

# The Knockout II

THE PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

I hope everyone who has been procrastinating to register for the annual reunion dinner and brunch October 5 and 6 will fill out the form at the back of this newsletter now and send it in; the deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 26, and you don't want to be left out.



The events committee, composed this year of Edie Adams McDonald Maruyama '56, Patty Fifer Kieffer '60, and Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56, has some treats in store for those who attend. Several classes, including my own Class of 1973, which will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup>, will hold their own events

Friday evening. On Saturday evening, October 5, the annual reunion dinner will be held, starting with a no-host bar at 6:00 at the Monterey Beach House, next to Wharf #2 at Figueroa Street. This venue is different from our previous choices, and it promises to be fun, with beach-themed decorations and entertainment and access to Del Monte Beach. On Sunday, October 6, we will hold the annual Alumni Association brunch, this time in the Clarence A. Higgins Library at the high school, prepared and served by the school's Culinary Arts classes. In addition, a tour of the campus will be offered by Principal Matt Bell. We ask that everyone wear their red-and-gold to the brunch, so dig out those old letter sweaters, caps, and windbreakers. We'll have some items for sale at the Saturday evening dinner.

Unfortunately, Pacific Grove's Historical Home Tour has been cancelled this year, and the high school football game is away that weekend, but the annual Butterfly Parade and Bazaar will be held in Pacific Grove on Saturday, October 5, from 10:30-1:00, in itself a reason to make the trip if you are out of town.

The events committee, and others, are responsible for the reunion dinner and brunch and for our Annual Meeting, which will be held this year at the PGHS Student Union (formerly known as the multipurpose room) on Saturday, September 14, at noon. Our nominating committee, Faith Van Woerkom Beety '73 and Patty

Fifer Kieffer '60, have been busy finding potential new board members, and we hope those who attended our July meeting, and others, will join us (food is involved!)

We also have several jobs open. As announced last issue, Joanie Hylar '68 will remain on the board but is stepping down as treasurer and newsletter editor. Jayne Dix Gasperson '49, who retired officially from the board last year but has continued to serve as Sunshine Chair (the person who sends get-well cards, and other personal messages to board members and families), is now retiring completely. Also, Jennifer Kren Ross '64 is retiring from the board and thus stepping down as disbursements chair (the person who receives all requests for funding from the high school and presents them to the board for consideration). And Ruth Grooms Matthews '64, who chaired our first booth at Pacific Grove's Good Old Days festivities this year and reaped more than \$400 in donations and sales of souvenirs (and a great deal of public recognition of the Association) would like to turn responsibility for that event over to someone else next year. We are also at work on a brand-new PGHSAA Web site, and we will need people with expertise in that area. Many, many thanks to Jayne and Jennifer for their many years of service on the board, and to Joanie and Ruth for their ongoing work.

You can see that there are a number of opportunities for those who would like to get involved in the Association and give back to Pacific Grove High School. We have a number of open directors' positions, and although we have many nominees, our bylaws do not put a limit on the size of the board, so please come to the Annual Meeting in September if you are interested in joining, or contact one of the board members listed in this newsletter. You'll be joining a great group of people, and the time you spend will further a cause we know is important to you, or you wouldn't be reading this newsletter!

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September Annual Meeting and the October reunion events.

Beth Penney '73



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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 !!! BH

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##### SERVING THROUGH DECEMBER 2014

Sherry Welsh Gruwell ..... '56  
 Lillian Griffiths ..... '70  
 Pete Hartstra ..... '72  
 Cate Goblirsch Lee ..... '94

##### SERVING THROUGH DECEMBER 2015

Wynette Walker Cowen ..... '41  
 Dolores Soares Silveira ..... '59  
 Ruth Grooms Matthews ..... '64  
 Sharon Johansen ..... '75

#### Last PGHSAA Board Meeting of 2013

Community Center  
 515 Junipero Ave PG  
**6:30 PM Thursday**  
**October 10, 2013**

## September 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

Election of Officers and  
 Board of Directors.

**ALL Members  
 Welcomed!**

Refreshments Served  
 PGHS Student Union  
 (Old multi-purpose room)  
 615 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Grove

**W** E NEED YOUR  
 SUPPORT!

**PLEASE PLAN TO  
 ATTEND.**

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## A FRIENDLY WELCOME TO: OUR NEW MEMBERS:

1968 Tom Sherburne .....	Chico
1968 Roz Spafford .....	Canada
1973 Joseph Favaloro .....	Pacific Grove
1973 Annette Parker .....	Corvallis
2004 Katy Allan .....	Marina

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

1953 Clair Pittman Villano .....	Golden, CO
1963 Ann Evans .....	Pacific Grove
1968 Barry Bettencourt .....	Seaside
1968 Suzanne Perry Lorente .....	Dixon
1973 David Adams .....	Monterey
1976 Wendy Morgner Bettencourt .....	Seaside
1982 Jackie DeSmet .....	Pacific Grove

## IN MEMORY OF:

1941 Ross Smith .....	Pacific Grove
1945 Roberta Sylvester Smith .....	Pacific Grove
IMO: Myrle A. Sprague Kirk '36	
IMO: Marilyn Marie Miller Jones '45	
1943 Bonnie Thomas Hunt .....	San Jose
IMO: Veda "Vee" Mae Mewes Noren '43	
1949 Jayne Dix Gasperson .....	Pacific Grove
IMO: Donald "Don" Thomas Gasperson '47	
1965 Michael Scardina .....	Cocolalla, ID
IMO: Jon Anton Lindbeck '63	
IMO: Ralph Curtiss "Rusty" Bostwick '65	
IMO: Thomas "Tom" William Hogge '65	
IMO: Francesca "Fran" Lucia Pistoia Domonouski '65	
IMO: William "Bill" James Robertson '65	
IMO: William "Bill" Earl Ross '65	

## ALUMNI IMO SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

### CLASS OF 1952 SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1952 Jane Lowrey Weisser .....	Sacramento
IMO: Patsy Parker Thorne '52	

## PGHSAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1953 Clair Pittman Villano ..... Golden, CO



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!"***



**THE GREATEST FIRE** on the Monterey Peninsula--on September 14, 1924...was started by lightning striking a crude oil storage tank on the "tank farm", located where the Coast Guard Station stands today. Burning oil, boiling from the collapsing tank, spread the blaze to the nine other tanks and burned down five homes, two canneries, two warehouses and the oil wharf. Flaming oil spread out over the bay, threatening the fishing fleet and Old Fisherman's Wharf.

The first of many fire trucks to reach the scene was from the Pacific Grove Department, headed by Chief Roy Wright.... Foamite was unavailable at that time, and water played on the towering flames had no effect. It took three days for the fire to burn itself out, and the glare could be seen from as far away as San Francisco. Some 25 firefighters were lost, mostly soldiers from the Presidio.

When the fire started, an oil-field specialist from Arabia felt the side of the tank and warned, "This tank will generate enough steam to boil over in five minutes. Get everybody to high ground!" The crowds, and 300 soldiers, attempting to salvage hay from the warehouse, were moved up hill just in time.

In emergencies, it is wise to listen to the advice of specialists. And solving financial problems is our specialty.

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WOW Look at that interest rate!



## Something missing in P.G.'s churches

Phil Bowhay Flashback

We don't hear it much anymore, but in the good old days we talked about Carmel by the Sea, Monterey by the Smell and Pacific Grove by God.

Let me hasten to reassure those from a later litter that the "smell" was a badge of distinction. Oh, sure, Gilroy, Hershey, Pa., and even Carmel Point at low tide have smells, but nothing like the Smell of Prosperity.

