

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter
"It's the ☆ glue ☆ that keeps us together"

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President's Message



Your Board of Directors has been busy the past several months, updating bylaws, planning this year's reunion, and choosing this year's scholarship winners, who appear in a story starting on P. 15 of this issue.

As announced earlier, this year we will not hold the brunch. We're sorry about the folks who like to attend that Sunday event, but it is just no longer cost-effective. The annual dinner is at the Elks Lodge on Saturday evening, October 7. A registration form appears on P. 19.

Another cost-saving change discussed at the board meetings involves our Roster. As you can probably imagine, our largest expenses are printing and mailing the newsletter and the Roster. In the past, we've published a full Roster in odd years and a supplement in even years. The Rosters have always been mailed to members free of charge. This summer, we will be looking at one or more possibilities: printing the Roster only every two years and not providing the supplement, and/or publishing a digital roster, available via e-mail. Those of you who don't have computers or do not like the idea of a digital roster can request a paper one. We'll keep you posted on this decision.

This issue contains two obituaries that we felt warranted pages of their own. One is that of Morris ("Morrie") Grant Fisher '56, who died unexpectedly in March shortly after being diagnosed with liver cancer. His death was a shock to everyone in town. His obituary, which outlines his lifetime work for Pacific Grove, appears on P. 11.

The other special obituary is that of Albertine Teresa Agudo Potter '47. We felt that Mrs. Potter

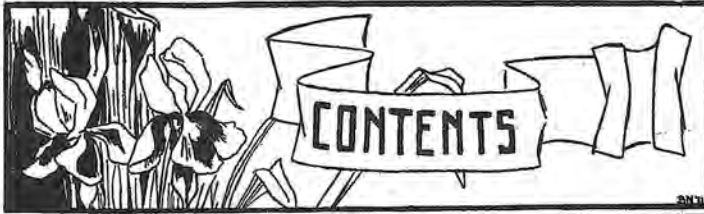
deserved a special send-off in *The Knockout II* by virtue of being the PGHS grad who had the most children who graduated from PGHS. From the late '60s to the '80s, if you attended P.G. High, you probably had a Potter in your class. The Granite Street neighborhood where the Potter home sits is one of the busiest, friendliest areas in town, boasting no fewer than six (six!) Little Free Libraries at the intersection of Granite and Short and hosting large neighborhood-wide garage sales every summer. Mrs. Potter's obituary refers to her as "The Queen of Granite Street." She will be missed.

Also in this issue are some exciting updates about PGHS itself—its designation as a Gold Ribbon School (p. 18), and a story about the recent wins by the Breakers in an international robotics contest on p. 16 (we came in 4th out of 62 teams!). Your board approved a request by the PGHS robotics team, the "BreakerBots," for \$1000 to help fund a trip to Houston so that they could take part in this competition.

Representatives of the team, in turn, came to our May meeting and made a presentation about the competition, their robotics education at P.G. High, and the future of the program. Eric Cuellar '17 spoke passionately about the PGHS program, saying that it is in its fourth year and has 17 students, with more expected next year. "Robotics is the only sport where all of the participants go professional," Eric said. He received training at PGHS in engineering, marketing, computer-assisted drawing, electronics, programming, and 3-D printing, in addition to the study of robotics itself. Eric will transfer to Cal Poly next year and credits the PGHS robotics program for his inspiration to continue in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) classes.

Your generous donations make our assistance to these young people possible—thank you. Happy reading!

Beth Penney '73



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Important 2017 Dates

The PGHSAA Board of Directors meets on the following dates in 2017: Jul. 13, Sept. 16, and Oct. 12. The September meeting is the General Membership Meeting and is at noon. All other meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are at the Pacific Grove Community Center unless announced otherwise. Our annual reunion is October 7.

"In Memory Of" Contributions

Claire Flowers Pebble Beach
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 1946 Bob Richerts Monterey
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 IMO: Judith Lynn *Carpenter* Paljetak '56
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 IMO: Morris "Morrie" Grant Fisher '56
 1958 Betty *Washburn* Finale Pacifica
 IMO: Raymond L. *Washburn* Faculty
 1960 Lester Booker Pacific Grove
 IMO: Robert "Bob" Edward Booker '67
 1960 Lester Booker Pacific Grove
 IMO: Morris "Morrie" Grant Fisher '56
 1964 Victoria *Samora* Phillips Monterey
 IMO: Morris "Morrie" Grant Fisher '56

1965 Charlene *Howell* Lowery Pacific Grove
 IMO: Suzanne *Howell* Candela '72
 1945 Donald Booth Lafayette
 IMO: Joseph Lester Richerts 1945
 1971 Karen *Samora* Mahaney-Low Atascadero
 IMO: Howard Messenger Hodges '44

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1945 Wallace Stasek Thousand Oaks
 1946 Bob Richerts (postage) Monterey
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 1968 Nora *Bawaan* Norton Fayetteville, NC

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1949 Jayne *Dix* Gasperson Pacific Grove
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 1974 Frank Consiglio Pacific Grove

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 1941 Jeanne *Borwick* Ocker Carmel Valley
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 1965 Greg Kaufman Pacific Grove

**Beverly Faye *Wilson-Stanfield* Stillwell '49
Scholarship Fund**

1950 Richard Stillwell Pacific Grove

**Thomas "Tommy" Richard Stillwell '74
Scholarship Fund**

1950 Richard Stillwell Pacific Grove

**Cynthia Alma *Peña* '75
Scholarship Fund**

1973 Velma *Peña* Cummins San Carlos
 1978 Fernando *Peña* San Carlos

In Memory of (IMO) Donations are a great way to remember a classmate or a family member. Donations can be made to the address on P. 2. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Letters

Dear Beth,

I recognize Darlene Head and Shirley Shinault. I think Shirley passed away. I remember I had a classroom lower to the ground like those windows shown to the right of the gals when Vince Selbicky came and leaned in while I was in class asking me to meet him later...funny but that's all I remember!

*Jerre Jacobsen Hutchins '51
Lompoc, CA*

Dear Beth,

I think: Darlene Head, Sharon White, Shirley Shinault, Jill Murray, and Joanne Harruff. All class of '52, but this picture looks like about 6th grade. I'll bet the picture came from Darlene Head.

*Anne Allen Vucina '52
Pacific Grove, CA*

Editor's note: Yes, last issue's mystery photo came from Darlene Head Boardman '52, and Anne is correct. Thanks, Darlene!

Dear Joanie,

Thank you for your help. I am grateful to be a member of the Alumni Assn. I wasn't able to graduate with my fellow members of the Class of '45. WWII got in the way.

*Yours truly,
Wally Stasek '45
Thousand Oaks, CA*

Dear Beth,

If I remember correctly (and there's little reason to believe I do), when we moved to PG in 1951(ish) the Grove Theater was closed due to a fire. It reopened shortly thereafter, so the post card in question may be commemorating the re-opening.

*Dave Goff '61
Newport Beach, CA*

Hi Beth,

I wanted to acknowledge the recent passing of three PGHS alums—Don Casmero '46, Reg Murphy '46, and Annie *Guastella* Richerts '47. Please use the enclosed check as indicated for dues and IMOs. I often reflect upon my high school in P.G., and how fortunate I was to be a part of it—special years, special times, special place, and special people. No

wonder so many of us consider P.G. to be a quintessential hometown. We moved to P.G. in 1941, just after I started the eighth grade—my father had bought the Pine Cone Soda Fountain. Moving from a small town near Modesto where I had grown up, I was concerned about making new friends, but the kids were very friendly and helped me fit in, which I greatly appreciated. There were some questions about the Grove Theater in the March *Knockout II*—I can help. The Pine Cone was on Lighthouse, three doors, from the Grove Theater, built in 1925. In 1951, a large fire completely gutted the theater and did some damage to the Greyhound Bus Depot next door. The theater was rebuilt at the same location, opening in 1953. It remained so until the early '70s, when it became a paint store. Thank you, Beth, and *Knockout II* staff, for keeping us informed and entertained.

