

# THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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

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## President's Message



As I write this, the huge Soberanes fire just south of us has burned more than 80,000 acres, reaching south to Big Sur and east to Cachagua and Tassajara.

Smoke from the fire has choked the Salinas and Carmel Valleys for a month. Here in Pacific

Grove, we have had only a couple

of days of smoky morning air as the wind shifted and blew the huge plume of smoke from the fire over us. My sister Jeanne Penney Mileti '74, her husband Mark, and their six cats had to evacuate from Cachagua, not because of evacuation orders (they are on the lower part of the road that was evacuated), but because they were smoked out! They brought all of their artwork and valuables and lived with me for several days, their cats sulking in my garage because my three wouldn't share the house. They've all gone home now, but they still need to run air purifiers and fans to be able to breathe.

Since it started July 22, the fire has had the effect of bringing communities together, and Pacific Grove is no exception. Stores are offering discounts to the firefighters who come into town on their breaks; the shift is supposed to be 14 days but many of them have been here longer. Four young Cal Fire employees from San Luis Obispo who were in my hair salon on Forest Hill the other day said they had been on duty for 18 days (I let them all go ahead of me even though I had an appointment).

People are holding garage sales to benefit the firefighters and the families who have lost homes (57 homes were destroyed soon after the fire started in the Soberanes and Garrapata areas near Carmel Highlands), the Monterey Bay Aquarium held a benefit event and raised \$140,000, and the Lucky store at Country Club Gate Shopping Center is making collections for the American Red Cross, printing donation amounts on grocery receipts.

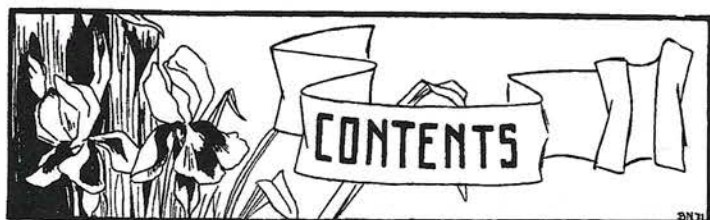
"Thank you, Firefighters" signs have popped up all over town. It's heartening to see the support and the goodwill shown toward our neighbors to the south and east, and toward those helping them.

The fire is expected to be contained by the end of September, so we hope that by the time you read this, it is close to being out. Classic Car Week went ahead as scheduled, although the annual drive down the coast was re-routed, as Highway 1 was closed and PG&E shut down power lines near Big Sur to ensure the safety of the firefighters. This has been a particularly cool, overcast summer, which has been both good and bad for the firefighters (it helps with the heat, but fog has hampered planes and copters), and we are looking ahead to sunny October days and our annual reunion; see the reservation form on P. 23 for details. And, our Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, September 10, at noon at the Pacific Grove Community Center, at 515 Junipero in Pacific Grove. All PGHSAA members are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting if you're in the area. We would love to encourage a few more of you local folks to join the Board.

Meanwhile, our scholarship winners are heading off to college campuses across the country; read about them and their accomplishments on P. 17. The Class of 1956 has already held its 60th reunion, and photos of that august group appear on P. 19. Other reunion news appears on P. 21. Our "Active Alumni" feature continues to inspire; it's always good to know what PGHS alumni are up to. And we are again grateful to Phil Bowhay '47 for allowing us to reprint two of his columns from the *Herald*.

Thanks also to all of you for making our scholarship awards possible, and for your many contributions to this newsletter, which hopes to reflect the community that this newsletter represents: Pacific Grove, its high school, and the people who love them both.

*Beth Penney '73*



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### Important 2016 Dates

The PGHSAA Board of Directors meets on the following dates in 2016: September 10, and October 13. The September meeting is the annual General Membership meeting and takes place at noon. All other meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are at the Pacific Grove Community Center unless announced otherwise. Prospective board members are welcome!

## A Friendly Welcome to Our New Members

Jim Edwards '61	San Francisco
Michael Dirk '77	Hercules
Jen Boggess Bryant '96	Cincinnati, OH

## Returning Members Glad to have you back!

Velma Peña Cummins '73	San Carlos
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## Thanks To Our Recent Contributors

1973 Velma Peña Cummins	San Carlos
1954 Myra Jackson Machado	Chiloquin, OR
1996 Jen Boggess Bryant	Cincinnati, OH

## "In Memory Of" Contributions

1949 Jayne Dix Gasperson	Pacific Grove
IMO: Donald "Don" Gasperson '47	
IMO: Robert "Bob" Woodruff '47	
IMO: Francis "Joe" Sieve '49	
IMO: Kathleen "Kathi" Lewis DeMaria '49	
IMO: David Gasperson '59	

## Senior Yearbook Fund

1977 Michael Dirk	Hercules
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## PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1956 Jon Olivetti	Baldwin, MO
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## Letters

Dear PGHS Alumni Association,

I would like to express my extreme gratitude for your generous scholarship. I feel very honored to have been chosen to receive the Beverly Wilson Stillwell Scholarship and very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Rachel P. Biggio '16

Dear PGHS Alumni Association,

Thank you greatly for your generous scholarship gift. In my education at Monterey Peninsula College over the next two years, I plan to continue extensive music studies and will use this award well.

David Twohig '16

Dear PG Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for awarding me with a scholarship! It will truly make a difference for me and my family next year. Thank you for recognizing my efforts in high school! All the best.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Wagner '16

Dear PGHS Alumni Association,

Thank you so much for awarding me the PGHSAA Scholarship. I am honored to have been chosen, and will do my best to ensure that I get the most out of the education that you have so graciously helped me attain.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Jewel Loh '16

Dear PGHSAA,

Our graduates, parents, and volunteers thank you for your generous contribution. Without your help, our event would not be possible. Thanks for your support.

The Sober Grad Night Committee

Dear PGHS Alumni Association,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for the scholarship of \$1,000. Your generosity has come as a blessing to my family because you have significantly lightened my financial burden. I am incredibly happy and appreciative that now I will

*"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.*

## Letters (continued)

be able to focus my efforts on learning and growing in college this fall. Your financial help has inspired me to dedicate myself to my studies and to give back to the community. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,  
Paula Rueda '16

Joanie,

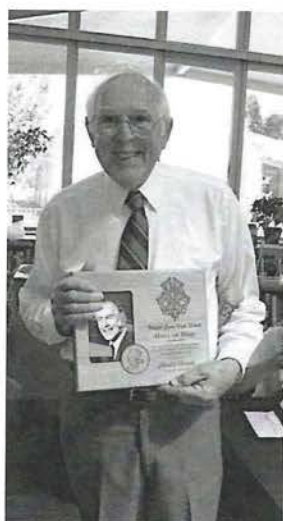
Thank you for this opportunity to repurchase a copy of my 1977 yearbook. The earliest I'll be able to drive down to Pacific Grove would be Tuesday July 19. Thanks again for being there for this yearbook. I believe this is the type of thing Facebook was meant for.

Michael Dirk '77  
Hercules

*Editor's note: The Association has a limited number of extra yearbooks that can be sold to alumni. We do not have copies for all years. E-mail Joanie, Joanie@pghsaa.org to see if yours is among them.*

Dear Beth,

I came home from a jaunt to Southern California to find the newest edition of the *Knockout II* waiting



Coach Charlie Howell  
receives his award in 2007

in the collection of missed mail. I sat right down to enjoy it as I always do. While I am well aware that mistakes slip by, imagine my disappointment to find that my dad's name had been omitted from the list of the 2007 Hall of Fame honorees, the first year that these accolades began. Charlie Howell was a teacher, coach, and athletic director at Pacific Grove High for nearly 35 years and he was thrilled, at nearly 90 years old, to receive this honor. His

coaching and teaching touched hundreds of lives in a positive way. He had many winning seasons in

football and basketball and championed programs for female athletics before Title IX became law. I had a speech all prepared on the day of the awards in case Charlie decided he was not up to addressing the entire student body at PGHS but he walked up to that podium and spoke with conviction, love and humor about the job he had loved so much. Charlie passed away on April 30, 2012, at age 94, and I am certain that one of his most valued memories was the day he became part of PGHS's Hall of Fame. My siblings, Steve Howell '67, Bobby Howell '70, and Suzanne Howell Candela '72 and I are hopeful that his name will find its proper place the next time that the *Knockout II* is published. Thank you for all your hard work and for being at the helm of the PGHSAA.

