

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



It's almost summer again, and that means graduations and scholarship awards. In the photo at left, taken by PGHS arts instructor Martha Tonkin, I am preparing to award

fourteen scholarships to deserving Pacific Grove High School students at the High School Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 13. The Alumni Association made \$13,000 in awards this year, in addition to the Richard Reynolds scholarship, which is presented by the Alumni Association but made by the Community Foundation. See P. 16 for a list of our scholarship winners.

There are some great things in this issue—a collaborative effort to solve the mystery of the anonymous grade-school class photo we ran in the March issue, not one but two wonderful columns by Phil Bowhay '47, news about the new local veterans' cemetery, Edie Adams MacDonald Maruyama's recent trip to Turkey—and elsewhere—and the anticipated registration form for our annual reunion.

Our intrepid Events Committee, chaired by Bebo Parker Logan and Michele Sherwin Thomas '63, has another wonderful dinner and brunch planned for October 3-4 at the Hyatt in Monterey. This year, they will add a DJ for those who wish to dance, and visitors to the area can as always attend the annual Butterfly Parade at 10:00 on Saturday the 3rd and Pacific Grove's Historic Home Tour from 10:00-4:00 on Sunday the 4th. Visit the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's

site, www.pacificgrove.org, for more information about these events.

There are also a number of announcements on P. 22 of upcoming individual class reunions and activities. The Class of 1980 will have a table at Lovers' Point Park during this year's Feast of Lanterns. They invite their classmates and folks from other classes to check in with them and socialize, and they will take a class photo at 6:00. Then, the group will watch the pageant and the fireworks together. It's a low-key, low-pressure way to connect with old friends. The Class of 1970 plans a weekend camping trip to Big Sur!

And, as always, there is the wonderful long list of those who have donated to the Alumni Association. We've said it in previous newsletters, and we'll say it again. Your donations are the heart of this organization. Our bylaws state the following: "The specific and principal purpose of PGHSAA is to initiate, encourage and conduct projects that benefit the Pacific Grove High School hereinafter referred to as PGHS and its students. Social gatherings and events may be held as appropriate to further the goals of, and to raise the funds necessary to carry out the principal purpose of PGHSAA." Every reunion, every contact, every donation, and every new member help raise awareness of the PGHSAA and what it does. Thanks to our members, our donors, our reunion organizers, our newsletter contributors, and our board members for helping us grow.

A special thanks: I hesitate to call obituaries "wonderful." But our obituaries editor, Sue Taylor '68, researches and writes for each issue a wonderful ongoing history of the amazing lives of our deceased alumni. It's a labor of love, and it does not go unappreciated. Thanks, Sue, for compiling this special record for us.

Beth Penney '73



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Important 2015 Dates

Remaining 2015 PGHSAA Board meetings are Thursday, July 9; Saturday, September 12; and Thursday, October 8. Regular meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center; September's Annual Meeting is at noon. Regular meetings are limited to board members only; the Annual Meeting is open to all PGHSAA members. E-mail us for information about joining the Board.

Thanks to Our Recent Donors

A Friendly Welcome to Our New Member!

Shirley *Takasaki* Jensen '70 Monterey

Returning Members:

Glad to have you back!

Rose Mary *Avila* Poteet '51 Susanville
Michael Wecker '86 Carmel Valley

Recent Contributors

1943 Chet Bramblett Thousand Oaks
1950 Joan *Hamil* Castroville
1968 Larry Calhoun Salinas
1969 Stephen Paul Castroville
1971 Leelyn *Patton* Paul Castroville
1972 Teri *Fancher* Calhoun Salinas

"In Memory Of" Contributors

Delores Heyl Pacific Grove
IMO: Betty Howell
1941 Howard Cowen Pacific Grove
1941 Wynette Walker Cowen Pacific Grove

IMO: Roberta Mae Walker Bodine '42
IMO: Robert "Bob" Howard Cowen '63
1946 Donald Casmero Fairfield
IMO: Richard Garth Crocker '46
1948 Deede *Thompson* Landers Scotts Valley
IMO: Robert "Bob" Jack Woodruff '47
1949 Jayne *Dix* Gasperson Pacific Grove
IMO: Mary E. *Hufford* Beach '37
IMO: Donald "Don" Thomas Gasperson '47
IMO: Robert "Bob" Jack Woodruff '47
IMO: Kathleen *Lewis* DeMaria '49
IMO: David Arthur Fugitt '49
IMO: James "Guy" Edmund Lawlor '49
IMO: Sharon Cecile *Harris* Larkin '50
1950 Salita *Morris* King Florence, OR
IMO: Margaret Ruth *Moose* Bradley '51
1951 Richard Goblirsch Pacific Grove
IMO: Classmates who have gone before us
1952 Alma *Page* Sullivan Houma, LA
IMO: Reva Ann *Peterson* Knofler '53
1953 Sharion *Page* Bradley Lancaster
IMO: Reva Ann *Peterson* Knofler '53
1955 Noreen *Beron* Woodfin '55 Salinas

IMO: Angelo DeMaria '56
1956 Charles Houseman Pebble Beach
1960 Evelyn *Tracey* Houseman
IMO: Marian Carol *Houseman* Pulliam '54
1964 Sydney *Berg* Tabler Pebble Beach
IMO: Marian Carol *Houseman* Pulliam '54
1964 Dennis Falke
1964 Vicki *Osborne* Falke Brandon, OR
IMO: Robert "Bob" Jack Woodruff '47
1964 Kathryn *Varner* Pacific Grove
IMO: Robert Wayne Varner '60
1965 Charlene *Howell* Lowery Pacific Grove
IMO: Coach Charles "Charlie" Howell Faculty
IMO: Coach John "Bo" H. Resch
1972 Miyo *Tanaka* Reff San Diego
IMO: John "Bo" H. Resch Faculty

Senior Yearbook Fund

1960 Melanie *Davis* Myers Woodland Hills
1968 Stacey *Souders* Golding Carmel
1969 Ted Golding Carmel
1972 Miyo *Tanaka* Reff San Diego
1974 Frank Consiglio Pacific Grove

PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1947 Art King Monterey
1956 Jon Olivetti Ballwin, MO
1957 Dave Dawson Carmichael
1964 Victoria *Samora* Phillips Monterey
IMO: Robert Patrick "Pat" Mahaney '71
IMO: John J. LaPierre Faculty
1966 Christine *McKinstry* Columbia, MO
1972 Miyo *Tanaka* Reff San Diego
1981 Yuki *Hoffner* Bartlett Wichita, KS
From the Class of 1981

Cynthia Alma Peña '75 Scholarship Fund

1969 Bob Hauswirth Salinas
1971 Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth Salinas
Aaron Hauswirth Salinas
Chris Hauswirth Salinas
Lauren Hauswirth Salinas
1949 Beverly *Wilson* Stillwell Pacific Grove
1950 Richard Stillwell Pacific Grove

Class of 1952 Remembers Scholarship Fund

3 1952 Donna *Norbeck* Przybyla Paso Robles

Thanks to Our Many Contributors

Contribution amounts are always kept confidential from the general membership, and contribution amounts made In Memory Of (IMO) are not disclosed to the deceased member's family, although names and addresses of donors can be furnished to family members on request. Keeping your contribution amount confidential does not preclude us from honoring your gift. We enjoy recognizing each member whose giving enables our mission to remain a viable funding source for future generations. Also, although we may publish only a single contributor's name, we understand there is often an entire family represented in the contribution. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity to the Alumni Association, and by extension to Pacific Grove High School and its students. Please accept our deepest thanks!

