

The Knockout II

THE PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I have just returned from Pacific Grove High School's Scholarship and Awards Evening for the Class of 2012, which was held May 16 in the Clarence Higgins Library on the high school campus. At the ceremony, forty-one presenters made awards to varying numbers of students. Your



Beth Penney '73

Alumni Association awarded the largest number of scholarships of any one presenter: thirteen students received a total of \$11,300 in awards that will assist their post-secondary studies. Students receiving awards were Aubrie Odell, who received the \$1000 Ada Eleanor Smith Educational Scholarship for a student who plans to become a teacher; Jackie Kerrigan-Prew, the \$500 Bob Hoag Athletic Scholarship for a college-bound basketball player; Rebecca Long, the \$300 "Class of 1952 Remembers" scholarship for a student entering a vocational

program; Cyril Ilagan, the \$1000 Don Harlan '42 Vocational Scholarship; Cassie McClenaghan, the Maude Marian Smith Educational Scholarship for a student who plans to become a teacher; Julie Kim, the PGHSAA Musical Scholarship Award for a student who plans a career in music; and Christina Taschner, the \$500 Olive Dean Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship. Recipients of the \$1000 PGHSAA Scholarship Award, given to students who demonstrate overall excellence in their high school careers, were Krista Ross, Lauren Dykman, Skylar Lewis, David Oh, Emily Long, and Robyn Bursch.

I was impressed by the number of Pacific Grove High School students who have already been accepted at four-year colleges and universities. I haven't room here to include details about all of our scholarship winners, so I will give you some highlights. **Robyn Bursch**, one of our PGHSAA Scholarship Award winners, has a GPA that put her in the top 10 of her class every semester at PGHS. A member of the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honors Society, she is also a dedicated soccer player who plans to continue her athletic career at UC San Diego, where she will study to be a physical therapist and a coach for youth soccer programs. **Cassie McClenaghan**, recipient of the Maude Marian Smith Educational Scholarship, is secretary of the Senior Class, captain of the Breaker Girls Dance Team, and a member of the Spanish Club. She has been accepted to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she will study speech and language pathology.

In addition, **Lauren Dykman**, who is a cellist in the high school orchestra, a racer on the sailing team, and president of the Young Writer's

Club, will attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall to study biology. She plans to become a field researcher in environmental biology. The PGHSAA Scholarship Award winner has volunteered at the Monterey County SPCA for six years, helping to rescue, rehabilitate, and release sick and injured wildlife. Her classmate **Jacqueline Kerrigan-Prew** received the Bob Hoag Scholarship, which goes to a basketball player who has been voted on by both the men's and women's coaches. Captain of the varsity basketball team for the past two years and the only player to receive a four-year award at the end of the season, Jackie plans to major in business, with a possible minor in criminology, at Washington State University.

David Oh is both a musician and an athlete, serving as captain of the soccer team and its MVP and participating in Honors Youth Music Monterey, the Central Coast Sectional Orchestra, the CODA All-State String Orchestra, and the Cal Poly SLO All-State Orchestra. David will attend the University of Southern California in the fall to study business. And **Rebecca Long**, the "Class of 1952 Remembers" award winner, is a cross-country and track athlete who belongs to both the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society. She has volunteered extensively with local nonprofits such as the Big Sur Marathon, and she will attend Cal Poly SLO in the fall to major in Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration, with the goal of becoming a special event planner and manager.

You may notice the names of classmates and acquaintances in the titles of these scholarship awards. PGHSAA makes two kinds of scholarship awards: the PGHSAA scholarships, which come from our general fund and from donations that are specifically earmarked for scholarships; and memorial scholarships that have been set up in perpetuity by families or by classes, such as the Class of 1952. As you can see from the brief bios of our scholarship winners above, these monies go to good purpose, especially in these uncertain budgetary times, by helping praiseworthy students further their education. We thank our scholarship committee, Lillian Griffiths '70, Ruth Grooms Matthew '64 and Joanie Hyler '68, for working with the high school to select these deserving students. Please contact either Lillian or Joanie if you would like to donate toward scholarships or set up a memorial scholarship.

One very important memorial scholarship fund is currently in the making: PGHSAA Director Emeritus Bill Hyler '39, who served several terms as president and edited this newsletter for twenty years, passed away April 27 (see obituary on page twelve and thirteen in this issue). The members of the PGHSAA Board of Directors are donating individually, and generously, to this scholarship fund. Please consider joining us. As always, thank you for your support of your Alumni Association.

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Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56
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2012 PGHSAA Board Meetings

Community Center
 515 Junipero Ave PG
 6PM Thursday

January 12th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th,
 July 12th, October 11th.

September 15th General Meeting
Election of Officers & Board of Directors.
ALL Members Welcomed!

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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 there enjoyment !!!

ATTENTION!

The summer roster will be published and mailed in August. If you have any address, email, phone or name changes now is the time to let me know.

Remember, this is the year the roster is a supplement and only those whose information has changed since the Summer 2011 Roster was published, will be in it.

Thanks, Joanie Hyler '68
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A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO:

OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- 1965 Duane Peterson Ripon
- 1968 Lupe *Villapondo* Dosda Monterey
- 1972 Miyo *Tanaka* Reff San Diego

GLAD TO HAVE YOU BACK!

OUR RETURNING MEMBERS:

- 1972 Pete Hartstra Benica

IN MEMORY OF:

- Dolores Getz (Wife of Ed Getz '38) Pacific Grove
IMO: Ruby Lee *Johnson* Nodilo '38
- 1939 Elizabeth *Ingham* Alder Santa Monica
IMO: Arthur D. Ingham Faculty
- 1941 Howard Cowen
- 1941 Wynette *Walker* Cowen Pacific Grove
IMO: Charles Howard Howell Faculty
IMO: Ruby Lee *Johnson* Nodilo '38
- 1941 Ross Smith
- 1942 Roberta *Sylvester* Smith Pacific Grove
IMO: Frank Allen Cerney '45
IMO: Edith Owner *Quinn* Forestelle '41
IMO: Barbara Lucille *Foster* Krattli '45
- 1944 Thomas "Tom" Cerney Redding
IMO: Frank Allen Cerney '45
IMO: Reid Charles Cerney '46
IMO: Leonard William Cerney '47
- 1946 LeRoy Frame Salinas
IMO: Frank Allen Cerney '45
IMO: Frank Price Myers '46
- 1949 Jayne *Dix* Gasperson Pacific Grove
IMO: Charles Howard Howell Faculty
IMO: Ruby Lee *Johnson* Nodilo '38
IMO: William Ralph Filson '46
IMO: Donald Thomas Gasperson '47
IMO: Lendall Ward Williams '48
IMO: Joseph Gregory Bartholomew '69
- 1950 Sue *Hinman* Hall Pacific Grove
IMO Charles Howard Howell Faculty
- 1960 Marian *Marsh* Fleming Sebastopol
IMO: Ralph Miller Marsh '62
- 1960 Robin *Roberts* Jenkins Coos Bay, OR
IMO: George Thomas Hazleton, Jr. '60

