

# THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

"It's the **glue** that keeps us together"

Spring 2024 ♡ Page One

## President's Message



Your Board of Directors has been busy awarding funds to high school organizations and projects. At our March meeting we awarded \$1,000 to the faculty advisor for the Associated Student Body to upgrade the classroom where the ASB meets and stores the material it needs for

its activities. The school recently changed the location of this room, and the new room did not have the storage capacity. We also made our annual donation of \$2,500 to Sober Grad Night, an expense that is in our yearly budget, so the committee does not need to apply for funds each year. This donation is made as long as the event is held on the P.G. High campus.

We also voted to spend \$250 for a sponsorship for the P.G.H.S. girls' softball team, which plays at the municipal baseball diamond behind the old Lighthouse Elementary School on 17-Mile Drive. And we voted to award \$3,000 to the *NewsBreaker* staff so that they can put out two print editions of the school newspaper each year; these editions would be distributed both on campus and in town, to showcase the students' journalistic skills to residents. To see the *NewsBreaker* staff's online efforts, go to <https://pghigh.pgusd.org> and select "NewBreaker" in the drop-down menu under the "Our School" tab.

We are also gearing up to award scholarships in May. Lillian *Griffiths* '70, our Scholarship Committee chair, has alerted students and staff to the availability of the application forms online, and the committee will make sure that all of our scholarships are awarded. We

have some new scholarship awards this year; see the list of donations on p. 3.

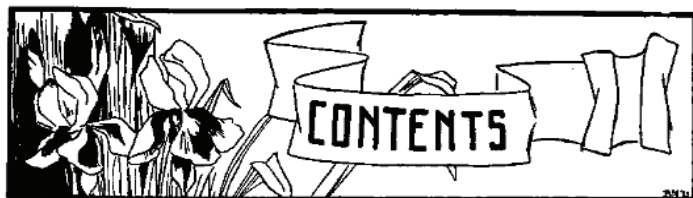
Both the monetary awards to the high school and the scholarships are made possible by you, our members, and thanks are in order! We appreciate you and all you do for the PGHSAA and for P.G.H.S.

Remember that this newsletter is now published three times a year instead of four. This means that you will receive another newsletter in August, but we will also mail members a letter in June containing the registration form for the annual dinner/dance in October. A registration form will also appear in the August newsletter. Mark the date on your calendars now: Saturday, October 5, also the day of this year's Butterfly Parade. Our Events Committee, Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64 and Katie *Samora* Henden '68, are already busy working with the Elks Club in Monterey to bring us another memorable party.

If your class is planning reunion events this year, please let us know. We can post your event to the [pghsaa.org](http://pghsaa.org) website and include it in the August issue of the newsletter. Include dates and times and contact information for your class; send your announcement to [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org). That person is also your newsletter editor and now your web site coordinator! And remember that the PGHSAA reunion on October 5 is always open to individual classes; just let us know you will be there, and we can reserve tables for your group.

Happy reading of the current issue; you'll find some interesting "Active Alumni" inside, as well as stories about current P.G.H.S. students making the news and photos of downtown Pacific Grove projects large and small, in addition to some wonderful memories. Happy spring!

*Beth Penney '73*



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### **The Pacific Grove High School**

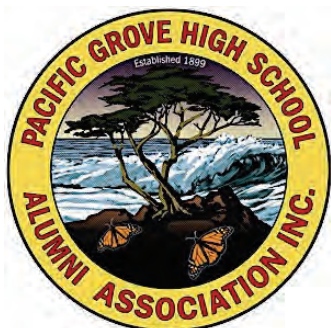
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Erin Langton Field '71

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Sunshine: Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71

Website: Joanie Hyler '68

**Important 2024 Dates:** Board Meetings: Thursday, Jan. 4, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, Mar. 1, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, Apr. 4, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7, noon; Thursday, October 10, 6:00 p.m., all at 514 Park Street in P.G. Annual Dinner/Dance Saturday, Oct. 5.

## Donations

### A Friendly Welcome to Our New Member(s)

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| 1973 Sheryle <i>Hauswirth</i> Cardinale | Paso Robles   |
| 1973 Annette <i>Acosta</i> Karle        | Folsom        |
| 1973 Christine <i>Mink</i>              | Clay City, IN |

### Returning Member(s): Glad To Have You Back

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| 1972 Pete Hartstra | Concord |
|--------------------|---------|

