

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter
"It's the ☆ glue ☆ that keeps us together"

December, 2021 ● Page One

President's Message



Chuck Wallace '60 e-mailed us to say, "Two questions about the September *KOII*: 1. Page one ends mid sentence; and 2. In the John Miller story, I can't find any mention of his little brother Richie."

The answer to the second question is that we had very little information about the death of John Miller '59. What we did have had been posted on his band's web site and embroidered a little by classmate John Lovejoy, and we filled in with an old story from the local paper about his father, Herb Miller. We always welcome information that you have about classmates' deaths; Joanie Hyler '68 has handled the task of putting the obituary pages together since classmate Sue Taylor passed away, and it's not an easy task.

Chuck wrote back and said, "Thanks for the update. I contacted John Lovejoy this morning, and he said John Miller's younger brother is living in Fresno. We always enjoy reading the *KOII*. Hope to see everybody again in 2022 "when '60 turns 80."

Chuck's first question is answered this way: when I decided to include Joanie's list of members by year in my letter in the last issue, I accidentally covered up the last line of the letter. The complete last sentence should have read as follows: *Thanks to you who have been members and donated generously over the years; we appreciate you!*

And, of course, we *do* appreciate you, and it bears repeating. Joanie offered her dad's favorite newsletter blurb when he was the editor: "This *Knockout II* is published with everyone in mind. As some of our members enjoy finding fault with others' work, intentional errors have been placed throughout the newsletter for their enjoyment!"

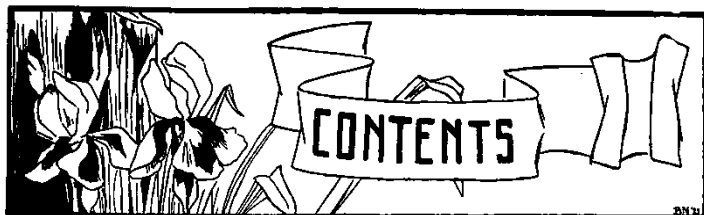
After more than four decades of work as a professional writer, editor, and proofreader, I naturally hesitate to endorse Bill's approach, but I do admit to being human, so please let us know if a correction is needed.

This issue boasts a lot of news and six pages of class reunion photos and news. The classes of 1960 and 1971 plan to fund PGHSAA scholarships (see p. 18). Donations from members of these classes will mean that a scholarship award in the name of each class will be presented to a graduating P.G.H.S. student this spring; continued donations could mean sustained scholarships. Several scholarships from previous classes are sunsetting as funds run out, so new ones are appreciated. If you're not in the class of '60 or '71, suggest this idea to your class officers.

The PGHSAA Board of Directors suffered a terrible loss in the unexpected death of Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56 in August; see her obituary on p. 6. Sherry served on the board for a number of years, acting as publicity director and as a member of the annual reunion committee, in which capacity she made nametags, designed and created table centerpieces, and often staffed the check-in desk. But when she volunteered to take over our "Sunshine Committee Chair" duties a few years ago from retiring member Jayne Dix Gasperson '49, she truly shone. This chairperson sends whatever cards and messages are necessary to board members who are sick, have lost loved ones, or just need a boost. Sherry was in her element, not only sending handmade cards but visiting members' homes and leaving painted rocks or other gifts on their doorsteps. She, and her perpetual sunshine, will be greatly missed.

No one can ever fill Sherry's shoes fully, but we do have room for new board members! See the next page if you're interested, and thanks in advance.

Beth Penney '73



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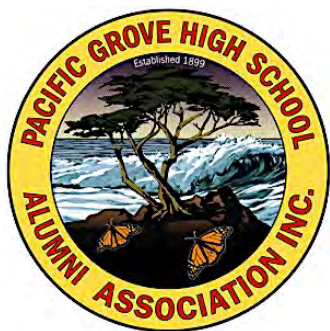
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Important 2021 Dates

The PGHSAA Board has moved its regular meetings to the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The Annual General Meeting will remain on the second Saturday of September at noon. Plans to meet in a classroom at PGHS are pending; if the school does not allow non-school personnel to meet on campus, meetings will be at Beth Penney's home in P.G. Meeting dates for 2022 are January 6, March 3, April 7, May 5, September 10, and October 7. To join the board, e-mail president@pghsaa.org. **The 2022 annual reunion is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the Elks Club in Monterey if COVID-19 conditions permit.**

Donations

A Friendly Welcome to our New Members

1957 Judy *Harper* Hinton Monterey
1971 Pete Gaudoin Marina

Returning Member(s): Glad to have you back

1972 Jan *Ruble* Stanley Vallejo

"In Memory Of" Contributions

1959 Don Phillips Point Arena
IMO: John Miller '59
1960 Patricia Elmore Suisun
IMO: Janette *Katayama* Gould '60
1960 Joann *Welsh* Bennett Pismo Beach
IMO: Sherry Rae *Welsh* Gruwell '56
IMO: Janette *Katayama* Gould '60
1968 Joanie *Hylar* Pacific Grove
IMO: Nelson "Bill" *Hylar* '39
IMO: Olive *Dean* *Hylar* '40
IMO: Sherry *Welsh* Gruwell '56
IMO: Candy *Hoyt* '68

PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1956 Jon Olivetti Peoria, AZ

Contribution(s)

1971 Debra *Nair* Williams Marina

Web Site Manager Wanted

PGHSAA has a volunteer opening for a Web Site manager! You would work with our Web Site provider, Monterey Bay Design, to keep the PGHSAA Web Site current. Work from anywhere!

If you're interested,
e-mail Joanie@pghsaa.org.

Letters

Beth,

Thank you for the great *Knockout II* newsletters. What is your best guess on the approximate date of this brochure (Sept. 2021 issue)?

John Julian '61
Via e-mail

Ed. Note: I've always been told to date photos by the cars. Those cars look to be late '30s-early '40s, but I'm no car expert! And, according to the web, 65 cents in 1940 would be worth about \$12 today, which might be close for the "Luncheon" price. The hotel was built in 1926. The brochure could be either immediately pre- or post-war. (John e-mailed back and said he agreed!)

Dear Fellow Alumni:

Well, we are moving again. Our daughter and hubby have bought a home in Tennessee, and we are going too! At least we won't have much to move since we lost everything when our home in Paradise burned down. So many great things that we collected since being married in '56. We almost thought we would end up in P.G., since we still have our home there on Walnut, but not to happen! Our love to all,

Bob and Julie Evans Miller '55 and '56
Trenton, TN

Alumni Association,

It is with a very sad heart that I send this check to you to honor Sherry *Welsh* Gruwell '56 and Jeanette *Katayama* Gould '60. My sister Sherry served on your board for a very long time, and she is missed so much by her family and friends. Jeanette will also be greatly missed. She was very supportive of the Class of 1960. Thanks to all of you who still run the PGHSAA, and thanks for all you do to keep us in touch with all things related to P.G.H.S.

With much sorrow,
JoAnn Welsh Bennett '60
Pismo Beach

Remember to use **Amazon Smile** to donate to PGHSAA! Bookmark **Amazon Smile**, choose PGHSAA as your charity, and shop there instead of Amazon.com. PGHSAA will receive a donation of .5% of your purchases. Thank you, and thanks to all of our donors!