Ours was a pungent reminder of the bounty of the bay, that the purse seiners had filled their nets, spilled the catch into the hoppers off the Row, and everybody had work. The smell, of course, didn't stop at the city line and mixed with the plentiful P.G. fog. It settled and stayed in our hair, our clothes and our very souls.

Which brings me to P.G. by God.

You possibly didn't realize that God did, indeed, live in Pacific Grove. There are those who claim He still does, but a cruise through town suggests that maybe now, it's just on weekends.

When the magnificent Methodist-Episcopal Church, a cathedral really, was demolished, the town lost a big hunk of its heritage. My church-bell historian, Don Gasperson, and I well remember the Methodist church bell on Sunday mornings, and there must have been more bells, but memory fades like a bell whose duty is done.

The bells of Saint Mary's Episcopal, too. It should have been preserved as a national monument, just like the sand dunes should have been; or, at least, it should have been allowed to burn. But no, a wrecking ball, and away she went. If you didn't know, Chili Great Chili and other fine establishments took its place after years of an empty lot, forlorn and filled with trash.

But look, now, at what we have left. Those sacred symbols that our ancestors built with prayerful hands, hopeful hearts and the certainty that Pacific Grove would always be a land of promise and holy refuge. I wandered into Mayflower the other day — formerly Mayflower Congregational, but Presbyterian is now close enough — looked under the third pew on the right, thinking that my grandmother's footstool might still be there. It's not.

In those hallowed days, the minister ignored the subtle crackle of cellophane as grandmothers unwrapped peppermint drops for quiet kids. The church kitchen, like all church kitchens to this day, smelled faintly of natural gas. And those old churches all seemed to have wonderful cubbyholes, hidden rooms, nooks in the bell towers and exciting places to hide. Mayflower is the only church I know that had a real, live firing range in the basement.

And now down Central Avenue is Saint Mary's Episcopal, a religious experience just to step inside, an exact replica of a church in Bath, England. Across the street, the Christian Church, straight out of New England, and farther down, St. Angela's.

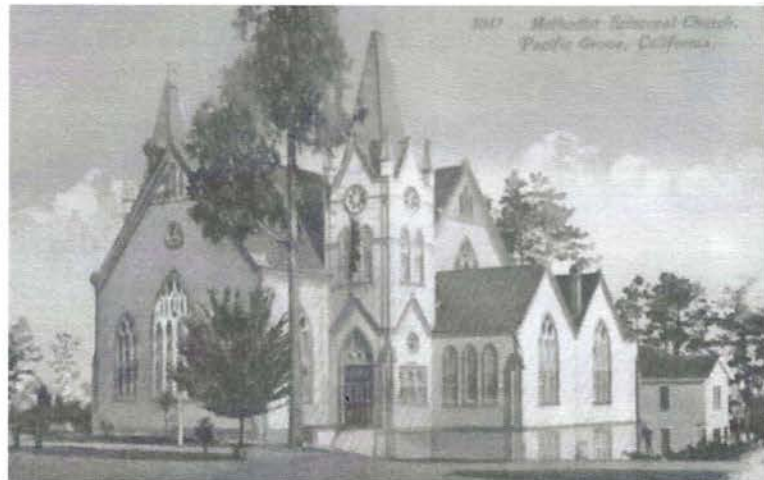
Evangelists loved Pacific Grove, with the highest conversion rate in the state. No matter how many times we were saved, another once

or twice couldn't hurt.

In those holy years, the town was dry as a bone. The thirsty sinners could march up Forest Avenue just across the line and patronize Dode's, or slip into New Monterey and then The Half Way House. When I suggested to my mother that Jesus had said something about wine being good for the stomach and that wine indeed was a miracle, she pointed out that wine in those days wasn't the same. And, at any rate, he said "a little wine."

Well, you may have noticed that things have changed in P.G.

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## HOMES FROM HISTORY

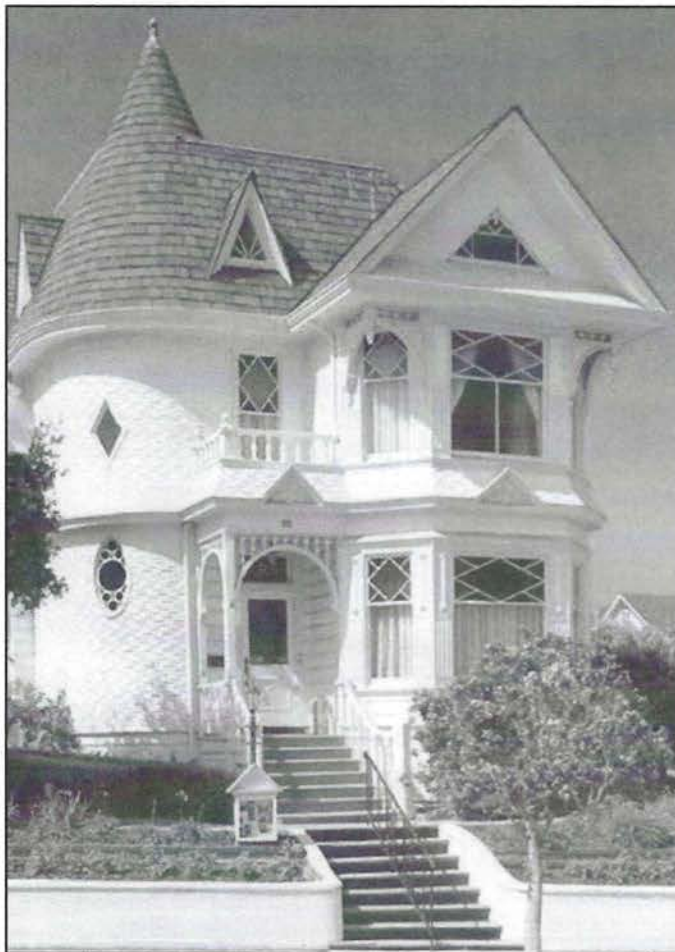
By Claudia Sawyer

First printed in the Monterey Herald

The "Hart" in Pacific Grove's Hart Mansion is a nod to Dr. Andrew Jackson Hart, for whom the house was built in 1894. But "Mansion" is a bit misleading, conjuring images of a huge home with vast quarters, sequestered within a large estate landscaped around it. This house actually rises up like a white wedding cake on modest grounds in the middle of town.

Dr. Hart was the local obstetrician who delivered babies on the first floor of the house and raised his family upstairs. When he died, the house went to one of his two sons, also a doctor, and next, to his grandson, a dentist.

During the 1970s, the house was used as a restaurant, Maison Bergerac, and the chef and his family lived upstairs. As restaurants come and go, it was followed by Gernot's Victoria House and, ultimately, Robert Kincaid's White House on Lighthouse. And then it went up for sale.



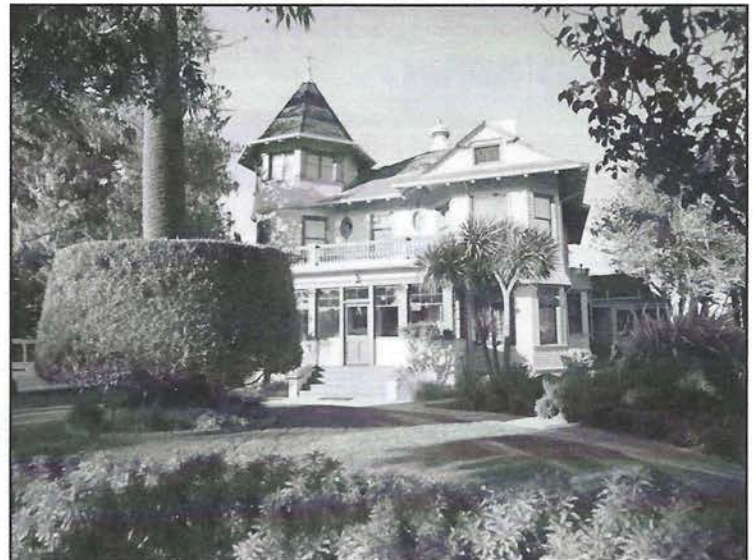
Hart Mansion

Jim and Kathy Turley had dined in the big white house, had wandered by it many times from their home, a few blocks down the road. When the "for sale" sign went up, they wondered what kind of restaurant would come in next.