### "In Memory Of" Contributions

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 1949 Keith Lowrey                            | Glen Allen, VA |
| IMO: Bill Conlan '49                         |                |
| 1955 Hugh & Nancy <i>Williams</i> Hoy        | Pacific Grove  |
| IMO: Bob Lopez '54                           |                |
| 1959 Florence <i>Nedeff</i> Martin-St. Clair | Costa Mesa     |
| IMO: Joe St. Clair '59                       |                |
| 1959 Don Phillips                            | Pt. Arena      |
| IMO: Andy Kier '59                           |                |
| 1960 Geoffrey Sharp                          | Pebble Beach   |
| IMO: John Miller '59                         |                |
| IMO: Joe St. Clair '59                       |                |
| 1963 Tina Doyle Wilkins                      | Fair Oaks      |
| IMO: Patty <i>Gifford</i> Kelley '63         |                |
| 1965 Pamela <i>Pauls</i> Soboleski           | Monterey       |
| IMO: Richard Adams '59                       |                |
| IMO: Deceased 1965 Classmates                |                |
| 1967 Larry Esquivel                          | Pebble Beach   |
| IMO: Jorie <i>Franz</i> Esquivel '67         |                |
| 1967 Robert Scardina                         | Monterey       |
| IMO: Jon Lanning '65                         |                |
| 1972 Toni <i>Quinones</i> Fletcher           | Sacramento     |
| IMO: 1971 Karen <i>Samora</i> Low '71        |                |
| 1974 Teri Kier                               | Gold River     |
| IMO: Andy Kier '58                           |                |
| IMO: Mary Lou <i>Kier</i> Godfrey '68        |                |

### Thank You for Your Recent Contribution

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 1950 Terrell Moss                             | Roseville      |
| 1955 Hugh & Nancy <i>Williams</i> Hoy (Music) | Pacific Grove  |
| 1957 Dayton House                             | Scottsdale, AZ |
| 1960 Patricia <i>Elmore</i>                   | Suisun         |
| 1963 Paula <i>Fontana</i> Buckman             | Del Rey Oaks   |
| 1963 Bob Crispin                              | Portland, OR   |
| 1965 Stephanie <i>McCann</i> Trenner          | Monterey       |
| 1967 Lucy <i>Hook</i> Williams                | Carmel         |
| 1970 Suzy <i>Stillwell</i> Derowski (Arts)    | Marina         |
| 1970 Cindy <i>Lee</i>                         | Monterey       |

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 1972 Tanya <i>Anistratenko</i> | Pacific Grove |
| 1973 Ken Hodson                | Marina        |
| 1975 Bill Derowski (Arts)      | Marina        |

### Senior Support Fund

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1974 Frank Consiglio, Jr. | Pacific Grove |
|---------------------------|---------------|

### PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| 1953 Rev Don Flickinger            | Los Banos  |
| IMO: Jim DeLorimier '46            |            |
| 1954 Barbara <i>Tibbetts</i> Rust  | Carmel     |
| 2006 Creston <i>Whiting</i> -Casey | Sacramento |

### Athletic Scholarship Fund

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1955 Hugh & Nancy <i>Williams</i> Hoy | Pacific Grove |
| 1957 Henry Garcia                     | Pacific Grove |

### Cool & Nifty Class of '60 Scholarship Fund

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1960 Barry Baskin                    | Walnut Creek  |
| 1960 Patricia <i>Elmore</i>          | Suisun        |
| 1960 Arden Handshy &                 |               |
| 1963 Lynn <i>Edwards</i> Handshy     | Kaneohe, HI   |
| 1960 Edward Spencer                  | Ventura       |
| 1960 Mary <i>Shymanski</i> Stornetta | Arroyo Grande |

### 1960 Janette Katayama Gould Scholarship Fund

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| 1960 Patricia <i>Elmore</i> | Suisun |
|-----------------------------|--------|

### Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1968 Stacy <i>Saunders</i> Golding | Carmel           |
| 1968 Steve Graves                  | Eugene, OR       |
| 1968 Tom Wright                    | Knights Ferry    |
| 1968 Buddy Layne                   | Sierra Vista, AZ |
| 1968 Ruth <i>McKinney</i> Nye      | Reno, NV         |
| 1968 Jeanne Smither Osio           | Pacific Grove    |

### Class of 1971 Scholarship Fund

|                                 |                |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 1971 Sydney <i>Smith</i> Cooley | Rancho Cordova |
| 1971 Pete Gaudoin               | Marina         |

### Class of 1973 Scholarship Fund

|  |  |
|--|--|
| 1973 Classmates' donations at 50th Reunion |  |
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### Henry Garcia '57 Athletic Scholarship

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 1957 Henry Garcia                      | Pacific Grove |
| 1963 Dan Johnson                       | Fresno        |
| 3 1966 Sandra <i>Jefferies</i> Johnson | Fresno        |



## Letters

Dear Joanie:

I received the latest issue and am sending dues for 2 years....just as soon as we have mail delivery again! We have been snowed in for a week now, since last weekend. With icy streets and -2 degree temps, no one attempts to drive on slick ice! Snow is beginning to melt now as temps are rising! Up to 34-38 degrees now, but ice not melting yet. Hope you have had excellent weather there in P.G. Calif so far. I have really enjoyed reading the interesting stories and catching up on friends, classmates and the Class Reunions, etc. Lots of interesting history and changes! Will send some pics after clearing out my files is finished, pertaining to P.G., classmates, and Pine Ave. High School. David Avenue was a Junior High at one time. Thanks for all you do! I appreciate everyone whose involved in getting out our *Knockout* news! A real labor of love! Blessings and a Healthy, Happy New Year throughout 2024. Time flies so quickly! Take good care.

Mary Ellen Styhl Mathias '56  
Hot Springs, AR

## PGHS Class of 74

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

### 50th Class Reunion

Friday, Sept 6:

Ice Breaker, Mark Elstob's home, P.G.

