

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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

Winter, 2022 ♡ Page One

President's Message



We had a wonderful annual reunion at the Elks Lodge in October! Co-Chair Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64 has provided a report and photos on p. 12. We were thrilled to have 180+ people attend, the most in many years. We attribute this attendance to you, our members, and to several hard-working board mem-

bers: Reunion co-chairs Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64, Katie *Samora* Henden '68, and Pete Gaudoin '72, who worked with the Elks Club, handled registration, and provided the lovely decorations; treasurer Teri *Kier* '74, who with former treasurer Joanie *Hylar* '68 worked with our web site provider to get our online dinner registration and payment working; and Lillian *Griffiths* '70, who managed the silent auction.

We also believe people were ready to get out and celebrate after the pandemic years, and our decision to open the attendance to non-PGHSAA members also helped boost attendance (although we have a number of new members! See p. 3). There were a few glitches, but our co-chairs have volunteered to plan the 2023 dinner, and they are committed to addressing the problems that arose. We hope the attendance will be as good for next year's reunion, also at the Elks Lodge, the first weekend of October. Mark the date!

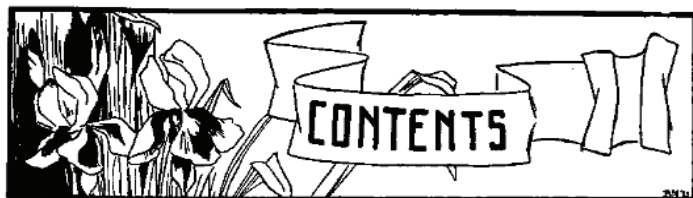
This issue of the *Knockout II* has two stories about community support of the P.G.H.S. sports facilities. One is a story about coaches arranging for donations of labor and materials for the baseball diamond (p. 10). The other, a thank-you letter (p. 4), indirectly tells the story of a donation from a parent who made new helmets available to the lacrosse team. Your Alumni Association has also given recently to sports at P.G.H.S., donating \$1,500 to the purchase of a new

computerized basketball scoreboard for the gym. This donation is made possible by our membership! As varsity baseball coach Craig Bell says in the story on p. 10, "There's more important things out there, obviously, but...there's a value to helping the kids. And anything we can do right now to have the kids feel better about themselves means they have a better chance to succeed at the next level when they're out of school. It has very little to do with baseball. It's just preparing them for life."

On another note, you may have noticed that the dates on the most recent issues of the *Knockout II* have changed a little. Rather than a month (March, June, September, and December), they now read spring, summer, fall, and winter. Your editor still has a heavy teaching load at Monterey Peninsula College, and the work of preparing the newsletter conflicts with mid-terms and finals schedules at MPC. Giving the issues seasonal dates instead of monthly dates makes the deadline a little more fluid. I try to get the newsletter to the printer by the end of the month before the original dates, but it doesn't always happen. But continue to watch for four issues each year, reaching you sometime during the four seasons!

And remember that this is *your* newsletter, so we need your contributions! From now on, reminders of the deadlines for newsletter contributions will appear on page 2. They are usually the second Friday of February, May, August, and November. In 2023, the specific deadlines are Feb. 10 for the spring issue, May 12 for the summer issue, Aug. 11 for the fall issue, and Nov. 10 for the winter issue. We hope having firm deadlines will encourage you to send your stories and photos to president@pghsaa.org, or snail-mail them to the address on the masthead on p. 2. Your photos will be quickly returned if sent this way. I look forward to receiving and sharing them.