With best regards,  
Charlene Howell Lowery '65

*Editor's note: Thanks to Charlene for her letter and the great photo. If you receive the newsletter via e-mail, please make sure you have the most current version of Adobe Reader in order to view the .PDF file that Joanie sends. It turns out that some of you who receive the newsletter this way are receiving pages that mysteriously "roll up" at the bottom, and we were able to trace some of the reports of missing names from the Hall of Fame list to this problem.*

Dear Beth,

Yes, [the June "Who Is It?" photo] is an easy one for me. Standing is Ray Washburn (Betty Washburn Finale '58's father), the band teacher, and sitting is Mr. Dill, the voice and chorus teacher (I don't remember his first name). I spent four years under Mr. Washburn, and in my senior year ('56) he nominated me as President of the Band. We had a very active schedule, marching in parades and each year traveling up to Berkeley to the UC Band Day activities, which as I recall, was a big deal—possibly opening my interest in the opposite sex. During my freshman year, on the way up to the game, I sat up in front of the bus next to my old pal, Ron Bain. But as the day unfolded, I discovered that the Junior and Senior girls were far more friendly than I could possibly imagine. So on the way back after the game, I was invited to sit in the back, entertaining the mature girls, exchanging jokes and throwing out

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wisecracks. I was in heaven! I'm not sure if I ever thanked Mr. Washburn for this introductory experience!

*Michael Bowhay '56  
Pacific Grove*

Hi Beth!

This letter is on its way to you. Why? Don't know who handles an address change. The only change is the room number. It should be Apt. 129. What brought me to the Terrace of Roseville was two heart attacks plus a collapsed lung. Doing much, much better now. At my age, 89, not much left to go wrong. Sure do miss P.G. High. The old school was OK, but the new one is as good and perhaps better. My stepdad, Erwin Dames, did a lot for the streets, sidewalks, and sewer systems. No doubt whoever is City Manager now has done many fine things as well. Pacific Grove will remain in my heart—the ocean, cool breezes. Sacramento, with temperatures of 104, is not even for the birds!

*My very best to all,  
Marion Butera Matteson '45  
Roseville*

*Editor's note: You can always send address changes to Joanie Hyler at the address on P. 2.*

Dear Beth,

Last October, the class of 1950 had their 65th reunion, and it may be their last. Elveira Anderson Messersmith and hubby Jim again put on a memorable and fun get-together. Bill Larkin retained his title of "Most Distinguished Looking," but had stiff competition from Richard Stillwell. The flamboyant Myrtlerose Craig Custer was notably absent. Prior to the reunion, my wife and I had just completed another trip, this time to southern Peru and Bolivia. I have enclosed a story and photos of this trip for the newsletter (see P. 13).

*Sincerely,  
Terrell Moss '50  
Roseville*

Hi Beth,

I would like to make mention that my brother, Larry Bruscas '52, is in Hospice and has anywhere from now to six months to live. Both Larry and Angelo were well known in PG schools, having graduated from both grammar and high school. At one time they were the only two brothers who had letters in every sport at PGHS. Angelo (deceased) was in the class of '50. Both of them came to the reunions and kept in contact with many of their classmates. Larry has an inoperable dissecting aorta and kidney failure. For those classmates who would like to send cards, his address is All Around The World, 2125 Park Ave., Snohomish, WA 98290. I really enjoyed the recent *Knockout II* with the article about the Forest Hill Hotel. My father, Col. A. M. Bruscas, was the manager of the hotel for years. Both of my brothers worked as bellhops, and my sister was a waitress there. I met many of the movie stars who stayed there while my father was manager, e.g. John Agar, newly married to Shirley Temple; Betsy Drake, married to Cary Grant at the time; Robert Montgomery; Marta Toren; Richard Egan; and John Lovejoy, just to name a few. Thank you all for the devotion to Pacific Grove Alumni. We appreciate your hard work in keeping us all in touch and the memories of happy days at Pacific Grove schools. Although I live in Tennessee now, I have never forgotten what a beautiful, peaceful town Pacific Grove is and will always be.

*Have a great day!  
Anna Bruscas-Knox '57  
Chapel Hill, TN*

*Editor's note: We told Anna that we attended David Avenue with Angelo III, and she replied: Angelo III is the son of Angelo Jr. and he did attend David Ave. along with his sisters Anita and Annette. He now lives in WA and at one time was the sports editor for the Post Intelligence newspaper and has numerous sports news on ESPN. He now edits a newspaper in Ocean Shores. Anita is a school teacher in WA. I attended all Pacific Grove schools from first grade at Pine Avenue and went to PGHS through the start of my senior year. My parents sold our home in P.G. and bought a home in Monterey. Unfortunately, Mr. Dunipace would not let me attend PGHS, so, sadly, I graduated from Monterey High, but P.G. has always been my school!*

## Obituaries

### MARCH

Bill Jones '53 Sierra Vista

### APRIL

Maurice Dastrup '45 Santa Clara

Pete Watkins '62 Monterey

Daniel Chauvet '53 Watsonville

### MAY

Margaret "Sis" Giles Strangman '40 Auburn

Nick Souza Faculty Carmel Valley

Carmen Rubio Meagher Pacific Grove

Loren Redington '51 Redwood City

Anita Varien Kavanagh '42 Pacific Grove

### JUNE

Teresa Bible Shell '75 Clovis

Thomas Millette '66 Monterey

Mary Moss Phipps '64 Chewelah, WA

Don Chaney '52 Salinas

Paulina Pulliam McGill '44 Danville

Dorothy "Dottie" Sackett Smith '41 Sacramento

Frances Maas Raymond '33 Salinas

### JULY

Bob Nichols '69 Carmel Valley

### AUGUST

Thom Steinbeck '62 Santa Barbara

### MARCH

**SFC William Henry Jones**, 80, died March 20, 2016, in Sierra Vista, AZ, his home of many years. He was born Feb. 14, 1936, in Athens, AL, and his



family came to P.G. in the early 1950s. He graduated from PGHS in 1953. William served in the U.S. Army for 21 years, a veteran of the Vietnam War. He earned many awards, including the Bronze Star and a Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

Survivors include a son, Rodney; two daughters, Jackeline and Mishell; five grandchildren; and two siblings, Ronnie and Judy. He was preceded in death by his son Ron '73.

## APRIL



### **Maurice DeLoy "Doc"**

**Dastrup**, 88, succumbed to COPD in Santa Clara on April 5, 2016. Born Oct. 21, 1927, in Ogden, UT, his family moved to California in 1940; he graduated from PGHS in 1945. He joined the U.S. Army in 1946, and after his discharge he

attended Hartnell College before becoming a plumber in 1948. Doc received his 65-year pin from the Local Union 393, Plumbers and Steamfitters, earlier this year. Most of his career was with Ray L. Hellwig Plumbing & Heating in Santa Clara. He was the foreman on many commercial projects, including H-P Building 42, the Santa Clara Convention Center, and Marriott's Great America. He loved fly fishing and building radio-controlled model airplanes after retiring in 1989. Survivors include his daughters, Janet, Susan, and Dione; his first wife Helen; his second wife Meg; three stepchildren; and his brother Larrie Dastrup. He was preceded in death by his parents, and by his infant sister Patricia.



### **Peter "Pete" Haines Watkins**

passed away in Monterey on April 9, 2016. Born in Alameda on September 27, 1943, he graduated from PGHS in 1962. Pete worked for years as a meter reader for PG&E. He did landscaping and was into import sales for 30 years. His hobbies

were going to the beach, animals, and nature. He is survived by his daughter Tammy Wick of Oregon, sister, Eloise Watkins Guidara '70 of P.G., three grandchildren; and one great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Dennis '55.

**Daniel Edmond Chauvet**, 80, died in Watsonville on April 21, 2016. Born Aug. 31, 1935, in P.G., he graduated from PGHS in 1953 and later from Oregon State University. Dan became a licensed pilot in 1958 and began his aviation career in Boise, ID. In 1969, he took a job with Golden West Airlines and moved back to P.G. In 1971, he

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moved to Watsonville to work for Granite Construction as chief pilot and flight instructor until he retired in 1996. Diagnosed with distal muscular dystrophy in 1988, Dan served on the County Disabilities Commission. A member of several aviation organizations,

he assisted with local land use planning and airport fiscal viability. He was a five-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife, Sarah Marie; and three children, Maurice, Gerald, and Eileen.

