THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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

March, 2015 Page One

President's Message



There are several things I learned, or was reminded of, while I was putting this issue together:

- 1. People are very generous.
- 2. There are a lot of people to whom PGHS,

and the PGHSAA, are extremely important.

- 3. Pacific Grove High School has produced, and continues to produce, a number of wonderful, talented people.
- 4. Those of us who were lucky enough to grow up here and attend Pacific Grove schools have some very special memories.

Take a look at our list of donors in this issue. Yes, this list reflects end-of-year giving, but still, this is a lot of donations! And people have made their wishes specific; note the donations to the Senior Yearbook Fund, which provides yearbooks to those students who cannot afford them; and the Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to deserving students. The PGHSAA Musical Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for those who plan to study music; other scholarships remember specific alumni. The Bill Hyler scholarship goes to a student who plans to study photography; the Olive Dean Hyler scholarship goes to a culinary student, and the Cynthia Peña scholarship goes to a future teacher.

Your Board of Directors has ended 2014 and started off 2015 by spending some of these donations; at its last two meetings, we have given the following to PGHS:

- \$500 to the choir to help with a trip to a choral workshop in Anaheim.
- \$250 to the Sports Medicine Program to purchase motivational materials for the

program's classroom.

- \$350 to the Art and Computer Class for a field trip to San Francisco. This grant was made possible by a donation from sculptor Dorothy Fowler '44. Students from Matt Kelly and Martha Tonkin's classes visited two art college campuses, and we received many thank-yous from the group—too many, in fact, to print them all!
- \$100 to the Associated Student Body leadership for the Hall of Fame Luncheon.
- \$1,000 to Lillian Griffiths' government class for a "Closeup" trip to Washington, DC.
- \$300 to the PGHS Newspaper Club to cover a set-up fee.

In addition, our Scholarship Committee, which consists of Lillian *Griffiths* '70 and Joanie *Hyler* '68, has started selecting students who will receive generous scholarship awards in May.

We again thank those of you whose generous donations make all of this possible, and those who give their time. You'll notice that our list of Directors on the next page has shrunk a little! Several of our board members have had to resign recently because of health or family problems; we thank them for the time they were able to give the Association. But their positions are now vacant, so if you live locally, please think about joining the Board. We meet just seven times a year. You're welcome to sit and listen until a need comes along that you are comfortable filling—I did that for almost two years! If you're interested, please contact a member of the *Knockout II* staff.

And if you can't give money or time, please think about contributing your news and memories to the *Knockout II*. There are some wonderful memories on pages 13 and 14 of this issue; we'd love to have more. Submissions via email and snail mail are both accepted.

Beth Genney '73



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Important 2015 Dates

2015 PGHSAA Board meetings are Thursday, Mar. 12; Thursday, April 9; Thursday, May 7; Thursday, July 9; Saturday, September 12; and Thursday, October 8. All meetings are at 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Grove Community Center. Regular board meetings are limited to board members only; the September Annual Meeting is open to all PGHSAA members.

A Friendly Welcome to Our New Members

Saundra *Brooks* Randazzo '65 Sandra *Kallerup* Deal '67 Patti *McNulty* '70 Sherry *Sherman* '75 Pacific Grove San Luis Obispo San Leandro Albany, OR

Returning Members: Glad to have you back!

Janice Shirreff Payton '68

1956 Howard James

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Thanks to Our Recent Contributors

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1946 Jane Emmons Cerney

IMO: Frank Allen Verney '45

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1954 Barbara <i>Tibbetts</i> Rust	Carmel		Nancy Louise Shammas '73	
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IMO: Gayle Marie Echols McDonal			IMO: Patricia "Pat" Coletti	
1957 Anna <i>Bruscas</i> Knox	Chapel Hill, TN		1979 Donna <i>Murphy</i>	Monterey
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1975 Bill Derowski Marina
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PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1939 Dick Gamble	Pacific Grove
1943 Thomas Gamble	Seattle, WA
1954 Bert Saunders	Monterey
1958 Sue McPhail Maruyama	Honolulu, HI
1959 Danny Aiello	Manteca
1959 Betty Bowman Jackson	Pebble Beach
1959 Alvina Cipriano Currall	Monterey
1959 Bonnie <i>Culp</i>	Carmel
1959 Nick Guzzi	Pacific Grove
1959 Judy <i>Shintani</i> Uyeda	San Jose
1960 Lorelei <i>Layne</i> Aiello	Manteca
1960 Robin Roberts Jenkins	Coos Bay, OR
1961 David Goff	Newport Beach
1962 Glen Berwick	Pacifica
1964 Dave Nelson	Oakton, VA
1966 Dale Lipp	Ventura
1965 Sharon Goulart LoManto	Monterey
1967 Robert Scardina	Monterey
1974 Cheri Fisher Schmidt	Hollister
1989 Ed DaSilva	San Jose

PGHSAA Musical Scholarship Fund

1957 Henry "Hank" Garcia

Pacific Grove

IMO: Raymond L. Washburn Faculty

IMO: Herb Miller Faculty

Class of '52 Remembers Scholarship Fund

1952 Jane Osgood Snibbe

Cloverdale



Nelson "Bill" Hyler '39 Scholarship Fund

1968 Claire *Schecter* Scofield 1979 Donna *Murphy*

Belvidere, IL Monterey

Olive *Dean* Hyler '40 Scholarship Fund

1964 Gail *Hyler* Redding 1968 Claire *Schecter* Scofield Belvidere, IL 1979 Donna *Murphy* Monterey

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1976 Jim Cain Pacific Grove 1977 Pamela *Verduin* Cain Pacific Grove

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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. However, keeping your contribution amount confidential does not preclude us from honoring your gift. We enjoy recognizing each member whose giving enables our mission to move into future generations. Also, although we may only publish 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 Pacific Grove High School and its students. Please accept our deepest thanks!