*Regards,
LeRoy Frame '46
Salinas, CA*

Dear Beth,

I'm writing about my dear friend Bob Booker who recently passed away. I was born on Fountain Avenue back in '46, and the Booker family lived behind us, across the Robert Down schoolyard, and we were family friends for years. Pacific Grove was a great place to be a kid growing up. My brother Stan Silva '59 and I would go down to Lovers Point Inn along the beach there and get abalone and bring it home for our mama to fix for dinner. I will always remember the good times on the Peninsula. Thanks for a great newsletter.

*Lew (Tim) Silva '64
Greenwood, CA*



Postcard image of the old Lovers Point Drive-Inn, with Borg's Motel in the background. From the collection of Beth Penney.

Letters (continued)

Joanie,

Thank you very much for your hard work to get everything done and sent...I like getting the *Knockout II* over the internet, for I can read it without making copies.

*Paul Richards '56
Medford, OR*

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Bob Richerts '46 and sent to us by Joanie Hyler '68.

Bob,

I thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending along the news. I talked to our friend Howard [Hodges '44] a couple of weeks ago to express our sorrow at the loss of Lorraine. So the news of his death was a shock. Howard and I were close friends all our lives. We grew up together in P.G., starting in kindergarten at Robert Down grammar school in 1932. When I attended USNPG School 1957-1959, we owned a home on Forest Lodge Road, just around the corner from his home. I well remember when we were in grade school, Howard renting bicycles out of his father's gas station on Lighthouse in New Monterey, very close to the present business. Many don't know Howard was quite a piano player too. When we graduated from 8th grade (June 1940) at Robert Down, some of us were selected to put on a program. Classmate Grace Kelly and I put on a duet, she playing the flute and I the clarinet. Howard played something from Chopin on the piano. All the boys had to wear white pants and shirts. My mother was very upset to have to buy white pants for me to perform, as she figured I would never get much use out of them again (we were still smarting from the Depression). The last 18 years we lived in P.G. before moving to Indiana, Howard, Lorraine, Kathleen and I would meet once a month at Fandango on 17th Street for lunch. Thank you for the information, albeit sad news. We hope you are doing well. Thanks for staying in touch.

*Paul Trejo '44
Vincennes, IN*

Dear Beth,

Thanks for reprinting the 1967 *Herald* article about the stadium in the last issue. I wanted interested people to understand some information about Howard's name on the PGHS Breaker Stadium. I'm still getting questions with incorrect data about it. So, this short note may help explain it all. It all started with an idea in 1962 and progressed to permission from the PGUSD School Board, with all necessary state, county, local, etc., plans and permits, to erect stadium lights, which were completed in time for the 1965 football season; and bleachers, which were completed in time for the 1966 season. All this was done with oral agreements only. There was absolutely nothing in writing. Presentation of the completely finished stadium as a gift to the PGUSD was made in February 1967 at absolutely no cost to the district. The committee consisted of Howard Cowen '41, Chair; Eddie Falcke; Bill Evans; Cliff Melton; Earl "Topper" Arnett; Jack Stutzman; and John Reynolds. The cost of the lights was \$4,739, and the cost of the bleachers was \$6,832. All was done with money-raising projects and all-volunteer labor. The time involved was almost five years. It took our entire city to help in so many ways to get this project done. I'm proud of Howard because he stuck with this huge project all the way and kept his promise to the School Board all the way. He never even thought of giving up! He never wanted his name up there, but Richard Stillwell '50 wouldn't hear of anything else.

*Wynette Walker Cowen '41
Pacific Grove*



The Howard Cowen Breaker Stadium, Photo by Beth Penney.

Obituaries

2016

JANUARY

Clyde Whitaker '51 Sun City, AZ

APRIL

Alonzo Miller '70 Las Vegas, NV

NOVEMBER

Virginia *Woodward* Hummel Stone Faculty Carmel

Linda *Bush* Barton '68 Junction City, OR

Claudia *Tryon* Eddlemon '74 Temecula

DECEMBER

Curtis Bennett '62 Green Cove Springs, FL

2017

JANUARY

Martha *Ellis* Berube '53 Castro Valley

Adrienne *Kohn* Crowell '67 Reno, NV

FEBRUARY

Suzanne *Howell* Candela '72 Syracuse, NY

William Shepherd '42 Augusta, ME

MARCH

Leona *Tacker* Gayman '59 Seaside

Donna *Deal* Tarr '55 Carmel Valley

Albertine *Agudo* Potter '47 Pacific Grove

Morris Fisher '56 Pacific Grove

Anne *Guastella* Richerts Monterey

Bobby Kuwatani '67 Seaside

APRIL

Chris Uchibori Faculty Redding

Marie *Vachal* Duffie '56 Carmel

Rosemary *Kelley* Maulbetsch Faculty Atherton

George Danenhour '75 Marina

JANUARY 2016



Clyde Whitaker, 83, died in Arizona on Jan. 7, 2016. Born Aug. 4, 1932, in Short Bend, MO, his family moved to the Peninsula when he was a child. Clyde graduated from PGHS in 1951, where he was active in sports. He married his high-

school sweetheart Helen *Grigg* '49 in 1950, and they moved to Los Angeles in 1954, where Clyde worked as a carpenter. He founded his own general contracting business in the 1970s. In 1992, he retired to Big River. He was a deacon and usher at Big River Baptist Church. Clyde had a great sense of humor, was a very generous and kind person and he never complained. He was a 20-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include three children: Jeff Whitaker, Dera Weber and Cheryl Powers; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Geraldine *Whitaker* Herran '46 and Los *Whitaker* Beck '56. His wife Helen died in 2000.

APRIL 2016



Alonzo Eugene Miller Sr., 64, died in Las Vegas, NV, his home since 2000. Born in Carmel on Feb. 10, 1952, Al graduated from PGHS in 1970 and served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Air Force, during which he served with the rescue escort under

Presidents Nixon and Ford. After his service discharge, he joined the astrophysics department at NASA, where he assisted in the development of heating tiles for the Columbia Space Shuttle and on prototypes for the Hubbell Telescope. Later, he worked for the postal service, retiring as acting postmaster in Reno in 2007. In retirement, he was a volunteer with the Las Vegas police. He was a commander in the Royal Rangers, a Christian organization that mentors and trains K-12 boys. Al was a sports fan, golfer, dedicated father and friend. Survivors include his wife Gwendolyn; children and grandchildren; and siblings, Gloria *Miller* Ward '56, Sharon *Miller* '75, and Rex Miller.



Donald James Casmero, 88, died in Fairfield, his home of many years, on May 4, 2016. He was born Dec. 27, 1928, and graduated from PGHS in 1946. A U.S. Navy vet, he was a 22-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia Apaka. His eldest daughter, Ann,

6 died in 2006.