### MAY



**Margaret Ann Giles Strangman**, 94, died in Auburn, her home of many years, on May 11, 2016. "Sis," as she was long known, was the last of her generation of the pioneering Giles family of P.G., the daughter of Russell and Margaret Varien '14 Giles. Sis

graduated from PGHS in 1940 and later attended Hartnell Junior College. Over her lifetime, she owned a grocery store, worked short-term jobs, ran a lawn service company, and opened her own real estate business. After retirement, she traveled the world, visiting many countries in Europe, Asia, and Central America. When she finally settled down, she helped design her own homes in the Auburn/Grass Valley area. She loved to read the Bible and any book that helped her faith grow. Survivors include her children Richard Kiger, Mary Hunt, Christine Schoonmaker, Leigh Ann Johnson, and Cynthia Oberman; nine grandchildren; and 10 great grandchildren. She was a 48-year member of PGHSAA. She was predeceased by her parents; her brothers, Bill '37, Bud '39, and Joe '42; and her husband, Dr. William Strangman.

**George Nicholas Souza**, 80, died in Carmel Valley on May 18, 2016. Born June 10, 1936, Nick was well known as radio voice Nicolas G on KIDD and as a theater, video, and cinema teacher at PGHS,



MPC, and CSUMB. He was an actor, screenwriter, and director of videos and films throughout his life. He spent 10 years with the Monterey County Film Commission, serving on the board and as president. Nick loved his family and his home, playing his ukulele, traveling, and riding his motorcycle. Survivors are his wife Nancy Souza, and his children and grandchildren.



### **Carmen Rubio Meagher**

died May 22, 2016, at the age of 97. Born Jan. 19, 1918, in Mexico, Carmen came to P.G. with her mother and brother in 1930. Carmen attended the San Carlos School and PGHS with the class of 1945, as well as taking courses in business

college. She became an avid artist in her teens and received a scholarship with the Carmel Art Institute, enjoying painting in oils, landscapes, seascapes, still life, portraits, pastel portraiture, ceramics, enameling, lost wax silver casting and jewelry making, and later painting huge theater sets and backdrops, especially for the local Patricia Ramsey dance school performances. She was a 26-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her children John '65, Margaret Meagher Oxford '66, Karl '69, and Robert '72, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild. She is predeceased by her parents, Carmen and Abel Rubio; brothers Daniel, Luis, and Arthur Joseph Rubio; husband James Albert Meagher '37; and son Frederic.



### **Loren Oliver Redington,**

88, who never fully regained his health after an infection nine years ago, died at home on May 29, 2016, in Redwood City. Born Oct. 4, 1933, in P.G., Oliver graduated from PGHS in 1951 and San Jose State in 1956. He earned a living in

education and sales before his retirement in 2002. He

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was a 21-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his wife Ethel; two daughters, Linda Redington and Cynthia Redington; and one granddaughter. He was predeceased by his brother Albert '44.

**Anita Esther Varien Kavanagh**, almost the last survivor of her generation of the prominent Varien family in Pacific Grove, died May 29, 2016, in P.G. A native of Pacific Grove, Anita was born Jan. 8, 1924, to Charles '10 and Alice Varien. Anita was a classmate of the class of '42 and was a loving wife and mother. Survivors include her children Charles and Robert Coopersmith-Kavanagh, Anita Kavanagh Meadows, and Joseph Kavanagh; her sister Helen Varien Brown '48 of Pioneer, CA; seven grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. Anita was preceded in death by her siblings Charles "Buster" Varien '38, Alice Varien McNulty '39, and James Varien '43; and her husbands, Frank Coopersmith and Donald Kavanagh '43. Her great-aunts and uncles were all graduates of PGHS: Frank Varien '11, William Varien '14, Margaret Varien Giles '14, Paul Varien '19, Ester Varien Augustine '21, Marina Varien Chivers '22, Elizabeth Varien McCoy '23, and Evelyn Varien Douglas '30.

## JUNE



**Teresa L. Bible Shell** passed away June 22, 2016, from complications with Goodpasture Syndrome. Teresa was a classmate of the PGHS class of '75. After graduating from Carmel High, Teresa married Charles Shell and lived in Clovis for many years. She was an avid

animal lover and loved being a mother to her daughter. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles.

**Thomas Raymond Millette**, 68, died June 2, 2016, of complications from a heart attack and stroke. Born Feb. 2, 1948, he was a native and life-long resident of P.G., graduating from PGHS in 1966. While still in high school, Tom began his career as a meat cutter, working at Forest Hill

Market, and continuing in various markets on the Monterey Peninsula, including Monte Mart,



Albertson's, and Valumax, until his retirement. Tom enjoyed watching boxing, NASCAR, and Indy car races on TV. He was also an avid fisherman and spent many days on Monterey Bay fishing for rockfish and salmon. Survivors include his wife Gay Davis Millette '66; two sons, Jeff and Gregory; sister Donna Millette Carr '64; two brothers, Arnold Millette '70 and Larry Millette '72; and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Jerry Millette '57, Ellen Millette Winiecki '63, and Elizabeth Millette.



**Mary Anne Moss Phipps**, 70, succumbed to cancer at her home in Chewelah, WA, on June 2, 2016. Born May 6, 1946, in American Falls, ID, Mary Anne's family moved to P.G., where she grew up and graduated from PGHS in 1964. She later related fond memories of childhood, learning to swim in the icy ocean water and camping with her family at Big Sur every summer. After high school she attended Ricks College in Idaho. As a military wife, Mary Anne lived all over the U.S., from Alabama to Alaska, later retiring in WA. She had an infectious sense of humor and a creative mind, loved gardening, and was a master gardener. Survivors include her husband, William E. Phipps Jr.; 10 children, Stephen, Laura, Daniel, Jennalee, Deborah, Rebecca, Melissa, Clifford, Robin, and Katherine; 41 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Calvin Moss '63; and sisters, Carol Ingersoll Prolo '56, Virginia Ingersoll Parkes '61, Barbara Ingersoll Moore '63, Wendy Ingersoll, and Diane Ingersoll.

**Donald Eugene Chaney**, 83, died June 5, 2016, in Prunedale. A native of Salinas, Don was born May 6, 1933, and graduated from PGHS in 1952. After serving four years with the U.S. Air Force, Don married his high school sweetheart, Marie F. Hendricks '52. A doting father, Don coached

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numerous sports and was involved in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Little League, and Pop Warner Football. He also loved fishing, camping, and boating and was a master gardener. Survivors include his wife Marie of Prunedale; six children, Don, Denise, Susan, Janice, Cindy and George; 17 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. His son Byron died in 1986.

**Paulina Muriel Pulliam McGill** passed away peacefully at her long-time home in Blackhawk, CA, on June 11, 2016. She was 88. Born Sept. 30, 1927, in Brooklyn, NY, Paulina grew up in P.G., where she graduated from PGHS in 1944. Paulina was a well-respected real estate agent in the East Bay, serving as the vice president and co-owner for John M. Grubb. As a pioneer for women in real estate, she was the first woman manager of a real estate office in Contra Costa County. She was also a founding



member of the Women's Council of Realtors and the Contra Costa Board of Realtors Scholarship Foundation, an Ambassador for the Danville Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Blackhawk Automotive Museum Guild, Blackhawks

Women's Club, and Blackhawk Republican Women. For 16 years she volunteered for San Ramon Valley Hospital. Paulina will always be remembered for her elegant clothes, her beautiful jewelry, her distinctive glasses, her little red car, and her love of champagne. She was a 46-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include her brother Bill Pulliam '51, and two step-daughters, Pamela McGill and Cynthia McGill Aligo '64. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellis Page Pulliam '15 and Carmen Padro Pulliam, and husband, Kenneth McGill '44.

