The Knockout II

THE PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

" It's the ☞ Glue ☜ that keeps us together "

March 2012 • Page One

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As most of you have probably heard through one avenue or another, the State of California is in trouble. And that means our schools are in trouble. My "other job" is chairperson of the English Department at Monterey Peninsula College, so I know first-hand what the term "budget cuts" mean. The state-run universities get a lot of the press when it comes to budget cuts, as they raise tuition and gripe about administrators' salaries. But grades K-14 (that's teacher talk for kindergarten through community college) are also in trouble. This year, after two straight years of cuts, we are looking at another cut to already-suffering programs at elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as at community colleges, if a proposed bill to increase taxes doesn't make it onto the ballot and pass in November.

Beth *Penney* '73

I do not want to misuse this forum to talk politics, so I won't. But I do want to let all of you know how much more important your donations to the Alumni Association are in these uncertain budgetary times. At its January meeting, the PGHSAA was able to grant $5,500 to various programs at the high school, to help those programs buy equipment and pursue activities that would not have been possible with money provided by the school itself. That $5,500 went from PGHSAA's checking account to the requestors last month, but ultimately, it came from you, the Alumni Association members. Grants made in January included $655 to the school's Athletic Department for purchase of a portable treatment table to be used by trainers in all of the high school's sports programs, $300 to support the boys' baseball program, $1,000 toward a new wrestling mat for the wrestling team, $1,144 for equipment for the girls' softball team, $1,500 for the school's annual Sober Grad Night event, and $1,000 for the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program at the high school. This college readiness system focuses on under-served students; the money will be used to help finance a field trip for AVID students to prospective college campuses in Southern California.

How are PGHSAA grant decisions made? The Association maintains an operating budget and a savings account. At the start of each year, the Budget Committee meets and moves an agreed-upon amount of money from the savings account to the operating budget to be used for administrative expenses, scholarships, and grants. Donated money that is specified for a certain use (sports, purchase of yearbooks for needy students) is earmarked for those purposes. Then, groups and programs sanctioned by the high school, such as those above, put in requests for funds via an application form that they download from the PGHSAA web site. Our Disbursements Chair, Jennifer Kren Ross '64, collects the applications, which ask for a detailed description of what the money is needed for and whether the group has any other funding sources. The most appealing of the applications we granted in January was, to my mind, the one from the girls' softball team, which gave a detailed list of the equipment they needed, including socks for their uniforms. They had done their shopping and had found a very good price on everything they needed, including the socks. The Association tries to respond positively to all requests, sometimes after a little research. The sports program request for a treatment table, for example, was originally for two tables. Again, the requestor, a college student who is majoring in sports medicine and helping out the various teams at the school pro bono, had done his homework and had found an excellent price for the tables. But after confirming the request with the school's athletic director, Chris Morgan, the Association settled on buying just one of the two requested tables, thus freeing up this year's budgeted grant money to give at least partial funding to all five of the requests it had received. Again, this table was ultimately a gift to the high school from you, our members. It is portable and can be used as a massage table as well as a place for football players who've had the wind knocked out of them to rest while a possible injury is examined. Until now, those players have had to recline on one of the football-field benches. A step in the right direction, I think!

Our Treasurer, Joanie Hyler '68, does a mind-boggling job of tracking contributions and announcing all donations to the Association in this newsletter. Our Corresponding Secretary, Donna Murphy '79 (and Margaret Selbicky Stewart '54 before her) does a wonderful job of sending thank-you notes to those who donate.

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SERVING THROUGH DECEMBER 2014

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Lillian *Griffiths*	'70
Cate *Goblirsch* Lee	'94

2012 PGHSAA Board Meetings
Community Center
515 Junipero Ave PG
6PM Thursday
January 12th, March 8th, April 12th, May 10th,
July 12th, October 11th.

September 15th General Meeting
Election of Officers & Board of Directors.
ALL Members Welcomed!

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This Knockout II is published with everyone in mind. As some of our members enjoy finding fault with other's work, intentional errors have been placed throughout the newsletter for there enjoyment !!!

ATTENTION!

The summer roster will be published and mailed in August. If you have any address, email, phone or name changes now is the time to let me know.
Remember, this is the year the roster is a supplement and only those whose information has changed since the Summer 2011 Roster was published, will be in it.
Thanks, Joanie *Hyler* '68
joanie@pghsaa.org

A Friendly Welcome to:

OUR NEW MEMBERS:

1958 Giuseppe Pennisi ..... Monterey

Glad to have you back!

OUR RETURNING MEMBERS:

1961 Don Snyder ..... Pacific Grove
1961 Agnes *Carter* Snyder ..... Pacific Grove
1972 Toni *Quinones* Fletcher ..... Sacramento

IN MEMORY OF:

Anonymous:
IMO: 1943 Classmates who have gone before us.
Dale Bender Family ..... Pebble Beach
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
Gayle Crocker ..... Spokane Valley, WA
IMO: Raymond F. Crocker '51
Kathie Decker ..... Salinas
IMO: Charles "Chuck" A. Decker '57
Delores Getz ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: William "Willie" Neunzig '38
Mary *Ziegler* Kelly ..... El Cajon
IMO: William Warren Ziegler '38
Sue & Alan Samuels ..... Salinas
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
Shirley Sullivan ..... Lockeford
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1939 Richard Gamble ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: David Barclay Spence '40
1940 Margaret "Sis" *Giles* Strangman ..... Auburn
IMO: Raydeen *Haws* Baxter '40
IMO: Rex John Lincoln '40
IMO: Richard Henry Merritt '40
IMO: Patrick Michael Smythe '40
1941 Howard Cowen
1941 Wynette *Walker* Cowen ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1942 Mary Len *Cerney* Wartenberg ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1942 Sheila *Cochran* McGuire ..... Monterey
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1942 Gene Grant ..... Chico
IMO: 1942 Classmates who have gone before us.
1942 Louise "Ella" Gumm Schnell ..... Mountain View
IMO: Clarence Marvin Allen '34
IMO: 1942 Classmates who have gone before us.
1943 Lloyd Day ..... Salinas
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1943 Herb Pederson '43 ..... Hampton, VA
IMO: Dolores "Dee" Elaine *Brendel* Fry Litch '44
1943 John Reynolds
1943 Miriam *Harriman* Reynolds ..... Monterey
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1947 Carolyn *Harris* Pere ..... Federal Way
IMO: Nathana Frances *Harris* Humpheys '63
1949 Jayne *Dix* Gasperson ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Donald "Don" Thomas Gasperson '47
1949 Joy *Riley* Fugitt '49 ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: David Arthur Fugitt '49
IMO: Warren Henry Fugitt '50
1950 Richard Dames ..... Santa Cruz
IMO: Thomas "Tom" Gerald deLorimier '52
1952 Jane *Lowrey* Weisser ..... Sacramento
IMO: Vance Jefferson Lowrey '48
1952 Jane *Osgood* Snibbe ..... Cloverdale
IMO: William "Bill" Harvey Osgood '56
1955 Alan Teel ..... Dallas, TX
IMO: Calvin "Cal" C. Moldenhauer '55
1956 Diane *Beall* Speckman ..... Eugene, OR
IMO: Gayle Marie *Echols* McDonald '56
1958 Bonnie Culp ..... Carmel
IMO: Vicki Agatha *Stimson* Scardina '58
1958 Sue *McPhail* Maruyama ..... Honolulu, HI
IMO: Sharon Lynn *Rose* '61
1959 Margot *King* ..... Redding
IMO: Kathleen Lorna *King* Maillet '61
1960 Marsha *Hisey* Fields ..... Arcadia
IMO: George Thomas "Tom" Hazleton '60
IMO: Nancy Ann *Hazleton* '64
1960 Rosemarie *Souza* Jackson ..... Alameda
IMO: 1960 Classmates who have gone before us.
1961 Delinda *Campbell* Holland ..... Royal Oaks
IMO: Richard "Dick" Randall Campbell '52
IMO: Douglas Bennett Campbell '55
1962 Margaret *Tuchsen* Shehorn ..... Pleasanton
IMO: 1961 Patrick Jerome Tuchsen
1963 Karen *Witmer* Armstrong ..... Fresno
IMO: Merl Ervin Witmer '40
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1964 Victoria *Samora* Phillips ..... Monterey
IMO: Kenneth "Ken" Francis Dignan '64
1964 Wayne Ross
1964 Jennifer *Kren* Ross ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: William "Bill" Earl Ross '65

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

But I also wanted to say a public "Thank You" to all of you who have given donations in memory of a fellow alumni member or classmate (colloquially and fondly called "IMO" donations), who have set up scholarship funds, who donate regularly by adding something to your annual dues check, and who donate at large. Your donations are put to good use and are appreciated by the Association and by the students at Pacific Grove High School.