- 1964 Sydney *Berg* Tabler Pebble Beach
IMO: Charles Howard Howell Faculty
IMO: Ruby Lee *Johnson* Nodilo '38
- 1969 Gary Gasperson Monterey
IMO: Donald Thomas Gasperson '47

SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- 1956 J Michael Bowhay Fernandina Beach, FL
- 1948 Jacqueline *Miller* Marcotte Columbus, GA
- 1955 Michael Moss Kingston, MA

DONATIONS:

- 1943 Ronald Vining Pacific Grove
- 1970 Delinda *Layne* Messenger Salinas
- 1972 Miyo *Tanaka* Reff San Diego

ALUMNI IMO SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

Class of 1952 Scholarship Fund

- 1952 John Perkins Reedley
IMO: Frederick Delgadillo '52
IMO: Nancy Nell *Tharpe* Helwig '52

Olive Dean Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund

- 1954 Jean *Hurlbert* Jorgensen Jackson, WY
- 1970 Lillian *Griffiths* Carmel

Nelson William 'Bill' Hyler '39 Scholarship Fund

- Virginia Rocca Barton Salinas
- Edward Cortes Pebble Beach
- Dolores Getz (Wife of Ed Getz '38) Pacific Grove
- Gloria Humpheys Salinas
- PGHSAA Board of Directors
- 1939 Mavis *Claunch* Lautaret Salinas
- 1941 Howard Cowen Pacific Grove
- 1941 Wynette *Walker* Cowen Pacific Grove
- 1941 Ross Smith Pacific Grove
- 1942 Sheila *Cochran* McGuire Monterey
- 1942 Louise *Gumm* Schnell Cupertino
- 1942 Roberta *Sylvester* Smith Pacific Grove
- 1943 Jack Reynolds Monterey
- 1946 Bob Richerts Monterey
- 1947 Annie *Guastella* Richerts Monterey
- 1947 Hilma *Schaar* Smith Pacific Grove

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1949 Jayne Dix Gasperson	Pacific Grove
1956 Jim Gruwell	Seaside
1956 Sherry Welsh Gruwell	Seaside
1964 Sydney Berg Tabler	Pebble Beach
1968 Joanie Hyler	Pacific Grove
1968 Margie Hunt Ross	San Diego
1968 Claire Schechter Scofield	Belvidere, IL
1970 Lillian Griffiths	Carmel
1994 Rob Lee	Pacific Grove
1994 Cate Goblirsch Lee	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

Honolulu, HI

Shortly after graduation, I learned that Kim Novak was born on the same day as me. Many moons later I learned that she was actually 2 years older than me. I realized that the difference in the birth year was that Ms. Novak was a starlet and they had to shave the years from her birth date because she was a starlet... an important factor in the movie industry in the 50's.

In the March issue of THE KNOCKOUT II, I saw that a fellow graduate, Ben Mosley, whom I used to walk to school with on occasion, was listed as a 1957 graduate. He had 4 years shaved from his age. Hey, better than being a starlet! Can you guys do me too? Por favor.

Dave Vaughan 1953

Editors Note:

Thanks Dave. I must note, you found the error, he didn't. He must like being 4 years younger. ☺



Cupertino, CA

Dear Joanie,

As usual , I immediately put chores aside and read the Knockout from cover to cover. This year the Knockout was arranged so well, for my computer, that I could read it page by page without the

necessity of skipping around.

The pictures of various classmates and of Pacific Grove are always enjoyable. My compliments to the staff. The request for donations for school activities was a great reminder. Thank you to all involved.

Virginia Green Tambllyn '47



Tucson, AZ

Hi Joanie,

THANKS for the update. As it stands right now, my wife and I have our usual Andryl Cottage reserved for the first weekend (with a day or two on either side of the weekend) within October. We will come back to "God's Country" one weekend or the other, based upon the Alumni Dinner AND the flexibility of Andryl to make a reservation change (they get booked-up early in the year....thus we always book our next year BEFORE we leave Pacific Grove). Look forward to seeing you and your Father! Your former OLD neighbor (was that 19th Street....or 17th Street....I can't remember.)

Jim Dowell '60

Editors Note:

It was 19th St. 622 to be exact. Great neighborhood to grow up in and we had the best side yard around to play in.



Melissa, TX

I have just sent my check for the next two years dues.....delinquent for this year! It also includes an address change. My husband & I were among the many people who lost their homes to the Bastrop County Wildfires last year, and consequently we have relocated in Melissa, Texas. The move places us closer to one of our daughters. which is a nice benefit. Setting up a new home minus almost 55 years of accumulation has been an interesting experience and is the reason I am late realizing the dues were delinquent. Sorry! I love getting the news about PGHS and reading about friends I still remember so fondly. Thank You!

Pat Lancaster Young '56

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Justus Grate
PGHS teacher and Alumni wins Crystal Apple Award
By Al Saxe

"Mr. Grate teaches history with a spring in his step, a glint in his eye, and the well-being of his students in his heart. PG High should feel lucky to have him!" Those words were uttered by James Thomas, a senior at Pacific Grove High School and a former student of Mr. Grate. Other students contacted were amazed how Mr. Grate could make sense out of history. "He makes it come alive for us!"



Justus Grate '82

That is due in no small part to the intensity and enthusiasm Justus Grate brings to the classroom. His first reaction when KCBS news anchor Dan Green entered the classroom, to present Justus with the coveted Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence was, "I don't know who you are but I don't have time for this!" According to students, this is a common response Justus gives to anyone who interrupts his teaching. Dan Green graciously moved to the side until Mr. Grate finished the point he was making to his students. Later, Dan Green was heard commenting, "Boy, he really takes his job seriously."

He sure does! Justus makes a good point when he states that a lot of the students he teaches are not going to go to college. Even those who do may find that the history class he teaches them may be the only one they ever get! As a result, Grate feels the need and responsibility to instill good citizenship in his students while helping them to understand the electoral and political process. Justus feels strongly that students need to know "what happened in the past and why." He realizes that the times we are now living in are different than those when he and his parents grew up. Today many kids no longer sit in the living room like he did watching the evening news. Diversions not available to previous generations such as cell phones, texting, Face Book, You Tube, I-pods, I-pads, Wii games, electronic games and longer homework assignments have taken precedence.



Bob Grate
PGHS Faculty
1962-1984

Justus Grate came by his love of history and civic affairs through his father Bob and his mother Frances. His father was a history teacher at PGHS for 22 years and his mother Frances presently serves on Pacific Grove's Natural History Commission. Many remember the inspiring work Frances put into the historic Cooper Molera Garden in Monterey, which she designed and replenished with pre-1865 plants that would have grown there during that era.

A native of Pacific Grove, Justus Grate spent his entire K-12 years in the PG school system. His college years were spent at UCLA where he received his BA in political science, Cal State Northridge where he earned his teaching credential, and San Jose State where he obtained his master's degree.

Justus has been a member of the Pacific Grove School District for the past 16 years. He spent nine years at Pacific Grove Middle School before joining the high school staff. Justus and his wife Brigitte live in Pacific Grove with their two children, Therese (14) and Robert (13). The family also includes a dog named Sophie and Toby the cat. Congratulations to Justus Grate and the Pacific Grove Unified School District for giving our students an education second to none!

Congratulations to KSBW and Dan Green for honoring such excellence.