Beth Penney '73



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A Friendly Welcome to Our New Member(s)

1967 Usana <i>Numthasungkeet</i> Weaver	Pacific Grove
1969 CeCe <i>Shymanski</i> Chazen	Carmel
1970 Carolyn <i>Knight-Richards</i>	Chico
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1971 Richard Morrison	Pacific Grove
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IMO: Joan <i>Dean</i> Wootton '57	
1968 Tina <i>Ruble</i> Heacock	Sacramento
IMO: Mark Ruble '71	
1974 Teri <i>Kier</i>	Gold River
IMO: Andrew Kier '59	
IMO: Mary "Lu" <i>Kier</i> Godfrey '68	

1975 Mary <i>Gaudoin</i> Grove	Monterey
IMO: Michael Gaudoin '63	
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Thank You for Your Recent Contributions

1946 Bob Richerts	Pacific Grove
1952 Mary <i>Head</i> Boardman	Charleston, SC
1963 Debra <i>Scott</i> Wilson	Sebastopol
1974 Dena <i>Rockwell</i> McCague	Santa Barbara
2002 Lindsey <i>Summers</i> Reynolds	New York, NY

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1970 James Bohon	Woodland
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1974 Cheri <i>Fisher</i> Schmidt	Hollister
2002 John Mothershead (Fine Arts)	Pacific Grove

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1960 Janet <i>Gutierrez</i> Crispin	Portland, OR
1960 Jim Dowell	Tucson, AZ
1960 Jack Kelleher	Houston, TX
1960 Patty <i>Fifer</i> Kieffer	Watsonville
1960 Geoffrey Sharp	Pebble Beach

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to remember relatives and loved
ones who were graduates of
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Letters

Dear Donna,

On behalf of the 2022 P.G.H.S. Lacrosse Team, I want to thank you and the Alumni Association for your efforts in trying to make a very generous donation to the 2022 team. It is very much appreciated, although I still have no idea how it ended up the way it did. Not sure if you know this, but the team went 9 and 3 this year, an exceptionally good effort for a fairly new team. Through your efforts and the donations of others, the team has new chest protectors, required by the Conference, and new helmets for the first time since the LAX program started! Thanks for contributing to a very successful LAX season. My best to you all.

Brian Dadiw
Breakers Club Team Liaison

Editor's note: it turned out that a parent of one of the team members had already purchased the helmets that they had requested the money to buy, so our check was returned.

Hello Beth,

Well, here I am at age 88, still wondering if I'm really me, or Alice, or the Mad Hatter. Back on 9/23/22, enjoying a phone chat with my sister Gwen Head Harvey '49, I became aware that my *KOII* had not come. Oh dear! Oh dear! I'm not sure if it was I, Alice, or the Mad Hatter who became nervous. I was thinking that, perhaps, my dues had not been paid. So my angel, accountant, reader, right arm, and wonderful husband Charlie wrote this enclosed check to cover two years' dues. Any remainder can be contributed to a scholarship fund. Happily, the long-awaited *KOII* arrived before I could send this check, so I hope it doesn't mess up the books, coming so early. Charlie loves reading all the articles to me. He smiles. It gives him a little more insight into this funny girl he married 67 years ago. Thinking about long marriages, my amazing sister Gwen and her amazing husband "Chuck" (Elwood G. Harvey) celebrated their 70th last June (2022)! Now I must get this check in the mail to you before it expires. I am legally blind and am grateful for all the help from Council for the Blind, but even so, life is like walking in a rain forest. Yet, there

is much to be thankful for, and high on the list is you and your staff, who take the time to bring us up to the present and also keep alive our memories of the good fortune of having grown up in Pacific Grove.

Joyfully,
Mary Darlene Head Boardman '52
Charleston, SC

P.S. I've written this on a plastic frame—to keep me from writing over what I have already written.

Editor's note: Thanks to Mary for her letter, and congratulations to both Mary and Gwen on their long-lasting marriages! We often get letters, e-mails, and phone calls asking about missed issues of the KOII. Because of your editor's still-heavy teaching schedule in the English Department at Monterey Peninsula College, we have changed the dates of the KOII issues from March, June, September, and December to spring, summer, fall, and winter, as also announced on p. 1. This gives us a little more wiggle room in meeting deadlines that often compete with mid- and end-of-semester paper grading. You may not receive your KOII at the same time of month each season, but you will always receive four issues a year!

