

THE KNOCKOUT II

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

September, 2015 ● Page One

President's Message

A letter from Ed Hewitson '43 sent me on a walk to the Pacific Grove Public Library to look through microfilm archives of the local newspaper, and to my own postcard collection to see if I could find a mid-century street scene of Pacific Grove. Both searches made me think about the so-called "Information Age" that we live in, and, despite that bold title, how much information is lost—as well as found—every day.

I've been using the microfilm at the P.G. Library since I worked as a shelver there after school in my senior year, and it's clear now that whizzing through those two plates of glass has done a lot of damage to the microfilm over the years. The image I was looking for—an ad for Ed's father's Pacific Grove grocery store, is reproduced on P. 5, and you can see the distortions that make it difficult to read. And this 1949 reel is one of the less-damaged ones! Digitizing these archives now won't be much help, and this is the only existing record.

What will happen to the history we record in these pages? Well, you say, it's digitized, it's easy to access. But I remember working as a technical writer in the 1990s, and our stunned realization at one point that we had blithely replaced computers with newer versions until we were unable to refer to some of our legacy documentation, which was stored on those old, truly "floppy," 5 ¼" disks. No machine could read them! Much is being lost even as archival technology evolves—never mind the natural degradation of paper and other ephemera.

My postcard collection spurred yet another revelation. I purchased a clutch of wonderful old Pacific Grove postcards at a local antique store in the 1990s, all of them sent from someone named Louise to members of the Genuit family in Stockton. Louise evidently summered in Pacific

Grove in the early 1900s and wrote to the Genuits about her activities. Below is one of her cards, dated August 1907, which reads on the back, *"I do not write often because we are not at home long enough. We went after huckleberries Tuesday and found enough for a pie and some sauce. Love, Louise."*

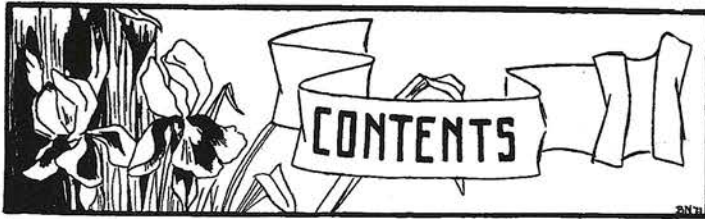


Many of Louise's postcards were written to "Charley," in a tone that indicated he was a child—a little brother? A nephew? I looked up the address in Stockton on Google Maps, hoping to see a magnificent old Victorian. Alas, the street now contains run-down duplexes with cars in various stages of non-operation parked in driveways. Then I googled "Charles Genuit," and found, at files.usgwarchives.net, a list of people buried in the El Carmelo Cemetery in Pacific Grove up until 2000, and this information:

Genuit Melinda V 0/0/1897-0/0/1994 next to
Genuit, Charles
Genuit Charles E 0/0/1901-0/0/1986 next to
Genuit, Melinda

So Charley was a six-year-old boy when Louise wrote those postcards to him. An e-mail to our genealogy expert Sue Taylor '68 to see if Charley was by chance a PGHS grad gave me

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Remaining 2015 PGHSAA Board meetings are Saturday, September 12; and Thursday, October 8. Regular meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center; September's Annual Meeting is at noon. Regular meetings are limited to board members only; the Annual Meeting is open to all PGHSAA members. E-mail us for information about joining the Board; we have a number of open spots.

Thanks to Our Recent Donors

Welcome to Our New Members

Fritz Gaudette '73 Pacific Grove

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Go Green!

Have your *Knockout II* e-mailed to you in .PDF format. Receive it immediately and see color photos in color! E-mail Joanie Hyler at joanie@pghsaa.org to sign up for this service—no extra charge!

Letters to the Editor

Hi Beth,

I am resending this again (see below). I initially fouled up the address as you can see below, sending it to bpenny instead of bpenney. The fellow who received it was real nice chap and sent back a nice note. At 89 this October, I thought I was done screwing up, but I guess not. Thanks for the great job you do in carrying on the *Knockout II*.

Hi Beth!!

Paul Berwick Trejo here, Class of 1944. Kathleen and I relocated from my hometown of P.G. to her hometown of Vincennes, Indiana, a year ago. Kathleen was raised on a family farm ten miles out of town. So the old Irish song, "I'll take you home again, Kathleen—to where your heart has ever been" really applies. Since moving here, we have cycled through the seasons, and except for shoveling a little snow this past winter, we have had wonderful weather. I do miss the ocean, but the Wabash River that runs not far from the house assures no water shortage here!! Thank you for all your the work, and the work that the PGHSAA officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs tdo hat keep the organization up and running "on four main engines" (an old diesel submarine expression).

Sincerely,
Paul Berwick Trejo '44

Dear PGHSAA:

Enclosed are dues for two more years for Bob Richerts '46 and Annie *Gaustella* Richerts '47. We both really appreciate the thought, work, and energy the Association puts in to keep us informed.

