

# 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

When my family moved to Pacific Grove, I was a fifth grader. It was the height of the Baby Boom as far as school-age children went, and Robert Down, Forest Grove, Lighthouse, and David Avenue Schools were bursting at the seams. For me, the move meant a new school, a new neighborhood, and a *lot* of new people. I remember being lined up outside a classroom in alphabetical order at David Avenue School, waiting to go in and take our seats. The girl in front of me in line turned around and said, "Do you want to be best friends?"

Mind you, this was in 1966; I'm not talking about the loosely used "BFF" designation the millennials bandy about. Of course, I said yes. And almost 50 years later, that girl is still my best friend. Her name is Velma Peña Cummins. She and I were born 15 days apart, and we found over the years that we shared many other similarities.

Velma, obviously, is a special person to me, and so was Cynthia. On P. 3 of this issue you will find a list of people who have donated to the new Cynthia Alma Peña '75 Scholarship Fund. Her obituary

appears on P. 6. Establishment and support of PGHSAA scholarships such as the one set up for Cynthia are an important part of what this organization does. Your donations to these funds are welcome and appreciated.

**Other news:** The PGHSAA Board of Directors bids a fond farewell to **Ruth Grooms Matthews** '64, who says, "It's time for me to move on" to other volunteer opportunities. In her many years on the PGHSAA board, Ruth served as Recording Secretary, Sunshine Chair, Events Chair, and in many other guises. She will be missed. Thanks to Faith Van Woerkom Beety '73, Cate Goblirsch Lee '94, and Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56, who have stepped forward to fill positions left vacant by Ruth....It's now ultra easy to nominate someone for the **PGHS Hall of Fame**—use the form on P. 14....And don't forget the other important part of what the PGHSAA does—our yearly **Reunion Dinner!** Register now; the deadline is September 19. The registration form is on P. 15.

*Beth Penney '73*



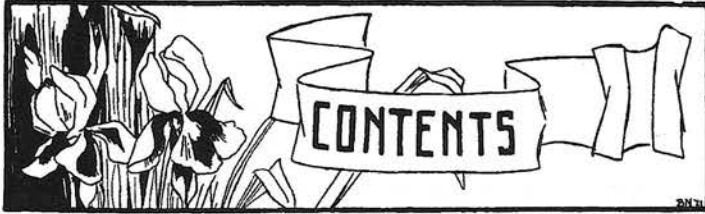
*A late '60s Christmas caroling party. From left: Cynthia Peña '75, Jeanne Penney Mileti '74, Pam Davis Helmond '74, and Sylvia Hernandez Newton '74. Behind: big sister Beth.*



*Beth and Velma at one of Beth's birthday parties. Remember those little elves? They were de rigueur as birthday gifts for pre-teen girls!*

And, sadly, in the past 12 months, we have both lost younger sisters, my sister Sara Moore '80, who suffered an aortic aneurysm last November, and Velma's sister Cynthia Peña '75, who died June 3 of breast cancer.





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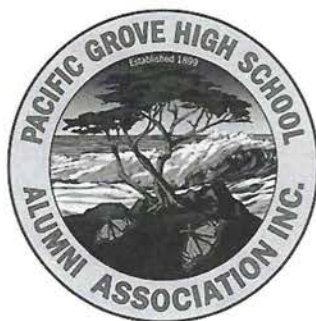
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**Important 2014 Dates**

The Annual General Meeting this year is Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center. Our 2014 reunion is the weekend of October 4-5 (see registration form, p. 15). The registration deadline is **Sept. 19**, so mail your registration today.



## A Friendly Welcome to Our New Members

1962 David May Bel Air, MD

## "In Memory Of" Contributions

1943 Jack Reynolds Monterey

IMO: Miriam Dorah "Jill" Harriman Reynolds '43

1943 Maxine Wilson Hoag Pebble Beach

IMO: Miriam Dorah "Jill" Harriman Reynolds '43

1947 Donald Day Salinas

IMO: Richard "Dick" Holm, Faculty

1953 Don Flickinger Seaside

IMO: Darryl Robert "Bob" Steinmetz '48

1961 Jim Thomas Loveland, OH

IMO: Earl Dewayne Brickman '61

IMO: James "Jim" Verdine Herdine '61

1970 Suzy Stillwell Derowski Marina

1975 Bill Derowski Marina

IMO: Robert Patrick "Pat" Mahaney '71

## PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1952 Jane Lowrey Weisser Sacramento

IMO: Vance Jefferson Lowrey '48

## Alumni IMO Scholarship Fund

### Robert "Bob" Lester Hoag Scholarship Fund

Maxine Wilson Hoag '43 Pebble Beach

### Cynthia Alma Peña '75 Scholarship Fund

1949 Richard Stillwell Pacific Grove

1950 Beverly Wilson Stillwell Pacific Grove

1947 Donald Day Salinas

1970 Suzy Stillwell Derowski Marina

1973 Beth Penney Pacific Grove

1975 Bill Derowski Marina

*All contribution amounts are held in complete confidence and are not shared with our membership. In Memory Of (IMO) amounts are also not shared with the deceased member's family. The Board finds it remarkable and gratifying to receive this continuing financial support from so many members. Although we may recognize only a single name here, we know an entire family is often represented in the contribution. On behalf of PGHSAA, PG High, and PG High students, we warmly say, "Thank you, generous contributors!"*