**Dorothy Valance Sackett Smith**, 93, died of congestive heart failure in Sacramento, on June 13, 2016. Born April 2, 1923, in Pollock Pines, Dottie



attended PGHS with the class of 1941. After graduating from American River College, she began teaching, directing, and ultimately owning her own preschool in 1977, known as Dottie's Christian Preschool. She retired in 1988. She was a member of Trinity Life Center.

Survivors include three children, Lee Smith, Judy Smith Allen, and Jo Annetta Terska; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Gale Smith in 1995, and by her siblings, Elmer "Leo" Smith '39 and Inez Sackette Gromer.



**Frances Mae Maas Raymond** died in Salinas on June 30, 2016, at the age of 100. Born Aug. 31, 1915, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, Frances eventually settled in P.G., where she graduated from PGHS in 1933. She attended what was then called Salinas J.C. for six months and

then worked for Bell Telephone Co. as an operator in Carmel. She worked as school secretary for 18 years at Tularcitos Elementary School. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Raymond '28. She was a 42-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include three children, Jeff, Neil, and Muriel; 9 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

## JULY

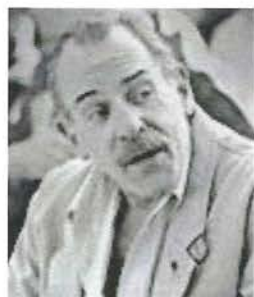


**Robert Alan Nichols**, 65, died at UCSF Medical Center on July 28, 2016. Born in San Francisco on Jan. 29, 1951, his family relocated to P.G., where Bob graduated from PGHS in 1969. After a brief stint in the US National Guard Reserve in the early 1970s, he founded, owned, and operated Kar Tunes Auto Stereo in Seaside. Along with a passion for auto sound systems, he had a deep passion for and was an avid collector of all things vintage, especially vintage bicycles. He is remembered as a charismatic, humble, honest, loyal,

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caring, and driven man. Survivors include his son, Robert C. Nichols of P.G.; daughter, Lauryn Sue Nichols of Carmel Valley; half-sister, Donna Nichols Blair; and cousin, Walter A. Nichols '60 of Marina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Marjorie Nichols, and his sister, Linda Sue Nichols '70.

### AUGUST



**Thomas Steinbeck**, the eldest son of Nobel Prize-winning author John Steinbeck and a prominent author and screenwriter in his own right, died of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, at his Santa Barbara home. He was

72. Thom, as he was later known to friends, attended PGHS his junior year with the class of 1962; at that time he called himself "Wolf." Sally Taylor '61 remembers him as a "remarkably handsome young man, who was around for awhile and then gone." Born in New York City on Aug. 2, 1944, Thom grew up on the Monterey Peninsula. After high school he attended California Institute of the Arts, studying animation, and UCLA, where he studied film before joining the Army during the Vietnam War as an Armed Forces Radio and Television journalist and helicopter gunman. A documentary filmmaker and screenwriter for many years, at the age of 58 he published his first of three books. He once said, "I write about Monterey, my favorite place. The characters in my books are real people, or based on real people I knew when I lived there." He was also a talented painter and sculptor. A past member of the board of directors at the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas and the Center for Steinbeck Studies at San Jose State University, he was also a supporter of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and the Southern Poverty Law Center. Survivors include his wife Gail; he was preceded in death by his parents and younger brother, John IV.

## News of Our Active Alumni

### Chelsie Hill '10



Chelsie Hill has always loved fashion, beauty, and style. The wheelchair-bound 24-year-old with an indomitable spirit recently began rolling on her newest adventure, designing stylish jeans for women who use wheelchairs. Ability Jeans for Her, Styles by C.H., were officially launched July 4.

"This is a whole new journey for me," Hill said. "But if I can help more people, that's my thing. I want people who are newly injured to know that they can still be stylish. They can be sexy in a wheelchair. They can still be who they are despite the fact that they're rolling."

Working with Endless Ability Enterprises, owned by Antonio Quistian, Jr., in Los Angeles, Hill is heading up the women's side of the business that has been designing jeans for male wheelchair users for several years. "This has been awesome," said Hill. "It's a huge learning experience for me. I'm so excited about these jeans."

Hill's eye for detail has helped create stylish looks while incorporating the necessary adaptations. "When you sit down, pants come up on the front at the ankles and become like highwaters," she said. "For someone who is sitting down all the time, we don't want that, so these are longer in the front by the ankles. And our belt loops are a lot stronger than regular jeans. You know how when you put on jeans, you pull them up by the belt loops? I have personally snapped the loops off because I pull the same ones all the time to get them on and off."

Hill has been living in Los Angeles since 2014 and visits Pacific Grove whenever her busy schedule allows. A lifelong dancer, she was rendered a paraplegic by a 2010 car accident. Her never-give-up attitude led her to found the Walk and Roll Foundation, start one of the biggest wheelchair dance teams in the world, appear on Sundance Channel's reality show "Push," and publish a book. She also teaches dance classes in



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Burbank, makes concept videos, and performs with the LA Sparks dance team.

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### Ian Deyerle '01



Ian Deyerle was a contestant on NBC's "Spartan Ultimate Team Challenge" last December, and the segment he was in aired in July. "Our team [The Comeback Kids] worked so well together," Deyerle said. "All of us had done a Spartan race before. We knew how to approach

the obstacles, even the ones we had never seen or done before."

Deyerle is just the second local racer to compete on the show, which has a \$250,000 prize for the winning team. The friendships he developed with two teammates from Texas, one from Colorado, and one from New Hampshire, will be everlasting. "I believe I was assigned to this team partly because all of us have had similar life situations in our past," he said. "All of our stories had to do with facing something in our lives and coming out ahead."

Deyerle battled a decade-long drinking problem, but he has been clean and sober for more than four years. "You hit a point where you say I don't want to do this anymore," Deyerle said. "You realize it doesn't make sense to do that. It leads to problems, but you have to believe it 100 percent. You have to realize this can't be a part of your life anymore."

Deyerle decided to focus all of his energy into physical fitness, competing in triathlons. His first Spartan Ultimate Challenge race came at Toro Park, where his fitness as a triathlete paid dividends. He is now on the Spartan Ultimate pro tour, getting his travel expenses covered. But he still manages his father's Sea Harvest restaurant in Carmel and continues to be successful on the individual circuit. "A lot of people try to make a living," Deyerle said of the Spartan Challenge, "but unless you're one of

the best in the world, there isn't a ton of money. I'm part of the Spartan pro team. But I have a career. I wouldn't recommend quitting your real job."

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### Dennis Falke '64



"Before I left for Vietnam, my best friend gave me a poem she wrote for me. I kept that poem in a little field Bible that my dad had carried in World War II. I carried it in a plastic bag in my shirt pocket just like my dad did."

Dennis Falke arrived in Vietnam in early 1968, a fresh-faced sergeant straight out of training. Like so many of his generation, he had been drafted. He was a college junior, engaged to be married, but the U.S. government had different ideas. "Life throws curves like that," he said. "It was probably the best thing that happened to me, because I never married her."

He was initially assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One. He was one of about 20 buck sergeants who showed up, which was too many. They found out their next assignment by drawing unit names out of a helmet—it probably saved his life. "I was assigned to a reconnaissance platoon," Falke said. "At first, I thought I was a dead man, but pretty soon I found out that all those guys were basically trained like Rangers, as was I. It's why I got home, the outstanding training."

Falke's memory of Vietnam is a mixture of questioning his faith, dread and amazement. The one thread tying it all together was the camaraderie.

"One of the terrible things I first witnessed was watching someone die. It was so quick. I didn't realize that all of us are so protected from death when we're young. To really see it—one minute you're there and one minute you're gone—it was amazing to me. The things I saw, the air strikes, the helicopter assaults, were a terrible beauty. I shared those experiences with 30 guys who in normal life I would probably never have been friends with. But now I

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realize I would not have wanted to have died with anyone except men like them.”

Falke's faith played a key role in his recovery. He has been involved with Point Man Ministries, a nationwide Christian veterans' group, for about five years. It offers an opportunity to come together with other veterans for mutual support and understanding. “I really believe my faith played a part in learning how to live with my PTSD. Point Man Ministries helps veterans and their spouses. When I first got there it was a lot of World War II and Korean War guys; now it's mostly Vietnam. We're starting to see a lot of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.”

