

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



The PGHSAA Board recently received a windfall in the form of help from three CSUMB students who took a computer class this fall that required that they perform 25 hours each of community service database work. Their instructor approached PGHSAA as a possible community organization, and we put them to work creating a searchable

database made up of all P.G.H.S. graduates listed in the commencement programs posted to our website, starting in 1913. You'll notice that we've added some early commencement lists for this reason. The students have also started entering the obituaries available on the site, and we have posted more past *Knockout II* issues to the site for this purpose. We're not sure what form this database will eventually take or exactly what it will contain, but we'll keep you posted. We're grateful to CSUMB for this amazing help in light of the loss of our master database a few years ago.

While working on this project, I went back through the newsletters before I became editor, and I noticed that some regular features have been missing, partly due to the database loss (siblings' graduation years and years of PGHSAA membership in obituaries), partly due to my learning curve with the membership database (welcomes to new and returning members in the donations page), and partly due to not ever having reviewed carefully what the newsletter contained when I first took over (financial reports, lists of attendees at PGHSAA reunions). In the future, I will make an effort to include as much of this information as I can.

In other news, we have a few changes to the Board of Directors as of our Annual Meeting in October.

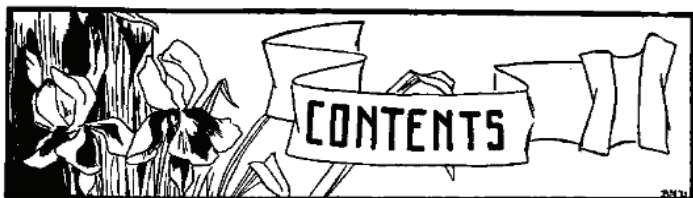
Joining the board are John Griffin '67 and Annette Estes '73. Annette will take over from Cate Goblirsch Lee '94 as *Knockout II* proofreader. Also, Pete Gaudoin '71 returns to the board and his post as vice president after a year's hiatus. Welcome, and welcome back! Thanks to them and to all of our Board members for their service to the PGHSAA.

Also at our October meeting, we were happy to make a \$700 grant to the P.G.H.S. Mock Trial Team so that they could attend a tournament in the Bay Area; see their thank-you note below. Your donations make grants like this possible, and we are grateful for them. That's another thing I noticed that has been missing from the newsletter: big, bold **THANK YOU**s to our donors!



Beth Penney '73

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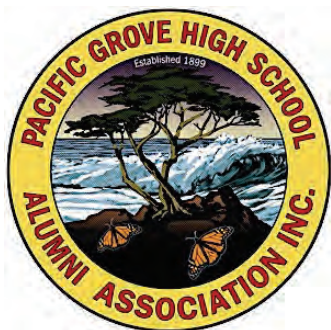
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Robin Aeschliman	Pacific Grove
IMO Michele <i>Sherwin</i> Thomas '63	
Yvonne Battaglia	Carson City, NV
IMO Alan Edwards '73	
1960 Jim Dowell	Tucson, AZ
IMO Vicky <i>Lewis</i> '60	
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1971 Doug and Tina <i>Yerks</i> Wisler	Corralitos
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1997 Ron Sanchez	Goleta
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1964 Sydney <i>Tabler</i>	Pebble Beach
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1963-1966 Erik & Judy <i>Ravenelli</i> Johnson	Santa Cruz
IMO Patty <i>Gifford</i> Kelly '63	
1958 William Booker	Salinas
IMO Charlie "JR" Houseman '56	
IMO Danny Aiello '59	
IMO Scott Charles Hufford '84	
1953 Arthur Busby	Pleasanton
IMO members of the Class of 1953	

Scholarship Fund

Anonymous	
The Coca-Cola Foundation	Atlanta, GA
1977 Lucinda <i>Hingtgen</i> Balbo	Sonoma
1963-1966 Erik & Judy <i>Ravenelli</i> Johnson	Santa Cruz
1952 John Perkins	Reedley
IMO P.G.H.S. grads who are no longer with us	

General Fund

1960 Ethel Rowe Stowe	Naples, FL
1969 Lawrence & Cece <i>Shymanski</i>	Chazen Monterey ³

Cool & Nifty Class of '60 Scholarship

1960 Judy <i>Lopez</i> Furman	Pacific Grove
1960 Patty <i>Fifer</i> Kieffer	Watsonville

Class of 1968 Scholarship

1968 Steve Graves	Eugene, OR
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Class of 1971 Scholarship

1971 Pete Gaudoin	Pacific Grove
IMO Mark Ruble '71	
1971 Bill Rodriguez	Nashville, TN
1971 Mary Ichiuji	Santa Monica
IMO Jack Southard '71	
IMO Mark Ruble '71	

Class of 1973 Scholarship

1973 Lyndon Schutzler	Monterey
1973 Cindy <i>Larkin</i> DeAmaral	Clovis
1973 David Hillstrom	Albuquerque, NM
1973 Donna <i>Lewis</i> Bomarito	Castroville
1973 Beth <i>Penney</i>	Pacific Grove

Class of 1974 Scholarship

1974 Janice <i>Duffy</i> Goldblatt	Highland Park, IL
1974 Caroline <i>Wang</i> Roberts	Fair Oaks
1974 Don Baker & Valerie Brown	Jackson, WY
1974 Evelyn <i>Acosta</i> -Weirich	Iowa City, IA
1974 Teri <i>Kier</i>	Gold River

Letters

Dear Joanie:

My daughter, Gineille, who now lives in Texas, recently returned from a visit to the Monterey Peninsula where she and I both grew up. I moved to Pacific Grove in 1945 when my dad retired from the Army. I attended Pine Avenue Grammar School and Pacific Grove High School. Class of 1957 was my graduating class. My daughter called me today upon her return home. She was telling me about her visit. And one thing she mentioned was an older man that she happened to stop and chat with in Pacific Grove. He was in his yard, and she stopped. He was very nice and told her that he grew up at this home. At one time his mother had a nursery in the front yard. The home was on the outside of Pacific Grove. I told her I

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knew the home very well that she was talking about; it was Wayne Meserve's home. He was a classmate of mine from the Class of '57. And yes, that was his mother's home. At one time the home was painted pink. My mother use to buy her plants from Mrs. Meserve. I have not seen Wayne in years... since high school, 1957 to be exact. So if you ever see Wayne out and about in P.G, please tell him that was my daughter who stopped and chatted with him a while ago. Gineille attended David Avenue School through the third grade. She is a professional singer and is the widow of Alex Harvey, the well-known songwriter. He wrote Delta Dawn, a very memorable song, which started Tanya Tucker's singing career.

