

# The Knockout II

THE PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



This is my last message as JUST your president. Starting with the March issue of the *Knockout II*, I will also be your newsletter editor. Those of you who know me know that there is no way I can fit editing this newsletter into my busy schedule. But as time went by and no one else volunteered to step up to take over from our retiring editor two things made me realize I had to make time. One was the recent PGHSAA reunion, at which I realized we would disenfranchise a number of our members if the printed newsletter became defunct, and the other is a debt I owe to Don Gasperson '47.

The PGHSAA Board is in the process of developing its very own web site, which will be separate from the PGUSD, where the web site now resides. Thanks to the foresight of outgoing newsletter editor and treasurer Joanie Hylar '68, PGHSAA has owned its own domain name for some time, and we will soon put it to use. The thinking was that without an editor, the information that is included in the newsletter would eventually migrate to different pages on the web site: donors, obituaries, letters, articles. But there was also a fear expressed at board meetings that people (like me!) who like having the printed newsletter in their hands four times a year would not be happy with a sudden shift to an online newsetter. At the recent PGHSAA reunion, preceded this year by my own Class of 1973 reunion, I thought about the number of people there who were of a certain age—of "print" age rather than of "digital" age—and realized that we could not, at least not yet, discontinue the printed newsletter.

Back at the turn of the millennium, when Bill Hylar '39 was retiring as *Knockout II* editor, Don Gasperson called me and asked me to take it over. At the time, I was editing the Pacific

Grove Chamber of Commerce's *RapUp* newsletter and the Feast of Lanterns Tabloid. Unfortunately, I had also recently shifted from part-time to full-time teaching at Monterey Peninsula College. I said I would think about it, joined the PGHSAA board, came to several meetings, and quickly realized that with my increased teaching schedule, I would not be able to take on the task. Now, I feel that I need to fulfill Don's decade-and-a-half-old request.

Joanie has done a stupendous job with this newsletter for many years, and I cannot promise that it will look the same or be as complete as the newsletter she edited. I will continue to receive and print all letters to the editor, so keep them coming (send them to bpenney@sonic.net). I will continue to be supplied with donor information by our new treasurer, Erin Langton Field '71, and with obituaries by our intrepid web researcher Sue Taylor '68. I am also open to submission of any historical articles, memories, or photos that people wish to submit. My continued heavy schedule at MPC means I will need help with the logistics of the printing and mailing, and Joanie has graciously volunteered to walk me through this part.

The *Knockout II* is the PGHSAA's biggest expense, but it is also, as the masthead says, "The Glue that Keeps Us Together", so the expense is justified. As we get the web site up and running, we will put portions of the printed newsletter online, and in time, I'm sure it will become a fully online publication. But not in the foreseeable future.

So, folks, help me put the next issue together! E-mail me your letters, news, photos, and memories at bpenney@sonic.net, and we'll see what we can come up with.

A personal note: Just before we went to press, my sister Sara Moore '80 passed away unexpectedly of a heart attack. Her obituary appears in this issue. My thoughts are with her friends and class members.

Beth Penney '73

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## A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO: OUR NEW MEMBERS:

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1962 Phil Ricketts                  | Erie, CO         |
| 1963 Rob Haste                      | Wishon           |
| 1963 Diane <i>Laughery</i> Ricketts | Erie, CO         |
| 1965 John Timar                     | Salinas          |
| 1968 Geoffrey Gipson                | Chico            |
| 1968 Vicki <i>Henley</i> Bowman     | Augusta, GA      |
| 1968 Kim <i>Kovalik</i>             | Yakima, WA       |
| 1968 Sandy <i>Miyamoto</i> Menda    | San Jose         |
| 1968 Bob Winter                     | Gardnerville, NV |
| 1973 Anthony Aiello                 | Pacific Grove    |
| 1973 Frank Grillo                   | Monterey         |
| 1973 Craig Johansen                 | San Jose         |
| 1973 Shannon <i>Johnson</i> Gullion | San Jose         |
| 1973 Violet <i>McKee</i> Smith      | Roseville        |
| 1973 Chad Pimentel                  | Darwin           |
| 1973 Robin <i>Rogers</i>            | Portland, OR     |
| 1977 Vicki <i>Dittmar</i> Grillo    | Monterey         |
| 1980 Kim <i>Matteson</i> Blaha      | Salinas          |

## GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK! OUR RETURNING MEMBERS:

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1945 Marion <i>Butera</i> Mattison    | Roseville         |
| 1952 Joanne <i>Bommarito</i> Selbicky | Pacific Grove     |
| 1952 Neil Selbicky                    | Pacific Grove     |
| 1958 Betty <i>Washburn</i> Finale     | Pacifica          |
| 1963 Janice <i>Coons</i> Hare         | Pacific Grove     |
| 1963 Ken Cox                          | Los Molinos       |
| 1963 Mae Jane <i>Craft</i> Keller     | Aurora, CO        |
| 1963 Carol <i>Golding</i> Stornetta   | Monterey          |
| 1963 Roberta "Bobbie" <i>Hall</i>     | Pacific Grove     |
| 1963 Dennis Jaehne                    | San Jose          |
| 1963 Michael Mueller                  | Saratoga          |
| 1968 Peter <i>Besobrazoff</i>         | Pacific Grove     |
| 1968 Bill Gammons                     | San Ramon         |
| 1968 Linda <i>Heldt</i> Paganetti     | Monterey          |
| 1968 Donna <i>Jamarck</i> Cardinale   | Klamath Falls, OR |
| 1968 Kathy <i>Sullivan</i> Richerson  | Vacaville         |
| 1968 Betsy <i>Umes</i> Rosenthal      | Monterey          |
| 1973 Janie <i>Culp</i>                | Pacific Grove     |
| 1973 Wayne Thomas                     | Fredricksburg, VA |

## IN MEMORY OF:

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1941 Howard Cowen                           | Pacific Grove |
| 1941 Wynette <i>Walker</i> Cowen            | Pacific Grove |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |
| 1946 Annie <i>Guastella</i> Richerts        | Monterey      |
| 1947 Bob Richerts                           | Monterey      |
| IMO: Robert "Bob" Roland Downing 46         |               |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |
| 1949 Jayne <i>Dix</i> Gasperson             | Pacific Grove |
| IMO: Donald "Don" Thomas Gasperson '47      |               |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |
| 1950 Elvie <i>Anderson</i> Messersmith      | Pacific Grove |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |
| 1950 Sue <i>Hinman</i> Hall                 | Pacific Grove |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |
| IMO: Leland "Lee" Gerald Hoag '50           |               |
| <b>Correction September KOII:</b>           |               |
| 1952 Jane <i>Lowrey</i> Weisser             | Sacramento    |
| IMO: Nancy Nell <i>Tharpe</i> Helwig '52    |               |

## ALUMNI IMO SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

### CLASS OF 1952 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1952 Marge <i>Smith</i> Ourth               | Pacific Grove |
| IMO: Sharon Cecile <i>Harris</i> Larkin '50 |               |

### NELSON "BILL" HYLER '39 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1945 Marion <i>Butera</i> Mattison | Roseville     |
| 1949 Jayne <i>Dix</i> Gasperson    | Pacific Grove |
| 1968 Joanie <i>Hylar</i>           | Pacific Grove |

### OLIVE DEAN HYLER '40 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1968 Joanie <i>Hylar</i> | Pacific Grove |
|--------------------------|---------------|



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!"***



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Roseville

Hi Beth and Joanie,

The Knockout's arrived just fine. Much thanks to you and the others involved. Taking time to read them and see where the Class of 1945 does not participate as WE should. Yes - I drag my heels when it comes to those association dinners. There were only three members of '45 at the last sinner that I attended, which now are many moons ago.