Saturday, Sept 7:

Dinner, The Grill at Pt. Pinos, P.G.

For more info as details are determined,

<https://www.classcreator.com/Pacific-Grove-CA-1974/>

Or Teri Kier: [kuhlej@prodigy.net](mailto:kuhlej@prodigy.net)

## The P.G.H.S. Class of 1973

will hold its ANNUAL reunion

Friday, October 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

at Beth Penney's home.

Saturday Oct. 5: Butterfly Parade and Dinner!

More Info: [bpennney@sonic.net](mailto:bpennney@sonic.net)

or [www.pacificgrove73.org](http://www.pacificgrove73.org).

## Obituaries

### November 2020

1974 Ramona *Fournier* Schlecht Galt

### December 2022

1974 Otto Reimer Reno, NV

### April 2023

1950 Virginia *Fox* Abplanalp Walnut Creek

### June 2023

1983 Pamela *Woodfin* Connell Portland, OR

### July 2023

1970 John Julio Heugo Pacific Grove

### November 2023

1962 Suzanne R. *Gerber* Leonard Rome, NY  
1967 Jorie *Franz* Esquivel Pacific Grove  
1963 Patricia *Gifford* Kelley Olympia, WA  
1979 Chris Whitney Salinas

### December 2023

1956 Judith *Evans* Miller Trenton, TN  
1962 Michael Burgess Pacific Grove

### January 2024

1973 David Foord Monterey

### November 2020



#### **Ramona *Fournier***

**Schlecht** passed away on Nov. 29, 2020, in Galt, at the age of 63. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jean and Joseph Fournier. She is survived by her children, Sarah Kloss and Joseph Schlecht; her grandchildren, Colton and Adalynn Kloss; and her sister,

Sylvia *Fournier* '73.



## Obituaries, cont.

December 2022



**Otto Paul Reimer** was born Sept. 26, 1956, in Palo Alto to Edward and Helen Reimer. He attended P.G. schools, graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1974. Post-high school courses were completed in South Lake Tahoe. As a young adult, Otto invented the Rocket Power Golf Club while working in his parents' Golf Shop on Broadway Ave.

in Seaside. This club was featured in many golf magazines. Otto was a true craftsman, remodeling many homes in the Las Vegas area. He did the plumbing, electrical, and concrete and created unique designs for many projects during the early '80s when Las Vegas was rapidly growing. In 1985, Otto suffered a horrific head injury at a water park in Las Vegas. His left leg was amputated above the knee, and he no longer had use of his left arm due to nerve damage. He was cared for by his family. Throughout these challenges, he maintained his sense of humor and was always positive. In 2002, he became the first resident for a program with a new concept for independent living for the severely handicapped. His determination and will was an inspiration to all his doctors. He was even interviewed by Chris Cuomo on 60 Minutes for his incredible story of determination. Otto passed away on Dec. 13, 2022 due to injuries suffered in an accident with his Hoveround. He is survived by his sister Rebecca, and brother Tom Reimer '65, both of Henderson, NV.

April 2023

**Virginia Elaine Fox Abplanalp**, known as "Gingy," died at age 90 on April 29, 2023, in Walnut Creek. She was born May 9, 1932, in New London, CT, where her father was stationed on a submarine. She lived in several locations in Southern California while her father served in the U.S. Navy, and the family moved to P.G. in 1937, when she was 5, to be closer to her maternal grandparents. The family purchased four lots (one acre) of undeveloped land in the Del Monte Forest for \$100 near her grandparents'

land. Since there was no road to either property, the family first had to clear a two-block-long path through the thick forest, which would later be Buena Vista Avenue.

The first structure was a two-hole outdoor toilet, followed by the placement of a cast iron woodstove, where her mother cooked outdoors for her father and the hired carpenters until it was moved into the newly constructed home. There were no utilities, so the family carried buckets of water from an outdoor faucet at another location and used a kerosene lantern for light. Finishing the homes at 1313 and 1316 Buena Vista took longer than planned due to the supply shortages of WWII. The family raised chickens and rabbits and had a goat for milk and a garden. In her senior year at P.G.H.S., Gingy was the *Knockout* editor, manager of the annual school Variety Show, second lead in the senior play, and member of the Honor Society. She also lettered in girls' sports and was attendant to the May Queen before graduating in 1950. In addition to school and extracurricular activities, Gingy worked for three years at various soda fountains in P.G. At MPC, Gingy edited the college paper and was student body secretary, a pom-pom girl, a member of the scholarship society, and homecoming princess, all while working at a soda fountain at the Pebble Beach drug store, where she met several celebrities, including Dean Martin, and her former, now deceased, husband, Fritz A. Abplanalp Jr.; they married in Carmel in 1953. Gingy graduated from UC Berkeley in 1954 and obtained teaching credentials. She taught in the Rodeo School District, Berkeley, and then in Moraga until she retired. In retirement, Gingy and her friend Charlie Cesare traveled the world before they settled in Walnut Creek. Gingy was very active until her sudden death.