## Letters to the Editor

July 29

Dear Beth Penney and Edie Adams McDonald:

My name is Sean Keller, and I am the Assistant Principal at Pacific Grove High School. I've worked at PGHS since 2000-2001, and I have to say it is the best educational experience I've had in my 20+ years as a teacher and administrator. I'm writing to extend an invitation to the PGHS Alumni Association to participate in the selection of Hall of Fame nominees needed each year for our Homecoming celebration. I started the Hall of Fame back in 2008, and we've had some great inductee classes for the past six years, but it is difficult to know everyone who should be recognized since I did not graduate from Pacific Grove, even though I feel like an adopted Breaker. If you could recommend some graduates and former faculty for the Hall of Fame, I would really appreciate it. Also, if the form can be advertised or printed in the *Knockout II* I think it would generate more interest each year. (*Editor's note: It appears on P. 14!*) Thank you for providing a connection for PGHS alumni over the years.

*Yours in Breaker Pride,  
Sean Keller, PGHS Assistant Principal*

July 20

Dear Beth,

Just met with Matt Bell at PGHS, and among other things he told me was this: In June, 2014, 132 students graduated from Pacific Grove High School. PGHS currently has 170 freshmen, 153 sophomores, 147 juniors, and 135 seniors. There are more students each year! The principal would greatly appreciate this information reaching PGHS Alumni.

*Jayne Dix Gasperson '49*

June 10

Dear Mrs. Field,

Kindly find enclosed my personal check in the amount of fifty dollars given as a donation to The Association in memory of Bob Steinmetz of the Class of 1948. Please know that I was very

Continued...



impressed with the number of awards Beth Penney was able to give our graduating seniors, as so nicely chronicled in the most recent issue of *The Knockout II*. Richard Reynolds and I were involved in student government together at P.G.H.S. and also shared some time in the same dormitory at GAL. I have been in touch to acknowledge his generosity in establishing his Science and Technology Award. Thanks very much for all the good work you and the other Officers are doing through The Association.

*Sincerely yours,  
Don Flickinger '53*

*August 11*

Dear Beth,

Leeches, creepy crawlers, terrorist threats, a Malaysian airline catastrophe, everyday jungle downpours, and hot, humid weather! Why did my wife and I

choose Borneo as a travel destination? Despite the bad publicity and the daily heat and humidity, most of the other negatives never materialized.

Borneo (an island that is part of Malaysia) proved to be interesting, and its people were exceedingly friendly. Highlights of our trip: seeing and photographing airborne orangutans, visiting the bat-infested Niah Caves, where man settled 40,000 years ago, and meeting the Ibans, a tribe of more than 300 people who all live under one roof, called a longhouse. These



*An orangutan, meaning "man of the forest," swings high and free.*



*Terrell scores a bullseye with a blowgun*

folks were former "headhunters," who attacked their rivals with blowguns, then chopped off their heads and displayed them as trophies.

Fortunately, they are peaceful today. Jungle hikes, sailing the South China Sea, viewing insect-eating plants, and photographing long-nosed monkeys and whiskered pigs rounded out our adventure.

*Terrell Moss '50  
Roseville, CA*

*July 8*

Dear *Knockout II*:

I want to offer a correction to the Sally Jean Burwell McMenemy '54 obituary in the most recent issue. Sally was preceded in death by her brother, Shelton Burwell '50, not Shelton McMenemy. Our class of '50 graduation was held on June 15, 1950. The Korean War started on June 25, 1950, and ended on July 27, 1953. At that time, the Selective Service draft was in effect. Members of our class and following classes were notified to report for military service. The Alumni Association reactivated April 1, 1962, and classmates who served our country during those years may have been forgotten. Shelton Burwell served and died in the Korean Conflict. Classmates who served our country should be remembered. Please correct Shelton "Punky" Burwell's name. He has not been forgotten by the Class of 1950!

*Sincerely,  
Marilynn (aka "Bunky") Smith Crawford '50*

*Editor's note: Thanks to Marilyn for the correction and for her memories about the Class of '50 and its members' service to our country. Marilyn also sent a photocopy of an article from The Pacific Grove High School Knockout in 1950; it's reproduced on p. 12. Don Wright's obituary appears in this issue; he was another member of the Class of 1950 who served in the Korean War.*

*August 20*

To the PGHSAA:

Thank you so much for awarding me this very generous scholarship! Everything helps!

*Luke Lowell '14 (that's 2014!)*



## Obituaries

### JANUARY

Jake Parenti '99, Carmel Valley

### APRIL

Howell Dewitt Wood Jr. '47, Suisun City  
Jimmie Ichiuji '38, Salt Lake City

### MAY

Marilyn *Nold* Kirby '57, Carmel Valley

### MAY

Lana *Baker* Whiting '60, Stevensville, MT

### JUNE

Mike Murphy '66, San Mateo  
Cynthia *Peña* '75, Pacific Grove  
Earl Brickman '61, Wilder, ID  
Bob Further '78, Salinas  
Adella *Brady* Watkins '52, Pacific Grove  
Jill *Harriman* Reynolds '43, Monterey