Really - so very sorry to hear of the passing of Bill Hyler. He was a true asset to the Knockout II. The information he would write of PG's past was and still is such a heart felt time. I clipped out those memories from various KOII's. Yes - he will be missed.

Pacific Grove has changed so much from the time I was in school. Grammar school - different, no middle school then, high school burned down, Salinas J.C. no longer there, a newer place has taken over.

Even the fish canneries, when World War II entered the picture many of us during vacation time worked in those canneries. Such a wonderful experience. Yes, even the awful smell in the clothes worn to work plus your hair. Never washed my hair so often! Oh yes - my peanut butter sandwich also tasted of fish! Fond memories. Well, sort of.

Best to come to a close. Thank you for saying you would put me on the mailing list but I can see the newer and younger classes are more prominent than those of the past. Class of '45 is long gone. Enclosing a check for the use of the Nelson "Bill" Hyler '39 Scholarship Fund.

Marion Butera Mattison '45

*Editors note:*

*Marion and I had a nice visit on the phone after she sent me this note. I've checked and we have 13 current members from the class of 1945. Sixty-three graduated from the high school. Many were classmates who came and left and many went off to war before graduation. So the class had 146 students in total. As of this date the class has 58 who have gone before us.*



Carmichael

Dear Joanie,

Thank you for your quick response to my email regarding losing the reservation for my 70th High School Reunion. I can't get over that; I keep repeating it "70 years ago!" Wish I could also say "It seems like only yesterday." As I read the President's message on the front page of the Knockout II, I was reminded of many things of 1933, most prominently Shirley Temple and the new President, Mr. Roosevelt. I remember discussing this with my teacher out on the playground. My parents were Republicans and it had been a much talked about event at the dinner table.

I think that was the year we had moved from First Street to our new house on Gibson Ave. This meant I could walk to school and walk home for lunch. And that meant I could listen to "Jack

Armstrong, the All-American boy." It also meant my father could walk to his work at the high school where he taught General Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It was a BIG event in our lives. We walked everywhere in town. My good friend, Jean Turner Williams '43, lived "way out" on Chestnut St. and as I got a little older I was allowed to walk to her house, too. Every Friday night, my Dad and I would walk down the hill to the library. Those were special times. Well, I needn't take up your time with all these reminiscences of the "good old days." I appreciate much all you and the staff of the alumni association does and I look forward to every issue of the Knockout II. Thank you again for your help.

Dorothy Nybro Geduldig '43



Cupertino

Dear Joanie,

Sure enjoyed the last KOII. I like to read it over and over so I don't miss a thing.

I'm enjoying my new home at Sunny View Retirement Community. My husband Michael and I were planning to move here someday. Unfortunately in 2001 he passed so plans to move were put aside. It seemed that year by year would go by and I stayed in my home in Mountain View. Then your father and I started to see one another, and thoughts of moving here were the furthest thing from my mind. When I mentioned the place to Billy he said, "let's go take a look." We had a nice tour and my interest to move there was sparked again.

After Billy had his stroke and then passed away the house seemed so large and lonely and my trips to Pacific Grove had stopped (I quit driving shortly after Bill and I got together in 2007). So, my daughter and I made the decision for me to move here and I am so glad I did. I have my own little apartment and have made lots of new friends. No more lonely days and nights. I do however miss your dad so much, as I am sure you do as well.

I heard the annual dinner/brunch was a success, nice to hear this. Say hell-o to your family and those down there that I know. And if anyone is in my neighborhood please come by for a visit. 22445 Cupertino Rd. Apt 88, Cupertino, CA 95014.

Much love, Louise "Ella" Gumm Schnell '42



Lillian "Sis" Knowles Nelson '42  
& granddaughter



Chester "Bim" Bramblett '43  
and his son Carl.

## 2013 Hall of Fame Inductees

Don Mothershead '71 and Jayne Dix Gasperson '49 were named to the Pacific



Grove High School Alumni Association Hall of Fame at a pep rally on Friday, October 11, near the culmination of Homecoming Week. Mothershead is widely known in town as the senior recreation coordinator for the City and as the head of the recent campaign to rebuild the Lover's Point Swimming Pool.

An active PG citizen and volunteer Gasperson, was the treasurer, board of director and mail coordinator for the alumni association.

Mothershead has worked with the City of Pacific Grove Recreation Department since 1981. Born in Chicago, he has lived in Pacific Grove since the age of four, when



his parents retired here after serving on three continents with the US Army. He has been a starter for track meets at Pacific Grove High School for 32 years, ran the City's youth soccer and basketball leagues for 27 years, still officiates some competitive basketball and has many other ties to the community, in which he and his wife, Rosemarie, raised their three now-grown children. They have two grandchildren. He graduated PG High with the class of 1971. He went on to Monterey Peninsula College and then to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, where he graduated with a degree in physical education and also earned a teaching credential in 1977.

Mothershead was active in college sports. Returning to Pacific Grove, he taught for four years with the Pacific Grove Unified School District before joining former Recreation Director John Miller '71 in 1981 to create Youth Soccer and Basketball leagues and operate the Youth Center (then called The Rec. Club) in PG. "I am blessed to be tied to the community in many ways," he says.

Gasperson has dedicated her life to her family and community. After graduating from PG High School in 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Don, who also graduated from PG High.

Don, with Jayne's support, went on to a career in the PG Fire Department, retiring in 1984, and then spending 12 years on the PG City Council. He was named to the Hall of Fame in 2010. He died in 2010. The couple had two sons, Brent '75 who lives in PG with his wife Monica; Gary '69 lives in Monterey with his wife Jane. Jayne has four grandchildren: Lia '00, Joey and Jordan '04 live in PG and Michael lives in Portland, Oregon. They have three great-grandchildren, Bella in PG and Hudson and Harper in Portland. Jayne is inspired by her late husband. She says, "I try to follow in his footsteps, volunteering and helping to do all I can to serve our wonderful city; to matter, to be productive and make a positive difference."

### 2007 Inductees

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Nelson "Bill" William Hylar      | 1939    |
| Charles "Charlie" Thomas Higuera | 1953    |
| Sandra "Sandi" Kimoto Dix Eason  | 1974    |
| Gina Marie Prince -Bythewood     | 1987    |
| Richard Hartwell Chamberlain     | Faculty |
| Martin "Marty" Baskin            | Faculty |
| Herbert "Herb" Schmalenberger    | Faculty |
| Charles "Charlie" H. Howell      | Faculty |

### 2008 Inductees

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Iva Marie Cory Heitz | 1968 |
| John Sidney Miller   | 1971 |
| Bryndol Avery Sones  | 1983 |

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Miguel Angel de los Rio     | 1992    |
| Michael "The Wizard" Ottmar | Faculty |

### 2009 Inductees

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Howard Lyle Cowen        | 1941    |
| Richard Thomas Stillwell | 1950    |
| Marabee Kay Rush Boone   | 1960    |
| William "Bill" Quon Lee  | 1971    |
| Arthur B. Ingham         | Faculty |

### 2010 Inductees

|                              |      |
|------------------------------|------|
| Donald Thomas Gasperson      | 1947 |
| Harold Richard "Rick" Bitter | 1970 |
| Thomas "Tom" Jay Craft       | 1972 |
| Patrick Kevin O'Dennell      | 1978 |

### 2011 Inductees

|                                |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| Ruby Lee Johnson Nodilo        | 1938    |
| Joseph A. Farrow               | 1973    |
| Ellen Coulter                  | Faculty |
| Ralph E, "Coach Pappy" Johnson | Faculty |

### 2012 Inductees

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| George Frank Mattos          | 1947    |
| Chris Theodore Pappageorgas  | 1973    |
| Gerard Sorin Issvoran        | 1983    |
| Robert "Bob" William Russell | Faculty |



