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THE PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

" It's the  Glue  that keeps us together "

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Happy Holidays! I don't know about all of you, but at



Beth Penney '73

Thanksgiving I gave particular thanks for our hard-working Board of Directors. This group works without any kind of pay throughout the year to assure that your Association continues its mission to assist Pacific Grove High School. Our Treasurer/Newsletter Editor/Database Coordinator/General Trailblazer Joanie Hyler '68 works practically full-time doing

what she does for the Association throughout the year, and there are others who put in enormous amounts of time as well. Many of you reaped the benefits of their work, particularly that of the Events Committee (Edie Adams Maruyama '56, Faith Van Woerkom Beety '73, Patty Fifer Keiffer '60, Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56) when you attended the annual reunion on October 6 at Rancho Canada. It was a gala event, not anywhere near as big as our anniversary bash last year, but just enough of a crowd to make it a real event and not too many people that you got lost trying to greet everyone. If you didn't make, it, plan to be here for next year's party.

And "next year's party" is, metaphorically, the theme of the rest of this message. This page has held numerous pleas for funding over the past year, and you have responded generously, and we thank you. But despite your many generous donations large and small, PGHSAA isn't in a

position to rest on its laurels—or on its bank account! A recent analysis of our finances revealed that, to continue to fund the work that we do and meet requests for help from the high school, we must raise dues. Thus you will see your annual dues go up from \$15 to \$20 starting January 1, 2013. This increase will make it easier for "next year's party," both in the sense of our annual reunion and our donations to the high school, to continue.

We've actually raised dues only once before, despite being in operation in our current incarnation since 1962. For many years, dues were an astonishingly low \$5. They went to \$15 in 2007. The new amount will still cover single alumni, or alumni couples, and you will continue to receive the *Knockout II* and the Roster in your preferred format, by mail or via e-mail. If you paid \$15 in dues recently, you need not pay them again until you receive a renewal notice. If you're unsure about when you will owe dues, look at the address on the back of this newsletter. You're still welcome to pay dues as many years in advance as you like, and you're more than welcome to attach a little extra as a donation when you do.

Thanks in advance, as always, for your continued support of the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association. Again, happy holidays to everyone (despite the fact that Carmel has the shoe this year!) from your president and your hard-working board.

Beth Penney '73

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Elections were held in September and below are the results.

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Congratulations Alumni

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This Knockout II is published with everyone in mind. As some of our members enjoy finding fault with other's work, intentional errors have been placed throughout the newsletter for their enjoyment !!! BH

A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO:

OUR NEW MEMBERS:

1952 Lynn Watson Stewart	Salinas
1967 Carolyn Kelleher	Monterey
1969 Liz Kelleher Black	Middletown
1969 Arita Mainz Toliver	Fremont
1971 Erin Langton Field	Pacific Grove
1972 Don Andrews	Marysville, WA
1972 Donna Andrews Wormus	Marysville, WA
1972 Maria Bertsch Brown	Vacaville
1972 Billy Colborn	Virginia Beach, VA
1972 Les Field	Pacific Grove
1972 John Montanez	Pacific Grove
1972 LeeAnn Woolley Russell	Ogden, UT
1972 Gary Williams	Pacific Grove

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK!

OUR RETURNING MEMBERS:

1952 Ronald Dow	Sun City, AZ
1957 BettyRae <i>Nightingale</i> Wallace	Flint, TX
1960 Melanie <i>Davis</i> Myers	Tarzana
1971 Danny Oxford	Berry Creek
1972 Bill Eason	Pacific Grove
1972 Jon Hall	Denver, CO
1972 Patsy <i>Burlington</i> Oxford	Berry Creek
1972 Michael Tryon	Monterey
1972 Carol <i>Hennes</i> Yates	Marina

IN MEMORY OF:

1949 Keith Lowrey	Glen Allen, VA
IMO: Patricia Lee <i>Annand</i> Bispo	
1975 Sharon Johansen	Pacific Grove
IMO: Donald Carl Johansen '42	
IMO: Ruby Jewel <i>Rogers</i> Johansen '43	

IN MEMORY OF: SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1972 Michael Tryon	Monterey
IMO: 1950 Barbara Sue <i>Tryon</i> Wright	

DONATIONS:

1969 Arita Mainz Toliver	Fremont
1949 Keith Lowrey	Glen Allen, VA
1954 Dick Gruver	Stockton

Please note that all contribution amounts are held in complete confidence, and are not shared with our membership. Likewise, amounts given In Memory Of (IMO) are kept confidential from the deceased member's family. The Board finds it remarkable to receive this continuing financial support from so many Alumni Members. Although we may only recognize a single name we understand there is often an entire family represented in the contribution. On behalf of our Association, PG High, and PG High students we warmly say,

"Thank you, generous contributor!"



CORRECTIONS

In the September Knockout II I produced was larger and I made more mistakes. More isn't always better.

On page 17 I put both the Richerts brothers as grads in 1946 when in fact only Bob was '46 and Joe was '45. Sorry Joe, didn't mean to make you any older.

I got the football pictures all messed up. I have to admit, I was even a bit confused.

Page 8, top photo is correct, bottom photo is the football team for 1943, but I had the names wrong. I've reprinted the picture and listed the names, however, I could not put the names in order of the pictures, sorry, didn't know any of you then.

See Page 5 for corrected names.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sun City, AZ
Enjoyed 50th Reunion, plus alumni events ten years ago, Shirley, Marge and Phil did a great job!

Sorry no 60th reunion this year.

Look forward to updated roster info. Lost touch several years ago-but, still kicking.

Smaller house on Fair Way and, larger dog. Why didn't I downsize years ago!?

Greetings to all, Ron Dow '52

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sebastopol

Hi Joanie . . . Don't know how you do it . . . every time I think you can't do a better job. . . and then YOU DO!!!!

Have a couple of FYI's for you:

1) Loved the photo of Class of '63 - in 7th grade!! Merry Lynn Bain was my "Little Sister" when I was a Senior. We both played the French Horn!!

2) Speaking of our musical endeavors - I was taught to play F.H. at Robert H. Down . . . by Herb Miller - Glenn Miller's younger brother!! I'm sure many of your readers remember those days, and all the events we participated in! The summer of 1956, I had surgery on my left hand/arm. . . but Herb expected me to still play (and showed me how to use my right hand!) Did you know that he went on to do many musical venues - my first paying job was with his band at a Lover's Point Summer concert. I also played with him in a brass group, for the Community Church in Monterey - where Lorie (sp?) Freeman was choir director. In the mid seventies, Herb and I played in the Watsonville Community band, and then he went on to be the musical director for the American Circus. . . where his son - John/Jackson Miller was known as the only "Singing Ringmaster" in the world!!! Herb is gone now {he did go on to England to begin a group playing his brother's music - it's VERY BIG over there, and passed away some years ago}, but John Miller now has his own Band/Orchestra - with a wonderful website!!! Don't know how many PGHS alumni know about that {I'm sure some do}, but John is a credit to his family's legacy, and his website has many of the famous sounds, for which Glenn Miller was known!!!!

Just thought you'd like to know!!

Always fun to hear about what our Alums have done with their lives!!!! "THANKS for the Memories . . ." Marian Marsh Fleming '60
Editors note: Marian generously donated money so a music scholarship fund could be established. As a result of this effort on her part the alumni board voted to have a continuing musical scholarship for a graduating senior who is going on to study music. Thanks Marian!!