Letters to the Editor

Hi Beth Penney,
Just a small check for the PGHS Scholarship Fund. Really like helping out those young students. All is well in Ballwin, MO. I'm fully retired and enjoying every second of it! Hopefully, we'll be able to move to Pacific Grove in 2016 after our trips, etc. Hope this short note finds you doing well—keep up the great work.

*Thanking you and your support team,
Jon Olivetti '56*

To President Beth Penney
and the PGHS Alumni Committee:

I need to inform you that I need to step out of my position with the Alumni Association. I cannot put my full effort and attention to any of the issues and events that go through this great committee as I know it's important for all of you to be there in order for it to continue for the members. I do not have a computer or internet to receive the information you need to send, to unfortunately I get left out on most e-mail and updates. Then I've been unable to jump in and do much of the

footwork and hands-on things that are handled by each one of you. So until my health issues are taken care of and I get everything I'm going through at a better stable way of direction it is to my better interest to step down and possibly return at a later time. I thank you all for letting me be a part of this great committee and special thanks to Joanie Hyler for showing me the way to keep my head up and believe in faith. And I'm so grateful you all have such wonderful devotion and action to keep our alumni going.

*Thank you so much,
Sharon Johansen '75*

Dear Pacific Grove Alumni Association:
Thank you for awarding me with the Olive Dean Hyler '45 culinary scholarship, and for supporting my education. I plan to transfer to Cabrillo College and get an associate's degree in culinary arts.

*Sincerely,
Liam Posson '14*

Pacific Grove High School Alumni,
Thank you so much for your donation toward our Shakespeare Day festivities. Santa Cruz Shakespeare performed their version of As You Like It and then at lunch we served cake to all the students.

Lillian Griffiths '70

Dear Alumni Association,
Our graduates, parents, and volunteers thank you for your generous contribution. Without your help our event would not be possible. Thanks so much for your support!

Sober Grad Committee

Dear Board of Directors,
Thank you so much for the gift of \$500 for our chorus program. This helped with funding our trip down to Los Angeles and for the students to participate in the Magic Music workshop in February.

*Sincerely,
Michelle Boulware
Pacific Grove High School*

Dear PG Alumni,

At its meeting of March 5, 2015, the Pacific Grove Unified School District Board of Education accepted your donation of \$250 designated for sports posters depicting female athletes for Pacific Grove High School. On behalf of the District, I would like to convey our sincere thanks for your support of public education in our District. We appreciate your interest and active involvement in our schools.

Sincerely,
Rick Miller
Assistant Superintendent
Business Services
Pacific Grove Unified School District

Dear Joanie and Beth,

I looked up my September 2014 *Knockout II* to see if I could identify the kids in the picture on the back page. From left to right, in the front is Teddy Roberts '52, Eddie Hicks, Sally Yantis, Shirley Shinaut, ???, and Phil Nash on the right. Angelo Bruscas is behind Phil. The dark-haired girl in the back, I think, is Gracie Jones. Bill Flackman '51 is right behind Phil and Angelo. I don't recognize any others except the boy behind Teddy Roberts, (with just his eyes showing). I think that is Richard Goblirsch '51. It's fun seeing these old pictures. I hope people keep them coming. Well, I hope this helps put names to faces. Take care and thanks for all your hard work.

Donna Stalter Brown '52

Dear Beth:

I received this from a former PG '63 classmate, so I hope it is not a duplicate that I am sending out to my address list of PG 63 grads. Not particularly wild about the style of music; however, it does represent the "old hometown."

Don Ravanelli '63

Editor's note: Don sends a link to a new music video about Pacific Grove on YouTube. Type in Julie Capili Butterfly Town Music Video to YouTube to see it. You can link to the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's "channel" from that page to see other videos of Pacific Grove.

Joanie,

Thanks for the email, and for all your ongoing work. I live in rural Vermont (Rochester is a booming town of 1,100). Although I do not miss the population density of coastal California, I do miss the coast. This winter is wearying (it is only 8° today) and we are awaiting spring with much anticipation. I blow hot and cold about missing the milder weather of PG. At the moment I miss it. I will try to find a later picture of my father.

Thanks much.
Robert Meagher '73

Editor's note: Joanie notes that Robert's father, James, was in the class of 1937 and did the lights and sound for the Feast of Lanterns for years. He enjoyed electronics all his life and owned Meagher Electronics Co. for nearly five decades. Mr. Meagher began repairing radios at age 8, delivering them back to their owners in his American Radio Flyer wagon. Mr. Meagher provided public address and music systems for conferences and public events, including the Feast of Lanterns, the Merienda, the Monterey Jazz Festival and the Big Sur Folk Festival.

Dear Beth,

Since I don't have e-mail, someone has probably already answered in regard to the identity of the photo on the back of the March *Knockout II*. The teacher is Miss Esther Cummings. She was my third grade teacher and, I think, always taught third grade. The one student I recognize is Brenda Borchers Hibel '58 in the top row, fourth from the left with the brown curls. I'm not sure about the others.

Sincerely,
Helen Gehringer '54

Dear Beth:

What a surprise when I opened page 20 of the March *Knockout II*. It was 1948 or 1949 and it was my third-grade class at Lighthouse Elementary School in Pacific Grove. This must have been the day that we had our Brownie meeting. Brenda, Virginia, Wendy, and I all had our Brownie uniforms on. Top row: Tom Ryan,

Betty Washburn, Helen Post, Brenda Borchers, ?, ?, Virginia Marshall. Second row: Ronnie Gravelle, ?, Bernice Johnson. Third row: Jerry Lebeck, Garree Grant, ? Wendy Davis.