First printed in the Pacific Grove Hometown Bulletin.



Looking south on the Highway One construction in 1959 over Carmel Hill from the present day Soledad Drive and Munras Road area. During the highway construction residents of the Monterey Peninsula were outraged over the excessive tree removal to make way for the roadway. It was estimated that twice as many trees were removed than the original plans had called for. (Monterey County Herald Archives)

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.

I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ...

But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

*Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires! **Have a great day!***

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.

November

Shirley *Agard* Irti '47 Vacaville

February

Bill Filson '46 San Diego
 Roberta Ross Robinson '68 S Lake Tahoe
 Richard Adams '59 Carmel
 Stanley Blankenship '43 Pacific Grove

March

Joseph Da Silva '69 Pacific Grove
 Don Randolph '73 Salinas
 Gloria *Sanchez* Minafo '57 Monterey
 Julia *Nonella* Howard '72 Pacific Grove
 Jim Jones '63 Concord

March

Ruby *Johnson* Nodilo '38 Bend, OR
 Joe Bartholomew '69 Carmel

April

Len Williams '48 Pacific Grove
 Juanita *Smith* Petersen '45 Wasco
 Frank Myers '46 Pacific Grove
 Bill Hyler '39 Pacific Grove
 Rosalie *Orlando* Yow '67 Seaside
 Charles Howell Faculty Pacific Grove

May

Steve Austin '63 Pacific Grove

Shirley Jean *Agard* Irti, 82, died Nov. 11, 2011 in Vacaville. Born to Danish immigrants in Pacific Grove on April 21, 1929, Shirley's family moved before she could graduate from PGHS with the class of 1947. Shirley lived in Benica for many years. She was a 5-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survived by her daughter Kristine Irti of Vacaville, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Norma *Agard* Bowyer '38, Helen *Agard* Cosgrove '40 and Virginia *Agard* Cikoch '42.



William Ralph Filson died of cancer on Feb. 5, 2012 in San Diego. He was 84. A native of Monterey County, he was born Nov. 21, 1927 to James and Sara Faye *Snell* Filson, and graduated from PGHS in 1946. He



worked for the San Diego Marine Corp. for 27 years and was a creative tile setter. Bill was an avid adventurer and lover of women, wine and art. Although he loved his sailboat and the water, he never learned to swim. His

many friends will remember him for his love of life and outrageous sense of humor. He was a 16-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include his sister Betty *Filson* Kovalenko '51 of Ashburn, VA, and cousins Chuck and Barbara Snell of Trinidad.



Roberta Louise Ross Robinson, 61, died at her home in South Lake Tahoe on Feb. 12, 2012. She was born to Bob and Peggy Ross at Carmel Hospital on Oct. 8, 1952, and graduated from



PGHS in 1968. Roberta worked as a clerk for Safeway Stores. She was a kind, artistic, and generous woman. Survivors include brothers Wayne Ross '64, Bruce Ross, and Glen Prater. Her brother Bill Ross '65 died in 2007.



Richard LeRoy Adams, 70, died of multiple myeloma in Carmel on Feb. 27, 2012. Born in Modesto on Dec. 9, 1941, Richard

graduated from PGHS in 1959, received his undergraduate degree from Bethany University, his Masters of Divinity from Golden Gate Theological Seminary, and Doctor of Ministry from the School of



Theology at Claremont. He served as a U.S. Army chaplain for 25 years, completing his service with the 18th Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, NC in 1995. After retirement he returned to the Peninsula, where he served as senior pastor at Cypress Community Church until 2005. He was a 16-year member of PGHS Alumni Association, and Student Body President in 1959. Survivors include his wife, Patti; two children, Kimberly and Richard Jr.; seven grandchildren; sisters, Vione Pauls and Donna Myovich; and brother, Wayne Adams.



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Stanley Ralph Blankenship Sr., 89, a native of Pacific Grove, died in his hometown on Feb. 29, 2012. Born April 12, 1922, he was the last of his generation of a family that came to Pacific

Grove in 1903. After he graduated from PGHS in 1943, Stanley joined the Merchant Marines, serving in the South Pacific during WWII on many vessels, including the Robert E. Peary, a ship of note. After the war he made a living piloting a fishing vessel owned by Tom Cutino during the last years of the sardine boom. He was a proud union teamster in the local lumber industry, loved deep sea fishing, and was an avid gardener. He is survived by his son, Stanley R. Blankenship '68, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elton '18 and Eva Blankenship, five brothers George '39, Warren '44, Raymond '46, Leroy and Edward, his wife Mabel, and daughter Cynthia Blankenship Coit '66.



Joseph Da Silva, born May 16, 1949 in the Azores, peacefully died in PG on March 6, 2012, at the age of 62. He graduated from PGHS in 1969. Joe was a highly skilled carpenter and general contractor, owner and operator of Silva & Son Construction. Through all of his years, Joe gave so much of himself, whether it was through caring for his family or the genuine hard work he did for his clients, he always gave and did his absolute best. Survivors include his wife



Nellie of Pacific Grove, two siblings, Lina DaSilva '69 and Lee DaSilva '71; three children, Philip Da Silva, Stephanie Stilwel and Michelle Trombetta, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Donald Allen Randolph Sr., 56, died in Salinas on March 6, 2012. Born in San Diego County on April 23, 1955, Don grew up on the Peninsula and attended school with the PGHS



class of 1973; he later graduated from Pacific Grove Adult School in 1976. A heavy equipment operator, and owner of Randolph's Auto Body in Seaside, Don had a passion for building and riding Harley Davidson motorcycles. He was married to Maryann K. Della-Sala Randolph '76. Survivors include his father William Randolph, mother, Roberta Weitzl, son Donny Randolph Jr.; daughter, Nicole Juarez; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Michael '69 and Patrick '71.



Gloria Jo Sanchez Minafo, a native of Monterey County, died at the age of 73 in Monterey on March 13, 2012. Born Jan. 16, 1939, Gloria Jo graduated from PGHS in 1957 and later from Heald Business



College. She began her career with Monterey Insurance Agency, and in 1985

became co-owner of Thomas H. French Glass Co. Gloria enjoyed dancing and playing bingo. Survivors include her husband, Vincent Minafo '60, two children, Steven Minafo '85 and Julie Minafo Caronia '87, four grandchildren, and her brother Alfred Sanchez '55.



Julia Anne Nonella Howard, 57, a lifelong resident of PG, died March 14, 2012. Born March 23, 1954 in Santa Cruz County to Nancy Wasness '52 and Thomas Nonella, she was raised in PG and



graduated from PGHS in 1972. Julia was a caregiver and took care of many children, adults and pets. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her daughter Kristina Nonella of PG, three siblings, Diane Nonella '74, Tom Nonella Jr. '76, and Gail Nonella '77, two uncles, Ralph Nonella '50 and Ray Nonella '50, and one aunt, Pauline Nonella Russell '52.



James Robert Jones died unexpectedly at the age of 66 on March 25, 2012 in Concord. Born in Monterey on Feb. 10, 1946, Jim graduated from PGHS in 1963 and then served two tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. He retired after 30 years with Long's Drug Store in Carmel. Jim enjoyed traveling with his wife, Wendy and commercial salmon fishing on their boat. He was preceded in death by his father, Herschel Jones '30, past chief of police of Pacific Grove, and his mother, Haroldine (Deanie Fox).