Pacific Grove

Thank you Joanie for the great Knockout II. I really enjoyed the picture comparisons. I am sad to learn that the old fog horn building is coming down but thoroughly laughed out loud reading the Cedar Street's Opinion by Marge Jameson and her memories of how to get past the darn thing without getting blown away! Great Memories! Take Care, Joanie. Katie Samora Henden '68

Tarzana

On October 6th of this year, 2012, I made it back to Pacific Grove for the Annual Butterfly Parade, and the Alumni Dinner that evening. I had been away for a good while, and after the weekend, I felt,

revitalized, and renewed, both by simply "being" in Pacific Grove, as well as the many wonderful friends that I had a chance to re-connect with, both in my Class of 60, as well as others from other classes, i.e., David Nightingale, Betty Nightingale, Andrea Hotovitsky, Danny Aiello, to name just a few! There were 11 of us from the Cool & Nifty Class of 60. You can be certain that this annual event has moved to the TOP of my list of things to do. The dinner was lovely, and I want to thank the Board Members and the Dinner Committee for all of their hard work in putting it together." Melanie Davis Myers '60

If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.



Are Helen Post '58 and Jerry Beach '57 the Fairest of them all? You would certainly think so looking at all the ribbons the Pacific Grove couple won at this year's Monterey County Fair. The Beaches utilize fallen Monterey Pines to craft their handiwork. Jerry is a master craftsman and Helen a renowned artist, and the two often combine their talents on the same piece of work.



Greeting visitors and natives alike as they come into PG West bound Highway 68.

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James Merbs '43, Fred Freitas '43, Herbert Pederson '43, Herbert Baxter '43, Paul (Berwick) Trejo '44, John McPike '45, Jack Stutzman '44, Lee Perry '44, Roy Parker '43, Donald Partridge '43, Donald Fry '43, Joe Richerts '45, Michael Negrich '45, Ronald Vining '43, Bob McDannold '41, James "Junior" Jones '43, Warren Merritt '43, Ray Blankenship '46, Kenneth Johansen '43, Alvin Garcia '44.



Members of the 84th engineer battalion from Fort Ord pose with Southern Pacific's "Old 1285" engine as they prepare to move it to Dennis the Menace Park in Monterey on January 25, 1956.



The engine has been in the same spot since it moved there in 1956. Thousands of children have climbed on this train, including myself, my daughter and my grandchildren.



The engine as it stands today.

Even though the engine is in a Monterey Park, I thought many of you would be interested to know another icon is soon to be lost. Due to eight separate injuries over the last 56 years the City of Monterey has closed off the engine, and children no longer have access to it. Citizens tried to save it, but City Officials sighted the reason it will remain closed is because they can't get insurance.

DECEASED PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

It is with sorrow that we publish the names of our fellow classmates who have passed away since our last issue. They are listed in order of deceased date, class year and city of residence.

Administration

Linda Chovan Mann Sacramento

August

Sandi Pereira Swanson '60 Los Gatos

Robert Lee '56 Seaside

September

Lois Compton Lugo '42 Pebble Beach

Dick Arnold '54 Pacific Grove

Carolyn Ballard Hylton '65 Clovis

September

Genevieve Kent Noyes '46 Fontana

Phyllis Setzer Nye '40 Folsom

October

George Mattos '47 Jacksonville, OR

Scott Kelly '38 Quincy

Warren Attebury '53 Salinas

November

Chris Hartman '93 Sayre, OK

Christine Hammond Vom Steeg '57 Hemet

On Sept. 5, 2012, Linda Marie Chovan Mann died of breast cancer at the age of 63 in Sacramento. Born April 10, 1949 in Toledo, OH, Linda was an educator for more than 30 years, as a teacher, counselor and administrator. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1971; a Masters Degree in Education in 1976, and her Doctorate of Education in 1999. She was the principal of PGHS from 1996 to 1999. Linda enjoyed traveling and gardening, was an avid reader and loved animals. She was Lutheran. Survivors include two sons, and three siblings.



Sandra Theresa Pereira Cowen Graham Swanson died of cancer at the age of 69 in Los Gatos on August 19, 2012. Sandi was born in New Bedford, MA, and grew up on the Monterey Peninsula, where she graduated from PGHS in 1960. In 2007, Sandi retired from her long-time position as



a contracting officer at Randazzo Enterprises. Sandi was an unwavering Democrat who worked the election polls in Monterey County for the past decade. She also worked as a California State Notary and was a licensed massage therapist. Her other passions included fishing, camping, music, movies, romance novels, her dog Rikka, and above all, family holidays. Survivors include her four daughters: Nonae Cowen Williams '81, April Cowen, Tiffany Graham 1988 and Tamara Graham-Swanson, two brothers, Kenneth Pereira '62, and Philip Heberer; 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren



Robert Walter Lee Jr., 75, a native of Fresno County, was born March 21, 1937 and died in Seaside on Aug. 23, 2012. Robert grew up in Pacific Grove and was a classmate of the PGHS Class of 1956. He made his



home in Seaside where he owned Potter's TV for 23 years. He was past president of the Seaside Lions Club and Carmel Valley GMS. Survivors include his wife, Arlene; daughter, Cyndi and son, David.



Lois Roberta Compton Lugo died at the age of 88 in Pebble Beach, on Sept. 2, 2012. Born in Fresno on July 16, 1924, to Roma and Mary Compton, Roberta graduated from PGHS in 1942, the same year she married Ray Lugo. The couple owned and operated Lugo's Shell Station on Lighthouse Ave for over 40 years, and were well-known for their performing poodle "Coco". Roberta enjoyed knitting, reading and walking. Survivors include four children Richard Lugo '62 of Carmel, Kerry Lugo '62 of Salinas, David Lugo '64 of PG, and Kathy Lugo Hamaker '74 of Greenbrae; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Theodore Compton '34, Harold Compton '35, and sister Dorothy Compton.



Richard Douglas Arnold, 76, a lifetime native of Pacific Grove died on Sept. 6, 2012. He was born Dec. 7, 1935 to Henry and Eliza Rider Bodine Arnold. He attended PGHS his freshman year, with the class of 1954. Dick was employed as a master carpenter and also served 16 years in the U.S. Postal Service.

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His hobbies included cars, motorcycles, and cruising garage sales. He had a knack for repairing vehicles and was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it.



Survivors include his sister Elizabeth *Arnold* Glenn '52 of Orem, UT, and children David, Dale, Dwayne, Daniel, Dodie, and Anna Arnold, Devon McCollum, Tim Cullens, and Jackie Velez, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his step siblings, Carroll Bodine, Ralph Bodine '39, Idannah *Bodine* Dixon '38, and Harvey Bodine '40.



Carolyn *Ballard* Glenn Hylton, 64, died of lung cancer in Clovis on Sept. 6, 2012. Born Dec. 2, 1947 in Madera County to A.J. and Mabeline Ballard. She grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1965.