The inevitable end to this message, as you might have guessed, is "If you haven't donated, please do, and if you have, consider opening your pocketbooks again!" June, and graduation, are coming up, when we will award scholarships to deserving Pacific Grove High School seniors. Please give generously, and know that your money is well spent. Thank you.

Beth Penney '73

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IN MEMORY OF:

1965 Charlene *Howell* Lowery ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Dr Larry C. Nicoll '65
1968 Sharon *Vining* ..... Portland, OR
IMO: Richard Ronald Vining '66
IMO: Dorothy Lorraine Vining '71
1970 Trish *Ishizuka* ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne '42
1970 Michael "Mike" Neel
1972 Debra *King* Neel ..... Elk Grove
IMO: Olan Edward "Ed" Neel '48
IMO: Phyllis Anne *Fisher* Neel '49
IMO: Vance Edward Neel '68
1975 Mary *Gaudoin* Grove ..... Fresno
IMO: Michael David Gaudoin '62
IMO: Mark Noel Gaudoin '75
IMO: Gerald Francis Barber '75
1977 Anna Maria *Coletti* ..... Gardenville, NV
IMO: Paul Coletti Faculty

Scholarship Fund:

Class of 1951 ..... USA
1942 Lillian *Knowles* Nelson ..... Murphys
1945 Joe Richerts ..... Puerto Rico
1948 Robert Matteson ..... Pensacola, FL
1951 Wallace Lowry ..... Santa Rosa
1952 Carol *Crummey* Bauer ..... Union City
1954 Bert Saunders ..... Monterey
1956 Jean *Parsons* Rasmussen ..... Lincoln
1956 LaLoie *Paterson* Benz ..... Fort Mill, SC
1957 Dave Dawson ..... Carmichael
1958 Bonnie *Culp* ..... Carmel
1958 Linda *Jones* Neil ..... Mexico
1958 Jane *Ysazaga* Clark ..... Lakeland, FL
1959 Nick Guzzi ..... Pacific Grove
1960 Florence *Nedeff* Martin-StClair ..... Costa Mesa
1960 Joseph StClair ..... Costa Mesa
1960 Ethel *Rowe* Stowe ..... Sun City West, AZ
1961 Jack English ..... Australia
1962 Elizabeth *Houlton* Young ..... Modesto
1964 Nell *Varner* ..... Pacific Grove
1964 Claudia *Ward* ..... Reno, NV
1965 Greg Kaufman ..... Battle Ground, WA
1966 Clinton Gruwell ..... Powder Springs, GA
1966 Patricia *Oberst* Wardle ..... Moss Landing
1966 William "Bill" Wardle ..... Moss Landing
1967 Robert Scardina ..... Monterey
1968 Dr Barbara *Hunt* Sorensen ..... Gilbert, AZ
1971 Alex Hulanicki ..... Salinas
1971 Donna *Schutzler* McAtee ..... St Helens, OR
1974 Cheri *Fisher* Schmidt ..... Hollister
1989 Ed DaSilva ..... San Jose

DONATIONS:

1939 Donald Duerr ..... Lincoln
1943 Virginia *Gulick* Ingham ..... Cloverdale
1945 Margaret *Sasser* Grove ..... Salinas
1945 Wallace Stasek ..... Greenbrae
1946 Frank Myers ..... Pacific Grove
1949 Kathi *Lewis* DeMaria ..... Monterey
1949 Keith Lowrey ..... Glen Valley, VA
1957 Jacqueline *Chouteau* Poore ..... Pacific Grove
1959 Bob Bratty ..... Bass Lake
1959 Dru *Drewien* Bratty ..... Bass Lake
1961 Leslie *Bennett* Julian ..... Clovis
1961 John Julian ..... Clovis
1962 Roger Magyar ..... Sacramento
1962 Bertha *McKinley* ..... El Cerrito
1965 Mary *Shymanski* Stornetta ..... Arroyo Grande
1966 Dr Laurence Cram ..... San Ramon
1967 Linda *Eads* Briw ..... Lincoln
1972 Debra *King* Neel ..... Elk Grove
1973 Lyndon Schutzler ..... Monterey

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POSTAGE:

1943 Ed Hewitson ..... Vancouver, WA
1956 Lucille *Mills* Franklin ..... Englewood, CO
1970 Nicole *Mulé* ..... HiddenValley Lake

SENIOR YEARBOOK FUND:

1946 Jim deLorimier ..... Pebble Beach
1948 Rita *Hazeltine* deLorimier ..... Pebble Beach
1953 Don Flickinger ..... Los Banos
1957 Ben Mosley ..... Richmond
1959 Duane Ricks ..... Salinas
1961 James Thomas ..... Loveland, OH
1962 Chuck Hoffmann ..... Novato
1969 Bob Hauswirth ..... Salinas
1970 Bill Derowski ..... Pacific Grove
1971 Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth ..... Salinas
1974 Frank Consiglio ..... Pacific Grove
1974 George Thornally ..... Sacramento
1975 Susan *Stillwell* Derowski ..... Pacific Grove
1976 Mike Kennada ..... Santa Clarita

ALUMNI IMO SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

1939 Nelson "Bill" Hyler ..... Pebble Beach
IMO: Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund
1964 Gail *Hyler* ..... Redding
IMO: Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund
1968 Joanie Hyler ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund
1968 Claire *Schecter* Scofield ..... Belvidere, IL
IMO: Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund
1968 Lou *Kier* Godfrey ..... Pacific Grove
IMO: Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Culinary Scholarship Fund

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Please note that all contribution amounts are held in complete confidence, and are not shared with our membership. Likewise, amounts given In Memory Of (IMO) are kept confidential from the deceased member's family. The Board finds it remarkable to receive this continuing financial support from so many Alumni Members. Although we may only recognize a single name we understand there is often an entire family represented in the contribution. On behalf of our Association, PG High, and PG High students we warmly say,

"Thank you, generous contributor!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loveland, OH
Dear Joanie,
Enclosed please find my check for alumni membership dues.
My wife, Hilary, and I attended this year's alumni dinner and brunch at the NPGS and had a great time. Nice to meet you, albeit very briefly, for the first time.
I would like to thank you and all the organizers for a first-class gala in such a beautiful venue.
Having not seen many of my former classmates for 50 years, needless to say, it was pretty amazing!
Keep up the good work.....Go Breakers!

Jim Thomas '61

Salinas
Dear Joanie, I want to thank you and everyone at the PGHSAA for all the hard work that you all do, and for such a great alumni reunion. It was so good to see you and Gail *Hyler* '64 again. I had such a great time there. Good dinner, great music and so many wonderful (old) friends, and what a nice place to have it, NPGS.
I had hoped to see your sister Deanna *Hyler* Prieto '61 there. Please tell her I've asked about her. Maybe next year we can talk her into going to the reunion.
Enclosed is a check ($45.00) for my dues - 3 more years. I do enjoy receiving the Knockout II. As soon as I get it, I read it cover to cover. I do appreciate all the hard work the Knockout staff puts into it.
Just to let you know, I am planning on attending the 2012 alumni reunion. Happy Holidays to you and your family, your friend,

Mary *Alioitti* Feliciano '61

Monmouth, OR
Hi Joanie,
We had a wonderful time at this last "Alumni" dinner. We celebrated our 60th year of marriage, as well as our "high school" 60th reunion! It was so good to see old friends and renew friendships. Thank you for the work you are doing, and for the "alumni board" so faithful in continuing their involvement with PGHSAA. Sincerely,

Ronald & Mary *McGuire* Alsop '51

Watsonville
Dear Joanie,
Have to send a note. Was so glad to meet you. Well done to all the people involved in the Alumni Dinner. Was great. Sorry to see so little of the locals "64" not at an in-town affair. Was glad to see those who did make it....Gee, Dale Lipp '64 didn't come in white tennis shorts! ☺
Food was great too, as was all the friends.