*Anna Bruscas Knox '57
Chapel Hill, TN*

Hi Joanie,

Not sure if you are the person I should be contacting, but I just received a FASCINATING article (on my Facebook site) about the John Miller Orchestra's origins! Don't know if you remember Herb & John Miller (former music teacher & son, at R.W. DOWN school), but they ended up in the U.K., forming & playing their brother/uncle Glenn Miller's music. Anyway, I wondered, since their roots go back to P.G., and there are SO MANY "grown" kids who peruse the *Knockout II*'s FABULOUS contents, if there would be interest, and or room, to include part of, or the entire post? Here's the link: <http://www.johnmillerorchestra.com>, and you can check it out and/or pass it along to the appropriate people!?! Hope you enjoy!!

*Marian Fleming '60
Via e-mail*

P.S. I WILL also renew my KOII subscription (my bad, but have not been very well, so was not feeling like I would . . . well, you know!?!) At any rate, this seemed like the best way to share with the most "Breaker" fans, eh? THANKS for all you DO, and HAVE D*O*N*E* over the years!! H*U*G*S*

Ed. Note: Thanks to Marian for passing this along. Rather than re-invent the wheel, we encourage people to visit this very well-put-together website.

Beth:

Please renew my dues for four more years; I am also making a donation to the Class of '52 Scholarship fund in memory of all those P.G.H.S. grads who are no longer with us. Thanks for all you do, and keep up the good work.

*John Perkins '52
Reedley*

Ed. Note: The Class of '52 scholarship has "sunsetted," but we have applied John's donation to the general scholarship fund with an IMO note. Thank you!

Send letters to president@pghsaa.org or the mailing address on p. 2. We want to hear from you!

Obituaries

2023

Jan. 26 Gary Owen Pride '63	Eureka Springs, AR
Jun. 27 David Neubert '70	Austin, TX
Jul. 22 Thomas W. Pontarolo '17	Grand Junction, CO
Dec. 21 Robert "Bob" Richerts '46	Pacific Grove, CA

2024

Apr. 1 Dan Bruce Woodruff '94	Woodland, CA
Apr. 18 Corey D'Angelo Paoletti '09	San Jose, CA
May 4 Michaela L. Carozza '87	Carmel Valley, CA
May 11 Wally Gottschalk '66	unknown
July 1 Michele Sherwin Thomas '63	Monterey, CA
July 8 Johnny Barnes '92	Monterey, CA
July 9 Nancy Walker Mattila '62	McMinnville, OR
July 15 Mark Phillip Souza '74	Newman, CA
July 16 Bill Shumway '55	Sarasota, FL
Aug. 1 Kenneth Cox '63	Red Bluff, CA
Aug. 9 Jerry Locke '74	Marina, CA
Aug. 20 Michelle Neubert '60	Pebble Beach, CA
Oct. 3 Dennis Lynn '43	Pacific Grove, CA
Oct. 12 Daniel Rockwell '70	Pacific Grove, CA
Oct. 21 Jason Wesley Scott '92	Lewiston, CA
Oct. 25 Tom Coble '53	Carmel Valley, CA
Nov. 20 Keith Lowery '49	Glen Allen, VA
Nov. 30 Jack Southard '71	Portland, OR
Dec. 3 Brent Bispo '82	Pacific Grove, CA
Dec. 3 Mildred Jones Miller '47	Pacific Grove, CA
Dec. 3 Don Flickinger '53	Los Banos, CA

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Gary Owen Pride, of Eureka Springs, AR, passed away suddenly Jan. 16, 2023. He was 78 years old. He was born in Hot Springs, AR, on Oct. 3, 1944, to the late Nadine and Richard Pride, the second of their five sons. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1963. Gary attended several

colleges, including Ouachita University in Arkansas and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, but ultimately, artistic talent guided his life. He spent many years in San Francisco before moving to Mendocino, where he painted and designed stage sets. He was never without a dog, and sometimes two. Following the death of his longtime partner, Dale, Gary returned to Arkansas to be near family. He was preceded in death by his parents and Dale. Survivors include his four brothers, Richard Alan, Jon Stephen, Kevin Lucas, and David Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Bernard (David) Neubert, 69, of Monterey,



passed away June 27, 2023, in Austin, TX. David was born August 19, 1953, in Fort Benning, GA, to Bernard Neubert and Barbara Ann Beers. He attended P.G.H.S with the class of 1971 but graduated a year early, in 1970. He attend-

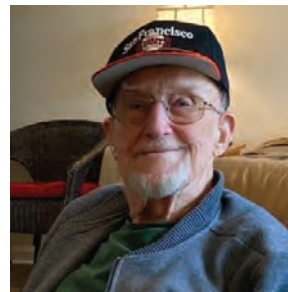
ed the Eastman School of Music and the University of Texas at Austin, earning an MA and a PhD. He married Terri Elizabeth Wilson in 1981. They had two sons, Joshua and Bernard. David was the Professor of Double Bass at the University of Texas in Austin and the Principal Bassist in the Austin Symphony, Ballet, and Opera Orchestra. He helped develop the International Society of Bassists and was a private airplane pilot. He also helped launch a community arts center in north central Kansas. David is survived by his two sons and was survived by his sister Michelle (see p. 8). He was predeceased by his wife Terri.

On July 22, 2023, **Thomas William Pontarolo**, 24, of Grand Junction, CO, passed away due to a



complication from a seizure. Thomas was born on June 28, 1999, in Glendale to Debra and Michael Pontarolo. At a young age, Thomas and his family relocated to P.G. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 2017 and moved to Grand Junction to attend Colorado

Mesa University. He was active in P.G.'s Boy Scout Troop 90 through grade school and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a goalie for the P.G.H.S. soccer team, and he would spend all day and night on the field. He also was a member of the lacrosse and football teams. He was a friend to many and was always looking to help people out; he planned to pursue a career in law enforcement after graduating. Thomas is survived by his father Michael and his brother Samuel.



Robert William "Bob" Richerts passed away in Pacific Grove on December 21, 2023. A 1946 graduate of P.G.H.S., Bob was a seven-year PGHSAA board member and served as the Bylaws Chair. He was predeceased by his wife Annie

Guastella Garnero Richerts '47. This is all the information we have about Bob; if you have more information, please e-mail president@pghsaa.org.



Daniel Bruce Woodruff passed away April 1, 2024, 10 days before his 44th birthday. Dan Bruce was raised in Rio Vista, Woodland, and P.G., where he was in the P.G.H.S. class of '94. At the age of two, he began his running career, which led him to win the Central Coast County Regionals.