After the house had been on the market for a little more than two years, the Turleys considered its vacancy a tragedy and felt the sadness in the still structure as they walked by. Their only hope for consolation, they realized, was to buy it.

"The house, an 1894 Queen Anne Victorian, is just gorgeous," said Jim. "In working on the house to do minor repairs, I found it was constructed of beautiful quality redwood, even in parts one would never see. The ceilings, hand-plastered, are 12- to 14-feet high."

Beacon House 468 Pine Avenue



An iconic Victorian in town has joined the Historic tour this year - the 1902 Victorian-era mansion built as a residence for banker J.J. Osborne and occupied, since 1961, by Beacon House residential and outpatient treatment facility.

Designed by renowned architect William H. Weeks, the house is an alchemy of Colonial Revival detailing and Victorian styling. Through the largesse of Samuel F.B. Morse, founder and president of the Pebble Beach Co., Beacon House was able to acquire the house to the benefit of the community.

"So many people see this beautiful building and don't actually know what it is or what we do at Beacon House," said case manager Carollee Edmonds, who has had two historic homes on the tour. "Because it is a house and not a commercial building, we have kept it a home atmosphere where people can feel they are among family."



### 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.

**March 2013**

Frances *Jenkinson* Hagen '44 ..... San Jose

**April 2013**

Jon Lindbeck '63 ..... Couperville, WA

**May 2013**

Barbara *Cain* McGreal '68 ..... Pacific Grove  
 Lee Hoag '50 ..... Cameron Park  
 Bruce Strickland '71 ..... Burnsville, NC  
 Bob Brown '63 ..... Gearhart, OR

**June 2013**

Barbara *Dirk* Shattuck '50 ..... Roseburg  
 Ronald Johnson '57 ..... San Francisco

**July 2013**

Meadow *McCloskey* Young '87 ..... Los Angeles  
 Chris Buck '67 ..... Woodbury, MN  
 Jim Kavanagh '44 ..... Silverdale, WA  
 George Brown '43 ..... Monterey  
 Frank Brightwell '48 ..... Yuma, AZ

Frances Rose *Jenkinson* Hagen, 86, a resident of San Jose for 70 years, died there on March 19, 2013. She was born Nov. 17, 1926, in Kern County, and graduated from



PGHS in 1944. Frances retired from retail clerks in 1988. Survivors include her husband Gordon; children, Carolyn Lemire and Gary Hagen; sister Shirley *Jenkinson* Taylor '47. three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was a 44-year member of the PGHS alumni association. She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Rosie Jenkinson, and brother David Jenkinson '43.



Jon Anton Lindbeck, 68, died in Couperville, WA, on April 1, 2013, after a long illness. Born July 18, 1944, in Eastport, ME, Jon grew up in Pebble Beach and graduated from PGHS in

1963. Jon opened his own bakery in Juneau, AK, where he enjoyed sailing and fishing during his free time. In the mid-sixty's he began working as a ship-fitter for



Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in Freeland in 1975 until 1999, then transferred to Dakota Creek Industries in Anacortes, until he retired. Jon was an avid outdoorsman and loved wilderness camping, motorcycle riding, and hunting and fishing. Survivors include his two sons, Erik and Anton Lindbeck, and his brother Gene Lindbeck '65.



Barbara Elizabeth *Cain* Temple McGreal passed away May 6, 2013, due to complications after hip-replacement surgery. She was born in Carmel on Nov 11, 1950 and lived her entire life in PG. Barbara went all through Pacific Grove High with the class of 1968 but got her

high school degree in 1969. Barbara lived a life of service and was a devoted wife and mother. All those who knew Barbara knew that they could count on her. She was always



there to help, to be a friend, to offer advice, or just to listen, she was there. She saved and cared for dozens of animals over the years. Survivors include her husband Timothy McGreal '76, her two daughters Corissa *Temple* '90 and Rebecca *McGreal* Graham '98, seven grandchildren; and by siblings Kathleen *Cain* Heidrick, Carolyn *Cain*, Patricia *Cain* Jones '70, Daniel *Cain* '72, Donald *Cain* '74, James *Cain* '76 and Joseph *Cain* '78. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, Klement and Gloria *Cain*.



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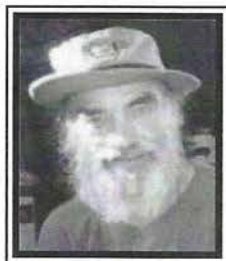
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Gerald Leland Hogg, who spelled his last name Hoag while in school, died at the age of 82 in Cameron Park on May 7, 2013. Born in Monterey on May 4, 1931, he grew up in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1950. Lee's career as a baker lasted 60 years. He an avid golfer, and enjoyed tinkering in his garage making beautiful wind chimes. He was a 25-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Beverly *Rusch* Hogg '51, children, Janet, Charles and David; his sister Wanda Gray; 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Hoag '45, Barbara Hoag Dale '46, and Kenneth Hoag '54.



Robert Earl Brown, 71, a native of Carmel, died at his home in Gearhart, OR, on May 17, 2013. Born March 30, 1942 to Willard and Olive *Maben* '39 Brown, Bob attended PGHS with the class of 1963, and later went to Lower Columbia College, in Longview, WA. In 1960 he enlisted in the US Navy and served on the destroyer USS Samuel Moore. After discharge he worked as a paramedic/EMT in Honolulu HI, Santa Cruz, CA and Longview, WA. In 1982, he moved his family to Gearhart, where



he owned and operated North Coast Transit Co., retiring in 1995. Bob enjoyed inventing and building things, playing music and writing. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother James '66. Survivors include his wife Barbara, three sons, Ivan K. Murray, Hamil E. Brown, and Tim Smith.



On May 22, 2013, Bruce Strickland, 60, died of cancer at his home in Burnsville, NC. Though born in Alabama, he spent his formative years in California, graduating from PGHS in 1971.



For the past 35 years, he has resided near Burnsville, where he was a general contractor and carpenter. Bruce also was an avid bass fisherman, and enjoyed gourmet meals, fine wine, blues music and worldly conversation. Bruce was preceded in death by his father, Dick Strickland. Survivors include his mother, Nora Strickland of Monterey; his children, Meagan Mitchell and Tyler Strickland, and one granddaughter, all of NC; and his siblings, Marion Getz of San Francisco, Deborah *Strickland* '71 of Seaside, Karen Strickland of Carmel Valley, and Brian Strickland of Salinas.



Barbara Lee *Dirk* Souza Shattuck, 80, of Roseburg, OR, passed away June 10, 2013. She was born on December 28, 1932, and raised in PG where she graduated from



PGHS in 1950. Barbara and her second husband Bill owned a catering business until retirement and traveled throughout the West and Alaska. She was a 23-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include her husband; children: Daniel; Kathi; Karen; and Judy; her brother, Richard Dirk '54; her cousins who were raised as sisters: Jerry *Dirk* Murray '51 and Sandy *Dirk* Furtado '52; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents Edmond B. Dirk '30 and Daphne Dirk, and first husband Edward Souza.