Ruth *Ernst* '64

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DECEASED PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI

It is with sorrow that we publish the names of our fellow classmates who have passed away since our last issue. They are listed in order of deceased date, class year and city of residence.

October

Barbara *Foster* Krattli '45 ..... La Mesa

November

Nancy *Tharpe* Helwig '52 ..... Salinas
Raymond Crocker '51 ..... Spokane, WA

December

Clarence Allen '34 ..... Hayfork
Clarence Truesdell '39 ..... Monterey
Pat *Parker* Thorne '41 ..... Vallejo
Anna *Pedro* Simpson '60 ..... Paradise
Barbara *Stutzman* Bagby '37 ..... Monte Serano
Norman Gruver '53 ..... Cottonwood

January

William Neunzig '38 ..... San Jose
Flora *Allen* Garner '43 ..... Mangum, OK
Larry Hilton '54 ..... Santa Barbara
Bill Burns '48 ..... Tarzana
Edith *Quinn* Forestelle '41 ..... Monterey

February

Bob Rule '68 ..... Pacific Grove
David Buttrey '69 ..... Carmel Valley
Frank Cerney '45 ..... Salinas
Elizabeth *Lewis* Hogerheiden '37 ..... Pacific Grove

Barbara Lucille *Foster* Krattli, daughter of Reginald '19 and Lucille Foster, died at the age of 84 in La Mesa, CA, on Oct. 31, 2011. Born in Los Angeles on Sept. 17, 1927, Barbara grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1945.

Her father Reginald originated the Butterfly Parade and her grandfather The Feast of Lanterns. In December, 1949, Barbara married a young naval officer, James Altheide Krattli, and raised three sons as a Navy wife. The family spent three years in Japan where Barbara taught English as a second language and learned the arts of flower arranging and Japanese cooking. In San Diego, Barbara worked for many years as the manager of Grove Office Supply. She was president of the Monte Vista Swim Team Parents Association, was active in Soroptimist International and was a volunteer at the Old Globe Theater. Barbara was an excellent quilter and active in Sew for a Cure raising money for cancer research. She was a 17-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include sons James, John, and Michael, three grandchildren; and two great-grand-mother to twins John and Theodore. Her husband, James, died 24 days after her, at the age of 93.

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Nancy Nell *Tharpe* Helwig, 79, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, in Salinas. She was born July 4, 1932, in Montgomery, AL and had relocated to California at the age of 16. Nancy graduated from PGHS, where she was a cheerleader, in 1952. Nancy was an avid S.F. Giants and S.F. 49'ers fan. She was a "Rebel Yell" cheerleader of her beloved Crimson Tide Football team of Alabama. She enjoyed playing Bunco nights with her friends and attending her monthly Secret Pal Luncheons. Survivors include her husband Richard Helwig '52 of Salinas; three children, Debbie Melicia of NC, Vickie Wilson of Salinas; Dave Helwig of Salinas; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and one sister.

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Raymond Fred Crocker, 79, died unexpectedly November 25th, 2011, in Spokane Valley, WA, his home of many years. Born June 19th, 1932 in Spokane WA, Ray attended Pacific Grove High School for three years, with the class of 1951. He joined the 82nd Airborne 505th Infantry at Fort Bragg, NC, and served his country from January 29, 1953 to January 28, 1955, after which he returned to Spokane. Ray was a truck driver for Convoy Company until his retirement in 1986. In 1981 he opened the Coin Corner in the Spokane Valley with his wife and son where they were partners for over 20 years. In his teens and 20's he enjoyed motorcycles and hunting. Later he was an avid fisherman. He was a 26-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife, Gayle; daughter, Cheryl Wyatt; son, Nick Crocker; daughter, Marci McClearn; and son, Mark Crocker; six grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and sister, Barbara Koker '53

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Clarence Marvin Allen, died Dec. 3, 2011 in Weaverville, at the age of 95. Born Jan. 18, 1916, in Pasadena, his family moved around as his father worked for the railroad. He graduated from PGHS in 1934 and joined the Navy two years later. Al rose through the ranks to become a navigator and later the captain of the USS Agawam at the rank of lieutenant commander. During his Navy career, he sailed in most of the oceans and seas of the world, serving on various Navy ships, among them the USS Dobbin, the destroyers USS Mayo and USS La Vallette, and the USS Helena. He was very proud of his Navy career and loved to regale listeners with his experiences. Retiring from the Navy in 1958, the family moved to Santa Clara where Al worked as a CSAA emergency road service manager and served as a scoutmaster and vice commander in the Sea Scouts. By 1992 Al had moved his life to Weaverville where he lived for more than a decade tending to his yard, continuing his participation with the VFW, as well as the Lions and Moose clubs. In 2008 he moved to Hayfork where he lived out his days enjoying the rural setting, gardens, wild animals, corresponding with old friends and keeping up with the whims of the financial markets. He was a 47-year member of the PGHS Alumni Association with dues paid until 2020!

Survivors include his former wife, Betty Allen; son, Richard Allen; two daughters Marilyn Read and Virginia Cherney; and one grandson.

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Patsy "Pat" *Parker* Thorne, 87, died in Vallejo on Dec. 6, 2011 following complications from a stroke. Born Jan. 27, 1924 in Fresno, Pat grew up in PG and graduated from PGHS in 1941. She married Bob Thorne '41 and later moved to Fresno. Following Bob's retirement in 1980 they moved back to the Peninsula. Pat started her own business, Chicken Coop Antiques, following Bob's death in 1981. She was a very kind and selfless person who always put the needs of others before her own. She was a 43-year member of the PGHS Alumni Association, serving on the Board from 1980 to 1986, and chairing her class reunion's. Survivors include four children, John Thorne of Fresno, Mary Lou Molinaro of Vallejo, Bonnie Deach of Reno, NV, and William Thorne of Minden, NV; her brother, Roy Parker '43 of Auburn; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Her sisters, Iris *Thorne* Down '31, Frances *Thorne* Fauth '36, and Louise *Thorne* Van Trees '33 preceded her in death, as did her parents, Maude and Herschell Parker. Donations in her memory may be made to the PGHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

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Clarence Davis Truesdell, 90, of Salinas, died in Monterey on Dec. 10, 2011. Born April 2, 1921 in Palo Alto, to Clarence and Dorothy Truesdell, Sonny grew up in PG and attended PGHS with the class of 1939, where he was a member of the varsity football team. In 1943, he joined the US Army and served in WWII in central Europe with the 320th Glider Field Artillery. Honorably discharged from the Army in 1946, Sonny then went to work for Pacific Bell Telephone Company in Salinas as a PBX installer where he worked for more than 40 years. An avid 49ers fan, he also a hot rod enthusiast, and had a great love for animals. He was a 2-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include two children, Doug of Salinas and Tootie of Seaside, his 2nd wife Jimmie, brother Gerald, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His first wife, Mildred, died in 1992.

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Anna Helene *Pedro* Simpson, 69, died of cancer in Paradise on Dec. 12, 2011. Born in Palo Alto on May 15, 1942, Anna grew up in PG, graduated from PGHS in 1961, and from UC Berkeley in 1969, majoring in French. Anna worked for Pacific Bell for 31 years. She moved to Paradise in 1997, and spent many summers at Lake Almanor, where she set up a computer program for the Camp Hosts. American Land and Leisure hired her to develop the program for the company.

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After she retired from that company last year, she continued to assist the Adventist Community Service Center with their computer programming. Anna was a gentle soul, totally committed to her God, and impressed all who knew her with her selflessness. Survivors include her husband, Derald "Buzz" Simpson, and brother, Philip Pedro Jr. '56.