Beth,

Just want to congratulate you on another newsy issue. The long article about Africa is by one of my classmates, Terrell Moss. A good friend and a great guy. We even graduated from MPC together and both ended up as teachers. I will be thinking about you this weekend as the big PGHSAA reunion is finally celebrated again. Fun to see the PGHSAA will be bringing up the rear in the Butterfly Parade. I was in the very first parade, as part of a second-grade class. There was always a bazaar held at the Girl Scout House, where my mother sold her pies every year. Then the pageant at the softball park where Mrs. Dyke always sang the closing refrain. Very fond memories. Our class held its 65th reunion on this occasion—a member came all the way from New Jersey and another from South Carolina. We were all 83 years old! Hoist one for me and have a great time.

Virginia Fox Abplanalp '50
Walnut Creek

Letters (cont.)

Editor's note: Another classmate of the Class of 1950 has responded to Terrell's article with some memories of his own; see p. 16. This letter was received before our 2022 annual reunion; see p. 12 for story and photos!

Beth,

I think the Heritage Society's mystery photo on page 14 of the current *Knockout II* is of Billy (William) Osgood, P.G.H.S. Class of '56. Am I right? (It also resembles Pee Wee Herman.)

*Bob Coble '56
Via e-mail*

Bob,

This is one that we don't know the answer to, but there certainly is a resemblance! The eyebrows look a little different, but that may be because of the mortarboard in the senior picture. The nose is definitely the same. I'll pass your answer along to Dixie at the Heritage Society. It would be interesting to know which house the picture came out of and who lived there in the 50s. Thanks! I'll let you know what she says.

Beth

Beth,

I finally received the address where the mystery photo was found: 508 19th Street in P.G. The search for the unknown gentleman moves forward. Hope this gets us more clues.

*Dixie Layne '66
Heritage Society of Pacific Grove*

Editor's note: Any other guesses about this mystery photo? Send them to president@pghsaa.org. And see this issue's "What Is It?" photo on p. 20.

Go Green!

*Receive your Knockout II via e-mail (.pdf).
Help conserve resources and see color pictures
in color! E-mail joanie@pghsaa.org to start.*



The Heritage Society's "Mystery Photo" from the last issue, found during remodeling at 508 19th Street, below.

William Osgood's senior photo from the 1956 *Sea Urchin*. This is Bob Coble's guess as to who the mystery man is. What do you think?



The remodeling project at 508 19th, which is adding a second story to a newly rebuilt addition to the original house.

Obituaries

AUGUST

1950 Bill Larkin	Castroville
1963 George "Ernie" Schuyler	Fremont
1955 Joan Dean Wootton	Monterey

OCTOBER

2010 Reade Collins	Pacific Grove
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NOVEMBER

1968 Elsie Marie Kathrine Tosta Meroney Lubbock TX	
1967 Melvin Frank Martins	Prunedale



Jose State and worked for 28 years at Great America in Santa Clara. Ernie was an avid car fan. He loved hot rods and working on cars. It was a lifelong hobby and he continued to attend car shows throughout his illness. He had a generous heart and always took the time to help others. He was kind and patient, and had a great sense of humor. He will be truly and deeply missed. Ernie was preceded in death by his parents, George and Calista, and his sister Betsy. He is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth, his sisters Nancy '60 (Philip) and Georgia '60 (Richard), his six stepchildren, twelve grandchildren, loving nieces and nephews, and dear friends.

August



William "Bill" Larkin, P.G.H.S.

Class of 1950, passed away on August 15 at home with his family. Bill was born in Newark, NJ, on November 11, 1932. His family moved to the Monterey Peninsula when he was about 8 years old, with his older brothers Jack '44 and Marty '47, who predeceased him. Bill joined the

Navy shortly after graduation in 1950 and served in active duty during the Korean conflict. He returned to the Peninsula after his discharge in 1955 and resumed his friendship with Mary Carroll, also a 1950 graduate. They were married in August, 1955, in P.G. Bill and Mary had four children: Bill '75, Georgeann '75, John '77 and Maureen '84, all P.G.H.S. students. He also enjoyed the company of eight grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. While in high school, Bill excelled in athletics and especially basketball, where he and his team were members of championship games. Bill worked in sales over the years with several bread companies until he decided to open his fencing business, The Quality Fence Company. He retired at 75. He and Mary were married 67 years. He was a loving husband and father and we will miss him dearly.