### JULY

Donald Wright '50, Gustine  
Marcet *Schneider* Makela '44, Fort Bragg  
Pat Mahaney '71, Pacific Grove  
Buff *Savo* '66, Canada  
Jan *Nelson* Flint '48, Monterey  
Trish *Riley* Pappas '75, Kentfield  
Betty *Guild* Day '48, Monterey

### JANUARY

**Jacob Edward Parenti**, 33, tragically died in the Monterey County Jail on Jan. 15, 2014, while serving a two-year sentence. Born Nov. 15, 1980 in Santa Cruz, Jake attended PGHS with the class of 1999, and he was known as a skilled athlete. In his early teens he was a championship golfer, playing in Junior World Golf

Championships. According to relatives, he once met the emperor of Japan while competing overseas. He is remembered as a funny, sweet,

loyal, brave, talented and athletically gifted person. Survivors include his son Dakota, his mother Susan Parenti, his grandmother Margaret Parenti, and siblings Americo Parenti and Amy Parenti.

### APRIL

**Howell DeWitt Wood Jr.**, 85, died in Suisun City on April 3, 2014. Born Sept. 10, 1928, Howell graduated from PGHS in 1947 and married Yolanda Valdes on Feb. 19, 1949. He attended Salinas Junior College and the University of California at Berkeley. Howell worked overseas as a civil engineer and project director for a number of U.S. engineering/construction companies and later for the U.S. Department of State, building U.S. embassies in various parts of the world. He also built buildings such as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Prince Saud Al-Faisal. During his career, Howell worked in Europe, South and Central America, Africa, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia, and Kuwait. He loved shooting and flying. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church. Howell was a 16-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Yollie; four children, Terry, Howell III, Yolanda, and Mary Carmen; nine grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Gary. A special tribute to Howell by classmate Phil Bowhay appears on P. 9.



Salinas Junior College and the University of California at Berkeley. Howell worked overseas as a civil engineer and project director for a number of U.S. engineering/construction companies and later for the U.S. Department of State, building

**Jimmie Ichiuji**, 93, a longtime resident of Salt Lake City, UT, passed away in Phoenix, AZ, on



April 28, 2014, after a brief illness. Jimmie was born in Pacific Grove on Feb. 9, 1921, and graduated from PGHS in 1938. He was known as the family historian, able to recount childhood stories of the seven siblings and their times in "camp" and of living on the Peninsula. Jimmie was employed as a head cook at the Mayflower Cafe and later retired as a



line cook at Little America Hotel Coffee Shop. An avid fisherman, bowler, and gardener, his life-long passion for golf began at a young age. Survivors include his wife Mary "Bea," son Randy, and two brothers, Paul '42 and Harry '48. He was preceded in death by brothers Mickey '36 and Joseph '37, and sisters Kazumae *Ichiuji* Oishi '40 and Lucy.

## MAY

**Marilyn Virginia Nold Muller Kirby**, 75, died at home in Carmel Valley on May 26, 2014. Born Oct. 2, 1939, she worked for the *Monterey Herald* for 23 years and for a short time at Chamber Music Monterey Bay. Survivors include two children, Stephen '82 and Shari Kirby Dinkel '80, and two grandchildren. She was preceded



in death by her first husband, Tony Muller, in 1987.

## JUNE

**Michael Peter Murphy**, 65, died of brain



cancer on June 3, 2014, in San Mateo, his home of many years. Born to a military family in Yokohama, Japan, Mike grew up in Pebble Beach and graduated from PGHS in 1966. Graduating from West Point in 1970, he became a captain in

the field artillery. In 1978, Mike graduated from law school and eventually retired in 2011 as county counsel for San Mateo. He loved to travel, collect and drink wine, read history, and listen to classical, contemporary music, and jazz. He ran two marathons, played shortstop, and coached his daughters' soccer teams. Survivors include his wife Gayle, daughters Erin and Shannon, and sisters Susan, Dorothy *Murphy* Henricksen '73, and Kate.



**Cynthia Alma Peña**, 56, died of cancer at a hospital in Burlingame on June 8, 2014. Born June 10, 1957, in McAllen, TX, Cynthia was a Salinas educator, Pacific Grove resident and a 1975 graduate of PGHS. She earned a bachelor's degree in

liberal studies, a master's in special education and her teaching credential from the California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. An inspiration to many, Cynthia was a union activist and served 10 years on the California Teachers Association board. She worked as an elementary classroom teacher at Bardin School in the Alisal Union School District in Salinas. She served for decades as a special education teacher and received the district's Outstanding Teacher Award in 2000. Survivors include four siblings, Velma *Peña* Cummins '73, Lisandro Peña Jr. '77, Fernando Peña '78, and Jaime Peña, an RLS grad.

**Earl Dewayne Brickman**, 72, died of natural causes at his home in Wilder, ID, on June 13, 2014.



A native of Pacific Grove, Earl was born April 30, 1942, and went to PGHS with the class of 1961. Earl worked for the City of Pacific Grove in the sanitation and parks department. In 2002, he retired from the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

He was an 18-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Hope *Paavola* Brickman '61, and siblings Vern '57 of Salinas, Jim '64 of Coarsegold, and JoAnn *Brickman* Stevenson of Concord.