Carolyn was an avid thespian. She was active in the drama departments at PGHS and MPC, where she earned her Associates Degree. Carolyn staged a play in the Ottortorium when she directed *The Wizard of Oz* as a fund-raising event for the installation of Chris Bell's landmark monument, "Butterfly Kids". Carolyn co-founded Rated "G" Productions Children's Theatre and later established the Monarch Theatre. She wrote and directed works. Carolyn is survived by her children, Stephen Glenn, James Glenn and Carrie Glenn; six grandchildren (including Jessica *Bernier* '05), and one great-granddaughter;

her brother, John Ballard '62 and sister, Shirley *Ballard* Mata '65.



Genevieve *Kent* Noyes, a native of Monterey, died Sept. 24, 2012, in Fontana. She was 83. Born Dec. 23, 1928, "Elva" was a third-generation resident of PG and the daughter of Ralph Kent '24 and Elva *Murray* Kent '26. She graduated



from PGHS in 1946 and attended business school in San Francisco. She met her future husband Robert Kent while working at the toy counter at Holman's, where he was employed in the store's advertising department. The couple were noted for having two sets of twins three years apart, all with the same birthday, which made national news, and columnists at the Herald calculated the odds at 23 billion to 1. Elva worked for over 20 years in accounting and payroll department of the Chino School District in Ontario, where she lived for many years. She was a Methodist. She was a 9-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include sons, Mark, Brian and Douglas Noyes, and daughters, Cheryl Poniatowski and Diane Noyes; and four grandchildren. Her husband died in 1998.



Phyllis Agnes *Setzer* Nye, 89, died in Folsom on Sept. 24, 2012. Born June 4, 1923 in Fort H.G. Wright, ME, Phyllis was an "Army brat" who came to PG via the East Coast, Hawaii, and the Presidio of Monterey, where



her father retired. After graduating from

PGHS in 1940 she worked in the Federal Civil Service for most of her career. Phyllis was an avid horsewoman, and performed in many plays at California's First Theater. She always said one of her favorite "duties" during her employment with the U.S. Forest Service was going out "with the guys" for week-long snow surveys, living in tents and eating meals under the stars. She was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Sutter Creek. She was a 12-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include four children, Susan Pope, William, Michael, and Andrew Nye, and five grandchildren. Her husband Douglas "Bill" Nye died in 1990.



James Taber Fox, 78, died in Marina on Oct. 18, 2012. Born Sept. 8, 1934, in San Diego, Jim graduated from PGHS in 1952, and then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He worked 40+ years for the local cable company, and loved



comedy, bowling, electronics and renovating his home. Survivors include his wife Onita, daughter Kathryn, a granddaughter and great-granddaughter, and three siblings, Virginia *Fox* Abplanalp '50, Gil Fox '59 and Steve Fox '64. His first wife, Jean, died in 2003.



George Frank *Mattos* Jr., a two-time Olympic pole vaulter and Santa Cruz native, died October 18th in Oregon after suffering from prostate cancer. He was 83. Mattos, a 1947 graduate of PGHS and later San



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Jose State University, finished ninth in the 1952 Helsinki Games and fourth in Melbourne four years later. Afterward, he spent more than three decades as a music teacher in Weed. Born Oct. 6, 1929, George grew up in Campbell and moved with his family to the Monterey Peninsula when he was 12. After graduation from PGHS he won the state championship in the vault using a bamboo pole. He out-leaped Berkeley's Robert Culp, who later became a well-known actor. The accomplished clarinet and saxophone player majored in music at San Jose State, he was overshadowed by American Bob Richards during his era although he was ranked among the world's top 10 vaulters for a decade. George retired from pole vaulting in 1960 after failing to qualify for the Rome Games. His real passion was music. George worked in big bands, jazz combos, Dixieland and concert band throughout his life, including at school and while serving four years in the Air Force. He was the leader of the Dixie Fat Cats Dixieland Band that played at the Medford Jazz Festival for 10 years. He started teaching music in 1956 at the elementary and high school in Weed. In 1960 he helped start the music department at newly opened College of the Siskiyous. He was a 22-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include his second wife Lorraine Mattos of Central Point, OR., his brother Rick Mattos '50, first wife Ginger Mattos of Mount Shasta; children Diana Gilley of Medford, OR, Rob Mattos of Menlo Park, Dave Mattos of Haiku, HI, Karen Kozak of Phoenix, AZ, and Linda Mattos of Bellevue, WA., and four grandchildren.



Quincy businessman Scott Raymond Hall Kelly Sr. died in Quincy on Oct. 21, 2012 at the age 91. Born in Eufala, OK, his family settled in PG where Scott worked in a cannery while attending PGHS. After graduating in 1938 Scott worked on the construction of Shasta Dam and then in the

shipyards of Richmond. During WWII he was a Seabee in the U.S. Navy. He moved to Quincy in 1946 where he opened his own barber shop and managed his rental properties, retiring in 1986. Scott was active



with the Plumas Lodge #60 F. & A.M. the VFW. He was a 16-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife Esther of Quincy, two grandsons; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his two sons, one brother and six sisters.



Warren Keith Attebury died at his home in Salinas on Oct. 24, 2012. He was 76. Born Dec. 10, 1935 in San Jose, Warren was a life-long Monterey County resident, graduating from PGHS in 1953. He served in the U.S.



Marines during the Korean War before he started his career as a sheet metal worker (Local 104) for 35 years. After retiring, Warren was in the antique business for the last 20 years. Survivors include his wife Marilyn Ricks '56, sons, Rick Attebury '73 of PG and Tim Attebury '87 of Santa Maria; sister, Joyce Attebury France '56 of Sacramento; six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Ted Attebury '75 and his two infant sons.



Christopher Wayne Hartman, 38, died Nov. 1, 2012, in Sayre, OK, where he had lived since 2005. Born Oct. 11, 1974 in Merced, Chris graduated from PGHS in 1993. He was a finish carpenter and later worked for

Cypress Termite Business until ill health



forced his retirement. Chris was an avid fisherman, bowler and loved hunting for arrowheads. Survivors include his parents, Wayne and Linda Hartman of Sayre, OK; and

sister, Brandi Hartman Dunn '91 of Salinas, CA.



Christine Adele Hammond Vom Steeg, 73, died in Hemet, her home of many years, on Nov. 8, 2012. Born March 19, 1939, in Newton, MA, Tina graduated from PGHS in 1957 and married Ronald Vom Steeg in



1961. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She loved to play tennis and was a member of the Crest Walking Group and Emmaus Christian Fellowship and Bible Fellowship Church. She was a 8-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include her husband, three children, Scott, Doug and Heidi, and two sisters, Sandra Hammond Breschini '67 and Jane Hammond Ruddick '70. Her brother Bruce Hammond '63 died in 1997.



I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.
Ronald Reagan



September 19, 1973

LOOKING OVER the "Dust Bowl," Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association's project for the past year, are, kneeling: Lucille *Killingsworth* Mann '37, Bob Humphreys '35; standing: Wynette *Walker* Cowan '41, Rita *Hazeltine* de Lorimier '48, Delores *Brendel* Litch '44, Don Partridge '43 and Dorothy *Nielsen* Eckerdt '35. Alumni installed new patio and benches.

Brett Loomis '90 Salinas Fire Chief

Brett Loomis has 22 years of fire service experience and is currently a battalion chief with the Salinas Fire Department in Salinas, California. His seven years of command experience includes two years as the interim deputy fire chief of operations with the City of Salinas.