Sincerely,
Bob and Annie Richerts
Monterey

Dear PGHSAA:

Thank you for our copy of *The Knockout II* with the Margaret Ruth Moose Bradley '51 obit and contributors in her name.

Billie Brown and Randy Bradley, stepdaughters

Dear Joanie:

Thank you for returning my check, and for the thoughtful note. A new check is enclosed, which I had intended doing for some time. I wish it were more. Memories of my childhood education in PG are of an outstanding one. My wish would be that all children could be so well educated. Hopefully this check will help in some small way.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Hudson Boone '51

Editor's note: Joanie says Mary Lou sent a large dues check although she was paid up through 2017. Joanie returned it with an explanation, but Mary Lou sent another one. Thanks, Mary Lou!

Dear Ms. Penney and the Class of 1952:

Thank you very much for awarding me with your scholarship. I am very honored and delighted. I promise to use this scholarship to gain greater educational experience. As my single mother and I live under my mother's low income salary, I find myself frankly honored and happily responsible for your wonderful gift!

Best wishes,
Golnoush Pak '15

Good morning Beth,

I am sorry to inform the board that I will need to resign from my position as disbursement chair. I am moving to Palm Desert in July and will not be able to continue with PGHS Alumni. I am sad to have to leave the wonderful group however it's a choice my husband and I had to make for his career. Thank you to everyone that has supported me throughout my time with the board. I wish the board continued success as you continue to support PGHS.

Sincerely,
Cheri Rood Diehl '86

Editor's note: Thanks to Cheri for serving as our Disbursements Chair for the past several years. In this position, she collected requests for funding from the high school and brought them to the board for consideration. We will miss her, but we are happy to have Donna Murphy '79 step in!

Dear Beth Penney and Staff:

Enclosed is a check for a two-year subscription and a donation to your postage fund. Beth, the President's Message, June, 2015, was excellent. Info for you: My father was Clement Hewitson, known as Scotty, thus Scotty Market on Lighthouse in Pacific Grove. He was an outstanding produce manager at Holman's for many years. Probably in the late 1930s. He later opened his own grocery store, and you can research in the archives his newspaper advertisements, prices, and specials! Business at Scotty Market was busy, with loyal customers, for fresh produce, citrus, etc., as the advertisements will show. (*Ed. Note: The 1949 Pacific Grove Tribune ad at right says, "Check our weekend specials. 599 Lighthouse."*)

A brief remembrance: two sisters came in to the market to place their orders for many produce items. One said, "Scotty, I notice from the ads that the market across the street has bananas 6 lbs. for 25¢, and you have them 5 lbs. for 25¢."

My father said, "I will fill your order and send Eddie across the street and buy six pounds of bananas for you and include them in your order."

She said, "Scotty, they are all out of bananas!"

My father said, "Well, if I were *out* of bananas, mine could be *ten* pounds for 25¢!"

Please advise me the known remaining names (if possible) from my class year of graduation (Note: I left Pacific Grove in 1942). Marilyn Miller (deceased) was my cousin.

*Respectfully, with thanks,
Ed Hewitson '43*

President's Message, Continued

access to Sue's magical research skills, and she quickly e-mailed me Charley's 1986 *Herald* obit, which said that he moved to P.G. with his wife Melinda in 1949 and was the groundskeeper at the Presidio for 17 years. They had no children. No Louise was mentioned in the obit, so she's still a mystery.

Many of us grew up with an implicit promise that the biggest changes in our futures would involve transportation—flying cars, colonies on the moon. But the real revolution has been in storage and retrieval of information. Think of doing this research 50 years ago; it would have taken weeks.

Those still living and those who come after us have a duty to preserve and make available as many memories as possible, and you can probably guess my conclusion—start by submitting them to the *Knockout II!* I can't promise that someone 100 years from now will have immediate access to them, but maybe they'll be in better shape than our *Tribune* archives.

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Obituaries

MARCH

Thomas O'Neill Olympia, WA

MAY

Mitzi *Petrick* Lambert '45 Missoula, MT
Barbara *Burns* Turner '48 Pacific Grove
Judith *Carpenter* Paljetak '56 Watsonville

JUNE

Jack Gallaher Faculty Monterey
Sally *McDermott* Black '54 West Linn, OR
Patricia *Silva* '57 Pacific Grove

JULY

Bev *Wilson-Stanfield* Stillwell '49 Pacific Grove
Robert Kelly '48 Monterey
Michael Campbell '65 Monterey
Donald Day '47 Salinas

AUGUST

Dianne *Barter* Sloan '56 Saratoga

of the PGHS class of 1945. In 1957, she earned a degree in nursing from the University in St. Paul, MN, and was a registered nurse. For 24 years she worked for Indian Health Services. *Mardella* was a 19-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband Jack Lambert; stepchildren, David, Barbara, Stephen, Jay, and Kathy; and sister Gail Simonitch. She was preceded in death by her parents; two children, Kevin and Amanda; one granddaughter; and first husband Stanley Piersak.