"In Memory Of" donations

are a wonderful way to commemorate the lives of friends, relatives, and faculty members, and to help us help students at Pacific Grove High School. "In Memory Of" donations are acknowledged in every issue of The Knockout II. Send your donation to the address on P.

2. Heartfelt thanks to those who have made these generous donations over the years.

July 12, 2014

Letters to the Editor

January 9, 2015

Hi, Beth,

I have shamefully neglected my Alumni dues, and while I do have a laptop, I don't have a printer. Could you advise me the best way to bring my dues current, and also provide any info you have for the 2015 Alumni Association party in October. Our class will be celebrating 55 years, and I think it's about time I attend!!! Joanie used to handle all this (maybe she still does?), but I saw your name on the web page! THANKS for any help, and I am REALLY looking forward to all the events in October!!!

Marian Marsh Fleming Cool & Nifty Class of '60 Via e-mail

Editor's note: Yes, Joanie Hyler does still handle subscriptions and mailing lists. We look forward to seeing Marian in October!

November 24, 2014

Dear PGHS Alumni Association:

Thank you so much for the donation of \$350 to pay for our transportation costs to San Francisco for this great field trip! We had a truly amazing time visiting the Academy of Art University and the San Francisco Art Institute on Tuesday, Nov. 11. We truly appreciate your generous contributions and wonderful efforts to make this trip rich, exciting, and memorable, as this experience gave everyone an up-close look at what higher education and careers in the commercial and fine arts fields look like today. We drooled over the studios and equipment that we saw, and we were wildly inspired by the artwork of the students and the professors. A common mantra during the day, at both campuses, was, "I SO want to go HERE!" It was a life-changing experience, and we do truly thank you for making it all possible.

> Sincerely, Martha Tonkin Digital Arts Instructor Pacific Grove High School

Hello Folks!

I want to renew my subscription to *The* Knockout II for the next few years. I am sorry that I do not have the last issue with the subscription form, but for some reason it grew legs and walked away. Anyhow, I know you will put this in the proper form, somehow, some way, and I will continue to get my awesome Knockout on schedule. Thank you guys so much for all the news and articles that appear in the paper. I share with so many others who have written over the years about what going to school and living in Pacific Grove has meant to them growing up. It was a fabulous experience, almost magical at times, and I think it continues to have that kind of effect even today. There is truly no place like it anywhere, and I can testify to that because I was a military kid (Navy) when I first moved there in the late 1940s. So many kids who were fortunate enough to go to school and graduate from PGHS can testify to that, too! Again, my many heartfelt thanks for all you do to keep us informed as to what is happening in this wonderful part of the world.

Hugs, Lucille Mills Franklin '56 Englewood, CO

December 16, 2014

Hi Beth,

I'm pretty sure I am remembering you were our backyard neighbor! I was reading the *Knockout II* and was thinking that an article I wrote for my national twirling organization last month might be of some interest to *Knockout II* readers, as when we were kids baton twirling was a big deal. Then I noticed the "Reporters Wanted" at the end of the safari article, and knew I needed to send the article to you. I left the main article the way it was written, but added to it as a bit of an explanation. I have attached the article and a couple of pictures (then and now).

Donna Schutzler McAtee '71 St. Helens, OR

Editor's note: Yes, the Schutzlers lived behind us, on Miles Avenue—our backyards were kitty-corner

from each other, if I remember correctly! See Donna's article and photos on p. 12. Thanks so much, Donna, for sending them.

December 16, 2014

Hi, Beth;

Thanks for the note in the December *KOII*President's Message about my new status as an Honorary Board Member. I'm so very proud of the fact that I can continue being a part of this wonderful group in this small way. It's been such a long, super time.

Way back before this great organization was started, many of us past PGHS students (including Dee *Litch* and her first husband Don Fry, my husband, Howard and I, Syd *Miller* and so many more class representatives) were invited by Gertie *Ernst* (the PGHS secretary for many, many years) to meet. We arranged to get together many times for over a year to gather as many fellow alumni names and addresses as possible, then send them invitations to join us at that first meeting, which we planned at Asilomar in April 1962. Now, we just had our 53rd dinner. WOW!

THE PACIFIC GROVE TRIBUNE AND PEBBLE SEACH GREEN SHEET

September 19, 1973

LOOKING OVER the "Dust Bowl," Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association's project for the past year, are, kneeling: Lucille Killingsworth Mann '37, Bob Humphreys '35; standing: Wynette Walker Cowan '41, Rita Hazeltine de Lorimier '48, Delores Brendel Litch '44, Don Partridge '43 and Dorothy Nielsen Eckerdt '35. Alumni installed new patio and benches. Association has scheduled 1973 reunion dinner-dance at Elks Lodge on Oct. 6.

Those attending that first meeting unanimously voted to organize, give us a name, and fully support the PGHSAA, and we elected our first officers. We've really grown and advanced over the years.

When Don Fry was 2nd vice president (he had to take over the president's duties as an alumnus from Southern California was nominated and elected from the floor to be president) and then 3rd president, he used to take Dee and me, as 2nd Secretary, to the Elks Lodge for lunch after each annual meeting, where we put together the news for our annual newsletter (at that time we printed, addressed and sent out only one newsletter per year). He emphasized, and Dee and I fully agreed, how great this association was, and that we should never, ever let it go. Dee and I took that to heart most sincerely, especially after Don passed away, and Dee worked continuously until she passed away. And I'm still trying my best to do my share actively to keep that promise we made long ago to the PGHSAA. During all these years, we've been active members and kept our promises to each other, as officers, board

members, committee chairs, and anything else we could ever do to help in any way.