Chief Loomis has held positions at all levels of the Incident Command System and brings diverse, real-life emergency incident experiences to the Firefighter Inspiration Readiness and Education (FIRE) team.

Chief Loomis has a Master's Degree in public administration from Golden Gate University and a Bachelor's Degree in fire administration from Cogswell College. He is a certified fire officer and chief officer through the California State Fire Marshal's office and is a registered master instructor with California State Fire Training. Brett has 15 years of fire service instructor experience teaching a variety of topics including incident command, strategy and tactics, firefighter safety and survival, rapid intervention crew tactics, and emergency communications. He is an adjunct instructor for the Monterey Peninsula College fire academy teaching ICS and fire command classes.

Brett's passion is sharing his experiences with others and learning from those he networks with to make the fire service a safer

and stronger profession. He brings a fun and dynamic learning experience to the classroom. His engaging instructional style encourages openness and honesty in a safe learning atmosphere. When asked about joining the FIRE team, Chief Loomis said, "I am honored and humbled by the invitation. Anthony has a truly inspiring passion for firefighter safety. I truly believe in his vision and share his passion for safety and am excited to contribute to the FIRE family."

In addition to Brett's command experience, he oversees the training and safety division at the Salinas Fire Department. He also manages the emergency communications and information technology divisions of the department. He has administered multiple promotional examinations in his organization and has proctored promotional assessment centers for numerous departments throughout California and Nevada.

Brett has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 17 years and they have two children. They make their home in Spreckels, California.



Brett Loomis '90 on the job.



Downtown PG 1940's looking east.

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ALUMNI TIDBITS

by Sue Taylor '68

Quite a few PGHS alumni live in Chico, one of my favorite cities. **Sylvia Swinarski DeVlaming '93** lives there now, with her husband Todd and son Will. She is an avid animal lover and works at the Chico Animal Hospital. She is in the PTA and volunteers at her son's school.

Tom Falcone '93 has his own website at <http://www.tomfalcone.com>. His introduction says "Tom Falcone is an experienced and versatile voiceover artist and actor with over 20 years of broadcasting, production and performing arts experience. He was a founding member of Third Eye Theatre Company, a not-for-profit theatre company based in New York. He performed with the popular New York sketch comedy group, Chocolate Cake City and can be heard on Television, on the Radio and on the Web." It goes on to list an impressive body of work, out of which I merely mention that he was a winner on Wheel of Fortune in 2004. His marriage announcement was in the Herald in 2003, when he married Amanda Elizabeth Moniz of Seaside.

The Cal Lutheran University website has short biographies of their athletes, among which is **Taylor Odell '11**. It has a nice summary of his PGHS years as a star and a précis of his family, interests, and career goals. He's definitely a home-town boy – he lists the Butterfly Parade as one of his volunteer efforts. He wants to be a neuro-muscular physical therapist.

Another of our athletes doing well is **Ryan Bitter '00**. He is playing baseball for the Siena Saints of Siena College in New York state. A pitcher, he is said to own a "fastball that has been clocked in the upper 80's and a deadly slider." The college website doesn't list family or interests, but you can be sure his goal must be the big leagues. I'm certain he is on his way up.

The **class of 1992** has some nice photos on Facebook of their 20 year reunion last October. Only 20 years and they look so young. And there seems to be quite a lot of stuff about PGHS on YouTube. I even found one with video of the kids on campus in 1989. Amazing.

Shawn Patrick Quinn '78 is listed on LinkedIn. Going from PGHS to Westmont College and then Golden Gate University, he was an owner/broker of a mortgage firm, and is now an executive vice president of Strategic Solution & CPE – Chief Performance Evangelist at Performance TQ. Evangelist?

Ah Hah! Now I know who to complain to!! **George Terrill Tanaka '70** is a sales development engineer at Hewlett-Packard (and a Stanford graduate), according to LinkedIn. Has anyone else noticed a steep dive in quality of HP products? I have been buying HP printers and scanners for years, but the last two were absolute junk! I am going to shoot Terrell an e-mail tomorrow for sure and

ask him how to get rid of the red line running through my brand new scanner.

There is a curious site called Absolute Astronomy at http://www.absoluteastronomy.com/topics/Pacific_Grove_High_School which has a concise history of PGHS which I reprint in part here: "Pacific Grove High School" ("PGHS") is a public high school located in Pacific Grove, California, between Carmel and Monterey. History== The City of Pacific Grove formed the Pacific Grove Unified School District in 1895. On June 32, 1896 the City passed a bond issue to build the town's first high school. Pacific Grove High School was Monterey County's first public high school, but today it is its smallest. The first class graduated in June, 1898. The school has changed locations twice since then, first to what is now the Pacific Grove Middle School (PGMS), then to its current location on Sunset. Pacific Grove shares a long-standing rivalry with Carmel High School, where every year the two football teams compete for a bronze shoe in the Shoe Game. PGHS currently has a student population hovering between 550 and 650. Current additions to PGHS include the new football stadium (finished in 2009), and additions to the multi-purpose room. New additions to the gym and locker rooms are currently under construction and are to be finished around the end of the 2011 summer." Following this is a list of teachers and their subjects.

I knew the population peaked around 1978, but hadn't realized just how small the school has become. My graduating class numbered 304 in 1968, half of the entire school today. Wow.



Lauren Schutzler, from left, Kim Reeder, Jack Santora, and Lyndon '73 and Vicki Schutzler — from Monterey, all — enjoy a day at the beach in Rimini, Italy, where Jack plays in the Italian Professional Baseball League. Lauren and Kim play professional softball in nearby Montegranaro. Vicki, a teacher at Salinas High School, and Lyndon, the athletic director at Monterey Peninsula College, traveled to Italy to watch softball and explore the region. When they visited Jack, his first comment was, "Too bad we don't have a copy of The Herald." Well, they did.

Hall of Honor

Alumni who have gone before us
in the last twelve months

Administration

Linda Marie *Chovan* Mann

Faculty

Charles Howard Howell

Orlyn Dean Knutson

Class of 1934

Clarence Marvin Allen

Class of 1935

Alexander Charles Ayers

Class of 1936

Charles H. Fogg

Class of 1937

Charles Roth Brown

Elizabeth Ann *Clemens* Fitzsimmons Kite

Elizabeth Rosemarie *Lewis* Hogerheiden

Barbara Fern *Stutzman* Bagby

Angelina "Angie" *Russo* Paniagua

Class of 1938

Ruby Lee *Johnson* Roberts Nodilo

Scott Raymond Hall Kelly Sr

William "Willie" Neunzig

Class of 1939

Nelson William "Bill" Hyler

Clarence Davis "Sonny" Truesdell

Class of 1940

Phyllis Agnes *Setzer* Nye

Barbara Jane *Stockton* Chapman

Class of 1941

Patsy *Parker* Thorne

Edith Owner *Quinn* Forestelle

Class of 1942

Lois Roberta *Compton* Lugo

Marcus Orvis Espinosa Jr

Marilyn Jean *Fleming* McClaine

Nancy Elizabeth *Parks* Ellis Cederwall

Joyce Charlotte *Stopp* Aarseth

Class of 1943

Flora Dell *Allen* Garner

Stanley Ralph Blankenship

Jennie Catherine *Engle* O'Bryon

Class of 1944

Barbara Ann Lucille *Eversoll* Ensminger

Class of 1945

Cleo Carolyn *Camp* McCoy

Frank Allen Cerney

Barbara Lucille *Foster* Krattli

Andrew Lee Sandel

Class of 1946

Frank Price Myers

Genevieve "Elva" *Kent* Noyes

William Ralph "Bill" Filson

Class of 1947

Shirley Jean *Agard* Irti

George Frank Mattos Jr

Class of 1948

William Thomas "Bill" Burns

Lendall Ward Williams

Class of 1951

Raymond "Ray" Fred Crocker

Class of 1952

Patricia Lee *Annand* Bispo

Frederick Delgadillo

James Taber Fox

Nancy Nell *Tharpe* Helwig

Class of 1953

Warren Keith Attebury

Norman Harvel Gruver Jr.