Garree Grant Innis '58

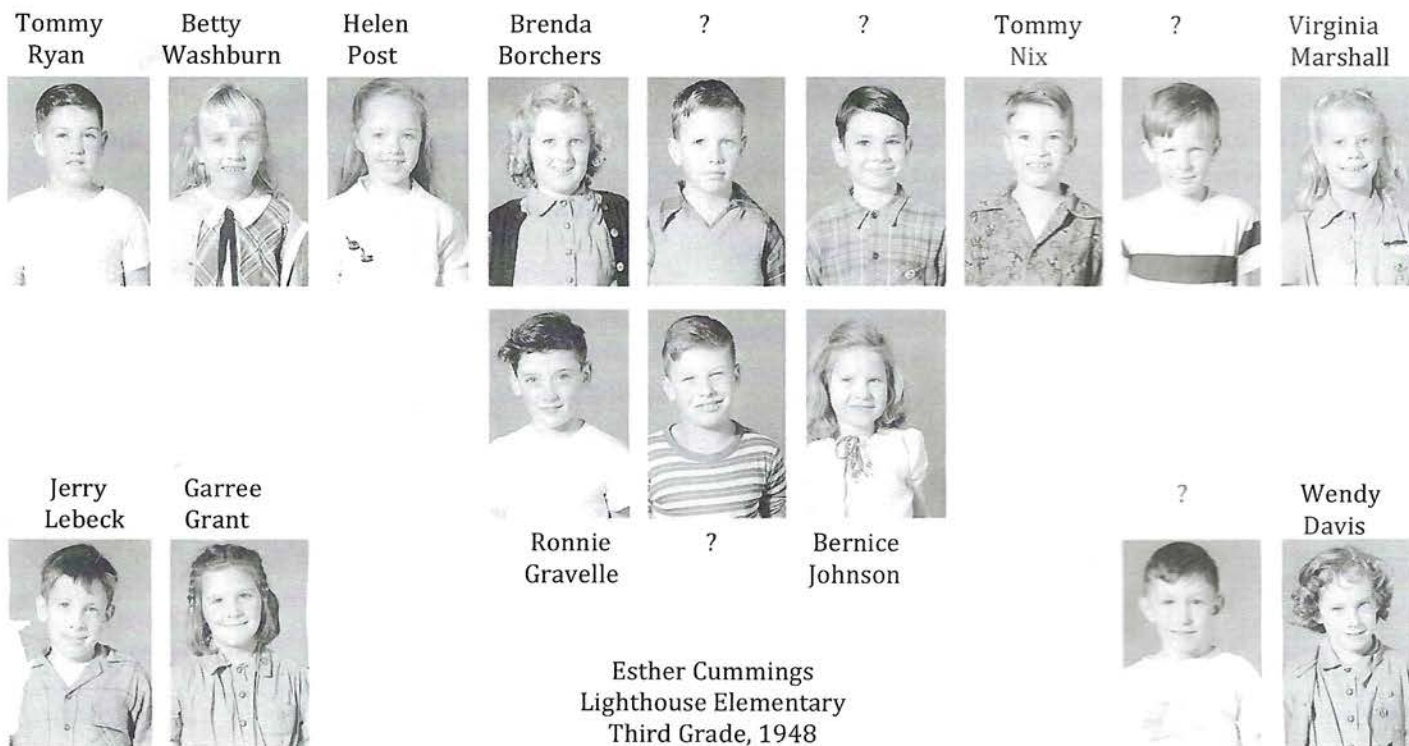
Dear Beth,

I think I can identify some of the students in the picture on the back of the *March Knockout II*. These are students from the class of 1958. It must have been about 1950-51 when it was taken. I recognize Tommy Ryan, Helen Post, Virginia Marshall, Ronnie Gravelle, Jerry Lebeck and Wendy Davis. They are all students from 1958. On the top row (left to right), the first person is Tommy Ryan, and the third person is Helen Post. I think the next person after Helen is

Brenda Borchers. Then third from the end, top row still, is Tommy Nix. In the second row (of only three students) the first boy is Ronnie Gravelle. In the third row, the first boy is Jerry Lebeck. Also in the third row, the last person is Wendy Davis. Can't imagine how I have remembered them!!?? The teacher does not look familiar at all.

Lana Green Schneider '58

Editor's note: Thanks to Helen, Garee, and Lana, we have names for the teacher and all but five of the kids in March's "Who Is It?" photo. We're figuring that if this is the class of '58 and they were in third grade, this was taken in 1948. We've reprinted the photo below with the names. Any corrections or additions are appreciated!



Obituaries

JANUARY

Angelo DeMaria '56	Marina
Allen Conrad Mitchell II '60	San Bernardino
Emma Carter Pennachio '48	Bridgeview, IL
Tim Flannery '65	Pahoa, HI

FEBRUARY

James "Guy" Lawlor '49	Jalisco, Mexico
Ralph Stanley '80	Tacoma, WA
Richard Helwig '52	Salinas
Marianne Hall-Cook Buettner '53	Salinas
John Brady '74	Pacific Grove
Reva Peterson Knofler '53	Monterey
Harald Dawdy '72	Pacific Grove
Dorothy Morgan Fowler '44	Spokane, WA
Philip Merritt '44	Sunnyvale
David Richards '55	Eagle River, AK
John J. LaPierre Faculty	Monterey

MARCH

Marian Houseman Pulliam '54	Alamo
"Maxine" Lewis Settrini '40	Lodi
Rick Neyses '78	Sacramento
Margo Williams Witmer '44	Fresno
Margaret Moose Bradley '51	San Marcos

April

Tina Brokaw Buffo '74	Carmel Valley
Rhonda Thornburg '68	Okla. City, OK
Roberta Walker Bodine '42	Brentwood
Michael Albov '67	Monterey
Arthur Lewis "Jack" Owens '45	Hollister
Ken Hatt '61	Rocklin
Leslie Powers Davies '56	Murphys
Dan Kocal Faculty	Granite Bay

for his sense of humor and love of family, music and dancing. He was an 11-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Donna, three children, Jill, Angela and Johnny, and two grandchildren.



Allen Conrad Mitchell II, 72, died at his home in San Bernardino on Jan. 6, 2015. He was born February 22, 1943, in Pensacola, FL, to Allen and Dee Mitchell. The family moved to PG in 1949, where Allen graduated from

PGHS in 1960. He received his BA from Stanford University. After serving two years in the U.S. Navy, Allen moved to Long Beach, where he worked as stage manager at Long Beach Civic Light Opera. In 1988, he moved to San Bernardino and worked at the California Theater. Allen loved the theater, working on or attending as many productions as he could. He also enjoyed going to the symphony, spending time with his many friends, and being an active member of the Class of 1960, attending their frequent reunions. He was an 11-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include sisters Sherry Mitchell Elliott '65, Susan Mitchell '71, and Sally Mitchell Robinson '73.



Emma Katherine Carter Pennachio, 85, died Jan. 10, 2015 in Bridgeview, IL. Born Dec. 14, 1929 in San Francisco, Katie graduated from PGHS in 1948. She was a 23-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children, Pamela,

Monty, George, and Dawn, eight grandchildren; and three sisters, Carole Carter Brown '58, Agnes Carter Snyder '61 and Linda Carter Wright '63. She was preceded in death by her husband Armando, sister Margaret, and one grandchild.

JANUARY

Angelo John DeMaria, 76, passed away on Jan. 5, 2015 in Marina. Born Feb. 28, 1938 in Monterey County, Angelo graduated from PGHS in 1956. He was a Master brick mason for 50 years and was known



Timothy William Flannery, 69, died of a heart attack while surfing in Pahoa, HI, on Jan. 28, 2015. Tim was born Nov. 9, 1945, in St. Paul, MN, but after a trip to Monterey at age 17, he fell madly in



love with the ocean and surfing its beautiful waves. He attended PGHS with the class of 1965. After he mastered the art of surfing and won many championships, he started a fishing business and became Tim the Fish Man, fishing the

Big Sur coast for 40 years as a commercial fisherman. He will be remembered as the hardest worker, a loving husband, a supportive father, and the best surfer in Pacific Grove. Survivors include his wife, Theresa Potter Flannery '71; two children, Judy Flannery Honegger '99 and Casey Flannery '02; and two grandchildren.

FEBRUARY



James Guy Edmund Lawlor, 83, died of pancreatic cancer on Feb. 1, 2015 in Talpa, Jalisco, Mexico. Born Feb. 9, 1932, in Santa Clara County, Guy graduated from PGHS in 1949, then from MPC, and served four years in the Air Force. In 1959,

Guy met Bill Worth, his lifelong companion, and together they worked to earn enough money to own and operate the 240-acre Highland Ranch in Anderson Valley for 16 years. They sold the ranch in 1978 and bought a hacienda in the foothills of Talpa, Jalisco, Mexico, and developed it into a bed and breakfast with 7 bedrooms and 8 baths, a swimming pool, two lakes, and orchards with avocados, Persian limes, oranges and apples. When Guy's health declined, they sold the Hacienda and bought a condo. Guy died surrounded by his many friends and adopted family. He is survived by his longtime companion, Bill Worth. His wonderful blog can be read at <http://guy-mystory.blogspot.mx>.