**Robert Charles Furter**, 54, died of polycystic kidney disease in Salinas, on June 17, 2014. Born in London, England, on April 13, 1960, Big Bob grew up in Pebble Beach and graduated from PGHS in 1978. After attending MPC, he had a long career as a meat salesman. Big

Bob loved sports, especially his Giants, Niners, Warriors, and Sharks. His positive outlook on life





and unconditional love for his family were an inspiration to everyone. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Missy; his daughters, Brittney, Brooke, and Tawni; his mother, Helen; his sister, Marie '79; and one granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred.



**Adella Ruth Brady Watkins**, 80, died at CHOMP June 27, 2014. A native of Los Angeles County, Adella was born Nov. 4, 1933, and graduated from PGHS in 1952. Over the years she worked at Holman's, United California Bank, Pacific Grove Unified School District, and Mervyn's. Her favorite hobbies were needlepoint and cooking. A fan of the S.F. Giants, she also volunteered at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She was a 10-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children, Gale '72, Steve '76, Sharon '78, Bruce '79, and Susan '83; and six grandchildren.

**Miriam D. "Jill" Harriman Reynolds**, 88, died in Monterey on June 30, 2014, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. Born May 14, 1931, in Mammoth, UT, she moved to California with her family when she was a child.



Jill graduated from PGHS in 1943 and married her high school sweetheart. She dedicated her life to her family, children's activities, schooling and PTA. Remembered for her creativity, wonderful

cooking, kindness, and love of her pets, she loved music, fine restaurants, stage musicals, and theater. She was a 46-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband, John E. "Jack" Reynolds '43; children, Bob and Deborah; and three grandchildren.

## JULY

**Donald Roy Wright**, a native of Pacific Grove, died in Gustine, his home of 25 years, on July 2, 2014. He was 82. Born July 23, 1931, Don

graduated from PGHS in 1950. He was a firefighter for 25 years, and retired as fire chief of the Monterey Airport. A 10-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served in the Korean War. He was a parishioner of the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles, a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, and active in the Lions Club.



Donald was a 26-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his children, Steven Wright '72 and Dona Wright '74; his half-sister, Virginia Turner-Wright Nonella '41; five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his ex-wife Barbara Tryon Wright '50, half-sister Phyllis Turner-Wright Brown '40, and his parents, Roy M. '05 and Velma Wright.

**Marcet Edith Schneider Makela**, 87, died in Fort Bragg on July 11, 2014. Born in Mendocino County on Aug. 31, 1926, she came to Pacific Grove to live with relatives while attending PGHS,



graduating in 1944. After graduating from Cuesta College and Santa Rosa Junior College, she married in 1948 and worked as the bookkeeper for her husband's business. Marcet was active in the Noyo community as a member of the Noyo Women

for Fisheries, League of Women Voters, and Gray Panthers. Most recently, she marched in a Mendocino 4th of July parade as an "Old Broad for Peace." In earlier years, Marcet was active in the Garden Club, PTA and 4-H. She was a 40-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children, Kathleen Gibney, Howard Makela, and Eric Makela, and eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pacific Grove native **Robert Patrick "Pat" Mahaney** died at his home on July 13, 2014, at the age of 61. Born June 4, 1953, Pat graduated from PGHS in 1971 and was always ready to lend a hand; he was someone you could count on to get the job done. He possessed an extraordinary work ethic; work was his hobby. Pat also enjoyed





traveling, camping, music, dancing in his healthy days, a good strong fire, and a cold beer with friends. Survivors include his wife, Stacey *Nightingale Mahaney* '74, and siblings Pete '69, Mark '75, Paul '72, Molly, Susan, and Kate.

**Buff Germaine Savo**, 65, died July 11, 2014, after a life-long struggle with melancholia. A native of Monterey County, she earned her degree as an elementary teacher at Simon Fraser University and, as a lifelong artist, she worked in photography and graphic art, and later as a



jewelry maker. To know Buff was a rare experience; she was deeply intense, loyal in her friendships, and a deep thinker with a sharp sense of humor. Her analysis of life and the human condition was penetrating, eloquent, and insightful. Buff is survived by

her brother Marco Savo '74. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, Joan Savo, who died in 1992, and George Savo, beloved PGHS social studies teacher, who died in 1993.

**Janet Miriam Nelson Flint**, 84, died July 20, 2014 in Monterey. Born May 4, 1930, in Greenwich, CT, she attended PGHS with the class of 1948, but later graduated from Monterey High School. Jan loved NASCAR, the 49ers, snow and water skiing, dancing, camping, traveling, and



bowling, to name just a few of her favorite activities. She volunteered for over 40 years with the Crosby/ AT&T Pro-Am. She also gave time to the Elks and the Shiners organizations. She was a 45-year member of PGHSAA.

Survivors include her brother, Robert Nelson '55; her children, Karen, Thomas and Kimberlee; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Flint '44.

**Patricia Lynn Riley Pappas**, 55, died of cancer on July 21, 2014, in Kentfield. Trish was born near the U.S. Army base in Stuttgart, Germany, and moved to Pacific Grove around age one. She graduated from PGHS in 1975 and earned a credential at Cal Poly. A devoted wife, loving mother, and active leader in the church community, Trish



enjoyed watching the news, walking her dog, cleaning her house, talking about theology, and caring for others. Survivors include her husband John; children Daniel, Katie and Michael; and siblings Penny *Riley* '65 and Susan *Riley Fuoti* '67.