Like many Vietnam veterans, Falke returned with an illness that wouldn't appear until years later. Agent Orange, used to clear vegetation so that the North Vietnamese would have no place to hide, has taken its toll on him. But family and faith have helped Falke through the difficulties. Falke has also been diagnosed with both prostate cancer and multiple sclerosis. As with so much else, Falke's faith has seen him through.

The best friend who wrote the poem Falke carried in Vietnam? She was Vicki Osborne '64, and she and Dennis were married soon after he returned. They now live in Bandon, OR, and Dennis still keeps that poem in the same Bible.

*Adapted from a story by John McDonald, The Worldlink.com. Submitted by Vicki Osborne Falke '64.*

### Larry Esquivel '67

The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce's



Larry, left, with Police Commander Rory Lakind

Volunteer of the Year for 2016 is Larry Esquivel. He was honored in May for his extensive public service record to Pacific Grove. “It's really no big deal,” Esquivel said of the award. “I just get satisfaction out of serving the community and Pacific Grove and being a part of it.”

Esquivel was born at the old Carmel hospital and attended Pacific Grove

schools. He participated in PGHS sports while working in stocking at Holman's his junior and senior years. He married his high school sweetheart, Jorie Franz '67, in 1968 and enlisted in the Air Force, where he earned the Airman's Medal for Heroism in Vietnam.

In 1972, he returned to Pacific Grove and worked for his father's plumbing business. In 1975, he opened Esquivel's Plumbing in Pacific Grove, having learned the trade from his father. That same year, he began serving with the Pacific Grove Fire Department as a volunteer firefighter, eventually becoming a volunteer captain. He served with the department for 27 years, until fire services were contracted out to Monterey in 2002. In 1989, he attended and graduated from the Police Academy and joined the Pacific Grove Police Department as a reserve officer, a position he still holds today.

Esquivel coached Pacific Grove Pony League girl's softball for seven years while his daughter, Trisha, played. He has also donated his plumbing services to the police and fire departments when needed, and he set up the plumbing for the facilities at the Pacific Grove Municipal Baseball Park behind the old Lighthouse School, in George Washington Park, and at the original concession stand at Howard Cowen Breaker Stadium. He closed his business this year, after 41 years.

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### Hugh Hudson '16

The bike rack that used to be an eyesore at Pacific Grove High School has now become a place where students pedaling to school can park their bikes with pride. That's thanks to Pacific Grove High School Senior Hugh Hudson, who decided to make renovating the deteriorated racks his Eagle Scout project. Hudson is a member of Pacific Grove's iconic Troop 90, which traces its heritage back to Troop 1, which started in Monterey in 1908.

It took Hudson four months to complete the rack, and it was unveiled in May. “I used to bike to school every day before I got my '54 VW Bug, and the bike racks were falling apart,” Hudson said. “Since it was so visible, I thought it would be a great project.”

Hayward Lumber donated wood elements for the

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project; Granite Rock in Seaside donated the base rock, sand, and stone pavers. With the help of other scouts and a few adults, Hudson tore down the chain link fence around the bike racks and replaced it with a split rail fence. Asphalt and a few tree stumps were dug up, broken pieces from the bike rack were welded back together, and new stone pavers were laid. "It conveys a much more welcoming image from the front of the school," said Pacific Grove High Principal Matt Bell about the finished result.



Hudson's former scoutmaster, Dave Randall, agreed. He said Hudson's project not only gives back to the community but embraces one of the merit badges—the sustainability merit badge. "He's promoting people not burning fossil fuels but rather using pedal power, while providing a safe place for bicycle storage," he said.

Randall, who has known Hudson for seven years, also had complimentary words about the 17-year-old. "Hugh is an absolutely outstanding moral, ethical, academic young man who has a great deal of concern for the environment and community service and is shaping up to be a tremendous leader," said Randall. "I've had over 50 Eagle Scouts in over 15 years, and he's one you'll never forget."

Hudson, who started as a Cub Scout in the first grade, said the Boy Scouts have given him a sense of responsibility, teamwork, leadership, and an awareness of the value of work. "Watching kids bike in to my bike racks and having it look nice and getting compliments," said Hudson. "Giving back to the community is definitely worth it."

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## Terrell's Travels

**By Terrell Moss '50**

*In October, Terrell and his wife traveled to South America. Here is his travelogue.*

Peru is the third-largest country in South America, and Bolivia is land-locked. We had been to northern Peru and Machu Picchu before, so the emphasis this time was the Colca Canyon, where we travelled up 16,000 feet to get there: Bolivia and La Paz, and Lake Titicaca, located in both Peru and Bolivia. Almost everywhere we went, the elevation was over 12,000 feet. Surprisingly, we had no ill effects.

In Arequipa, Peru, we felt uneasy because of "Misty," an active, smoking volcano, located only seven miles from town. We took in the Sanctuary Museum, which featured the mummy "Juanita," below, who was discovered high in the snow-



covered Andes in 1995. The teenager was believed to have been sacrificed to the mountain gods by Inca priests more than 500 years ago.

The beautiful and impressive Colca Canyon, pictured below, is home to the Andean Condor. With



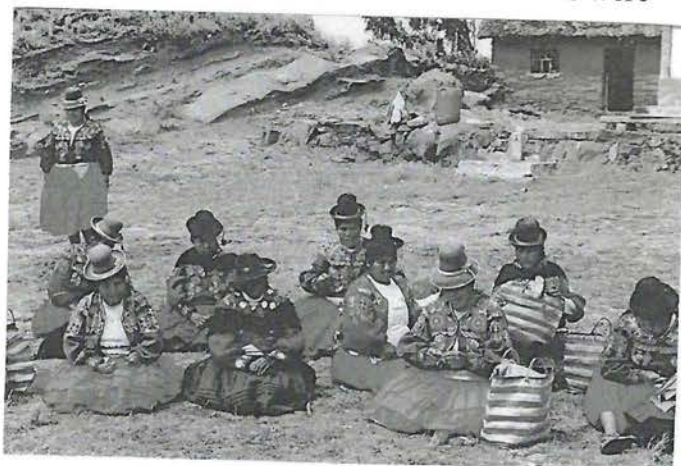
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a wing span of 11 feet, it is considered the world's largest flying bird. We were fortunate to see six. Colca Canyon, which has been compared to Arizona's Grand Canyon, is twice as deep but not as wide.

Next, we headed down to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake. There are 40 man-made islands fashioned out of reeds by the Uros Tribe. Reeds are also used to build houses and boats and are even eaten, with their roots considered medicinal. The unique people who live here, pictured below, must constantly work on preserving their floating islands.



While leaving Peru and heading overland to Bolivia, it was time to meet the people. We met enthusiastic children in a school. We visited 80-year-old women in the fields digging potatoes. Then it was lunch, hosted by colorfully dressed women wearing their "bowler hats," pictured below, common in both Peru and Bolivia. The hats were



inspired by British railroad crews in the 1800s while constructing the rails through the region. The women live long lives because they have no TVs or cell phones, and they keep their lives simple.

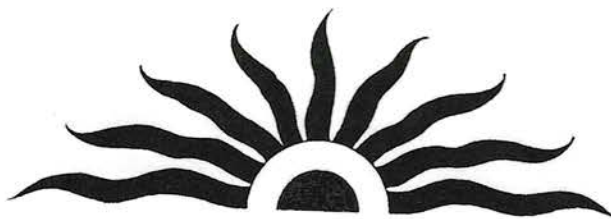
We then crossed the Bolivian border, and the next morning we boarded a boat for the Island of the Sun, where the "creator of the universe" rose up from Lake Titicaca and threw the sun into the sky, thus creating Earth. A two-hour hike (mostly uphill), viewing Inca ruins and enjoying a typical Inca meal of corn, pasta, and beans, rounded out our morning.

La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, is ringed by mountains. At 12,000 feet, La Paz is the city with the highest elevation in Bolivia. Outside the capital, we visited several archaeological sites dating back to 600 BC.

On our last day, while touring downtown La Paz, we noticed a gathering of officials, press, and vehicles. Who should we see emerging from the parliament building but El Presidente Evo Morales, the first indigenous president of Bolivia, pictured at right below. He had been negotiating with Chile for an avenue to the sea. Very exciting.