Ralph Walter Stanley, 53, died of pancreatic cancer on Feb. 2, 2015 in Tacoma, WA. Born Dec. 8, 1961, Ralph grew up in Pacific Grove, and after graduating from PGHS in 1980, became a police officer in 1983 and worked for the police departments of Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, Monterey,



and, for most of his career, Pacific Grove, retiring in 2003. Ralph was known for his great attitude, his willingness to help those in need, his ready smile, and his mustache. He was an avid motorcycle rider. In 2010, Ralph began a second career as a

security officer at the Port of Tacoma. With his intelligence, thoroughness, unwavering loyalty, and sense of duty, he quickly earned and maintained the respect and affection of everyone who knew him. Survivors include his wife Lori and two sons, Ryan and Ian.

Richard William Helwig, 81, lifelong resident of Monterey County, passed away Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at his home in Prunedale. He was born Aug. 8, 1933, in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1952. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked with the City of Salinas as a golf course greens keeper for more than 20 years and was a member of the Salinas Ramblers and the Salinas Valley Boat Club. He was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his daughters, Vickie Wilson and Debbie Melicia; son, David Helwig; sister, Shirley Malario; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Nell Tharpe Helwig '52, and brother James.

Marianne Hall-Cook Buettner died in Salinas on Feb. 8, 2015, at the age of 79. She was born on June 3, 1935 in Poplar Bluff, MO, to Thomas Hall and Mary Crush Hall. She lived in PG with her grandparents Madelaine and Ollie Crush, graduating from PGHS in 1953. In 1962, she was press secretary liaison for the World's Fair in Seattle and later held positions at KOMO Radio and Boeing Aircraft before moving to Las Vegas in 1965 to work for the Las Vegas Convention Authority, as well as being executive secretary at several top Las Vegas Hotel casinos. She was a member of the DAR, the National League of Republican Women, and the Red Hat Society, and enjoyed ballroom dancing, genealogy, and collecting books. She is survived



by her brother, Benjamin G. Hall; her children, Susan and James; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Max W. Lykins '53 and John A. Buettner; two daughters, Jennifer Lykins Mix and Debra A. Lykins Sykes; and one grandson.



John Francis Brady was born on Oahu October 8, 1956, and passed away on Feb. 9, 2015, in Pacific Grove. He was a member of the PGHS class of 1974 who attended his first class reunion in 2009 and was warmly welcomed.

Compassionate, sensitive, and talented, he was a son, brother, friend, and fellow artist who touched us all in his unique and precious way.



Reva Ann Peterson Knofler, 79, died in Monterey on Feb. 11, 2015. Born in Oakland on Dec. 16, 1935, she moved to the Monterey Peninsula with her family in 1947. She lived a wonderful life, graduating from PGHS in

1953, married, worked, had children, and made very many wonderful lifelong friends. Survivors include her daughters, Kimberly and Kristi, and one grandchild. Her sister, Thea Lynn Peterson McLean '59, died in 2005.



Harald Joseph Dawdy died quietly on Feb. 14, 2015, at the age of 60. Harald grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1972. He was in the marching band and played the tuba. He lived in Santa Cruz and Modesto for 25 years and moved back to PG in 2007.

Harald worked in all aspects of the restaurant business and had a passion for cooking. He was the morning cook at the Point Pinos Grill at the time of his death. Harald will be remembered as a huge sports fan; for his big, boisterous, infectious laugh; and for his love of all kinds of music. He

also loved to drive down to Asilomar Beach, enjoy the sunset, and scratch off his lottery tickets; he was convinced he was going to be the next big winner! Survivors include his mother, Ursula Dawdy, and two sisters, Kathy Dawdy Szody '76 and Christy Dawdy Florez '85.



Renowned artist **Dorothy Mae Morgan Fowler**, 88, died in Spokane, WA, on Feb. 14, 2015. Born April 10, 1926 in Portland, OR, Dorothy grew up in Butte, MT, later moving to PG, where she graduated from PGHS in 1944. Quitting San

Jose State College to marry William Thompson, Dorothy raised three children. In 1966 she married Dr. Jack Fowler and devoted herself to their six children and an adventurous life with her missionary dentist husband, providing dental care for Guatemalan natives, often reached by piloting their own restored airplanes. Discovering and developing her talent for sculpting late in life, Dorothy had her first exhibit at the age of 55 and spent the rest of her illustrious career creating art on three continents, including massive cathedral doors and monuments to two astronauts and the Queen Mother of Thailand. She cast a bronze boy with his sailboat, entitled "Yesterday's Dream," to honor and remember her PGHS classmates and then worked with other members of her graduating class to donate the sculpture to Pacific Grove. It was installed in Lovers Point Park in 1990. Dorothy was a 31-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her brother Gerald Morgan, son Keith Thompson, daughters Deborah Huestis and Trudy Burda, stepchildren Dan Fowler and Penny Shephard, 12 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Jack, his eldest son Tom, and her brother Roger Murray.





Philip Edward Merritt, 88, died peacefully at his home in Sunnyvale on Feb. 20, 2015. A native of PG, Philip graduated from PGHS in 1944, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in 1948, UC Berkeley in 1952, and

Stanford University in 1960, where he earned his Ph.D. in electrical engineering. He began his career at Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park (now SRI International), where he helped develop the magnetic ink character recognition system used on most checks today. Later, he formed the Information and Control Laboratory of SRI to extend the use of the digital computer in modern control theory. In 1968, he left SRI and co-founded Systems Control, Inc. Phil moved to London and became research coordinator when his company was purchased by British Petroleum. He later was chairman for Centigram, and then UTT Instruments. Retiring in 1995, Phil enjoyed hiking, woodcarving, bird watching, playing harmonica, clarinet, and flamenco guitar. He was a member of the Congregational Community Church and the PTA. Philip was a 38-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his five children, Philip, Karen, Jennifer, Nancy and Thomas; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife Beth; brothers Richard '40, John '41, and Warren '43; and parents Richard and Mabel Merritt. His mother served five successive terms on the PGUSD Board of Education from 1925 to 1968, and the swimming pool at PGHS was redently named in her honor.



David William Richards, 77, died at his home in Eagle River, AK on Feb. 20, 2015. Born in National City, he spent his teenage years on the Monterey Peninsula, graduating from PGHS in 1955. David loved his time at PGHS and as an active alumnus

continued to attend reunions for the next 50

years. After two years at MPC, he was stationed at Fort Ord with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from 1959-1961. As a young man in California he worked as a set builder in the movie industry and later worked on the reconstruction of the Palace of Fine Arts in San Francisco. For 20 years in Alaska, his company, David W. Richards General Contractor; was involved in the construction of the State Office Building, Alaska Court Building, Goldbelt Building, Juneau Fire Department and other commercial constructions. He has been a member of both the Carpenters Union and the Laborers' Union. David was still working at age 77, and his final working days were spent at the Alyeska Pipeline Terminal in Valdez. David was a warm man, a great friend, a hard worker with a hearty laugh and big handshake for every person he met. He was a 31-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Charlotte, daughters Kelly and Erin, three grandchildren; his brother, Paul Richards '56, and half-sister Paula Aytes Sardina '64.



John J. LaPierre, 89, died at a convalescent home in Monterey on Feb. 22, 2015. Born in 1925, Mr. LaPierre served in the Navy during World War II in Europe and Southeast Asia. He was a graduate of the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland CA with a B.A. in Art Education, and a M.A. from Stanford. Many of his former students from Pacific Grove High and elementary schools fondly remember him as a kind, caring, and wonderful teacher at PGHS, where he taught art for 33 years, from 1952 to 1980. He was a member of the Carmel Art Association. Survivors include his wife Ann, daughters Stephanie LaPierre Travis '67 and Debra LaPierre Vaughn '69, two grandsons; five great-grandchildren; and his sister Elaine Desrosiers.



