

# George Goto Park

## Dedicated 2009

George Goto's contributions to the young people of Roseville and the betterment of life in our community began in 1955 when he was chosen by the Roseville Joint Union High School Board of Trustees to be a teacher and coach. He was one of the first Japanese-Americans from California State University Sacramento to receive a secondary teaching credential after World War II.

As head varsity basketball coach, George was committed to developing and nurturing his young students to become quality team players. He was also the initiator of the "Casaba Queen" which is still a tradition at the high school. Thereafter, he was recruited by President Harold Weaver of Sierra College and the College Board of Trustees to coach the Wolverines. After 21 years of dedicated coaching, he stepped up to become the athletic director for Sierra College.

In 1986 he retired as teacher and coach. George Goto continues to enrich the lives of the student athletes of Sierra College with the George Goto Athletic Scholarship, established under the umbrella of the Sierra College Foundation. While five decades have passed, he has maintained the status of teacher and coach to his students. Now as adults, these men are his fishing and golfing partners. In 2005, Sierra College Athletic Association inducted George Goto into their first Hall of Fame.

Since his retirement, he served as Parks & Recreation Commissioner for the City of Roseville for seven years. His principle focus was to improve the regulations and policies with the city golf courses. He was also appointed as the Placer County Fish & Game Commissioner by Supervisor Santucci for two terms because of Goto's reputation as an avid fisherman. For the "Los Viegos" of the community, Goto has been directing and coordinating a monthly golf tournament for the past three years for 30 to 40 golfers. He also represented Roseville as a volunteer for the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tournament for the last 10 years in his role as chairman of the Driving Range Division.

George Goto has made a phenomenal contribution and commitment for the betterment of life for Roseville's citizens and northern California.



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