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NOVEMBER 2016



Virginia Woodward Hummel Stone, 89, died in Carmel on Nov. 17, 2016. Born in Portland, OR, on Feb. 1, 1927, "Mrs. Hummel," as PGHS students knew her, graduated from the University of Oregon. She worked in San Francisco and

then moved to Carmel, where she lived with her mother Lillian Woodward, known for her column "Moss Landing Footnotes," which Virginia later took over when her mother's eyesight failed. Her teaching career was spent at Watsonville High School, Pacific Grove Middle School, and finally PGHS. She instituted the first Advanced Placement class (English) in the 1970s, and created the popular honors English/history class with Bob Russell in 1980. She established herself as an expert on Steinbeck. Her love of the local writer inspired many young students, and her classes became very popular at PGHS. She earned a master's degree in English from San Jose College and taught part time at MPC. She loved to travel and to study history and family genealogy. She was a volunteer at Tor House, La Mirada, and the Monterey Museum of Art, and was a member of the Monterey County Symphony Society, Democratic Women of Monterey County, Carmel Public Library Association, and La Casa. She was known for her grace, intelligence, and insight. She is survived by her children, Chip Hummel and Chris Carpenter-Franken. Her brothers, Donald and Richard Woodward, and husband, Ben G. Stone, preceded her in death.



Linda Marie Bush Barton died in her sleep on Nov. 21, 2016 in Junction City, OR. She was 66. Linda was born April 18, 1950, in Monterey to Marie *Vivalo* Barrera, and later adopted by her mother's second husband, Jack D. Bush. Linda attended PGHS with the

class of 1968. She had a love for others and a great

sense of humor. In 2012, she moved to Oregon to be near her son. Survivors include her son Bryan; three siblings, Kurt Bush, Kregg Bush and Carolyn *Bush* Davi; and one granddaughter.



Claudia Joann Tryon Eddlemon died of a rare cancer of the brain on Nov. 27, 2016, in Temecula. She was 60. Born in Monterey on Oct. 7, 1956, Claudia grew up in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1974. She worked for the US Postal Service, and upon

retiring moved to Bullhead City, AZ. The last four years, she lived in Temecula to be closer to family. Claudia loved and accepted those in need, defended those she loved, and could never get enough of family time. She was a thoughtful, loving friend and nurturing human being. Survivors include her husband Michael Eddlemon; her sons, Josh, Eric and Joey Farrow; stepdaughter Jennifer *Eddlemon* Ryan '00; her siblings, Rose *Tryon* Ravanelli '63 and Mike Tryon '72; and eight grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Barbara *Tryon* Wright '50.

DECEMBER 2016



Curtis Hargrave Bennett, 73, died at a rehab center in Green Cove Springs, FL, following an extended illness. The son of a military family, Curtis graduated from PGHS in 1962, and was a member of the PGHS Alumni Association. Retiring after 19 years in the

local hotel industry, Curtis developed his artistic side by creating artwork and sculptures from found items and trash. He had recently moved to Palatka, FL. He was a six-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Nancy, and siblings Joseph '63, Stephanie '67, Kenneth, and Patricia '69.

JANUARY 2017

Martha Joanne Ellis Berube, 81, died in Castro Valley on Jan. 11, 2017. Born on June 21, 1935, she graduated from PGHS in 1953. She was a loving,

Obituaries (continued)

kind, and caring mother and wife. Survivors include her husband George Berube; five children, Liane, Denise, Paula, Linda, Deborah and Steven; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by two siblings, Faith *Ellis* Giglio '49 and Norman W. Ellis '52.



Adrienne Elaine Kohn Crowell, daughter of well-remembered PGHS faculty member Arnold Kohn, died at the age of 66 at her home in Reno, NV, on Jan. 13, 2017. Born in Regensburg, Germany, on Dec. 27, 1949, she and her family came to Pacific Grove

when she was 14 to settle down after an Army life. Adrienne was a loving caregiver for her husband and family. She had a passion for travel. Survivors include her son Gregory Crowell and sister Merry *Kohn* Buvia '69. Her parents, Arnold (PGHS Faculty) and Meredith Kohn, and her husband, Ronald Guy Crowell, predeceased her.

FEBRUARY 2017



Suzanne Howell Candela, 62, died after a brief illness on Feb. 20, 2017, in Syracuse, NY. Suzie was born in the old Monterey Hospital on March 20, 1954, the fourth child of Charlie (faculty) and Betty Howell. She spent her childhood in Pacific Grove,

attending Lighthouse Elementary, and P.G. Junior High School and graduating from PGHS in 1972, where she was on the swim team. While attending MPC, she worked for the P.G. Recreation Department teaching swim classes at the Lovers Point pool. After graduating from MPC, she met the love of her life, Matthew Candela, and spent the rest of her life with him. Matt and Suzie lived in San Diego for 13 years, where she worked in the registrar's office at the University of San Diego. In 1987, they moved to Syracuse, NY, where Suzie became an adopted member of Matt's large Italian

family. She worked at Syracuse University for nearly 30 years. Suzie enjoyed reading, cooking, and family gatherings, and following the Syracuse University Orange football and basketball teams. She is predeceased by her parents, Charlie (former faculty/coach at PGHS) and Betty Howell. She is survived by her husband Matthew and many members of the Candela family. She will be lovingly thought of, with treasured memories, by her siblings: Charlene *Howell* Lowery '65, Steve Howell '67, and Bobby Howell '70; and many nieces and nephews.



William Clark Shepherd, 92, died at the Maine Veterans Home in Augusta, ME, on Feb. 20, 2017. Born in Fresno on Nov. 24, 1924, he grew up in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1942. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific as a sonar operator,

or ping jockey, as he liked to call it, on submarines and the Destroyer SS McCall. After the service, he attended the University of Akron and became an engineer, earning degrees and certifications in mechanical, electrical, civil, and nuclear engineering. Survivors include two children, Gary and Debra; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Gerylyn; two brothers, John Shepherd and Richard Shepherd; and one grandson.

MARCH



Leona Faye Tacker Gayman, 75, died in Seaside on March 5, 2017. Born in Wayne, KS, on March 24, 1941, she married Malcolm Gayman at the age of 17, and transferred to PGHS in her senior year to graduate with the class of 1959 under her married name. She lived in Del

Rey Oaks for 35 years, and 10 years in Corning, moving back to Seaside a year ago. Leona loved gardening. Survivors include her three sons, Brent, Brad and Brian, two grandchildren; and four siblings, Leroy, Laurence, Loretta and Ellie. She was preceded in death by her husband in 2015. her 8 parents, and her brother Bill.

Obituaries (continued)



Donna Veralyn Deal Tarr was born on March 7, 1938, and died on March 8, 2017, surrounded by her family. She was 79. A native of Pacific Grove, Donna graduated from PGHS in 1955. She married her high school sweetheart, Terry Wilson '55. After raising her

family, Donna's marriage ended and she later remarried Rev. Bob Tarr. Bob and Donna enjoyed traveling and participating in many different local organizations. Donna had very strong family values and traditions. She was a 20-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Clint and Cornelia *Comings* '83 Wilson, brother Bryan Deal, and one grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob; two sons, Jeff and Mike; and brother and sister-in-law Harvey '53 and Caryl *Rose Deal* '56.

Albertine Theresa Agudo Potter (See P. 12 for Mrs. Potter's obituary.)

Morris ("Morrie") Grant Fisher (See P. 11 for Morrie Fisher's obituary.)