## 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.

### June 2013

Jean Bolton Biddle '55 ..... Sunnyvale

### July 2013

Ben Mack '48 ..... Annapolis, MD  
Jim Herdine '61 ..... Monterey

### August 2013

Ian Sellards '57 ..... Coos Bay, OR  
Sharon Harris Larkin '50 ..... Pacific Grove  
Elizabeth Priddy Way '39 ..... Montclair  
Mavis Claunch Lautaret '39 ..... Salinas  
Joseph "Johnny" Bommarito '64 ..... Paradise

### September 2013

Bob Boyce '60 ..... Flower Mound, TX  
Jack Kearns '48 ..... Fountain Valley  
John Money '76 ..... Seaside  
Shirley Lewis Holmon '72 ..... Salinas

### October 2013

George Stoltenberg '38 ..... Paso Robles

### November

Al "Happy Jack" Drews '58 ..... Fresno  
Barbara Ingham Mearns '35 ..... Carmel  
Harry McDonald '36 ..... Salinas  
Sara Moore '80 ..... Marina

Jean Blanche Bolton Biddle, 76, passed away June 23, 2013, in Sunnyvale. Born Sept. 25, 1937, in Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Frank G. and Margaret Bolton.



While her father was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey, Jeannie attended PGHS and graduated in 1955. She continued her education at MPC, and earned her credential at UC Santa Barbara. She retired from Milpitas Unified School District. Jeannie was a faithful friend and many are left with fun memories. She was a 22-year member of the PGHS alumni association. She was preceded in death by her parents and younger brother, Bob Bolton.



Capt. Wilfred Benson "Ben" Mack, USN RET, 83, died July 20, 2013, in Annapolis, MD, after a long illness. He was born Aug. 17, 1929 in PG, to Wilfred

T. '20 and Eloise Mack, and graduated from PGHS in 1948. Ben's naval service to his country spanned 40 years and three wars. He began his career as a naval aviator and later after



attending San Francisco Theological Seminary, served many years as a Navy Chaplain. He was a 11-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his wife Shirley Mack; two sons, Ted and Robert Mack; daughter, Lorraine Dunn; his sister, Dorothy Mack Johansson '44; and four grandchildren.



James Verdie Herdine, 69, died July 27, 2013, in Monterey.



A native of Carmel, Jim was born Oct. 4, 1943, and grew up in PG, graduating from PGHS in

1961. Jim was fascinated by the sea from an early age and worked on fishing boats in his youth. He eventually made commercial fishing his vocation, at one time operating his own salmon boat out of the state of Washington. He is survived by an aunt and several cousins.



Ian Keith Sellards, 74, a classmate of the PGHS class of 1957, died in Coos Bay, OR, on Aug. 4, 2013. Keith was born in Monterey County on June 8, 1939, and spent most of his life in PG. He graduated from Emmett Idaho High School. Survivors include his sister Shyla Sellards Spear '60, half-brother Mark McCulley '74; and two stepchildren. His wife, Jennie Sellards, died in 1997.



Sharon Cecile Harris Larkin, 81, died at her home in PG on Aug. 8, 2013. Born in May 27, 1932 in Arizona, the "Can-Do" mom spent 81 years loving, supporting, protecting and giving guidance to family and friends.

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Using technology skills learned two steps beyond any peer, she created countless albums documenting her most valuable treasure, time spent with loved ones. She was a 48-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include her husband, Martin Larkin '47, children: Debbie Larkin Rees '70, Ken Larkin '72, Cindy Larkin DeAmaral '73 and Larry Larkin '76, seven grandchildren, two great granddaughters, and siblings, Carolyn "Honey" Harris Pere '47, Juanita Harris Mehringer '51, Margaret Harris '52, Guy Harris and Nathana Harris Humphreys '63.



Elizabeth Jean Priddy Way, a longtime resident of Montclair, died at age 91 in a Walnut Creek adult care center, August 19, 2013. Born June 16, 1922, in San Francisco, her early years were spent in San Joaquin Valley, until the family moved to PG, where Elizabeth graduated from PGHS in 1939. She graduated from Hartnell College and UC Berkeley. Her experience as a reporter for the school papers at PGHS and USB began her career as a journalist. During WWII she was a city editor of the Pacific Grove Tribune. After the war she worked for the Humboldt Times in Eureka. After settling in Montclair, Elizabeth was an



active member of the PTA, volunteered with the local hospital, and was a den mother for the Cub and Boy Scouts. In 1986 she began a long association with the Camron-Stanford House in Oakland. Survivors include her sons, David and Alexander, brother Charles Priddy '37, six grandchildren and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Way.



Joseph "Johnny" Bommarito, 68, died in Paradise, his home of many years, on Aug. 15, 2013. He was born in Monterey County on Feb. 28, 1945, and graduated from PGHS in 1964. He is survived by his siblings, Joan Bommarito Selbicky '52, Robert Bommarito '60, and Dorothy Bommarito Coburn '74, and a son, Justin Bommarito.



Mavis Diane Claunch Anderson Poncetta Lautaret died at the age of 91 in Salinas on Aug. 28, 2013. Born to Ben and Mildred Claunch on October 14, 1921, in Vallejo, most of her younger years were in PG where she loved swimming, fishing and picking huckleberries. She later moved to Salinas and became a real estate broker. Mavis was at one time was the head of the Women's Republican Party, yet during the second half of her life became a devout Democrat. She was a graduate of



Hartnell College, U.C. Santa Cruz, and Greenwich University. Mavis loved to cook and was a classic pianist. She was a 22-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include her son Mark Ponchetta; and one granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Stuart Claunch '41, Warren Claunch '46, and Laureen Claunch McDonald '48, her daughter Kaaren Anderson-Poncetta, and two husbands, Maj. Ralph Anderson, and John Lautaret.



Robert Daniel Boyce, 71, died of lung cancer in Flower Mound, TX, on Sept. 1, 2013. Born May 14, 1942, in Chicago, IL, Bob was raised in Monterey, and graduated from PGHS in 1960. He graduated from Brigham Young University and earned a PhD in Education from Oklahoma State University. A dedicated Mormon, Bob spent more than two years in Peru as a missionary. During Bob's career as an educator and administrator with the Church Education System of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he lived in Ogden, UT; Stillwater, OK; Bentonville, AR; and College Station and Flower Mound, TX. He was a devoted family man, a gifted teacher, and avid fan of Oklahoma State football. He was a 4-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his wife Christine, eight children, and 25 grandchildren.



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Jack Gibson Kearns was born in Feb. 19, 1931, in Fresno and passed away Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013, in Fountain Valley. He attended Fresno schools until his senior year of high school, and graduated from



PGHS in 1948. He received his AA from Hartnell College and BS in Pharmacy from the University of Colorado at Boulder. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, Jack became a licensed pharmacist. He began his 57-year career in Wasco, then worked in Bakersfield, Taft, and Morro Bay. Jack knew all the old remedies for health care and was always happy to share them with his customers. He truly enjoyed his chosen profession. He was a 6-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his wife, Patti; two sons' Bard of Ramona, and Chad of Newport Beach; twin grandsons. He was predeceased by his brother Philip.



John David Money, 58, a 50-year resident of the Peninsula, died Sept. 16, 2013, in Seaside after an extended illness. Born Jan. 29, 1958, the 1976 graduate of Pacific Grove Community High School, was a talented chef who



worked at many well-known local restaurants for more than 38 years. John loved to hunt and fish and spend time with his family. John is survived by his wife of 31 years, Providence; his children, Jessica Carpenter of Sonora, J.D. of Monterey and Tina of Seaside; his siblings, Charles of Rome, GA and Marilyn Money Nonella '77

of Marina; and seven grandchildren.