In Woodland, he was a favorite newspaper delivery boy, and he was active in Parks and Rec, the Chamber of Commerce and youth facilities in both Woodland and P.G. He was a disc jockey; he loved karaoke and was a "crooner." He hosted parties, among them his father's retirement party. Dan

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Bruce was exuberant, all heart, kind, loving, brash and argumentative. He suffered from a mental uniqueness which people often misunderstood. Dan Bruce died peacefully in his sleep. He is survived by his parents Peter and Barbara Woodruff, his brother Matthew, niece Isla Rose, and daughter Ellie Rose.



Corey Kathleen D'Angelo Paoletti passed away April 18, 2024, in San Jose. Corey was born on July 14, 1991, in San Jose to Clancy and Susan D'Angelo. She graduated from Forest Grove, Junipero Serra School and, in 2009, P.G.H.S. Corey followed in her parents' footsteps to CSU Chico, where she was the captain of the ultimate frisbee team and found her

calling to be a nurse. She graduated from the Chico State School of Nursing in 2014 and moved home to begin her career. For nearly 10 years, she worked as a nurse at CHOMP. In 2016, Corey met her husband, Jacob Paoletti, while playing softball in Monterey, and found her second calling as a mother after welcoming their daughter, Jamie Joy, in 2021. Corey is survived by her husband, Jacob; daughter, Jamie Joy; her parents, sisters Lia and Claire; niece Annie; nephew Sam; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.



Michaela Lee Carozza was born in Seattle, WA, to Lee and Stephanie Isenberg Carozza, four minutes after her identical twin sister Cara. She passed away May 4, 2024. Michaela graduated from P.G.H.S., where she participated in theater productions, in 1987. After high school, Michaela earned a

BA in journalism from Fresno State and began her career as a technical writer, also writing a novel and a number of short stories. Her children were her biggest joy. Once Matthew and his sister Sarah became independent, Michaela worked at the Harrison Memorial Library in Carmel before she started her own business,⁶

a retreat called Valley Eden, in Carmel Valley. Michaela is survived by her partner, Micha Bassett, her son Matthew and daughter Sarah, her mother and stepfather, her stepmother, her sister Cara Carozza, her niece Caroline Swartz, and nephews Spencer Swartz, Richard Tripps and Andrew Tripps. She was predeceased in death by her father, Lee (Lino) Carozza.



Wally Gottschalk passed away May 11, 2024, according to an announcement from the P.G.H.S. Class of 1966 web site manager. No obituary has been located, but the class shared memories of Wally. Tom McDonald remembers living near Wally in Reno; Wally was friends with Rusty Williams and Clint

Gruwell. Wally and his wife Cheri also worked closely with Rick and Kathy Dreher putting together the BBQs for the Class of 1966 reunions. If you have any more information about Wally, please e-mail president@pghsaa.org.



Michele Sherwin Thomas passed away July 1, 2024, after a long illness. She requested that no obituary be published, but the PGHSAA Board of Directors shared memories of her and her service on the board, where she served as one of our Events Chairs for a number of years. Memories

included these: "She was such a sweet person and I am forever grateful to have gotten to work with her on the PGHS Alumni Association Board," and, "She always had that twinkle in her eye and a kind word." Michele graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1963 and had a career in banking, which also proved valuable in her board service. The board is grateful to Michele's friend Robin Aeschliman for notifying us of her passing.

John Mathew (Johnny) Barnes was born July 8, 1974, and passed away on July 8, 2024, in Monterey. John was born in Monterey and lived in England for the first few years of his life. He moved back to P.G. at age 7 and graduated from P.G.H.S. in '92. John was an avid golfer, so much so that he chose to be a pro-

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professional caddy at Spyglass Hill. John is survived by his wife Gemma Barnes, his daughter Sydney Barnes, mother Jean Barnes, and brother Alan Barnes (Sally). He also is survived by his aunt, uncle, nephew, many cousins and close friends. He was preceded in death

by his father Alan Barnes, grandparents Joe and Barbara Piner, and grandparents Christopher and Doris Barnes.



motorbikes, watching sports, and getting into mischief. He spent years going to Alaska to work seasonally on a commercial fishing boat with good friends from P.G. He is survived by his wife Esther; daughters Nicole and Dannielle; six grandchildren, one great-grandchild; brothers Steve,

Frank, and Robert; sister Claire; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandson Jordan; mother Shirley Medeiros; brother Richard, and father Frank.



Nancy Caren Walker Mattila passed away July 9, 2024. Nancy was born November 12, 1944, in Carmel, to William and Bonney Walker. She grew up in P.G., with older brothers Doug and Jeff, and younger sister Julie. She attended Mayflower Church and graduated from P.G.H.S.

in 1962 and from Biola College in 1968. She moved to Torrance to teach. In 1972, she married William (Bill) Mattila. She raised two daughters, Michelle and Cheryl, and continued to teach. In 1986, an acoustic neuroma left her with life-changing disabilities, but she fought to participate in as much of life as possible. She was always active in the churches in the cities she lived in. Nancy was preceded by her parents and her brothers, Doug Walker and Jeff Walker. She is survived by her husband; daughters Michelle and Cheryl; her sister Julie McGinty; four grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mark Phillip Souza passed away at home in Newman on July 15, 2024. Mark was born in Carmel on November 4, 1956, and moved to Newman and attended Newman schools, returned to P.G., and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1974. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army. He married his high school sweetheart, Esther Rambo '74, in Dec. 1974. His early life was spent with his brothers hunting, fishing, riding



William R. (Bill) Shumway passed away July 16, 2024, in Sarasota, FL. Bill was born in Monterey on August 20, 1937, and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1955. Growing up, he worked with his dad's commercial fishing and caddied at Pebble Beach. After a tour in the Navy, Bill

returned to the Peninsula and opened "Bill's Barber Shop" in P.G. He then worked for Safeway and later with his close friend Charlie Higuera at Grove Market. After retiring, Bill moved to Georgia and later to Florida with his wife Andrea Hotovitzky Shumway '59 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Bill was an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus, an avid fisherman, and a lifelong Notre Dame fan. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer; sons Greg, Chris, and Lindsey; 12 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and other family members. Bill was preceded in death by wife of nearly 55 years, Andrea; parents William Sr. and Margaret (Mendis) Shumway; sister Barbara; and brother Noel.

Kenneth Larry Cox of Red Bluff passed away August 1, 2024. He was a 1963 graduate of P.G.H.S., where he played football. A memorial service was held in September at the Red Bluff Roundup Museum. His friend Victor Trejo, who organized the memorial,



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posted the following to his Facebook page: “Love ya, buddy. Hope you’re riding Jake and watching Buster work those 1,000 head of cows!” Thanks to Bob Taylor and Don Ravenelli, both ‘63, for alerting us to Ken’s passing.