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Barbara Fern *Stutzman* Bagby, a native of Pacific Grove, died peacefully at the age of 92 on Dec. 17, 2011 in Monte Serano, her home of many years. Born to Harvey and Mabel Stuzman on Dec. 29, 1918, Barbara graduated from PGHS in 1937, where she had been student body president and active in sports. "She is the mirror of all courtesy," it was written of her then, and stood true for her lifetime. Graduating from San Jose State College in 1941 with a degree in Education, she taught for three years in the Monterey area and later settled in Los Gatos. Barbara deeply enjoyed natural flora and fauna, traveling, ballroom dancing, reading, and gardening. Barbara will be remembered for her gracious and welcoming ways, remarkable memory, dignity, and unassuming humility about her accomplishments. She was a 2-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. She leaves behind her husband Delos "Ace" Bagby, daughter Bobbie, son Josh, and brother Jack '44. He sisters Viola *Stutzman* English '30 and Ruth M. *Stutzman* '38 preceded her in death.

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Norman Harvel Gruver Jr., 77, died of cancer on December 29, 2011, at his home in Lake California in Cottonwood, CA. Born in San Francisco on May 14, 1934 he lived and attended school in Palo Alto until his family moved to PG in 1951. After his graduation in 1953, he worked at Roller Chevrolet in Monterey for 4 years. In 1957, he and his wife, Patty *Haugh* '54, relocated to Palo Alto where better job opportunities were available. Over the years, Norm held many interesting jobs where his innate attention to detail and leadership qualities quickly moved him into management positions. The first of which was manager of an Edison Brothers shoe store in Palo Alto and San Mateo. He later became sales manager for all of Northern California for Simon & Schuster Books. Through his good friends Mac and Joan *Silva* Lindsey '55, he became interested in the blood banking business, and soon was Manager of the Red Cross Blood Bank in San Jose. After a few years with the Red Cross he was hired by Mac to manage the San Jose branch of Lifeline Biologicals, a Plasmapheresis Center, which he did for 4 years until the company was purchased by Abbot Laboratories. Upon retirement Norm and Pat relocated to the gated community of Lake California in Northern California. Never one to sit still, Norm immediately got involved in volunteer work for the community. For 14 years, he was the chairman of the Government Liaison Committee to Tehama County. He served on the Tehama County Long Range General Plan Committee for 3 years. He chaired the Lake California Architectural Committee, he served on the committee to remodel the aging Lake Club and was a member of the Recreation and Booster clubs. On November 15, 2011, the Lake California Board of Directors created the "Norman Gruver Award" for community service which may be awarded from time to time to a member of the community for outstanding service. He was a 19-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Norm is survived by his wife, Pat *Haugh* Gruver '54, 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, mother Winifred *Burns* Gruver '33 and brother Richard Gruver '54. He was preceded in death by his brother Donald '57.

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William Neunzig, 90, passed away Jan. 2, 2012 in San Jose. Born Feb. 1, 1921 in Stockton, his family moved to PG in 1926, where Willie grew up and graduated from PGHS in 1938. He often talked about how he delivered the newspaper throughout the town before sun-up every day and tell stories of living during John Steinbeck times on the Peninsula. He collected lizards and frogs for Ed Ricketts, and bought fireworks from Wing Chow on Cannery Row. Willie served his country during World War II as a Navy medical corpsman. He was a mortician for about 20 years, and developed real estate investments. For the last 43 years he could be found, happily, working on his properties. He was a 40-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Dorothy, three sons, William, David and Timothy, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Edward '37 and Frederick '46.

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Flora Dell *Allen* Garner, 88, died at her home in Mangum, OK, on Jan. 6, 2012, following a stroke. Born in Faulkner Co., AR, on Feb. 5, 1923, Flora traveled to Monterey to complete her schooling, first graduating from PGHS in 1943, then to San Jose for additional classes required by Pacific Bell Telephone Company,

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where she was employed. She resided in Marina for many years and was very involved in the community she loved. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, Curtis Garner, son Terry Garner and daughter Linda Hicks; brothers Hiram and John, sister Mary Yielding, nine grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

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Lawrence Franklin Hilton, 75, died Jan. 22, 2012, in Santa Barbara, his home of many years. Born May 26, 1936 in Glendale to a military family, Larry relocated frequently in the US and abroad. Even though he attended over 20 schools, in 1954 he completed his high school at PGHS, where he made life-long friends; PGHS reunions were always high points for him. He attended MIT but elected to finish his undergraduate Economics degree at UCLA. After a brief stint with a law firm in Riverside, Larry relocated his family to Santa Barbara, where he practiced law for nearly 40 years, primarily as a sole practitioner. Survivors include his first wife Fran Hilton, his sons, Brooks and Eric Hilton, and second wife Susan Hilton and stepson Sean Kinkade. His son Geoffrey A. Hilton, preceded him in death.

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William Thomas Burns, 80, died Jan. 25, 2012, in Tarzana, his home since 2010. Born Oct. 9, 1931, in West Point, NY, Bill was raised on the Monterey Peninsula and graduated from PGHS in 1948. He served in the U.S. Marines, worked for the Del Monte Forest Co. and then Pacific Bell/AT&T for 35 years. In 1961, he relocated to LA. Bill enjoyed begonia gardening, and owned and operated a kennel in Orange, breeding and showing Schnauzers and Lakeland Terriers. He was a 23-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include two children, Cindy and Bill Burns; four grandchildren; siblings Barbara *Burns* Turner '48 and Edward Burns; and former wife, Jackie *Pippett* Burns '54. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sarah Corson and brother, Tom Burns.

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Edith Owner *Quinn* Forestelle, 88, was born Dec. 16, 1923 in Los Angeles, and died in Monterey on Jan. 25, 2012. Her family moved to Pebble Beach in 1938. Edie graduated from PGHS in 1941 and attended University of Pacific. She was a member of Children's Home Society, Junior League of the Monterey Peninsula, St. John's Episcopal Chapel, and did volunteer work for the Blind and Visually Impaired Center for 20 years. Edie was a talented artist and enjoyed traveling around the world with her husband. She was a 21-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include three sons, William of Oxnard, John of Bakersfield and Thomas of Sun River, OR, and two sisters, Jean *Quinn* Crowell '39 and Ann *Stewart* Brown '41. Her husband, Dr. Will H. Forestelle, died in 2003.

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Robert Clarke Rule, 61, died of cancer in Pacific Grove on Feb. 1, 2012. Born in Los Angeles on July 16, 1968, Bob graduated from PGHS in 1968, and from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1974. He was a project engineer in the environmental engineering division of Genentech. Survivors include two children, Alison S. Rule of Los Osos, and Patrick N. Rule of Emeryville, a brother, Bill Rule '69 of Pacific Grove; and three grandchildren.

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David Edward Buttrey, 60, died at Westland House in Monterey on Feb. 2, 2012. Born March 31, 1951 in Juneau, AK, his family came to Pacific Grove in 1963. After graduating from PGHS in 1969, David attended Monterey Peninsula College, then worked for Holman Ranch in Carmel Valley for 13 years. He is survived by his mother, Mary Buttrey, and brother Charles Buttrey '66 of Carmel Valley. He was preceded in death by his father, and two brothers, Michael Buttrey '66, and Bob Buttrey '68.

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Francis Allen "Frank" Cerney, 85, peacefully died on Feb. 13, 2012. Born Nov. 5, 1926 in Omaha, NE, his family moved to PG where he graduated from PGHS in 1945 and eventually made his home near Salinas. After attending Hartnell College, Frank was stationed in Fort Sill, OK, at the end of WWII. For many years Frank worked for the U.S. Postal Service. He had a passion for sports, especially golf and football and was an avid 49ers fan. He also loved movies, politics, donating blood to the Red Cross, and volunteering at the Salinas Public Library.