Obituaries

DECEMBER 2019

1979 Walter Yost Salinas

JUNE 2020

1965 Randy Fink Cottonwood

OCTOBER 2020

1966 Alston *Stirling* Turchetta Johnstown, PA

2021

JULY

1956 Ronald Yoakum Watsonville

AUGUST

1946 Charla *Stewart* Brown San Jose

1973 Jesus "Jesse" Reynoso Pacific Grove

1959 Sherry *Welsh* Gruwell Seaside

1966 Terry *Garner* Stafford De Roo B.C., Canada

1962 Walter Matteson II Pacific Grove

SEPTEMBER

1948 Virginia *Mumford* Wardle Aptos

1977 Ken Smith Orlando, FL

1960 Janette *Katayama* Gould Phoenix, AZ

OCTOBER

1956 Paul "Hoot" Chisman Iowa City, IA

1968 Candy *Hoyt* Monterey

Peter John Robinson Faculty Monterey

1948 Deede *Thompson* Landers Palm Desert

NOVEMBER

1973 Bill Wetle Newcastle

1956 Carol Lee *Ingersoll* Prolo Pocatello, ID

Editor's note: We have not included memorial service information here because services are usually over by the time you receive the KOII. Starting with this issue, however, we will include links to memorial pages if they are included in the original obituary. Also, because of a recent systems crash, we lost some database information that allowed us to list graduation dates of some relatives. Thanks to Joanie *Hylar* '68 for collecting obituaries and providing photographs; please continue to notify joanie@pghsaa.org of deaths not listed here.

2019



Walter H. Yost passed away of heart disease on Dec. 20, 2019, in Salinas, where he had lived most of his adult life. Walter was born at the Monterey Hospital on April 13, 1956. He attended David Ave. Elementary School, Pacific Grove Middle School, and P.G.H.S. with the Class of '74. After high school, he attended the Denver Automotive and Diesel College in Colorado. He returned to the peninsula to start his career as a mechanic. After retiring from auto repair, he dabbled in several other occupations, including baking. Walter had many and varied interests such as martial arts, anime videos and his comic book collection. He was known as the "Crazy Cat" guy because for years he provided a clean, healthy environment for feral cats. He is survived by one sister, Dianne '79.

2020



Randy Lee Fink, 73, of Cottonwood passed away on June 18, 2020. Born April 29, 1947, in Lodi to Lowell and Francine Fink, Randy was an avid railroad modeler and sometime president of the local modelers' club, Shasta Garden Railroad. He was also a random techno-geek who loved to tinker with computers and computing. Randy was a Vietnam veteran, serving with the U.S. Navy 7th Fleet as a 2nd Class Petty Officer radar man, which is where he developed interests in electronics. He retired from a lifetime of hard labor at Pacific Bell and AT&T to enjoy retirement in Cottonwood, having moved there from P.G. in June of 1978. Randy is survived by his wife, Betty; his children Melanie, Lori, and Andy; his brother Terry '69 and sister-in-law Irma *Dalton* Fink '70; sister Marianne; and a number of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and longtime friends.

Priscilla Alston *Stirling* Turchetta of Hollidaysburg, PA, passed away on October 8, 2020. Alston was born on March 20, 1948, in New Orleans, daughter of the late Harold and Ollie *Stirling*. Alston graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1966. In

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her freshman year, she was class treasurer; in her junior year, she was secretary of the Rally Club and a four-year member. She was manager of the swimming team and was a garland girl; in her senior year, she was active with the yell team; and all four years she made the honor roll and had ASB Scholarship to her credit. On Feb. 7, 1970, she married Patrick F. Turchetta in Richmond, VA. She is survived by her husband, sons Jason and Brian, and a grandson, Nicholas. Alston was a 1970 graduate of the University of Richmond with a Bachelor of Arts in history, and of Clarion University with a Master's degree in library science. Contact the family at stevensfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

2021 JULY



Ron Yoakum, a big-hearted man who would do anything he could to enjoy the people around him, passed away peacefully on July 31 with his family comforting him. Ron, son of Lorraine and Claude Yoakum, was born into hardworking coal mining and farming families in Boonville, IN, on September 10, 1938. When he was 6, Ron's parents moved the family to the west coast for Claude's military service, eventually settling in P.G. and welcoming his much loved brother, Ed. Ron graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1956 and enlisted in the US Navy, becoming a father in 1960 and again in 1963 to two daughters. His navy service took him to many parts of the Pacific, where he worked as a machinist. Those skills led to a lifetime of home projects, especially woodworking. His family's hard work was instilled in him, and he shone as an example of it for his family during his years as a Hostess, Paisano, Toscano, and Keebler salesman. Ron and his young family moved to Watsonville in 1964, where they have thrived and grown in love with their adopted hometown. Ron quickly found opportunities to serve the community and built long

friendships through Jaycees, where he served as President and Fourth of July Parade Chairman. He also coached Pop Warner football and Little League and led 4-H groups. Ron's children still hear stories of silliness and fondness from their friends and his former athletes. In 1977, Ron married the love of his life and best friend Barbara. They enjoyed nearly 44 years of marriage with their combined families. They traveled to Italy, the East Coast, and often to Lake Tahoe. Ron leaves his wife Barbara; daughters Elaine and Barbara; their children Sarah, Erin, Samantha, Hailey, and Isabella; and great-grandchildren Damian, Sophia, Amelia, Olivia, and Penelope. Ron also leaves his brother Ed '68. In addition, he leaves his much-loved stepchildren Mark, Sue, and Scott and step-grandchildren Brett, Samuel, Jacob, and Sabrina.

AUGUST



Charla Ann Stewart Brown

passed away of natural causes in the comfort of her home of 49 years in San Jose. She had just celebrated her 97th birthday with her family two months earlier. Charla Ann was a kind, loving, and supportive mother,

grandmother, and friend. She had a strong faith and positive attitude. Born in Glendale, she and her family moved to Pebble Beach, where she grew up. Charla graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1942 and attended San Jose State College, where she was a member of the Sappho Society, affiliated with the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. This was also where she met her future husband, Walter Brown. Charla and Walter lived on their pear ranch in San Jose, where they raised their three children. Ann's work life started as a church secretary. She then embarked on a 40-year career in residential real estate sales. She was an active member of PEO International, a philanthropic organization of women helping women. Charla Ann liked to play "country bridge" (parties at friend's homes to socialize and play bridge). She liked reading and was an avid 49ers football fan and a member of the Kezar club. She also had a soft heart for stray pets. Charla was predeceased by her stepsisters Edith and Jean and her former husband Walter. She is survived by her children Charles, Lawrie, and Wes; her

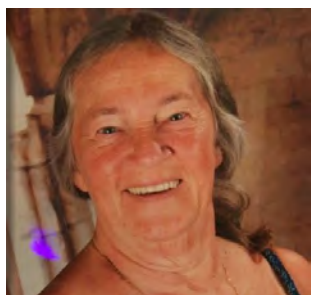
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grandchildren Shane, Devin, Christina, Erin, and Andrea; and her great-grandchildren Alexa, Austin, Shea, and Lauren.



Jesus "Jesse" Reynoso, 66, of P.G. passed away peacefully in the arms of the love of his life, Jill, and surrounded by his mother Esther and loving family on Tuesday, August 10. He was born on May 4, 1955. Jesse was a 1973 graduate of P.G.H.S. He worked

for California American Water Company for the last 38 years. He enjoyed traveling and dining out and was an avid moviegoer with his son, Alex, and with Jill had been a recent attendee at Class of 1973 get-togethers. Jesse was preceded in death by his father, Jesus H. Reynoso. He is survived by his mother Esther Reynoso; wife Jill Hanson; children Carolyn and Alejandro; siblings Gloria, Esther, Efrain, and Edward; grandchildren Mikayla and Jude; and a large family of loved ones and friends. Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.thepaulmortuary.com.