**Betty Lou Guild Day**, 83, died at her home in Monterey on July 30, 2014. Born in San Francisco on Dec. 5, 1930, Betty was a life-long resident of the Monterey Peninsula and was in the class of 1948. A homemaker, Betty was an active volunteer for many

local organizations including the Girl Scouts, the Buddy Program, Monterey Eskaton, Volunteers in Action, and Meals on Wheels. Survivors include her daughters Charlotte Cunningham and Dr. Victoria Day; her brother Frederick Guild Jr.; and her ex-husband Lloyd Day '43. She was preceded in death by her sister Virginia Allshouse and half-sister Judith DeBow.

*"In Memory Of" donations are a wonderful way to commemorate the lives of friends, relatives, and faculty members, and to help us help students at Pacific Grove High School.*

*"In Memory Of" donations are acknowledged in every issue of **The Knockout II**. Send your donation to the address on P. 2. Heartfelt thanks to those who have made these generous donations over the years.*



## Adios, Handsome Howell!

So named because he was one of the better-looking guys in the Class of '47. The regular obit appears on P. 5, but a couple of items about Howell Wood seemed appropriate to add.

As a civil engineer, among other things, Howell worked for Ronald Reagan when he was governor, on economy and cost control. Howell's wife Yollie still has the license plate that says, "California THANKS Howell D. Wood." As the Woods traveled the world with the State Department, that plate was always on their wall.

Howell was an accomplished pilot and had licenses to fly in the U.S., Chile, and El Salvador. In addition to spending 23 years in the State Department, he worked for Bechtel, Kaiser Engineers, Utah Mining, and J. A. Jones. He built the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Prince Saud Al Faisal, who cemented their friendship with boxes of Cuban cigars. In Riyadh, Howell built the Diplomatic City, where all the embassies of the world were located. Because it's hard to hit a moving target, the Woods were evacuated, along the way, from Iran, El Salvador and Chile. Yollie, a native of El Salvador, claims the biggest loss was Iranian caviar. On a fashion note, Howell was stuck on Red Wing Boots and wore them even with his tux and dinner jacket.

Howell was responsible for building and reinforcing our embassies, and he lived with his family in most of the world's capitals. We certainly could have used him again in the past few years, and right up to now!

You may have read my true story a few years ago, "Saving Yancey's Nuts." Howell, of course, was Yancey. If you missed it, it appears below.

Thanks to Howell and his family for all he did for us and our country!

--Phil Bowhay '47

## Saving Yancey's Nuts

A long time ago we all learned First Aid: Boy Scouts, high school, Civil Defense, etc. I suppose it's still part of the drill, with special emphasis on CPR, and a good thing it is. You never know when you're going to need it. Sometimes the special

need isn't described in the manual, and you just have to make the best of it.

In the summer between high school and college, my pal Yancey and I hiked in to Ventana Creek, a few miles up the Big Sur River. We camped, fished, drank a little beer, and the next morning packed up and headed out. The climb from the river up to the main trail is steep, and even though we were in good shape, we huffed and puffed and broke a good sweat after a few hundred yards of switch-backs.

At about this point, I noticed Yancey seemed a little quiet and asked how he was doing. He said, "Boy, I don't know, but I've got a serious ache in my nuts!" I made a few inappropriate—and unappreciated—remarks about the quality of his recent sex life, but realized quickly that these weren't funny. I suggested that by the time we climbed up to the main trail he might feel better, but old Yancey was not reassured.

When we got to the trail, still about four miles from Big Sur, Yancey said he had to take a look. He shrugged off his pack and dropped his pants, right on the trail, not giving a damn if anyone hiked by. Well, sure enough, the problem was easy to spot. A fat tick was actively boring into Yancey's scrotum. Now I won't say that Yancey almost fainted, but actually, he almost did. An intense assessment of the situation followed, and Yancey, especially, agreed that the tick had to come out. He could only imagine the consequences if that tick was allowed to continue its inward journey. I suggested a tourniquet with a piece of rawhide, but that was quickly abandoned as impractical, at best.

In those days, the standard tick removal process involved a blown-out match, with the tip still hot, applied to the end of the tick. While Yancey tightly held his scrotum, I used up three or four matches, which had very little effect on the tick, but which caused considerable pain to Yancey. The heat passed though the tick into Yancey's nuts, or so he claimed, with loud, profane enthusiasm. In desperation, he grabbed the tick and pulled. Off came the back half, filled with Yancey's blood, but the business half was still boring away.



The mere sight of Yancey's hunting knife almost caused *me* to faint, especially when I realized that I had to perform the operation. My God, what if I slipped? We could always call him Nancy! The good news was that the knife was very sharp, and although it was about six inches from point to handle, the first quarter-inch was all that was necessary. While Yancey maintained his grip on his scrotum and the other important part of his privates, I sterilized the point of the knife with a match. I let it cool, then dug away. More howls from Yancey, but after about ten minutes we both agreed that we had killed the tick and had better get down off the mountain. We sprinkled some sulfa powder on the wound, and away we went, Yancey walking with a sort of spread-eagled gait.

The family doctor who saw Yancey that night praised the efforts of the trailside surgeon and assured Yancey that he would heal without complication. He was right, of course, and although Yancey's sex life suffered for a few days, he went on in later years to reproduce handsomely with a half a dozen kids, give or take.