Gerald “Jerry” D. Locke of Marina passed away August 9, 2024. He was found in his RV while en route to visit his son, Kyle, in Arizona. Jerry was born to Raymond and Lorana Locke on October 4, 1956, in Monterey. He attended P.G. schools: St An-

gela’s, P.G. Junior High, and P.G.H.S., graduating in 1974. He was chosen by his fellow classmates to give a commencement speech at their graduation ceremony. Jerry spent most of his career as a grocer, working for Safeway for many years and then Grove Market. He lost his wife, Rayann *Ellis* ‘78 in 2001 to breast cancer. Jerry was also predeceased by his parents, and brothers Roger ‘70 and Russel ‘77. He is survived by his son, he also leaves a daughter, Melissa Locke Bradshaw; granddaughters Harper and Macyn; and sisters Susan and Denise.



Michelle Lee Neubert passed away August 20, 2024, in Pebble Beach. Michelle was born August 1, 1942 in Pontiac, MI, to the late Bernard and Barbara Neubert. She was the oldest and last surviving of four children. A daughter of a Lt. Colonel in the US Army, Michelle moved around a great deal during

her formative years. She attended P.G.H.S. in 11th grade with the Class of 1960 before moving to Taipei, Taiwan, where she graduated from high school before moving back to Pebble Beach. She obtained degrees from San Fernando State University. She was a Rottweiler breeder and worked in real estate investment. In retirement, she founded the Beers-Neubert Foun-

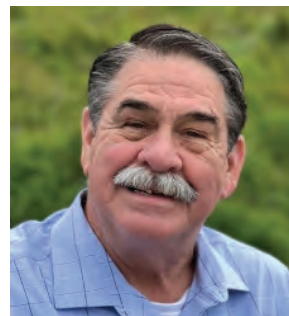
ation, an organization that supports local and global cooling. Michelle leaves her daughters Laraine, Sheryl, and Karylin; six grandsons; two nieces; four nephews; and friends, colleagues and community members. Her brother David’s obituary appears on p. 5.



Dennis Elton Lynn

was born August 28, 1925, in Salinas and passed away October 3, 2024. He moved to P.G. as a young man, where he graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1943. After serving in the Army, he remained in P.G., where he continued his career with USPS, retiring in 1980 as

Postmaster of the P.G. Post Office. He married Josephine in 1950, and together they raised two daughters, Denise and Sharon. In 1992, he and Josephine relocated to Salinas to be closer to their daughters, and then to Carmel. He loved taking road trips with his wife in his beloved Cadillacs, working in the garden, playing cards, and going to Reno to play slot machines. He leaves behind his daughters Denise and Sharon, 5 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine Lynn, his mother Della Powell and his father James Lynn.



Daniel “Boomer” Rockwell, born August 19, 1952, in Carmel, passed away October 12, 2024. A proud member of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1970, he was the son of Dean and Jacqueline Rockwell. For over 30 years, Boomer was a dedicated general contractor, founding Rockwell Build-

ers and making a lasting impact in his community. His commitment to youth sports shone through as he coached baseball and proudly embraced the role as “Coach Boomer.” Known for his gregarious nature and delightful storytelling, Boomer brought joy to everyone around him. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Bruce. Boomer is survived by his beloved daughter, Brook Shadwell, and son, Daniel Rockwell, as well as three adoring grand-

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children, Dasha, Baylee, and Brighton. He also leaves behind his siblings, Dennis, Dena, and Mike, who will continue to honor his legacy of love and laughter.



Jason Wesley Scott passed away Oct. 21, 2024, at his home in Lewiston. He was 48. Jason was born March 16, 1976, in Lewiston to John and Linda (Reed) Scott. He grew up with his sister Stacy and brother Joseph. Jason graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1992 and received TIG and aluminum welding certifications at Lewis

and Clark State College. He worked the biggest share of his life on the family farm in Tammany. Jason loved riding his Kawasaki Ninja, snowmobiling, boating, fishing and spending time with Kendahl Keifer, the love of his life of 21 years, and their basset hound dogs. Jason was preceded in death by his two grandfathers, Clement Reed and Joe Scott, his grandmother Lois Scott and step-grandmother Romelle (Henry) Scott. He is survived by his partner Kendahl Keifer, parents John and Linda Scott, sister Stacy, brother Joseph, grandmother Lois Reed, seven nephews, and one niece.

Thomas (Tom) Henry Coble passed away on Oct. 25, 2024, in Carmel Valley. Tom graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1953 and joined the Army a year later, serving in Europe for three years. He had a promising career in football, playing in the Army, at MPC, semi-pro, and then for the University of San Francisco

until an injury ended his sports career. Tom was active in the Wharf Theater in Monterey and then in theaters in New York City. While working between shows as a taxi driver he was shot in the neck and lost his ability to read, write, and understand language. In 1995, after being apart for 43 years, Tom reunited with his high school sweetheart, Coralyn *Clinker* '53. They were

married for 30 years. With Coralyn's help and Tommy's determination, his disabilities did not deter him from living a full life. He worked tirelessly recording music, singing, and performing. Tom was predeceased by his parents, Benita and Jacob Coble; his sister Ellen; and his brothers Joe and Mickey. He leaves behind three brothers, Bert, Bob, and Pat; and Coralyn's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Robert Keith Lowrey, of Glen Allen, VA, passed away November 20, 2024. Keith was born October 5, 1931, to Nola George Davis and Vance Jefferson Lowrey, Sr. in Oklahoma City, OK. The family later moved to California, where Keith excelled at both football and basketball for the P.G.H.S. Breakers (Class

of 1949). Keith enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school and became an aviation mechanic, after which he graduated from San Diego State University and worked for the Insurance Company of North America, later CIGNA. He married his wife Laquita in 1959 and the couple lived in a number of cities and had three sons. He loved Oklahoma Sooners football, which he followed loyally for over 80 years. Keith was predeceased by his parents; his loving wife Laquita; sister Jane; and brother Vance, Jr. He is survived by his sons, Dan, John, and Will; five grandchildren; his brothers-in-law Pete, Dan, Dale; and their families.