Over the years, Dee Fry Litch, Howard, and now I have all been blessed by being named Honorary PGHSAA Board Members, which made us all so very, very proud of both the organization and ourselves. My husband, Howard, is also a past PGHSAA president. It means so much to me that this association has lasted so very long and is getting better all the time. The many new friends I've made while working with the PGHSAA, and getting to know them well during these many decades of PGHS history, truly serve as "icing on the cake." Believe me! I'm a very, very lucky lady!

> Sincerely, Wynette Walker Cowen '41

Obituaries

OCTOBER	
Robert King '49	Florence, OR
NOVEMBER	5955 B23144
Michael Gonet '85	Morgan Hill
Billy Weinstein '58	Paducah, NY
Diane Fosso Garneau '66	Carmel Valley
Claude "Ducky" Lewis '69	Seaside
Claire <i>Moran</i> Davidson '30	Monterey
DECEMBER	
Virginia "Toni" Schmidt Millington '39	Santa Fe, NM
Cherise Dunton Teeson '69	Boston, MA
Ladd McPartland '69	Darwin
JANUARY	
John Loughran '37	Lewiston, ID
Mike Ottmar Faculty	Pacific Grove
Leslie Swan Hover '64	Vista
FEBRUARY	
Frank Grant '51	Monterey
Ray Sparkman '66	San Jose

October

Robert John King, 83, of Florence, OR, passed



away Oct. 14, 2014. Born May 26, 1931, in International Falls, MN, he had lived in Oregon since 1998. He attended PGHS with the class of 1949. For many years, he owned Valley Woods and Barstools in Salinas. He was a devoted member of St. Mary's Catholic

Church Our Lady of the Dunes and volunteered for St. Vincent De Paul of Florence. He was a 47-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife, Salita *Morris* King '50, of Florence; daughter Susan *King* Hermens of Albany, OR; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Mae *King* Lingo '45 of The Dalles, OR. His son Robert '69 died in 2005.

November

Michael Adam Gonet of Morgan Hill died Nov. 6, 2014, at the age of 47. A Monterey County

native, Mike was born Dec. 28, 1966. He played several sports at PGHS, including basketball, where he was nicknamed the left-handed slammer; and football, where he was #23. After



graduating in 1985, he went on to the University of Irvine and earned a bachelor's in political science. In 1997, he earned a masters in accounting at San Jose State. Mike worked at Ernst & Young, and then at Linear Technology Corp., where he was

known as a private guy but with lots of joy and laughter to share. He liked to tease people with his sharp, quick wit. Mike was an eighth-generation member of a family dating back to the founding of Monterey with the 1770 Portola Expedition. He was directly related to many of the founding families of California. Survivors include his sister, Michele; mother, Sharon Gay Barr; and father Kazimierz Gonet. He was preceded in death by his aunt Sandra *Tanous* Stoval '56 and grandmother Alberta *de la Torre* Tanous '36.

William Joseph Weinstein, known as Billy Joe, died at a hospital in Paducah, KY, on Nov. 7, 2014. He was 76. Born Sept. 7, 1938 in Memphis, TN, he graduated from PGHS in 1958 and earned a bachelor's degree in music at Union University. From 1962 to 1964, Bill served in the U.S. Army as



a member of the 98th Army
Band at Fort Rucker, AL. After
his service, he taught music for
15 years at Vienna High School,
and then worked as a salesman
for a feed company and later for
an insurance company in Vienna
as an agent. Bill loved to farm

and had a great love of the land. He raised registered Black Angus cattle for many years. Known for his passion for music, he was an excellent vocalist and enjoyed dancing. He was a Mason, and a Methodist. Survivors include his wife Ann of Tunnell Hill, IL; daughter Ruthanne Lewis, three grandchildren; and siblings Samuel Weinstein, Rebecca *Weinstein* Veltman '58 of Hermosa Beach, and Glenda Hawkins.



Diane Elaine Fosso
Garneau, 66, died of liver
cancer on Nov. 11, 2014, in
Carmel Valley. Born on October
18, 1948, Diane graduated
from PGHS in 1966. Her love
for children led her to
Tularcitos School in the mid-

'70s, where she taught as an instructional aide for over 35 years. After school and during the summers, she often tutored children at her home. She loved her job and adored the children. Away from school, Diane loved the ocean, any sandy beach, angels, butterflies, lavender, rainbows, sea glass, and anything purple. Survivors include her husband Pete; two sons, Greg and Brian; two grandsons; her father, Arthur; and three brothers, Bill '64 of Palm Springs, Art, and Chris. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elaine, and her brother, Carl.

Claude Donald Lewis, 64, died Nov. 12, 2014, in Seaside. "Ducky" was born in San Francisco on May 2, 1950, and grew up in Pacific Grove, where he attended Robert H. Down, P.G. Junior High, and



PGHS with the class of 1968, graduating with the class of 1969. He played various sports throughout his school years, especially football, baseball, and track. He was a Boy Scout and sang with the Victory Temple C.O.G.I.C. Trumpeters. After

attending MPC, Claude became a general contractor, and he also worked for Termite Pest Control and was a courier for Loomis Armored Cars. He loved the outdoors and nature, including scuba diving, hiking, and duck hunting, along with cooking, watching old cowboy movies, and sports. Ducky never married, but he was close to his nieces, nephews, and cousins. Survivors include siblings Clyde "Doby" '68, Ronnie, Chris, Sharon "Penny" '73, Stephanie, Lisa, and Carmen. His sister Shirley '72 died in 2013.