--Phil Bowhay '47

## Upcoming Reunions

### 1964 Plans Its 50th

The deadline for registering for the Class of 1964's 50th Reunion Dinner at Carmel Valley's Quail Lodge was August 15, but contact reunion coordinators Buck Jones and Eugenia Nelson

Jones about attending the Oct. 24 cocktail party at the Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside. E-mail joesboathoist@hotmail.com.

### 1974 Plans Its 40th

The Class of 1974 will celebrate its 40th reunion Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27. On Friday, the class will attend the PG High football game in Breaker Stadium. Meet in the bleachers under the white Pacific Grove High Class of '74 banner. There will be an after party at Rick Rodewald's home. On Saturday, there will be a catered dinner at First Awakenings Restaurant in Pacific Grove, with music by *Rock Bottom* DJ. Visit the class web site, [www.pacificgrove74.com](http://www.pacificgrove74.com), for details, or e-mail reunion coordinator Teri Kier Kuhle, [kuhle@prodigy.net](mailto:kuhle@prodigy.net)

### And 1994 Plans Its 20th

The Class of 1994 celebrates its 20th reunion Saturday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. at CREMA, 481 Lighthouse in Pacific Grove. Contact reunion coordinator Cate *Goblirsch* Lee at [PGBreakers94@gmail.com](mailto:PGBreakers94@gmail.com), and "like" the class on Facebook at PGHS Class of 94.

Is your class planning a reunion, either soon or in the future? Let classmates know by sending information to [bpenney@sonic.net](mailto:bpenney@sonic.net). Also, post your reunion plans on the PGHSAA web site. E-mail our Web Site Coordinator, Wynette *Walker* Cowen '41, at [howyn@comcast.net](mailto:howyn@comcast.net).

## BLONDIE by Dean Young





## Forest Hill Grocery Stores Redux

Our piece on the grocery stores on Forest Hill drew a response from Don Ravanelli '63, who writes, "Beth, Joanie and I have been e-mail PGHSAA friends for quite some time. She and her sister Gail have

known my wife, Rosemarie Tryon Ravanelli '63, for a long time. The most recent KO had some shots of stores/ advertisements on Forest Hill. I've attached a couple of my dad's store, circa 1953 or 1954, located in the building that is now a very good Italian restaurant called Vito's! Joanie thinks



we may have printed them in an older issue, but neither of us can remember accurately."

Well, Don, we are always happy to print old pictures of Pacific Grove. We love the cars. And the trees in these photos remind us of a poem by Bonnie Gartshore '43. She wrote that when she was younger, she saw Pacific Grove's pine trees as a canopy holding her in. But as she got older and became a world traveler, she saw them as beacons welcoming her home. They're still there!

Do you have photos of businesses as they were when you went to P.G. High? Share them with us; scan as .jpg files and send them to bpenney@sonic.net.



## Hooray for Those Alumni Associations!

An 84-year-old Washington State woman will soon hold her 1953 university class ring, lost six decades ago, after it was found in a dried-up West Texas lake. Elizabeth Clark lost her Howard Payne University class ring in 1954 in Lake Nasworthy near San Angelo when she and her future husband went for a picnic and waded into the water. Clark said she wasn't certain where she had lost the ring—after discovering it was missing, she looked around her home before going back to search the lake.

After years of drought, the ring revealed itself in the lake bed. **Someone from the school's alumni association drove to San Angelo to retrieve the ring and was able to identify it from the initials—AEL for Addie Elizabeth Little—inside the band.** "I worked hard for that ring," Clark said. "I'm grateful it was found and that it was in good shape after 60 years." The ring, which is 10-karat gold with a blue stone, needed some cleaning up by a local jeweler.

—Submitted by Sue Taylor '68



## A Look Back

Is there anyone out there in alumni-land who remembers the name Sydney Marks Miller '39? Sydney was the chairperson of the reorganized PGHSAA's very first Reunion Dinner. She, along with helpers Gertie Ernst '22, Harold Harper '25, Louise Cowen Fichter '35, Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke '15, Elgin Oxy Hurlbert '23, Frank Lemos '37, Howard and Wynette Walker Cowen '41, Donald J. Fry '43, Lucile Killingsworth Mann '37, Delores Brendel Fry Litch '44, and Cleo Camp McCoy '45 were dubbed "The Committee." Dr. Clarence A. Higgins '31 was the presiding committee chairman.

The first Reunion Dinner of the reorganized PGHSAA was held April 1, 1962, a Sunday, at the Asilomar Conference Grounds Banquet Hall. Some 150 attended. A slate of officers was presented, and they were elected that same evening. Entertainment included musical selections from Miss Oliver's Kindergarten Band.

The reorganized PGHSAA was off to a great start and is still going strong today. The success of the Association is due to the efforts of hundreds of alumni over the years.

Does anyone remember their first PGHSAA Reunion Dinner? Was it a fun experience? Are you still attending? Send us a note. Let us know. This October will be our 52nd dinner; register now! The registration form is on P. 15. Hopefully we will see you all there.

--Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

## Characters of the Month

*From an issue of the 1950 Knockout, submitted by Marilynn (aka "Bunky") Smith Crawford '50*

The K.O. staff decided to have a senior as personality of the month for this issue, but upon looking around, there were so many graduates who were deserving of the honor that we decided to mention a partial list of the seniors who participated in some event.