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He is survived by his wife, Wendy Williamson; his son, Steven Jones; one grandson, and siblings, William Jones '61 and Nancy Jones Schlegel '73.



Generations of PGHS students will mourn the loss of Pacific Grove icon, Ruby Lee Johnson Roberts Nodilo, well-known to everyone as the mainstay guardian of the Rec Club. She died March



28, 2012, in Bend, OR, at the age of 91. Born May 2, 1920 in Wichita Falls, TX, Ruby's family moved to PG when she was a young child. As a member of the class of 1938 at PGHS, Ruby excelled in all sports. Her love for fast-pitch softball continued after graduation, when she became a member of the National Womens Softball League, where she was honored as an All-American Catcher. Rubys softball career included two world team softball championships. After Ruby's softball career, she was employed by the PG Recreation Department for 28 years. Her proudest accomplishment in life was in working with the youth of her community, where she ran the city's high school youth center for 25 years. She retired in 1980 and moved to Bend. Ruby was inducted into the PGHS "Hall of Fame" in 2011. She was a 30-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include her son Bob Roberts '64, stepson, Martin Nodilo, step-daughter Cathy Nodilo Getz, and one grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin Nodilo, the Pacific Grove Police Juvenile Affairs

Officer, and three siblings. A long article about Ruby appeared in the March 2011 Knockout II.



Joseph Gregory Bartholomew, 62, died of cancer of the blood in Carmel on March 31, 2012. A native of Carmel, Joe was born Jan. 19, 1950 and spent all his life in the area, including Santa Cruz, Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur. He spent part of his teen years attending PGHS with the class of 1969, and served three years as a director with the PGHSAA. He was a 21-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Joe was a published poet, and was known to be generous, kind and loving. He is survived by his brother John Bartholomew.



Lendall Ward Williams, 82, died at his home in Pacific Grove on April 1, 2012. A native of St. Louis, MO, Len's family came to PG in 1943, where he graduated from PGHS in 1948.



After attending MPC, Len served in the US Navy during the Korean War. An auto mechanic for 20 years, Len worked another 20 years as an agent for Metropolitan Insurance Company. Len was a member of: Life Underwriters; the American Legion Post 591; Monterey Moose Lodge; the Monterey Hot Jazz Society and served 12 years as a board member of the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association where he was a 26 year member. He was a gifted guitarist and banjo player. Survivors include his

wife Shirley, three daughters: Shelley Williams Webber '70 of San Angelo, TX; Brenda Williams Selsor '72 of San Jose; and Peggy Ann Williams Crotti '77 of Hemet; a brother, Robert Williams of Bend, OR; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Juanita Marie Smith Petersen, 85, died in Wasco, her home of many years, on April 2, 2012. Born Nov. 10, 1926 in Kansas City, MO, Juanita's Army family came to CA in 1934, and to PG in 1941, where she graduated



from PGHS in 1945. Graduating from San Jose State in 1949 with a BA in education, she went on to obtain a master's degree from Cal State Bakersfield. Juanita taught for 35 years, from grammar to Title I and adult school. She was a member of the California Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma (Beta Zeta Chapter), Friends of the Library in Wasco, Gamma Phi Beta, Lady Lions, Wasco Junior Women's Club, The Pretenders (Drama Group), and taught Catechism at St. Johns School for 10 years. Her favorite past times were writing and reading notes to/from friends, playing bridge, traveling, genealogy, reading, using the computer, and going to productions at the Stars Theatre. She was a 20-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include her son, Joseph Petersen of Bakersfield.; daughter Marie Parsons of Buttonwillow and four grandchildren.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed; and son, Mark.



Frank Price Myers, 83, of PG, died at Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula on April 22, 2012. Born July 13, 1928 in Cincinnati, OH, Frank's family moved to PG in 1941, where he



graduated from PGHS in 1946 As a high school reporter, Frank attended the formation of the United Nations in San Francisco in 1945. After earning a bachelor's degree at San Jose State, Frank enlisted in the Navy and achieved the rank of Lt. JG on the destroyer escort, USS William Seiverling. The Navy brought him to San Diego where he earned an M.S. and taught at elementary and middle schools for about 30 years. Then he returned to Pacific Grove and lived in the house where he grew up. Frank was a avid jazz saxophonist and composer, playing for many bands, and recorded two albums. In retirement Frank enjoyed jobs at Mail Boxes Etc. and at the Smith and Hook winery. He followed PGHS football, enjoyed hiking, traveling, theater, dance, daily walks along the ocean, listening to jazz, and spending time with his companion of the past 13 years, Peggy Hansen. He was a 31-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. He is survived by his son, Brian Myers of Portland, OR.

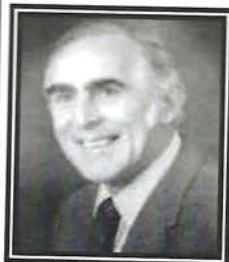


Rosalie Orlando Yow, 64, died of cancer in Seaside on April 27, 2012. Born March 2, 1948, in Detroit, MI, Rosalie and her family moved to the Peninsula in 1959. After attending her freshman year at PGHS with

the class of 1967, Rosalie married Kenneth Yow, with whom she spent 46 years together. She worked with her husband at Monterey Lanes, Bowler's Corner Pro-shop. Rosalie enjoyed watching the Oakland A's, scrap booking, and traveling to many casinos. Survivors include her husband, son Duane, three grandchildren, and two sisters.



Charles Howard Howell, longtime beloved coach at PGHS, died at the age of 94 in PG on April 30, 2012. Born Jan. 16, 1918 in Marietta, OH, Charlie obtained his bachelor's degree and Ohio Teaching



Credential from Marietta College where he also excelled in football, track and crew. During WWII, Charlie joined the U.S. Navy, became a chief specialist in rehab physical education and worked with rehabilitating injured Navy and Marine troops. Charlie accepted a job teaching at Robert Down School, thus beginning a teaching and coaching career that spanned 35 years. In 1952, he transferred to PGHS where he taught algebra, math and PE. He served as the high school's athletic director from 1963 to 1982 overseeing the addition of a new gym, football stadium, tennis courts and pool to the campus. Charlie was proud to be a champion of women's athletics and PGHS was the first school on the Central Coast to have co-ed physical education classes before the advent of Title IX. Charlie also conducted adult physical fitness classes for

the PG Adult School. While he had many winning seasons in his years as varsity and freshman football coach, and as lightweight basketball coach, he is probably more remembered for the way he touched his player's lives instilling confidence, discipline and pride. An active member of St. Mary's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, he also served on the Recreation Committee for the City of PG for eight years and was instrumental in the addition of the Community Center to the City's public buildings. Survivors include his wife Betty, his children: Charlene Howell Lowery '65, Steve Howell '67, Bobby Howell '70, Suzanne Howell Candela '72, Charlotte Howell Binegar, and four grandchildren.