Claire Moran *Davidson*, 102, died at her home in Monterey on Nov. 16, 2014. She was born in Sausalito on Feb. 7, 1912, to a prominent

San Francisco family. Her family settled in Pacific Grove, where Claire graduated from PGHS in 1930. She attended art school in Berkeley and



later married high school sweetheart William Fredrick "Bill" Davidson '30. Claire worked at the local movie theater and at the *Monterey Herald*, retiring in 1977 after more than 33 years as circulation secretary. Claire

enjoyed travel abroad, visiting family in England and Ireland, and touring art galleries, museums, cathedrals and historical sites on the Continent. Other pleasures included vacations in the Sierra, swimming in the Yuba River, playing Scrabble, mastering mental puzzles, and painting awardwinning pastel portraits. She was an excellent cook. Claire was beautiful, brilliant, adventurous, talented, gracious, and generous. She was predeceased by her parents and her sisters Cicely Chauvet, Camilla "Pinky" *Moran* Austin '31, and Mary *Moran* Bedell '35. Survivors include daughter Diana "Dee" *Davison* Osborn and Sheila Davison Bauen; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

December

Virginia "Toni" Louise Schmidt Millington died at the age of 95 in Santa Fe, NM, on Dec. 2, 2014. She was born in San Francisco on April 24, 1919. Her father worked as an operations manager at the American Can Company on Cannery Row. She graduated from PGHS in 1939



and attended Hartnell College. While raising five children in Monterey, Virginia was active in the PTA and her sorority. At the age of 85, she moved to Santa Fe to be close to her daughter. Virginia was a voracious reader, a gardener,

and an excellent cook. She was a 26-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children, Mary Dutton, Jeff Millington, and Michael Millington; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne and a son, Timothy.

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Cherise Yvonne Dunton Teeson died of cancer in Boston, MA, on Dec. 10, 2014. She was 63. Born Nov. 22, 1951, in Santa Paula, Cherise graduated from PGHS in 1969 and married Peter Teeson on December 21, 1974. They

lived in her home state of California until 1985, when the family moved to Vermont, where Cherise started her 28-year career at New England Federal Credit Union as a mortgage loan officer. She maintained a strong bond with all of her California relatives and planned many family reunions on both coasts. Her patience, kindness, generosity, and spirit touched many people. Survivors include her husband; three children, Ian, Tiffany, and Nicholas; and two sisters, Charlyne Gail *Dunton* Broderick '66 and Colleen Jay *Dunton* Campi '75.

Ladd McPartland was born on March 29, 1951, in Santa Ana, to John and Eleanor McPartland. He died peacefully in his sleep in Darwin, CA, on Dec. 20, 2014. Ladd was highly creative as a photographer, as a filmmaker, and in



the way he crafted his own life. After graduating from PGHS in 1969, he attended UCLA Film School, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1973. Many years later, Ladd completed coursework and projects to earn his masters degree in film. As an

undergraduate, he directed, shot, and edited a student film entitled *Stillborn* that was screened worldwide, including at the Cannes Film Festival, and earned him respect and recognition among the creative community. Ladd also worked extensively in the film industry as an editor and visual effects artist. At Industrial Light & Magic and Sony Imageworks, he contributed to films, including *Star Trek: First Contact, Look Who's Talking Now, Speed 2: Cruise Control, Jetsons: The Movie,* and many other theatrical features. Ladd for many years served on the Computer

Animation Festival Committee for the prestigious SIGGRAPH conference on computer graphics. He also worked in location sound and was boom operator on the HBO series *First & 10*. Ladd was beloved for his wry sense of humor and charmingly quirky approach to life. From early childhood, his uniquely creative sensibility astonished and amazed all who knew him and he remained true to his own vision of life until his untimely passing. Ladd is survived by his brothers Tam '66, Tip '67 and Tor McPartland and his sister Jan. His ashes will be scattered in his adopted home, Sebastopol, CA.

—Contributed by Tam McPartland

January

John "Sparky" Redmond Loughran, a native of Lingle, WY, where he was born Nov. 25, 1917, died Jan. 7, 2015 in Lewiston, ID, at the age of 97. When he was two years old, the family moved to



Pacific Grove, where John attended school and became captain of his high school football team and secretary of the student body. After graduating from PGHS in 1937, John worked at the city recreation department. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air

Forces in 1942, serving until his discharge from the 7th Fighter Wing in 1945 as staff sergeant. After WWII, he worked for PG&E until 1969, when the family moved to Idaho, where he worked for the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. John, a perfectionist, never realized how talented he was. He could, and did, build anything—houses, a bridge, a beautiful stone fireplace. He would collect bent and rusty car parts and turn them into beautiful, functioning Model A Ford automobiles. He loved to "tinker" in his shop and devoted his creativity to building bird houses and whirligigs and experimenting with grafting fruit trees. He was active in the Lewiston Crankers Antique Car Club and was a lifelong hunter and fisherman. John was a 40-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include two children, Thomas '69 and Linda; two

step-children, Edward Brown '57 and Richard Brown '58; 11 grandchildren; 41 great grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lillian; second wife Helen; daughter Jacquelyn '61, son Franklin '63, and five siblings, Catherine, Ellen, Joseph, Robert '34 and Mary '40.