A long-time member of the PGHSAA, in her later years, she was a regular contributor to the *Knockout II*. She was preceded in death by her significant partner Federico Carlos "Charlie" Cesare, her parents Harry Millard and Virginia Ruth Fox, and brothers James Taber Fox '52 and Steven Blair Fox '64. Her younger brother Gilbert Millard Fox died shortly after Gingy, on June 18, in Salinas. She is survived by her children Melinda Suzanne Abplanalp and Eric Allen Abplanalp,



## **Obituaries, cont.**

granddaughter Leah Isabelle Abplanalp, great-grandson Wyatt, and nieces and great-grandnieces.

### **June 2023**



**Pamela Louise Woodfin Connell** was born in Monterey and grew up in P.G. She passed away June 25, 2023. Pam graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1983. She held several jobs throughout her life, at a job placement agency, as a veterinary technician, and at a skin facial business. She resided

in Portland, OR. She is survived by her mother Norreen *Beron* Woodfin '55 of Salinas and her daughter Morghan Connell.

### **July 2023**



**John Julio Heugo** of P.G. passed away July 29, 2023, at the age of 71. John was born in Dos Palos to Julio and Evelyn Heugo, who preceded him in death. John was a part of the Portuguese community and was a graduate of P.G.H.S., class of 1970. John then lived in Fresno, where he raised his sons and

worked for Long's Drugs. John had an insatiable love for cooking, mastering countless recipes and delighting everyone with his culinary creations. His kitchen was a haven of warmth and delicious aromas, where nothing was measured as he made memories with family and friends, one dish at a time. In 2001 John relocated P.G. and worked at Carmel Ace Hardware. A true outdoorsman, John found solace and joy in fishing. Whether casting his line at Courtright Lake or camping at Shaver Lake, he found peace in nature's embrace and cherished every catch as a triumph. He also had a love for wine. He had an innate ability to pair any red with any meal, turning gatherings into celebrations filled with laughter and heartfelt toasts. John is survived by sons Nicholas and Jonathan, sister 6

Michele Keisling, niece Daniele Jorn, nephews Justin and Tyler Keisling, great niece Kennedy Jorn, and great nephew Rhett John Keisling.

### **November 2023**



**Suzanne "Susie" R. Gerber Leonard**, 80, of Taberg, NY, passed away on Nov. 11, 2023, at Rome Health Hospital. She was born on November 15, 1942, in Rome, NY, to the late Harold and Mary Alice Rathbun Gerber. Susie attended P.G.H.S. with the class of '62. She and her four siblings moved seven times to P.G., Hollister, and once to Florida,

before returning back East to Camden, NY. She was married to her high school sweetheart, the late William J. Leonard, on June 1, 1962, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Camden. She worked for the Rochester Shoe Tree before working at Harden's Furniture in Camden. She was also a communicant of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Taberg. Her favorite pastimes were gardening and knitting. She knitted and donated hundreds of hats for newborns over the years to the Rome Hospital. Susie was predeceased by her parents; her husband William; brothers David and Charles Gerber; and a sister, Carolyn Dixon. Suzanne is survived by her children, Jodeen, Michael, and Robert; two grandchildren, Jacob and Jessica; two great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Sharon Schweer and Jan O'Dahl. She is also survived by her best friend, Marlene Pinti, who was always there for her.



**Jorie Lynn Franz Esquivel** was born in San Jose on Sept. 8, 1949, to Clarence and Marjorie Green Franz, and passed away on Nov. 16, 2023. Jorie's family moved to P.G. when she was a small child, and it became her forever home. She loved walking around and along the beach,

collecting her favorite abalone shells, and sitting to watch sunsets in the window of her beach house. She was a very supportive, loving, wife and mom. Jorie helped out with the family business and loved spend-



## Obituaries, cont.

ing time with family and friends. She enjoyed hosting get-togethers at home, or helping others with events, and was an avid holiday decorator, never leaving a corner of the house untouched. Jorie died in her home at on Nov. 16, 2023, succumbing to her long battle with Alzheimer's. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Larry Esquivel '67 of Pebble Beach; two children, Tricia Heine of Concord and Lance of Idaho; and her three grandchildren, Danica, Madison, and Tyler.



**Patricia "Patty" Gifford Kelley**, a long-time resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 23, 2023, in Olympia, WA. Patty was born

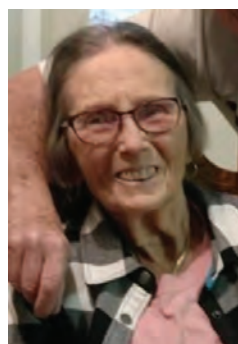
in Portland, OR, on Sept. 23, 1945, to Richard and Joan Gifford, and moved to P.G. in 1962, where she would graduate as a proud P.G.H.S. Breaker after serving as vice president of the student body. In 1967 she graduated from Fresno State as a third-generation Theta, receiving a bachelor's degree and achieving a lifetime teaching credential. In September of 1969, while teaching second grade at Monte Vista Elementary School, she was introduced by a college friend to 2nd LT Woodrow (Woody) Kelley, who had recently been assigned to Fort Ord. Woody and Patty fell in love and married in October, 1970. Patty continued teaching until Woody returned from Vietnam, and she then started her new career as a homemaker, raising their two young children. Once her kids went off to college, Patty took a position with Olson Elementary School in Marina. She also served as the Sunday school coordinator, as a member of the Altar Guild, and on the annual Antiques Show committee for St Mary's Episcopal Church in P.G. When her daughter Katie was president of the senior class at P.G.H.S., Patty was instrumental in creating the first Sober Grad Night Party. She was also a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula and was talented in knitting and quilting. Patty found joy in many