Jack Whitney Southard passed away from complications of MS on November 30, 2024, in Portland, OR. He was born to Don and Jill Southard on October 20, 1953, in Pasadena, and the family moved to Pebble Beach in 1964. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1971 and



studied business and commerce at MPC. Jack skied, played tennis, surfed, and swam competitively from the age of 7, for the Riverside Flyers and then for the Monterey Marlins and P.G.H.S. He then swam for the

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Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and tried out for the Olympics, moving up from the 15/16 age bracket to 17/18 and placing second to Mark Spitz in the butterfly heat. Jack was also a two-time All-American Swimmer for the 400 Freestyle Relay and the 400 Medley Relay. His MS was discovered early, but he also swam for MPC, which placed 4th in the Northern California Championships and 7th in the State in 1972. The MPC Alumni Association recently inducted this team into the Lobo Hall of Fame. Jack was in the Czechoslovakian crystal import business and was the VP of Orange Guard, Inc., a natural pest-control product business. He traveled the world, living and surfing in Bali at one point. Jack is predeceased by his parents and his sister Donna '68. He is survived by his sister Susan '74, brother Todd '82, a nephew, and nieces.



Brent Andrew Bispo, a local surfer and firefighter, passed away in a truck accident Dec. 3, 2024. A 1982 graduate of P.G.H.S. who grew up in P.G., Brent was a successful surfer who won local and national contests and was awarded "All-Around-Waterman" more than once at the Carmel

Surfabout. A firefighter for Mid-Coast Fire, he was the first engineer promoted to Captain. He retired in 2018. Brent helped to found Monterey County's first official water rescue program, which serves the Big Sur Coast, notorious for people who tend to become caught in the surf. Brent is survived by his wife Judy; his brothers Ron, Randall, and Keith; and his sister Nadine.



Mildred "Mickie" Jones Miller passed away Dec. 3, 2024, in P.G. Born in Salt Lake City, UT, on Nov. 6, 1929, to Collins and Grace Jones, she was out of state for her birth only, and lived in P.G. her entire life, graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1947. She married Richard "Dick" R. Miller in

1948, and they had four children. Before her retirement in 1992, Mildred worked for the P.G.U.S.D. for 32 years, 27 of them as secretary of Lighthouse and Forest Grove Schools. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Her pet projects were family history, knitting Christmas stockings, and taking care of her grandchildren, which she did into her late '80s. Mildred was preceded in death by her husband Dick and her brother R. Merrill Jones. She is survived by a brother, R. Paul Jones; her children, Rick, Scott, Dan, and Erin; 12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.



Don Damian Flickinger passed away Dec. 3, 2024, in Los Banos. A 1953 graduate of P.G.H.S., where he served as both Junior and Senior Class President, Father Flickinger was born November 2, 1935, in San Francisco to Donald Flickinger, MD, and Cecila Goodman Flickinger. After

high school, he received an M.A. in zoology from U.C. Berkeley, completed a year of medical school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and then entered St. John's Seminary in Camarillo. He was ordained in 1964. He then served in an administrative role at Santa Clara University and later at the University of San Francisco, later serving as chaplain and in other roles in numerous California parishes, including Mission San Jose, Santa Cruz, and St. Clare's Retreat in Soquel. He served on the boards of Catholic University of America in D.C. and both Archbishop Mitty and Presentation High Schools in San Jose. In 1986, he became the full-time caregiver for his mother Cecelia.

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Class of '64's 60th

by Jennifer Kren Ross '64

On November 10 and 11, the Class of '64 celebrated its 60th reunion. Sunday evening, we gathered at Lucy's on Lighthouse in P.G. for a casual get-together outside in the "beer garden." This gave us time to get reacquainted, catch up, and reminisce a bit, and feel grateful to be there. Sunday evening, we met again for a lovely evening of drinks, appetizers, and a delicious dinner at Woody's at Del Mesa in Carmel. Almost everyone who had been at Lucy's was able to attend, which gave us a chance to really visit with one another, share a few stories, and reaffirm our love of P.G. As it was Veterans' Day, Buck Jones gave a most heartfelt tribute to the veterans from our class who served, as well as asking those in attendance to stand and be honored. In closing, he read a moving poem, touching each of us in a unique way. This was the perfect closure to a warm and joyful reunion.

It is our hope to gather again soon. We are working on updating our contact list. If you have contact information for anyone from the class of 1964, please contact Jennifer Kren Ross, jenross2467@gmail.com.



Class of '69's 55th Reunion

The P.G.H.S. Class of 1969 met the weekend of the PGHSAA reunion, October 3-5, for a meet-and-greet at Dust Bowl Brewing in Monterey on Thursday, dinner and cocktails at Bill Lee's ('70) Kona restaurant, the Butterfly Parade, and of course the Elk's Club.



Left column: Top: Ir-, William Smith, Liz Kelleher Black, Joe McClay in wings, Arita Mainz Toliver, Terri Jarman Schreader, Loretta Smith, Bev DeCosta Richard. Center: at Dust Bowl: Ted Golding, Bruce Mehringer, Wendell Liljedahl, Sandra St. Clair Mehringer, Caroline Barrera Caird. Bottom: Debbie Rappa, Julie Hingtgen Campbell, Diane Azevedo Flores.



This column: Top: at Kona: Wendell Liljedahl, Danny (Murray) Coelho, Darletta Coelho. Middle: Margaret Ushakoff Wilcox, Stacey Golding Sauders '68, Bobby Hauswirth, Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71. Bottom: group shot at Kona. THANK YOU to the Class of 1969 55th Reunion Committee, Sandra St. Clair Mehringer, Carolina Barrera Caird, Gary Gasperson, Terri Jarman Schreader, and Julie Hingtgen Campbell, for putting together a wonderful three days of fun!

Class of '73's Annual Reunion

The Class of '73 celebrates every year with a Friday-night get-together at Beth Penney's home and the Butterfly Parade on Saturday before the PGHSAA dinner. Here are photos from this year's event.



About 20 of us were joined by several members of the Class of '74 and other classes. Left: top: Dave Hillstrom and Donna Lewis Bomarito listen to Chris Pappageorgas. Middle: Doree Hyland '74 and Ken Hodson. Bottom: Cindy Larkin DeAmaral, Laurie Dill Wilson '74 and Joseph Favaloro. Top, this column: Maureen Mallory Roddick and Faith Van Woerkom Beety. Middle: Beth Penney, Victoria Pollacci, Cindy, Laurie, and Lyndon Schutzler. Above: Doug Snider and Lyndon in Saturday's parade. Photos: Beth Penney, Donna Lewis Bomarito.

The Calm before the Storm **by Ron Bispo '74**

The weekend of September 6th, the start of the 50th reunion of the Class of 1974, began as many weekends began in the '70s for many (most?) members of this class—an evening on Sunset Drive, overlooking the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, albeit not yet dark enough to catch the evening's submarine races. As has been the case for 50 years, the Reunion Committee, always dedicated to planning and executing a great reunion weekend, started us off with a fun evening of spirits and spirit.