MARCH



Marian Carol Houseman Pulliam, 78, died March 11, 2015 at her home in Alamo. Born on the Peninsula on Jan. 10, 1937, Marian graduated from PGHS in 1954. She worked for Aerojet for 11 years and later as an executive secretary for Hunt-Wesson

Foods in Concord, retiring in 1998. Marian enjoyed playing cards, country music, socializing with good friends, and traveling. She was a loyal and loving wife, sister and friend, and will be remembered for her kind and generous heart, beautiful smile, and infectious laugh. She was a 33-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her husband, Bill Pulliam '51, brother Charles Houseman '56 of Pebble Beach, and sister Cynthia Houseman Ross '74 of Murphys.



Mary "Maxine" Lewis Settrini, 92, died in Lodi on March 11, 2015. Born April 30, 1922, in Plattsmouth, NE, Maxine came to PG at the age of 13, where she attended PGHS as a freshman with the class of 1940. After World War

II, she married and began her family in Gilroy. Maxine enjoyed camping, and never missed an opportunity to play bingo. Her husband Alfred died in 2011. Survivors include her children, Alfred, Barbara and Sandy; two sisters, Dorothy and Joanne; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.



Rick Anthony Neyses, 54, died in a motorcycle accident in the Sacramento area on March 13, 2015. Born May 15, 1960, in Alameda County, he graduated from PGHS in 1978. Rick was the owner of Neyses Electrical & L.T.

Services, Sales & Consulting in Citrus Heights. His brother, Ron Neyses '81, died in 1997.



Margaret "Margo" Louise Williams Witmer, 89, died in Fresno on March 14, 2015. Born in Watsonville on May 12, 1925, after her mother's death in 1936 she lived with her aunt and uncle, Margaret and Ernest Self, in Pacific Grove, where she lived for 68

years. She was a 1944 graduate of PGHS, and married her high school sweetheart Merl Witmer in 1945. She was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She was a 24-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children, Karen Witmer Armstrong '63 and Richard Witmer '71, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and her sister Dorothy Calcote. She was preceded in death by her husband Merl '40 and her brother James Williams.



Margaret Ruth Moose Bradley, 81, died at her home in San Marcos on March 20, 2015. A native of PG, Margaret was born Nov. 23, 1933, and graduated from PGHS in 1951. After high school and training in San Francisco, she worked in the

Fort Ord dental clinic until she moved to Sunnyvale, where she met and married her husband, California Assemblyman Bill Bradley. Margaret was an invaluable source of support in their business and political life, was active in the Republican Party, and volunteered with the American Cancer Society. She painted, created ceramics, and enjoyed a busy social life. She was a 35-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her stepdaughters, Billie Brown and Randy Bradley; her sister, Jane Moose King '50; niece Karen Emery; and nephew Kevin Moose '79. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1989, parents, Edwin '26 and Marjorie Moose, brother John Moose '51, and sister-in-law Patsy Ruth Lykins Moose '51.

APRIL



Tina Marie Brokaw Buffo, 59, died of cancer at her home in Carmel Valley on April 2, 2015. Born in Lassen County on Jan. 21, 1956, Tina was raised in PG, graduating from PGHS in 1974. Tina found the most joy in being "Mom" to all children who crossed her

path, making her family laugh, strolling through nature, and dancing. Survivors include her children, Sal and Natasha Buffo; mother, Natasha Brokaw; siblings, Helen *Brokaw* Paterson '70 and Roy Brokaw; and stepdaughter Tina *Buffo* Cieri '85. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Buffo, and her father, Elmer Brokaw.



Rhonda Dee Thornburg, 64, died suddenly at her home in Oklahoma City, OK, on April 3, 2015. A lifelong resident and native of the Monterey Peninsula, Rhonda was born May 4, 1950, and graduated from PGHS in 1968. She worked at many

local businesses, including the *Monterey County Herald*, the *Monterey County Weekly*, McGraw Hill, and the Tailwaggers Benefit Shop. Rhonda had recently moved to Oklahoma City to join her long-time friend, Eddie Ray Williams. Survivors include her sister Corey *Thornburg* Brunson '78 of Dallas, TX, brother Stephen Thornburg '66 of Royal Oaks, and ex-husbands John Dillon '68 and Frederic Shanklin. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Merrie Thornburg.



Roberta Mae Walker Bodine, 90, died in Brentwood, her home since 1999, on April 6, 2015. Roberta was born to Elbert "Bert" and Carol Walker on Jan. 13, 1925, in San Jose, and raised in PG. After graduating from PGHS in

1942, she attended the Los Angeles School of Nursing, graduating with her registered nurse degree in 1946. That year, she married her PGHS schoolmate, Harvey Bodine '40, and moved to San Lorenzo, where their two daughters were born. Roberta worked as a registered nurse in many facilities, ending her career at Juvenile Hall in Alameda County. After retirement, she returned to school, earning a Ph.D. in psychology from Rosebridge University (Columbia Pacific University) in 1990 at the age of 65. She then became involved with the Juvenile Justice Committee, working to uphold standards of Juvenile Hall facilities throughout California. She was a 28-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her daughters, Carol and Linda; her sister, Wynette *Walker* Cowen '41; seven grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Harvey Bodine '40, died in 2003; and her brother, George Walker '47, died in 2002.



Carmel native **Michael Alex Albov** died on April 18, 2015, in Monterey after a brief illness. He was 66. Mike was born April 11, 1949 and grew up in PG. After graduating from PGHS in 1967, he earned a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz and then his

Juris Doctor from UC Davis in 1976. For 37 years, Michael practiced law with Hudson, Martin, Ferrante, Street, Witten & DeMaria in Monterey. His many important projects reflected his passion for history and public accessibility to historic resources. He was involved with Meals on Wheels, Sally Griffin Active Living Center, Legal Services for Seniors, and the United Way. For 20 years, he was president and CEO of Flaherty's Seafood Grill & Oyster Bar. Mike was an accomplished fine art and entertainment photographer, enjoyed target shooting, was an amateur radio operator, restored cars, and was on the Eagle Scout Board of Review. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth and daughter Sophie.





Arthur Lewis "Jack" Owens, Jr., 87, died peacefully in Hollister on April 16, 2015. Born in Littleton, CO, on June 24, 1927, his family moved to the Peninsula in 1941, where Jack graduated from PGHS in 1945. After serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II, he married in 1947 and was employed by PG&E for 38 years. Jack was a Little League coach, restored automobiles, and enjoyed playing cards and golfing. As a Mason, he became Worshipful Master of the Blue Lodge in Red Bluff. He was a 22-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Carolyn; children, Sherry, Alan and Marty; five grandchildren; and sister Inez Owens Kirkman '48. He was preceded in death by sister Sarah Owens Minearo '45 and brothers Donald '48 and Leroy '50.



Kenneth "Ken" Walton Hatt, 71, died peacefully at home in Rocklin on April 21, 2015. Born Sept. 10, 1943, in Salem, MA, Ken came with his family to Pacific Grove in the 1960s, where he enjoyed surfing, and graduated from PGHS in 1961. In 1965, Ken enlisted in the Air Force, where he was assigned to the Strategic Air Command and worked on B-52 Bomber radar and bomb navigation systems at Lowery and Castle Air Force bases. He attended CSU Sacramento and married in 1978, and then moved to Ohio. In Akron, the couple ran a foster home for homeless teenager girls. In 1981, Ken returned to Sacramento and began a career in a retail menswear business. Ken loved the outdoors and spent many days hiking, bicycling, fishing, and camping with his family. Survivors include his wife Carlie, daughter Rebecca, sister Virginia, and one granddaughter.