Ronald Lee Johnson, 74 died on June 17, 2013, in San Francisco where he lived most of his adult life. He was born in Tulare on Dec.12, 1938, and moved to PG in 1945, graduating from



PGHS in 1957. After three years in the Marine Corps, he received an honorable discharge. He then moved to San Francisco where he pursued his love of the arts and interior decorating. Ron also loved to travel. Survivors include his sister Bernice *Johnson* Wardle '58 of Madera, and brothers, Raymond Johnson '62 of Fernandina Beach, FL, Dan Johnson '63 of Fresno, Tom Johnson '72 of Corral de Tierra and Gerald Johnson '77 of Salinas.



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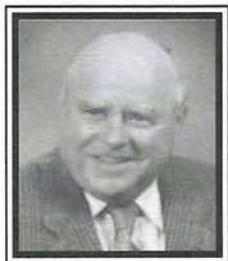
Christopher Harvey Buck died unexpectedly in Woodbury, MN on July 1, 2013, his home of many years. Born Aug. 10, 1949, he was 63. Chris graduated from PGHS in 1967.



He was a member of Ancient Landmark Masonic Lodge #5, St. Paul Valley Scottish Rite and Osman Shrine. Survivors include his wife Kim, and three siblings, Nick, Geoff and Julie.



James Fischer Kavanagh, died in Silverdale, WA, on July 4, 2013, at the age of 87. Born June 30, 1926, in San Francisco, to Mary and George Kavanagh; his family moved from the Bay area in the



1930s and settled in Monterey. James attended PGHS with the class of 1944. His senior year he joined the Navy, serving in the Aleutians and Guam. James served in the Monterey Fire Dept. from 1952 to 1981, retiring as battalion chief. He was an avid golfer, a skilled builder, loved to camp and travel, and was always ready to help someone in need. He was a 32-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his wife Betty *McDanel* Kavanagh '48; sons Michael '73 of Poulsbo, WA, Gary '75 of Port Ludlow, WA, and John '82 of Monterey; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Robert of PG. He was preceded in death by his

siblings, Helen Robinson, Rita Wilkins, Mary Halter, Don '43 and George Kavanagh.



Meadow Starchild *McCloskey* Young died at the age of 44 in Los Angeles, on July 25, 2013. Born Aug. 29, 1969 in Monterey, Meadow grew up in PG, and spent her first two year



of high school at PGHS, graduating from Seaside High in 1987. Soon after she joined the U.S. Air Force, where she trained and served as a surgical technician. After her tour of duty she moved back to the Peninsula and worked for CHOMP as a surgical assistant. Meadow was an advocate for understanding and acceptance of racial, gender and class differences. She had a huge heart; and was compassionate, loving and intuitive. Survivors include her husband, Raymond "Teddy" Young of Los Angeles; her children: Renee Marchelle Flanders and Trey Alexander Young; her stepsister, Syeda *Moppert* '91 and brother, Stephen Michael *McCloskey*; her mother, Dianne Lyle; her stepfather, Peter *Moppert* and grandmother Yolanda Shea. Meadow was pre-deceased by her father, Stephen *McCloskey* and stepbrother, Kheffren *Moppert* '87.



George Briton Brown died at the age of 88 at his home in Monterey on July 26, 2013. Born in San Jose on June 9, 1925, George grew up in PG but quit PGHS his senior year in 1943 to join the Navy. He spent his 18th birthday on Normandy

Beach, and later served in Europe and Korea. In 1946 he earned his degree at night school, and later was awarded a Delayed Diploma in 2006. George was a retired typesetter. He was the longest standing member of the Elks Lodge, having joined in 1947. He was a 35-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his second wife Mercedes; two children, Michael and Laurie, two stepchildren; and brother Roger Brown '49. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruaha, and siblings, Virginia *Brown* Schmeltz '40 and Philip Brown '46.



Frank Dale Brightwell, 84, died in Yuma, AZ, on July 29, 2013. Born July 25, 1929, in Fresno, he grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1948. Frank was a hydraulic



mechanic for a utilities company and veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a 25-year member of the PGHS alumni association. Survivors include his children, Roger and Julia, and sister Jewell Brightwell '45. He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores Welbrn Black '53, and brothers, Claud Brightwell '45 and Richard Brightwell '51.



When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.  
~Author Unknown



## 'All he wanted to do was play music'

*Pacific Grove ties to Glenn Miller and his music through his brother, Herb Miller*  
By Dixie Layne '66

It is with excitement and fond memories many of us will file into Pacific Grove's Performing Arts Center on Thursday evening, November 1, to hear the distinct sounds of the Glenn Miller Orchestra. People of all ages from around the world can identify the sonic keynote of the Glenn Miller Orchestra—lead clarinet over four saxophones. We are thrilled this big band sound is returning to Pacific Grove where residents from 1944 to 1980 had a special connection with Glenn Miller's music through his brother Herb Miller. Herb brought his own musical talent to the Monterey Peninsula, first to Fort Ord as part of the 59th Army Band then to Pacific Grove as music teacher and band leader.

While Herb was stationed at Fort Ord, he and his young family lived in a house at 16 Second Street in Pacific Grove because it had a living room large enough for the entire band to rehearse. Herb's son, John, remembers when the soldiers came to their home December 1944 to tell Herb his brother, Army Major Glenn Miller, was "missing in action". Glenn Miller was flying from England to entertain the troops in Paris when his plane went missing over the English Channel. No trace of the aircrew, passengers or plane have ever been found. Glenn Miller's status is "missing in action".

After Herb was discharged from his military service in 1946, he and his family remained in Pacific Grove where he found employment teaching math and instrumental music in the public schools. It was around 1950 when Herb purchased the lot at 25 Asilomar Boulevard and built a home for his family with lumber he reclaimed from a Fort Ord barrack they tore down. He used every piece of it to build the home, which no longer stands; however, the structure that currently occupies the spot is built upon the half-basement the Millers constructed so well it may never be removed.

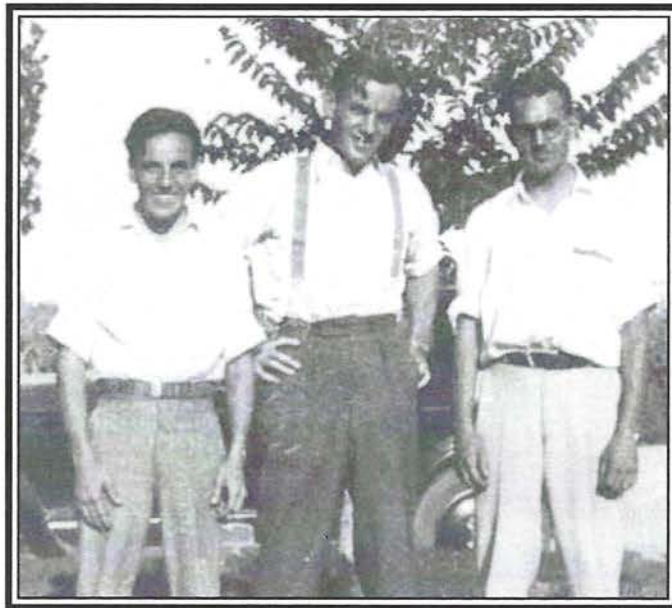
Herb Miller was assigned a permanent position at Pacific Grove Jr. High School (Middle School) in the early 1960's. During this time that I played clarinet in the school's band and orchestra. I remember he was so nice and soft spoken—a Nebraska born and bred gentleman. During his tenure as a teacher he organized his own band to help keep his brother's music alive, all the while developing his own style. He played for private and public events at a number of venues on the Peninsula, including the Mark Thomas Inn (Hyatt Regency Monterey) and a special performance on the beach during Pacific Grove's Feast of Lanterns in 1958.

Herb retired from teaching in 1970 and "joined the circus"—his son John tells me that's what musician's call playing in a band. John explains that all his dad ever wanted to do was play music. John is a graduate of Pacific Grove High School and "joined the circus" himself in 1974 as the band's ringmaster.