Sherry Rae Welsh Gruwell, 83, passed away at home after a brief illness on August 13. Sherry was born May 17, 1938, in Salinas. She grew up in San Francisco and moved to P.G., where she graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1956. It

was later, when she moved back to San Francisco, that she reunited with her high school sweetheart, Jim Gruwell '58. Sherry and Jim were married for 53 years until his passing in August of 2020. Sherry worked a few jobs, including bookkeeper for her husband's sheet metal business, but spent most of her time with her beloved family and pets. Sherry enjoyed painting, crafting, and swimming and frequently won Seaside's yearly holiday home decoration competitions. She was also well known on the Monterey County Rocks Facebook group, due to her love for hiding hand painted rocks around the Monterey Peninsula and giving them as gifts. Sherry

was best known for her endless positivity and ability to bring together her family and friends. She was a 35-year member of PGHSAA and served on the board for years, most recently as the chair of the Sunshine Committee. Sherry's son Jimmy preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughters Susan '76 Vordermark, Judy '78 Azevedo, and Laura '81 Urquidi; her sisters Jo Ann Bennett '60 and Lynn Hayes; her grandchildren Lacey, AJ, Danika, Adam, Kaley, Seth, and Johnnie; and her very cute great-granddaughter Illya. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends. Contact the family at <https://bermudez-family-cremations-and-funeral.tributestore.com>.



Consuelo Teresa "Terry" Garner Stafford De Roo of Salt Spring Island and previously a long-time resident of Fort Langley, died on August 23 after a five-month battle with stomach cancer. Terry was born and raised on the Peninsula,

graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1966. She was the daughter of Arch Garner, a sculptor and major figure of the Los Angeles Renaissance of the 1930s. Her upbringing among artistic and free-thinking people gave her many of the values for which she is remembered and loved—her open-mindedness, open-heartedness, and creativity. Terry immigrated to British Columbia in the 1960s with her husband, Jack, where they settled in Fort Langley and raised their family. Family was hugely important to her, and she devoted herself to her children, giving them a rich and memorable childhood. Terry was a longtime leader in La Leche League, helping many young mothers navigate the joys and trials of a newborn. She was also a master educator, trained in the Montessori Method, a strong influence on her own endeavors as director of Wildwood, her home-based educational enrichment center for home-schooled children. As administrator, curriculum developer, and teacher, Terry showed love and respect to children, emphasizing compassion, and self-directed learning as a joyful activity. Until her mid-sixties, Terry was largely self-taught, but at last was able to embark on the greatest adventure of her life,

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attending Goddard College in Vermont, where she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in alternative education. Terry was also an artist, book illustrator, and writer, excelling in all of these activities. She is survived by her loving husband Harvey and her step-daughter Matsui; her ex-husband Jack; their three daughters Anika, Amie, and Tessa; five grandchildren, Theo, Rose, Fiona, Maraiah, and Ellie; and her brother Jeff '68 and his two children, Jennifer and Matthew.



Walter "Walt" Lewis Matteson, 77, passed away peacefully in his home on August 25, surrounded by his loving wife and children. Born and raised in P.G., he was a classmate of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1962. Walt ran a successful auto repair business for over 58

years and was known for his hard work, honesty, and ability to make people laugh with his amazing stories. He was a man who could literally fix anything. No problem was too big, and if there was a part or tool that did not exist, he would make it from scratch in order to get the job done. As a retired Captain for the P.G. Volunteer Fire Department, where he served for over 31 years, he forged many great friendships and loved keeping the community safe. After his retirement from Matteson's Auto Repair (which was long overdue), you could always find Walt on the golf course in the early morning hours, improving his game and continuing to make all those around him smile and feel warm. He cherished the lifelong friends he met on the course, was always first in line to turn divots, and if finding lost golf balls was a sport he would have been an Olympic Gold Medalist. Walt's presence will be missed, but his passion, strength, and larger-than-life spirit will be forever felt in P.G. (and beyond).

SEPTEMBER

Virginia Dorothea Mumford Wardle passed away September 2 at the age of 91. She was born in P.G. to her parents Howard and Wilhelmina Mumford. She was married to Ronald Wardle for 58 years and had two children, Lori and Randy. She



made many lifelong friends in P.G. and in Aptos. Virginia worked in one of the sardine factories on Cannery Row, worked at a local bank, taught preschool, worked as a telephone operator, worked at Holman's Department Store, and finally, worked as a nurse in Santa Cruz. She loved Mount Hermon and Twin Lakes Church, which she attended for 54 years. She was instrumental in the creation of the Anna Jean Cummings "Blue Ball" Park in Soquel, and she volunteered with the March of Dimes and the American Red Cross. Virginia is survived by her children, Lori and Randy; her beloved grandchildren Jennifer, Christina, and Andrew; her great-grandchildren Emily and Wyatt; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Kenneth Maurice Smith was born August 20, 1958, at the old Monterey Hospital. Ken grew up in P.G. and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1977. After graduating from MPC, Ken moved to Orlando, FL, to be closer to his father, working for several years for Disney World in Orlando. For the past ten years, Ken had been living in an assisted living facility due to challenging health conditions. On September 19, 2021, the family said their goodbyes over the telephone from Ken's hospital bed. Ken passed away the next day on September 20, 2021, from complications due to COVID-19, with several nurses holding his hand. He was 63. As Ken always yearned to return to Monterey, inurnment arrangements have been made in Florida, and Ken will be laid to rest here at the Monterey Cemetery in the very near future. Ken is survived by his only sister Phyllis; his nephews Mario, Ray, and Steve; and his five great-nephews.

Janette Katayama Gould, a Forever Friend from the PGHS Cool 'n Nifty Class of '60, passed away quietly after an extended illness, surrounded by family, on September 16. She was 78. Janette was born January 3, 1943, in Brighton, CO, where her family had moved to avoid the WWII internment camps. Following the war, the family returned to

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P.G., where many of us met her in kindergarten at Pine Avenue School, now Robert H. Down. She attended K-8 grade there before the class transferred to the new junior high school, from which it was the first class to graduate, in June 1956. After graduation from PGHS in June

1960, Janette spent some time in Hawaii, before attending and graduating from San Francisco State College. She worked in marketing in the Los Angeles area for a few years before moving to New York City, where she continued working in marketing and met and married Cary Gould. Once their son Jac was born and they decided that NYC was not the place to raise a child, they moved to Phoenix, AZ, in 1980. Cary was an Army vet who served in Vietnam. Cary passed away in 2016. Janette was very active, doing Tai Chi and learning Chinese. She is predeceased by her parents and husband and survived by son Jac; twin grandchildren Parker and Madeline; and older sisters Emi '58 and Ruby '56. She is buried alongside her husband in the Veteran's National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix.

OCTOBER



Paul Richard "Hoot" Chisman, 83, of Monticello, IA, passed unexpectedly on Oct. 1 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. Hoot was born on Feb. 26, 1938, in Monticello, the son of Henry "Mike" and Ruth Chisman. His early education was through the Monticello Community

Schools, followed by high school in California, where he graduated in the class of 1956 at P.G.H.S. On Feb. 1, 1961, he married Karole TerVeen in Carmel. While in California, Paul drove a bread truck route up and down the California coast, where he was a member of the Teamsters Union. He and his family moved back to Monticello in 1974, where he worked for several concrete companies and as a truck driver for other local companies. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, and golfer. Beyond being a

great man, he was a storyteller at heart. He was also a founding member and chairman of the Ducks Unlimited, Jones County Chapter. He is survived by daughters Brenda, Shelly, and Kristy; grandchildren Mike, Danny, Matt, Morgan, Taylor, Jordan, Jaelyn, Jacob, and Bo; and great-grandchildren Dylan, Brycen, Jerren, Elijah, Mayah, Jaxon, and Hazel. He was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Karole; his parents; his brother Robert Chisman; and in-laws Marvin and Helen TerVeen. His family also included the Paulsens, the Ricklefs, and longtime friend Danny Moore of Carmel Valley. Contact the family at

<https://www.goettschononline.com/obituary/paul-chisman>.