things, but mostly she loved her family, her friends, and her dogs. Her Aussies brought her much pleasure and she looked forward to their morning walks to the beach. She and Woody enjoyed traveling throughout the world, and for the past 20 years have made annual trips to Kauai with their children and grandchildren. A born nurturer, Patty took care of everyone she came in contact with. She was the undeniable head of our family, chronicler of family history and keeper of traditions. She was a born teacher, and whether it was the generations of little ones she taught formally or her own children and grandchildren, Patty was a never-ending source of patience, love and wise counsel. Patty is survived by her husband and best friend for 53 years, Woodrow (Woody) Kelley of Pebble Beach; children Kathleen Kelley Selfridge '92 of Pebble Beach and Danny Kelley '95 of Olympia, WA; her beloved grandchildren William and Molly Selfridge and Dylan and Finnegan Kelley; and her brother, Tom Gifford '66, of Monrovia.



**Christopher Randolph Whitney** was born July 21, 1961, and died in Salinas on Nov. 11, 2023. Chris was a 1979 graduate of P.G.H.S. and attended Chico State University. He worked for the construction company his father founded, C.R. Whitney & Son, Inc., assuming the title of President in 1997 and taking over daily operation of the business in 1999. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Nacharl Ann Whitney Anderson '70.

### December 2023



**Judith "Judi" Evans Miller**, age 86, passed away on Dec. 2, 2023, in Trenton, TN. She was born on July 26, 1937 in Burlingame, California to the late Charles R. Evans and Lorraine Williams Evans. She was a member of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1956. In addition to her parents, Judi was preceded in death by her son, Michael Miller. She is survived by her husband,

## **Obituaries, cont.**

Robert Miller of Trenton; two daughters, Mitti Miller of Paradise and Karla Hunter and her husband JD of Trenton, TN; sister Jean Goodman of OR; six grandchildren, Charles, Aaron, Alissa, James, Angela and Kristopher; and twelve great grandchildren.



**Michael A. Burgess** passed away on December 30, 2023, at age 79. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1962. He was preceded in death by his sister Sue Ann *Burgess* Randolph '56. This is all the information we have about Michael; if you know more, please let us know!

## **January 2024**



**David William Foord** was born in Sacramento on Nov. 1, 1954. He grew up in Rio Vista with his five siblings, until his family moved to P.G. when he was 11. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1973. He raised his daughter Nicole in P.G. and then moved to Monterey with his wife Kathleen. He

began working as a carpenter, following in his father's footsteps, out of high school. He worked as a superintendent for H. A. Ekelin Construction for many years, until he was encouraged to become a building inspector for California schools through the Division of State Architects. He had a hand in the construction of countless local landmarks, including the Monterey Sports Center, Buena Vista Middle School in Spreckels, the MPC Library, and the Monterey Conference Center. Golf was also a source of happiness – and sometimes frustration. He enjoyed playing various men's clubs on the peninsula, but most recently in the Monterey Pines Men's Club. He also enjoyed traveling, particularly in the last decade. In addition to frequent trips to Hawaii to visit Kathleen's family, David and Kathleen traveled throughout much of Europe and Australia. A feather in David's cap was that they managed to visit the locations and attend the four major tennis

tournaments. Additionally, they enjoyed a couple of European cruises in recent years, where they traveled with a group of friends they met on their first cruise. David will be sorely missed by his family and circle of friends. David is preceded in death by his son Christopher and his first wife, Debra '73; his parents Frances and Dustin; and his brother Greg '67. He is survived by his daughter Nicole *Foord* Bulich '00, his son-in-law Ryan '93, and their twins Shayla and Reid. He is also survived by his wife Kathleen; his stepchildren Kellie and Stephen Ventimilia; their spouses Michael and Natalie; and their children, Kai, Joey, and soon-to-arrive Rei. Lastly, he is survived by his siblings Carolyn *Foord* '70, Laurie *Foord* Vermulen '78, Jim *Foord* '76, and Julie *Foord* Glade '84, and his eleven nieces and nephews.



## **Car Capers**

We received this wonderful story in response to our request in the last issue for submissions. Thanks to Sheryl, and we hope it inspires others!