Shirley Torres, business manager of the school paper, is an activity-minded senior. Bill Larkin, Leland Hogg, Warren Fugitt, Tom Holton, and Terrell Moss carried the red and gold to the

hoped-for championship. Terrell also distinguished himself in the track world by taking second at the NCS meet in record-breaking time.

Dorsey Bosserman, Brooks Bowhay, Frank Castro, Don Wright, Gene Neves, Walter Pattison, Peter Fisher, Lea Dodd, and Jerry Hurlbert are some of the other boys who made a name for themselves in the sports world this year.

Andree Schumaker and Joan Schendel received ribbons at the recent Carmel Art Association contest. Andree also added a national award to her achievement this year. Joan has been spending some of her spare time pounding the gavel for the Girls' League.

Mary Carroll made the K.O. headlines this year when it was announced she was the student body choice for May Queen. Preceding her to the throne were Marion Stone, Elveira Anderson, Marian Galt, Marilynn Smith, Winnie Watson, Barbara Dirk, and Virginia Fox. The latter was also named as K.O. editor, and student manager of the Hi Jinx. Barbara Dirk was also seen assisting in the cheerleading this season.

Legislature meetings found more illustrious senior names added to the roll: Dick Mattos, the industrious president; Caryl Hill, secretary; Larry Wilson, veep; Jane Moose, senior representative; Marie Berilla, *Sea Urchin* editor; and Wanda Hastie, Girls' Athletic Manager.

Lora Clarke, vice-president, and Barbara Tryon, senior class secretary, helped in putting many senior activities over the top. Lora also teamed up with Myrtlerose Craig to make up the team of Emily and Cornelia in the annual senior play, "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay."

Some of the seniors behind the scenes who did more than their share of work are Pat Voss, Caryl Copsey, Alice Joy Bentley, Pete Kirkman, Barbara Anderson, Sharon Harris, and Joanne Strother.

Jack Campbell\* and "Punky" Burwell have been active in their last year at PG heading the Science Club and Hi-Y respectively. Rene Houde, Pat Fullington, John Price, and Chuck Spratt gave their talent to keep the senior assembly going. Final seniors on our list are Regine Barkell and



Douglas Zug\*, the commencement speakers—need we say more.

*Editor's note: With this clipping, Marilyn sent addenda from her careful recordkeeping noting that Jack Campbell is a registered microbiologist in Grand Junction, CO, and that Douglas Zug, who taught English at Pacific Grove High in 1961, and also at Oakdale High and Delano High, died in April, 1996.*

## Generations of Grads

As I was trying to think of something witty for all to see in the KOII, I thought of my many relatives who were P.G. High grads. Our relatives covered a lot of years.

I am wondering about you *Knockout II* readers. How many of your relatives also went to P.G. High? Did yours know mine? Think of the Cowens, the Selbickys, the Hylers.

Our family consisted of the Baxter boys, the Slinger girls, the Welsh girls, and the Gruwell boys and girls, who graduated in classes ranging from the late 1920s to the late 1980s.



Miss Margaret "Teach" Furness, PG High gym teacher, in 1954

One of my fondest memories was the fact that my mom Frances *Slinger* '32 and I shared the same P.E. teacher. She was "Teach" Furness, left. She retired after my freshman year.

The Baxter boys spanned a few years, from the '20s into the '40s. They were Vernon, James, Carl, Herbert, Richard, and the one girl of the family, Thelma. Carl and Richard were long-time PGHSAA members. Richard is now the only remaining Baxter and still a member, living in Redding.

The Slinger girls were Delores, Odelia, Juanita, and Frances. Odelia and Frances remained in the area and their children went to PGHS. Marlyn *Evans Walls* '52 was Odelia's only daughter. Frances *Slinger Hicks* '32 had three girls, all PGHS graduates. Frances' husband Eddie Hicks '32 was also a PGHS grad. They were PGHSAA members until they passed away.

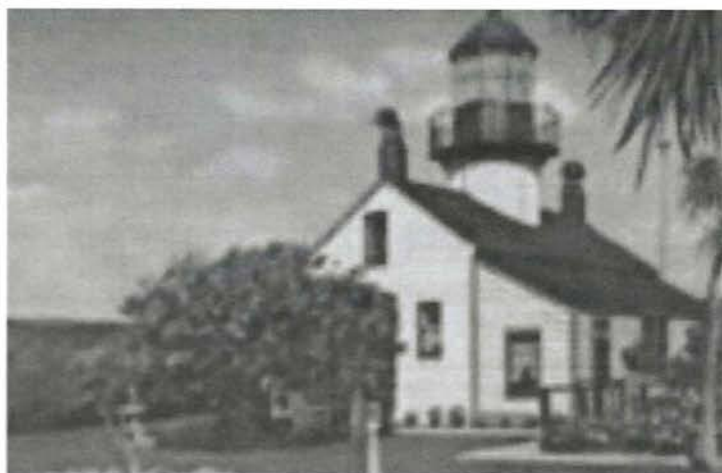
I married Jim Gruwell '56, who attended PGHS along with his brothers, Richard, Clinton '66, and Chuck. Clinton lives in Atlanta and is a long-time PGHSAA member. My children also all went to PGHS. They are Susan *Gruwell Vordermark* '76, Judy *Gruwell Solarez* '78, Laura *Gruwell* '81, and Jim Gruwell Jr. '86.