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ALUMNI TIDBITS

by Sue *Taylor* '68

oogling PGHS brought up another alumni website recently. **ias Talbot '09** has posted his resume as part of his business a videographer and photographer. He's been busy with any projects, the latest as director of photography for the new n "Agent Steele." He's done a lot of work on and under water, d near sharks. Yikes. Nice photos on his website at p://www.eliastalbot.com/eliastalbot/

ke most everyone else in the world I am on Facebook, but I'm e kind that hates being poked, checks the site maybe twice a ar, and absolutely won't play games or forward chain e-mails. h humbug, lol. I do find Facebook useful for looking for GHS people, especially since most FB'ers declare which high hool they went to. Most helpful. I do wonder why, when oogling PGHS, only a few FB accounts come up – and nerally different ones every Google session. Why not 3000 hits of PGHS'ers every session? Hmmm. The first FB me that came up this morning was **Joey Silveira '94**. He esn't say what he does, but he's into running big time. parently a marathoner. Something I never aspired too, which why it looks like he weighs as much as my left leg, lol. I do e a good sports movie, so I can appreciate his efforts. Joey tes that he is Catholic, a Republican, is interested in women, d is single and male.

mbies are not my favorite subject. I wouldn't even bring it up cept that I was desperate for a movie late night last week and tled for "I Am Legend". A really good film all things nsidered, and I thought essentially better than the older sion "Omega Man." The world being full of coincidences, I across Zombie Apocalypse on-line, and found an interview h **Kellen Gibbs '11**, who is the director of an on-line web ies "Crisis". Aside from all this Zombie nonsense, Kellen lly impresses me, to be achieving so much at such a young e. I really wonder where he will be at age 50, accepting cars and Emmys and such, I hope. In my defense for mming zombies, I tell you it is a genre thing – not into horror d bloodthirsty stuff (unless it's funny like "Final Destination.") been a sci-fi fan all my life, aliens and psychic stuff all the y. I have never understood why, with a world of athtakingly imaginatively written science fiction, the Sci Fi annel produces such uninspired, boring dreck. Anyway, read ut Kellen at http://zombieapocalypsemobile.com/

In November of last year, an article appeared on the Army Military website about one our "greatest generation" alums, **Manny Avila '47**. Manny talks about his WWII war experiences, which are particularly interesting to me as my father fought in northern France too and I wonder if they ever crossed paths – different units however. Manny was in the 9th Armored Division (my father was infantry). Too bad the article wasn't longer, it seems there would be a lot more stories from Manny. Maybe some PGHS oral historian should take note that Manny lives in Seaside and give him a call. The site, http://www.army.mil/article/69220/Every_veteran_has_a_story/ has three photographs too – is it just me or are all short, thin octogenarians in baseball caps cherubic?

To clarify whether Stanley Grabinski, who recently died, went to PGHS, I called his sister **Stanlea *Grabinski* '73**. After informing me that her brother had only gone to Pacific Grove Middle School, she was quick to point out that she attended Pacific Grove only two years, 1970-1971, but I assured her we still claim her as one of ours. Stanlea has worked for many years for Monterey Bay Whale Watch down on Fisherman's Wharf, and is active with MS Walk, a volunteer group that raises money to fight MS. Stanlea has had multiple sclerosis for some time. Stanlea is married to Hugo Rodriguez and is a life-long Peninsula resident.

Why is that you see something in the news that interests you, and right away other resources associated with that subject, which you'd never really thought about before, suddenly pop up all over the place. It's like those cosmic coincidences of hearing a word on television at the exact same instant that you are reading that word on the computer or a book in your hands. How weird is that? This month the news is full of that Louisiana TV chef pushing butter (oh yummy!), while concealing the fact that she is diabetic. Conceal? Who cares and what business is it of ours? Her job is to give good recipes, and if she chooses not to be a spokesperson for diabetes that's her decision and not the point. So chill people, lol. Then by accident I come across a story about one of our alums, **Royce Eason '07**, and how he and his family are dealing with his diagnosis of diabetes when he was a freshman at PGHS. Very moving, and nicely educational. The kicker? He wants to be a chef. Go for it Royce, and don't spare the butter for us "mouse potatoes."

Common looking people are the best in the world: that is the reason the Lord makes so many of them.
--Abraham Lincoln

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He was a dedicated Liberal and marched for the NAACP when he was younger. He was a 2-year member of PGHS Alumni Association. Survivors include four sons, David, Mark, John and Philip Cerney; seven grandchildren; his sister, Mary Len *Cerney* Wartenberg '42 of Pacific Grove and his twin brother, Tom Cerney '44 of Redding. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Reid Cerney '46 and Len Cerney '47.

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Elizabeth Rosemarie *Lewis* Hogerheiden, 92,

died in her hometown of Pacific Grove on Feb. 21, 2012. Born June 3, 1919 to Horace and Ruth *Bonney* '06 Lewis, Elizabeth graduated from PGHS in 1937 and attended Marin College and De Anza College, then spent her married life in Brisbane, Mountain View and Los Angeles. In 1977 she returned to PG to rebuild the family home. She loved acting and performing and sang with various choirs throughout her life. She was a member of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ and volunteered for the Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital and the Heritage Society. She was a 24-year member of PGHS Alumni Association, serving on the board for 12 of those years. Survivors include two sons, John and Walter, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband John in 2001, and brother William Lewis '31 in 1998.

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The Knockout II staff works very hard to bring you obituaries of fellow classmates as quickly and as accurately as we can. If you hear or know of an alumni that has passed away *PLEASE* contact:
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Union, ME
Dear Joanie,
We received your package and we were very surprised, thank you very much. I went to a chiropractor after all for three visits but I have had lower back, hip and neck pains anyway, just part of the joys of getting older, but my neck feels better. We had a wonderful time in PG, the weather was beautiful, we walked the streets and saw our old rentals, spent time and had lunch on PG beach. We met many of our old friends and boy have they gotten older, ha ha. It was a great joy to be able to come out for this last time and the dinner you put on was amazing. I can't imagine how the cooks managed to get all those dishes so well done, how do you cook so many steaks and have them all come out just right, my hat is off to the chefs. I have started writing some of my old school friends and hope to renew old friendships. I again extend my offer to my friends and classmates that is they are ever in our area to please give us a call and let us show them a bit of New England. Maine is a wonderful place to see and maybe leave some of the stresses of life. We will send you some money for the gifts you sent just as soon as I sell some artwork, mean while we are forced to eat lobster again, such are the sacrifices of being an artist in Maine.
Thank you again for all the work you did.
Sincerely, Stan and Ann Silva '59

Editors note:
The success of the alumni dinner was a result of many folks pitching in and making it so. Terry Fink '69 the event chair did a stand up job!
The replacement of your broken souvenir mugs and wine glasses (due to your automobile accident) are a gift and there is no need to send me any money. I'll have a couple of lobster dinners if I ever make it out your way. I hope that you continue to recover from your injuries and not suffer any long term issues. Thanks for your note.
Joanie Hyler '68

Cupertino
Dear Joanie,
Thank you for the latest issue of the Knockout. As usual I read it from cover to cover, and really enjoyed the photographs, and all of the news.
Many thanks to everyone involved in the production of the Knockout. It is a real gift.
Virginia Green Tamblyn '47

San Jose
Dear Joanie,
As always, the latest issue of the KOII was great. Was so glad to see your dad looking so good.
Am interested in ordering 2 mugs with the PGHS Alumni logo, one of each style. Please let me know when they are available.
Say hi to your Dad for me....
Thanks, Jackie *deLorimier* Pickett '43

Grants Pass, OR
Hi Joanie,
Just wanted to let you know that Ted & I thought you did an outstanding job with the December issue of the Knockout II. Thanks for getting my letter in, about not being at the 2011 Alumni reunion. It was just a 'very busy' time for us here at home. I enjoyed the group picture of the class of '56, someone had already sent me a copy via e-mail, but we were glad to see it in the Knockout II, along with all the other reunion pictures. Hopefully, Ted '52 & I '56 will be able to make it to the 2012 reunion.

We also enjoyed the letters from other alumni. I particularly enjoyed Phil Bowhay's 'Flashback' on the cemeteries, especially El Carmelo, where we both have several relatives buried. My younger sister (Lynn 'Wilmot' Garrett, graduated from Carmel High after we moved to Carmel Valley) has done an extensive family genealogy on the Wilmot - Roberts family. We did some research & took pictures for Lynn at El Carmelo Cemetery a few years ago. I am sending Lynn a copy of Phil's article as I know she will appreciate it.

Ted & I also remember 'the PG point & lighthouse' during our courtship. One night after a date, someone locked us in at the lighthouse area.

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We had to walk back to my house (on Lighthouse Ave.) & get a hack saw to cut the padlock off so Ted could get his car out. Some prankster must have had fun that night!