Michael W. Ottmar, 69, died after a 15-year battle with Parkinson's disease on Jan. 23, 2015, in Pacific Grove. A loving and dedicated teacher, coach, and administrator who changed thousands



of lives over four decades as an educator in the PGUSD, Mike was born June 12, 1945, and began his career in education in 1968. Mike taught math and PE, and later became assistant principal at PGHS, then became principal of PGMS, followed by

becoming assistant superintendent for finances at the PGUSD. He moved on to the Monterey County Office of Education, serving as assistant superintendent for business services, and he also taught at Chapman College. His coaching career stretched from 1968 to 2008, including eight years when he served simultaneously as PGHS's varsity head coach in both basketball and baseball, and ran the offense for the football team. He was known for his cerebral approach to coaching, and he was respected as an innovator and strategist. Survivors include his wife Muriel; his sons Scott '88, Ken '92 and Ben '95; four grandchildren; and two brothers, Richard and Dave.



Leslie Ann Swan Hover, 68, died suddenly at her home in Vista on Jan. 27, 2015. Born Aug. 31, 1946, in Orange County to Russell and Gloria Swan, she graduated from PGHS in 1964 and moved to Vista in 1985. Her father was a respected local artist, known

for his Monterey Bay and coastal views. Two daughters survive her.

February

Robert Franklin "Frank" Grant, 81, a native of Pacific Grove, died Feb. 10, 2015. Frank was nearly the last of the well-known Grant family, his family arriving in Pacific Grove in 1905, when his



grandfather Alfred established a shoe store. Five of the six children went to PGHS. Frank attended PGHS with the class of 1951 but graduated from Monterey High. After graduating from San Jose State, Frank served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1954. He was an

instructor/programmer at MPC in the early 1970s, and he continued working in the computer and technology field in the Silicon Valley for 25 years. Survivors include his wife Madeline; his daughters, Linda *Grant* DeRuelle and Terri *Grant* Cowgill '77; one granddaughter; two greatgrandchildren; and his brother, Eugene Grant '42 of Chico. He was preceded in death by a son who died at birth, and by four step-siblings, Lucille *Laughton* Loeper '27, Alex Laughton '29, Dudley Laughton '31, and Kenneth Laughton '34.



Houston Ray Sparkman, 68, died in San Jose on Feb. 8, 2015. A native of Pacific Grove, Ray was born Dec. 29, 1946, raised on multiple Navy bases, and graduated from PGHS in 1966. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Ray retired from Sears

after 20 years as an automotive advisor. He was also a volunteer at Kaiser Hospital and enjoyed working in his vegetable garden, video gaming, and playing with his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Florence Consiglio and Houston Sparkman, and his sisters Joanne *Sparkman* Emery '61 and Cheryl Sparkman '67. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Chris Miele and Kathy Wyneken; his first wife, Kay *Moudy* Sparkman Tothero '67; and nine grandchildren.

The Monarchs' 40th Reunion

For those of us at PGHS and other area schools before the mid '70s, there weren't many opportunities to participate in sports the way women do today, so many of us twirled baton. All of us mentioned in this article started twirling when the high school majorettes went out to all the grade schools and taught us after school so we could march with our school bands in the annual Butterfly Parade. I fell in love with baton twirling and have now been twirling for 54 years. I was fortunate my daughter Kendra fell in love with twirling too and excelled in the sport, competing in five world championships and earning two gold medals in the team event and 6, 7, and 8 in freestyle twirling. I am hoping one of my three granddaughters will love twirling too, although they may choose another sport—rats. But I'm glad they have the opportunity. I wrote the article below for *National Twirl Magazine* last month. I hope it reminds many of you of a happy time in your youth. Maybe you have a baton tucked away somewhere, so take it out and give it a spin! —Donna *Schutzler* McAtee '71

Friendships Gained, Memories Shared, Love Given and Received!

The Monarchs of England, the 1974 U.S.T.A. Senior Small Twirling Team National Champion team, held a 40th reunion the first weekend of November in Carmel at the home of coach Jennie England, whose name, not the country, gave our team its name. We had reunions in the '70s, and over the years team members have connected with each other, but this was a full-on, all-team reunion, even though

one team member had to join in the fun by FaceTime for the two days.

Jennie England started a "Twirl Club" in Monterey that eventually incorporated our original Pacific Grove twirling group, the Boosterettes, and grew to over 200 members with clubs in all the surrounding towns. The Monarchs began twirling together in 1969 in Pacific Grove. We even twirled together at PGHS, along with additional twirlers from our corps. The original team members included (from left to right in the newspaper photograph at right) Debbie Larkin Rees '70, Dana Lee '72, Marilyn Peterson Elfes '74, Cindy Larkin DeAmaral '73, and me. The 1974 championship team included Pam



Moore Nyhart from Salinas because I got married in June and missed Nationals! We attended only four Nationals, in 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1974, and competed for a total of only six years, so it is surprising that we were so successful, qualifying for finals three times. We were all excellent in the strut event and were probably only good solo twirlers, but we all loved twirling on our team. For that time, our team was a bit different from everyone else, as Jennie emphasized blending baton and body and technique into our programs before it became the standard.

"Miss Jennie," as we called her, was not really into competition but into positive reinforcement and positive training methods. She wanted us to be excellent people first, caring and kind to each other, and finally good twirlers. Today, Jennie works as a life coach and never misses an opportunity to coach one of us in our life situations if the need arises.

I am the only one who has continued in twirling as a coach and judge, so everyone at the reunion had questions about current twirling and judging and who is still in twirling that they might know. They wondered what skills a championship team would need in their program today. I was able to

share with them DVDs of current twirling across the spectrum of events, some of which did not exist when we competed. They were impressed and amazed.

