

# *Investing in the Future of Education*

***Bob and Rose Norris*** have many passions in life. Rose is a talented seamstress and longtime member of the Redwood Stitchers Chapter of The Embroiderers' Guild of America and a volunteer in the Adult Literacy League of Sonoma County. Bob enjoys his retirement, is an avid reader, loves gardening, and stays fit by swimming and long distance trekking in other parts of the world.



## ***Why we give to Santa Rosa Junior College.***

"It's simple. When we donate to the Foundation, we're actually investing in the future of Santa Rosa Junior College, and to the future of education. We feel it's an honor to be counted among those who have worked so hard and those who have donated over the years to make Santa Rosa Junior College a true standout in California."

Bob loves everything about history, including music, art and Western civilization. Before traveling to Europe, the family took courses in art history at SRJC. "These classes made our experience much richer by allowing us, as an example, to recognize Romanesque architecture when standing directly in front of it," said Bob. "Reading literature at SRJC was a revelation to me and continues to guide my choice of books."

As a SRJC student, Rose loved taking classes that enhanced her skills in needlework and sewing. Those interests continue today.

Their daughters, Susan and Debra, took advantage of the enhancement classes SRJC offers to high school students. "I believe they started out at the junior college thinking that's where the boys were. Putting boys aside, they ended up very well. One matriculated up to university with 12 units of credit and the other with 24 units. Both Susan and Debra are teachers today," said Bob.

Rose and Bob love the plays and musicals and first went to Summer Repertory Theatre in 1974 and have been season ticket holders ever since. When their daughters were young, they attended the children's shows and eventually joined their parents for all SRT performances. Bob and Rose are also big fans of the Culinary Arts Program. "I guess you could say that we vote with our stomachs. The bakery is the best, but so is the cafe. Yummy entrees tempt Rose and me at least once a week, and it's fun to see the students over the weeks learning their trade."

Rose and Bob believe the Santa Rosa Junior College not only improves our economy but also makes the world a better place by instructing multitudes of students. "There's a unifying theme of excellence in education. Rose and I consider ourselves very proud and most honored to be just a small part of this ongoing endeavor to make SRJC the best in California."