Barbara Jean Burns



Turner, 84, died at the Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital on May 12, 2013. Born Aug. 13, 1930, at the Presidio of Monterey, she and her Army family moved a few times until finally settling on the Peninsula permanently. After

graduating from PGHS in 1948, she raised her family and then began an 18-year career with Bank of America. She had a love of the beach and enjoyed walks on it whenever possible or just sitting on the sand listening to the ocean. Survivors include her daughter Jacolyn *Turner* Deniz '73 and her husband Frank G. Deniz III '70 of Seaside; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and her brother Edward Burns. She was preceded in death by her husband, James C. "Bud" Turner '48; two sons, James M. Turner '71 and Robert Turner; and siblings, Sarah Burns Corson, William Burns '48, and Thomas Burns.

Judith "Judy" Lynn



Carpenter Paljetak, 76, of Watsonville, died May 14, 2015. Born in Carmel on Feb. 25, 1939, Judy lived in Pacific Grove until 1956, when her family moved to Watsonville in her senior year. She graduated from

Watsonville High School. Judy was a hard worker for the Fox Theater, the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, and her own home day-care business. She was a 16-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband Mato Paljetak, son, 6 Mark Paljetak; and two sisters, Leora *Carpenter*

Thomas Ray O'Neill, 72, died at his home in Olympia, WA, on March 17, 2015. Born in Oakland on Jan. 8, 1943, he was raised in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1960. From 1980 to 1982, he worked at Seattle's Pike Place Market. From 1990 to 1997, he managed



Tom's Snack Bar in the General Administration Building in Olympia. Tom was known for his kind heart, generosity, respect for animals, and love of sports. Survivors include his daughters, Alison and Noelle; and five siblings.

Mardella Ann Petrick Piersak Lambert died May 10, 2015 in Missoula, MT, at the age of 87. "Mitzi" was born Oct. 26, 1927, in Ortonville, MN. A daughter of a military man, she came to Pacific Grove as a junior and graduated as valedictorian



Moore '54 and Brook *Carpenter* Fletcher. Her son Matthew Paljetak and two brothers, Richard Carpenter '51 and Gary Carpenter, preceded her in death.



Jack Lawrence Gallaher, 87, a teacher at PGHS for almost 30 years, died in Monterey on June 3, 2015. Born in Walla Walla, WA, on June 11, 1927, Jack earned a BA at University of Puget Sound after his service in the Marines just after World War II. While at Stanford University,

Jack decided to teach and enrolled at San Francisco State University to obtain a teaching credential. He taught social studies, English, and special education at PGHS from 1960 to 1989. During that time, he earned two master's degrees at San Jose State University. During his life, he worked as a combat photographer and correspondent, a radio announcer, a newsman, and a writer. After retirement, he joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Monterey. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne, of Marina; children, Patricia *Gallaher* Rogers '79, Timothy Gallaher '83, and Breanna Gallaher; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Martha Jane Bell.



Sally Ann McDermott Black, 79, died in West Linn, OR, on June 7, 2015. Born Sept. 16, 1935, to a career US Army officer, Sally lived in Massachusetts, Illinois, and Oklahoma before moving to Pacific Grove in 1953, joining

the PGHS class of 1954 as a junior. She was married to Hugh Black for 48 years. Survivors include her husband; sons from a previous marriage, Donald Moran and Keith Moran; and her sister, Leslie McDermott Gerhardt.

Patricia Ann Silva, 75, died in Pacific Grove on June 16, 2015. A Monterey County native, Patricia was born Nov. 10, 1939, and attended PGHS with the class of 1957. She married at the



age of 16 to classmate Henry "Hank" Garcia Jr. '57, and worked as a certified nursing assistant for several years. She enjoyed skating and bowling and was a gifted baker, cook, and seamstress. She was a long-time member of St. Angela's Church. Survivors include her children, Donna *Garcia* Hayes '75 of Seaside, Ron Garcia '79 of Monterey, and Steve Garcia of Santa Cruz, her brother Kenneth Silva '54; three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



Prominent civic supporter **Beverly Faye Wilson-Stanfield Stillwell**, 84, passed away on July 2, 2015. Bev was born in San Jose on May 11, 1931, and settled with her family in Pacific Grove in 1948. After graduation from PGHS in 1949, she married her high school sweetheart, Richard T. Stillwell '50, and raised their three children in Pacific Grove. She loved watching her soap operas, tending to her beautiful roses, cruising around town in her aqua T-Bird, listening to Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka, and the (early) Beatles, and going on cruises around the world. She was active in the PGHS Alumni Association for 55 years. Bev and Richard Stillwell are well-known contributors to many projects for the betterment of the city of Pacific Grove and its schools, including the new children's pool at Lovers Point, which was named for them. Survivors include her husband of 63 years; daughters Suzy *Stillwell* Derowski '70 and her husband Bill Derowski '75, Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth '71 and her husband Bobby Hauswirth '69; and brother Alan Stanfield. She was preceded in death by her son Tommy Stillwell '74, stepfather Rusty Stanfield, and mother Frances Stacy Wilson Stanfield.