Anne C. ("Annie") Guastella Garnero Richerts, 87, died March 14, 2017 in Monterey. Born July 26, 1929, she and her family came to the Peninsula in 1939 from Wappingers Falls, NY. After graduating from PGHS in 1947, she married and had seven

children. As an artist, Annie worked in varied media: oil, watercolor, pastels, mosaic, fashion, floral, and interior design. She achieved recognition as a creative, accomplished ceramicist. She was a guide at the aquarium for 21 years, a singer with the Choraleers, and a member of the Italian Catholic Foundation. She was known for her quick wit, sparkle, love of life, red hair and matching hot red Alfa Romero. She was a 40-year member of PGHSAA and served on the board for ten years.

Survivors include her second husband, Bob Richerts '46; seven children, Joe, Nic, Emmie, Cammie, William, Ed and Theresa; 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Chester Garnero '45, and her sister, Lucy *Guastella Mulé* '42.



Robert Akira Kuwatani, the youngest of eleven children of a prominent Peninsula family, died of cancer on March 21, 2017, in Seaside. He was 67. Born April 20, 1949, in Monterey, Bobby grew up in Pacific Grove, graduated from PGHS in 1967,

and attended Monterey Peninsula College. While he was in high school, he was a star athlete. In 2004, Bobby retired as gas supervisor from a 35-year career with PG&E. He was a member of the Monterey Peninsula Nisei Golf Club, the Japanese American Citizens League, and the El Estero Presbyterian Church, as well as a Rancho Cañada Don. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers George, Hank, Jimmie '53, and David '61; and sisters Kiyoko, Masako, and Jean Maruyama. He is survived by his sisters Hiroko *May Kuwatani* '58 and Yaeko "Janet" *Kuwatani* '59.

APRIL



Chris Yoshimi Uchibori, well known music teacher at PGHS, died at the age of 70 in Redding on April 1, 2017. Born June 3, 1946, in Honolulu, Chris earned a BA in music from Pasadena Nazarene College, after which he served with the Army Band

from 1971-1972 in Seoul. His career in education spanned 45 years, teaching in Pacific Grove, Amarillo, Red Bluff, and Redding. He also taught private classes in his home. Chris was an accomplished performer, directed music camps, and judged jazz festivals and marching band competitions. He won numerous trophies and awards. Chris also loved spending time fishing, wood working, cooking, eating, telling corny jokes, and riding his stationary bike. Survivors include his

Obituaries (continued)

wife Vicki; daughters Kim and Rose; two grandchildren; and siblings Rochelle and Naomi. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Roger.



Marie Annette Vachal Vandagriff Duffie died at her home in Carmel on April 3, 2017. She was 78. Born Aug. 23, 1938, in Carmel, Marie was raised in Monterey, but moved to Pacific Grove when she was a teenager, where she was a cheerleader and

graduated from PGHS in 1956. She attended MPC and UCLA. Marie worked for Monterey County for many years, first in the Building Inspector's office and later as a Superior Court clerk. She was a 10-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her sons Steven and Scot Vandagriff, and two stepsons. She was preceded in death by her second husband Fred Duffie.



Rosemary Kelley Maulbetsch, "Miss Kelley," teacher and chair of the English Department at PGHS in the 1960's, died at her home in Atherton on April 11 at the age of 80. Born Oct. 6, 1936 in San Francisco, and raised in Modesto, Rosemary graduated

from Stanford University, and after three years teaching at Boston University, she married and moved to the Monterey Peninsula. At the age of 24 and after her first year of teaching, she was appointed chair of the PGHS English Department. Rosemary loved music and traveling and was a devoted wife and mother. Survivors include her

children, John and Kelley. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Virginia and Barbara Jean.



George Makitaro Danenhour died April 13, 2017 in Marina at the age of 64. Born

Oct. 2, 1952, in Chicago, IL, he was raised in Pacific Grove, where he graduated from PGHS in 1970. An avid surfer, George was a kind, loving and generous person, with a big heart and gentle way about him even as he dealt with a chronic mental illness.

Survivors include his mother, Doris Danenhour; brother Donald '72; and sister Diana Danenhour Riley '75. His father died in 2001.



Stephen Michael Ponsiano, 57, died April 17, 2017, in Pacific Grove. Born Aug. 8, 1959, in San Francisco, Stephen grew up in Pacific Grove, graduating from PGHS in 1976 and later from MPC. He was active in Scouting his

entire life and proud of being a member of the Order of The Arrow. Stephen worked for Sweets Auto in P.G., Valley Auto Carmel, and later in Pebble Beach. He was an avid NASCAR and Rams fan and enjoyed volunteering with SCRAMP. He loved racing his Stepside and Corvette and working on cars. Survivors include his son Jason '04, and parents, Joseph and Jacqueline Ponsiano.



Robert Howard Hall Jr., 69, died of cancer in Santa Cruz, his home of many years, on April 24, 2017. Born Jan. 22, 1948, in Monterey and raised in Pacific Grove, he graduated from PGHS in 1966, where he excelled in football and baseball. Howard

graduated from San Jose State College in 1971 with a degree in communications. He worked as a driver for UPS for more than 25 years, retiring in 2005. Active in retirement, he volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and he was a member and past president of Santa Cruz Host Lions Club. Howard elevated every room and invited all to his party. He loved and lived in enviable ways. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn; daughters Aimee and Tricia; four grandchildren; and siblings Bobbie Hall '63 of P.G. and Ralph Hall '74 of Corralitos. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruthie (who was the PGUSD nurse for 33 years) and Ralph Hall.

Morris Grant Fisher

January 8, 1938 ~ March 13, 2017



After a brief battle with liver cancer, past Pacific Grove Mayor Morrie Fisher, 79, died in his home Monday, March 13, 2017, with family and friends close at his side. Morrie lived nearly all his life in Pacific Grove, attending Pacific Grove schools and graduating from PGHS in 1956 and then from

Monterey Peninsula College. He honorably served his country aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Hom Richard, where he managed the ship's legal department.

Morrie was employed by Monterey Savings and Loan, which became Coast Federal Bank, for 35 years, retiring in 1996 as vice president and manager of the Pacific Grove branch. His business career really began in 1949 when he became a paper boy for the *Monterey Herald* and ended up tripling his customers from 50 to 150.

Morrie was a loving father and cared deeply for his family and friends. He is survived by his two loving daughters Jodeen Gilpatrick (Husband Mike Gilpatrick) and Jana Woodmansee; five wonderful grandchildren: Jared Michael Gilpatrick, Cyrena Faith Gilpatrick, Ryan Morris Johnsen, Rachel Elizabeth Johnsen and Katie Jodeen Johnsen; one very special great-grandson Finnegan; his loving sister, Jodeen (Mike) Colletto and brother Ralph (Debbie) Fisher; eleven nieces and nephews; eleven great-nieces and great-nephews; and Charlie Higuera and his family and the Rock Broome family.

Morrie loved his hometown, Pacific Grove, and was a devoted public servant, as reflected in his many accomplishments and positions of public service held. He served the City of Pacific Grove on its city council for over 22 years, including three terms as mayor. He served on the Monterey-Salinas Transit Board of Directors for 23 years, including 19 years as chairman and vice-chairman. He served as vice chairman for the Monterey County Transportation Commission. He was a director of

Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG). He was vice-chairman of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency. He was a member of the Fort Ord Re-Use Authority Finance Committee, director of the Water Management District, director of SCRAMP, vice-president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, treasurer of the Monterey County Association for Mental Health, director of the Monterey Rape Crisis Board, Lt. District Governor of Monterey and California Jaycees, a member of Pacific Grove's Masonic Lodge, and a life member of the NAACP.