Leslie Maria Powers Davies, 76, passed away on April 30, 2015, at the home of her daughter in Murphys. A native of PG, Leslie was born



February 11, 1939, and graduated from PGHS in 1956. Leslie was a retired teacher and had a great love for cats, dogs and her horses. She is survived by her daughters Theresa Ra Justice and Sheila R. Meyers, four grandchildren, one great grandson, and her brother Herb Powers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herbert Powers Sr. '22 and Lorraine Pawley Powers '30, uncle Ralph Powers '26, and aunt Louise Powers Merrifield '25.



Daniel Edward Kocal, 66, died suddenly at his home in Granite Bay on April 21, 2015. Born July 18, 1948 in San Jose, Dan graduated from UCB and began his teaching career in San Jose and Truckee. He was principal of PGHS from 1983 to 1987. Later, he became a consultant and business owner. Survivors include his wife Penny, children Kara and Brent, four grandchildren, and three brothers.

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Fire Horn was Pacific Grove's Exclamation Point

By Phil Bowhay '47

All cities, towns, and villages have their own sets of sounds. Not like a thumbprint, exactly, but when you work up in the morning and heard the soft, sonorous sibilance of the surf, or the low moaning of the fog horn, or the ringing of the bell buoy, you remembered you were back home in Pacific Grove.

In Monterey it was the gulls, and in the good old days, the cannery whistles. In Carmel, of course, there were the mission and monastery bells on Sunday morning.

This is all well and good, but without some



City Hall, circa 1915, from a postcard in the collection of Beth Penney

punctuation, you might have thought yourself in Santa Cruz or Santa Clara. Our punctuation was the fire horn.

Mounted on top of City Hall, which was also the fire station and police department in those days, it was part of our identity, our heritage, and our signature sound,

unlike anything else in Western civilization. It was harsh and raucous, insistent and serious in intent. Its primary purpose was to alert and call the volunteer firemen, day or night, rain or shine. During World War II, it called us all to air raid and/or blackout drills, and that is another story.

Noon, every day, was announced with two blasts: "Twelve o'clock, Nellie! We've made it through another day!"

It was always exciting for out-of-town guests to hear it for the first time. Some thought it woke the dead and killed the living. Not true, of course, but I'll tell you this: Damn few pigeons or gulls stayed on City Hall.

It must be recalled that in those days the Rec Center, a high school hangout, was on Forest

Avenue, right across from City Hall. One moonlit night a friend of mine was dancing—"String of Pearls"—with a pretty little honey from Chowchilla, "Sweet 16" and all the rest. They stepped outside for a breath of air, and he asked if he could kiss her. Unable to speak, she nodded yes, and as he planted his lips to hers, the horn, located maybe 50 feet away and heard 50 miles away, blew!

At first, trembling in his awkward grasp, she thought that sound, which indeed did shake her teeth, was part of the kissing experience. At the second and third blast, however—there was a house fire down by Caledonia Park—she realized this was *God*! She burst into tears and did not kiss again until her freshman year at San Jose State.

The horn was part of the fine volunteer tradition in Pacific Grove. We all had posted in our homes the code telling us the approximate location of the fire. "One, One, Three," Forest and Lighthouse, and there was a chalkboard in front of the station with the address of the blaze.

Most of us are pulled to witness the drama of a fire, even firemen off duty. My dad, and Brooks, both firemen, were the first out the door, followed by me, Mike, Shirley, and Tom, with Dad calling, "Let's see if they can save the lot!" (Fireman humor.) Often false alarms, but the two world-class blazes, Pacific Grove High School and the Grove Theater, are never to be forgotten.

Having drifted away from the sounds of the "Last Hometown," best now to point out that the horn is gone, with other means at hand to call the ladies. And 12 o'clock noon is now verified by the chimes, which sometimes causes a visiting matron from Chowchilla to smile—and that, too, is another story.

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Editor's Note: We do have one other "antique" noon sound remaining—the old Hovden Cannery noon whistle. Although the Hovden building itself was torn down to build the Monterey Bay Aquarium, in 2002 the Aquarium started blowing the original cannery whistle itself at noon each day, and the memorable sound can be heard in Pacific Grove.

Golfing through Memories

By Phil Bowhay '47

I realize some readers are more interested in "that" rather than "this." This came to me this morning as I started talking about the good old days at Asilomar...and, sooner or later, talk about it I will.

But I flashed back several years ago to the fifth fairway at Pacific Grove Municipal Golf Course. I hadn't played there for a long time and asked the starter how long they had had the new nine. He said, "About 45 years!"

Good story there, and lots to tell about the golf course and the Fry family, but more about that some other time.

So there I was, pulling my clubs, playing with a nice couple riding in a cart. From San Jose. She had just hooked into the eucalyptus, and I pointed out that as kids we looked for golf balls down there and sold them for a dime or so. They nodded politely, and I pointed out that there, just beyond the mobile homes, was the old Pacific Grove train station. Yes, sir! That's where we boarded the Del Monte Express, 7 in the morning, and off to San Francisco!

Right next to it was the Hayward Lumber Yard, with handy access to siding. I pointed out the old rail bed and mentioned the hopper cars that loaded sand out beyond Asilomar. By golly, it was noon, and as I heard the fire horn, I turned and pointed out that lovely old Victorian house, built by a sea captain, and now home to the Fry family. We used to play cards in the kitchen.

To the right a couple of streets there was in the old days three or four vacant lots, and during the war my boy scout troop planted potatoes. I bet a potato vine or two are still in those backyards today.

Looking farther up the hill, you could almost see the La Porte mansion, narrowly missed when a Navy torpedo bomber on a training flight crashed, the crew tragically killed.

At this point I was just getting warmed up, knew how fascinated—or at least interested—this couple from San Jose must be! I turned,



*The La Porte Mansion on Lighthouse and 17 Mile Drive.
From a publicity still from A Summer Place, 1959*

expecting at least an "Oh, my goodness!" but they were at least a hundred yards away, almost to the green.

I had hoped to tell them about the lighthouse, the cemetery, the foghorn, Lovers Point, the glass bottom boats, and the salt-water pool. I wanted to tell how Pacific Grove got started, the monarchs, the people, the kids, our sweethearts. And so much more!

But then...oh, never mind, I thought. Thirty years from now they can read it in the *Herald*.

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Reporters Wanted!

Do you have a special memory of Pacific Grove or PGHS? Have you accomplished something you'd like to share? Let your classmates and schoolmates know what you're up to! Submit your photos and stories to the *Knockout II* editor,

Beth Penney '73, at
bpenney@sonic.net, or mail them to
Beth at the PGHSAA address on P. 2.

2015 Scholarship Awards

by Beth Penney '73

On Wednesday, May 13, the yearly Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association scholarship awards were made at the high school's awards night in the Clarence L. Higgins Library on campus. Fourteen students received awards: thirteen from Pacific Grove High School and one from the Community Foundation that is funded by alum Richard Reynolds '57. The students' inspiring stories follow.

Lela Hautau received the Ada Eleanor Smith Scholarship, which goes to a student who plans to become a teacher. She has been class president for two years and plays volleyball, basketball, and softball. She's also a vocalist who sang the



Lela Hatau receives her award.
Photo by Martha Tonkin.

national anthem at football games. She will attend Baker University in Baldwin City, Kansas, to study education.