Stephen Charles Austin, 67, died of lung cancer at his home in Pacific Grove on May 5, 2002. Born in San Francisco on June 3, 1944, Steve grew up on the Peninsula and attended PGHS with the class of 1964. He always enjoyed attending their



football games, especially the "shoe" games against PG and Carmel High. Steve joined the Navy at age 17 and served aboard USS Bon Homme Richard CVA-31. After discharge in 1965 he worked as a PG police officer until 1970, then became a glazier, and finally owned/operated CR England as a semi-truck driver. Steve loved fishing, golf, video games, a good game of horseshoes and anything that involved the outdoors and good friends. He was proud of his American Indian heritage and often sported long hair and braids. Survivors include two daughters: Rachele Austin Lightfoot of Prunedale and Summer Austin Rogovoy of Bakersfield; along with three granddaughters; ex-wife, Susan Banashefski of Seaside, and brother Woody Austin '65 of Salinas.

ALUMNI TIDBITS

by Sue Taylor '68

A new website has been put up for PGHS classes 1980 through 1986 hosted by Profile Engine (see <http://profileengine.com/groups/profile/428909764/pacific-grove-high-school-class-1980-through-1986>). It has 120 members so far. Some of the members listed are Howie David Short, Rick Bucich, Pamela Connell, Michael Wecker, Deborah Kerwin, Paulette Provost, Michelle Gonsalves, Rick Whitworth, Sara Moore, Marcus Nance, Joe Valencia, Danae Thomas, Gregory Hill, Cheryl Whitworth-Mcivicar and Alena White. I suppose I could list all 120, but that seems excessive. It's really terrific that grads are reaching out to each other and sharing lives. But it makes me gnash my teeth to see a gross grammatical error in their introductory paragraph – guys, "OUR" logo, not "are logo", please, please, your teachers are hanging their heads in shame.

I also stumbled across another site, Peek You, that is searchable by high school, and turned up 259 people listed for PGHS. I clicked on David W. Skinkle since the Skinkles were neighbors of mine growing up. Turns out David is the son of **Larry Skinkle '64**, but I don't see David in the graduates list, perhaps he only attended awhile. The site says he works at Monterey Garage Towing, lives in Marina, and is interested in football, sports, hip-hop, country, playboy, Friday, sports center, family guy. Friday? Oh, oh, I see, its short for Friday Night Lights.

So other students listed are **Aubrey Fisher '93** a freelance makeup artist living in LA;

Linda Lee Hardenstein '74, president-elect and member resources director of Central Coast Human Resources Assn. in Salinas, interested in reading, dancing, painting, pottery, walking, writing, and jewelry making, and also went to the University of San Francisco;

Kristen Peters '01, who lives in Dayton, OH, and is shy about describing herself on-line;

Lauren Enders '09 (classmate) has gone beyond shy into misleading. Her bio says she is 93 years old, living in Gilroy and Macomb, IL, and her interests are music, singing, comedies, Eagles, Santana, Aerosmith, horror movies, Guns n' Roses. Appropriately, her user name is daizednconfused.

Refreshingly up-front is **Aaron N. Hicks '98** whose bio says: 31-year-old Aaron Nathaniel Hicks lives in Santa Cruz. He has also lived in Pacific Grove, and Tarzana. He went to school at the University of California Santa Cruz and PGHS. He works at Tech Consultant. One of his favorite TV shows is Good Times. Aaron is related to Alissa M Hicks, Michael Christopher Hicks, Caren Elaine Hicks, Russell D Hicks and Hans Hicks. Online, Aaron goes by the alias zerochild.

So far the only one to declare his class year is **Wes A. Rider '07**: 23-year-old Wes Alan Rider lives in Seaside, CA. He is a 2007 graduate of PGHS. One of his favorite TV shows is Beverly Hills Ninja. Among his favorite movies are Comedy, Horror Movies, Black Sheep and Tommy Boy. Online, Wes goes by the alias warlywesly.

Ah, another Hicks listed is **Michael Christopher Hicks '00**, 30 years old. He lives in Costa Mesa. Other places in which he has lived are Berkeley; Pacific Grove, and Santa Cruz. He is a 2000 graduate of PGHS and 2005 graduate of University of California Berkeley. Some of his favorite music is by Siddhartha and Arcade Fire. Among his favorite TV shows are American Dad, The Daily Show, Sealab 2021, The Colbert Report and Trading Places. Among his favorite movies are Family Guy, The Princess Bride, American Psycho, The Big Lebowski, Iron Man, Go Figure, The Machinist, Coming To America, Pineapple Express and Pulp Fiction.

Erik S. Deutsch '87 says he is 42 years old and lives in Kirkland, WA. He attended the Lewis University, Addison Trail High School and PGHS. Some of his favorite music is by Blues Music, Jethro Tull and Classic Rock. Some of his favorite TV shows are Boston Legal, The Soup, Dr. Who and Shark Week. Batman, Superman and Office Space are his favorite films. Erik is involved with jet engine management.

Another funny-guy is **Joe Shaw '91**, and all he wants to say on his bio is: Joe Shaw, 105 years old, lives in Davis. He went to school at the PGHS. I was ready to report him as 'abuse' based on the age and photo, but the photo did match our own Joseph Chien-Sheng Shaw, so I am assuming it is him and he is just thwarting and frustrating data-miners, while still being identifiable to friends. Not really a bad idea, that.

I'll end with **Matt Woodruff '01**, who is apparently a very confident young (28 is young to me, lol) man. He says in his bio: I like thinking. I like doing. And I like being lazy. I love flying and dancing and hope to spend my life doing both. I am what I am what I am. Matt Woodruff, Male, 28 years old Columbus, MS, US Goldsboro, NC, US Usernames Woodnthlur; Work: House Fly, where Have All The Young Men Gone. Schools United States Air Force Academy, PGHS. Interests dancing, sports, flying, cribbage. I think the Air Force has something to do with attitude, either you have to have it to get in, or have it by the time you get out. House Fly as work can only mean he is a pilot.

After reading just these few bios I am really curious about Peek You and who runs the site. I wonder if you fill anything out to get on the site, or is this another gathering of information from and for data-miners. Seems it is designed to connect social websites as an information source, but there is also a button to click on to contact each person directly. I think I will try David Skinkle and ask when he went to PGHS to test the system – will get back to you later on this.

TRAVELS TO INDIA & AFRICA

by Terrel Moss '50

Dear Joanie,

Hope you don't mind another travelogue. In January I travelled to India 'sans' wife in hopes of spotting a rare Bengal tiger in the wild. Unfortunately our group came up empty.

Despite the disappointment, we had many highlights. One morning was spent strolling through a small village. Youngsters had made 'cow pies' by collecting cow dung, adding straw, drying them, and were selling them for fuel. A school was visited, and the enthusiastic students practiced their English with us.

The Taj Mahal in the early morning mist was magical. One evening in Varanasi, holiest of India's cities, we honored the Goddess of the Ganges River, floating a candle down the Ganges, and making a wish. (Mine was to see an elusive leopard on our March trip to Africa.)