In 1980, Herb was invited to England to guest with a band—he accepted and asked his son to come along as the band's singer.

Herb led the Herb Miller Orchestra and traveled Europe and Asia until he "checked-out" in September 1987. John, "Herb was cremated

and his ashes scattered off the coast of England with 800 people in attendance. He was highly thought of by musicians and much loved by audiences." John has continued in his father's footsteps - keeping the Glenn Miller music alive. The Herb Miller Orchestra, now the John Miller Orchestra, continues to play throughout Europe and Asia: [www.JohnMillerOrchestra.com](http://www.JohnMillerOrchestra.com)



Glenn ~ Herb ~ Dean Miller



Glenn Miller Band at Mark Thomas Inn, Monterey



John Miller 2012



John Miller 1959



## ALUMNI TIDBITS

by Sue Taylor '68

I have to start with an error and an omission. **Bonnie Thomas Hunt '43** tells me that I made an error in the obituary of **Veda Mae Mewes Noran '43** in the June issue of the KOII. Veda and her husband Irv raced horses at Del Mar (not cars). I am so sorry, I do apologize. In the obituary of **Michael Lewis '88** in the March 2013 issue, I did not mention that his wife **Farrah Cordell Lewis '95** is also a PGHS alumna.

**Wynette Walker Cowen '41** draws our attention to the fact that December 1942 was a great month for PGHS weddings. She notes **Harry Ocker '40** and **Jeanne Ann Borwick Ocker '41** were married Dec. 6, **Dick Gamble '39** married his Barbara on Dec. 12, and she married **Howard Cowen '41** on Dec. 21. All the guys are WWII vets, and all three marriages have lasted over 70 years.

Our classmates certainly like to hide out don't they? Women are the worst – all that name changing over the years, lol. It's always a pleasant surprise to find a classmate doing well, especially one you have admired, not knowing they were a fellow grad. **Diana Rogers '68** is my classmate, but the name did not 'click' when I first saw the work of Kris Hirt. I saw some of her photography awhile ago and really liked the series on Cannery Row. It wasn't until Cedar Street Times ran an article on her, using her full name, and thankfully citing PGHS, that I realized who she was. The article tells us we can find her photographic greeting cards sold at the Farm Stand at Earthbound Farm, in Carmel Valley, and Gifts on the Go in south Salinas. Visit her website at [www.bentpixelphotography.com](http://www.bentpixelphotography.com) (Google Kris Hirt), I am particularly in love with the Cannery Row Rocky Shore shot - makes me want to sit on shore, listen to the waves, and think historical thoughts. (I'd put a copy here but they are properly under copyright). The two Pacific Grove shots are also evocative.

Another name change is **Noel Jean Sanchez '00**, who dropped her last name professionally and is known as Isabel Noel Jean or just Noel Jean. After graduating from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, she began working for various LA clothing companies, and with film and television wardrobe stylists and costume designers. Now she is in New York making progress with her own label. You can view her fashions on her website at <http://www.noeljean.com>

You Tube has a cute clip on two PGHS guys with their own musical group called The Aglets. The clip was posted in March 2012, but unfortunately it does not name the two guys, students at PGHS and playing at PGHS. I can't find any more about them, so I guess they are still in school or graduated and moved on. Too bad, I liked their sound; they might have been good for playing at PGHSAA reunions. Hey! There's an idea – anybody know more about these guys so we can trace them and see if they would like a gig? BTW, don't miss **Kenny Chung's '10** comments below the clip – PGHS faculty must cringe when seeing misspelling causing such unnecessary confusion. It took me aback I'll say.

Well that is another three hours shot to heck. These tangents.... Recent news has some PGHS students in trouble, which led me thinking that in the old newspaper days they used to print the kids names. Not anymore (unless you stumble over them in the sheriff's report). Ah well. But that led me to thinking about an old movie filmed in Pacific Grove, name changed to protect the innocent. I cannot for the life of me remember the title. All I remember was that it was a TV movie about some out-of-towners called to a 'small town in central coastal California' that had a very severe kid drug problem. And as that is being explained the camera pans a beautiful wide screen shot of downtown Pacific Grove. Unmistakable. I about jumped out of my seat at the time. This was sometime in the 70s I think. I can't even remember what happens in the film or who starred in it, but I clearly see one youngster on LSD taking a flyer off the Del Monte Sand Plant – apparently a favored druggie hangout of the kids in the film. So I just cruised [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com) (Internet Movie Data Base) looking high and low for the film and could not find it. Very frustrating! Does anyone remember it? I was disappointed to find that Pacific Grove was not credited as a filming location for "A Summer Place" and was able to add the location to their database (said to probably appear in late August maybe, if they can verify the information).

This is my second to the last column. I will stop writing for the KOII in the December issue. I will be spending most of my time continuing my big project of finding out the death dates for all students and staff of PGHS, and helping Joanie increase the PGHSAA database, and trace alumni for reunions. I really really hope someone out there will volunteer to write their own column for the KOII. It's a rewarding and fun experience.

*A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice. Bill Cosby*





\$150,000 Loss: Will Rebuild  
June 21, 1951

Fires destroyed the Grove Theater Building on Lighthouse Avenue, early this morning. The Greyhound depot and the physicians' offices on the corner also were included in the loss. The alarm was turned in at 2:51 a.m. with eight pieces of fire equipment responding to the blaze. Two trucks came from the Forestry Fire Station while Monterey sent three to assist.

**ORIGIN UNDETERMINED**

Fire Chef Vic May was unable to conclude what had started the fire, since the building was still too hot (9:00 a.m.) To investigate fully. However, he was sure it was not the projection room.

May said, "When we entered the first time, the smoke was so thick, one could hardly see, but there was a great deal of flame in the front of the stage."

There were no injuries incurred during the fire.

Mark G. Keller, president of the Monterey Theater Company, owners of the property, estimated a building loss of \$15,000. He said that as soon as the insurance adjusters have completed their survey, and the engineers can enter the site, plans will be drawn to rebuild.

Keller said, "It is, of course a great financial loss to us, but it is also a loss to Pacific Grove, and we will go ahead immediately on a new and better theater.

Doctors, Richard Hane and A.J. Herrman, whose offices were at the corner of Sixteenth and Lighthouse are looking for a temporary location this morning, and will announce their openinh in a later edition.

John Stewart who operates the Greyhound agency and magazine shop suffered a severe loss in merchandise.

**One Time Store**

The property was occupied by Holman's until 1924, when the

Monterey Theater Company purchased the building from T.A. Work and Edward Berwick and remodeled it.



Holman's at the theater location 1910



Two firemen enjoy good seats as they put out the final embers of this morning's fire. Photo by: Don Stevens



Fireman play their hoses on the doctor's offices, reducing the chances of spreading to the venerable Methodist Church next door. Mayor John Nelson turns out to be a fire buff (see if you can spot him), as flames leap through the roof of the theater. Photo by Wm.Morgan

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Interior of John Stewart's shop, completely ruined by the fire. Photo by: Don Stevens



Flames billow shyward as the fire breaks through the roof of the Grove Theater. Photo by: Wm Morgan



Fireman Al Page '29 and Harold Compton '35 arch water into the building, where it still smolders. Photo by: Don Stevens



Two firemen enjoy good seats as they put out the final embers of this morning's fire. Photo by: Don Stevens



Projection room, high atop the building shows the effects of the intense heat. Photo by: Don Stevens



## Speaking of fires....

The picture below is of Gertie Ernst '22. Many of you remember her as the Secretary to the Principal at PGHS. For



Gertie with her two white bears.

those of you who did not know, Gertie was my Great Aunt, sister to Gladys Ernst Dean '19 (my grandmother), Mildred Ernst McMath '25 and Dorothy Ernst Mattos '30. The sisters all grew up at 502 Granite St., and it was Gertie's home at the time of her passing in 1984.