Our farewell dinner that night produced a saying by one of our fellow travelers, who had visited 117 countries. It made sense to my wife and me, who are addicted to travel: "Life is a book. If you don't travel, you've read only one page." Not for everyone, though!



## When Pinball Was King

*By Phil Bowhay '47*

I am possibly the only person you know who has never played a video game. Well, maybe Pong a long time ago, and then there was that little bout with Tetris, but those date way back with Canasta. My grandkids wonder what we did for fun back in the good old days, and how did we fill those idle hours when we weren't delivering papers or fiddling with stamp albums.

Sad to say, but they will never really appreciate or understand our fine addiction to pinball machines. I watch the kids today fiddle their fingers with little black boxes and wonder if they would be attracted to real pinball if they were introduced. Would their souls tingle with the ka-ching, ka-ching and thrill to flipping the steel balls back to top for another run through the flashing lights? Or would they prefer that insane roar that comes from the arcade room at the Century Theatre?

Well, in the good old days, in good old P.G., we had pinball machines that sharpened our senses, improved our hand/eye coordination, and kept us off the streets. It was a nickel a game—a penny a ball—but even with that modest cost, there was smug satisfaction in running up free games.

If you didn't play pinball, you might not remember Lola—Lola with the long black hair. There wasn't a pinball in the county that Lola couldn't beat, and she was rumored to make decent spending money taking bets. She had a fine touch with the plunger, could place the balls within a quarter-inch of the bumpers, and very rarely caused a tilt! Standing behind her, we noticed a certain pelvic twist or thrust that doubtless thwarted any errant roll of the ball. I understood she could shoot pretty good pool, too. Yep, we had a real pool hall in Pacific Grove, up on Forest below Laurel.

Tiring of pinball, we wandered over to Grand, a block away, and for a length of time now forgotten, we skated in our own, real rink. Now we all admire those lovely ice skaters we see on TV, but there was, and is, something different and dangerously exciting watching those gals on roller skates speed, twirl, and dance across the floor. They are somehow more real, and as they come to a sudden stop at the railing and give you a smile, and take you by the hand, and guide you wobbling onto the floor...Oh boy!



*Grand Avenue Liquors, the former bowling alley site at the corner of Grand and Laurel. Photo by Beth Penney.*

Well, the P.G. Roller Rink didn't last, and it gave way to a bowling alley! Yep, right there in Pacific Grove. When we needed more pinball money, we set pins, I think a dime for a line. Believe me, it wasn't worth it. Easier to deliver papers. Bowling alley gone, too, along with Del Monte Gardens out in Monterey.

No, no video games, but still plenty to do in P.G. Watch the Civil War veterans play roque, something like croquet, across from the museum, and that, too, was a fine place to wander and wonder and spend some time. And the library! We read books! Then a stroll through Holman's or down to the beach to check the tide, then home to supper.

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## High School Reflections

*By Phil Bowhay '47*

Back between the Good Old Days and now, I interviewed people who thought they wanted careers in the securities business. Stock brokers. One fine day a high-priced "consultant" suggested that if we wanted to really get into their souls, ask them about high school. The first time I tried this psych technique, the lady in front of me burst into tears, blew her nose, shook her head, and walked out, possibly to Merrill Lynch. Figuring this might have been an aberration, I used this ploy the next day on a disenchanting insurance salesman. He stood up, made a very impolite remark, and stormed out the door.

This kind of reaction still puzzles me. High 15 school in Pacific Grove was just fine. In fact, it was

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great! Oh, of course there were the run-of-the-mill problems such as frequent apprehension, rejection, embarrassment, loneliness, acne, physical pain, and itches you couldn't scratch, but by and large, life was good! I look through the 1947 *Sea Urchin* and I see a pretty happy bunch.

Truth to tell, it just might have been that we lived on the Monterey Peninsula, especially Pacific Grove. It seems to me that nobody was rich, and nobody was poor. There wasn't "the other side of the tracks" unless you count the bay. Nobody, and I mean nobody, drove a car to school! And I don't think any families had two cars. When we were old enough to drive, we had to pick a night when Mom and Dad wanted to stay home. Maybe listening to the radio, or reading the *Saturday Evening Post*.

I don't know if Barbara Foster's family was "rich," but they did live in a very upscale house out on The Drive, near the Country Club. If Barbara was "rich," she didn't show it. Not that we would have known the difference, but she was sweet, kind, and generous, and what a treat to visit her home! Now if I've left out others "well to do," I apologize. They didn't throw it around.

We all had jobs: gardening, canneries, Holman's, Asilomar, babysitting, Forest Hill Hotel, and plenty more. Our parents didn't seem to worry about drugs, and I don't think we knew what they were. Robert Mitchum did something funny on a yacht, but none of that trickled up or down to Pacific Grove. Or maybe it was Errol Flynn. Or both.

I suppose there's nothing like 60 years to smooth and sort out memories. My kids and grandkids seem to have grown up in pretty good shape too. Although we struggled with "Subject A" (English?), we didn't have to worry about SATs, and while the colleges were jammed with GI Bills, there was still room for us. Not too tough to get in. A little tough to stay in, but that's another story!

Can you imagine a 17-year-old kid, buffered from the world in P.G., on a train, alone, headed to college in Albuquerque? Now that was a trauma! Six years later I had a wife and son, just like a lot of my classmates. And look how well we turned out! So if you are asked, "How was high school?", tell them!

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## Learning to Dance

**By Virginia Fox Abplanalp '50**

Once upon a time, in long-ago Pacific Grove, there existed a class of 7th grade girls who could not be described as exactly shy. This was in 1944, during the War years. A group of these girls decided it was time for them to organize a dance. They prevailed upon their parents to rent the Boy Scout Hall on a Friday night, and to their delight, they did. The girls rounded up a phonograph, records, refreshments, and decorations. With their parents' help, they decorated the dingy hall. At that point, they told their male classmates, "Be there!" And they showed up.

Once again, as they had done back in second grade, the boys lined up on one side of the hall (instead of the school wall) and the girls did the same on the other. When the music started, the boys raced across the room, each grabbing the girl of his choice, and they all commenced doing a mean two-step. That was the best they could do. At least the girls succeeded...they had their first dance.

The parents, observing this lack of decorum, must have formed a committee of their own because the following summer, class members of both sexes found themselves in the lobby of the Forest Hill Hotel, attending what was called a Social Dancing Class. The boys were instructed as to proper attire and the proper way to invite a girl to dance. No more running and no more grabbing. The box step was taught, and good manners were demanded. It wasn't as much fun as that original dance we organized ourselves, but we learned how to be proper.

And the hotel management was gracious enough to let us have the experience. As one of the 7th-grade dance organizers, I have never forgotten it.



*The Boy Scout Hall (the 17th St. side of Chautauqua Hall) doesn't change much, although the building that housed the Grove Theater, at right, has been overhauled. Photo by Beth Penney.*

## 2016 Scholarship Awards

At the Pacific Grove High School Awards Night on May 18, the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association awarded scholarships to the following graduating seniors. These scholarships are made possible by your donations to the Alumni Association. *Thank you.*

### PGHSAA Scholarship Awards:

*Erin Smith* was vice president of the Young Writers Club, treasurer of the Philosophy Club, and a regular member of the Gay-Straight Alliance. She also volunteered at the local SPCA. This year, she helped gather signatures for a successful petition to put a measure on the ballot to ban fracking in Monterey County. She plans to study English at UC Santa Cruz and hopes to become a published writer.

*Wesley Hardin*, the class Salutatorian, was involved in both the school and in the community as a scholar, a musician, and an artist. He played violin and viola in the PGHS String Orchestra for four years and in the Youth Music Monterey Honors Orchestra for the past two years. He also worked with the National Art Honor Society to engineer and construct a sculpture, which is now installed outside the PGHS library. Wesley participated on the Mock Trial Team as an attorney and expert witness for the past three years. He will attend UCLA to study microbiology, with plans to attend medical school.

*Robert Wilkerson*, who also received a full four-year Army ROTC scholarship to UC Davis, was an active two-sport varsity athlete, starting as defensive end for the football team and wrestling multiple-weight classes across his high school career for the wrestling team. He also took part in an array of extracurricular activities, such as Mathletics and the National Honor Society, and volunteered for various legal organizations. Robert will attend UC Davis, studying biomedical engineering and committing to the Army ROTC program. He plans to work in the Engineering Corps and pursue a career in devices-oriented biomedical engineering.