Lots of good memories in P.G. for both of us. Thanks for the good job you are doing on the alumni paper. Especially this edition,

~Ted '52 & Jan '56 Roberts~

Costa Mesa
Hi Joanie,
Received the latest KOII and thoroughly enjoyed it. Sorry to be so long in letting you know.
My thanks to all who worked so hard to put on a great reunion event. The setting was really great and the attendance was outstanding. As my cousin Lynda Jacobs Cook '61, said in her letter, I was very pleased to visit with her and my niece Kimberly *Harner* McMillan '76 as well as all of the classmates from '56.
In Sue's story of her episode on the stairs, she mentioned my son (Alan) and me but got our name as Jones instead of James. She is a very nice lady and I'm glad that we got to meet her, but wish it could have been under better circumstances. I'm glad she was not injured.
All in all a very enjoyable weekend for Alan and me. He enjoyed the introduction to PG and Monterey and the Aquarium and Lover's Point. He also was a hit with my classmates. I look forward to my next opportunity to visit PG.
Thanks again for all that you do for us.

Howard James '56

Taft
Dear Joanie,
I received the souvenirs (Pat ordered one (1) of each souvenir we carry now) today and they are great!
Thank you so much for your trouble.
Enclosed is my check for the full amount. Now I am going to have a cup of coffee in one of the beautiful cups!
Thank you again,

Pat *Furlong* Bond '53

Raton, NM
Please mail Knockout II to the above address. I share....this is the Greatest Publication ever.

Donne *Miller* Litt '61

Editors note:
Thanks Donne for the kudos! I think our lil publication for PGHS Alumni is pretty special too.

Pacific Grove
Dear Joanie,
Sorry for the delay (in sending out my dues) but I remember filling out the envelope you sent for the renewal but I forgot to out it in the mail.
Enclosed is my check for $15.00. I love being a member.

Sincerely, Emily Cabral '56

Please let me know what you might be interested in buying. Once I know I will calculate the postage and you can send a check or money order to PGHSAA PO Box 51396, PG, CA 93950-6396 Joanie

SEA URCHINS NEEDED

Any unwanted Sea Urchins are desired by various collections. The 1949 "Sea Urchin" is conspicuous by it's absence, in many collections; the Alumni, the Public Library as well as the Heritage Society. Can you help?

Hopefully,
Jayne Gasperson '49
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2011 PGHSAA Financial Report

1/1/2011 through 12/31/2011

2012 Membership Dues	$ 9,690.00
Contribution's	$ 939.00
Endowment Elizabeth Phipps Voeykoff '35	$ 52,500.00
In Memory of: Special Funds	$ 939.00
In Memory of: General Funds	$ 6,274.00
PGHS Senior Yearbook Fund	$ 465.98
Postage Contributions	$ 68.00
PGHSAA Scholarship Fund	$ 1,125.00
2013-2021 Dues in Trust	$ 3,450.00
PGHSAA Souvenirs	$ 553.00
2011 Total Income	**$ 76,004.00**
Operating Expenses	
Postage, Banking, Insurance, Misc.	$ 1,526.00
Knockout II, Roster & Membership Renewal Mailings	$ 11,542.00
Operating Expenses	$ 1,382.00
PGHS Program Disbursements	$ 2,860.00
Scholarship's	$ 11,500.00
2011 Total Expenses	**$ 28,810.00**

If you are interested in endowing the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association property or funds, we would be pleased to discuss with you, your thought and concerns. Please contact Joanie Hyler our Treasurer or Beth Penney our President.

Robot fills regal role on Candy Cane Lane
Mechanical man Pierre was built in 1959

Howard Cowen's 15-foot-tall mechanical man has played many roles in the 52 years since the massive robot was constructed as a Scout-O-Rama project.

It has appeared on the Cowens' lawn on Beaumont Avenue in Pacific Grove as a lamplighter, as a football player at a Pacific Grove High School homecoming football game, as a fireman on a float in a parade in Seaside, and for some years as a fireman at Christmastime in front of the Pacific Grove Fire Department, where Cowen served as a volunteer firefighter for 36 years.

Howard and Wynette *Walker* Cowen
both PGHS Class of 1941 graduates

The mechanical man's latest manifestation continues the Christmas theme as a giant toy soldier as part of the Candy Cane Lane display.

Cowen, 89, of Pacific Grove, was scoutmaster of Troop 115 in 1959 when his boys said they wanted to build a robot to enter in the scouting event held that year at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. They scavenged material for their mechanical man and put it together under Cowen's direction in time for the jamboree.

Cowen's creation, named Pierre, wore a Scout uniform made of cardboard and sported a Tenderfoot badge while standing outside the fairgrounds exhibit hall, greeting visitors.

Boys inside the machine pulled levers to make its arms and mouth move, and Senior Patrol Leader Jessie DeHay used a microphone to talk to children as they came through the door, Cowen recalled.

"Other Scouts had already asked the mothers before they came in for their children's names. Then the kids would be real surprised when they were greeted by name by the great big Scout."

Robots were quite the craze in those days.

For example, Robby the Robot made his movie debut in MGM's classic 1956 science fiction film "Forbidden Planet," easily upstaging stars Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis and Leslie Nielsen. Robby appeared again the next year in "The Invisible Boy" and went on to do cameos on television, in other movies and at sci-fi conventions.

Cowen's robot returned to the fairgrounds as a second class Scout in 1960, he said.

Cowen retired as scoutmaster after leading the troop for six years, and moved the robot to Candy Cane Lane's Platt Park, where it appeared dressed as Santa Claus. By then, Cowen added electric motors to move the mouth and arms.

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Cowen and his robot even had a bit of national fame when they appeared on Allen Funt's "Candid Camera."

Photo by Veron McKnight
Herald Correspondent

Between appearances, Pierre is disassembled and the parts stored in Cowen's garage or the city yard.

The robot is put together after Thanksgiving every year by Cowen and his children in his front yard at Beaumont and McFarland avenues.

Cowen said he is looking for old photos of the robot in its various guises to add to a scrapbook of Pierre's history.

First Published in the Monterey Herald by Kevin Howe.

Eagle Scout candidate rehabs Arnett Park field

Jack Giovinazzo gets the job done with a little help from his friends

Jack Giovinazzo '13

If there was any doubt about where the youth of today is going, Jack Giovinazzo can put it to rest. The 16 year-old Eagle Scout candidate, a junior at Pacific Grove High School, set out to rehabilitate the ball field at Arnett Park as his Eagle Scout project, racking up a considerable list of accomplishments as he went along. It is the field where he played Pony League as a boy and he was "sad to watch it fall into disrepair," he said. So he decided to get it fixed up. To do that, he not only had to draw up a plan, but put it into action. He presented the plan to his Scoutmaster, Dave Randall and to the Board of Review and then to District Council of the Boy Scouts; the Pacific Grove Pony League Board which plays at the field; and finally Pacific Grove Public Works where Roque Pineiro of Grounds and Maintenance gave his stamp of approval. It took him five months to get to this point. He then obtained some professional assistance and, like Tom Sawyer, recruited friends to help with the project. On a sunny Saturday, a dozen or more people turned out in their painting clothes to help repair and refresh the field, but unlike Tom Sawyer, Jack did more than supervise the job. Workers included his third grade brother, Nathan, his mom, Terrise Wood and her husband, Brian Wood, and his father, Frank Giovinazzo.

Community members, Scout families and members of the Pacific Grove Pony League Board all chipped in with donations of time and materials, and no money has had to be spent for the project. Mike Consiglio '82 brought his considerable range of tools and expertise, and, as Jack said, "I couldn't have done it without him."

Earl "Topper" Arnett Park is located at Piedmont and Moreland Avenue. This neighborhood park has playground equipment, a baseball diamond, group picnic area with three picnic tables, and a barbecue grill (accommodates up to 25 people).

Refurbishing and painting of back- stops, painting the dugouts including any repairs needed, field work and grounds maintenance of the entire park -- not just the baseball diamond -- were all part of the work; more than 2100 square feet of surfaces have been painted, more than two truckloads of debris, garbage and green waste has been hauled off. It's a testimonial to community spirit and hard work. Jack is a member of Troop 90 and plays Varsity soccer this year. He has participated in track and field, swim team and basketball. His older brother, Daniel, a senior at Pacific Grove High School, was recently nominated by Sam Farr, Congressman for the 17th District, to go to the Naval Academy.