Golnoush Pak, the recipient of the Class of 1952 Remembers scholarship, has been involved in the Young Writers Club, of which she is president, and the National Honor Society. She helps create the PGHS literary magazine and has had poems published in the local newspaper. She is also the youngest member of the Pacific Grove Public Library Board. Golnoush plans to attend MPC and then transfer to a UC campus to major in computer programming and animation.

Cristina Marie Harber attended high school in King City until she transferred to Pacific Grove in her senior year. She ran cross-country for two years, making it to CCS both years. She is also an award-winning writer. She plans to attend UC

Davis to study English with the goal of becoming a teacher. She receives the first Cynthia Alma Peña scholarship for a student who plans to become a teacher.

Courtney Smith receives the Don Harlan Scholarship, which goes to a student who plans a vocational career. She is a member of the National Arts Honors Society and is an accomplished pianist. She also volunteers at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. She plans to attend MPC to study either architectural landscaping or culinary arts.

Ashley Costa is involved in the National Honor Society, the Red Cross Club, Operation Yellow Ribbon Club, and Breaker News. She is also active at the Carmel Academy of Performing Arts, where she is on the competitive dance team. She also teaches ballet, tap, and jazz to young children. She will attend Santa Clara to study pre-education and intends to work with underprivileged children. She receives the Maude Marian Smith scholarship, which is awarded to a student who plans to become a teacher.

Mackenzie Bell was an honor roll student all four years at PGHS. She was a member of the varsity basketball team for three years and was chosen second all-team MTAL in her junior and senior year. She also plays volleyball and softball and is a volunteer at Gateway Center, where she works with those who have special disabilities. She will attend the



Mackenzie Bell receives her award.
Photo by Martha Tonkin.

University of La Verne in Southern California to study athletic training. She plans to work in the field of physical therapy. She receives the Bob Hoag scholarship, which is made to a student athlete.

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Taylor Rhoades, the PGHSAA Music Scholarship awardee, has been active in the musical and drama productions at PG High, as well as a member of the choir. She acts with the Ragamuffin Musical Theatre Company and dances with the DiFranco dance project and the HEAT dance company. She will attend New York University to major in musical theater at the Tisch School of the Arts and study drama at the Lee Strasburg Film and Theatre Institute.

Tyler Beron has also been involved with music as a PG High student. He has been a member of the Concert and Marching Bands all four years, and is he also a member of the PGHS Jazz Club. He has also played with other band ensembles in the areas. He plans to study music education at San Jose State and to follow his passion and love for music. He receives one of six PGHS Annual Scholarship Awards, which are made to deserving students who have excelled in academics and activities at PGHS.

Da Hyun Lee has a number of interests. With seven AP classes and two honors classes, she is in the Knitting Club, on the Robotics Team, and the National Honor Society, which she serves as treasurer. She is also on the Mock Trial Team and is co-captain of the golf team (she also received two local golf club scholarships). She founded the National Arts Honor Society at the high school, and she volunteers at Community Hospital, the Monterey Public Library, and at the Feast of Lanterns. She receives one of the PGHSAA Annual Scholarship Awards.

Claire Momberger, who also receives a PGHSAA Annual Scholarship Award, was the president of the National Honors Society. She was also on the softball team and the swim team. She plans to attend MPC for the first two years of college and then transfer to Baylor University in Waco, TX, to study environmental science.

Zelda Elisco was on the Breaker Girls' Dance Team for four years, serving as captain this year. She is also senior class president and a member of the Leadership class. She plans to attend CSU

Sonoma to major in environmental studies. Her future plans include working on environmental conservation projects. She receives a PGHSAA Annual Scholarship Award.

Laura Merchak participated in a number of sports at PG High and was a member of the choir. She plans to earn an engineering degree and hopes to pursue a career in biomimicry, a field that seeks to apply nature's laws to technology to solve problems. She receives a PGHSAA Annual Scholarship Award.



Laura Merchak, in glasses, chats with presenter Beth Penney '73. Behind the podium are Zelda Elisco, Courtney Smith, George Haugen, Taylor Rhoades, and Tyler Beron. M. Tonkin photo.

Guadalupe Cabrera-Barrios, also a PGHSAA Annual Scholarship Award recipient, was on the honor roll for four years and has been involved with the varsity cheer team for three years. She volunteers at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History and at Marina Del Mar Elementary School. She plans to attend CSU Sacramento to study nursing, and her future plans are to work as a nurse practitioner.

George Haugen receives the Richard Reynolds Science and Technology scholarship, which is made through the Community Foundation. George has played trumpet in the Breaker Band for four years. He also helped lead the boys' tennis team to its first-even league championship and CCS playoff this year. He will attend the University of Texas at Austin to major in mechanical engineering, and he says he might work in alternative energy research.



Hospital Food in Turkey...and Monterey

Rusty Adams McDonald Maruyama '56

When you are a member of the Pacific Grove High School Class of 1956, you never admit that Breakers break. You travel the world and never admit that you are well into the age eligible for social security and Medicare. Actually, it's important to know that Medicare doesn't cover you outside the United States.

Last year, before our trip to southern Africa, we took out travel insurance for the first time. After that trip, we thought it was expensive and wasn't worth the price. This year, we took a memorable trip to Turkey and came to the realization that trip insurance is an investment well worth it when you reach a certain stage in your life.

If you want to see Hittite, Greek, Roman, and Ottoman heritage, Turkey is the place to go. Turkey is a secular state where Ataturk is revered more than George Washington is in this country. You can read the signs with a little effort because the alphabet is similar to that in Germany.

In Cappadocia, we visited the Hagia Sofia (which means "holy wisdom" in Greek). This was the world's largest cathedral for a thousand years, then was a Muslim mosque, and now is a state museum.



The Hagia Sofia in Cappadocia

And, we were able to take a balloon flight in Cappadocia. We had tried in Luxor, Egypt, but "pharaoh's revenge" intervened, and again in New Mexico, but weather intervened. This time, we joined a hundred balloons in the air over Cappadocia, which is noted for caves,



*Edie and the Turkish balloons,
before the hospital*

monuments, and monasteries carved into the tuffa. These caves hid the original inhabitants from the Hittites, the Hittites from the Persians and Greeks, the Christians from the Romans, the Byzantines from the Turks, and on and on. The caves were the setting for the Indiana Jones movies.

Then our investment in trip insurance paid off when I caught what I believed to be bronchitis with the development of pneumonia, which was never fully verified, but I stayed for four days in a Turkish private hospital.

I had a hard time breathing and went to a druggist, who suggested that we see a doctor. Our tour guide from Overseas Adventure Travel (OAT) took us to a private hospital, Andalou Hastenesi, in Antalya on the Mediterranean Coast. It was very clean and professional, but because PGHS foreign language classes did not include Turkish, and sign language didn't work, the biggest problem was the language barrier. Communication was not the best.

Because I was considered an "old" person, according to their standards, they decided to admit me until the lab tests showed

improvement. (I presume that, mostly, they monitored my white blood cell count.) As X-rays were taken, the personality of the X-ray technician required a little getting used to. Her manners were akin to that of a Nazi corporal, telling me to strip and slam my breasts against the photo plate holder! The flu test required the nurse to vigorously scrape the inside of my nostrils with an instrument akin to a pipe cleaner.