Michael Neill Campbell, 68, died of lung cancer at Community Hospital in Monterey on July 10, 2015. Born Jan. 14, 1947, in Garden City, KS, he moved with his family to Pacific Grove when he



was 11, and he graduated from PGHS in 1965. Mike was a mill and lathe machinist on the Peninsula for nearly 40 years. His favorite thing was to laugh with his friends, and he was a sports fanatic, excelling in baseball and track. He also loved fishing, golfing, pool and football.

Mike will be most remembered for his wonderful sense of humor, quick wit, and deep bass voice. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Survivors include his wife, Julie *Hingtgen* Ferguson Campbell '69; a daughter, Lisa A. *Campbell* Del Rosario '85; sons Michael and Matthew Ferguson; a sister, Ann *Campbell* Goodwin '63; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



Robert Joe "Bobby Joe" Kelly, 85, was born May 27, 1930, in Huntington, AR, and died July 10, 2015, in Monterey. At the age of 15, Bob and his family moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where he was an altar boy for the Episcopalian Church and

worked at Holman's, Safeway, and the American Can Company. After attending PGHS with the class of 1948 and playing football at MPC, he enlisted in the Air Force in 1950 and became a security air policeman and a VIP personal security guard with the 1100 USAF Ceremonial Squadron. Discharged in 1954, Bob and his wife Genevieve moved back to the Peninsula, where he worked with his father at their Flying A gas station in Monterey until May 1955, when he joined the Monterey Police Department. He was a detective, retiring as lieutenant in 1987. Bob enjoyed BBQs, bowling, playing horse shoes, cribbage, dominoes, and video games. He had a cabinet shop in Pacific Grove and a gift shop on Cannery Row, "Wisp of the Will." He also created metal sculptures and quilts and was an avid photographer. Survivors include his children, Stephan, Elizabeth, Kathleen, and Robert; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; and two sisters, Sue

Reed and Lusanne Bough. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 63 years, Genevieve; parents, Edward and Wilma Kelly; his sisters, Norma *Kelly* McBride '49 and Jeanette *Kelly* Dommer '50; his daughter, Judith; and one granddaughter.



Donald Yates Day, 86, died July 28, 2015, in Salinas. He was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Pacific Grove, where he grew up in the family home on Sinex Avenue. Don told his classmates of Class of 1947 at their 50th Reunion that he left

PGHS in 1946 after a disagreement with the school, and graduated from Carmel High School in 1947. After attending Menlo College and San Jose State, Don came home and began his career as an electrician. In 1964 he started Day Electric, which is now owned by his sons. Don and his family lived in Pebble Beach for 40 years, where they fostered 17 babies from the Children's Home Society. He also had a home in Las Vegas for 10 years. Don enjoyed golf and traveling in his motor coach. He was a 23-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife, Jane; his children, Dan '73, Julie *Day* Rotter '74, and Jimmy '77, his brother, Lloyd '43; seven grandchildren (including Tiffany *Day* '04, Victoria *Day* '08, and Ginny *Day* '81); and eight great-grandchildren. His daughter Linda *Day* died in 2014.



Dianne Barter Sloan, 76, died Aug. 6, 2015, in Saratoga, where she had lived for many years. Born Feb. 4, 1939, to Noble and Mary *Raymond* Barter '34 in Pacific Grove, she graduated from PGHS in 1956. Dianne was a fun-loving extrovert, a world traveler,

and an active member of the Saratoga community. She was an eight-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband Jerry Sloan; three daughters, Dinah Sloan, Pamela Sloan Underwood and Karen Sloan; two grandchildren; and sister Karen *Sloan* Mignano '54.

"Grate" History

By Mary S. Taylor '68

Recently, Pacific Grove's weekly newspaper, *The Cedar Street Times*, published an article about Zena Holman and her 3,000+ volume research library, which resides at Asilomar. It was fascinating.

Zena collected first editions and other books, concentrating on California history. The article talked about the Zamorano 80, something I had never heard of before. Googling the name, I found a nice history of the club and their efforts to compile what finally became *The Zamorano 80: A Selection of Distinguished California Books Made by Members of the Zamorano Club*, Los Angeles, 1945. Apparently Zena was very proud to have been able to collect copies of each title, probably many first editions.

Naturally, I perused the list of references. I had gotten halfway through and stopped when it occurred to me that I knew quite a few of these titles. I was naturally a bit confused since I am not a history major. Growing up in Pacific Grove, I was influenced to turn to another great local resource, the environment. I became a botanist, though how I missed becoming a marine biologist I do not know, since I spent practically every day of my childhood at Lovers Point (LOL).



Bob Grate, from the 1965 Sea Urchin.

I am an avid reader, but really, how could I know so many of these old and respected, but often obscure, titles? And then I remembered really loving Mr. Grate's class in California History at PGHS. I think now he must have opened doors in my mind that never closed.