We also shared our memories, looked at scrapbooks, and twirled a little (we could still do a timed exchange within minutes!). We remembered the first Nationals we attended, in Milwaukee, when we went on our own without adult supervision—can you believe that? Jennie was pregnant and due just three weeks after Nationals,



At the November reunion: From left: Jennie England, Marilyn Peterson Elfes '74, Debbie Larkin Rees '70, Pam Moore Nyhart of Salinas, Donna Schutzler McAtee '71. Photo by Cindy Larkin DeAmaral '73

and somehow our parents did not object to girls aged 13 to 16 years old going halfway across the country on their own. Winning the Nationals in 1974 was the definitely the high point of our twirling careers, but more important, the performance was fantastic and the best we had ever done.

Of course, we discussed what being on the Monarchs meant to each of us. In a time before Title 9, which allowed girls on high school sports teams, our twirling team gave us the opportunity to learn how to work as a team, which was something that could be used in the job force. What was good for the group was more important than what each of us might have wanted. We learned how to handle new situations, and to work with twirlers and their parents in positive and encouraging ways.

Sometimes one of my friends asks me, "What's the point of being so dedicated to baton twirling?" I respond, "Why does your child play soccer (or whatever sport)? Probably for the same reason we twirl. It teaches life lessons that every child should grow up with to ensure a successful life as an adult." Twirling teaches dedication, perseverance, loyalty, working toward excellence, setting goals, time management, and building friendships and memories.

The Monarchs are now all plus or minus 60 years old, and if you examine our lives, you will see that Jennie England instilled the life lessons that prepared us to be champions in life. Five of us have been married only once. Five have raised, or are raising, successful children. Two are teachers; one is a bookkeeper, one works in human resources, one has done extensive volunteering and coached golf, and one suffers from a brain injury but continues to use the lessons learned in twirling as inspiration. The determination we learned as twirlers has guided us through the years, in our careers, with family, and in our community.

I would like to close with a quote from the original article about the Monarchs in *Twirl* in 1975, written by Jennie: "And now, as each Monarch goes her separate way, there is a persistent desire to share with others this special spirit which they enjoyed with each other. Long live the Spirit of the Monarchs! I'm proud they are—of England!" We were proud then and still are proud we are, of England—Jennie, that is!

March, 2015

Pacific Grove Memories

I Had a Moment By Mary Susan Taylor '68

I read in the KOII about the memories alumni have about Pacific Grove, and I share in those memories, regardless of the age of the classmate. There are some parts of Pacific Grove that are timeless. The sights change, the sounds don't.

Sure, the old businesses are mostly gone; even Holman's is said to be coming up for sale again. The traffic is irritating. The schools have changed over the years—burning down, being rebuilt, swapped, expanded and renovated, shrunk, and sold. The population has grown unimaginably, and housing has taken up every empty lot known to every Pacific Grove child.

Still, the only sound I can think of that is missing today is the unforgettable foghorn. My father used to pile the family into the car for the near daily drive around the beach. If he timed it right, he would have us all distracted and right in front of the foghorn when it blew. Never failed to excite screams and "Oh, Dad!" and much laughter.

What remains? The fog still creeps in and fades out. The waves still lap, nibble, and crash against the shore. The surfers are still at Asilomar. Ocean View Boulevard, from Hopkins Marine Station to the Beachcomber and back, is still the route around the beach at sunset and whenever you are entering or leaving on a Pacific Grove visit. Fewer in number, but still there, are the pines that embody the name of our town. The deer still graze at the cemetery and frolic in the dunes.

I was taking a photograph of a gravestone at El Carmelo Cemetery recently. Intent on my project, I was suddenly stopped cold by the essence of Pacific Grove. I could hear the waves in the distance. I could smell the pines above me. The fog was gently sweeping by. And the sounds of the breeze in the trees all combined to transport me to another time, anytime, all times. The essence of Pacific Grove enveloped me. I had a moment. It was wonderful.

A Saga of Smells By Phil Bowhay '47

Now stay with me on this. Starts as a sea story, of which I have many.

1954, aboard the USS Montrose, APA 212, steaming south off the coast of French Indochina, part of an operation to evacuate thousands of refugees from north to south (and that really is another story!) We had taken aboard maybe 2,500 at Haiphong, Vietnam, down river from Hanoi, to relocate near Saigon, the trip to take a little over three days.

To feed these people, who turned out to be very hungry, we had taken aboard several hundred pounds of sardines (possibly from Monterey!) along with rice and canned vegetables. Our ship's cooks, adept at most things, had very little experience with frozen sardines, and they decided it was best to boil them in the huge copper vats in the galley. All well and good for our guests, but the smell hung over the ship like a cloud. For me, when I closed my eyes, it was almost like home again, with Cannery Row at full throttle! The rest of the ship's company did not appreciate my nostalgia.

The point here is that certain smells, or odors, can take us back in an instant to times past, either



pleasant or not. In years past, Monterey got a rough rap— "Monterey by the smell," when indeed the smell of

pilchards being processed enveloped Pacific Grove as well. Even more on a foggy day. You can get used to almost anything, and we at least tolerated "the smell of prosperity." Fair to note here that the air in P.G. is usually the best in the world, fresh off the ocean, unused by anything else.

Even if we can't sniff something today, we can remember. Good grief, the high school dances in the Boy Scout Hall! From almost a block away on

Memories (continued)

Lighthouse, you could get a whiff of Tabu, Arrid, Mum, Old Spice, and, with a capital "S," Sweat. All part of Tommy Dorsey and Harry James. Three or four couples dancing slow, regardless of the records; shy boys lined up against the south wall; shy girls, pretending to be bored, against the north wall.