Local educator **Peter John Robinson** passed away Oct. 4 after a period of rapidly declining health. His work developing the Teacher Education programs at Chapman College in Monterey

provided many area people a start on their teaching careers. He also worked as Chapman College Associate Dean of Education Programs for Northern and Central California, Regional Dean for National University Sacramento, Curriculum Director for International School Bangkok, Thailand. He taught briefly at P.G.H.S., MPC, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and in England. The Robinsons made the Peninsula their home for over 42 years, with sons David and Martin attending P.G. schools. In addition to teaching, Peter was a life-long learner, a pilot, a sailor, an artist, and a designer. The Robinsons traveled and camped as a family in all 50 states, across Canada, and into Mexico, in addition to overseas trips to thirty-five countries. For 58 years, he and Eleanor shared the joy of loving and raising two wonderful sons. His eight grandchildren brought him great joy. Survivors include wife Eleanor; sons David and Martin; and grandchildren Sierra, Henry, Isabel Luna, Tauni, Teagan, Jasper, Myla, and Cody. Also surviving him are an aunt, Claudia Slaydon; his sisters Sandra, Kathy, and Debbie; and their wonderful children and grandchildren.

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Candace "Candy" Leola

Hoyt passed away peacefully in her home in Monterey on October 20, at age 71. She was born December 10, 1949, in Santa Ana to William Clinton Hoyt and Jacqueline Leola Hoyt. Born into a military household, Candy and her

family lived in several states before settling in Pebble Beach, where she attended school at Carmel Mission and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1968. She then attended MPC with dreams of becoming a flight attendant. She married Dale Edward Jamarck '63, bringing her first three children into the world. She later married and had her fourth child with her high-school sweetheart, Jesse Rodriguez Perez '68. Candy nurtured and cherished friendships with her high school classmates and made many more friends over the years, but her children and grandchildren were her pride and joy. She had a successful career as a customer service manager for CTB McGraw-Hill. She is fondly remembered for her bright personality and wonderful sense of humor, as well as being an excellent dresser, a great dancer, and a beauty inside and out. She leaves behind her four children David, Colleen, Shannon, and Alexis; her three grandchildren Alyssa, Charles, and Grady; her four siblings Pamela Patricia Hoyt, Keith Clinton Hoyt '67, Kathleen Erin Connell '69, and Aileen Lesley Mickel '71; and many nieces and nephews.



Deede G. Thompson Landers

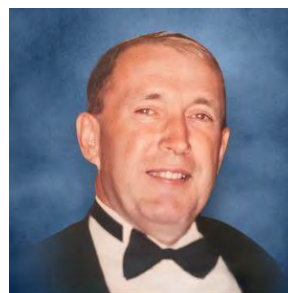
was born in Lower Lake on June 20, 1929, and passed away on October 25. She was the second youngest of six children of Frank and Lila Thompson. Deede grew up in P.G. and was a 1948 graduate of P.G.H.S. Following high school,

Deede married Donald Marks and had two daughters, Mary and Lynda. Her first job was working at Dyke's Pharmacy in P.G. In her lifetime, she held positions as a waitress, secretary and retirement home manager, and in her last position before retirement she was a school nurse in San Jose. In 1976, Deede married Robert Landers; together they enjoyed road trips, camping, and time with

family and the growing number of grandchildren. In 1982, Deede and Robert moved to Scotts Valley. Deede was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi and enjoyed friendships and community service activities the organization sponsored. While her daughters were school-aged, Deede enjoyed serving as a Camp Fire Girls leader. Her hobbies included cake decorating, oil painting, and flower arranging. Deede is predeceased by her beloved husband Robert Landers and daughter Lynda Marks, sisters Elinor and Jacky, and brother Mervin Thompson '35. Deede is survived by her daughter, Dr. Mary C. Marks; stepchildren Jim, Ken, Tom, and Carolyn; sisters Lila Stout '46 and Erline Brownfield; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Contact the family at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/10422761>.

NOVEMBER



William James (Bill)

Wetle of Newcastle, CA, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on November 2. Bill was born October 18, 1955, in Orleans, France, to Roger and Simone Wetle. He was raised on the

Monterey Peninsula, and graduated in 1973 from P.G.H.S. He attended MPC and then Sacramento City College. In 1977, Bill moved to Sacramento to start his 40-year career in the Sacramento City Unified School District. He was recently retired. Bill was raised a devoted and faithful Catholic. He had a passion for early automobiles and even restored a 1903 Schacht. He also had a passion for mentoring the young people in the school district in which he worked; he was proud of all of them. He also enjoyed trips to Las Vegas with his wife Ann. Another love of Bill's was gardening. His favorite destination was his five-acre residence in Newcastle, a property he had transformed into a park-like setting, with gardens, orchards, and plenty of garages to house his collection of beloved cars. He and Ann had also recently purchased a second home in Carmel, and Bill was looking forward to being close to high school friends again. Bill will always be remembered for his good humor, joking around, and

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making people smile. He was devoted to his family and good friends. He is survived by his wife Ann; twin brothers Jerry and Pierre, both '71; Jerry's children Jerry Jr. and Daniel; and Pierre's children Sean, Racheal, and Ian.



Carol Lee Ingersoll Prolo

passed away peacefully on November 6, at home with her husband Ken by her side. She was born May 14, 1938, in San Francisco to Herbert Worth Ingersoll and Dorothy Margaret Lee Ingersoll. Carol grew up in

P.G. and attended P.G.H.S., where she played the clarinet in the high school band and graduated in 1956. Her mother died when she was 9, and her father married Marjorie Moss in 1948. Carol earned her AA at MPC and her BS in elementary education at Brigham Young University. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Carol served as a missionary in the Southwest British Mission from 1962-1963 and then taught third grade in Gilroy from 1963-1966. She married Kenneth Prolo in 1966; they enjoyed 55 years of togetherness and had six children. Carol was a loving wife, mother, and homemaker. She spent many hours sewing clothes, cross stitching, and knitting, donating over 1,500 baby beanies to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City. She was a good cook, and music was an important part of her life. Over the years, Carol and Ken lived in several states; in Hawaii, she volunteered at the Polynesian Cultural Center and BYU Hawaii, where she taught English, sewing, and knitting classes to the international students. Carol was preceded in death by her sister Mary Anne Moss Phipps '64. She is survived by Kenneth Robert Prolo; her husband of 55 years; the David and Celeste Prolo family; the Karen Prolo family; the Diane and Lance Peck family; the Kimberly and Shane Keppner family; the Michele and Jade Hansen family; the Jillene and Brian Arrington family; and her siblings Virginia Ingersoll '61, Barbara Ingersoll Gerber '63, Calvin Moss '63, Wendy Wells, and Diane Lambert. Contact the family at www.simsfh.com.

Good Butterfly News

The first piece of good news is that after last year's Thanksgiving count in P.G. found zero monarch butterflies, the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History says on its website the count at the Pacific Grove Monarch Sanctuary as of Friday, November 26, is at 12,364.

The second piece of good news is that nestled inside the huge \$1 trillion infrastructure bill that President Joe Biden signed into law in November are two bills co-authored by Rep. Jimmy Panetta aimed at helping monarch butterflies and other insect pollinators threatened by loss of habitat and pesticide use. These are two bills that Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, announced in April while flanked by Pacific Grove Mayor Bill Peake and Santa Cruz Mayor Donna Meyers — two cities where monarchs overwinter along Monterey Bay.

The first bill is a five-year program that will provide \$10 million in grants to benefit pollinators on roadsides and highway rights-of-way. Called the Monarch and Pollinator Highway Act, the bill was authored by Panetta and Oregon Democratic Sen. Jeff Merkley.

Eligible projects include the planting of native plants—which provide pollen and nectar to wild pollinators—as well as the costs of switching to pollinator-friendly practices, such as reducing mowing, especially during key points in the monarch butterfly migration.

Pollinating creatures—birds, bats, bees and butterflies—are important because pollinated plants provide one out of every three bites of food, according to the San Francisco-based nonprofit Pollinator Partnership. A number of vegetables, fruit, and nut crops depend on the transfer of pollen to reproduce.

Bigger still is the \$250 million Monarch Action, Recovery, and Conservation of Habitat Act that will be distributed to states over the next five years for invasive plant removal along roads, highways, railroads, and other transportation routes. While not primarily pollinator-focused, the program prioritizes projects that will re-vegetate areas with pollinator-friendly native species when invasive plants are ripped out.