Mr. Grate must have been one of my very best teachers for so much of his teaching to take up permanent residence in my brain—so much data that remains even today, more than 40 years later.

Bravo, Mr. Grate! I wish you were alive to thank. And I do thank all the other teachers we

leave behind and rarely think of again, until we read their obituaries. A teacher's job is never thankless, but the thanks often comes just a little late.

Editor's note: According to the Fall, 2007, issue of the California State Parks publication News and Views, "Zena Holman donated the books to California State Parks in the early 1970s, stipulating that the gift remain on the Monterey Peninsula. They have been part of the research library at the Mott Training Center at Asilomar ever since. Holman also donated a significant American Indian artifact collection to Old Town Monterey." The 2007 story centered on a remodeling of the Mott Center to bring it up to ADA standards, and mentioned that "many old treasures were rediscovered, including a complete 17th-Century Spanish illuminated manuscript and a first edition copy of Richard Henry Dana's Two Years Before the Mast, published in England."

HELP!

Steve Ibrahim '88 is attempting to archive all class pictures from all Pacific Grove Unified School District schools. He particularly needs older class pictures from the grammar schools. If you have grammar school photos, send them to joanie@pghsaa.org or mail them to PO Box 51396, PG, CA 93950-6396. Joanie will scan them and return them to you. This is a wonderful endeavor that Steve is doing in his spare time to help preserve the history of our PG schools. See what he has done so far by visiting <http://www.pgusdphotoarchive.com/index.html>

Visiting the Soviet Union During the Cold War

By Terrell Moss '50

While teaching and coaching “army brats” at Wurzburg American High School in Germany in the early ‘60s, I had the opportunity to tour Premier Khrushchev’s Soviet Union. This was an exciting time in history. The Berlin Wall was going up, the Cuban Missile Crisis was in full swing, and Khrushchev vowed to bury the U.S. My fellow passengers were all American teachers on Easter break. The tour company was West German, as were our guide and driver.

Passing through Czechoslovakia, Poland, and into the Soviet Union, we could see their impenetrable borders—guard towers, barbed wire fences backed by mine fields, and plenty of heavily armed patrols, hence the name “Iron Curtain.” When we reached the Russian border, our bus was parked over a grease pit and the underside was inspected for contraband, as was the interior. Women’s fashion magazines were a special target. The Russian inspector even took a letter out of my baggage that I forgot to mail when leaving the base. He ripped it open and began reading it, periodically looking up at me with suspicion.

Joining us at the border, our Russian guide “inspired” us with sleep-producing facts on how many shoes, tires, and cubic meters of cement were produced in the various cities we passed through. The landscape was bleak, as were the unpainted villages, right.



“Potty breaks” proved humorous and embarrassing mainly for the women. Because of great distances between destinations and a lack of facilities, we were at the mercy of the elements. Women went to the left of the road, where there never seemed to be trees or bushes. To the right, there always were trees or bushes for the men.

Moscow, compared to western cities, was primitive. Taxis, busses, and government cars seemed to be the only vehicles present. The people spent their lunch breaks in long lines waiting to buy necessities. Hefty women, right, in rubber boots wielded jackhammers repairing the streets while smoking men slouched nearby.



One of Premier Khrushchev’s projects was to provide housing for his people, who were grossly overcrowded, sometimes having two or three families in a single flat. On these new apartments we noticed chicken wire stretched completely around each building one story high. The wire was to prevent people on the sidewalk from the falling decorative tiles—and people hadn’t even moved in yet.

Our group visited Lenin in his special mausoleum. No pictures were permitted. While viewing Lenin, I heard a click. Our German guide, Manny, had snapped a picture and gotten away with it. We finally found Stalin’s insignificant grave, above right, outside the Kremlin walls, and it had nothing but his name and the dates of his birth and death. He had lost favor.



Two young men who were “guides in training” joined us for our city tour. The next day, Manny was apprehended for taking photos of KGB headquarters where, of course, the Soviet secret police resided. While being interrogated and having his film exposed, he saw the two “trainees” in full KGB uniforms. On our tour, they had been spying on us. Fortunately, Manny was released the next day.

There were a few highlights in this inhospitable land, and they weren’t the food.

Shostakovich's ballet *Spartacus* proved to be exhilarating. At that time, Russian ballet was the



best in the world. St. Basil's Church, left, with its colorful candy-like turrets, was an eye-pleaser. The Russians' underground rail system was highly efficient.

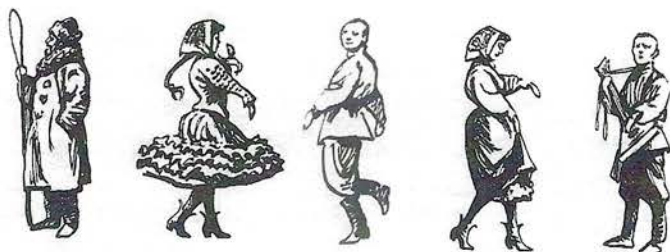
It was time to catch our plane back to West Germany. As we neared the airport, Manny began snapping pictures again. Airports were high on the list of

photo no-no's. Some of us wondered if our guide might be a West German spy.