Shirley Arnella Lewis Holmon, a classmate of the PGHS Class of 1972, was born Dec. 31, 1953 in San Francisco, to Clyde T. and Lenora Lewis, and came to reside in PG as a little girl, attending Robert H. Down, PG Jr. and briefly PGHS. She



died in Tustin on Sept. 24, 2013. Shirley graduated from MPC, Hartnell and UC Irvine where she earned a master's in social ecology. Her hobbies included beading, sewing and gardening. Survivors include her son, Michael Irving of Tustin; two daughters, Michelle Lewis-Holmon and Veronica Lewis of Tustin; four brothers, Doby and Claude "Ducky" Lewis '69 of Seaside, Charles Lewis of Salinas, and Chris Lewis of San Jose; four sisters, Sharon Lewis '73 of Marina, Stephanie Lewis of Atwater, Lisa Lewis Campbell of Seaside and Carmen Lewis Laing of Oakland



George Edwin Stoltenberg, 92, longtime Paso Robles resident, died Oct. 23, 2013, at home after suffering a stroke. George moved to Paso Robles in 1937 from Pacific Grove, where he was a junior at PGHS with



the class of 1938. He served in the Pacific during World War II. Back home, as a mail carrier, he enjoyed the fresh air, exercise and avenues for service, until he retired in 1976. He was an active member of the First Christian Church. George attained a master's degree in counseling from Cal Poly, served on Paso Robles Human

Relations Commission, and served the Salvation Army for two decades. Survivors include his children, David, Carol, Roy and Mark; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Caroline, and his parents, George L. and Eloise Hyatt '18 Stoltenberg.



Alfred Jackson Drews Jr., 73, died in Fresno, on Nov. 8, 2013. Born March 22, 1940 in Las Vegas, NV, as a child he lived in Slayton, MN. Al graduated from PGHS in 1958, where he was given the nickname of "Happy Jack". He was a



hospital corpsman in the US Navy. After his discharge in 1968 he worked for the US Postal Service in Carmel, and operated a Snap-On Tools franchise in the Monterey area. In 1974 he moved to Fresno, where he worked for the Boyd Corporation as a die maker and machine setup man, and then as a maintenance mechanic and supplies warehouseman at Valley Floor Maintenance in Clovis. He enjoyed working on cars and anything mechanical that needed fixing. Survivors include his sons, James and Bryan, his ex-wife, Sandy Taylor; his sister, Kathy Drews Haarman '55, and three grandchildren.



Barbara Rowell Ingham Mearns, 95, died at her home in Carmel on Nov. 10, 2013. Born in PG on Jan. 11, 1918 to Helen Rowell and Arthur B. Ingham, her father was a longtime principal of PGHS where Barbara graduated 1935.



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She attended UC Berkeley and Santa Barbara State College. She taught at Salinas High School for two years, then in 1949 she studied with the couturier Edwar Sene, to whom she was introduced by the editor of the Paris Vogue. She spent the following year studying at the University of Heidelberg. In 1950, she taught fashion design at UC Berkeley until 1957, and established a class in fashion design at the City of Paris in San Francisco. After moving to Carmel in 1960, Barbara taught home economics at PGHS from 1970 to 1977. Barbara was a superb harp player and lived her life with compassion, wonder, grace, and creativity, which was always central to her expression, in clothing construction, food preparation, music, teaching, writing, and many other endeavors. She believed profoundly in the power of unconditional love. Survivors include children, John Mearns, James Mearns, and Susan Keane, her sister Elizabeth Ingham Adler '39 of Santa Monica, three grandchildren; and two great grandsons. Barbara was preceded in death by two husbands, Walter Keane and James Mearns, and sister, Louise Ingham Thompson '37.



Harry E. "Mac" McDonald died Nov. 15, 2013, in Salinas, at the age of 96. A native of San Francisco, Mac was born Jan. 15, 1917, grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1936. After earning a Special Secondary Vocational Class Credential from UC Berkeley, he taught vocational tech education and later became the Dean of the Vo-Tech Department along with the Agricultural and Nursing Departments at Hartnell College.



He was active with the Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts, rising to the rank of Eagle Scout, and later was an adult leader. Snow skiing was a passion; he was a member of the National Ski Patrol for 25 years. He was a 8-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Mac leaves Emilie, his beloved wife of 63 years; his son, Henry; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Sara Rivkeh Moore, 48, was born July 28, 1965, to Ward and Raylyn Moore, in Pickett State Park, TN, while her parents were driving from AR to NY, and died suddenly on Nov. 15, 2013, in PG. She attended PGHS with the class of 1982 but completed her studies in 1980 and identified herself to that class. She recently earned her BA in psychology from CSUMB. Sara had just celebrated 14 years of sobriety. She used her experience with



addiction to help save lives, guiding countless women and men to recovery. An amazing and nonjudgmental friend, dancer, singer, wife, mother, counselor, and activist, her desire to make a difference in the world was matched only by her musical talent, her enthusiasm for swing dancing, and most of all, her love for her family. Survivors include; her wife Christine Moore of Marina; her sons, Klaus '04 , Skylar '05, and Jody Campbell '09, all of PG; her sister's Hannah Moore of Virginia; Jeanne Penney Mileti '74 of Carmel Valley; Beth Penney '73 of PG; her brothers, Ben Moore of Monterey, Sam Moore of Virginia, and John Penney '76 of Pacific Palisades; and former husband Robert Campbell of PG.



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## ALUMNI TIDBITS

by Sue Taylor '68

### Why do I love reunions, let me count the ways:

1. Life is a continuing soap opera and reunions are where you update all the episodes.

2. Old questions are answered – who's out of the closet and who's not, who survived or sank into their particular karmic life difficulty.

3. Fabulous to find out class 'successes' – celebrities or interesting careers or a lifetime passion of doing-good that produced results. Just finding out what people did with their lives is fascinating.

4. Watching the progression of age – whether it's graceful or a tooth-and-nail fight. Who's let themselves go gray, and who has jet black hair at age 75, what fun? At my tenth class reunion I was really amazed at seeing the longest haired boy of my class now bald – it was a shock. He had a great attitude about it too, cracked us all up. It didn't stop him from coming to the reunion.

5. The changes in people – the young people we were then now wear our battles on our faces – are we winning or losing or faking it? Beyond hair growth or lack of it, weight gain or loss, wrinkles or botox, it's the look in the eyes, the aura of emotional and psychic wear and tear that speaks more than jovial chatting around the table.

6. The quiet, heartfelt, one-on-one talks in corners of the room, with fellow students you never talked to in high school. The most amazing, moving discussion can occur, with people you haven't seen in years, and now look forward to seeing at least once a year for the rest of your life. I treasure these quiet moments of sharing life stories.

7. Old wounds can close and finally heal. Those meanies in high school have mellowed and some are even regretful. You find you can forgive those old transgressions.

8. Revenge – and you don't have to do anything, time has done it for you. In an old historical romance concerning several mistresses of one of the English kings, one mistress cursed another with words I have always remembered: "If you survive, you will grow old." Powerful insight. Those rah-rah girls that wouldn't give you the time of day are now hard-faced divorcees with six kids. Those football



'heroes" that scorned you then are lardy couch potatoes lucky to get his own wife to kiss him now. Or not. Life can be tough for the unprepared. Wait and watch and, hopefully, forgive. Maybe.

9. A powerful reminder of mortality is the discovery of those you used to know are now dead. Will you regret not seeing them again? Not saying something to them that you always meant to say? Come to reunions and tell your classmates what's been going on all these years, what's on your mind, how great it is to see them again, and share those bygone magical memories of our youth.

