

# ARLENE KOLBER

WOODSIDE HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER, RETIRING 2019



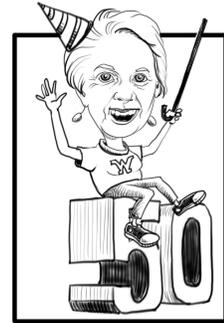
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1978



2015



2019

Ms. Kolber joined the SUHSD in 1968 as a substitute teacher at Ravenswood High School. In 1974, she joined the Woodside High School faculty. During her tenure at WHS, she has served as Science Department Chair, School Site Council Chair, Budget Coordinator, Shared Decision Making Council member, and a member of numerous other committees. In 1995, Arlene was instrumental in launching Team #100 -- the first California Robotics Team to participate in First Robotics Competitions. Arlene has served California public education and Woodside Wildcats for 50 years. She has done and seen it all. Her "can do" attitude has inspired so many of us.

What her colleagues say about her:

*"Arlene taught me the importance of what she always called "the f-word": flexibility. Critical in teaching when everything you planned isn't working or when the power goes out and your lesson depends on eight hot plates, a laptop and projector."*

*"We are grateful for the knowledge you passed on to us as well as your valuable life experience. I would describe Arlene as kind in spirit and generous in heart. She was a mentor to some and a friend to many. The science department wishes you a very happy and healthy journey into retirement."*

*"When Arlene was Department Chair, she was like a Mother Bear and we were all her cubs. Other people at Woodside would try not to inconvenience or offend us because if they did, we'd complain to Mother Bear and then they'd have to deal with her wrath."*

**Arlene, as you step into the future and look back over the past  
All the lives you've touched, all the students' you've changed  
They will remain a part of you for the rest of your life.**

**So, congratulations on a great career...  
Wishing you much happiness and relaxation in your retirement!**