Mark Elstob was our gracious host at his beautiful home on Sunset Drive, a home many of us have driven past hundreds, perhaps thousands of times as we traveled, always at reasonable speeds, around Asilomar. The fire pit was on, and comfortable seating available for those with "P.G. weather" still running through their veins. For the less hearty, with plenty of room indoors to mingle and mix, saying "hey there" to classmates we still see around town, catching up with others we have may not have seen in a long time, and in some cases, meeting partners and spouses we have not met before. Also spied in the crowd were are couple of folks from a class ahead or behind us, because, I guess, we are just that fun!

As with many a weekend evening of our youth, the Ice Breaker Gathering was a BYOB party; but unlike 50 years past, there was no shortage of beverages — enough so there was beer, wine and spirits available for more partying on reunion night. Mark and the Reunion Team also laid out a nice spread of Campagno's board sandwich trays and "un-health" foods and snacks, I suspect, an attempt to mitigate the expected consumption of many beverages of various proofs and alcohol contents.

All told, 60 (+/-) classmates and significant others came to party for a 2-hour mixer that for easily guessed reasons if you've ever attended one of the many previous reunion Friday night shindigs, went about 5 hours — this class knows how to party! My fellow Class of '74 Best Rockers & Knockers and Most Spirited awardee, Dena *Rockwell* McCague did attempt to get folks dancing in Mark's TV/music/49ers Shrine Room to no avail, but bless her heart for giving it the old Breaker try. (Saturday night's

after-party dancing made up for us party poopers on Friday). We had a few first-time reunion attendees as well as others who returned from as far as Punta Gorda, FL and Pearl City, HI, to a few who live only a couple blocks away. Attendees came from across all of the US of A; Naperville, IL; Birmingham, AL; Spring Hill, TN; Colorado; and from Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Northern California, Southern California, the Central Valley, from The City By The Bay, Santa Cruz, Hollister, Watsonville, Salinas, Marina, Seaside, Carmel Valley, Monterey and P.G., all coming back for the Big 50!

On to Saturday night and the big event... but wait! Remember those days when someone said to a couple of friends, "Let's grab some beer and we head down to Asilomar and party a little?" Before you know it this person told someone, who then told someone, then someone else heard about it and so on and so on. Next thing you know, PGPD is breaking up the party of 50 high schoolers and pouring out perfectly good Olympia. Well, in typical Class of '74 style, we had a similar but different occurrence. Since we are OLD and don't stay up that late anymore, a few folks said, "Wanna get breakfast in the morning?" thinking it would be great to have a little quieter time with a couple of friends to catch up. The place and time were agreed to and...well...you can imagine how it went; someone told someone, who then told someone, then someone else heard about it and so on and so on and so on. At the appointed time (9:00 am) and location (Aquino's Birrieria & Brunch on Forest Hill) your intrepid reporter arrived for a quiet breakfast with a couple of classmates, which ended up being about 35 classmates. Go figure, eh? An impromptu small breakfast turned into what was probably Aquinos' best breakfast crowd ever! Hell, Aquino's Birrieria even posted a photo of the breakfast crew on their Facebook page. A good time was had by all, bills settled, see-yalaters exchanged, and NOW on to the Saturday night reunion.

Our GOLDEN 50th Reunion Recap **By Stuart Rugg '74**

My 50th Reunion started during the summer with a text from Tom Shymanski. "Hey dude, are you coming to the reunion?" That of course inspired an in-depth

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jam session on the phone, a conversation that made our last reunion seem like just the other day. I love our reunions because the bonds of friendship and shared experiences in high school have kept us connected for the past 5 decades, even if for most of us, it means only seeing each other a day or two every 5 years.

What an EPIC reunion. Full of hugs, smiles, laughter, new insights, shared memories, past and new experiences, and of course, our future goals and dreams. A few months ago, I saw a bumper sticker that said, "Now I'm the same age as old people." I had to smile because I'm sure we thought our parents were old when they were 68 – well, now it's our turn. Having seen the pictures from Friday night's icebreaker, however, and seeing all of you in person Saturday, I can easily say I didn't see any old people. What I did see was a group of classmates full of energy, enthusiasm, and excited to see each other. If we keep learning, exploring life's wonders, keeping great friendships, letting people we love know we love them, we will all stay far younger than our chronological age. That's my story and I'm sticking with it because we all know the right attitude helps keep us young, and besides, I want to see all of you in 5 years. So, as I tell my students, "Stay Fired Up."

When I arrived Saturday, the first classmate I saw was Sandi Dix Eason. She flashed a warm smile, gave me a big hug, and the adventure was on. I then joined Sandi, Teri Kier, Cheri Fisher, Valerie Fisher, and Peggy Light who were already at Point Pinos getting the bar & grill ready for everyone's arrival. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful evening – sunny, crisp, clear, with Santa Cruz etched out against the sky and ocean to the north, views of the ocean through the majestic cypress trees, and the lush green of the Point Pinos Golf Course. Perfect setting and weather. As everyone started to pour in, the hellos and hugs opened the door to a glorious evening, and glorious it was.

For many of you, the celebrations started off with Friday's Icebreaker at Mark's beautiful house overlooking the ocean not far from Point Pinos. Although many of us couldn't join in, just looking through the pictures you clearly see a group of friends that love hanging out together. A warm and grateful thank you to Mark Elstob and his wife Erin, for hosting everyone

who could make it, not only on Friday night, but also a happy hour before and after the reunion on Saturday. Having read our 40th reunion recap by Richard Sell and our 45th by Dennis Sones, I have got to get my act together and join you all for the icebreaker at our 55th. So again, thank you Mark for carrying on that wonderful tradition.

One of the first orders of business on Saturday was to have photos taken of the whole P.G.H.S. team, followed by smaller group photos based on which elementary school we attended. Teri, was that your great idea? – whoever thought of it, thank you, they will be gifts to see on our website. Then of course, there was the delicious food buffet, a bar for anyone who wanted to a drink, and of course, the main reason for being there – to reconnect with classmates and share parts of our life journey. We touched on experiences such as our careers, marriage, and for many their kids and even grandkids, fun and crazy times in high school, and what we may be hoping for moving forward. Even in brief conversations, what we often shared had the power to draw us closer together. Some of you have overcome serious health challenges and some are still coming through them, but your light and enthusiasm shone bright.