The saving grace was that the hospital had a Belgian translator and a nurse intern from Holland. They provided the connection with the doctor, nurses, and orderlies. The Turkish staff was good, but without a personal connection, there wasn't much of what we call bedside manner. But once you broke the ice because you broke open your phrasebook to learn to say *tessekur ederim* (thank you), the human warmth shone through. One other challenge was that they considered you "old," as the life expectancy in Turkey is less than 76, and influenza and resulting pneumonia are the fifth greatest causes of death.

Back home, we immediately got an appointment with our doctor. We were on the mend, so we didn't have to see him again for a week. However, fate always intervenes. The day before the second doctor's appointment, I woke up at 3:00 a.m. with a sharp pain in my side. I woke my husband at 5:00 and told him I had to go to CHOMP. We went to the emergency room, and they did an x-ray and a CT scan. The diagnosis was that I had suffered a pulmonary embolism. A pulmonary embolism occurs when a blood clot is formed in your legs because of inactivity and breaks loose and finds its way to your lungs. Should the clot find its way to your brain, a stroke ensues.

The embolism probably occurred because of the long flight from Antalya to Istanbul to Los Angeles to Monterey, preceded by four days of inactivity in a hospital bed in Turkey. It is nothing to take lightly. The treatment is four days with intravenous Heparin, the world's most expensive aspirin substitute. However, now the condition is easy to treat at home with three months of blood-thinning pills. After that, it's back to normal.

We are so glad to be back in Monterey.

CHOMP food is infinitely better than the bland servings in the *hastenası* (hospital), the only word of Turkish besides "thank you" that I learned. As much as I appreciated the wonders of Turkey, each time we go to another country we appreciate more and more how good we have it in America. There are a few things we did right. We did take out that trip insurance, and it paid for both the medical costs and both of our flights home. In addition, OAT gave us a trip credit for the portion of the original trip we missed.



Edie and Xavier stand before the "Fairy Chimneys" of Cappadocia. The volcanic rock formations are unique to the area.

We plan to visit Turkey again, perhaps combined with a trip to Greece in the package. Things happen, but we won't let mishaps deter us from exploring the world. I've learned to buy trip insurance and carry a list of medication to which I am allergic. The hospital care outside of America *can* be good, and I won't be deterred from more discoveries.

Groundbreaking at the New Fort Ord Veterans' Cemetery

By Xavier K. Maruyama

Editor's note: the author of the following informative piece is Edie "Rusty" Adams MacDonald's husband, who has contributed much to the PGHSAA and to Pacific Grove, as the former publisher, along with Edie, of the now-defunct

Pacific Grove Beacon newspaper. He writes, "Dear Beth: Please consider the attached article about the Fort Ord Cemetery dedication ceremony for publication in The Knockout II. There are probably many PGHS alumni who are affected." We agree, and we thank Xavier for the following report.

Edie Adams McDonald '56 has kept her first husband's ashes since 1997. Richard McDonald, who was a Navy pilot, succumbed to leukemia, probably due to his careers as an aviation mechanic, a pilot, and an aviation engineer in his civilian career. Their daughter, Debbie Bennett, waited with Edie to find a final resting place for her dad, who instructed them not to leave him in the "damned Central Valley," meaning he had had enough of the weather and climate of Lemoore. Dust and tule fog was not what he wanted. He preferred the coast of Monterey Bay. His last home was in Castroville.

Fort Ord was closed in 1994, and there were hopes to establish a national cemetery for the 100,000 or so eligible veterans in the area. They had all passed through Fort Ord, the Defense Language Institute (formerly the Army Language School) at the Presidio, or the Naval Postgraduate School, and stayed in or returned to the area. However, policy roadblocks and lack of finances prevented the establishment of the cemetery for many years.



Former Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta addresses the gathering as Congressman Sam Farr listens intently. A Monterey High graduate, Panetta was also Monterey's congressman, President Clinton's Chief of Staff, and CIA Director under President Obama. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Army.

The area veterans appealed to the State of California. According to Congressman Sam Farr, the governors, from Pete Wilson to Gray Davis, to Arnold Schwarzenegger to Jerry Brown, all supported the veterans, but said, "We don't do cemeteries."

Farr told the thousand or so who came to the groundbreaking ceremony on March 13, 2015, at the former site of Stillwell Hall on Fort Ord, that the Central Coast doesn't take "no" for an answer. Today, we have established the California Central Coast Veterans' Cemetery.



Edie places an American flag on March 13 to dedicate the cemetery.

\$1 million from the State Assembly budget, a \$6.7 million federal grant, and efforts from many local groups have provided the funds to create the cemetery. On March 11, the estate of Robert and Elayne Stein of Watsonville announced that the Steins had left \$1.1 million for the cemetery.

The cemetery resides on more than 78 acres of the best property on the former base, with views toward Monterey Bay and the Salinas Valley. The first phase includes 5,000 columbarium niches for urns of cremated remains, landscaping, and a memorial walkway. The first interment is expected in summer 2016.

More information is available from the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation, www.cccvcf.org. Monterey area families interested in burial at the cemetery can contact the Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Office at (831) 647-7613.

Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame Nomination Form

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

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

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

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

Name _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Graduation Year _____

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Present Occupation _____ Employed by _____

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Phone Number _____ Graduation Year _____

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

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

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Upcoming Reunions

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

'65 Class of 1965 50-year Reunion Mixer: Friday, September 11, 2015, 6:30, Peter B's in the Portola Hotel in Monterey.

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

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

'70 Class of 1970 45-year Reunion All weekend camping trip (tentative): October 2 & 3, 2015, Pfeiffer State Park in Big Sur. E-mail Jane Hammond Ruddick with suggestions, etc. Jane@ququ2.net.

'80 Class of 1980 35-year Reunion This a "Multi-Class" invitation to classes 1977 thru 1983: July 24, 25, 26, 2015

Meet and Mingle: Friday, July 24, 2015, 7:00, Blue Fin Cafe & Billiards, 685 Cannery Row, Monterey.

Feast of Lanterns: Saturday, July 25, 2015, Lovers Point, Pacific Grove, noon through the fireworks. A group picture will be taken at 6 p.m. Look for the Welcoming Committee under the "Class of 1980" Banner on the lawn by the food vendors/kiddie area.

Breakfast: Sunday, July 26, 2015, 10:00, location to be announced. Contact: Shari Kirby Dinkel, opentracker@sbcglobal.net

'95 Class of 1995 20-year Reunion PGHS Homecoming Game and Bonfire at Asilomar State Beach: Friday, October 2, 2015, 6:00.

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

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

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

'05 Class of 2005 10-year Reunion Dinner: Friday, July 24, 2015, 6:00 to 11:00, Cannery Row Brewing Company, 95 Prescott Avenue, Monterey. Contact: David Garrison, SuperDaveGarrison@gmail.com.

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



Along with the names of many of her grade school classmates, Garree Grant Innis '58 sent the above photo of her ancestor A. Grant's Shoe Shop in long-ago downtown Pacific Grove.

PGHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER & BRUNCH

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

SATURDAY EVENING October 3, 2015

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

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

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

LIMITED DINNER SEATING. Please make reservations early.

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

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

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*The Knockout II: The PGHSAA Newsletter***Who Is It?**

See our "Letters to the Editor" for most of the answers to last issue's mystery photo. This month's mystery photo was taken behind Pacific Grove Junior High School when that's what it was (it's now the Middle School). The car in the background is a hint as to the approximate year. If you know who these gals are, let us know!

Do you have a photo for our "Who Is It" feature? Maybe it's someone you know and want to test the rest of the alumni, or maybe it's your own true mystery photo. Send it in .jpg format to the editor at bpenney@sonic.net.