Most of the stories are from older graduates, so I'm not sure if any, or many, will remember this little anecdote. This was probably around 1976-78. I graduated in 1978. Mr. Walsh was my organic gardening teacher. Organic gardening had recently been added as an alternative for those not interested in taking chemistry. Mr. Walsh was also the coach of the swim team. One day, the team decided to play a prank on Mr. Walsh. The team got together and carried, yes carried, Mr. Walsh's small hatchback car from his parking spot on



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the street to the grass in front of the school. I believe it was near the upper building where Mr. Walsh taught organic gardening. I'm sure Mr. Walsh appreciated the prank, but of course he had to insist that the team put the car back on the street where it belonged. Guess he didn't need to come up with a team building exercise that year!

by Sheryl *Markham* Smith '78



## Our *ACTIVE* Alumni

### Rian Dundon '99 Publishes New Book

Portland, Oregon is perhaps best known for being a sustainability-minded, pedestrian city with an abundance of great coffee, craft beer, good food, live music, fine art and crafts, and people who value both individuality and community. Yet things shifted in late spring 2020, when the city experienced a number of riots. Anyone who really wanted to understand "Portland's Summer of Rage" had to be there. Rian Dundon '99 was.



Born in Portland, documentary photographer Rian Dundon was raised in P.G., where

his family remains and his uncle is a postal carrier. Yet in 2019, Dundon, who has been photographing "the rise of extreme politics" on the West Coast since 2016, returned his home in Portland, just a few blocks from the protests that ignited after the May 25, 2020, murder of George Floyd. Dundon was close enough to photograph the fear, the rage, and the intensity.

"At the time, I was working for *Time Magazine*, *Vanity Fair*, and *The Atlantic*," said Dundon, "but when something like these protests are happening, you don't sit around and wait for an assignment. You go."

For 100 nights, Dundon witnessed the demonstrations, recording events amid the sting of pepper spray, the explosion of a gas canister, and the haze of tear gas. The result is his new book *Protest City: Portland's Summer of Rage*.

Dundon became interested in photography while growing up in P.G. His mother was an amateur photographer, he says, which meant inspiration, guidance, and cameras were always available. In the 1990s, he started taking pictures of his friends skateboarding in P.G. "Pretty soon," he said, "I found myself more interested in the people than the sports element of skateboarding. Already looking at journalistic photography, studying magazines like *National Geographic*, I

became interested in documentary photography."

Dundon earned an MA in Social Documentation at UCSC in 2012, and then went to New York University, where he graduated with a BFA in Photography and Imaging. He previously taught photography at the San Francisco Art Institute and will soon start teaching at Clark College, a junior college in Vancouver, WA.

*Protest City: Portland's Summer of Rage* is a photographic and written commentary with a foreword by journalist Donnell Alexander and an introduction by historian Carmen P. Thomson. It's available via Oregon State University Press and Amazon; Dundon has published two previous books. Visit his website at [riandundon.com](http://riandundon.com).

A version of this story, by Lisa Crawford Watson, originally appeared in *The Monterey Herald* December 17, 2023. Reprinted with permission.

### *Carmel Magazine* Features '05 Grad

Skylar Campbell '05 was written up in the glossy tourist *Carmel* magazine in its spring issue. The magazine features local performers, artists, business owners, chefs, and other notables (Clint Eastwood is on the spring cover), and Campbell, right, is this issue's featured musician. The son of local guitarist Bob Campbell and vocalist and pianist Sara



Moore '83, Campbell, at right, was the drum major for the P.G.H.S. band his senior year and attended the Berklee School of Music in Boston. He started playing drums when he was 9 and also taught himself the saxophone, but he's best known around town as a drummer, playing with Gary Meek's band locally and in Beverly Hills. He has also played with 5Star and Lenny Williams of Tower of Power.

During the day, Campbell is a commercial fisherman. He bought his first boat at 17 and continued fishing when he returned from Boston. He's now the owner of two vessels. The digital issue of *Carmel* magazine featuring Campbell is available at [https://e-digitaledition.com/carmel\\_magazine/Spring-2024/](https://e-digitaledition.com/carmel_magazine/Spring-2024/). Or visit him at [@skylarcampbellmusic](https://www.instagram.com/skylarcampbellmusic) on Instagram. Photo by his aunt Beth Penney '73.

## Our *ACTIVE* Alumni, cont.

### Ken Cooley '71 Wins State Award



Ken Cooley smiles at Breaker Stadium last October. Photo courtesy "Class of '71 turns '70" reunion committee

On November 13, the *Gold River Messenger* reported that Ken Cooley, a former California Assemblymember, has been given the Bettye Fahrenkamp Award for Distinguished Legislative Leadership on behalf of Western States. The award, made by the Council of State Governments West (CSG West),

which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, honors legislators who, according to the *Messenger*, "display an ability to see and work beyond the border of their own states in the interest of the West." Cooley was active in CSG West while he served in the California Assembly as the democratic representative from the 8th State Assembly District, which is made up of seven California counties in the Central Sierra Nevada and Eastern Sierra regions, from 2014 to 2020. He was chief counsel to the Finance and Insurance Committee and served as legal counsel to State Farm Insurance from 1991 to 2008.

Cooley was an invited participant in CSG West's Western Legislative Academy in Colorado Springs, and he chaired the first Legislative Oversight Working Group for the council. Under Cooley's leadership, this group produced the first *Western Legislative Oversight Handbook* to help CSG West achieve its goals of co-operation among Western state governments.