In addition to hugs, handshakes, and brief hellos exchanged with many of you, it was great to share brief conversations with Laurie Dill, Dena Rockwell, Dennis Sones, Don Baker, Jane Wilson, J.R. Luster, Susie Southard, Kirsten Clarke, and Alma Rivas and even longer conversations with Julie Wambold, Steve Whitney, Frank Consiglio, Tom Shymanski, Richard Sell, and Charles Clarke. You all helped make the evening extra special. Thank you.

Thank you, Teri, for being the driving force to pull these reunions together, for always being positive, and always making sure everything goes smoothly. An additional thank you to Sandi, Cheri, Valerie, Peggy, Mary Grisin, Sylvia Hernandez, Doree Hyland, Rick Rodewald, and anyone else who worked hard to make this reunion special. One tradition that always brings smiles and applause is when Teri takes the microphone and announces fun facts about our classmates such as who has attended every reunion and who has traveled the farthest. When Teri announced the following 7 first timers: Dawn Dickinson, Ralph Hall, Chelly Kirkman, Mark McCulley, Stephanie Rumrill, Pat Williams, and

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Dennis Woolem, the tone and timing of her follow-up line was priceless, "What the heck have you been doing for the past 50 years?" Priceless because it reflected what a lot of us were probably thinking, and at the same time, reflected our happiness that all of you could join in the celebration.

As I drove back to L.A. early Sunday morning, I thought of all the hugs, hellos, conversations, emotions, smiles, renewed connections, and how some connections have seemed to grow stronger with time. I enjoyed thinking of the incredible blessing we all share for maintaining such a strong bond based on our shared 4-year journey that started 54 years ago as we entered P.G.H.S.

Thank you all for another exciting and memorable reunion. In true form, Tom not only opened my reunion, but also wrapped in up with another text as I was driving home. "See you next time, dude." Yes, you will, and I hope to see all of you for our 55th.



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P. 16: left column: Breakfast at Aquino's: Ann Gunter Nash, Faye Collins Hill, Teri Kier, Chelly Kirkman Steiger, Debbie Bernhardt Malone, Richard Sell, Charles Clark, and Laurie Dill Wilson. Bottom: In the kitchen, l to r: Charles Clark, Kirsten Clarke, Laurie Dill Wilson, Irene Takasaki Oshiro, Richard Sell, Sylvia Hernandez Newton, Chris Houston, Faye Collins Hill, and Dorothy Bommarito Coburn. Top right column: enjoying the sun at Mark's house on Sunset Drive. Middle: L to R: Dennis Sones, Cheri Fisher Schmidt, Steve Whitney, Dona Wright Bates, Dena Rockwell McCague, Sandi Dix Eason, Frank Consiglio, and Lori McKinney Pappageorgas.

P. 16, third photo right column: While Olympia beer is no longer produced, somebody saved a case for their 50th Class Reunion: Rick Rodewald, Steve Whitney, Tom Shymanski, Frank Consiglio, Richard Sell, and Ron Bispo. P.16 bottom right: Back row: Mary Grisin Draper, Susan Christopher Brownlie, Jane Wilson Moezzi, Cathy Walmsley, Alma Rivas, Bev Silva Paxton, and Caroline Wang Roberts. Front Row: Michael Kren Leigh, Susie Southard, Terri Ishizuka Ikeda, and Irene Takasaki Oshiro. Left column, this page: David Avenue graduates, Forest Grove graduates, and Lighthouse School graduates. Top, this column: Robert H. Down graduates. Middle, this column: the Class of '74 at the Butterfly Parade on Saturday morning. Above: Class portrait.

The Knockout II, Summer 2024

PGHSAA Reunion at the Elks Club

About 120 people gathered at the Elks Club on Saturday, October 5, to enjoy dinner and dance the night away. The evening was enhanced by Stephanie LaPierre Travis's ('67) donation of a number of her father John's drawings, which were auctioned to raise money for scholarships. Also, Jodeen Colletto Fisher '54 read a poem and Patty Fifer '60 and Charlie Kieffer danced for us as our entertainment! Thanks to our Events Committee Chairs Victoria Samora Griffin '64 and Katie Samora Henden '68 for a lovely party, and to Lillian Griffiths '70 for managing the silent auction, which raised \$600 for our scholarship fund..



Top, this column: Barry Bettencourt '68, PGHSAA VP Pete Gaudoin '71, PGHSAA Publicity Chair Alex Hulanicki '71. Below: Darwin Ernst '62, LeRoy Ernst '63, and Don Ravanelli '63. Top, right column, Dave Hillstrom '73, Barry Bettencourt '68, Stacey Nightingale '75, Frank Grillo '73. Middle: Don Mothershead '70, new Knockout II proofreader and PGHSAA board member Annette Estes '73. Below right: Duane Peterson '65 and Stephanie LaPierre Travis's '67 husband Clyde. The pumpkin centerpieces were a donation from Trader Joe's and were expertly combined with our Events Chairs' decorations. Photos these pages by Beth Penney '73. Save the date for next year's reunion: October 4, 2025.

Elks Club, cont.



Top, this column: John Griffin '67, Lucy Willman-Hook '67, Usana Nuntasungkeet Weaver '67, Ron Sanchez '67, Stephanie LaPierre Travis '67. Middle: John Begley, Lori Hughes Begley '73, Johnny Montanez '72. Bottom: Marabee Rush Boone '60, Carol Hotovitsky Ochsner '60, Patty Fifer Kieffer '60. Top, next column: Michele Barat '64, Victoria Samora Griffin '64, Jennifer Kren Ross, '64, Carlin Erickson '66. Middle: Patty Fifer Kieffer '60 and her husband Charlie. Bottom: Walt "Punky" Wardle '58, 19 John Webster '67, and Henry Garcia '57.

Elks Club, cont.



Above left: Sylvia Hernandez Newton '74, Pamela Pauls Soboleski '65, Otto Pauls '73. Above right: Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71, Doree Hyland '74, Margie Hazdovac '74. All photos these three pages by Beth Penney.

As I Remember Pacific Grove, Part I

By Nelson W. "Bill" Hyler '39

My earliest recollection of Pacific Grove was arriving late one evening at the Southern Pacific depot, at the foot of 19th Street. It was a foggy night and we arrived by train from Pajaro Junction, near Watsonville. Pacific Grove was the end of a trip that started in Sutter Creek, where, when I was a child, my family lived. We must have changed trains 4 or 5 times to get to the end of the line in Pacific Grove. And that train depot was an exciting place in itself. The Del Monte Express came in nightly, and they turned the steam engine around on the turntable right there alongside the roundhouse. Then the train would be ready to go out early in the morning. Some of the bigger boys even got to push a little and help the railroad men. The very first time I saw Lighthouse Avenue I was perhaps 5 years old and couldn't believe there was a street that wide. Cars didn't park in the center as they do today. And with the heavy fog that late evening, we couldn't see far, and the street seemed to disappear in just a few feet, swallowed up by fog.