Joel Jeremy Raymond

Joan Marlene *Zug*

Class of 1954

Richard Douglas Arnold

Lawrence "Larry" Franklin Hilton

Class of 1955

Keith Jay Rockwell

Class of 1956

Robert Walter Lee

Class of 1957

Charles Arthur Decker

Donald Philip Gruver

Christine "Tina" Adele *Hammond* VomSteege

Gloria Jo *Sanchez* Minafo

Class of 1959

Richard Leroy Adams

Class of 1960

Anna Helene *Pedro* Colgan Simpson

Sandra Theresa *Pereia* Cowen Graham Swanson

Class of 1962

David Tristram Coffin

Class of 1963

Stephen Charles Austin

James Robert Jones

Class of 1964

Evelyn Theodora *Dudek*

Class of 1965

Carolyn *Ballard* Glenn Hylton

Class of 1966

Dale Lee Lewis

Class of 1967

Eric Stanley Johnson

Rosalie *Orlando* Yow

Roger Kenneth Parkes

Class of 1968

John George McCulloch

Robert Clarke Rule

Roberta Louise Ross Robinson

Class of 1969

Joseph Gregory Bartholomew

David E. Buttrey

Joseph "Joe" DaSilva

Class of 1971

James Michael Turner

Class of 1972

Julia Anne *Nonella* Howard

Class of 1974

Joseph John "Joe" Buffo

Class of 1976

Stanley A. Grabinski

Class of 1993

Christopher Wayne Hartman

The Knockout II staff works very hard to bring you obituaries of fellow classmates as quickly and as accurately as we can. If you hear or know of an alumni that has passed away PLEASE contact:

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51st Annual Reunion Dinner October 6, 2012 Dinner only Attendees ◆
 19th Annual Reunion Brunch October 7, 2012 Brunch only Attendees ❖

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| 1937 Charles Priddy ◆ | 1956 Puddin <i>Lewis</i> Hofstra ◆ | 1967 Leon Wimbley ❖ |
| 1943 Maxine <i>Wilson</i> Hoag ❖ | 1956 Edie <i>Adams</i> Maruyama ◆❖ | 1968 Joanie <i>Hylar</i> ◆❖ |
| 1944 Richard Ruddy ❖ | 1956 Judi <i>Evans</i> Miller ◆❖ | 1968 Margie <i>Hunt</i> Ross ◆❖ |
| 1944 Paul Trejo ❖ | 1956 John Scardina ◆ | 1968 Mary Susan <i>Taylor</i> ◆ |
| 1946 Don Casmero ❖ | 1957 Edward Brown ◆ | 1969 Liz <i>Kelleher</i> Black ◆ |
| 1947 Ernest Flores ❖ | 1957 Henry "Hank" Garcia ◆ | 1969 Terry Fink ◆ |
| 1947 Arthur King ❖ | 1957 Gene Green ◆ | 1969 Arita <i>Mainz</i> Toliver ◆ |
| 1947 Martin Larkin ❖ | 1957 Lonnie <i>Annand</i> Houston ◆❖ | 1970 Irma <i>Dalton</i> Fink ◆ |
| 1947 Bob Richerts ◆❖ | 1957 Arleen <i>Lopez</i> Hulsey ◆ | 1970 Betty <i>Bushell</i> Graham ◆ |
| 1947 Annie <i>Guastella</i> Richerts ◆❖ | 1957 Bob Miller ◆❖ | 1970 Lillian <i>Griffiths</i> ◆ |
| 1947 Ted Richmond ❖ | 1957 Lynn <i>Watson</i> Stewart ◆ | 1972 Don Andrews ◆ |
| 1948 Loren Mitchell ◆ | 1957 BettyRae <i>Nightingale</i> Wallace ◆ | 1972 Maria <i>Bertsch</i> Brown ◆ |
| 1948 Mary <i>Garland</i> Thomas ◆❖ | 1957 John Webster ◆ | 1972 Billy Colborn ◆ |
| 1949 Jayne <i>Dix</i> Gasperson ◆❖ | 1958 Carole <i>Carter</i> Brown ◆ | 1972 Bill Easton ◆ |
| 1949 Beverly <i>Wilson</i> Stillwell ◆ | 1959 Danny Aiello ◆ | 1972 Les Field ◆ |
| 1950 Sharon <i>Harris</i> Larkin ❖ | 1959 Alvina <i>Cipriano</i> Currall ◆ | 1972 Jon "Fax" Hall ◆ |
| 1950 Richard Stillwell ◆ | 1959 David Nightingale ◆ | 1972 Pete Hartstra ◆ |
| 1951 Betty <i>Burton</i> Campos ◆❖ | 1959 Andrea <i>Hotovitzky</i> Shumway ◆ | 1972 John Ichiuji ◆ |
| 1951 Richard Goblirsch ◆ | 1959 Dolores <i>Soares</i> Silveira ◆ | 1972 Carolyn <i>Light</i> ◆❖ |
| 1951 Bob Rietkerk ◆❖ | 1960 Lorelei <i>Layne</i> Aiello ◆ | 1972 Robert Meagher ◆ |
| 1951 Howard Worth ◆❖ | 1960 JoAnn <i>Welsh</i> Bennett ◆❖ | 1972 John Montanez ❖ |
| 1952 Donna <i>Stalter</i> Brown ◆❖ | 1960 Marabee <i>Rush</i> Boone ◆❖ | 1972 Patsy <i>Burlington</i> Oxford ◆ |
| 1952 Lolita <i>Garcia</i> Fagundes ◆❖ | 1960 Jim Dowell ◆ | 1972 Miyo <i>Tanaka</i> Reff ◆ |
| 1952 Dona <i>Wilson</i> Johnson ◆ | 1960 Sandra <i>MacMurray</i> Dupar ◆ | 1972 LeeAnn <i>Woolley</i> Russell ◆ |
| 1952 Inez <i>Owens</i> Kirkman ◆❖ | 1960 Janette <i>Katayama</i> Gould ◆ | 1972 Michael Tryon ◆ |
| 1952 John Perkins ◆ | 1960 Janet <i>Crispin</i> Gutierrez ◆ | 1972 Gary Williams ◆ |
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| 1952 Jane <i>Osgood</i> Snibbe ◆ | 1960 Jack Kelleher ◆ | 1972 Carol <i>Hennesy</i> Yates ◆ |
| 1953 Raberta <i>Norbeck</i> Allred ◆❖ | 1960 Patty <i>Fifer</i> Kieffer ◆ | 1973 Faith <i>VanWoerkom</i> Beety ◆ |
| 1954 Jodeen <i>Fisher</i> Colletto ◆ | 1960 Melanie <i>Davis</i> Myers ◆ | 1973 Beth <i>Penney</i> ◆ |
| 1955 Bill Shumway ◆ | 1961 Sarah Elizabeth <i>Taylor</i> ◆ | 1986 Scott Morris ◆❖ |
| 1955 Joan <i>Dean</i> Wootton ◆ | 1962 Connie <i>Grooms</i> Cain ◆ | |
| 1955 Carol <i>Borchers</i> Zern ◆ | 1964 Ruth <i>Grooms</i> Matthews ◆ | |
| 1956 Morris Fisher ◆ | 1965 Michael Scardina ◆ | |
| 1956 James "Jim" Gruwell ◆❖ | 1967 Carolyn <i>Kelleher</i> ◆ | |