For years she had two white concrete bears in her side yard. The story is they came out of the Grove Theater where they lived on either side of

the stage for many years. I don't remember them in the theater but do remember them in her yard. I'm wondering if anyone out there may know anything about these bears. I heard they came into her possession when the theater was remodeled. I don't think they were in the fire of 1951, but may have been in the theater after it was remodeled following the fire.

**Can anyone out there help me?** Joanie

## Chief Miller Retires

First printed in the Cedarstreet Times

Fire Chief Andrew Miller of the consolidated fire department will retire officially July 9. Miller, who spent 25 years on the Pacific Grove Fire Department and was chief for 10 years, became assistant chief of the Monterey Fire Department and then became chief when Chief Sam Mazza retired.

Chief Miller has 33 years fire service experience, including serving as chief of both Pacific Grove and Carmel-by-the-Sea from 2005 to 2008. Newly-appointed Assistant Chief Jim Courtney, also from Pacific Grove, will become acting chief during the recruitment process.



Andrew Miller PGHS '77

Chief Miller is from Pacific Grove. He said, "It has been an honor to have worked with the men and women of the Monterey Fire Department. They are all willing to put their lives on the line for the citizens of the cities they protect." He pointed out that the individual firefighters and associations have done much in Pacific Grove, including donations to the pool project, the Pacific Grove Library, and to the Chamber of Commerce via sales at Good Old Days.

"These people have spent thousands of dollars of their own money on youth sports and the Burn Foundation," he said with pride. "They carry bank cards and taxi vouchers that they purchase with their own funds to donate to folks they meet on the job who need help." He added, "Call 9-1-1 and you'll get a professional, courteous response well within the expected response time. They work hard to exceed expectations.

Miller plans to go to Kauai with his family for two weeks right after his retirement, then hopes to reconnect with his family and friends...and to "give back for the great opportunity the cities gave me," he said.

He is a graduate of Pacific Grove High School, Monterey Peninsula College, and Cogswell Polytechnical College. He completed the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer program, and he is a California State Certified Chief Fire Officer.

Miller was instrumental in engineering the consolidation of fire protection services on the Monterey Peninsula in 2008.

Today, the Monterey Fire Department provides fire services to the citizens of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Presidio of Monterey, Naval Postgraduate School and La Mesa Village.

**Congratulations on your retirement Andrew!**



## Pacific Grove High Grad Sang National Anthem at Giants Game July 24

Tim Curley, Pacific Grove High School graduate, class of 1973, and his acoustic group The Cork Pullers, of Sonoma, sang the national anthem on Wednesday, July 24, 2013, at 7:15 p.m., at AT&T Park in San Francisco, immediately prior to the defending World Series champion Giants taking the field against the Cincinnati Reds.

The group was selected from their audition CD to fill one of 10 available dates, from more than 1,000 CD auditions received.

Tim is the son of the late Don Curley, who was principal of Pacific Grove High School, and Assistant Superintendent of the PGUSD.



Tim was the MTAL Champion in both the 120 yard high hurdles, and the 180 yard low hurdles on the 1973 Pacific Grove High team that won the MTAL Track and Field Championship. He holds the third-fastest time ever in PGHS history in the 120 yard (110 meters today) high hurdles.

His mother and sister still live on the Monterey Peninsula.

The Cork Pullers are the most recognized and in-demand musical act in the Sonoma area, having played over

150 performance since their inception in early 2009.

First printed in the Cedarstreet Times



On May 17, 2013, James Brown was sworn in as Monterey's newest Fire Division Chief by Fire Chief Andrew Miller. Division Chief Brown is highly qualified for this position with 25 years of fire service experience and fire service educational background.



One PG boy swears in another  
Andrew Miller '77 swears in James Brown '83

"His extensive experience and educational qualifications as well as his professionalism, competency and dedication as a fire officer will enhance the Monterey Fire Department team," said a spokesperson. He was born and raised in Pacific Grove and attended Robert H. Down Elementary School, Pacific Grove Middle School, and Pacific Grove High School. He has a proud fire service legacy; his father, Roger Brown Sr. '49, retired from the City of Pacific Grove as the Assistant Fire Chief; his brother, David '80, retired from the City of Monterey Fire Dept. as the Assistant Fire Chief, his brother, Chuck '78, retired from the City of Marina as a public safety officer, and his brother, Roger '76, is currently serving as a fire captain for the City of Seaside.

First printed in the Cedarstreet Times



Jean Johnson Suter '44 Paul (Berwick) Trejo '44 and  
Alice MacLeod Sullivan '44

## Can't Burn It: Can't Use It

Unknown paper c1938

A fire already built, but too expensive to burn.

That's the problem which confronted eight Pacific Grove high school boys who Wednesday night borrowed a truck, motored nonchalantly over to Seaside. They were looking for wood for a pre-game rally tonight on the high school field. Spotting a cozy-looking small wooden structure, the boys, still nonchalantly, piled it on to their truck.

The small wooden structure might have been called, in the days of your grandfathers, an outhouse, or maybe a two-holer.

Safely back in Pacific Grove the boys deposited their treasure, when, getting ready to go after more wood, they found themselves some more good company in the form of the Monterey police. They went to the station. Who should be there but the man who owned the mentioned and yet unmentionable small wooden structure. He wanted cash. No, he didn't want the old thing. He wanted money. No, he wouldn't let the boys bring it back. Either they paid the \$25 or a warrant for arrest on charges for petty theft would be issued.



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According to persistent rumors, a woman, either the mother of one of the boys, or a true friend, gave the irate former owner of the small wooden structure a check for the amount he demanded. The boys left the station resolving to forget the whole thing. A little wiser now, the boys are pretty sure the next time they find a nice big chunk of wood, such as a small wooden structure, they will break it down into such tiny little pieces that people who are old enough to remember won't recognize it.

**The rest of the story.....**

I must have heard this story 100 times over the years but never saw the newspaper article that is on the previous page. While going through papers of my Dad's I came across it. I couldn't resist putting it in the KOII.

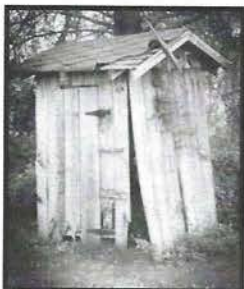
I can't name all of the boys involved, but for sure these names pop into memory. My Dad, Bill Hyler '39 and his brother Bob '40. Bud Giles '39, Wayne Bennett '39, Bill Giles '37, Keith Davison '39, to name a few.

The story goes that the truck they borrowed to get this outhouse was from a local lumber company and, though the truck was perfect in that it was a flat bed, they didn't count on the owner of the outhouse catching them by reading who owned the truck through advertising of the lumber company on the side!

It took a while before they figured out how they had gotten busted. Now, \$25.00 today does not seem like much, but in 1938 that would calculate to \$416.67 in 2013, and that is a lot.

The "lady" and or "true Friend" was none other than my grandmother, Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke '15.

If anyone else out there can share anything more about this story I sure would appreciate it.



Bonfire Homcoming Game 1947

**WHEN ARE MY MEMBERSHIP DUES DUE?**

There still seem to be folks who are confused when they owe dues. PLEASE, remember that a renewal notice will be sent to you at the end of the year, IF your dues are due. Our data base is up to date and we promise to do our very best to not let you miss a single issue. And, if we foul up, we will mail you any copies you are missing free of charge. Sending dues in the middle of the year is not necessary and time consuming for the treasurer. However, we appreciate that you want to be in current standing and not miss any issues of the KOII.