In the '20s and into the '30s, the Pacific Grove Police Department maintained a special red light that hung over the center of the intersection of Lighthouse and Forest Avenues. There was usually a patrolman

walking on the streets in the downtown section, and a telephone was just inside the Landing leading to the upstairs stairway of the Bank of America building (now Sotheby's International Realty, below). When-



ever the telephone rang, an extra-loud bell sounded and the red light came on. This way a policeman, even if he couldn't hear the bell, could see the light from quite a distance. (Our home phone number, by the way, was 314 W.) If the light above the intersection was burning, all the locals would look to see where the policeman was. Yep. Just like today—hard to find when you needed one. Fortunately, since there was usually only one officer on duty during the night, night crime wasn't much of a problem then. Sometimes in the hours after midnight, no policemen worked at all. Maybe crime was sleeping also.

Bill Hyler, cont.

In the summertime, the place to be was at the Pacific Grove main beach. It was naturally sheltered and easy to reach, with a large sloping beach of crystal amber sand. Parking was not much of a problem, as most of us walked (and even in 1940, there were only 25 million vehicles total in the U.S., compared to 296 million in 2024). In the mid '30s, the beach area complex consisted of a large building that housed the old bathhouse, the "plunge," a dance hall, a restaurant, and perhaps several other businesses. There was no easy way to reach the beach then.



When FDR was elected president in 1932, in the bottom of the depression, one of the early government attempts at economic recovery was the Works Project Administration (WPA). At the time, our city engineer was Erwin Dames, who had drawn up an ambitious plan to renovate the bathhouse complex, but no funds were available. However, as soon as the WPA came into existence, the Federal government began looking for projects, and Pacific Grove's waterfront, because of Dames' plan, became one of the first to be built. The buildings were razed and the indoor plunge exposed and refurbished. A new boiler was added to heat the water, and a wading pool was added. The present granite stone walls, sidewalks, and the snack bar were also added at this time (see next column). Excepting that the "plunge" is now filled in and is a volleyball court, the area is just about like it was when the WPA finished the project in 1935. Tens of thousands of visitors came during the summer from nearby cities and the Central Valley to enjoy the Pacific Grove waterfront.

The Underseas Gardens that could be seen by taking the Glass Bottom Boat ride were another waterfront thrill. Many a local youngster worked cleaning boats and fishing gear, sweeping, and doing other chores for Mr. Sprague, in order to get to take the Glass Bottom Boat ride. Those jobs helped with pocket change, too.



Several Feast of Lanterns celebrations combined with a beauty pageant were held in the mid '30s. One such pageant was held in 1935 on Lighthouse Avenue next to the Forest Avenue intersection, and later on, the aptly named June Beach was crowned queen by King Neptune himself, who came right up out of the water, played by a deep-sea diver named Eddie Bushnell, complete with his diving suit and round copper helmet with the glass visor door. Those were exciting times.

In the early '30s a softball park of sorts came into being out on Lighthouse Avenue where Lighthouse School was eventually built. There were several lights on poles, a simple backstop, and no bleachers. Many who came parked their cars around the area facing the park, and they often had to turn on their lights to help (or hinder) a player catching a fly ball. Most of the teams were local Peninsula teams, although some came from some distance as this sport became more popular. In fact, the night ballpark became so popular that the city officials somehow scrounged enough money to turn the nearby gravel pit, located around the corner on 17-Mile Drive, into a first-rate park, complete with bleachers, lights, and parking. We even had a loudspeaker system, and a play-by-play description of the game was announced to the crowds. Of course,

Bill Hyler, cont.

since the town was founded by the Methodist Church, in those days. No games were ever held on Sundays. But Saturday night often found hundreds of spectators watching a game. The Class B teams played the opener, and the main game was played by the Class A teams. It's safe to say this sport must have kept a lot of kids out of trouble. And you could always tell when the game was over, since a regular stream of cars came down Lighthouse Avenue from the part, toured through town (the winners honking their horns), and then scattered to all points beyond.



Former PGHSAA President Bill Hyler '39 passed away in 2012. Thanks to his daughter Joanie '68 for contributing this story, which originally appeared in the Feast of Lanterns Tabloid. More will appear in the next issue. Photo on p. 20 by Beth Penney '73; postcards on p. 21 from Beth's collection.

MPC Distinguished Alumni



MPC recently named Cate *Goblirsch* Lee '94 and Rob Lee '94 as the recipients of its "Distinguished Alumni" Lobo Legends award for 2025. Their press release states, "Kathleen serves as the Director of Governmental and Community Affairs for the Pebble Beach

Co. and Executive Director of the Pebble Beach Co. Foundation. Over her 20-year career, she has...held key leadership roles with organizations such as the Point Lobos Foundation and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Board. Rob, a CPA and principal at Clifton Larson Allen, has been instrumental in MPC's growth, serving as Board President and Treasurer of the MPC Foundation. The winners will be celebrated at the Lobo Legends Celebration event on March 15, 2025 at the Monterey Marriott.

At right: the 1933-34 P.G.H.S. Press Club. Front: Ruth McIlroy, Betty Lou Wilson, Leora Phillips, Anita Abbey, Lorraine Borchers, Betty Phipps, Louise Ingham, Dave Blowers, Mildred Baskin, Doris Cook. Second row: Hal Decker, Alta Winslow, Martha Pye π, Barbara McGill, "Teach," Miss Jessie Jane Leslie, Mary Raymond, Elizabeth DeLorimier, Carolyn Donaldson, Ruth Fogg. Back: Bob Humphreys, Raymond Pixby, Ray Kopp, Bill Curry, Howard Fitzsimmons, Stan Lawrence, Ernie Watson, Jack "Useless" Uzzell. Thanks to Bob Humphreys '35 and all the people who thought to write the names on the backs of old pictures!





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Who Is It?

We had several responses to our two pictures with the identical haircuts in the fall issue. These two photos appeared on a single page in the 1970 yearbook with the title, "Sex?" They were Michael Miller, top, and Meg O'Shaughnessy, bottom, both Class of 1973. Jan Ruble Stanley '72 was our immediate first answer and our winner. Several people recognized Meg, but Mike was a tougher guess, as he attended P.G.H.S. only in his freshman year.

Who are the folks in the picture at right? Send your answers to president@pghsaa.org. And if you have a photo for our "Who Is It?" feature, send it to us as a .jpeg. Or mail your photo to us at the address on P. 2. We will return it immediately, unharmed!