Morrie was Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 1999, inducted to the Monterey Peninsula College Lobo Hall of Fame as Distinguished Alumni in 2002, and elected to Pacific Grove High School's Hall of Fame. During Morrie's three terms as mayor of Pacific Grove, he oversaw the initiation of the DARE program, teaching the youth in our schools about the illegal use of drugs, and he oversaw the successful conclusion of the reconfiguration of the Monterey Salinas Transit route changes through Pacific Grove neighborhoods to reduce noise and bus frequency and increase public safety. He oversaw the purchase of property for the new senior housing complex at Lovers Point. He initiated the city's first 4th of July Picnic Celebration and the city's annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony. He supported the building of Pacific Grove's new city hall and community center, and especially loved that he was able to get grass on the infield of the city's ball park.

He even had enough time to play golf with his good buddies Charlie Higuera, Marty Larkin, Rudy Rosales, T.J. Howe, and the rest of the 8:00 bunch. Morrie looked forward every morning to having coffee with the guys, Joe Silva, Richard Radley, and Manny Cardoza, and solving the world's problems over a cup of java. He loved having Bruce Obbink, Ron Schenk, Phil Sanders, Richard Cox, and many other close friends stop by for a visit and a good joke. Morrie will be missed and long remembered.

Funeral services were held March 17, followed by burial with military honors at El Carmelo Cemetery. If so disposed, in lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Morrie's memory to the PGHS Alumni Association or the National Autism Association, One Park Ave., Ste. 1, Portsmouth, RI,

Albertine Theresa Agudo Potter

October 15, 1929 ~ March 12, 2017



The “Queen of Granite Street” passed away peacefully in her home of many years, surrounded by her loving family. She overcame many physical obstacles later in life and was a warrior to the end.

Albertine graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1947 and was one of the first women to graduate from MPC. She married the love of her life, Cecil Potter, in 1949. Together they shared 52 amazing years raising their children and helping many others in the community. She wins the PGHSAA prize for having the largest number of children who graduated from PGHS.

As a devoted mother, she was actively involved in the activities of her thirteen children, yet still found the time to mentor many others. She was a longtime member of St. Angela Merici Church and active at the Blind and Visually Impaired Center. Prior to her volunteer work, she was employed at the Naval Postgraduate School for fifteen years as an Administrative Assistant.

Survivors include her children, Frank Potter '68, Cecil Potter '69, Luis Potter '71, Theresa Potter Flannery '72, Emily Potter Draper '73, Dessa Potter Smith '75, Elizabeth Potter Goebel '75, Gary Potter '77, Lisa Potter Kramer '80, Bruce Potter '82, Tina Potter Seda '83, Mary Potter Torchia '85, and Joe Potter '88; siblings, Aurelia Agudo Garcia '49, Carmen Courtney, Elena Walker and Tanjay Castro; and 34 grandchildren, including Dr. Judy Flannery Honegger '99, Casey Flannery '02, Matthew Harper '94, Michael Harper '01, David Potter '04, and Kayla Potter '06. She also had 24 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and extended family members. She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil Potter, and siblings Luis Agudo '45, Manuel Agudo, and Frank Castro.

Funeral services were held at St. Angela Merici Church on March 18. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to the SPCA for Monterey County, PO Box 3058, Monterey, California, 93942.



Top two photos: Potter family portraits. Upper left: Albertine's '47 Sea Urchin photo. Left and above: snapshots of “The Queen of Granite Street.”

The PGHS Trophy Case

By Wynette Walker Cowen '41

There is a trophy case in the main office at the Pacific Grove High School that was gifted to them by the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association awhile back. When donations in memory of Bob Cowen began adding up, the PGHSAA Board asked his family what they would like it used for. So, they asked Nina Russo, who was the principal up there at the time, what the students would like or need. She said she had many ask for a trophy case that could be put in a safe place for displaying their awards. The Cowen family went back to the PGHSAA Board with this suggestion while Ms. Russo took the idea to the PGUSD Board for approval. All approved. So, the School District Maintenance Department immediately started working on plans to put it in the office, and a volunteer offered to build it. But before this plan was completed, Ms. Russo moved on, and the volunteer backed out. Bob's family took this back to the PGHSAA Board. Jennifer *Kren* Ross and Wayne Ross, both class of 1964 and two of Bob's long-time friends, offered to work with his family to finalize this project. They helped by finding a new builder while more memorial donations were received. At its completion, a plaque was placed on the left side of it that reads, "A gift to the Pacific Grove High School from the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association with memorial donations to six-year director Robert 'Bob' Cowen, class of 1963."



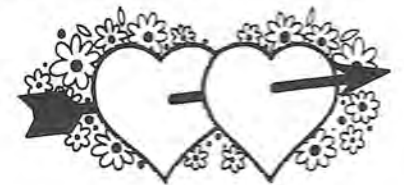
The PGHS Trophy Case. Photo by Joanie Hyler.

Hooray! Hooray! The First of May!

By Phil Bowhay '47

Outdoor loving begins today! Many variations on the theme, but the basic premise remains intact. You will remember, of course, that no excuse was necessary, at least on the Monterey Peninsula. Indoors, outdoors, winter or fall, or last night, on the back porch, as it says in that old song. In Pacific Grove, we were blessed with The Point, Lovers or otherwise. I am told that the Carmel kids—and even a little older—admired the sound of the surf. And the Monterey kids, I hear, happily snuggled on Wharf 1 or 2, or somebody's boat. Not to forget here the thrill of a kiss on Bixby Bridge.

Flashing back to the Carmel Beach, those rare nights when phosphorus sparkled in the waves, and talking on the sand, kicking the kelp seemed to bring out a special magic. Ah, one of those nights! Should have written this for Valentine's Day, but after all, the first of May and all that.



In Tom Parks' play, *The Last Word*, performed recently at the Carl Cherry Theater in Carmel, we are reminded that now we live longer and love longer. Well, who's to doubt? As you know, "love" means a lot of things, and the term is sometimes overused...but maybe not. "I just love corn on the cob," or "I really love the Warriors!" "I love fog (or sun)," and "I love the way you roll your eyes!" Best of all, of course, "I love you!" or "I love you, too!" The term "make love" is usually misunderstood...I'll let you fill in the blanks on that one.

Just for fun, listen to "The Birds and the Bees," as sung by Dean Martin, or others. Alexa can help you on that one. (Alexa? That's another story.)

Come to think of it, love, the real kind, goes through several life stages. Starts with kindergarten, and since you, too, are an expert on the subject, you might discuss it over a glass of wine. With somebody.

Hooray, hooray! The first of May!

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THE KNOCKOUT II

"Do You Remember These?"

by the Statler Brothers, 1972

Saturday morning serials, Chapters 1 through 15,
Flypaper, penny loafers, Lucky Strike Green.
Flat tops, sock hops, Studebaker, "Pepsi, please,"
Ah, do you remember these?

Cigar bands on your hand, your daddy's socks rolled down,
Styx Nose Plugs and aviator caps with flaps that button down.
Movie stars on Dixie Cup tops and knickers to your knees,
Ah, do you remember these?

The Hit Parade, grape Tru-Ade, the Sadie Hawkins dance,
Pedal pushers, duck-tailed hair, and peggin' your pants.
Howdy Doody, Tutti-Frutti, the seam up the back of her hose,
Ah, do you remember those?

James Dean, he was "keen," Sunday movies were taboo.
The senior prom, Judy's mom, rock-and-roll was new.
Cracker Jack prize, "Stars in Your Eyes," ask Daddy for the keys,
Ah, do you remember these?

The boogeyman, lemonade stand, and taking your tonsils out,
Indian burn, wait your turn, and four foul balls you're out.
Cigarette loads and secret codes and saving lucky stars,
Can you remember back that far?