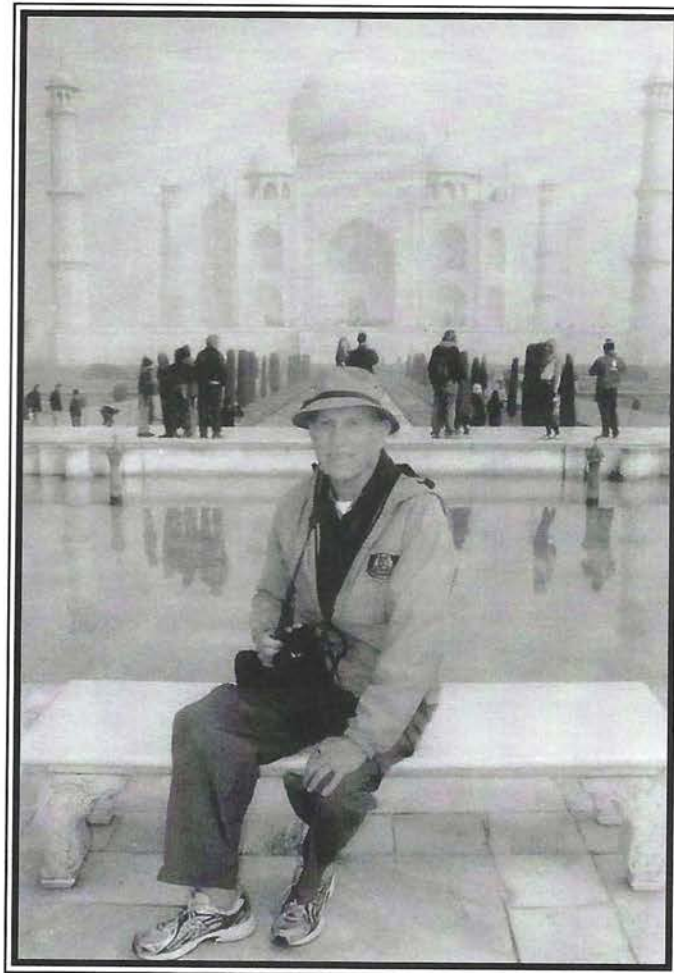
Kenya, in East Africa, provided much excitement. Karen Blixen's 'Out of Africa' farm was special, as was our hand-feeding of rare Rothchild giraffes nearby. We saw families of lionesses mothering their cubs and watched a mother elephant rescue her baby trapped in a mud hole.

Visiting a Samburu village north of Mt. Kenya was a treat. The colorfully dressed women welcomed us with dancing and chanting, and the warriors displayed their high-leaping ability. These friendly people still subsist on a diet of cows' milk and blood.

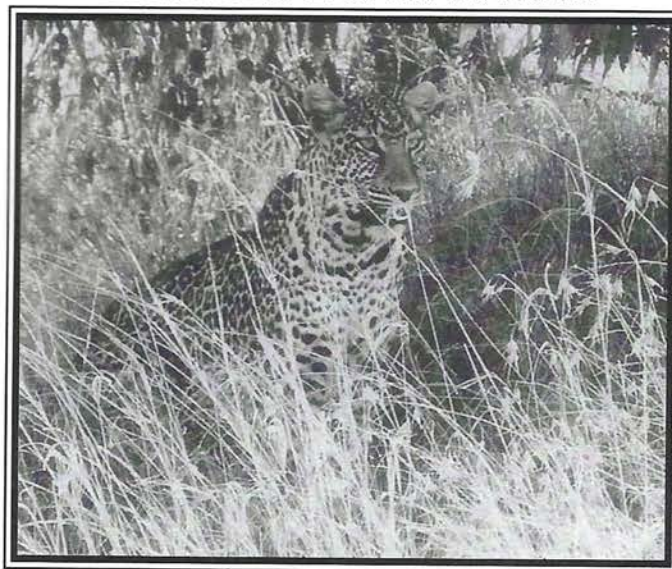
No leopard yet! Then in the final moments of our last game drive came the call, "Leopard sighted". The Goddess of the Ganges had come through ... a spotted leopard appeared. That night our group celebrated with many 'high-fives', fist-bumps, and a few African Tuskens beers.



Samburu Warriors



TERRELL MOSS '50 AT THE TAJ MAHAL



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Looking for your stories, main events, births, milestone birthdays, anniversaries and anything you would like to share with your fellow classmates.

NELSON WILLIAM 'BILL' HYLER '39

Lovingly written by his fifth grandchild,
Trisha Muënych Randall '92
daughter of Joanie Hyler '68

Nelson William 'Bill' Hyler of Pebble Beach, CA was known for saying, "you'll never get out of here alive" and proved his point by gracefully departing our presence on Friday, April 27 at 10:10pm in his daughter's home surrounded by loved ones.



Bill was born in Oakland, though he would never admit to it, on April 10, 1921 to Nelson 'Old Bill' Hyler, Sr. and Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke. They lived in Sutter Creek, where Bill's father was an influential member of the community including serving as mayor. He was part owner of the Bunker Hill Mine and was head of the local mine rescue. Bill's mother was a school teacher, and gave

him his life-long love for education. Old Bill, from his work in the mines, contracted and died of tuberculosis when Bill was just seven, and with two small sons, Elmarie headed home to Pacific Grove, for support. Bill would spend the rest of his life on the peninsula, rooting himself in our small-town community while simultaneously expanding his horizons to the world.

Bill attended PG schools, beginning with Pine Grove Elementary, and ending with his graduation from Pacific Grove High School in 1939. He would later serve the PG High School Alumni Association for fifty years through several terms as President, as well as other officer positions and as the editor of their publication *The Knockout II* for 20 years. He enlisted in the Navy in February of 1942, and before shipping overseas, he came home long enough to marry his sweetheart Olive Dean '40 on August 8, 1942. She often quipped that she only married the man because he was leaving, but three beautiful daughters and nearly 65 years of marriage might prove otherwise.

Bill was medically discharged in October of 1945 after being badly burned on the New Hebrides Islands in August of 1942. His first daughter Deanna was only a few days old when the incident happened, and he often commented that it was her life and his longing for home which gave him the strength to carry on through the difficult initial stages of recovery. Indeed, he did make it home and in October of 1946 the birth of his next daughter Gail proved it.

At that time, he began working as the principal for a school of field laborers' children at Camp McCallum in Salinas. But the passion ignited in him by his mother's love of knowledge and discovery began to take shape and formed in him the life long pursuit for something new. His first order of business was to father his third daughter Joanie, who was born in March of 1950. While continuing to work at

Camp McCallum, he opened The Wharf Aquarium in 1954 and began attending classes at San Francisco State University to receive a teaching credential in marine biology.

He thought his zeal for education might mean a career in teaching, as his mother before him had done. However, after co-teaching classes at San Francisco State and a semester teaching marine biology at Monterey Peninsula Community College, he quickly recognized that a standard job was not going to cut it for him. After all, nothing average was ever big enough to contain his enthusiasm, so why would a standard career be any different? The opportunity quickly presented itself to purchase the Funny Abalone gift store adjacent to his Wharf Aquarium, and in 1958, he grabbed the chance to expand his skills in entrepreneurial retail through the opening of his own retail gift store and wholesale shell business.