10. Most of all – it would be a shame to end up regretting not going, and missing all those opportunities and revelations. I am reminded of the time the invitation to her 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion arrived for my mother, and I urged her to go. After dithering for weeks, at the last minute she decided not to go. Her reason has become family lore – she was engaged to seven guys when she graduated and my father wasn't one of them (the head of the reunion committee was one of them, however). But later I was aware that she did regret not going. Sigh....

*On another note – this is my last column. The time has come for me to move on, to devote more time to building the PGHSAA Database with Joanie Hyler. We will continue to manage the obituary section together. I have enjoyed learning about what many of our classmates have done with their lives, and shared in their dreams and triumphs. I encourage anyone interested to volunteer to write their own column for Beth Penney our new editor of the Knockout II.*

*I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Sue for her working along side of me on the KOII these past five years. Before I was the editor, she worked with my dad, Bill Hyler '39 and Dee Brendel Fry Litch '45. She has been invaluable in bringing all the obituaries to the KOII. Before she came along side Bill & Dee they only had local obituaries and those that were sent in by members of the alumni association. She comes into town once a year just to spend a week at the local libraries going through rolls and rolls of microfilm to find alumni who have passed away. THAT is dedication. She has cataloged well more than four thousand deceased alumni and found hundreds of alumni for classes celebrating their milestone reunions. **Thank you** Suzie. It's been a fun ride.*

*On a personal note, Sue and I have been best friends since we met in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at RHD. We have had many fond memories together in the past and the Lord willing, we will have many more in the future.*



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## Hall of Honor

Alumni who have gone before us  
in the last twelve months

### Class of 1931

Charles Richard Draper

### Class of 1935

Barbara Ingham Mearns

### Class of 1936

Harry McDonald  
Myrle A. Sprague Kirk

### Class of 1938

George Edwin Stoltenberg

### Class of 1939

Mavis Diane Claunch Lautaret  
Olive Grace Maben Brown  
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Alan N. Stewart Sr.

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### Class of 1944

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### Class of 1946

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### Class of 1948

John A. Anderson  
John Robert Arano  
Frank D. Brightwell  
Jack Gibson Kearns

Wilfred Benson Mack

### Class of 1950

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Barbara Lee Dirk Shattuck  
Sharon Cecile Harris Larkin  
Leland Gerald Hoag

### Class of 1951

Beverly Joan Bambauer  
Thelma Kay Fisher Pattison

### Class of 1952

Lolita Jovita "Lollie" Garcia Fagundes  
Wesley Lee Stewart

### Class of 1955

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### Class of 1957

Richard Randolph Johnson

### Class of 1959

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### Class of 1960

Robert Daniel Boyce  
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### Class of 1971

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### Class of 1972

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### Class of 1987

Meadow Starchild McCloskey Young

### Class of 1988

Michael Harry Lewis

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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So much of our communication these days is instantaneous: email, text message, video conference, social media in all its guises—bringing the pleasure of instant gratification, but also a mixed barrage of connections we treasure, spam we loathe, information we need or will never use or should never trust, all in an unstoppable torrent. Sometimes you need to draw back and wait for something that, like snail mail, will arrive in its own sweet time.



## Speaking of social media.....

Texting codes for seniors

Young people have theirs, now Seniors have their own texting codes:

- \* ATD- At the Doctor's
- \* BFF - Best Friends Funeral
- \* BTW- Bring the Wheelchair
- \* BYOT - Bring Your Own Teeth
- \* CBM- Covered by Medicare
- \* CUATSC- See You at the Senior Center
- \* DWI- Driving While Incontinent
- \* FWIW - Forgot Where I Was
- \* GGPBL- Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low
- \* GHA - Got Heartburn Again
- \* HGBM - Had Good Bowel Movement
- \* LMDO- Laughing My Dentures Out
- \* LOL- Living on Lipitor
- \* OMSG - Oh My! Sorry, Gas
- \* TOT- Texting on Toilet
- \* WAITT - Who Am I Talking To?

Hope these help.

- \* GGLKI - Gotta Go, Laxative Kicking in!

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Mother Teresa

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Pool in Big Sur at Pfeiffer State Park 1958  
Lots of good memories.

## THE ADVENT OF THE AUTOMOBILE

In Pacific Grove as elsewhere, the public embrace of the private automobile took many years to fully develop. During the early 1900s, actual horsepower—versus mechanical horsepower—was still the dominant means of moving people and goods. This is best evidenced by the continued construction of stable and horse feed shops well into the 1910s. In 1905, Joseph Gardner constructed a new two story wood frame stable at 214 Fountain Avenue (extant). He also acquired part of adjacent planing mill building and converted it to a hay barn. Another one story concrete feed and hay storage building was constructed at 307 Forest Avenue by 1914. As these new buildings went up, the city lost one of its most important icons of the past: the Mammoth Stables was largely destroyed by fire in February of 1909. The tower of the stables, which was then owned by Thomas Luke, was partially saved by the fire department, but had to be torn down for safety reasons. A large new wood frame Mammoth Stable and Livery building was built in a new location at 228 – 230 Forest Avenue by 1914, covering the entire block between Forest and Laurel (extant). This allowed Grand Avenue to be graded through between Lighthouse and Laurel avenues for the first time.

At the same time as these stables were being constructed, the private automobile was quickly gaining in popularity, although not without reservations. As early as 1905 the City passed an ordinance making it illegal to operate an automobile, motor cycle or other powered vehicle faster than 10 mph. Nevertheless, as evidenced by Sanborn maps, the construction of buildings, parking lots, service stations and other auto-related infrastructure would have a tremendous impact on early twentieth century Pacific Grove, particularly in the central business district.

Sometime before 1911, Thomas A. Work constructed a two-story, reinforced concrete auto garage and salesroom at 174 Grand Avenue, which spanned the entire block directly behind his buildings on Lighthouse Avenue (extant). As with his commercial block, the building features cast concrete cladding meant to imitate stone. It appears Work used the garage for both selling and servicing Studebaker and Saxon automobiles. By 1914, another enormous reinforced concrete auto garage had been erected in place of the old Mammoth Stable building, spanning the entire block between Fountain and Grand (variously addressed as 227 – 233 Grand or 220 – 222 Fountain, and still extant). A former store at 307 Forest Avenue was also enlarged around this time and converted to an auto garage and repair shop. As more automobiles appeared in the city, the old stable buildings were converted to garages. By 1919, Gardner's Stables at 212 – 218 Fountain Avenue had been refitted as the Square Deal Repair Shop. Similarly, the Mammoth Stable Livery was also converted to a garage and repair shop by 1915 that came to be known as the "City Hall Garage."

The popularity of the automobile was such that the PIC in 1913 announced that cars could not carry passengers for hire through the company gates on the 17 Mile Drive, and that the "17-Mile Drive organization said that autos were causing so much wear and tear on the Drive that, come the first of May, there would be a gate charge for road maintenance ... Private horse-drawn vehicles would be passed free." For a time, the PIC maintained its own garage for electric automobiles in what had been the Old Parlor building on the northeast corner of Fountain Avenue and High (now Ricketts) Street.



## Memories of the PG Beach Stand

Connoisseurs of the great American hamburger almost always end up at the little blue and when WPA built the beach stand at Lovers' Point in Pacific Grove where Olga Mothershead has been cooking



up the delicacies for the past 22 years. But, alas, it's back to plain burgers at fast food restaurants for the next few months – the Pacific Grove Beach Stand closed Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for the winter season and

will not reopen until spring. Olga and Earl Mothershead have been running the seasonal business for more than two decades now, dishing out hotdogs, candy, soda, milkshakes and even film for those tourists wanting to snap pictures of the magnificent view. But it's really the famous Olga hamburgers that keep local and tourist alike coming back to the stand, which sits above the beach near the volleyball court. "They just keep coming back and coming from everywhere," said the always smiling Olga. "We had one person in

the other day who came from Reno telling us he had heard about our cheeseburgers and wanted to try one." What's her secret?