Boat neck shirts and fender skirts and crinoline petticoats,
"Mum's the word" and a dirty bird and a double root beer float.
Moon hubcaps and loud heel taps and "He's a real gone cat,"
Ah, do you remember that?

Dancin' close, "little moron" jokes, and cooties in her hair,
Captain Midnight, Ovaltine, and The Whip at the county fair.
Charles Atlas Course, Roy Rogers' horse, and
"Only the Shadow knows,"
Ah, do you remember those?

Gable's charm, frog in your arm, loud mufflers, pitchin' woo,
Going steady, Veronica and Betty,
white socks and "Blue Suede Shoes."
Knock-knock jokes: "Who's there?" "Dewey!" "Dewey Who?"
Do we remember these? Yes, we do.
Ah, do we, do we remember these?

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The 97-lb. Weaking



By CHARLES ATLAS

2017 Scholarships Awarded

On Wednesday, May 24, the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to 16 P.G. High students at the PGHS Senior Awards Night. This year's scholarship committee, which consisted of Joanie *Hylar* '68 and Lillian *Griffiths* '70, had a tough task—PGHS is graduating some pretty impressive young people this year, as was evident in the long list of awards and prominent schools, among them Harvard and Yale, that have accepted the grads.

President Beth *Penney* '73, Recording Secretary Patty *Fifer Kieffer* '60, and Membership Chair Joanie *Hylar* '68 were on hand at the Awards Night to represent PGHSAA. They were joined by Patty's husband Charlie, who served as official photographer, and PGHSAA member Velma *Peña Cummins* '73 and her husband Mike, who drove down from San Carlos to present the Cynthia Alma *Peña* '75 Scholarship award.

The evening was charged with excitement and positivity, and the Clarence A. Higgins Library at the high school was decorated with a variety of potted plants provided by the Pebble Beach Company and pennants and copies of the students' letters of acceptance from various colleges and universities taped to the library windows. The PTA provided a huge red-and-gold sheet cake and punch, as well as other refreshments, after the ceremony.

The school asks the students to write their own biographies to be read at the awards ceremony. Those biographies are what follows. We think you will be impressed; we are—both with the students' accomplishments and with the number of scholarships made possible by the generosity of the membership of this organization.

2017 PGHSAA scholarship award winners are as follows:

The Richard Reynolds Class of '57 Science and Technology Scholarship and the Class of '52 Remembers Scholarship, both to Rachel Choi.

Rachel was enrolled in AP classes exclusively this year, earning a 4.30 GPA. She played on the PGHS Golf Team and was its captain this year. She also put

in more than 300 hours of community service. In addition to the PGHS awards, Rachel received the Quail Lodge Golf Association Scholarship and the Alan and Rita Shugart Scholarship. She will attend the University of the Pacific with the goal of becoming a dentist.

The Tommy Stillwell Class of '74

Scholarship, to Sebin Cho. Sebin, who was unable to attend the awards ceremony, is a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student. She has been an honors/AP student for four years at PGHS. During those four years, she volunteered at Community Hospital, swam on the varsity swim team, and played flute and saxophone in the school band.

The Beverly Wilson Stillwell Class of '49

Scholarship to Wyatt King, an honor roll student who also received the First United Methodist Church of Pacific Grove Scholarship and the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge #331 Scholarship. Wyatt was active in honors and AP classes. He was an active member of the My Strength Club, a club committed to helping young men combat sexual violence by solving systemic issues. He was also involved with the Sierra Service Project, a faith organization dedicated to serving low-income areas in Native American reservations across the Western United States and inner cities such as Stockton, Los Angeles, and San Diego, through construction projects. Wyatt also volunteered for the Pacific Grove Masonic Lodge and Congregation Beth Israel in their efforts to improve their communities. He will attend MPC and then Millsaps College in Jackson, MS, to major in cultural anthropology. He ultimately plans to earn a doctorate and pursue a career in museum curation.

The Bob Hoag Class of '45 Athletic

Scholarship to Savana McDowell. Savanah has attended Pacific Grove schools since the fifth grade. She was on the PGHS varsity tennis team and was team captain for three years, leading the team to MTAL championships and being named MTAL Women's Tennis Player of the year both her junior and senior year. In her senior year, she was also nominated for the MTAL Sportsmanship Award.

2017 Scholarships (continued)

Next year, she will play tennis and study psychology at U.C. Santa Cruz. Her plans include working in the field of developmental or sports psychology.

The Cynthia Alma Peña Class of '75 Scholarship, to Calvin Stickler.



Calvin Stickler, recipient of the Cynthia Alma Peña '75 scholarship, poses with Cynthia's sister Velma Peña Cummins '73 after the ceremony.
Photo by Beth Penney.

Calvin played football and lacrosse at PGHS for four years. He studiously maintained honor roll status throughout his high school career and completed extensive community service projects, including his Eagle Scout project. Next year, Calvin plans to attend U.C. Santa Cruz to study computer engineering. He may transfer after two years to a university that offers mechanical engineering. His plans consist of designing and optimizing a variety of mechanical systems.

The Don Harlan Class of '42 Vocational Scholarship to Camden Smithro. Camden, the senior class Valedictorian, was a member of the Mock Trial Team for four years and served as captain her senior year. She was also editor of the school newspaper and a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student. Last year, she wrote her first play, *Code 79*, which was performed in the C-Wing Theater. Camden will attend Yale University in the fall to study computer science and cinema. She also received the Robert Balles Math Scholar Award and a Pacific Grove Teachers Association scholarship.

The Bill Hyler Class of '39 Scholarship to Lucas Milar. Lucas says he had a very successful and memorable four years at PGHS. He was the secretary of the Aquaponics Club, and he enjoys hunting and the outdoors. He plans to study history next fall at CSU Chico, and he hopes to teach the subject someday.

The Maude Marian Smith Educational Scholarship to Arabella Sterwerf. Arabella was in the PGHS choir for four years and sang the National Anthem *a capella* at her graduation, which was one of the highest points of her life. She also participated in the high school musicals *Les Misérables* and *Beauty and the Beast*. She participated in the Close-Up trip to Washington, DC, in November. Arabella will attend Humboldt State University this fall. She also received the Pacific Grove Teachers' Association Future Teacher Scholarship.

The Ada Eleanor Smith Educational Scholarship to Olivia Cain. Olivia participated in both the drama program and the choir at PGHS and gained recognition for turning the after-school choir activity back into a for-credit class. She also served as a coordinator for plays and musicals in the drama department. She will attend the University of Oregon to major in elementary education and minor in American Sign Language, and she hopes to return to Pacific Grove to teach. Olivia also received the Hellenic Cultural Society Scholarship, a Feast of Lanterns scholarship for serving on the Royal Court, a PGHS PTA scholarship, and the Cabrillo Civic Clubs Scholarship Award.

The PGHSAA Musical Scholarship Award to Lauren Pick. Lauren was a performer and cheerleader during her time at PGHS, performing in plays and musicals all four years and serving with Olivia Cain as co-president of the PGHS Choir. She was also a cheerleader for three years and served as captain her senior year. Lauren will attend CSU Fullerton to study musical theater. She also received one of the new Don Luce Memorial Scholarships, established to honor longtime drama teacher Don Luce, who passed away unexpectedly last fall.