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It also provides a greater share of federal funds for bee-boosting projects, improving the odds that motorists will see lupine or wild columbine instead of kudzu or Japanese knotweed along roadways.

Rep. Salud Carbajal, whose district includes portions of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties, and Illinois Republican Rep. Rodney Davis co-led the introduction of the bipartisan bills in the House.



*Photo of monarchs at the P.G. butterfly sanctuary courtesy
P.G. Museum of Natural History*

In April, when he announced the bills in Pacific Grove, Panetta said the western monarch population had fallen to just 1% of the numbers seen in the 1980s.

“Something is wrong,” he said. “Something is leading to the shrinking numbers and depletion of this species. The numbers are staggering and are leading to the imminent risk of extinction.”

Exact causes of the dramatic drop in the population are not well understood. Habitat loss from deforestation in Mexico is key. Other causes could include overuse of herbicides and pesticides, climate change’s fluctuating weather patterns, developmental sprawl and the conversion of U.S. grasslands into ranches and farmlands. “We don’t want to lose this important pollinator for our crops and this icon of our communities,” Panetta said.

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Basketball Comeback For 2017 P.G. Grad

APPLETON, WIS. -- The fire that had followed Brad Sendell on the hardwood was gone. The adrenaline rush he felt before tipoff in his veins—the nervous tension in his stomach—was no longer something he craved. The desire to pick up a basketball, perfect a jump shot, dribble through defenses, or deliver that no-look pass? Like a magic act, it had vanished.

When Sendell, who graduated from P.G.H.S. in 2017, left Lawrence University after the pandemic shut down all college athletics 19 months ago, the feeling came after a decade of pushing his abilities to their limits—he had played his last basketball game. “My passion to play wasn’t very high,” Sendell said. “I felt like I had hit a ceiling. I didn’t like how (the team) or I was growing.”

Returning to his parents’ home in P.G., Sendell didn’t pick up a basketball for over three months. It would have been longer had his grandparents not purchased a basketball hoop, providing him the option to shoot in his driveway. Eight months went by before he stepped back into a gym. “I played a lot of golf with my dad,” Sendell said. “I spent quality time with my family. I needed a break from basketball. It was nice to reset.”

Having last season canceled at Lawrence, which sits 20 minutes outside Green Bay, gave Sendell the option to remain home and avoid making a decision on his basketball future. A return to the P.G.H.S. gym—the site where his game evolved—came at the urging of Breakers basketball coach Dan Powers, who asked Sendell and his brother Jack (Class of 2019) to work with his players when the sport returned in April.

Not only did it invigorate the 6-foot-1 Sendell, but it brought back his love for a sport that has engulfed most of his life. The flame was relit. “Being around coach Powers made me love the game again,” said Sendell, who led P.G. to four M.T.A.L. titles as a player.



*Brad Sendell. Photo
courtesy Lawrence
University*

Sendell, cont.

“He had some trouble in terms of enjoying the game,” Powers said. “The hope was that getting him out here would be a good experience. He did a great job connecting with the kids.”

Sendell, who has led Lawrence in scoring in each of his first two seasons—and is the fastest player in school history to 1,000 points—began working on his craft, refining his skills while coaching. “Playing can be the best example,” Powers said. “He was the best player out there.”

It didn’t take long for Sendell to rediscover his jump shot from the perimeter, where he knocked down 40% of his attempts from beyond the 3-point arc in 2020 for Lawrence. While the team itself struggled, Sendell had arguably his best season, averaging a team-high 22.8 points a game and leading Lawrence in minutes played. Yet, going 11-14 for the second straight year frustrated Sendell, who had never suffered a losing season at P.G., or his one season at MPC.

New Lawrence coach Casey Korn, hired in September, also lit a fire under Sendell. “Bringing back his experience is something that is extremely valuable,” Korn said. “Guys are willing to listen to what he has to say, because he’s done it at such a very high level.”

Sendell, who was chosen as a member of the All-Midwest Conference team in 2019 and 2020, and who was named Midwest Player of the Week for the fifth time on November 15, is one of the top returning scorers in the conference. He has also started 48 of his 49 games at Lawrence. A sharpshooter, Sendell doled out 75 assists in 2020. He also finished as one of the team’s top defenders, with 28 steals and 98 rebounds. But Sendell isn’t chasing individual accolades or becoming the school’s all-time leader in points. “This will be my last collegiate year,” Sendell said. “I’d like to get back to competing for championships. I haven’t had that feeling since high school. I want to play games that matter.” And he’s not prepared to close the door after his final season at Lawrence. “Basketball has been a big part of my life,” he said. “If I have a good year and someone likes my game, I’d be interested.”

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Bill Hyler on “Holman Highway”

I clearly recall Wilford Holman, owner of Holman’s Department Store in the early 1930s, and a story Wilford mentioned to me. He argued constantly for what we called the “Carmel Cut-Off.” Most of the local people thought he had to be daffy to want this road. “It’s easy to drive through Monterey and then on up Carmel Hill and into Carmel.” Why spend the money for this senseless road? Well. He persevered and finally won. It was finished mid-1940. Sadly, William “Billy” Anderson ‘40, was the first one killed on this road, in September 1940.

We all enjoy the “Carmel Cut-Off,” but today it is a major entrance-exit road for Pacific Grove. After 9/11, the Army closed the Taylor Street, High Street, and Pvt. Bolio Road gates into the Presidio, which houses the Defense Language Institute (formerly the Language School) to civilian traffic. They have remained closed; no civilian traffic goes through the Presidio.

The Carmel Cut-Off is a now state highway into Pacific Grove: Highway 68 runs from Asilomar State Beach to U.S. Route 101 in Salinas. Wilford, most don’t recall you, but I do, and thanks for thinking ahead for all of us.

—Bill Hyler ’39, November 2003.



1968 was gone and off to college!

A side note: The year Highway 68 was named was 1968. There was a time during that year that the Highway 68 sign in front of P.G.H.S. kept disappearing. Wonder why? They finally quit replacing them until the Class of

Ed. Note: Bill’s daughter Joanie located this article among her dad’s papers and submitted it for publication. Almost 20 years after Bill wrote this, few people on the Peninsula today understand what I’m talking about when I say “The Cutoff.” Today’s popular name is “Holman Highway.” “Highway 68” refers to the portion that runs between Monterey 12 and Salinas and out to Highway 1.

Classic Bowhay

By the late Phil Bowhay '47

...And lo, it came to pass, Christmas again in Pacific Grove! Christmas everyplace else, I know, but we had Holman's, and more to the point, we had us! In the 1940s both sweet and sad with the war full blown, friends and relatives overseas, soldiers and sailors here, ready to go. On the radio, "I'll be home for Christmas; you can count on me," but not quite, in 1942 and 1943. We prayed in church, sang our carols, and hoped for heavenly peace, but even with solemn overtones, Pacific Grove was joyful, happy, and enthusiastic with the Christmas spirit. Santa was on the mezzanine in Holman's, right in front of the electric train spectacular. Little kids bundled up, noses running, climbed on his lap, and not realizing that it is more blessed to give than to receive, asked for the moon. In return for their innocent faith, they got a candy cane from the elf alongside.

You could hear "Silent Night" over the whoosh of the pneumatic tubes. We slightly older kids had worshipped the Wish Book (the Sears catalog), hopefully marking and folding pages in case Santa was confused. For a real trip down memory lane, log on to the S. S. Adams catalog, with joy buzzers, whoopee cushions, and disappearing ink. Great gifts!

It was a struggle finding something to give to moms and dads, brothers and sisters, and close, close friends. But look! Here we are! A breadboard from woodshop, or a towel holder with the sliding marble, or a photo taken at school, framed with green paper and cotton snow!