**Thanks for coming, hope we
see you again next year.**

George Mattos

By Elliott Almond
Santa Cruz Sentinel

George Mattos, a two-time Olympic pole vaulter and Santa Cruz native, died Thursday in Oregon after suffering from prostate cancer, family members said. He was 83.

Mattos, a San Jose State University graduate, finished ninth in the 1952 Helsinki Games and fourth in Melbourne four years later. Afterward, he spent more than three decades as a music teacher in Weed.

He lived in southern Oregon for the past 20 years, and had attended every U.S. Olympic track and field trials since 1992 until last summer.

"I didn't feel well enough this time," he recently told the Mail Tribune of Medford, Ore.

But Mattos watched the London Games at home. "I know the feeling you get deep inside, that unbelievable joy," he told the newspaper. "There is just nothing like it."

Born in Santa Cruz in 1929, Mattos grew up in Campbell where his grandparents owned a fruit ranch. He moved with his family to the Monterey Peninsula when he was 12. Mattos graduated from Pacific Grove High, where in 1947 he won the state championship in the vault using a bamboo pole. He out-leaped Berkeley's Robert Culp, who later became a well-known actor.

Mattos recalled how working on the family ranch gave his 5-foot-10-inch frame the upper-body strength to vault. Part of his chores included lifting boxes of apricots and prunes "doing weightlifting all those years but I didn't realize it."

The accomplished clarinet and saxophone player majored in music at San Jose State while training under legendary track coach Bud Winter who would go on to tutor famous Speed City runners John Carlos, Lee Evans and Tommie Smith.

Mattos, a member of the Pole Vault Hall

of Fame, was overshadowed by American Bob Richards during his era although he was ranked among the world's top 10 vaulters for a decade. Richards won consecutive Olympic gold medals in 1952 and '56 and a bronze medal in 1948. Richards also was the first athlete to appear on the front of a Wheaties cereal box.



Mattos thought he had a chance to earn a medal in 1956 after finishing second at the Olympic trials in Los Angeles. But Greek vaulter Georgios Roubanis edged him for third place in Melbourne.

The bronze medalist used a fiberglass pole that gave Roubanis an advantage over the rest of the vaulters who used steel poles.

"So I lost the bronze medal to the first fiberglass pole ever used in the Olympic Games," Mattos told the Mail Tribune. "It was definitely unfair, but there was no rule against it."

Mattos retired from pole vaulting in 1960 after failing to qualify for the Rome Games. He did clear 15 feet with a steel pole before leaving the sport. Mattos never used a fiberglass pole.

The Olympian stayed active by playing tennis and skiing. He also climbed Mount Shasta five times according to a 1983 story

in the Redding Searchlight. Mattos spent several years working weekends for the U.S. National Weather Service.

But his real passion was music. Mattos worked in big bands, jazz combos, Dixieland and concert band throughout his life, including at San Jose State and while serving four years in the Air Force. He was the leader of the Dixie Fat Cats Dixieland Band that played at the Medford Jazz Festival for 10 years.

Mattos started teaching music in 1956 at the elementary and high school in Weed. In 1960 he helped start the music department at newly opened College of the Siskiyous.

"People think sports and music are a weird combination," he once told a reporter. "People say I should be a track coach. I don't have any desire" to coach.

"I didn't want to spend my life in a smelly locker room," Mattos added. "So many people in athletics never mature. Music is more mature. Music has more appeal. It's so alive, so vivacious.

"Music was my life work."

The George F. Mattos Music Scholarship had been established in his name at College of the Siskiyous, where he worked from 1960 to 1989. Contributions can be sent to the COS Foundation, 800 College Ave., Weed 96094, or by contacting Dawnie Slabaugh at 530-938-5373 or slabaugh@siskiyous.edu.



Cool and Nifty Class of 1960

By Marabee Rush Boone

The PGHS Class of '60 is no longer just a group of classmates. We have become a family. We have an awesome guy in our class named Chuck Wallace. He is the keeper of the roster (which he created and updates as necessary). Classmates send him important info on family weddings, grandchildren (and Yikes, even great-grandchildren), vacations and, yes, deaths and he passes the news on to the rest of us via email.

For many years Pat Elmore has remembered to send emails to all of us with birthday wishes for those celebrating that day. Then, of course, come many well wishes to the birthday person from many, many classmates. Pat has now passed that torch to Jim Dowell, our jokester (he keeps us laughing with his, mostly funny, email jokes and stories). Sometimes you can almost hear the collective groans from the class of '60.

Patty Fifer Kieffer's husband, Charlie, emails a "photo for today" to lots of our classmates, yes, every day. It usually contains a bit of history or other educational info to go with the photo.

When do we get together? As often as possible. We have had an "official" reunion every 5 years. A few years ago we added an "in between" weekend to honor one of our gals that was gonna be watching the next reunion from Heaven. We call that one Colleen's reunion.

Here's how those "official" reunions go: We meet at the "big" house (Rancho Rapose) at Andril Fireplace Cottages (outof-towners pretty much fill up all of the other rooms) on Thursday afternoon. We have pizza and we chat and laugh. Friday evening we go to dinner and/or a home game in Breaker Stadium. Saturday is, of course, the Butterfly Parade followed by lunch at a Pacific Grove Restaurant.

Saturday night we join other Alums at Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association's annual Alumni Dinner.

Sunday morning is breakfast and then folks go home....or not.

Sometimes we need more time so they stay until Monday. Is that every 5 years thing enough time for us? No. Soooo. . . There is a standing get together date of "the first Saturday of October." We meet at 10:00 a.m. at Bratty Corner [in front of Bratty and Bluhm at Forest and Lighthouse] and watch the Butterfly Parade, then lunch (this year at 17th Street Grille) and then we attend the PGHS Alumni Dinner.

But wait, that's still not enough. Then there's breakfast on Sunday morning and we have been known to have breakfast at the airport on Monday morning so we can give folks a send off back to their home state. This year we had classmates from Arizona, Texas and all over California. 16 in all plus spouses, children and grandchildren.

Sometimes it takes us an hour to say goodbye.....'cause we don't want to. But we'll see 'em again next "first Saturday in October".



Some of the Class of 1960 visit with one another after dinner.



JoAnn Welsh Bennett '60 & Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

Getting Closure

By: Patty Fifer Kieffer '60

I would like to share a story that will probably be of interest to several PGHS Alumni. It involves my brother, my sister and myself. All of us attended Pacific Grove High School in the 1950's.