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Left to Right

Lillian "Sis" *Knowles* Nelson '42,

daughter Denise and granddaughter Allison

NEVER FORGET PROCRASTINATION IS A *HELPFUL HABIT*
That Saves A Lot Of Useless Work !!!

This story was first published in the Pacific Grove Hometown Bulletin in 2010. With the recent passing of Willie Neunzig '38 it seemed a perfect time to share it here in the KOII.

Our Town- Our People / Spirit of Pacific Grove
William Neunzig, Pacific Grove's Huckleberry Finn

By Al Saxe

The characters in John Steinbeck's novel "Cannery Row" came alive for me thanks to the recollections of William "Willy" Neunzig long-time PG resident. Now in his eighty-ninth year, Mr. Neunzig recently recounted to his grandson Mike his early days living in the Grove. William was born February 1, 1921 in Stockton, CA to William and Alice Neunzig. The Neunzig clan also included brothers Edward and Frederick. The family uprooted itself from Stockton in the early1920s and moved to Venice, CA The stay in Venice was temporary. It was not long until his father was once more looking for work and, a better life for his family. Willy's parents decided Venice was not the promised land and He and Alice once more loaded the family, with all of the possessions that would fit, onto a 1923 Chevrolet touring car, and headed north, not knowing where they would end up. William recalls the family stopping at many campgrounds along the way. It must have been a glorious adventure for the young boys. When the family arrived in Pacific Grove, William's parents were smitten and knew this was where they wanted to raise their family. William's father found work as a barber at Varien's in PG . Later he would take his barbering skills to a shop in Monterey. The family rented a house on 19th Street in PG and subsequently bought a house on Second Street for $2,500. William was five years old at the time. Growing up, he was known as "Willy." His most vivid memories involved his many paper routes which allowed him to ride his bike all over PG before school, delivering papers. He also remembers racing his bike down Trimmer Street (Laurel Avenue) eventually launching himself over the front handlebars. When he wasn't delivering papers, Willy and his friends loved going down to the tide pools to fish. He would bring his catch home for the cat. Camping sojourns with the family to Big Sur were also noted by Willy as highlight of his childhood days in the Grove. Another source of revenue for the young Neunzig was collecting lizards and frogs for Ed Ricketts, owner of the biological laboratory depicted in the novel "Cannery Row." Doc Ricketts would pay Willy five cents for each frog or lizard caught and 10 cents for the rare blue belly ones. Doc's children, Ed Jr. and Nancy Jane, were often Willy's playmates. He remembers them living over on 4th Street. He was best friends with Edwin Getz '38, who attended school with him from the first grade to Hartnell Jr. College. Ed is still living in PG. Willy's brother Edward '37 attended PG High School and was a star on the track team. He set either a high school or state record in the 880-yard dash. Another fond memory for Willy was buying firecrackers from Wing Chong, the Chinese grocer depicted in "Cannery Row." In the book his name was Lee Chong, but Willy Neunzig insists that the kids knew him as Wing Chong. William's grandson Mike, (owner of The PG Optometric Center), thought it was interesting that his grandfather had met some of the characters in Steinbeck's book and never really understood the historical significance of these relationships. William doesn't recall ever reading the book or meeting the author John Steinbeck. His job as a paper boy lasted for most of his childhood. Later jobs would be held at Fortier's Drug Store in Monterey and the Rankendor Funeral Home in Monterey. His assignment at the funeral home was to pick up the deceased in an ambulance and bring them back to the mortuary. Willy met his wife Dorothy at a Grange dance in Aromas. She was there with her mother as a chaperone. They married on New Year's Day 1943. Their honeymoon night was spent at his room in the mortuary. Unfortunately, a burglar interrupted their bliss, as did a call to pick up a body across town. Amazingly, the marriage survived the first night and is now in its 68th year! William and Dorothy, like William's parents, had three boys, Bill, David, and Tim. They also are the proud grandparents of Michael, Steven, Joey, Jessica, Eddie, Eileen and Glenn. A special thanks to William Neunzig for providing a living history of our town's golden years.

William "Willy" Neunzig '38 Bill Hyler '39 and
Norma *Wentz* Neunzig (wife of Ed Neunzig '37)

Close Up

By Taylor Jones
PGHS Knockout Correspondent

Skipping school, meeting kids from all over the country, and visiting Washington, D.C. for a week, who wouldn't want to go on the Close Up trip? But that's just half of it.

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This year the Close Up program provided over two hundred high school students from several states and Puerto Rico with the opportunity to enjoy a hands-on experience of how the American federal government operates. While we all learned (or in some cases forgot) the names, dates, and legislation taught in the classroom, a textbook really cannot convey the same sense of tangibility that visiting our nation's capital can. Information about Abraham Lincoln can be acquired in school, but ceases to be applied until you really climb the steps of the Lincoln Monument, reach the top, and after a deep breath, release a much-deserved "wow." And that's not all folks; we toured the city and received an education that would never be replaced.

The seven of us from Pacific Grove High School were grateful for our venture to Washington, D.C. and experienced a wealth of opportunities. Among these outings were visits to the presidential monuments, war memorials, the Capitol building, the Library of Congress, Ford's Theatre, and the Smithsonian Museum. One of my favorite stops was an overnight trip to colonial Williamsburg, where the buildings and atmosphere of the 1700s have been preserved. Here we went inside America's first governmental body, the House of Burgesses, and developed a greater understanding of how our country began. I thoroughly enjoyed Williamsburg because everyone there is dressed up like a colonist, acts like a colonist, and really makes you feel like you stepped in a time machine and dialed in 1770. By walking down the main drag, you can go inside the authentic stores and learn how the silversmith made their crafts pieces, how the printing press operated before industrial machinery, and even taste a sample of spiced hot chocolate or tea in the local tavern. Overall, Williamsburg provided for an educational contrast between the past and present governments of America.

As warm sunlight glazed the brand new Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C., I studied his message that "the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy." Appropriate for the Civil Rights movement when King made this statement in 1965, his timeless words are also entirely applicable to our modern world. Take for example the United States' seemingly endless debt, fight for democracy in the Middle East, and an economic downturn that has left roughly ten percent of American's without jobs in 2011. Each of these issues reflect the words of Dr. King, and as students gathered from across the country on Close Up we learned that our salient responsibility of becoming functioning adults in society is to cooperate and compromise with each other. No one will ever live in their dreamy Utopia, simply because everyone has a different view of what that ideal society should entail. Thus, we need not follow the example of the United States' current gridlocked Congressmen, but rather set the grounds for compromise like our Founding Fathers before us.

PGHS Close Up Students at the White House

Work crews cut wooden beams down as work continued on Monday to demolish the Del Monte Gardens in Monterey. A effort to recycle the valuable old wood beams has slowed the progress. The building is being torn down to make way for a grocery store.

Tyndall Brothers

Senior fullback John Tyndall will play his final college game on Dec. 28 when Cal faces Texas in the Holiday Bowl in San Diego.

Tyndall, a Pacific Grove product, has played in 11 games for the Bears this season, primarily as a blocking back and special teams demon. He has one catch for 13 yards and one carry for five yards.

Tyndall's younger brother Bill is a backup offensive lineman for the Bears, who closed the season by winning three of their final four games to earn a bowl berth.

Bill Tyndall '09

JUNIOR COLLEGE: Earned first-team All-Coast Conference honors as a guard in his lone junior college campaign ... picked up his school's top academic honor for athletes.

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected All-County and first-team All-Mission Trail League in each of his final two prep campaigns ... also a second-team All-State selection as a junior when his squad advanced to the Small School Central Coast Section title game and finished with an 11-2 record ... played tackle as a prep.

PERSONAL: Full name is William Collin Tyndall ... born March 23, 1991 ... parents are Lawrence and Cathleen Tyndall ... brother, John, is a Cal football teammate ... has a large collection of fish in a home aquarium ... major is undeclared but considering anthropology.