PG Beach Stand circa 1960's

Olga laughs, saying "I'll never tell," but later adds that she doesn't do anything special. But son, Don, chimes in, saying "it's the tender loving care she puts into them. They have lots of that TLC." You can tell Olga loves her work at the stand, which is leased by the couple from the City of Pacific Grove. Asked why she likes to cook hamburgers at the stand, she replies: "In the old days, I had to. Times were not so good. Now, I just love people." A generation has grown up on Olga's hamburgers and now a new one is beginning. As she said, "I've seen them grow up and I now see them bringing in their kids. They still tell me we make the best hamburgers." Olga has

seen 22 years' worth of change on the waterfront and those coming to her stand. She says people are still the same as they were back in the beginning, but she is disappointed in some changes at the beach.



PG Beach circa 1960's

"We don't have the glass bottom boats anymore. That's sad for us. Those were so nice," she recalled. "And the saltwater pool was always fun." But Olga is not sad that the winter season is upon us once again and that she will end her 22nd year at the stand. "Oh, I'm looking forward to the winter, with the holidays coming up," said Olga, just hours before she was to cook her final hamburger of the season Sunday. "No, I'm not sad the season is over. Besides, we come down and paint and clean the machines up over the winter." But it is sad for hamburger lovers, who must trudge elsewhere until spring, when Olga and Earl Mothershead open a new season for the 23rd time.

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Pacific Grove  
Hi Joanie,  
Before I started with the City in Sept 1981, I was going to school as a student and teacher. I worked at the Beach Stand helping my folks. It was a great opportunity for me to make an extra income!



PG Pool 1940

Also, Dad was starting to get frail and it was time to let the business go. What a wonderful place to grow-up! Swimming pool (till 67), glass bottom boats (till ??) and all the food and candy I wanted. I was and still continue to be Very Spoiled! ☺

Don Mothershead '71

*Editors Note;*

1981 was the last year the PG Beach stand was operated by the Mothershead Family. I still miss those hamburgers and there is NO replacement for them. It truly was Olga's love of her customers that made those burgers so good!!! Thanks for the great memories Mothershead Family!



## GLORY DAYS

By Dennis Taylor  
First printed in the Herald

There was no bronze "Shoe" to win when Ross Smith and his teammates played football at Pacific Grove High in the 1940-41 season. In fact, there was no Carmel High. Smith, who turns 90 next month, believes he is one of only three surviving members of the Breakers' undefeated 1940 squad—a team that wore leather helmets and ran the single-wing offense.

More than seven decades later, the Peninsula native stays in touch with those last two teammates. Don Marks '41, who played tackle, lives near San Diego. Howard Cowen '41, the quarterback after whom the Pacific Grove High football field is named, is a Pacific Grove resident.

"Those guys like to be kept in the loop, so I clip every newspaper article I find about P.G. football and put them in the mail," Smith said. He has arranged for the Media Center for Art, Education and Technology from the Monterey County Office of Education to give him a DVD of Friday's Shoe Game when this year's undefeated Pacific Grove team takes on another undefeated team, rival Carmel.

About 400 youths, freshman through senior, attended Pacific Grove High located at the time where P.G. Middle School is today during the 1940-41 school year. The best football player, Smith said, was Richie Walter '41, a tough—as-nails tailback who carried the ball on almost every play.

The leather helmets had no face protection, so broken noses were common. Shoulder pads, also leather, were much smaller and thinner than modern-day pads. Football pants were thick and heavy, padded at the knees, thighs and hips.

"The single-wing offense was all about power," said Smith, who played fullback. "Amos Alonzo Stagg ran it at College of the Pacific, which is where our coach, Charles 'Nap' Easterbook, had played basketball. Coach Easterbook was really a basketball guy, but he coached every sport at P.G. High and he brought the single wing offense to us."

At least three backs—and sometimes all four—lined up deep in the backfield in those days, with the snap from center going directly to Walter. Everybody blocked for the tailback. Passes were rare, as were runs by the other backs.

The Breakers went 13-0 in 1940, but Smith is quick to put the accomplishment into perspective.

"The only other high school on the Peninsula then was Monterey and the kids who played football were fishermen's sons. They spent all summer pulling in fishing nets, so by the time they got back to school, those guys were men, not boys.

"There just wasn't any way we could compete with them at that point."

So Pacific Grove wound up playing a junior varsity/varsity hybrid team from Monterey and had the same deal with Salinas, Santa Cruz and Watsonville high schools.

The highlight of the undefeated season, Smith said, was a 6-0 road victory over Santa Clara, a school twice as big as Pacific Grove.

Smith said he probably cracked the starting lineup that year only because coach Easterbook had a loyalty to seniors, who often started ahead of more-talented underclassmen.

"My best sports were baseball and golf not football but Easterbook understood how important it was for us to start as seniors, not only at the

time, but for the rest of our lives," he said.

For most high school boys of the early 1940s, the fanciful days of their youth were about to come to an abrupt end. Pearl Harbor was bombed Dec. 7, 1941. Smith, who graduated from high school at 17, was attending Salinas Junior College at the time and signed up for the Army Air Corps Cadet Program to become a pilot.

At 19, he was the co-pilot of a bomber, fighting the Japanese in South Pacific islands in New Guinea, the Dutch West Indies, the Philippines and Okinawa. He flew 32 missions through anti-aircraft flak, but said his most memorable came two days after the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"The war was over, just like that, but there was still a lot of distrust between the Americans and Japanese," he says. "So any bomber or fighter that would fly was loaded up with bombs and 50 caliber guns and our instructions were to fly over Japan at 5,000 feet to see if anybody would shoot at us. If they did, we were told to retaliate. If not, we'd just come back."

Smith retired as a captain, returned home and enrolled at San Jose State. He played baseball until a broken ankle shortened his sophomore season, then joined the golf team, which in 1948 won the university's first NCAA Division I championship.

The next year, when Smith was a senior, the Spartans returned to defend their title at Ames, Iowa. At the end of the opening round, Smith was tied for the individual lead with a Wake Forest freshman named Arnold Palmer.

"I was doing really well in the second round, too, until the back nine, where I completely ran out of gas," he said.

But something wonderful was on the near horizon for him.

"I came home from school one weekend to do my laundry and was driving down Lighthouse Avenue when I saw this girl walking down the street in a nurse's uniform," he said. "I pulled over, told her she looked familiar and asked if she wanted a ride home."

Roberta Sylvester '45, four years younger, looked familiar because Smith dated her older sister.

Roberta and Ross recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

In 1989, they retired to Pacific Grove, became active with the Pacific Grove High School alumni group, hosting class reunion-type parties at their home, and became community volunteers with St. Vincent De Paul, Meals on Wheels and other organizations.

"Ross has had a few health problems lately, so we don't do much of that anymore, but we try to stay active," Roberta said. "We love to read. We're big sports fans. Ross is a woodworker. We enjoy life."