In the serendipity that often followed Bill, the exposure to shells through his wholesale and retail businesses along with a trip to Morro Bay with MPC students opened his eyes to the beauty of the abalone shell. In his usual manner, he appeared to effortlessly transform his vision to action, and by the mid-60s, he had built the Hyler Plastics Plant in the old San Carlos Cannery at 101 Cannery Row, which manufactured home decor, predominantly featuring abalone shells embedded in resin.

In his quest for mastery of all things retail, he joined his business ventures together to form Hyler Enterprises, Inc. in 1969. But not one to rest on past laurels, Bill continued to always see around the bend to the next frontier. Over the next few years he would move decisively by selling his plastics plant and purchasing the building that housed the Wharf Aquarium & Gift Shop. In 1975, he removed the aquarium and renamed the business The Wharf's General Store. The 3500 sq. ft. showroom contained souvenirs, trinkets, shells and jewelry. The Gift Shows he attended in order to buy and sell his wares provided him with a rare network of friends spanning from one end of the nation to the other. He knew everyone; he never met a stranger. In 1998, he would again remodel to create a 6500 sq. ft. showroom. Until the family sold the business in 2006, The Wharf's General Store was the largest family operated gift store between San Francisco and Santa Barbara.

Seeing the attainment of such a large endeavor might tempt you to believe Bill's story has ended. However, his efforts to succeed are actually a rather small part of this tale. You see, Bill's motto was really about enjoying the fullness of life. He took that intensity wherever he went and used it in all his efforts. Where one person might have a career with a few hobbies, Bill had a 91-year love affair with exploring the absolute depths of everything he found exhilarating. He was unstoppable. As a voracious reader, he was known for going to bed every night with a National Geographic or American Scientific Journal in his hand. You can imagine his delight in discovering computers and their never ending supply of information. Because of their constant evolution, they were the only thing Bill didn't obtain mastery over, which fascinated him until the end of his life.

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Often the path between himself and his goal contained factors too unique for basic answers, so his practice of searching for all possible solutions held him in good stead. When aquarium tanks were needed for



the seals and sea lions that Bill caught and trained, he built them. Teaching his children to water ski required a boat. So he built one, stern to bow. Swing sets, doll chests for the girls, a sled, displays for the gift shop, and beautiful jewelry boxes are only some of the amazing pieces of craftsman quality

woodwork he produced. When it became obvious to him that brickwork would complement his landscape, he learned masonry and set out to transform his rustic Pebble Beach home into a showpiece. His mother-in-law's house needed painting, so he bought scaffolding and an air-less sprayer, and did it. Leather tooling, painting, concrete, plumbing and electrical all succumbed to his inexhaustible quest for knowledge. Many believe that his savvy was the result of a strange mixture of pride and humility that gave him the confidence to try anything while never being above a lesson in learning how to do it better. His eldest daughter remembers well the night she needed a skirt sewn for school. Her mother was away, so Bill sat down at his wife's Pfaff and the following morning, Deanna wore her new skirt.

While at San Francisco State, he was introduced to astronomy and spent many evenings examining the sky in reference to books on constellations and stellar orbits. His children remember well the nights they were roused from bed to view a lunar eclipse. He could quickly point out the many wonders found in our sky on any given night. He also rekindled an abiding interest in geology, probably begun by his father's involvement in the mines. Bounding around the nation and "Rock Hunting" with his children, camera always at the ready, he taught them the unique brilliance to be found in the natural world. He actually authored a book aimed at educating elementary aged children about geology called *The How And Why Book of Rocks & Minerals*, published in 1960.

Besides geography and astronomy, his enjoyment of animal and plant life created many anecdotes for his family. At any given point in time their yard teemed with critters, such as iguanas and hundreds of box turtles, and because he loathed paying someone to do something he could do better, he also raised many of the small aquatic animals sold at his aquarium, including baby alligators and horned lizards. When the yard wasn't overrun with snakes, rats, dogs and cats, or he wasn't off beekeeping and harvesting honey, it hosted a beautiful garden filled with flowers and vegetables. But he especially enjoyed pine trees; it is fitting then that his birth corresponded with the anniversary of the first Arbor Day in 1872 and his death was on Arbor Day 2012.

This fascination with nature also drew him to stop at every lake he ever passed in order to fish. In typical Bill fashion he went on to learn how to tie his own flies; that shouldn't be surprising since he also insisted

on filling his own shot casings for hunting. As a life member of the NRA, he enjoyed sport hunting for deer, duck and wild boar. During the off-season he could often be found skeet shooting.

For someone with this much passion to explore it is no surprise that Bill would desire to visit the many places etched on the face of a map, stopping at every historical marker and museum on the way. During the early years of marriage and parenthood, tent camping was all he could afford, but in the mid-60s dear friends of the Hyler family, the Edelens, arrived with their silver Airstream. Unable to take their beloved trailer with them on a tour to Japan, they offered to keep it in PG with Bill under one condition: he had to use it. The rest is history. The passion for traveling stayed with the entire family, and they all "got off the ground." Bill would go on to purchase 5 rigs through his life and drive across all 48 contiguous states, lower Mexico and upper Canada, snapping pictures the entire time. He was heavily involved in the ASIYA Temple Nomads, serving as Wagon Master more than once. He and his bride also toured Europe, Rome, Egypt, Greece, Israel, and passed through the Panama Canal.

Bill's dynamic individuality exuded into every aspect of life. Every problem could be solved. If he couldn't get a reservation at a restaurant, he simply became the governor of Texas and watched the table become free. However, when things did happen to go wrong, it was never his fault: the fence fell over; the shocks were bad; the wind went the wrong way. He was blessed with excellent timing - even when it didn't correspond with anyone's schedule. As he got older, the stories of his exploits grew as he told them, believing that the story was better when the details were richer.

Even after a nearly immobilizing stroke in 2011, Bill's personality couldn't be contained. He spent the final year of his life in the capable hands of his loyal daughters, who will miss him very much. All these experiences would be for nought if it weren't for the many loved ones who participated in his life. He will be missed by his companion, Ella Gumm Schnell '42 of Cupertino. He left a legacy of descendants: Daughters; Deanna Hyler Prieto '61 and husband, Mike of Carmel, Gail Hyler '64 of Redding, Joanie Hyler '68 of Pacific Grove. Sixteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. He is predeceased by his parents, his brother Robert 'Bob' Hyler '40 in 1997, and his wife Olive Dean '40 in 2006.

Bill's many passions led to his involvement in the following clubs: 20/30 Club Charter; Monterey Bay Aquarium Charter; Native Sons of the Golden West; Master Mason Lodge #331; Order Of Eastern Star; Scottish Rite 32nd Degree; Knights Templar; ASIYA Temple Shriners; ASIYA Temple Nomads; Monterey Peninsula Shrine Club; Royal Order of Jesters Court #4; National Rifle Association; Ducks Unlimited; Carmel Valley Skeet Club; Pacific Grove Museum; Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association; Pacific Grove Historical Society; Feast of Lanterns; West Coast Radio Club; Family Motorcoach; Fisherman's Wharf Association; VFW Post 41; MBUG; Sutter Creek Historical Society; and editor of several club publications. *We may have missed some. Sorry Bill!*

Contributions may be made to The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association at PO Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-6396, where a scholarship in Bill's name is being established.