We treasure the story of Annie Guastella (with whom I was secretly in love, but then, who wasn't?) who went to Rudy Partridge, president of the bank, and asked if she could borrow \$50. He wanted to know why she needed it, and she said to buy Christmas presents for her parents and friends.

"Well," he said, "What is your collateral?"

"I'm your daughter, Marie's, best friend!" she said proudly.

"Good enough," said Rudy, and wrote the check. It seems to me that Christmas trees were a little hard to come by in the '40s—there's a war on, you know—but good old Del Monte Properties looked the other way as we lopped off a Monterey pine and

carried it home. This all before Candy Cane Lane, but the town still glistened and glimmered, and no matter where you wandered, you could hear people singing...and when they weren't singing, you could hear the City Hall chimes: "Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem," and the snug Little Town of Pacific Grove!

My kids and grandkids are sick of my Christmas tree story, but you haven't been blessed with it yet. (This shortened form better after eggnog.) In 1939, my dad was a forest ranger in Kernville, up on the Kern River, but more about that later. In early fall he was asked to scout out a very special and perfect tree on Greenhorn Mountain. I drove and walked with him, and finally, after several outings, he found it. Tall and stately, perfectly shaped, and just right.

Down it came, carefully loaded and trucked to Bakersfield, then on two flat cars, up to Oakland, then by barge to Treasure Island, the World's Fair! And there it was, destiny realized, and up it went to great fanfare and applause. A thousand lights, and I was sure you could see it over all the world! (At this point I note that the grandkids have drifted away, but I just knew that you wanted to hear that story!)

And, as my grandmother reminded us, "Christmas is the Dawn of Redeeming Grace... someday you will understand."

And so will you!

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The Breakers Club needs volunteers at home games! Concessions during football season make up the largest portion of the funds this organization donates to P.G.H.S. sports. To volunteer, visit <https://pghs-breakers-club.square.site/>

Class of 1960 61st Reunion

Our 60th reunion was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID, but this year, a small but determined and close-knit group of classmates came together Oct. 1 and 2 to celebrate our 61st reunion. Butterfly Days were again cancelled in Pacific Grove because of COVID concerns, so our plans to march (straggle along) in the Butterfly Parade were scuttled.

However, our devoted reunion committee of Judy Lopez Furman, Marabee Rush Boone, Patty Fifer Kieffer, Carol Hotovitsky Ochsner, and Judy Mallory Tieger (to also include their significant others) still put together activities for our group.



The Cool and Nifty Class of '60: Back row, L-R: Marsha Hisey Fields, Carol Hotovitsky Ochsner, Marabee Rush Boone (seated), Tony Prock, Patty Fifer Kieffer. Front row, L-R: Pat Elmore, Artemis Ledesma, Rosemarie Souza Jackson, and Judy Lopez Furman.

On Friday evening, we met at Mountain Mike's Pizza on Forest Hill, in a decorated room where we chowed down on—get this—pizza! Saturday found us at Lovers Point for a meet-and-greet picnic lunch and entertainment by “Mr. Bubbles,” Charlie Kieffer. Saturday evening, we were feted with a delish BBQ tri-tip dinner at the lovely home of Chuch and Judy Furman. The backyard was set up with a table of hors d'oeuvres provided by the committed and classmate Artemis Ledesma.

The long dinner table was appropriately decorated in red and gold, and a large log fireplace kept the heat radiating in the cool of the evening. After the munchies, we sat down to the yummy tri-tip that Chuck Furman cooked up. Along with this was a mucho good-o pot of chili and a great salad that Judy Furman whipped up. A cake by Patty Kieffer and one by Judy Furman served as dessert. All so

tummy-tingling good! Marabee Boone read greetings from many classmates who were unable to attend.

I wish to extend my sincere thank-you to this hard-working committee, which has created five-year-reunion get-together activities since 1960, a very good year. Well done.

Patricia Elmore '60, Suisun

Patty Fifer Kieffer adds, “Our class is already planning a reunion next year, when the members of the Cool and Nifty Class of '60 will turn 80. Who says senior citizens can't have fun? The PGHS Class of 1960 has proved that we certainly can! The Class of '60 has also started a scholarship fund for PGHSAA awards; see p. 18 for more information!

Class of 1966 55th Reunion

We had a great 55th reunion. The cocktail party on Friday, October 1, was attended by about 30 people. It was at the lobby bar of the Portola Hotel (formerly the Doubletree) in Monterey. They have changed their arrangement since we were last there, which filled up the lobby and the outdoors area with wedding parties.

Carol Bradley Lauderdale and Maria Langton Turnbow did most of the check-in, with Tom MacDonald helping with name tags. But it worked out better than planned, if you have been there and remember it. Think of walking up to the bar and ordering a drink. Now turn left and walk toward the elevators. In the elevator 'lobby' were two tables that could seat 8-10. We gathered in that area, which was relatively quiet and private. We ordered some goodies, which were laid out and filled one table. Most people didn't sit, but hung out in that area, with some hanging out in the bar.

The picnic the next day was at Whispering Pines Park on Pacific Street in Monterey, as before. Rick and Kathy Dreher and Wally and Cheri Gottschalk took care of the big and little details of the BBQ. Roger Lacey wandered in and supervised (kept Rick and Wally company). Lunch was tri-tip and chicken with beans, salad, and garlic bread. Rick also provided a cheese platter and freshly cooked sausage, and there was cake for dessert. Carol and Maria were again the check-in

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crew and collected for the food from those who hadn't paid in advance. Carol also brought decorations, as well as her collection of yearbooks, photo albums from past reunions, sign-in sheets, and memorabilia.

We had about 50 people, including guests. As usual, people wandered around talking to classmates, including some they never talked to in school! After lunch, and as we were winding down, we had a Champagne toast to our dearly departed. (This budgetary extravagance was made possible by donations from Jeff Magyar, Don Collum, and Bill Wyman, as well as those who said "keep the change.") We then broke for a group picture. If you were there, at either the cocktail or the picnic, please send any other pictures to me at tom@adventur.com.



Front Row: Bonnie Bailey, Debbie Anthony, Maria Langton, Carol Bradley, Taffy Kezeli, Chris Faulks, Susie Stutzman. Second Row: Karen Morness, Sandi Thornton, Loretta Lewis, Rick Dreher, Wally Gottschalk, Dan Hufford, Clint Gruwel, Tom MacDonald. Third Row: Jack McCornack, Craig Coffin (behind Sandi), Greg Dorman, Bob Brisco, Jim Nix, Dennis Garrett, Gunnar Sande (behind Clint), Bill Wyman. Fourth row: John Scoville, Steve Nelson, Tam McPartland, Pat Godfrey, Georgene Rugg, Gay Davis. Missing from photo but there: John L. Sullivan.

There have been various ideas about how to handle future reunions of our class, as our ranks are thinning. Carol suggested a simple reunion once a year. This could be just a potluck picnic, a chance to get together and chat. It would be the first weekend in October (as we have been doing) to coincide with the PGHSAA reunion and the Butterfly Parade. Debbie suggested a no-host cocktail party. Rick Dreher volunteered to do a BBQ.

I suggested an annual Zoom reunion. Many of us are now familiar with Zoom. This would allow those

in ill health or at some distance to avoid plane and hotel costs and maybe come for the first time. It could be held in conjunction with whatever Carol organizes, or at a different time. I would be willing to send Zoom invitations and MC the Zoom call but am reluctant to organize a yearly event. Each five-year reunion has been a huge undertaking.

Interested? I can provide class contact information.

One thing I've learned from this reunion is that when I send letters to those who don't have email, I frequently discover that the addressee is no longer living. I've started using Ancestry and other means to try and find missing classmates. As the Internet matures, it is getting easier to find people, living or dead, so during the next year, I'll put more effort into finding those that I've not had contact with this year, even if it results in bad news. I don't like to receive this news, but many of you have said that you would like to hear about it. So, I'll continue doing this work.