That's our family of PGHS students! How about you? Share your PGHS family with us. Send an e-mail to [diversmom@aol.com](mailto:diversmom@aol.com). It's always fun to share some family history.

--Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

## PG's Historic Home Tour is Back

Those planning to be in Pacific Grove for the upcoming reunion weekend will want to take in the Butterfly Parade (no other information is needed about that event for PGHS grads), and the Pacific Grove Heritage Society's Historic Home Tour. Formerly the Victorian Home Tour, the event changed its name several years ago to reflect the variety of architectural styles in Pacific Grove. The tour is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 5. Specific locations have not been released, but the promotional information promises "A tour of prime and selected historic homes, the PG Lighthouse (pictured below in an image from a linen postcard in your editor's collection), and selected civic buildings." Tickets are \$25 per person and are available online, [www.pacificgroveheritage.org](http://www.pacificgroveheritage.org). Call 831-373-3304 for more information.





## Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame Nomination Form

***Please submit this form to P.G. High at the address below, NOT to PGHSAA!***

The Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame is a program designed to recognize outstanding graduates and staff. We invite you to identify and nominate worthy individuals who have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following ways:

- Graduated from PGHS or worked for PGHS
- Exemplary accomplishment
- Earned honors, awards, or local, regional, national and/or international recognition
- Professional impact and/or career achievement in the nominee's area of specialization
- Philanthropic involvement: Outstanding leadership, character and service to the community and meritorious contributions to society in general or to a specific segment of society

If you know of a qualified and deserving graduate or staff member, complete this form and return it to the PGHS Activities Director. The current PGHS Hall of Fame Advisory Committee will select at least four inductees per year to be honored during Homecoming Week in October. At least one Alumni member will be recognized posthumously per year along with chosen staff. Staff will be inducted as "honorary graduates" of Pacific Grove High School. Each class of inductees will have names placed on a banner in the gym or multi and will be recognized at the annual homecoming festivities.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employed by \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet attached to this form:***

1. What were the candidate's achievements while at PGHS: academics, student government, athletics, music, drama, art?
2. What were the candidate's achievements after graduation/tenure at PGHS?
3. List the candidate's exemplary accomplishments: honors, awards, or other recognition on local, regional, national and/or international levels.
4. List professional impact and/or career achievement in the nominee's area of specialization.
5. List the candidate's philanthropic involvement.
6. List any other reasons why the candidate should be nominated.

Return to **PGHS Hall of Fame Advisory Committee, c/o Activities Director**

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**PGHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND**

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**SATURDAY EVENING October 4, 2014**

No Host Cocktails <Full Bar> 6:00 PM • Dinner 7:00 PM

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	<b>Fish:</b> Pan Seared Filet of Sole w/Lemon Caper Beurre Blanc	\$ 60	
	<b>Vegetarian:</b> Polenta Tower w/Pesto Cream Sauce & Grated Parmesan	\$ 60	
	Entrees served with Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetables, Whipped Potatoes, Bread, Fresh Brewed Iced Tea, Starbucks Coffee, Tazo Tea and Chef's Choice Dessert.		
	<b>SUNDAY BRUNCH:</b> Scrambled eggs, Hash Brown Potatoes, Chicken Apple Sausage, Smoked Bacon, Fresh Fruit, Yogurts, Pastries, Muffins, Croissants, Assorted Juices, Starbucks Coffee and Tazo Teas.	\$ 30	
	<b>Make Check Payable to PGHSAA and mail to: PO Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-6396</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 PER YEAR**

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 or email  
[joanie@pgshaa.org](mailto:joanie@pgshaa.org)  
 Joanie Hyler '68

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Dinner Seating Options:

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I/We prefer to sit with: [Alumni Names] \_\_\_\_\_

I/We have **NO** seating preference.

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The Hilton Garden Inn is holding a block of rooms for PGHSAA members at a discounted rate of \$179 per night with a two-night minimum, plus \$10 per day for parking. **To Make Reservations**, contact the Hilton at (831) 373-6141. Request a room(s) for October 3rd and 4th and mention Code: PGHSAA Annual Dinner / Brunch  
 OR Go to our website, [www.PGUSD.org/Alumni](http://www.PGUSD.org/Alumni), and click on the link to the Hilton. Reservation deadline is Sept. 3.



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**Who Is It?**

Other than Dick Gamble, no one stepped up to identify the folks in our last mystery picture; suffice it to say that they were probably members of the Class of '39! Now, here's another photo, sent to us by Ann Bruscas-Knox '57, who says, "Hi, Beth, and greetings from Chapel Hill, Tennessee. I came across an old photo slide of my brothers Angelo and Larry Bruscas taken with some of their classmates at the PG Rec Center. It has to be in the



late 1940s. I can identify Angelo on the far right as well as the tall blond Shirley Shinaut in the back, Phil Nash in the front, Teddy Hicks on the left. Maybe some of the other alumni can help identify who the rest are. Enjoy!" If you recognize anyone, let us know. E-mail Beth at [bpenney@sonic.net](mailto:bpenney@sonic.net).