Cooley has had a lengthy career in law and politics. He graduated from UC Berkeley in 1977 and from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific in 1984. He then worked as chief of staff to state Assemblyman Lou Papan and as legislative counsel at the California Land Title Association. In 1988, Cooley returned to the California State Assembly. He was also elected mayor of Rancho Cordova in 2005. He's married to Sydney *Smith* Cooley '71.

## Library Features P.G.H.S. Art

Forty-one Pacific Grove High School Advanced and AP art students were honored with a display of their work at the Pacific Grove Public Library from January through mid-March. Their Winter Exhibit 2024 in the Library's Nancy & Steve Hauk Gallery featured 26 works of art that responded to the challenge made by art teacher Matthew Kelly: create a work of art using a 14×14 wood panel that expresses your individual artistic voice. Students were also asked to write an artist's statement to provide insight; the statements were displayed along with the artwork.

The "Artistic Visions" show also featured 15 sculptures, with a reception held Friday, January 12. Below is the poster the library used to announce the event. It was sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation.



See examples of P.G.H.S. art students' work at <https://pghigh.pgusd.org/Courses/Art/Art-Archive/index.html>. Last May, Janica Soro, a P.G.H.S. junior, was the winner of the 2023 Congressional Art Competition, 10with her "Welcome to the Neighborhood."



## PGUSD Improvements

The PGHSAA is, of course, not the only organization that provides money to P.G.H.S. For the first time in your editor's memory, the Pacific Grove Unified School District and the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee have created a welcome "Report to the Community" mailer that outlines the improvements made recently using money raised by 2020's Measure D, a \$30 million municipal General Obligation Bond. This taxpayer money is designated for repairing and replacing roofs and modernizing classrooms. A 2014 bond in the amount of \$18 million is still being used to upgrade educational software and increase student access to computers.

Current projects using bond money are as follows: At P.G.H.S., the floor of the band room (estimated to have been there since the building was originally built) was replaced, removing hazardous material safely and installing an ultra-low VOC (volatile organic compound) luxury vinyl plank flooring, according to the mailer. The previous floor was tiled, and the new floor "provides improved air quality and better sound resonance. It also allows instruments to move more freely throughout the room." This project was completed in August 2023 at a cost of \$50,000.

P.G. High also received new roofing and exterior paint for Buildings A, B, C, D, and M, at a cost of \$1.6 million. Again, these roofs had not been replaced for some time, and the gutters were rusting through. This project was also completed last August, and the mailer indicates that Buildings K and L at the high school received this same treatment in 2021. Roofing and paint for the remaining buildings on the high school campus will follow.

Robert H. Down also received a new \$260,000 roof, and Forest Grove buildings received new roofs and paint, at \$1.1 million. Those two campuses and the Middle School, according to the mailer, "have been equipped with new flex tech labs with student computers and tables, 3D printing and scanning hardware, interactive panel displays, robotics kits, and computer programming software." Cost for this project was \$100,000.

## P.G. High Sports News

Freshman **Isabella Bertolucci** was recently named to the Olympic Development Program's soccer team. According to its website, the Olympic Development Program (ODP) "is a national process for identifying and developing the best youth soccer players. The process promotes players to the U.S. National Teams, which represent the United States in international competition, such as the Youth World Cup and the Olympics."

P.G. High junior **Savannah Hardy** earned Honorable Mention on the *Monterey Herald's* All-County Girls' Basketball Team this spring, and three members of the boy's team also received that honor: sophomore **Gabe Valencia**, senior **Anthony Nimri**, and freshman **Andrew Nimri**.

The Breakers were also featured in a story in the Feb. 7 *Monterey Herald* that noted coach **Dan Powers'** decision to put two freshmen on the varsity basketball team: **Andrew Nimri** (see above) and **Sergen Serttunc**.

"I have never concerned myself with the grade or age when it comes to putting the best lineup on the court," Powers, himself a 1996 P.G.H.S. graduate, was quoted as saying. Two other players are sophomores.

Powers' gamble seems to have paid off; at the time the story appeared in February, the team was 9-3 in its division. Currently they are 15-11 overall; 10-4 league. *Herald* photo below reprinted with permission.





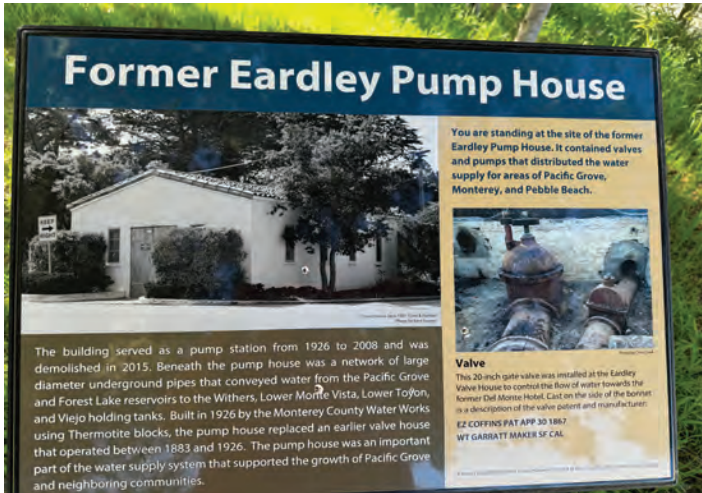
## Seen Around Town: Future, Present, Past