As we went through customs, the Soviet inspectors performed one more heinous act. They randomly exposed some of our group members' film. I was fortunate and escaped Russian paranoia. (*Editor's note: These photos are from Terrell's 1960 color slides, which have faded quite a bit; we were able to improve the b&w contrast a little using the new Mac Photo application.*)

Our trip to the Soviet Union was interesting and educational, but it made us realize how fortunate we were to be Americans.

Footnote: A teacher friend of mine in the '90s took some students to Russia (no longer the Soviet Union). While waiting in line to view Lenin, one student exclaimed, "I didn't know John Lennon was that popular in Russia." So much for the American educational system!



Drawings from The Russian Song Book, Edited by Rose N. Rubin and Michael Stillman. New York: Random House, 1961. From Beth's library.

Upcoming Reunions

Don't see your 2015 class reunion listed here? Tell us about it! E-mail information to Wynette Walker Cowen '41, howyn@comcast.net.

Class of 1960 55-year Reunion

See information and registration form, p. 13.

Class of 1965 50-year Reunion

Mixer: Friday, September 11, 2015, 6:30, Peter B's in the Portola Hotel in Monterey.

Dinner & Music: Saturday, September 12, 2015, 6:00-11:00, Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey.

Barbecue: Sunday September 13, 2015, 11-3, George Washington Park in Pacific Grove. Contact: Suz Alvin, suzalvin@comcast.net. Visit the PGHSAA web site, pgusd.org/alumni, for a reservation form.

Class of 1970 45-year Reunion

October 2, 3, and 4. Come to the PGHSAA reunion dinner and breakfast. Other activities TBA.

Class of 1995 20-year Reunion

PGHS Homecoming Game and Bonfire at Asilomar State Beach: Friday, October 2, 2015, 6:00.

Butterfly Parade in downtown Pacific Grove: Saturday, October 3, 2015, 10:00.

Formal Reunion Dinner: Saturday, October 3, 2015, 6:00-9:00, Tarpy's Roadhouse in Monterey.

Family Picnic at Lovers Point: Sunday, October 4, 2015, 12:00-2:00. Contact: Kaye Coleman, kaye@creatingklarity.com.

PGHSAA Annual Dinner and Brunch

October 3 and 4, 2015. See P. 15 for the registration form.

And, the Class of 1996 20-year Reunion plans are in the works for next year. Contact Jennifer Boggess Bryant, jenabry@gmail.com.

The Butterfly Trees

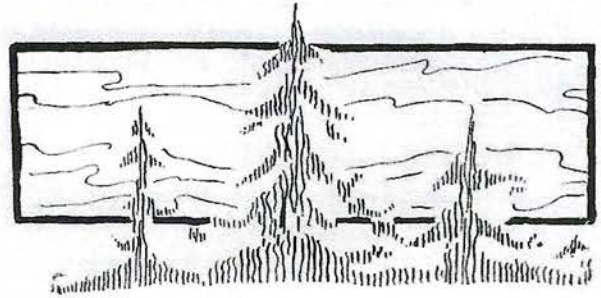
By Josephine Gardner '20

Editor's note: in the 1920s, the little softcover Sea Urchin held the usual class photos and activities, but it also served as the school's literary magazine. This piece, its information familiar to us all, appeared in 1920. The drawing of the trees, which was unsigned, is also from the 1920 Sea Urchin.

Nature knows that Pacific Grove has an ideal winter climate and she advertises this fact among her delicate little creatures of the air, the butterflies. Each year there is an annual migration of butterflies to this locality at a time when other sections of the country are wrapped in winter's mantle of snow. You may laugh at this statement and think it is not so, but upon investigation it is found to be true.

Early in November and continuing through the winter months the big brown butterflies may be seen flitting about in the sunshine in your garden or among the flowers, which seems only natural. One forgets that it is winter and that such frail creatures are not generally supposed to be flitting about as is their wont in the late spring and summer. They are guided by an instinct, which seems to change very little from year to year. They do not only come to this particular region but select a certain group of trees where they congregate by the thousands and, it seems, even millions.

In a secluded spot by the side of the picturesque road leading to the lighthouse, and not more than a few hundred yards from the ceaseless roar of the "Old Pacific," these butterflies gather in great multitudes on the tall pine trees and so completely cover them that they resemble great bunches of brown leaves. At a single glance one wonders what those great dark clusters on the trees are. Perhaps they are pine cones, but no, you look again and presently you will see a butterfly make a downward flight, then light on a limb of the tree and join one of these clusters. You do not need to watch so closely, for now you see many of these little creatures flying in the air. They become so matted together in these clusters that often great numbers are found lying dead on the ground beneath the trees. If some heartless creature should take delight in throwing small rocks or sticks at them, they would all take flight and the heavens above would be darkened by a heavy brown cloud of these small creatures.