2017 Scholarships (continued)

Pacific Grove High School Scholarship Awards also went to the following students:

Zach Goodwin, a National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student, was actively involved in both PGHS and the greater Pacific Grove community throughout his high school career. He participated in a sport all 12 seasons, splitting his time among cross-country, soccer, and track, and was part of the varsity cross-country team that traveled to the State Championship last fall. He received the senior class Scholar Musician Award for his four-year participation in the PGHS Marching/Concern Band and his active involvement in other music activities, including the P.G. Pops Community Orchestra and the CCS Honor Band. He also writes for the online PGHS *Newsbreaker* and the local *Cedar Street Times* (his article about the “BreakerBots” appears on P. 20). He traveled to Nicaragua as part of the Rotary-sponsored service trip, has volunteered at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and has been an active member of his church’s youth group. He will attend Occidental College, where he has received a President’s Scholar Award, to study diplomacy and world affairs. He hopes to work for

the U.S. Foreign Service or with an internationally focused NGO. Zach also received the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shop Scholarship.

Luke Hiserman played varsity tennis all four years and served as co-captain his junior year and captain his senior year. He volunteered for four years at the Monterey Bay Aquarium through Teen Conservation Leaders and interned at Hopkins Marine Station, where he assisted researchers in the Tuna Research and Conservation Center with their studies of Pacific blue fin and yellow fin tuna. In his senior year, he was hired to cover boys’ basketball for the *Cedar Street Times*. Luke will attend Willamette University, where he has been awarded a Dean’s Scholarship, to study environmental science. He hopes to pursue a career in environmental policy. He also received a Pacific Grove Teachers’ Association scholarship and a PGHS PTA scholarship.

May Khalil was a cheerleader all four years of high school. She was active in the Spanish Club and the Model UN, and she volunteered more than 150 hours of community service at Community Hospital. She also worked at Chipotle and earned enough money to purchase a car. She plans to attend



2017 PGHS scholarship awardees pose during the May 24 Awards Night ceremony with PGHSAA President Beth Penney, left of center, and PGHSAA Membership Chair Joanie Hyler, far left. Missing: Sebin Cho. Photo by Charlie Kieffer.

2017 Scholarships (continued)

CSU Long Beach as a biology major, with a career goal of becoming a doctor.

Nadi Nader was involved in soccer for three years and lacrosse for two years at PGHS. He also has taken karate for seven years outside of school. He was a member of the high school band all four years. Nadi took multiple AP classes and honors courses, and he has been in the academic “top ten” throughout high school. He plans to attend UC Irvine as an engineering major, with hopes of becoming a structural engineer.

Cathy Nader maintained a rigorous academic schedule at PGHS. She’s been in the academic “top ten” all four years and has been a member of various clubs, including the National Honor Society. She has

also been a member of the Breaker Band for four years and has volunteered in a number of places, including Community Hospital. Cathy participated in both karate and sports and completed an internship while she was at PGHS. She will attend UC Davis, majoring in biological sciences, in hopes of becoming a clinical laboratory scientist.

Iliana Ruiz moved to Pacific Grove during 7th grade, having to adapt to a new lifestyle. She says she is blessed to have new friends and have attended a school with dedicated teachers. Iliana will attend San Francisco State to receive a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Once she becomes a nurse, she plans to either go into the military as a nurse, become a mortician, or work side-by-side with an anesthesiologist. Iliana also received the Jacqueline Phillips Memorial Scholarship.

A 21st Century Feast

This year’s Feast of Lanterns is scheduled for July 26-30. The tradition continues as many of you remember it, with one notable addition this year: young men on the Royal Court. In 2017, for the first time, Queen Topaz and her five-princess Royal Court will be joined by “Guards”: Master Rooster and Master Horse. The young men go through the same selection process as the Queen and princesses, and they receive the same scholarships.

Those of you who remember the beach pageant from years past know that the Queen’s poor poet lover, Chang, was often played by a male classmate or relative who was sometimes reluctantly pressed into service by a parent or Feast of Lanterns volunteer and not given the

proper recognition, outside of the pageant evening, for his daring rescue of the Queen from the fate of marrying a man she did not love. The addition of young men to the Royal Court rights this wrong.

The Pacific Grove Feast of Lanterns, Inc., has a marvelous web site at www.feast-of-lanterns.org. Visit it soon to read about the current Feast, and to see photos of the 2017 Royal Court: Princess Ruby, Juliana Aliotti; Princess Sapphire, Jenna Hall; Princess Amethyst, Serena Paci; Master Rooster, Thor Birch; Princess Tourmaline, Rachel Sands; Princess Emerald, Caroline Coen; Master Horse, Elias Yevdash; and Queen Topaz, Caroline Evans.



*A promotional postcard from the 20th century.
From the collection of Beth Penney.*

Leaving Their Mark on Their Hometown: PGHS Seniors Create Mural at Beach House Café

To cap off their years at Pacific Grove High School, a group of artistic-oriented seniors are leaving their creative mark in the form of a mural they're constructing inside the Beach House Café. The sketch is on a wall that is 18 feet long and 9 feet tall in the coffee shop at Lovers Point. The design, which is meant to capture Pacific Grove's unique character, features a giant coffee cup with an otter floating in it, along with other regional imagery, including a cypress tree and flying monarch butterflies. It is currently half sketched and half painted on the wall with part of that work done by sophomores Kaysa Paulsen and Sofia Chang.

"It's cool because usually we do something close to school like the mural in our quad area or the fish sculpture outside the library," said senior Vanya Truong, 18, who has been organizing the project for herself and fellow classmates. "This is kind of like

more of a direct contribution to the community rather than to the high school." Truong referred to the previous art projects done by the high school's National Art Honor Society for the past few years and orchestrated by Pacific Grove High art teacher Matt Kelly.

But it was Beach House managing partner and Pacific Grove native Kevin Phillips'77 who reached out to Kelly about the idea this year. Phillips was highly influenced by art teacher John La Pierre when he attended the school. "I even moved to France and lived in Paris as an artist, but couldn't make a living at it," explained Phillips. The coffee house opened in November underneath the Beach House restaurant. That was when Phillips got the idea for the mural.

"When we built the coffee shop last year, this space kind of presented itself to us," he said. Vanya Truong was assisted in the artwork by classmates Shira Kershner, Ryann Horning, Kylie Koestner, and Rachel Sands. Truong said that although the majority of the group working on the mural was part of National Art Honor Society, which is a national club with chapters in schools across the country, there were also those doing it simply for the pure love of art.

"Art is everything to me and I love that I get to be a part of a piece that's going to stay in P.G. for a long time—even after I go off to college," said one of the artists.

Phillips said the high school seniors have been a nice addition to the café's ambiance. "I just love meeting these bright young kids that really care about what they're doing," said Phillips. "And this representing something in P.G. that has a connection to the kids is really neat."

By Carly Mayberry.

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A unfinished butterfly-rimmed coffee cup adorns the left side of the wall in the Beach House Café. More butterflies are sketched in, flying skyward to the right, unseen in this photo. Photo by Beth Penney.

BreakerBots Place Worldwide

Two weekends ago, the Pacific Grove High School BreakerBots team traveled to the FIRST Robotics World Championships in Houston, Texas, facing off against the best 420 teams from across the globe. Because they were first-time participants, few expected the BreakerBots to get past the first round. Yet, in true underdog fashion, the BreakerBots exceeded all expectations, just adding to the most successful year in the program's history.

The team arrived in Houston on Wednesday, happy to find that their robot, Archer, had arrived safe and sound. The BreakerBots set up their pit, got their robot up and running, and went through inspection without issue. Then it was time to bunk down and get a good night's sleep, with everyone abuzz about the start of the competition the following morning. Pacific Grove started off its qualifying campaign strong, racking up 480 points in a 480-185 blowout early Thursday morning—more points than any alliance would score all day.