*Elizabeth Loh*: Elizabeth was involved in the National Honors Society and a number of sports clubs during her tenure at PGHS. She volunteered at

local libraries and museums and participated in the Monterey Youth Art Collective. She will attend MPC to study biology and studio art.

*Kayla Flores*: Kayla Flores moved to P.G. last year and immediately became involved with school sports, leadership, and clubs. She was the starting setter for the varsity volleyball team and the senior class secretary. Kayla also volunteered in Lima, Peru, and spent two weeks at the National Student Leadership Conference last summer. She will attend UC Berkeley to study communications, and she hopes to work in marketing or public relations.

*Paula Ridea-Vilamil*: Paula was a busy student, musician, and artist. She was in the PGHS Breaker Band since her junior year and participated in Student Voices for three years. She traveled this summer to Southern California with the Monterey Jazz Festival Honors Vocal Ensemble. Her future plans include attending MPC and traveling abroad.

### PGHSAA Musical Scholarship Award:

*David Twohig* is a musician who plays the trumpet and who participated in the Monterey Jazz All-Start Band and the CCS Honor Band for two years, in addition to playing in the Breaker Band. He composed and produced a song on SoundCloud for his senior project. He plans to attend MPC and then transfer to a UC campus.

### Ada Eleanor Smith Educational Scholarship:

*Hannah Cox* served as the president of the French Club, the president of Model UN, and the treasurer of the Natural High Club. She also volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club of Seaside and shadowed a local speech-language pathologist to pursue her career interest. Not only is she passionate about working with children, but she also loves language learning, and is currently learning Italian and American, as well as polishing her fluency levels in French. She will attend UC Berkeley this fall, majoring in linguistics with a minor in French.

### Maude Marian Smith Educational Scholarship:

*Maggie Lindenthal-Cox* was an avid participant in the theater program at PGHS for the past few years. She appeared in *The Importance of Being*

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*Earnest, A Devil Inside, The Capper Trap, and Code 79.* She also directed the latter two plays. Maggie plans to pursue acting and directing at Mills College in the fall and work toward her multiple-subject teaching credential.

### Bill Hyler '39 Educational Scholarship:

*Eric Boerner* was busy both academically and athletically throughout his four years at PG High School. He spent two years playing on the basketball team and all four years playing baseball. He was chosen for the "All League Second Team." After traveling to Brazil this summer, Eric will attend MPC and then transfer to Saint Mary's College. He plans to study business administration with an emphasis in marketing. He also wishes to study abroad while at St. Mary's.

### Don Harlan '42 Vocational Scholarship:

*Daniela Garza* moved to Pacific Grove from Germany at the beginning of her junior year. She served in the senior class cabinet as senior class treasurer. Daniela plans to attend community college, eventually transferring to the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan to study fashion business management. Her plans include working in the fashion industry as a buyer or management executive for a large department store.

### Bob Hoag '45 Athletic Scholarship:

*Christopher "Chip" Wagner* was a member of both the California Scholarship Federation and the National Honor Society for three years. He played baseball for two years and golf and tennis for one year each, but his passion was basketball. A four-year player—three years on varsity—Chip won the prestigious "Breaker Award" for the past two years and was this year's recipient of the school's Scholar Athlete Award. Chip will attend USC's Marshall School of Business, majoring in finance.

### Class of 1952 Remembers Scholarship:

*Levi Thompson* spent his high school career working hard toward his goals. His work was evident in his high grades, his multiple internships at the Naval Postgraduate School, and his position as the #1 player on the PGHS Varsity Tennis Team for

all four years. Levi will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study software engineering.

### Cynthia Alma Peña '75 Educational Scholarship:

*Alex Thibeau* is a creative student who was involved in the Drama Department's Sea Wing Theater, appearing in ten shows throughout his four years at PGHS. His goal, he says, is "to make people happy." He will attend San Francisco State this fall, majoring in kinesiology.

### Tommy Stillwell '74 Scholarship:

*Hugh Hudson* has been a four-year member of the Mock Trial team, as well as a varsity member of the Track and Field team, throwing discus and shotput. Hugh founded the Quiz Bowl Team and is also an Eagle Scout (see story, P. 13). He accumulated more than 300 hours of community service working at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Hugh will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall to pursue a double major in international relations and German studies.

### Beverly Wilson Stillwell '49 Scholarship:

*Rachel Biggio*, class Valedictorian, served as student body president and participated in track and field. She was on the Mock Trial Team for four years and is a member of the National Honor Society. She also served as an intern for Representative Sam Farr. Rachel will attend Georgetown University to participate in the undergraduate Justice and Peace Program and then attend Georgetown Law School.

### Richard Reynolds '57 Science and Technology Scholarship, awarded by the Community Foundation to a student chosen by PGHSAA:

*Julius Yevdash* moved to Pacific Grove when he was in 7th grade. He actively participated in PGHS sports and extracurricular activities. In high school, he appeared in four Sea Wing drama productions and played on the varsity soccer and tennis teams. Julius is also involved with Christine Marie's Star Riders, an organization that helps disabled children develop thinking, speech, and balance through horseback riding. He will attend UCLA to study chemical engineering. He plans to work in scientific research or become a college professor.

## PGHS Class of '56 Reunion

*By Edie (Rusty) Adams McDonald  
Maruyama*

The Pacific Grove High School Class of 1956 held a weekend-long affair on the last weekend of July, with many classmates attending for their 60th reunion.

On Friday afternoon, Pat *Dolter* Sands and her husband Bill gathered us all in at her Pacific Grove home for an afternoon of generous hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and camaraderie. This was a wonderful way to kick off our special weekend.

Saturday evening was our formal dinner at the American Legion Post 694 in Marina, where we had also held our 50th. The set up by our own senior class "President for Life" Rosie *Esteban* Woodards was beautiful, with live roses and red and gold all over. (For sure, husband Ed and sister-in-law Natalie Esteban were recruited in the efforts.) It was a wonderful job. Volunteers from the American Legion Post served us so we could enjoy an elegant sit-down dinner.

On Sunday morning, Mike Bowhay and his wife Alyce invited us all to their home on Pine Avenue in Pacific Grove for brunch and more camaraderie.

We couldn't have asked for a better reunion. We're getting along in our years, so not all of our former classmates were able to attend from afar. However, we're already starting to talk about our 65th reunion in 2021.

*Go Breakers!*



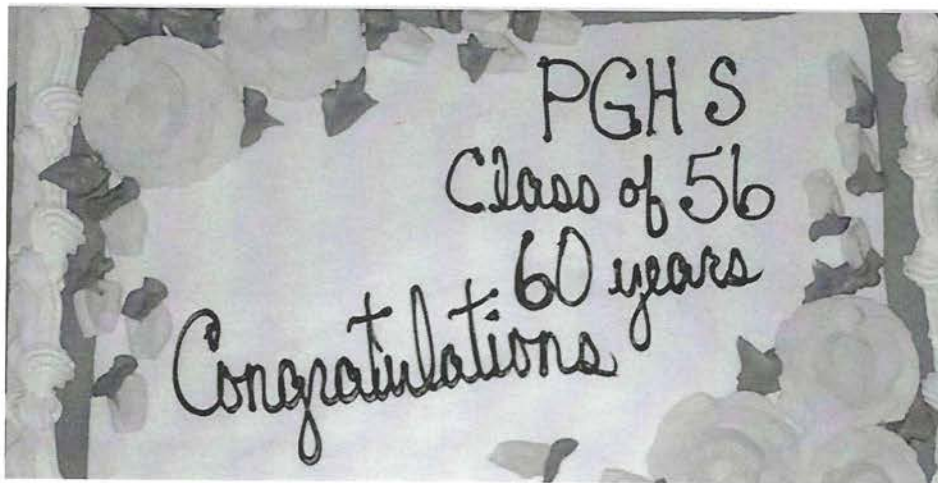
At the Friday evening get-together (above): In the kitchen are Xavier Maruyama, Pat Dolter and Bill Sands. The two standing together are hosts Rosy Esteban and Ed Woodards. The three standing together by the fireplace are Ken & Betty Nex Down, with Nancy Williams Burton '55. Left and below: Saturday evening at the Legion Hall. Photos by Edie Adams Maruyama.