Hundreds of people visit this spot annually to see what are known as the "Butterfly Trees." During the day the butterflies fly about the gardens in town, but toward evening and during occasional rainy weather they go to their usual haunt. They are never molested by the birds because they feed mostly upon milkweed, which gives them a peculiar bitter taste which the birds do not like. They are Monarchs, or *Anosia Plexippus*, and are easily identified by their wide, reddish-brown wings, with black edges and veinings. It has long been known by scientists that they do not hibernate, as do their lesser brethren, but migrate in vast numbers to warmer lands during the cold months in other parts of the world. They may frequently be observed in great numbers flying steadily in one direction as if with some fixed purpose in view. There may be other places in different parts of the earth to which they go but Pacific Grove is the only winter home of the Monarch thus far known.

About the middle of March they disappear as if by magic, but where they come from or whither they go no one knows. It is evident though that Nature is caring for her children and leads them to a place of safety where they may not be destroyed by cold, blasting winds.

“COOL AND NIFTY” CLASS OF ‘60

55TH CLASS REUNION

Another BIG ONE! A lot of fun activities have been planned for our big 55th, and we hope to see lots of you here.

Dates: Thursday, Oct. 1 – Sun., Oct. 4th at Rancho Reposo. Andril Fireplace Cottages, 569 Asilomar Blvd., PG.

Thursday, October 1

After 4:00pm. We will be gathering and hanging out at Rancho Reposo to share pizza, salad and stories about the good old days in PG. (beer, wine, sodas, and water will be available to purchase, or bring your own).

Friday, October 2

8:00 – 9:30am – Continental breakfast at Rancho Reposo. Free day to visit local attractions, take a walk, or just hang out at Rancho. PGHS Homecoming Game – Dinner on your own or enjoy the great stadium food at the game.

Saturday, October 3

8:00 – 9:30am – Continental breakfast at Rancho Reposo

10:00am – Gather at Bratty Corner (Lighthouse@Forest) to watch the Butterfly Parade (10:30). Gather for lunch at a local restaurant after the parade.

Evening – Attend the PGHS Alumni Dinner-Dance. Reserve and pay separately (see p. 15).

Sunday, October 4

Leave for home or plan some fun activity with old friends. The Alumni Association has planned a brunch. Reserve and pay separately through the Association (see p. 15).

This three days of fun and reminiscing is PRICELESS. But the events we have planned and the awesome place to gather will cost \$95.00 per person. This cost includes pizza and salad on Thursday night, snacks, continental breakfast for two days, and a wonderful place to gather. **You pay room costs and costs of other events separately.** Make reservations to stay at Andril Fireplace Cottages by calling 831-375-0994. Cottages fill up fast. Rancho Reposo is a house at Andril that has a complete kitchen and a large living room with a fireplace and a grouping of several seating areas, which makes it a great place to spend time chatting with classmates. There are five bedrooms in the Rancho and, as of this writing, three are available. To rent one of or to ask questions, email Marabee *Rush* Boone at catraveller@yahoo.com. Please put “cool and nifty” or “class reunion” in the subject line so Marabee will know that she is talking to a class of ‘60 member and not someone who wants to sell her something. Her phone number is 831-375-8329. **Deadline is September 15.** Your reunion committee is looking forward to seeing ALL of you.

Please sign me up for this year’s event at Andril Fireplace Cottages – Oct. 1 – 4.

Enclosed find my check in the amount of: _____ (\$95.00 per person)

Name(s) of participant(s): _____

My check includes reservations for ___ people. I/We plan to attend the following:

- _____ Thursday – Oct 1 – Pizza Dinner (included in your \$95.00).
- _____ Friday – Oct 2 – Continental Breakfast (included)
- _____ Friday – Oct 2 – Homecoming game (pay at the gate)
- _____ Saturday – Oct 3 – Continental Breakfast (included)
- _____ Saturday – Oct 3 – Lunch after the Butterfly Parade (pay on your own)
- _____ Saturday – Oct 3 – Alumni Dinner Dance (Pay separately; see p. 15)
- _____ Sunday – Oct 4 – Alumni Breakfast (Pay separately; see p. 15)
- _____ Gathering at the Rancho to reminisce (included)

We hope that you will attend all of these events. If you can’t, please come to as many as you can. Sorry, but we are unable to “price out” for individual events. We feel \$95.00 is a fair amount for the opportunities that we are providing. Looking forward to seeing you in October. Mail this form and your check, made payable to Judy Lopez Furman, 711 Hillcrest Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950 by September 15. **Do not send this form to the PGHSAA!**

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 DINNER & BRUNCH

All events at *The Hyatt Regency Hotel Conference Center ~ 1 Old Golf Course Road, Monterey, CA (831) 372-1234*

SATURDAY EVENING October 3, 2015

No Host Cocktails 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Dancing 'til 10:30 p.m. to the Sounds of Mix "N" Spin Productions

SUNDAY BUFFET BRUNCH October 4, 2015 10:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.