The Breakers went on to split their remaining three matches, recording one win, one loss, and one draw, bringing their total record to 2-1-1. At the end of Thursday, the BreakerBots sat within the top third of their 66-team division—better than

But then something extraordinary happened. A win in the second match. Followed by another. And another.

expected, but not good enough to qualify for playoffs. The opening match of Friday's qualifiers, a close 335-345 loss, seemed to solidify

the end of the BreakerBots' season. But then something extraordinary happened. A win in the second match. Followed by another. And another.

When all was said and done, the kids from Pacific Grove had put together a six-game win streak to finish with a 7-2-1 qualifying record and move into fourth in their division. "We couldn't believe it," says Coach Roby Hyde. "A better performance than we could have ever expected."

One of the most exciting moments of the tournament came in the BreakerBots' last

qualifying match, where, for the first time all season, the team managed to get all four of Archer's rotors spinning, creating over 40 kilopascals of steam. The rare move handed the Pacific Grove alliance the 180 point bonus needed to top their opposition 387-255, allowing the BreakerBots to add that sixth and final win in order to solidify their passage to the playoff round.



Zeus Marquez '18, left, and Eric Cuellar '17 present their program and their robot "Archer," center, to the PGHSAA board at the May board meeting at the Community Center. Photo by Beth Penney.

"Less than 2 percent of matches end that way," Hyde adds. "It was definitely one of the highlights of the year."

The team members, as humble as they have been successful, were quick to attribute their unexpected success to the outstanding dedication of their coach.

"Coach Hyde is one of the most inspiring people I have ever met," says two-year team member Gavin James, who acts as the BreakerBots Head Mechanical Engineer and is also responsible for the actual driving of the robot during competitions. "For 10 years he has dedicated himself to helping kids like us get on the fast track for success. He's had to put in so much time to not only teach us and coach us, but also to organize the logistics of everything to make sure all runs smoothly. He does this on top of his full time job, and despite the fact that both his sons have graduated from the high school. It's out of pure love for the team."

James had just as many positive things to say about the team's robot. "Archer took anything we threw at it. The only replacement necessary over the

BreakerBots (continued)

course of the entire competition was one single motor. It was incredible." Unfortunately, the Breakers would see their season end the next day, losing their two quarterfinal matches early Saturday morning. Despite the early playoff exit, the Breakers still took home several accolades, finishing as the highest scoring team in their division. Not to mention, with an average contribution of 137 points per match, the Breakers had the second highest "calculated contribution to winning matches," proving themselves capable of carrying alliances almost single-handedly to victory. And though Coach Hyde admits that it is hard to calculate an overall world ranking, a fourth place finish in one of 12 divisions means that the BreakerBots rank as one of the world's top 50 FIRST Robotics Teams. And with an approximated 7,000 such registered teams worldwide, that puts the BreakerBots inside the top 1.5 percent. That includes teams from as close as Silicon Valley and from as far away as Israel, South Korea, and China.

"I am so proud of how we did at Worlds, especially against teams with more resources and funding," says team member Luca Lauritzen. "I feel that our success this year has really raised awareness of the team at our school. Hopefully next year we'll have some new sponsors, and even greater support from the P.G. community!"

The team is hopeful that success will beget success, and are confident that another appearance at Worlds is imminent. But in the meantime, the BreakerBots are content with the incredible progress the team has made in just a few years. "I would not change a thing about my team," declares Gavin James, smiling. "Not how we function, not how we performed at the competition," he laughs, "and definitely not how we build our robots!"

This story by Zach Goodwin originally appeared in the Cedar Street Times, May 5, 2017. Reprinted with permission. Two of the team members (see photo), along with Coach Hyde, brought "Archer" and a video presentation to the May PGHSAA board meeting to thank us for our \$1,000 donation toward their Houston trip. Go Breakers!

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Wanderings of the Faculty

We feel that it is hardly safe to allow members of our faculty to travel around by themselves. Last week Miss Rush journeyed to the city, and on her way home became so ingrossed in the novel she was reading that she failed to get off the train at the Junction and went riding on over to Salinas. She spent the night in a hotel there and boarded the train next morning, feeling perfectly sure that she would get to the Pacific Grove Hi School in time to hand out tardy slips. Mr. Ingham knew what desperate straits she was in, and he was walking the floor trying to figure out how he would get her to school in time. He finally decided to have Mary Elizabeth Gloeckner flag the train as it rushed through the metropolis of Seaside, and kidnap the teacher. So the train was flagged and Miss Rush was all but carried off the train, and much to her own surprise she heard how very much worried Mr. Ingham was, and that the train would have made her very late to school.

The Flapper's Ideal

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PGHS Wins Gold Ribbon Award

Pacific Grove High School is among the 275 middle and high schools in California that have been chosen to receive a Gold Ribbon Schools Award. The only other school in Monterey County to receive this award is Salinas High.



Pacific Grove High School. Photo by Beth Penney

“These terrific schools are leading the way in embracing our new rigorous academic standards and showing others how to help students succeed on their way to 21st-century careers and college,” Tom Torlakson, state superintendent of public instruction, said in a press release. “I look forward to traveling the state to honor these schools and to help share the programs, methods, and techniques that are working.”

The schools apply to receive the honor and are chosen by a team of educators who review their application and visit the campus. The schools are selected based on innovative programs or practices implemented to improve student academic achievement. A total of 477 schools applied in 2017.

“It’s a huge deal,” said Matt Bell, principal of Pacific Grove High. “We’re super excited, and really humbled. It’s the validation of the hard work that the instructional leadership put in and the work of the entire staff. A lot of times, in schools, you work and work and sometimes it feels nobody really knows what you’re doing. So getting the award for the faculty is validation that the work they’ve been doing is meaningful and it’s being recognized.”

The work that Pacific Grove teachers are being recognized for can be summarized in a simple

sentence: building a student-centered culture of learning. It’s easily said, but it has taken years to develop, and it began roughly when the school began adopting the Common Core Standards, Bell said.

“We had a series of meetings over the last few years with faculty to evaluate where we were and what was the direction we wanted to take,” Bell said. “Through those efforts we created a vision statement for the entire school. That got us focused in a singular direction.”

The direction eventually led them to the creation of “professional learning communities,” teams of teachers who propose solving problems based on data to make sure proposed solutions address real problems. It’s a method teacher used to help students struggling with math.

“Initially, we were putting a solution ahead of the data, and for kids who were struggling with math, we made them take two math classes,” Bell said. “Understandably, students did not like to take two math classes, even if it helped them. These kids don’t necessarily need a second class. They need to learn the concept, and then they’re OK.”

After looking at the data, administrators created a math support class after school for kids who were failing tests, Bell said. “They could come for three three-hour sessions and retake the tests. If they did fine, they were done with the class and would not have to take it anymore,” he said. “It’s unlike taking a whole class for the entire year, that was like purgatory. Now there’s a lot of buy-in, the grades and math scores not only in the class but in California assessments are up. That came through a ton of data analysis.

Another example of the school’s data gathering and analysis is that at the school year, teachers identify students they already know. Through this method, students who don’t already have adult connections are identified so they can receive follow-up in the middle of the school year, when their attention begins to drop. This project was implemented bearing in mind that students do better when they have meaningful adult connection. “It’s creating a culture of following through, establishing a culture within the school,” Bell said. The schools were honored this month at regional ceremonies.

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Who Is It?

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