Back to smells...most homes on the Peninsula had a slightly musty smell, especially those with early Masonite interiors, distinctive but not unpleasant. Step into a vintage cottage today, take a breath, and you're back 80 years.

In those good old days you could walk down almost any street and smell bread baking. Some things seemed to be always with us, like the pungent smell of Vicks VapoRub, or wintergreen from the gym locker room. Going back a little, how about the sweeping compound that the janitors used, or the smell of the chalk dust when you cleaned the erasers?

I don't think barber shops smell the same today. If you got a haircut at Paul Varian's shop, complete with the barber pole, you'll never forget the combination of Bay Rum and shaving cream!

Walk by a smoke shop today—still a few around—and think back to Roi-Tan and Owl cigars, and the street smoke of a pipe. I think you can catch a breath of a Lucky Strike a block away, and aren't you glad you quit?

Something about the smell of a beach that brings a lot back. Suntan oil—just close your eyes on that one. And nothing quite like the smell of a hamburger cooking at a beach stand. The Grill at Lovers Point is classic, an icon. That burger you smell—just like the one you bought for sweet Sally 70 years ago—smells the same, tastes even better! And I'll bet sweet Sally still has the same scent today. Was it White Shoulders?

P.S. I have been advised that "scent" is preferable to "smell." So, from now on, it's "Monterey by the scent."

P.P.S. The Sock Hop in the P.G. gym had a definite scent!

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Nana's 100th By Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

Lucy Ventimiglia Gruwell celebrated her 100th birthday on February 10. Although Nana did not go to P.G. High, she has lived in Pacific Grove most of her life, and there is a lot of Red and Gold in her family, starting with her oldest son, my husband Jim Gruwell '56. Our children are Susan Gruwell Vordermark '76, Judy Gruwell Azevedo and Judy's hubby Steve '77, Laura Gruwell Urquidi '81, and Jim Jr. '86. Sadly, we lost Jim Jr. in February of 2002. Jim Sr.'s brother Richard was Class of '58; he died in 2010. Brother Clinton and his wife Susan were Class of '66. Granddaughter Carole Campo was Class of '70, and her partner Sally Rideout was Class of '78. Lots of PGHSAA members in this group, too! Nana says now she will work on her 200th birthday. It must be the great climate and the great people of Pacific Grove that have kept her going for so long. Happy Birthday, Nana!

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Former Librarian Bequeaths Almost \$200,000 to PG Schools

Georgia *Lyke* Sheltenham '37 has bequeathed the sizable sum of \$196,430.76 to three schools in the Pacific Grove Unified School District. Georgia died in November at her childhood home in Pacific Grove. She was born in Ithaca, NY, and was orphaned by the age of 9. Her aunt brought her to Pacific Grove by train to live with her maternal grandfather, General Edward Hinckley Plummer, whose regiments built the Presidio.

Georgia was a librarian all her life. After high school graduation, she obtained her AA degree from Hartnell College. Her first job was as a junior assistant librarian at the Pacific Grove Public Library, where she worked from 1941 to 1943. She left to assist in starting the library at Monterey Peninsula College. But she spent the majority of her working life at the Naval Postgraduate School, where she was the reference librarian. She also served many years as a PGHSAA director.

Georgia first met her husband, Captain Philip Sheltenham, when she was a senior in high school. But World War II intervened, and they were not to see each other again until 1978. The were married two months later and remained happily married until his death in 2006.

Three schools in the Pacific Grove Unified School District were gifted with checks in the amount of \$49,107.69 each. Georgia's will states that Robert Down School and Pacific Grove Middle School are to purchase "bound" books with their shares. Pacific Grove High School may use its share for capital improvements, facilities, or equipment. The athletic department at the high school also received a check for \$49,107.69. It is assumed Forest Grove Elementary was left out because Georgia did not attend that school.

Assistant Superintendent Rick Miller said that librarians and teachers will form a committee to meet and give direction on the spending of the money. There is no deadline specified in the will.

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2015 Reunion Plans

Class of 1960

Attention! All members of the Cool and Nifty Class of '60! Plans are underway for our 55-year reunion. Yes, it's been 55 years. Please save the dates: October 1-4. We have reserved Andril Fireplace Cottages' Rancho Reposo for our "hangout." If you plan to attend, it would be a good idea to make your lodging reservations ASAP. Andril has lodging, and there are three other places in the neighborhood: Pacific Gardens Inn, Rosedale Inn, and Asilomar. More details to follow. Contact Marabee *Rush* Boone, catraveller@yahoo.com.

Class of 1965

The Class of 1965 is planning its 50th reunion. On Friday, September 11, a mixer is planned from 6:30-?, location TBA. On Saturday, September 12, there will be dinner and music from 6-11 at the Monterey Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey. On Sunday, September 13, from 10:30-4 there will be a BBQ at George Washington Park in P.G. Contact Suz Alvin for info, suzalvin@comcast.net.

Class of 1970

The Class of 1970 is planning a weekend-long camping trip to Pfieffer State Park in Big Sur. Tentative dates are October 2 and 3. E-mail Jane Hammond Ruddick with suggestions! Jane@ququ2.net.

All-School Reunion

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni
Association's all-school reunion is tentatively
(read: most likely) set for the weekend of
October 3-4. Details will be announced in the
June issue of the newsletter. Plan to spend the
weekend in Pacific Grove to take in the Butterfly
Parade and the Historic Home Tour.