I would feel better if I could pass along good news, so please let me know of any good news you come across so I can share that. Finally, I'll do my best to keep us connected. I've asked for volunteers to keep the website going if something should happen to me and have had no takers. So, I've declared myself to be the last man standing to be able to report your passing and post your obit on the website. (I hope no one is too sensitive about this tongue-in-cheek comment.) Hope to see you all next time, whenever that is!

--Tom McDonald
tom@adventur.com

<http://www.pacificgrovehighschoolclassof1966.com/reunions/2021reunion/index.html>.



Class of 1971 50th Reunion

The Class of 1971 spent the first weekend in October celebrating 50 years since leaving the hallowed halls of P.G.H.S. Festivities started with a reception Friday night at Sur, a restaurant in the Barnyard near Carmel owned by classmate Bill Lee. Plans to walk in the Butterfly Parade were cancelled, as that event wasn't held due to ongoing COVID concerns. But the class met again Saturday night at First Awakenings, now at the corner of David and Central in Monterey, for a taco-truck dinner. On Sunday, a bring-your-own picnic was held at Lovers Point Park. Reunion Committee members who planned and brought about these events were Larry Mann, Mary *Ichijui*, Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth, Harvey Shymanski, Don Mothershead, and John Miller. On this and the following pages are photos of these three events. John Miller has also created three photo albums on the **PGHS Class of '71 50th Reunion** page on Facebook.



Above: Erin *Langton* Field, Les Field '72, Harvey Shymanski, Mary Shymanski, Bill Uretsky. Top right: Donna *Schutzler* McAtee, Steven McAtee, Janet Mensik, Greg Mensik. Middle right: Tom Reimer, Helen *Cook*, Doug Wisler, Tina *Werk* Wisler. Bottom right: Alex Hulanicki, Janell *Rush* Roseman, Debbie *Nair* Williams, Bob Hauswirth '69, Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth. Photos this page taken at Sur restaurant in Carmel on Friday night. Harvey and Mary Shymanski won the prize for coming the farthest, from East Aurora in upstate New York.

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At top: Jocelyne *Lamarque* Birren and Larry Mann; above, sales table and memorabilia display. Top right, Saturday night: Sidney *Smith* Cooley, Mary *Ichiji*, Rosemary *Estrella* Favazza, Tom Favazza, John Postishil, Don Goebel, Ken Cooley. At middle right: Kedra Gluck and Alice Crocker Biggs; at right, Dennis Deis, Gary Feliciano, Pete Gaudoin, and Harvey Shymanski, all in “Breaker Hats” purchased at the sales table run by the P.G.H.S Breakers Club; proceeds benefit P.G.H.S. sports programs.

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Above: picnic attendees on Saturday. Top right: the celebratory cake. At right, Robert H. Down kindergarten grads take a group shot: John Miller, Debbie Nair Williams, Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth, Mary Ichiuji, Larry Mann. Below, the whole group. This class and the Class of 1960 have started plans to fund PGHSAA scholarships. Donations from members of these classes will mean scholarship awards presented to graduating P.G.H.S. students this spring; continued donations could mean annual scholarships. Contact your reunion committee for more information about donating to these scholarships. Several scholarships from previous P.G.H.S. classes are sunsetting as funds run out, so new scholarships are appreciated.



Class of '73 Yearly Reunion

The P.G.H.S Class of 1973 holds a yearly “wine-and-cheese” get-together every October, at least when there is not a pandemic, so that we don’t have to wait five years to see everyone. Unfortunately, none of us has yet mastered the skill of taking evening photos with cell phones when floor lamps are present. We’ll try to get better at this as we move toward our 50th reunion in 2023. We would also like more classmates to be present at that reunion! Visit <http://www.pacificgrove73.com> to join our official class website and receive notification of future reunions. The pictures on this page were taken at Beth Penney’s home on Saturday, October 2.



Above: Velma Peña Cummins looks at scrapbooks. Below:
Doug Snider and Annette Estes Hall.

Top: Al (Forrest) Edwards, Bill Wetle, James Keith. Center: James Keith,
Frank Grillo, Doug Snider. Bottom: James Keith, Doug Snider, Frank
Grillo, Bill Wetle, Bill Russo, Ken Hodson, Al Edwards. Seated: Shannon
Johnson Gullion, Velma Peña Cummins, Annette Estes Hall, Joseph
Favaloro, Beth Penney. Present but not pictured: Eleni Hulanicki.

P.G.H.S. Grads Raise \$3 Mil. for Cystic Fibrosis Sufferers

In 2000, Chris Pappageorgas '73 and his high-school-sweetheart wife, Lori *McKinney* Pappageorgas '74, received the worst news any parent could hear. Both of their children, son Nick and daughter Melissa, were diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a terminal, chronic disease affecting the lungs and digestive system. Nick and Melissa were teenagers at the time, and the mean life expectancy for an individual with CF was 26 years. The news that their children's life was more than half over was devastating. How could this be? Most individuals are diagnosed with CF before the age of three, while many are diagnosed at birth. Melissa and Nick had been misdiagnosed by several doctors and were repeatedly told they had asthma and allergies. They were put on an extensive respiratory therapy program and told to go back to their regular routine at home. They continued with school, sports, and other activities. They both graduated from USC in four years, despite daily therapy and several hospital stays at USC Medical Center.

Chris and Lori started taking part in cystic fibrosis fundraisers while their children were in college. They began to hear of more and more young adult CF patients. Until this point, children were not usually living into adulthood. With this new population of CFers came many new challenges and difficulties, and there weren't any programs available to assist the adult CFers.

In 2008, Chris and Lori founded The Living Breath Foundation (LBF), which assists individuals and families in need. With Nick and Melissa advising the foundation, they created several aid programs to assist CFers to help combat the exorbitant everyday expenses caused by the disease. Often adult CFers are unable to work fulltime. Examples of assistance include financial aid grants, academic scholarships, hospital "care packages," funds for medical bills or equipment, and double lung transplant aid. CFers fill out an application and submit a personal statement. A nine-year-old girl was provided with a portable machine that converts room air into pure oxygen. She can now leave the house instead of having to use a stationary device. Many needing car repairs in order to drive to the

clinic for treatment have received funds from Chris and Lori's foundation. One girl was studying abroad and her vibrating vest malfunctioned. Lori negotiated with the manufacturer to donate a new vest and they sent it overnight to England!



Lori McKinney Pappageorgas '74 and her husband Chris '73, founders of The Living Breath Foundation, at the Sept. 11 fundraising event.

LBF's premier annual fundraising event is the "In a Garden of Sixty-Five Roses" dinner and auction. "Sixty-Five Roses" is a name for CF that derives from a story of a four-year-old in the 1960s who couldn't pronounce the name of her disease and called it "sixty-five roses." This year's event was held on Sept. 11 at The Club at Pasadera on Highway 68. It featured a cocktail hour, silent auction, and testimonies and speeches from CFers, their family members, and healthcare professionals. A dinner and live auction followed. Almost 200 people attended, and over \$160,000 was raised that night! Other annual fundraisers include Bay for Breath, Shootout Pasadera, LB Foundation Bowl, and Surfing the Salty Seas

The Pappageorgas children were diagnosed later than most, so the family got a late start in receiving the proper treatment. Nick, now 38, has been doing well for the past three years on a newly approved drug called Trikafta. It doesn't correct the previous lung damage, but it does slow the progression of the

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In 2015, Melissa underwent a successful double lung transplant. A few years later, her body started to reject the new lungs, and she was once again in need of a double lung transplant as well as a new kidney. She was in the process of being relisted for transplant when more complications arose. She spoke to her family and friends and made the sad decision to discontinue her breathing support. Melissa said her goodbyes to everyone and passed peacefully away, surrounded by her family and friends, on December 2, 2018.