Ross '41, then and now.  
Photo by Vern Fisher



Ross in his letterman's sweater.  
Roberta sitting down.  
Photo by Vern Fisher

THE BREAKER STADIUM WAS FULL AND THE CROWDS WERE EXCITED. THE BREAKER PLAYERS DID ONE HECK OF A JOB, BUT SADLY LOST THEIR BID FOR THE TITLE AND SHOE,



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## 2013 Annual Reunion Dinner and Brunch Roster

Faculty Bob Johannsen  
Faculty Adrian Schueneman  
1941 Howard Cowen  
1941 Wynette Walker Cowen  
1943 Dorothy Nybro Geduldig  
1943 Jack Reynolds  
1944 Don Ruble  
1946 Stan Harlan  
1946 Bob Richerts  
1947 Annie Guastella Richerts  
1948 Jo Ann Fifer Mueller  
1948 Loren Mitchell  
1948 Patty Sherwood Cummings  
1949 Jayne Dix Gasperson  
1951 Dick Goblirsch  
1951 Bob Rietkerk  
1951 Howard Worth  
1952 Joanne Bommarito Selbicky  
1952 Inez Owens Kirkman  
1952 Neil Selbicky  
1953 Raberta Norbeck Allred  
1955 Carolyn Borchers Zurn  
1955 Joan Dean Wootton  
1955 Bonnie Harner Headapohl  
1955 Bob Miller  
1955 Bill Shumway  
1956 Edie Adams McDonald-Maruyama  
1956 Michael Bowhay  
1956 Rosemarie Esteban Woodards  
1956 Judi Evans Miller  
1956 Bob Gruber  
1956 Jim Gruwell  
1956 Barbara Legg Gruber  
1956 Doris "Puddin" Lewis Hofstra  
1956 John Scardina  
1956 Sherry Welsh Gruwell  
1957 Edward Brown  
1958 Brenda Borchers Hibel  
1958 Carole Carter Brown  
1958 Berniece Johnson Wardle  
1958 Linda Jones Neil  
1958 Betty Washburn Finale  
1958 Walt Wardle

1959 Danny Aiello  
1959 Bob Bratty  
1959 Dru Drewien Bratty  
1959 Andrea Hotovitzky Shumway  
1959 David Nightingale  
1960 Melanie Davis Myers  
1960 Jim Dowell  
1960 Patricia Elmore  
1960 Patty Fifer Kieffer  
1960 Carol Hotovitzky Ochsner  
1960 Vicky Lewis Johnson  
1960 Mike Logan  
1960 Judy Lopez Furman  
1960 Sandra MacMurray Dupar  
1960 Judy Mallory Tieger  
1960 Marabee Rush Boone  
1960 Jo Ann Welsh Bennett  
1961 Jo Aliotti Smith  
1961 Mary Aliotti Feliciano  
1961 Linda Castro Fernandez  
1961 Jane Coleman Abbate  
1961 Jack English  
1961 Norma Fitzsimmons  
1961 Lynda Jacobs Cook  
1961 Henry Smith  
1962 Michael Fahey  
1962 Nancy Fowlston Lenno  
1962 Phil Ricketts  
1962 Rose Marie Timar Dunsford  
1963 Sarah Adair Peirce  
1963 Janice Coons Hare  
1963 Ken Cox  
1963 Tina Doyle Wilkens  
1963 Ann Evans  
1963 Carol Golding Stornetta  
1963 Patricia Gifford Kelley  
1963 Roberta "Bobbie" Hall  
1963 Joe Hall  
1963 Rob Hasteay  
1963 Dennis Jaehne  
1963 Jim Carroll Jones  
1963 Diane Laughery Ricketts  
1963 Michael Mueller  
1963 Carolyn Bebo Parker Logan  
1963 Michele Sherwin Thomas  
1963 Bob Taylor  
1964 Elena Castro Walker  
1964 Ruth Grooms Matthews  
1964 Gail Hyler

1964 Pat Sullivan  
1965 Pamela Pauls Soboleski  
1965 Michael Scardina  
1965 John Timar  
1967 Bob Scardina  
1968 David Bell  
1968 Peter Besobrazoff  
1968 Barry Bettencourt  
1968 Bill Gammons  
1968 Geoffrey Gipson  
1968 Candace Hoyt  
1968 Margie Hunt Ross  
1968 Joanie Hyler  
1968 Donna Jamarck Cardinale  
1968 Sandy Miyamoto Menda  
1968 Katie Samora Henden  
1968 Tom Sherburne  
1968 Jeanne Smithers Osio  
1968 Kathleen Sullivan Richerson  
1968 Mary Sue Taylor  
1968 Betsy Urnes Rosenthal  
1968 Robert "Bob" Winter  
1970 Lillian Griffiths  
1971 Erin Langton Field  
1972 Les Field  
1972 Pete Hartstra  
1972 Michael Tryon  
1973 David Adams  
1973 Tony Aiello  
1973 Janie Culp  
1973 Joseph Favaloro  
1973 Frank Grillo  
1973 Craig Johansen  
1973 Shannon Johnson Gullion  
1973 Violet McKee  
1973 Annette Parker  
1973 Beth Penney  
1973 Chad Pimentel  
1973 Robin Rogers  
1973 Michael Setty  
1973 Wayne Thomas  
1973 Faith VanWoerkom Beety  
1975 Sharon Johansen  
1975 Becky DeSmet Sollecito  
1975 Vicki Howard Schwirzke  
1980 Kimberly Matteson Blaha  
1982 Jackie DeSmet



## A DIFFERENT WORLD BUT IN MANY WAYS THE BEST OF TIMES.

Written for a Class Reunion  
Author Unknown

IT IS SAID, there are three ages of woman: Youth, Middle Age, and "You haven't changed." But change is the name of the game. Consider: Graduates of the Class of 1935 were before the pill and the population explosion, which, inexplicably, went hand in hand.

We were before television, before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics and Frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, dacron, Xerox, Kinsey. We were before radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards, and ballpoint pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word.

We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes. Before ice makers, dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before Hawaii and Alaska became states. Before men wore long hair and earrings, and women wore tuxedos.

We were before Leonard Bernstein. Yoghurt, Ann Landers, plastics, hair dryers, the 40-hour week and the minimum wage. We got married first, and then lived together. How quaint can you be?

In our time, closets were for clothes, not for coming out of, and a book about two young women living together in Europe could be called, *Our Hearts were Young and Gay.*"

Bunnies were small rabbits, and rabbits were not Volkswagens. We were before Grandma Moses and Frank Sinatra, and cup sizes for bras. We wore Peter Pan collars, and deep cleavage was something-butchers did. Pizza, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. We were before FM radio, tape recorders, electric typewriters. Word processors, Muzak, electronic music, disco dancing- and .that's not all bad.

In our day, Coke was something you drank, grass was mowed, and pot was something you cooked in. We were before day-care centers, house-husbands, baby-sitters, computer dating, dual careers and computer marriages.

In Our time there were 5-and-10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. For one nickel you could make a phone call, or buy a Coke, or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$650, but who could afford that in 1935? Nobody. A pity, too, because gas was 10 cents a gallon. If anyone had asked us to explain CIA, MS, NATO, UFO, NFL, SATS, JFK, BMW, ERA or IUD, we would have said "alphabet soup".

We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but we were before sex change. We just made do with what we had. And we were the last generation that was so dumb as to think you needed a husband to have a baby.

## Danger was the name of the game

By Phil Bowhay

Those of us on the north side of 70 sometimes look back with awe, wonder and gratitude to the Lord that we did, in fact, survive.

I don't mean against those ailments and diseases that passed through our lives, but rather against those dumb tricks, toys and diversions that we now remember as stupid.

Sure, firecrackers and cherry bombs, but we knew then that they were bad. The adrenaline rush seemed worth it.

In defense of us and our parents, we really didn't know that lead and mercury were bad for us. Most of the kids my age melted lead over the kitchen stove, then poured it into molds making lead soldiers. I remember that it smelled good. Well, at least it smelled interesting, and later, as a paper boy, those familiar fumes from the marvelous linotype brought memories of lead soldiers.

Mike Ragatt salvaged lead for his soldiers from old batteries, which sounds to me like double jeopardy. But look at Mike now. Picture of health! Rides a bike, climbs mountains and ushers at church. A submarine skipper and Santa Catalina coach to boot! Might even have done him some good.