The PGHS graduating class of 1953 celebrated their Senior Class Picnic on May 26, 1953 at Big Sur. Unfortunately, it turned out to be a tragic day. Senior class member Ronald Fifer (my brother) drowned that day at the gorge.

The incident was witnessed by several members of the class and, no doubt, had a gloomy effect on the entire graduation proceedings.

Rex Dunipace was the principal at that time. He had the responsibility of having to inform our family about the death. It was a difficult task. He did not share very much about the accident with our family and may not, at that time, have even known the particulars himself.



Ronald Fifer '53

In any case, it wasn't until recently that my sister Roberta Fifer Peters '57 and myself learned, from some of Ronald's classmates, that the gorge was the spot where the drowning took place.

Roberta, who lives in Las Vegas, came to visit me and the two of us decided to drive down to Big Sur and hike up to the gorge. John Matteson '53

and Ben Moseley '53 had described what they remembered from that day and armed with their information and a copy of the Monterey Herald article regarding the drowning we two seventy year old plus sisters set out on a quest to find some 'closure' after all these years.

The challenge of finding the trail that leads to the gorge as well as the difficulty of the trail was more than we sisters had anticipated. After only a few yards, we were beginning to think that we had taken on an insurmountable challenge. Then we met a young couple that were on their way up to the gorge.

After we shared the story of why we were attempting it, the couple said "We have decided to help you get to the gorge!"

The next couple of hours were a testimony to the goodness of strangers. These two young people managed to offer their supporting arms and to pull, tug and lift us two senior citizens in order to help us reach the gorge.

Along the way, the youngsters would say "you two stay here while we scout out the best way to get past this area".

Later we learned that our two helpers were telling other hikers about what they were doing and why they were doing it. That explained why other strangers would come back the trail to us and ask how they could help.

At one point, after I had a fall in the creek, the young man worked his way down stream to retrieve the pair of glasses that I had lost

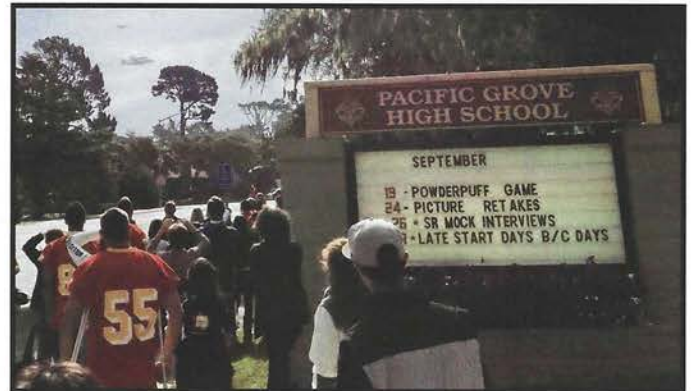
when I took the fall. The final hundred yards or so to the gorge was achieved by the young man holding my hand as we walked across the rocky creek to the beach area of the gorge. Once we got there, he kissed my cheek, hugged me and said "I am going to leave you to your thoughts while I go for a swim. And then I will come back for you and help you back down the trail."

The couple not only helped us back down the difficult trail, but they walked us all the way back to our car. And there was still another act of kindness that they did. The young man had picked up driftwood and river rocks while we were on our journey. He told us that he thought that we might like a memento of the event and told us to choose something that we wanted to take home with us.

After we got back to our car and relaxed for a little while, we began to fully appreciate what a sweet, generous, loving gift that we had just been given. We did not get the names or addresses of the young couple and will probably never see them again. And yet, we will always remember them and that special day that we met them.

On that day, we experienced a sense of closure regarding the drowning of our brother and we also experienced a sense of tenderness and joy for meeting such unselfish, kind strangers.

We hope that everyone that reads this will be reminded of just how important a small act can be for another person.



Space Shuttle Endeavor passes over the Monterey Peninsula last October. PGHS students had a rare opportunity to take pictures of a once in a life time event. Shuttle and escort plane seen between the two trees. Photo by Principal Matt Bell.



Photo by Herald photographer Vern Fisher



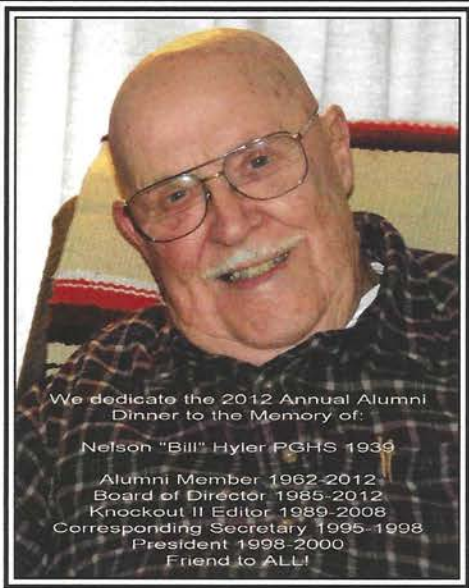
Picture taken by Luke Coletti '83

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Annual PGHSAA Reunion Dinner



We dedicate the 2012 Annual Alumni Dinner to the Memory of:
 Nelson "Bill" Hyler PGHS 1939
 Alumni Member 1962-2012
 Board of Director 1985-2012
 Knockout II Editor 1989-2008
 Corresponding Secretary 1995-1998
 President 1998-2000
 Friend to ALL!



Our oldest and youngest graduate.
 Scott Morris '86 and Bill Crowley 1936



Faith VanWoerkom Beety '73 greets guests as they arrive for the dinner.



Patty Fifer Kieffer '60 & Arita Mainz Toliver '69



Sue Taylor '68



Jim Dowell '60 & Patty Fifer Kieffer '60



Lillian Griffiths '70 looks over her door prize.



Scardina brothers, John '56, Mike '65 & Tom '61 visit with Morrie Fisher '56 & Xavier Maruyama.



Alvina Cipriano Currall '59, Dolores Soares Silveira '59 & Joe.



Edie Adams McDonald Maruyama '56 welcomes alumni & guests.

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Sarah "Sally" Taylor '61 wins a door prize.



Bob Richerts & Annie *Guastella* Richerts both PGHS 1957 grads enjoy this annual event. Bob was a 7 year board member & helped rewrite our By-Laws.



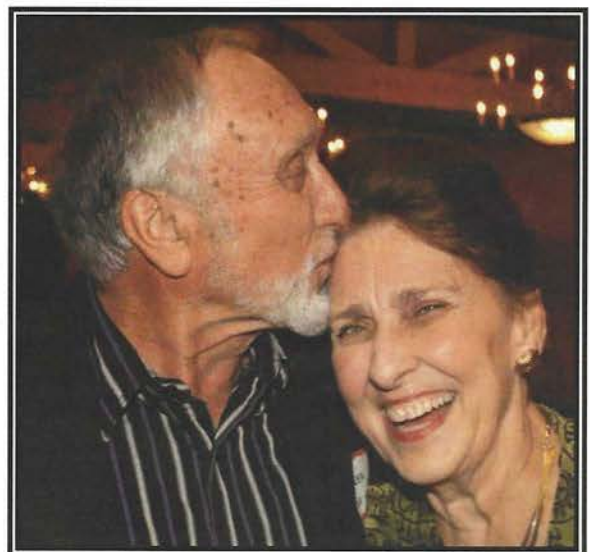
Bill Shumway '55 & wife Andrea *Hotovitzky* Shumway '59 have been long time supporters of the Alumni Association.