John Tyndall '07

HIGH SCHOOL: Selected to the All-Far West squad by SuperPrep after he led his team to a Mission Trail League title with a perfect 6-0 conference mark and an overall record of 10-3 ... rated as the No. 29 linebacker nationally and the No. 99 overall player in California according to Rivals ... named the Monterey Herald Offensive Player of the Year as a senior after rushing for over 1,500 yards with a county-best 28 touchdowns on the ground ... recorded eight 100-yard rushing games, including a single-game high of 183 yards ... added 165 tackles and 13.0 sacks on defense as a senior ... a first-team All-State selection during his junior campaign, leading his team to a perfect 10-0 regular-season record before falling in the first round of the state playoffs ... averaged over 14 tackles per game and was the Herald's Defensive Player of the Year as a junior ... rushed for 140 yards and five touchdowns on only 14 carries in a game during his junior year against Harbor High School ... also had 91 tackles, 3.0 sacks and a forced fumble on defense as a sophomore.

PERSONAL: Full name is John Lawrence Tyndall ... born July 7, 1989 ... parents are Larry and Cathy Tyndall ... brother, Bill, is a Cal football teammate ... a double major in the interdisciplinary studies Field and peace and conflict studies.

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PGHS Alumni, takes All American as a college sophomore.

During his senior year in 2009, at Pacific Grove High School, Nick Boggan went 11-2-0 in the league as a Breaker. At Cal Lutheran, during his sophomore year, the third baseman was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Rawlings Division III All-American Third Team. It's a huge honor. He's one of just three sophomores recognized by the ABCA, earning a coveted position on one of the three teams. Boggan was the only Cal Lutheran player to earn a start in all 40 games played during the 2011 season. He finished with team-high marks in nine offensive categories, and was one of only three batters in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) who ended the season batting .400 or above. He hit 10 home runs this past season. "It means I handled the ball well," he said."It was a lot of hard work." Going into his junior year, Boggan says the fall practice season was good for him and his team. Falling just one category shy of capturing the Triple Crown, Boggan led the conference with his 10 home runs and 45 RBI, finishing the season ranked second in the SCIAC with his .409 batting average, according to the Cal Lutheran website. Gaining the award give him more exposure, he said, sparking interest in the team as a whole and perhaps catching the eye of professional baseball scouts. He has received some letters from scouts, "but that doesn't mean I'll be drafted," he said, especially not in his junior year. But he's hopeful. The business major said that if he does not go pro, he would like to work in marketing in a sports involved position. He started playing baseball with T- Ball and continued through Pony League and in school. He also played basketball his freshman and sophomore years in high school, and football as a freshman, but baseball is his first love. His dad, Brad and mom, Carlyn had the certificate framed for him and no matter what the future brings, it's an honor that Nick Boggan will point to it with pride.

PGHS CLASS OF 1951

More than 51 members and guests of the Class of 1951 celebrated their 60th reunion at the home of Elva *Martignoni* Perkins on Friday, October 7, 2011 where they regaled one another with stories from years gone by, caught up on events of the year, and enjoyed the company of fellow Breakers.

Mary *McGuire* Alsop, Nita *Harris* Mehringer and Valerie *Smith* Compomizzo

What makes the Class of '51 so special is not only that they were celebrating the 60 years since graduation, but that they also collected donations to honor the memory of those 35 classmates who are no longer with them. All together, those who attended the gathering raised a substantial amount of money, which they donated to the PGHS Alumni Association for scholarships for future Breaker graduates.

Marilyn *Popovich* Brookman, Jerre *Jacobsen* Hutchins and Mary Lou *Boone* Hudson.

Many members of the Class of '51 also joined fellow members of the PGHS Alumni Association at the 50th Annual Reunion Dinner Dance the following evening and the Reunion Brunch on Sunday morning, both held at the Naval Postgraduate School.

The Class of '51 challenges other classes who are celebrating a reunion to donate money to the Alumni Association, whose sole mission is to support students at Pacific Grove High School by providing contributions to programs that enrich the high school experience and to provide scholarships to students who are continuing their education in college or vocational training programs.

Tom Rouch, Bill Riddell, Marilyn *Popovich* Brookman, Howard Worth, Betty *Burton* Campos and Dick Goblirsch.

BEST IN SHOW

P.G. local's film takes first at Santa Barbara festival

Film maker and Pacific Grove native Walter Matteson's "Pretty Old," a feature–length documentary on the 30th anniversary of the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant in Fall River, Mass., won first place Sunday for documentaries at the 2012 Santa Barbara International Film Festival.

Matteson, a PGHS '98 graduate, said he was inspired to make the film after seeing a backstage photo of contestants taken by award-winning photo–journalist Magnus Wennman at a photographers' exhibition in Copenhagen in 2007.

He filmed the 2008 and 2009 pageants, and took a year to raise funds to hire an editor.

"I had 235 hours of foot–age," Matteson said. "It took another year to edit."

He said he spent the past six months trying to enter the documentary in a film festival, and has hopes of screening it at the San Francisco and Santa Cruz film festivals.

The film follows four of 30 contestants ages 67 to 84 from across the United States and around the world who gathered for the contest, founded by Lenny "Low Price" Kaplan, who is featured in "Pretty Old." Eight pageant contestants were on stage for the awards presentations in Santa Barbara.

Matteson wrote, directed and produced "Pretty Old," with Sarah Jessica Parker as executive producer.

He attended Pacific Grove schools and competed in artistic roller skating at the old Del Monte Gardens rink with his sister, Chenoa, as a skating partner. They won several national and international championships in the sport.

Matteson said he didn't know as a student at Pacific Grove High School exactly what he wanted to do for a career, but his future came into focus after making a film — "Figures and Loops," about the "artistic roller skating cult" — with a friend at UC Berkeley.

"I always loved watching films . . . (but) that's what made me realize that this was the industry I wanted to work in," he said.

Matteson began directing and producing short documentaries in the San Francisco Bay Area, then moved to New York City, where he worked at the Tribeca Film Festival for two seasons.

With production company Radical Media, he worked with documentarians Joe Berlinger and Bruce Sinofsky on four seasons of the Sundance Channel show "Iconoclasts."

His next project, he said, is a documentary about the Heineken company, which will celebrate its bicentennial in 2014.

"We're telling the history and its modern age," Matte–son said. "It's one of the three biggest beer companies in the world, in 135 countries. I'm traveling all around, learning about beer."

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Editors Note:

Walter is a second generation PGHS graduate. We wish you all the best !

THEN AND NOW

Downtown PG 1940's

Downtown PG 2012

The picture on the left is from 1956. The boy in the cart waving is none other than our own Tom MacDonald '66. The pony and others are unidentified.

Salty and Joanie *Hyler* '68

☜ The picture to the left was taken in 1956 or 57 behind the Hyler's Aquarium on Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.
When I was in the third grade at Robert H. Down I got to bring Salty to school for Show and Tell. I sure was a popular kid that day!

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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I'm coming into my fourth year as your Knockout II Editor and it doesn't seem possible that three years have passed by. It's been rewarding and a frustrating position. But, the frustrations are mute in comparison to the rewards. I want to thank those of you who have sent me stories, pictures and comments, and ask that you keep them coming. And those of you who have thought after reading an issue, "I need to send Joanie a picture or a story, I say, YES, please do. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter. Besides, it makes my job easier, and we all know how we like to hear what our fellow classmates are doing.

The generous contribution from the Class of 1951 was gratefully accepted by PGHSAA. What a thoughtful endeavor. If all of us collected monies at each of our reunions for the alumni association I'm sure it could make an impact to PGHS's students. After all, we are here for them. The Board joins me in thanking the Class of 1951.

Someone sent this photo of one of the bears from the old Grove Theater. They sat on either side of the stage and when the theater burned down my Great Aunt Gertie *Ernst* '22 acquired them and put them in her side yard at 502 Granite Ave. I don't know who the girl is, does anyone out there know?

I'd like to thank all of you who have sent prayers, good thoughts & well wishes for Bill. March 3rd will be one year since he suffered a stroke. He's doing well. A bit slower, and a little more confused, but, in no pain, eating well and enjoying his lift chair!

All the best!

Joanie Hyler '68