## Class of '56 Reunion (cont.)



At the Sunday morning coffee (left and below): Around the fire pit are Edie Adams McDonald-Maruyama, Diane Beall Speckman, Rosie Esteban Woodards, and Jackie Fraley Wruck. In the living room singing the "Class of '56 Song" are Judi Evans Miller, Pat Dolter Sands, Bill Sands, Natalie Esteban (Eddie Esteban's widow), Rosy Esteban Woodards, Mike Bowhay, and Ken Down.



Thanks to Bob Coble of Seaside for the photo of the cake and the senior class photo, below! He, in turn, says, "Thanks to Diane Beall Speckman, who brought some copies of this to last night's 60 years anniversary. Special thanks, of course, to our "President for Life" Rosie Esteban Woodards, and those who helped her, for putting together this reunion."



## Class of 1961 55th Reunion

**September 30, October 1 and 2, 2016**

**Fri. Sept. 30, '16:** Social gathering at Jane Coleman Abbate's home in Pacific Grove. Contact: Jane Coleman Abbate, [janeabbate@yahoo.com](mailto:janeabbate@yahoo.com), or Linda Castro Fernandez, [mikaboy14@hotmail.com](mailto:mikaboy14@hotmail.com).

**Saturday, October 1:** Butterfly Parade: meet at corner of Lighthouse & Forest Ave.

**Saturday, October 1:** PGHS Alumni Association Reunion (see next page for details).

**Sunday, October 2:** Home & Inn Tours (contact P.G. Chamber, 831-373-3304).

## Class of 1966 50th Reunion

**September 30, October 1 and 2, 2016**

**Friday, September 30:** No-host cocktails, 6:00 p.m. Place TBA.

**Saturday, October 1:** Choose any or all of these events:

*Butterfly Parade*, 10:30 am., downtown P.G.

*Reunion Barbecue*, 11:00 a.m., Whispering Pines Park, Monterey.

*PGHSAA 54th Annual Reunion Dinner*, info on next page.

**Sunday, October 2:** PGHSAA 23rd Annual Reunion Brunch, info on next page.

For more information, contact Tom MacDonald, [tom@adventur.com](mailto:tom@adventur.com); 707-265-6385.

## Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Class of 1971 has decided not to hold a separate 45th reunion, and organizers encourage class members to attend the Alumni Association Dinner and Brunch October 1 and 2. There will, however be a 50th reunion. For more information or to help, contact the organizers via the web site, <http://www.pghsclassof71.com>.

## Class of 1996 20th Reunion

A 20-year reunion is in the works. Contact Jennifer Boggess Bryant, [jenabry@gmail.com](mailto:jenabry@gmail.com).

And, don't forget *the PGHSAA Annual Reunion* on October 1 and 2! Registration deadline is Sept. 16; use the reservation form on P. 23 now!

## Noted Around Town

I walked downtown to take photos to illustrate Phil Bowhay's and Virginia Abplanap's stories (P. 15-16) and couldn't fit them all in on those pages!



A Farmers Market now sprouts up every Monday afternoon outside the Museum of Natural History on Central. Photo by Beth Penney.



The Rec Center has been replaced by the Youth Center, housed in the Nodilo Building, which is named for Ruby Johnson Nodilo '38. At the far right you can see the front of Ketcham's Barn on Laurel, which now houses the Heritage Society of Pacific Grove's offices and museum. Photo by Beth Penney.

Not something I saw on my walk, but notable: Trader Joe's has introduced a \$6.00 "Pacific Grove Chardonnay" (see label at right). If you're a Trader Joe's shopper and a Chardonnay drinker, pick up a bottle and let us know how it is!



## P.G. High Hall of Fame Recipients

Congratulations to those who have been named to the Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame since the inception of this award in 2007!

### 2007

Nelson "Bill" William Hyler '39  
Charles "Charlie" Thomas Higuera '53  
Sandra "Sandi" Kimoto *Dix* Eason '74  
Gina Marie *Prince*-Bythewood '87  
Richard Hartwell Chamberlain, Faculty  
Martin "Marty" Baskin, Faculty  
Charlie Howell, Faculty  
Herbert "Herb" Schmalenberger, Faculty

### 2008

Iva Marie *Cory* Heitz '68  
John Sidney Miller '71  
Bryndol Avery Sones '83  
Michel Angel de los Rio '92  
Michael "The Wizard" Ottmar, Faculty

### 2009

Howard Lyle Cowen '41  
Richard Thomas Stillwell '50  
Marabee Kay *Rush* Boone '60  
William "Bill" Quon Lee '71  
Arthur B. Ingham, Faculty

### 2010

Donald Thomas Gasperson '47  
Harold Richard "Rick" Bitter '70  
Thomas "Tom" Jay Craft '72  
Patrick Kevin O'Donnell '78

### 2011

Ruby Lee *Johnson* Nodilo '38  
Joseph A. Farrow '73  
Ellen Coulter, Faculty  
Ralph E. "Coach Pappy" Johnson, Faculty

### 2012

George Frank Mattos '47  
Chris Theodore Pappageorgas '73  
Gerard Sorin Issvoran '83  
Robert "Bob" William Russell, Faculty

### 2013

Jayne *Dix* Gasperson '49  
Don Mothershead '71

### 2014

Donald D. Curley, Administration  
John Calvin Johnson '66  
Brian Donald Curley '77

### 2015

Gertrude Louise *Ernst* '22, Administration  
John Henry Alvin '66  
John Gregory Mensik '71  
Morris Fisher '56



**PGHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER & BRUNCH**All events at *The Elks Lodge ~ 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, CA (831) 372-6200***SATURDAY EVENING October 1, 2016**

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

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

**SUNDAY BUFFET BRUNCH October 2, 2016 10:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.**

LIMITED DINNER SEATING. Please make reservations early.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE • FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> • ABSOLUTELY NO REFUNDS AFTER THIS DATE.**

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Mem/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

Number		Total	PGHSAA USE
	<b>Beef:</b> Grilled Filet Mignon with Herb Butter, steamed asparagus, and scalloped potatoes.	\$ 65	
	<b>Fish:</b> Sauteed Petrale Sole in Citrus Beurre Blanc Sauce, steamed asparagus, and scalloped potatoes.	\$ 65	
	<b>Pasta:</b> Fusilli Pasta with house-made Pesto Sauce, Grilled Vegetables	\$ 65	
	All dinners include wedge salad, assorted dinner rolls from Paris Bakery, dessert, coffee and tea.		
	<b>Sunday Brunch:</b> mixed fruit, assorted fruit juices, assorted danish, croissants, and english muffins, omelet station, applewood smoked bacon, link sausage, hash brown potatoes, coffee and tea.	\$ 30	
	<b>Make Check Payable to PGHSAA and mail to:</b> <b>PO Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA 93950-6396</b>	<b>Total</b>	

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◆ If you would like to bring your own wine, the Elks Club charges \$8.85 corkage fee per bottle. CORKAGE FEES ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE BARTENDER.  
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## *The Knockout II: The PGHSAA Newsletter*

### **Who Is It?**

Lots of answers to our last issue's question of "Who is it?". Carol *Bradley* Lauderdale '66 gets the prize for the first correct answer; she was quickly followed by Marabee *Rush* Boone '60, Dave Goff '61, John Julian '61, and Michael Bowhay '56, for whom the photo sparked a wonderful memory of trips with the Pacific Grove High School Band (see Letters, p. 4). The gentlemen in last issue's photo, which was taken from the 1960 *Sea Urchin*, were indeed band teacher Raymond Washburn and chorus and tennis teacher Morris Dill (many of you know that the tennis courts behind the Community Center are named for him). The photo brought back a lot of memories for a lot of folks.

Now, who are these young fellows? The recent reminiscences about the Forest Hill Hotel might lead you to believe that they are bellhops from that establishment, but they are not. Send your answers to [bpenney@sonic.net](mailto:bpenney@sonic.net). Do you have a photo for a future "Who Is It" feature? Send it in .jpg format to the same address!