**From Matt Bell Principal of PGHS**

Just a note that the old swimming pool is now gone and a new one being dug as I type.

I've included a couple of pictures in case you want to use this as a story.

I believe the old aluminum pool – very cutting edge for the time – was built in 1968. It was now one of only two west of the Mississippi River, the other one somewhere in Oregon.

The old pool was an "L" shape with the diving well jutting off to the side of the six lane pool. We are now building an almost-square 25 yard by 25 meter pool with ten lanes and two diving board. There will be a small shallow area jutting off to the side where the entrance used to be. Otherwise, the pool will essentially be 7 feet deep in most areas except for the diving area which will be 13 feet. We are anticipating completion in December.



Photo by: Matt Bell



Photo by: Matt Bell

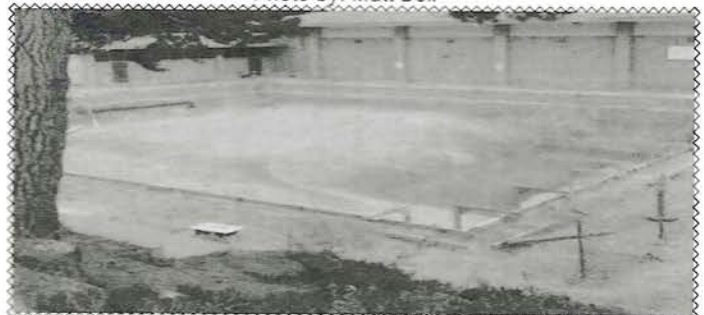


Photo By: Laura May '75



## 48 YEARS of PGHS BREAKERS CLUB

By: Wynette Walker Cowen '41 and  
Staci Consiglio

This long-lasting club stems from times supporters of PGHS Sports enjoyed opportunities of working together.

During the more than three (3) years of actual volunteer labor by "The PGHS Stadium Fund Committee" and others erecting lights and bleachers on Breaker Stadium, every weekend and holiday the men worked the ladies would bring them lunch.

Soon all unanimously felt they would like to continue helping the PGHS Sports Department and were looking for a way to do this. So, in September 1965, the late Jane Russo and Wynette Walker Cowen '41 arranged with Principal Rex Dunipace for a room at the high school and invited ALL to join them. With very little discussion the Breakers Club was born that very night. They were warned at the time that it would never last, but here we are so proud that we've proven those "nay sayers" wrong, and it's still going strong after **48 years**.

The first president of the club was Mal Silveira '41. Soon the membership grew to represent more than 100 families. Their first donation was \$248.00 the exact amount the "Stadium Fund Committee" needed to clear "their plate" and in February 1967, that committee gifted the completed stadium to the PGUSD free and clear. In 2001, PGUSD officially named it "Howard Cowen Breaker Stadium." In those first years, the club was able to present PGHS athletes 16 MPC (Monterey Peninsula College) scholarships; held 10 awards banquets, and much more.

As new projects continued to come up, the need for a permanent Projects Chairman was obvious so Richard Stillwell '50 and Howard Cowen '41 were chosen to share this responsibility. They chaired these club projects for many years together and worked with other groups - such as the original snack bar and restrooms aided financially by the PGUSD and the swimming pool bleachers aided financially by the PGHS PTA.

Other projects were the original announcers booth; baseball batting cage, field fencing and scoreboard on the baseball diamond - officially named "Don Curley Field" by the PGUSD in 2003; athletic equipment shed; pole vault and high jump pits; added storage area to the boys' locker room, and so much more. In fact, too many to list here.

In September 1976, the founding members who had been extremely active felt the need for new leadership. At the time, the Monterey Peninsula Herald sports editor, Bob Bullock, quoted in his daily column: "To lose such invaluable cooperation between the school (PGHS) and the club (Breakers) for lack of leadership would be a great loss to the Monterey Peninsula sports scene." New leadership - involving three generations - quickly took over to keep it growing and have it continue to be active to this very day.

During the next number of years the club was constantly working to aid the PGHS sports department whenever and however possible. When the importance of recording the history of the club was realized, records such as the original by laws, past president lists, past project list, etc. was gathered. In the early 90s they started organizing and collecting an

immense amount of memorabilia (innumerable years of pictures, sports blankets, sweaters, and awards, the vaulting pole Lowell "Steeley" Todd '32 used when he won the State Meet - and more) they used these items to artistically display them in a room at the school for a few years until that room was needed for classes. Sadly, most of this is now in storage. A plan is in the works for a time capsule in the stadium on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2015.

In around 1982 Head Football Coach Hal Nelson wanted to relight Breaker stadium so the school district told him he needed to raise a portion of the money. A committee was formed called B.U.L.B.S. (Breakers United Light Breaker Stadium). There were different ideas as how to raise the money The club excepted the responsibility of planning an annual "Shoe" Dinner/Dance BBQ about 1986 with Master BBQ'er Charlie Higuera '53. The first 2 to 3 years all the money raised went to the relighting of the stadium. The dinner/dance has been held immediately preceding the PG-Carmel football game ever since. This along with a huge auction (both live and silent) rates second only to the current snack bar in financing so much of the PGHS sports programs. Items for these auctions are donated by dedicated individuals and businesses, supporting the Breakers Club.

Archie's American Diner (in The Tinnery) started partnering with the club for "Archie's Night" by donating ½ of the proceeds from dinners purchased that night with pre-sold tickets.

It wasn't long before the Breakers Club reached an agreement with PGHS to solely work the Snack Bar ("Stillwell's Last Stand") with all proceeds going to the PGHS sports department. Staci Consiglio, president since June 2009, has been overseeing the many dedicated concession volunteers who give their all so willingly every time it's open. This includes stocking, planning menus, working the counter, cleaning up etc. Since being moved down to the new stadium it's open for ALL scheduled activities. The club was able to give \$10,000.00 to athletics each year for many years. Then it was raised to \$25,000.00 until 2012. That year was a very good year, so they were able to give \$5,000.00 more right off the bat. Now more than \$30,000.00 is given each year.

Among some of their numerous other gifts is a cart, including upkeep, for field set-up and moving snack bar supplies; a 30 foot storage container with a foundation at the rear of the new stadium, and new portable BBQ to support the concession.

The group also actively supports the "TRANSFORMATIONAL COACHES of MONTEREY COUNTY" <http://www.transformationalcoachesmc.com/> in their efforts to promote positive coaching and positive sports parenting.

The club meets the second Tuesday or Wednesday of every month except July in the PGHS Student Union. Membership is offered on different levels to PGHS sports fans - parents, faculties, administrators, alumni, local businesses, etc.

For further information or to join the Breakers Club, contact President Staci Consiglio at [calfrnd@aol.com](mailto:calfrnd@aol.com) or, write to the Breakers Club at, 615 Sunset Drive, PG 93950



## Remember When?

By: Bruce Obbink  
First Printed in the Hometown Bulletin

This story is not going to appeal to everyone in Pacific Grove. The town character is fast changing. More part time home owners, fewer children, less services such as recreation, library hours and the like are becoming the face of Pacific Grove. Yet there is a part of



Ralph Workman with his dog  
Scotty c1930's Photo by B.Fisher

Pacific Grove that many who were born and raised here fondly



c 1940's

Resort" which was close to the beach but it was home to many people during WWII. In its early years it was the largest motor court on the west coast.

Fred Workman his wife Nell and his two sons Ralph and William lived on the north east corner of 17 Mile Drive and Sinex. Their family home still stands.

Fred Workman had purchased the property across the street which was vacant in 1925 and proceeded to build the cottage court. In 1940 he expanded the facility to include mobile homes. At the time the cottage court was the only facility of its type on the peninsula that supported mobile home living. The court property also included cottages on the east side of 17 mile



Gas Station on left.



remember.