LIMITED DINNER SEATING. Please make reservations early.
RESERVATION DEADLINE • FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18th • ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.

Member 1 _____ IF PGHS
Class Year _____

Address _____ Phone [____] _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Mem/Guest 2 _____ IF PGHS
Class Year _____

Number		Total	PGHSAA USE
	Beef: Grilled Natural Flat Iron Steak	\$ 65	
	Fish: Seared Citrus Rubbed Salmon	\$ 65	
	Vegetarian: Goat Cheese Ravioli with Roasted Eggplant, Roasted Peppers, and Pine Nuts	\$ 65	
	Dinners served with Mixed Baby Green Salad; Entree with Cheddar Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables; Chocolate Torte with Whipped Cream, Coffee and Tea.		
	Corkage Fee: \$14.00 per bottle		
	Sunday Brunch: Fresh Seasonal Melon and Berries, Chef's Selection of Assorted Breads and Pastries, Cage Free Scrambled Eggs, Uncured Bacon and Sausage, Herb Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Caramelized Onions, Selection of Chilled Juices, Coffee and Tea.	\$ 30	
	Make Check Payable to PGHSAA and mail to: PO Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-6396	Total	

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

Membership form at:
www.pgusd.org/alumni
 or email
joanie@pgshaa.org
 Joanie Hylar '68

DO NOT USE THIS FORM TO SUBMIT DUES

- ◆ If you would like to bring your own wine to the dinner, a corkage fee of \$14.00 per bottle will be charged by the hotel.
- ◆ The Chef for our event, Steve Johnson, was previously awarded the honor of Chef of the Year for the Hyatt Hotel Chain.

CONTACT PERSONS FOR EVENT & RESERVATIONS

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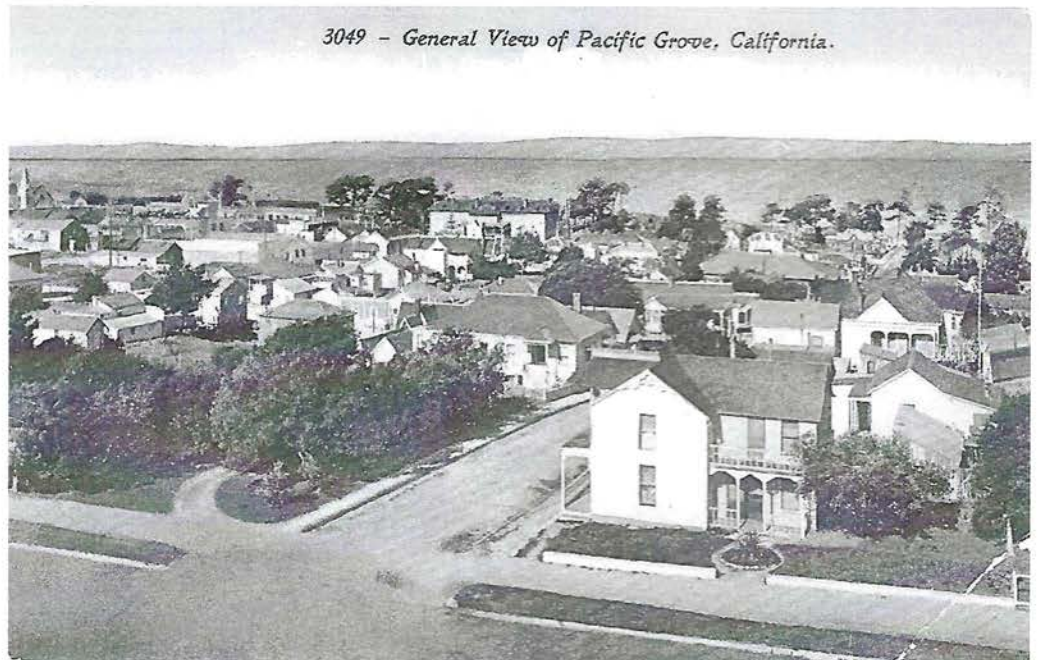
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The Knockout II: The PGHSAA Newsletter

Who Is It?

We've had no takers on our previous photo, so here's the answer: Jan *Consiglio* Maudlin and Chery *Marr Akaba-McCumber*, both of the class of 1974. This issue's "Who Is It?" is a "Where Is It?" Your editor's postcard collection provided this unused (and thus undated) "General View of Pacific Grove." Is the Grove Laundry building just to the left of the tree-filled vacant lot/park? Or is the vacant lot where St.



Angela's is now? Would that make the spire in the distance at the left the Christian Church? And what's the big rectangular white building in the distance between the trees? It looks like it's on Central Avenue. Does anyone recognize a family home or a landmark? Let us know if you have suggestions.

Do you have a photo for our "Who Is It" feature? Send it in .jpg format to the bpenney@sonic.net.