At top: artist's rendering of the long-planned hotel at the American Tin Cannery, on Ocean View Blvd. between Eardley and Dewey. (The drawing "disappears" the Boat Works and Hopkins Marine Station.) The project has been delayed for a number of years for various reasons; current revised plans have cut the number of rooms and added public access. Above: The Forest Ave. location for a new bar and music venue, "Pop and Hiss," that will include a "record store." Again, work is delayed because of red tape, including identifying exactly what type of business this is. Photo taken from Grove Market parking lot. At right: another new business, "Hops and Fog," a craft brewery and taproom, under construction at 511 Lighthouse. Top photo from 15th Street looking south; photo at right taken from the middle of Lighthouse Ave. looking uphill. Artist's rendering of hotel from City of Pacific Grove website; other photos Beth Penney .







**Water, water everywhere:** Top, this column: informational placard in the Eardley pump station park at Eardley and Sinex showing the former pump house, which was removed in 2015. From 1926 to 2008, the pump station distributed water from the P.G. reservoir and Forest Lake reservoirs to Pacific Grove, Monterey, and Pebble Beach. An earlier pump house stood on the site between 1883 and 1926. Top right, the pump, still in the park; middle right, the park itself looking north from the top of Eardley; above, more pump equipment still visible in the park. Photos: Beth Penney

At right: a *Monterey Herald* "Looking Back" photo of the purse seiner *Petra F.*, one of seven boats that was blown ashore by a 60-mph northeast gale on Feb. 23, 1953. Photo from the May 11, 2024 *Herald*; reprinted with permission.



The purse seiner *Petrina F.*, one of seven ships anchored at the Monterey Harbor that was blown ashore by a 60-mph northeast gale on Monday, Feb. 23, 1953. A half-million dollars in damage was reported.



## Classic Bowhay

You know how it is. You grow up in a place you call home, know it, accept it, probably like it, and know your way around. As you may remember, my dad was a forest ranger, and I was born in Bakersfield. From the time I was two months old, we came to P.G. almost every month to visit my mother's hometown.

This is where I grew up; it's my hometown, elementary school and high school; and it's where I worked and played. Didn't realize how lucky I was, but it felt good for a lot of reasons. Now, many years later, I have an almost spiritual appreciation for the indescribable beauty of this place---nothing like it anyplace else in the world. If you have forgotten, drive around the Peninsula is if it is your first time. Try Uber, or walk. Ride a bike—even take a tour.

When we were kids, we wandered down to the beach, kicked the kelp, ran and chased the waves. We knew all the rocks from Hopkins Marine all the way to Asilomar Beach. All this before wet suits, and we spent very little time in the water. Cold! But lots of time ON the water in all kinds of boats—we could rent a skiff from Sprague at the P.G. pier, row out in the bay a mile or so, and catch sand dabs or anything else that would bite. Somehow the water did not seem so cold when we jumped in off the boat. We spent hours studying the tidepools, poking the anemones, and teasing the hermit crabs.

And the woods! Sometimes right down to the ocean. Just look at those pines, the ones that didn't blow down. The wild ceanothus, bright blue against the green. Now and then a cocoon, developing into a big, magnificent moth.

We learned early, but early enough, about the perils of poison oak. More about that some other time, but the color is almost worth the peril...shiny green in huge clusters, vining up the pine trunks, then deep red in the fall.

The big, wonderful sand dunes are gone, but still some smaller ones near Spanish Bay and Asilomar. The dunes were one of our playgrounds, even up through our teen years. Ah, the stories we could tell. The Peninsula was and is picture perfect, and perfect for

pictures, easier now to capture with digital than out wonderful old Kodaks.


Among other things, fish were the heart and soul of our part of the world—salmon, sardines, and squid a part of our lives. Still some flavor of our heritage as you walk down Fisherman's Wharf and Wharf No. 2. We knew the smell of the sea, especially the smell of prosperity when the canneries were working, with plenty of jobs. Still a fine mix of fishing boats in the harbor, but gone are the purse seiners, almost our signature ships, bringing in tons of sardines. During World War II, some of the seiners were requisitioned by the government and converted to mine sweepers.

No more sounds of artillery from Fort Ord, but still bugle calls from the Presidio. We still honor our military history and presence. And that's another story, with plenty to remind us and share.

*Phil Bowhay '47 passed away in 2020. This column, "Memories of My Hometown," originally appeared in the March 18, 2019, Monterey Herald. Reprinted with permission.*


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### **When Was It?**

We didn't have any responses to last issue's picture of the Lyre's Club from the 1970 yearbook, so we had to ask around. We identified Joanne *Patnode* '71, Larry Venza '70, Ardis *Muus* '71, and Richard Smiraglia '70 in the front row. The young men in the back row are Ken Plumb '72 and Thanet Charoenmuang '70. The two young women in the back row are still ??

We've had "Who is it" and "Where is it" questions in this space, but never a "When was it?" Who remembers what year this photo of the P.G. High Library was taken? Extra credit if you can identify the photographer. Send your answers to [president@pghsaa.org](mailto: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 unharmed!



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