Richard Stillwell '50 has the ladies help him with his door prize.



The Kelleher siblings
Elizabeth "Liz" '69, Carolyn '67 & Jack '60



Classmates Gene Green '57 & Betty Rae *Nightingale* Wallace '57 share a fun memory from their school days together.

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PGHS Class of 1972 on their 40th Reunion



Great breakfast for us brunch attendees.



Robert Meagher '72.
Son of Jim Meagher '37



John Ichijji '72. Son of
Mickey Ichijji '36



Michael Tryon '72.



Richard '51 & wife Mary Goblirsch



PGHS Class of 1992 on their 20th Reunion



Joanie Hylar '68, Leon Whimbley '67 & Margie Hunt Ross '68.



Kathleen & Paul Trejo '44 with Richard Ruddy '44
and his wife Sally.

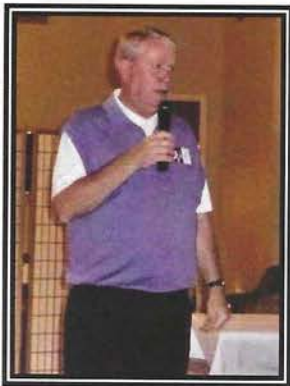
With comments to the annual dinner committee it seems that a good time was had by all. We had lots of compliments on the food, both dinner and brunch. The tables were set nicely. And the harp player was a bonus. We ended up with several new members from the Class of 1972 and extend a warm welcome to all.

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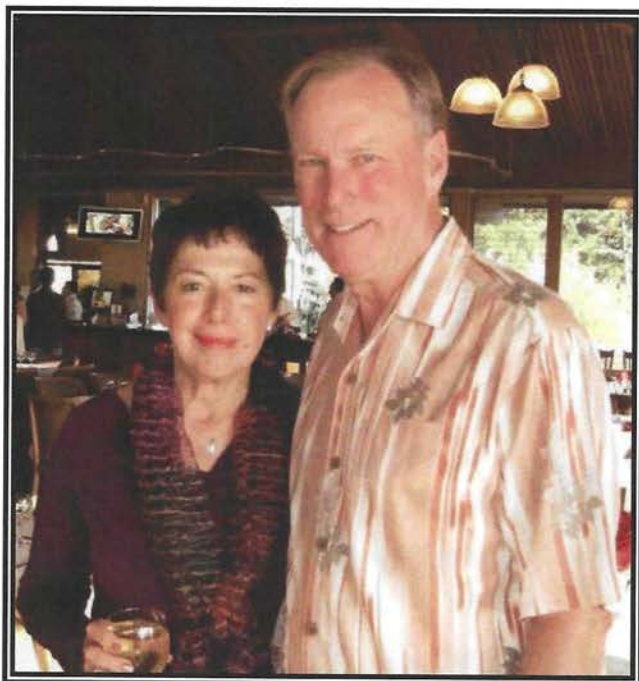
PGHS class of 1967 held their 45th reunion in September this year. Bob Berg, Jim Peterson & Dan Schultz, organized a wonderful weekend for their class. On Friday night, they had a cocktail party at the beach house for the group. And on Saturday, there was a great dinner at Poppy Hills for all who attended. Bob reminded us that our next reunion is the 50th and we know he will make it unforgettable.



Bob Berg '67



Larry Esquivel, Terry Chandler & Usana Nunthasungkett Weaver, all PGHS '67.



Malvina Silveira Peterson '67 & Jim Peterson '67

ALUMNI MILESTONES

On the occasion of Jerry Hurlbert's 80th birthday.

How many kid sisters get the chance to toast and roast their big brother on his 80th birthday? Lucky me!



Jean Hurlbert Jorgensen '54 and brother Jerry '50

Jerry had nearly reached his 4th birthday at the time I arrived on the planet, so he's always been in my memories. Exciting things happened with Jerry nearby: I was pretty little when, in our bedroom, he showed me how he could drop lighted matches, one by one, into a tennis ball can. Whoops, one of them hit a curtain. The next thing I knew we were standing with Mother and Daddy, in our pajamas, across the street from our house watching the firemen do

their good work to save the place.

There are recollections of early picnics with family in Columbine Gulch in the woods near Pacific Grove, lots of time spent on the beach and poking around in tidepools, and at Big Sur where our friends, the Hamms, lived. There we played around in the river, swam in the big pool and sometimes even rode horses. We were there a lot, and it felt like our second home.

I looked up to Jerry and his buddies and loved to tag along after them. They usually tolerated me, but sometimes if I ran into them in town they'd ignore me, or, if I was acknowledged, Jerry said, "Hey, Brat, why aren't you at home?"

Jerry treated me pretty well, but he could also be a big tease, pulling my arm up my back in a hammer lock and calling me "Four Eyes" when I got glasses. For a long time I could see the scar on my chest where he shot me with a BB gun. The scar finally faded away, and I don't remember what I did to irritate him so. I forgive you, Jerry. Most of the adventures with Jerry and his friends were adrenaline rushes: going on the path through the Cypress branches in the trees next door, as high up as the second story windows, avoiding big waves while climbing on the rocks, making our way through the storm drain from Caledonia Park to the beach, wet cobwebs slapping us in the face.

It was hard to beat our adventures with trains. The station was right behind our house: riding on the turn table when the engine was turned around, running races on the tracks where we sometimes left pennies to be smashed by the engine, and catching frogs in the depot's big covered well. Once we rode in the engine, ringing the bell and blowing the whistle, heading out to Asilomar to pick up cars full of sand at the Sand Plant. What lucky kids we were.

Besides all those adventures, Jerry my role model: I followed his lead working for Russ and Margaret Sprague on the PG wharf in the summers, sweeping the place down, cleaning out boats, and repairing fishing lines in exchange for taking a boat out in the bay by myself. Jerry was a life guard at the PG pool. That inspired me to take life-saving classes and eventually also have a job as a life guard.

So Happy Birthday Jerry, and many thanks for tons of good times and challenges.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's hard to imagine for me that this year is about to close and another to open. The old saying "Where did the time go!" seems so fitting.



I don't know about you, but after several attempts at trying new years resolutions I have stopped trying. However, this year I am taking a big step and have joined a gym and hired a trainer. The last visit to the doctors was not what I wanted to hear and knew I needed too seriously make a change. So far,

good. I will keep you posted on my progress.

It has been eight months since my father passed away. Again, where did the time go? In these last eight months we have cleaned out his home, cleaned up the yard and we are now down to the garage. I have come to the conclusion that self taught men collect a lot of tools, doodads, whatchamacallits and everything in between. I found a cartoon that I think fits my situation to a tee.



Yes, why didn't we just sell the garage?

My blessings this year have been plentiful. My eighth grandchild was born last April, Evangeline Hope. She's a sweetie. I was able to have pavers put down in my driveway and back yard, and my front parking area paved with asphalt. Wasn't cheap, (what is?) But it is wonderful.



My hope is all of you who are reading this has a Blessed Holiday Season. See you next year.

All the best!

Joanie Hyler '68