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P.G. Police Chief Engles to retire in July

By Mary Schley

Pacific Grove Police Chief Darius Engles (PGHS '73) announced



last week he plans to retire from his job as the city's top cop this summer after serving almost six years, and he may not be replaced. To save money, city councils in Seaside and P.G. have directed their city managers to negotiate a contract

for shared police administrative services, including a chief.

Engles has worked for PGPD since 1999. Born and raised in Pacific Grove, he attended Monterey Peninsula College and California State University Sacramento, where he received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1975. While at Sac State, he interned at the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and worked as a reserve officer for Davis P.D.

He was hired by the sheriff's department full time in 1977, working patrol as well as the special enforcement division's delta boat patrol and as the department's field training officer.

A decade later, he and his wife moved back to P.G. to raise their family. Although he liked police work, he couldn't afford to live here on a cop's salary, Engles said during an interview with The Pine Cone following his appointment as chief, so he started a real estate company, First City Real Estate, and worked there for 14 years. (His brother went on to take over the firm.)

Engles joined PGPD in 1999, rising through the ranks of corporal, sergeant and commander before being appointed by then-city manager Jim Colangelo to replace former longtime Chief Carl Miller in 2006.

As chief, Engles has represented P.G. on several regional organizations, including the Monterey County executive committee of the Community Corrections Partnership, the juvenile justice coordinating council, the Monterey Peninsula SWAT, the domestic violence coordinating council and the gang task force steering committee. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, he was also president of the Monterey County Chiefs Law Enforcement Officers Association and is a member of state, international and local organizations of police chiefs.

Engles announced his retirement will become effective July 21. Pacific Grove and Seaside are in the process of collaborating on an agreement to share police administrative services. Such sharing is increasingly common as cities seek to cut costs — especially top-

level management positions that command large salaries. In 2011, Engles was paid \$155,641. Based on 13 years with PGPD, his retirement will be about \$58,818.13 per year, with incremental increases for inflation, for the rest of his life.

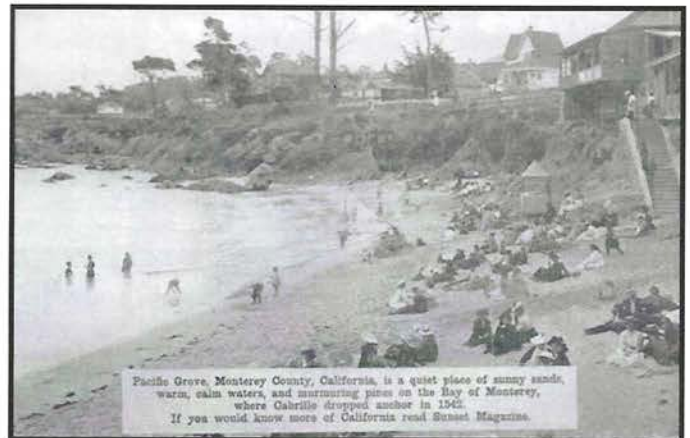
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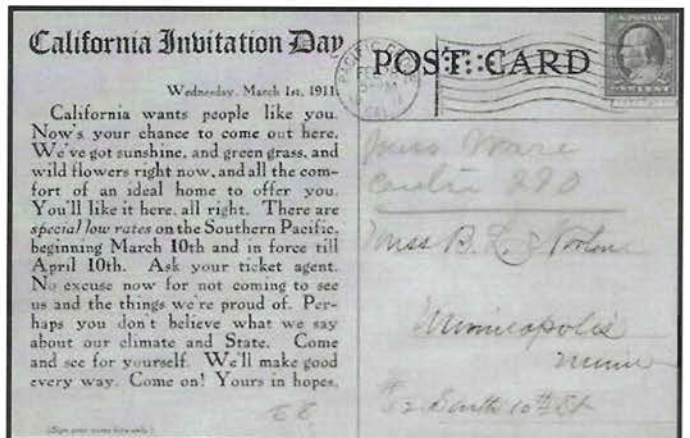
SEA URCHINS NEEDED

THANKS! We now have 2 of the 3 1949 Sea Urchin's, but.... we still need one more for the Heritage Society. Once I looked into the needs for certain Sea Urchin's, it's been brought to my attention that the PG Library needs: 1957, 1964 & 1987. Any unwanted Sea Urchins are desired by various collections. Can you help?

Hopefully,
Jayne Gasperson '49



Pacific Grove, Monterey County, California, is a quiet piece of sunny sands, warm, calm waters, and murmuring pines on the Bay of Monterey, where Cabrillo dropped anchor in 1542.
If you would know more of California read Sunset Magazine.



In 1911 when California was inviting people to come to our state the population was 1,485,053. The 2010 census put our population at 37,691,912, the largest state in the union. I don't think California needs an invitation day anymore, do you?

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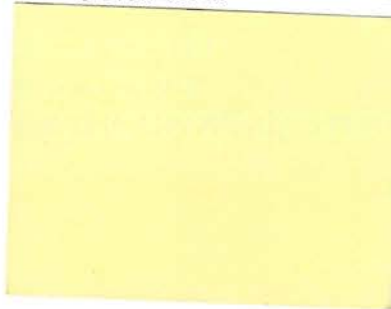
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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

To date, this has truly been my hardest Knockout II to edit. I tried to start working on it at the end of March/beginning of April, but with my Dad's failing health I simply couldn't get my head into the space it needed to be for a 'newsy' newsletter. Now it is the last week in May and I still feel the job was not successfully completed. I apologize.



I was so honored and privileged to care for my father during the last seven months of his life here in my home. It was especially sweet to bring him back to our hometown of PG. Every night,

about 2am, I would walk down my stairs to check on him and he always woke up with a smile on his face and his usual greeting of, "I was wondering if it was about time you showed up." I would check to be sure he was comfortable and reposition him in his bed to be sure he didn't develop bed sores (which he never did). Then he and I would talk about some memory one of us had from yesterday or years ago. He seemed to be most alert during these times, as compared to later in the day or evenings. I listened carefully as he shared a childhood story, or answered a question I posed from my own childhood memory. Our visits usually lasted about 30

minutes. Then I would tell him I loved him, give him a kiss and say, "see ya later Dad." He would answer, "thanks for the pull dear." We would exchange I love yous and off I would go. So, as hard as it was getting up at 2 or 3am each night, those times with him were the most special and I will always cherish them.

I was also blessed to be with him when he passed from this life to his eternal life. Scripture says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and I believe that to be truth. So, even as I held his hand, and told him I loved him - would miss him - I also told him I would see him again, and that mom was waiting for him along with his mother and father and those loved ones who had passed before him. We told him we loved him and we were right here with him until he was ready to go and about two minutes later he simply stopped breathing. No pain, no struggle, no excitement, just a quiet last breath. It was truly a beautiful thing to witness.

So, thank you Dad for a wonderful life. Your care, nurture, love, help, teaching, trips, scoldings.....all of it. I will miss you dearly.

And readers, THANK YOU for allowing me this platform to share with you some of my memories of my dad. And, if your Dad is still alive this Father's Day, do something special for him, he may not be here for future years.

All the best!

Joanie Tyler '68