If your class is planning a reunion, let us know! E-mail Wynette *Walker* Cowen '41 at howyn@comcast.net with the details.

News of our Active Alumni

Recently, in a *Monterey Herald* competition, Rose *Russo* '76 was voted the county's Most



Favorite
Bartender. Rose
works at the
Golden Tee
Restaurant at the
Monterey Airport.
She has been a
very successful
bartender for
quite some time.
Her past
bartending has
been at Marie

Callender's in Del Monte Center and at Rocky Point Restaurant in Carmel Highlands. When Rocky Point changed ownership, Rose decided it was time for a change and started working for the Golden Tee. Not only is Rose a favorite bartender, but she is a Favorite Grandmother to Greyson and Callie, children of her son Jarrod, also a PGHS grad. A big congratulations to Rose, and if you are coming or going to the Monterey Peninsula by plane, be sure and stop by and say hello to the Most Favorite.

-Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

Ed Smith '71 was recently elected to the Monterey City Council. According to his web site,



Ed was born in Monterey and raised on the Monterey Peninsula. He married his high school sweetheart Sharron (in publicity photo with Ed at left), who graduated from Monterey High School, also in 1971. After graduating from MPC in 1973, Ed and Sharron were married

and went off to college. He graduated from Sacramento State with a BA in Criminal Justice in 1975. After several years, Ed returned to college, attending night school to work on his Masters
Degree, graduating in 1983 from Golden Gate
University with a Master's of Public
Administration in Federal, State, and Urban
Governance. He is co-owner of a leadership
training business and is involved with several
civic organizations. He had a 34-year career in
law enforcement, rising through the ranks of the
Monterey Police Department from police officer
to training officer to detective, sergeant, and
lieutenant. He also served for four years as a
division commander in Southern California.
He and Sharron raised two children in Monterey,
living in the same home for 34 years. Both of their
children graduated from Monterey High School.



After working at the Quail Lodge and other local restaurants for years, **Kevin Knox '78** decided he wanted to open his own brewpub and restaurant. But before he did anything, the Pacific Grove resident began learning

all he could about brewing craft beer. He started making beer at home and giving it away, but then he realized he needed something to pass on to his friends who either didn't drink beer or had children.

"I had always been a big root beer fan," Kevin said, so he tried his hand at making soft drinks as well. Using a trial-and-error method, he had a few notable failures before he found a root beer recipe that was successful. After having brewed over a hundred batches of root beer, Kevin realized he had found a non-alcoholic beverage that was well received.

To refine his brewing technique, Kevin took a few courses at UC Davis, and then he was ready to launch Sparky's Fresh Draft Root Beer. "At the time, there weren't too many gourmet craft root beers available, so this seemed like a pretty good idea," Kevin said. When it came to selecting a name, he settled on "Sparky" because that was

News of our Active Alumni (continued)

the name of his cat. Sparky was always "hanging around," checking on his owner while Kevin was



refining the root beer recipe. Once the name was decided on, an artist friend created a logo to complement the name.

Although reluctant to share the ingredients or actual recipe, Kevin did say that he sources the honey he uses in the brewing

process locally, and the birchwood roots he uses come from a special supplier in the Midwest.

Once he was ready for commercial production, Kevin found a commercial kitchen in Carmel Valley where he could do larger batches. The root beer is kettle brewed, and the process can take up to a week. Because it is a proprietary process, Kevin didn't go into details, but he said it was originally pretty much a one-man process.

When he was ready to launch the root beer, Kevin took it in five-gallon kegs to the Monterey farmers' market and sold the beverage by the glass. When it sold out quickly, he realized there would be a market for Sparky's.

Originally, he was storing the product in small kegs, producing about 25 kegs at a time. He continued to frequent local farmers' markets and also added a couple of restaurant accounts. "Everyone wanted the root beer in bottles," Kevin said, "So I knew I would have to respond to the requests." He started bottling by hand, but that wore thin fairly quickly, so the root beer entrepreneur found a craft beer brewery in Gilroy that let him use its equipment.

"That was a good deal for a couple of years until they went out of business," he said, "and then I had to switch to a brewery in Sacramento. Currently, my co-bottler is the Hermitage Brewing Co. in San Jose. I supply all the ingredients, and they handle the rest."

With production reaching about 6,500 cases, Kevin's gamble to focus on root beer instead of lager has worked out well. The market for Sparky's continues to expand. "This past year was our best year ever, so the future looks bright," Kevin said.

Although he does have a Monterey Peninsula storage facility, most of what Kevin produces is shipped to a distributor in Los Angeles. Kevin handles clients in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties, but his distributor handles the rest of California and the West Coast.

Kevin doesn't want Knox Brewing to be a onetrick pony. He wants to expand his offerings. "I've been working on a cream soda, but I'm not quite there yet," he said. "There are some other flavors I'm thinking about, too."

For now, Sparky's Fresh Draft Root Beer is doing so well that Kevin just wants to enjoy the ride. He'll add new beverages only when they meet his demanding quality standards.

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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.

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.

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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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Who Is It?

Thomas Beron '76 guessed that the two people sitting in front in our last photo were Chris Nance and Steve Harvey '72. He was about five vears off. Our Dec. photo was of the 1967 PGHS Knockout staff: Chuck Forbes and Charles Newman, Sports Editors; Michelann Garrison, News Editor: Walter Irish, Editor-in-Chief; and Charlene Thomas and Cheri Min, Editors.

Here's another "Who Is It?" photo, a grammar school photo that Joanie Hyler came across, with, oddly, no classroom information. If you can identify any of these kids, e-mail the editor at bpenney@sonic.net.