One of the most famous land marks was the motor court at the corner of 17 Mile Drive and Sinex. The 17 mile Drive Cottage Court was not only advertised as a "First Class Modern

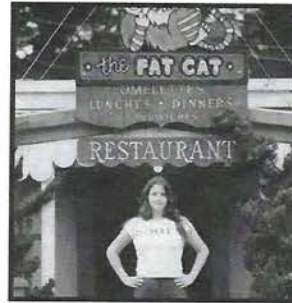


c1950's

drive. Those cottages are still there although they have modernized to current standards.

There was a gas station utilizing the hand pump system and small grocery store. The most popular of all was the "Fat Cat Café". Who will ever forget

the Fat Cat Café. Many people say if the restaurant were still in operation today it would have the largest grease trap know to man. But the food served was reportedly superb and it was a well known hang out for local residents.



Aileen Bobier  
Fat Cat employee c1970's

People today will remember their mother sending them down to the "camp store" for milk or bread or some other staples. Some might remember working at the court cleaning the cabins or delivering newspapers to the residents.

Fred Workman was a hard working man. Not only did he own and run his business he also served on the Pacific Grove City Council in the 1930's and gave of his time to the community through the war years and to the end of the 1940's.

You might well have raced your home built soap box down hill during derby time starting at about Alder and



17 Mile Drive Village c1960's

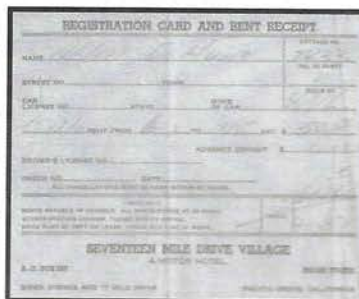
Sinex past the village and across the tracks toward Asilomar. Sinex was a popular racing spot. Today we often see skate boarder and roller blade users trying the same hill. Little do they know that hill has been used for down hill runs for many a year.

Ralph Workman still lives close by the village. It was not the happiest of days for him in



A right of passage for those of us born in the 50's was to sneak in the cottage and swim in the pool. There was a treasurer chest painted on the bottom of the pool, anyone out there remember who painted it?

the mid 1980's when the court gave way to the new apartment complex. But as Ralph has often said, "it is time to move on". That is probably what his father said when he cleared a number of trees on the corner and built the 17 Mile Drive Cottage Court some 83 years ago.



Rent receipt for a trailer space c1960's. \$50.00!! Receipt compliments of Margie Hunt Ross '68

Editor's Note:

Ralph Workman passed away in 2011 at the age of 84. He was a 30 year member of the alumni association.



**PGHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND**

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	<b>Saturday Dinner Beach BBQ</b> Oak Grilled Beef Tri-Tip, Barbequed Salmon with a White Wine Dill Glaze, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Fresh Corn on the Cob with Sweet Cream Butter, Creamy Caesar Salad, French Rolls with Butter. Desert: Classic S'mores	\$ 55.00	
	<b>Sunday Buffet Brunch Prepared by the PGHS Culinary Class</b> Egg and Cheese Casseroles (both Sausage and Vegetarian) Fresh Fruit Salad, Homemade Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit Juices, Coffee, Tea and Condiments. <b>LIMITED SEATING, RESERVE EARLY.</b>	\$ 20.00	
	<b>Make Check Payable to: PGHSAA</b>	<b>Total</b>	

**OUR BYLAWS STATE THAT YOU MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER IN ORDER TO ATTEND ANY PAID EVENT PUT ON BY PGHSAA DUES ARE \$20.00**  
 If you are joining the alumni association to attend this reunion, please call or email Joanie Hyler. 831.375.3040 Joanie@pghsaa.org  
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## PGHS Reunions for 2013

### Class of 1963 50th Reunion

October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> Classmates Get-together -TBA  
Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6 with PGHSAA  
Annual Dinner and Brunch

Contact: Jim Carroll Jones  
[jimcarrolljonesjr@msn.com](mailto:jimcarrolljonesjr@msn.com)

435 View St. Mountain View, CA. 94041  
650-969-3892  
650-961-8965

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### Class of 1968 45th Reunion

[www.pghsclassof1968.com](http://www.pghsclassof1968.com)

October 4th through October 6th  
Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
No Host gathering at Joanie Hyler's. BYOB, a finger food snack and a log for the fire. Sodas, beer and wine provided. Please be sure and RSVP on web site so we can have a head count.

Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6 with PGHSAA  
Annual Dinner and Brunch

Contact: Joanie Hyler  
[hyler@pacbell.net](mailto:hyler@pacbell.net)

831-375-3040

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### Class of 1973 40th Reunion

[www.pacificgrove73.com](http://www.pacificgrove73.com)

October 4<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>  
Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> Informal wine-and-cheese at the home of Beth Penney  
Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6 with PGHSAA  
Annual Dinner and Brunch

Contact:  
Beth Penney  
[bpsenney@sonic.net](mailto:bpsenney@sonic.net)  
831-372-7625

### Class of 1993 20th Reunion

November 1<sup>st</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> PGHS Home Football Game  
Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Buffet Dinner The Turf Club  
(Monterey Fairgrounds) Adults only Event  
Sunday - November 3<sup>rd</sup> - Family Fun Day. Bring your own picnic. Location TBA

Contacts:  
Allison Young Bautista  
Irene *Digirolamo* Miller [itdigi@msn.com](mailto:itdigi@msn.com)  
Lauralea Peiffer Gaona

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[www.facebook.com/pacificgrovehighschoolclassof'93](http://www.facebook.com/pacificgrovehighschoolclassof'93)

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## 2014 Reunions

### Class of 1964 50th Reunion

Wayne and Jennifer *Kren* Ross are already planning their classes 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. They could use help from their classmates to begin locating as many of you as they can.

The alumni association helps as much as we can but we rely on all of you to get the word out and have them contact Wayne & Jennifer.

Contact:  
Wayne & Jennifer *Kren* Ross  
[wjross@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wjross@sbcglobal.net)  
831-375-6798  
PO Box 222  
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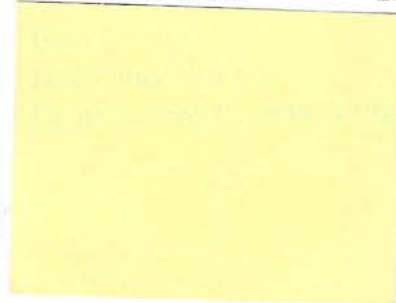
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Is it already near the end of the summer? It seems school was just getting out. Of course in my day we didn't go back until after labor day, now they get out in May and go back in August.



Reservations are coming in for the annual reunion dinner and brunch. As always I look forward to seeing all of you who come each year. I hope to see new faces this year.

This will be my second to last KOII as your editor. It has been a great ride. I have learned so much about putting a newsletter together. In large part from my father Bill. And because of his direction and I felt I could do a good job by him. I'd like to think I have. But, alas it is time to pass on the torch. Please, if any of you out there are the least bit interested (whether you are local or a far) we would love to hear from you. So far no one has stepped up to the plate, and this December's KOII will be my last. So, dust off your typing skills and give me a call.

Next year I want to look into having a plaque honoring all our KIA

veterans from all wars and conflicts, placed in the library at the high school. If any of you know of a classmate that was killed in a war/conflict would you please send me the name and any information, you may have about them. I would surely appreciate it and it would speed up the research process.

Lastly, I would like to give Richard and Beverly *Wilson Stillwell* '49-'50 a big THANK YOU for their generous contribution to our Save the Pool Campaign. I'm pleased to report the pool is completed and children are once again frolicking and learning how to swim.

See you in October!



All the best!

Joanie Hyler '68