Now in its fourteenth year, the foundation started by these two P.G.H.S. grads has raised over \$3.2 million dollars to distribute to CF patients and their family members and to further research. The foundation works closely with Stanford, UCSF, and USC CF clinics. For more information, visit www.thelivingbreathfoundation.com, call 831-392-5283, or e-mail livingbreathfoundation@gmail.com.

--Submitted by Teri Kier Kuhle '74



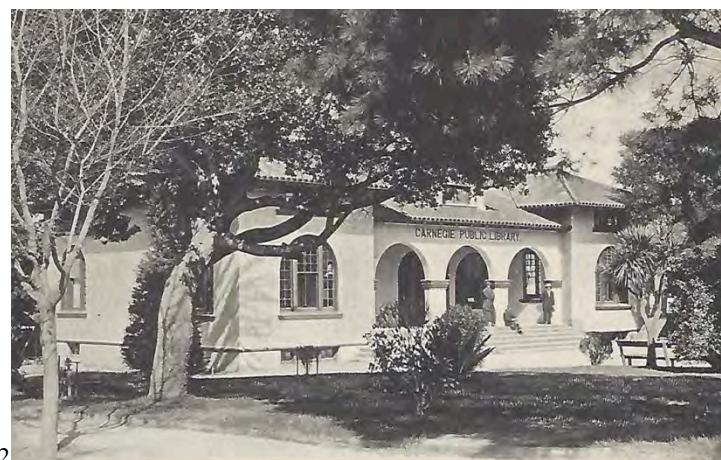
'74 PGHS grads attending this year's 'Sixty Five Roses' event, from left to right: Sandi Dix Eason, Dona Wright Bates, Laurie Dill Wilson, LBF founder Lori McKinney Pappas, Teri Kier Kuhle, Dena Rockwell McCague, and Cheri Fisher Schmidt

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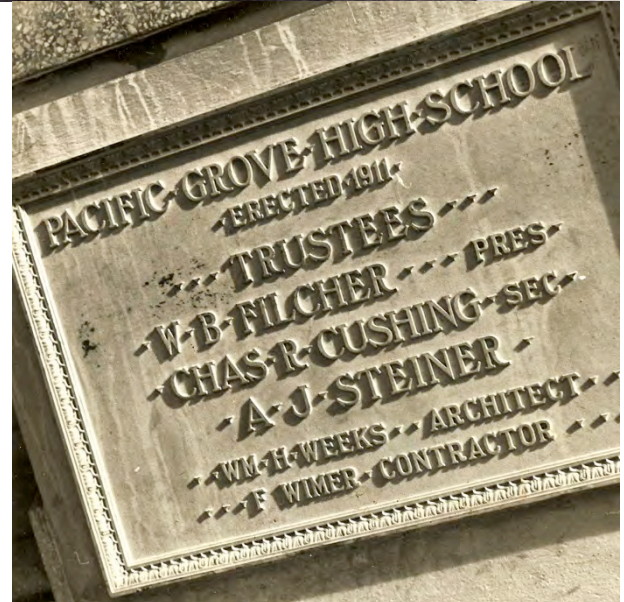
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Seen Around (Early) Town

Lillian Griffiths '70 lent us her vast postcard collection so that we could include some of them in future newsletters. With all the reunions in this issue, we didn't have much room, but here's a preview of three less-seen postcards. Watch for more in future issues. Thanks, Lillian!

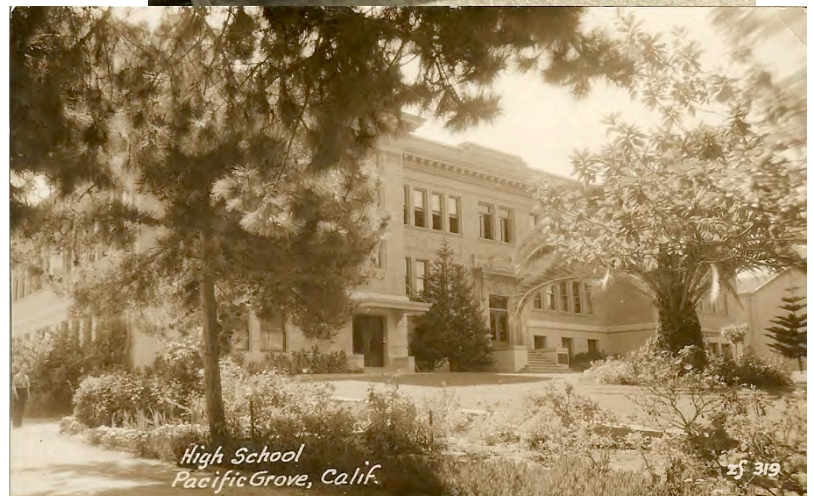


Pre-Fire P.G.H.S. Photos



We've published many photos of P.G.H.S. during and after the 1946 fire. But Joanie Hyler '68 recently located the photos on this page in files belonging to her grandmother, Elmarie Hurlbert Hyler Dyke '15. Clockwise from top, a photograph of the grounds from Forest and Sinex; a plaque listing the Board of Trustees, the architect, and the contractor at the time of construction,, a less-often seen postcard than the popular one with the horse and carriage in the front; and the architrave above the main door featuring the year of construction, 1911.

Thanks to Joanie for sharing these.



Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The Pacific Grove High School Hall of Fame is a program designed to recognize outstanding graduates, staff, and volunteers. We invite you to identify and nominate worthy individuals who have been a graduate for at least 10 years and distinguished themselves through one or more of the following criteria:

- Graduated from PGHS or worked and/or volunteered time for PGHS.
- Exemplary accomplishment.
- Earned honors, awards, or other recognition on local, regional, national and/or international levels.
- Professional impact and/or career achievement in the nominee's area of specialization.
- Philanthropic involvement: Exhibits 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 well qualified and deserving graduate, staff member, or volunteer, complete the form below and return it to the PGHS Activities Director. Forms are also available at <https://pghigh.pgusd.org/documents/Alumni/2015-Hall-of-Fame-Form.pdf>. The current PGHS Hall of Fame Advisory Committee will select at least four inductees per year to be honored during Homecoming Week. 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 student center and will be recognized at the annual homecoming festivities.

Name of Nominee _____

Maiden Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Graduation Year _____

Present Occupation _____ Employed by _____

Nominated by _____ - _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Graduation year _____

Email _____

Please answer the following questions and attach articles or website information regarding nominee:

- Candidate's achievements while at PGHS: academics, student government athletics, music, art, etc.
- Candidate's achievements after graduation/tenure at PGHS:
- Exemplary accomplishment: Earned honors awards, or other recognition on local, regional, national and/or international levels:
- Professional impact and/or career achievement in the nominee's area of specialization:
- Philanthropic involvement:
- Other reasons why candidate should be nominated.

Forms are due on the last day of February each year. The Hall of Fame Advisory Committee meets on campus the last Wednesday of March and April at 6:30 p.m. to decide inductees for the following academic year. **Return the form to the following address:**

PGHS Hall of Fame Advisory Committee c/o Activities Director

615 Sunset Drive

Pacific Grove, CA 93950

Phone (831) 646-6590 ex. 289 Fax (831) 646-6660 pghsasb@pgusd.org

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Who Is It?

We had no takers for the last “Who Is It?” photo, and we didn’t know who those students were either, except that they were definitely sitting on the lawn behind P.G.H.S.’s administrative wing, and that they were sitting there sometime in the late 1960s.

Let’s see how our readers do with the photo at right. Extra credit if you know not only who these people are, but what they are doing.

Do you have a photo for this column? You can scan it to a .jpg file and e-mail it to president@pghsaa.org. If you’re not scanner-savvy, put your photo in an envelope and mail it to Knockout II Editor, Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA, 93950. If you know who’s in the photo, include that information, but if you can’t remember, maybe a fellow alumnus can help via this column! We promise you that we’ll scan your photo as soon as we can and return it to you by mail, unharmed. Thanks in advance!