And then, of course, mercury, usually from old thermometers. Remember how it rolled around in your hand before it got rubbed on dimes? I can't imagine anybody actually tasting it, but you know some kids did. Like don't put beans in your ears, or worse.

Then we come to gunpowder. The best source was shotgun shells or bullets. With a good pair of pliers you could pull the ammo apart, toss away the shot and the firing pin, and pour out the powder. I remember it as tiny doughnut-shaped pieces that we used for any number of experiments. Usually just a line on the sidewalk, then lit with a match. Nice quick little blaze that left a line in the concrete. Hell to pay when Dad found out.

I never knew anybody who put out an eye with a BB gun, but the peril was there. And, good grief, our chemistry sets, which caused both noise and distress and smelled up the house!

Also a moderate thrill in Pacific Grove was to hike up the storm sewer pipes with the possible danger of a rush of water that would carry us out to sea. The rumor was that some kid from Monterey wandered up the pipe in the park across from St. Mary's and was never seen again.

I don't think kids whittle pieces of wood anymore, but we treasured our pocket knives, the sharper the better, and I can still show you scars on both hands.

If you were able to drive the family car, or somebody else's, during World War II, you'll remember the taste of gasoline as it spurted out of the siphon hose. Even at today's \$3.25 a gallon, that technique seems a lost art.

No, life isn't as dangerous as it was in the good old days. By the way, have you seen that trick with Mentos and Diet Coke?



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## PGHSAA Annual Reunion Dinner October 5<sup>th</sup>

This year we had our annual dinner at Monterey Beach Party in Monterey next to Wharf #2. By all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves with the casual affair and BBQ dinner. Since it was on the beach we had tiki torches, bonfires and s'mores for deserts. Since pictures speak a thousand words.....



The Scardina Family has a annual trek back to PG to celebrate the annual reunion dinner.



Bob Winter '68 & Geoff Gipson '68



Members of the Class of 1968 celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> Reunion



Pure joy on the face of Karen Winter wife of Bob '68 upon learning that her diamond wedding band that had fallen off her finger was found under the table next to us.



Patty Fifer Kieffer '60 Secretary, Edie Adams McDonalds '56, V-President & Beth Penney '73 President.



One of the warmest evenings of the year made for the bon-fire and beach chairs with ocean back drop just right.



Dennis Jaehne '63 and his wife Jill



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Ken Cox '63 & Gail Hyler '64 solve the problems of the world.



Joanie Hyler '68 & Gail Hyler '64  
We won the prize!

Being considerate of others will take your children further in life than any college degree.  
Marian Wright Edelman



PGHS Class of 1993 celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion.



Neil Selbicky '52, Les Field '72 & Joan Bommarito Selbicky '52



Craig Johansen '73 & Beth Penney '73



Sandy Miyamoto Menda '68 ~ Donna Jamarck Cardinale '68  
& Katie Samora Henden '68



Frank Grillo '73 & Joseph Favaloro '73



Mike Selbicky '73



Richard Barazza '73, Ed Smith,  
Violet McKee Smith '73



Regina Palmer '73 & Don Azevedo '73



Shannon Johnson Gullion '73, Donna Williams Gatson '73, and  
Robin Rogers '73.



Jeanne Smithers Osio '68, Candy  
Hoyt '68, Peter Besobrazoff '68 &  
Efreem Osio





## Richard Scott Reynolds Science and Technology Scholarship Fund.



L to R Greg, Jacob and Richard "Dick" Reynolds '54 with is son and grandson.

**Editors note:**

*Richard approached me with the question of starting a Science & Technology Scholarship Fund for a deserving PGHS Senior. Of course I was excited and accepting of his generous donation on behalf of the alumni board and it's members.*

*After several meetings and phone calls funds were put in place and we awarded the first scholarship of \$2,000 to Daniel Harrison Boatman.*

*The Board extends a very warm thank you for your desire to help many future PGHS Alumni.*

*The following is Richard's mini bio.*



Daniel Boatman '13

1954. He graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class with academic strengths in science and mathematics. In addition he lettered in football, basketball and track and was selected to all-CCAL positions in each sport. He also had a strong interest in music, playing clarinet, trombone and sousaphone at various times in the orchestra and marching band. He

was student body president in his senior year.

After graduating from PGHS he attended the University of California, Berkeley and majored in Engineering Physics intending to go into the field of nuclear engineering. To help with the costs, he participated in the Cal student work-study program in his 3rd and 4th year which allows a student to alternate between working 6 months in the field of his interest and attending school for 6 months. He graduated in 1959 with a BS degree in his major and went on to obtain an MS degree in electrical engineering at UCLA.

His first job after Cal was with Electro-Optical Systems (EOS) in Pasadena, CA where he worked on research programs to determine the effects of short wavelength ultra-violet radiation on materials that were being considered for use in the fledgling space program. During this time the LASER was discovered and the company jumped on this new field of research. The field of LASER research, design and systems development then became his lifelong career.

In 1964 he moved back to Northern California and eventually took a job with GTE Sylvania in Mountain View, a company just developing a new electro-optics capability. During his 25 years with the Electro-Optics Organization within GTE Sylvania he helped to develop new types of lasers and laser-based systems for use in tracking rockets, aircraft and satellites and in advanced communications systems. In 1980 he was promoted to the position of manager of the Electro-Optics Organization where he stayed until his retirement.

Shortly after retirement in 1990 Mr. Reynolds moved from silicon-valley to Grass Valley, CA where he is active in golf and woodworking. He spends his winters in the Palm Springs area.

Mr. Reynolds is married, has two children. His son, a graduate of Stanford, is an engineer in the telecommunications field and his daughter, graduate of UC Santa Cruz, is a grade school teacher.

*Personal thoughts from Mr. Reynolds to the awarding recipient:* College at times can be very hard. But you have already demonstrated strong skills to work through any tough times. Remember to work hard, stay focused and set challenging goals for yourself. Just as important, learn to set dated, and measurable intermediate milestones needed to achieve each goal. This will lead to success not only in college but in your life after school. I wish you good luck and a great college experience.



Don Reed PGHS Facility & Class of '68 advisor with Steve Johnson '68



Ken Nixon '68  
Jeanne Smithers  
Osio '68



Joanie Hyler '68  
& Barry Bettencourt '68



Bill Roberts '68  
& Larry Calhoun '68

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Edie Adams '56 & Xavier Maruyama shooting the curl at the PGHSAA Annual Reunion Dinner on the beach!



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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I wondered what I would say as my final good bye to you my alumnus' readers. But then, it's not really goodbye. Even though I will not be your KOII editor, I will remain on the board of directors and continue my work on the PGHSAA database.



I have enjoyed volunteering for the last five years as editor and eight years as your treasurer. But, all good things must come to and end and my time doing these duties are complete.

At the time of my resignation in January my daughter Trisha Muench Randall '92 and her husband Christopher had no idea in November they would have sold their home in Marina and would be moving with their eight children, two dogs and two bunnies to Idaho Falls, ID. Since she is my only child the need to be able to travel freely without the responsibilities of the positions I hold with the alumni association became even greater. I'm sure many of you will understand.

I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and even meaningful critiques, this has been a learning curve for me, one who never got past a C in English. So, I must give out a HUGE thank you to my proof



L to R Josiah, Leah, Hannah, Bethany, Caleb, Mary, Phoebe & Evangeline.

readers and my daughter's invaluable English skills. Love to you all.

Please continue to support the alumni association with your stories, suggestions and contributions. If you weren't out there, we wouldn't be here.

Have a blessed holiday and a bang-up new year.

All the best!

Joanie Hyler '68