three autopsies and “while they are not pleasant, they are exciting at the same time.”

With this being his last year of teaching, Hafich is looking forward to having more time to volunteer with the police. He will miss teaching, especially on Career Day when he shocks his students by wearing his police uniform to school.

“I’m proud to have been a teacher,” he said. “I have pushed through hundreds, if not thousands, of kids, hopefully into bigger and better things.”



Keith Aguilar (left) and Jamie Van Wart



Lisa Turgeon-Staggs (left), Shannon Freitas and Pam Williamson



Hunter Pence

## DAY OF THE TEACHER with the Sacramento River Cats



Christina Kling and daughter Mia

### PERFECT ATTENDANCE @ SITE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

**ARMIJO:** Lindsey Weller, Faralee Wright, Ann Budak, David Bowen, John Taylor, John Brandt, Michael Blum

**B. GALE WILSON:** Christina Kling, Dorothy Smart

**CLEO GORDON:** Teresa Deschaine

**DOVER:** Michelle Vashaw

**FAIRFIELD HIGH:** Randy Kilmartin, James Macariola, Mary Llewelyn

**GRANGE:** Jim Bastian, Wally Hunt

**K.I. JONES:** Audrey Jacques, Tom Sprague

**LAUREL CREEK:** Kaitlin Alden, Vicki Toet, Darby Espinoza

**NELDA MUNDY:** Theresa Huzel, Ann Lean

**ROLLING HILLS:** Alisha Hichborn, Lyndsie Muhlbeier

**TOLENAS:** Robert Oldham, Michelle Rippee



Tom Sprague