Ernie Schuyler passed away August 19 at his home in Fremont, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Carmel and spent his childhood in P.G., graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1963. He served in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Ernie received a bachelor's degree in engineering from San



Joan Dean Wootton, 84,

passed away peacefully on August 24 after a long and full life. She was preceded in death by her beloved sister, Nancy Vout '53 and two children, Theresa Wootton and Donnie Owens. Joan was born in Monterey January 5, 1938, to Curtis and Clara Dean. As a young

girl, she worked in the Pacific Grove Creamery and her grandmother's boarding house, The Centrella Hotel. She is a member of the P.G.H.S. class of 1955, and she lived most of her youth in P.G. Joan was a stay-at-home mom while raising her family. Her husband's career required relocating often and she tried to make each move an adventure for her family. She came back to the Monterey Peninsula in 1983. She worked for Talbott Ties, Thomas Kincaid, and finally ended her working career at Grove Market. If you ate a sandwich from Grove Market, Joan probably made it! She is survived by her children: John, Greg, Gail, and Mary. Joan was also blessed with eight grandchildren: Marie, Justin, Hatley, Audrey, Doug, Ashley, and Brady; and two great children: Luca and Declan.

October

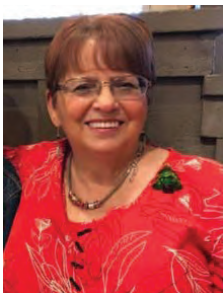
It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our son, brother, nephew, cousin, and most recently uncle, **Reade Collins**, on October 1 in P.G. Born on October 2, 1991, Reade was one day away from celebrating his 31st birthday when

Obituaries (cont.)



he passed. Reade is survived by his mother, Faith *Van Woerkom* Collins Beety '73; his brother Garrett Collins '06 and sister-in-law Terhi Collins; his grandmother, Carol (DeeDee) *VanWoerkom*; aunt and uncle Grace *Van Woerkom* '75 and

Hubert Allen; his cousins Evan and Noah; his stepfather Malcolm Beety; his nephew Onni; his aunts and uncles John and Suzanne Collins, Jim and Susan Collins, Ted and Robin Collins and Bob and Becky Collins, and numerous cousins. Reade struggled with substance use disorder for a number of years and died from an accidental drug overdose. He was committed to the need for recovery, and had entered treatment and attained sobriety for much of the last four years. He was waiting for entrance into a program at the time of his passing. Reade, who was in the Class of 2010 at P.G.H.S., was a self-taught musician and wrote his own songs. He had an extraordinary way with words and was a prolific poet. Reade was intelligent and articulate, an artist and an athlete. He was trained as an EMT and had also become a Certified Oral Surgical Assistant working in Los Gatos. Reade was also a guitarist for the band Louisville Lip out of San Jose, playing gigs in Los Angeles, the Bay Area, Portland, and Seattle. A man of many talents, his disease did not allow him to maintain longevity in any given endeavor, and the last four years of his life were dedicated to fighting that disease.



Elsie Marie Kathrine "Dollie" Tosta Meroney was born February 21, 1950, in Fresno. She passed away October 18 in Lubbock, TX, at the age of 72. She was the daughter of Tony Tosta and Lois Griffith, who both preceded her in death. She was also preceded in

death by her brother, Gary Tosta '71 and her granddaughter Gentry Noel Hart. Dollie is survived by her loving husband, David Michael, who was at her bedside when she passed away. She is also survived by her four children, Inga, Sean, Kandi and Toni; ten

grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Dollie is also survived by her bridge playing and traveling companions, her many Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Outside friends, and her "Partner in Crime," Marcia Hilburn. Dollie was a woman of many talents. She could decorate your wedding cake, arrange your flowers, make you a sash or mum for homecoming, and even have enough time to use sign language to sing you a song in church. She was the proud owner of D's Weddings & More in Tatum, NM for many years. She loved teaching Water Aerobics at the Tatum Pool. She enjoyed her time as a teacher's aide at Tatum Schools. She spoke often of her students and how proud she was of them. She always hoped that anything that she did would leave a lasting impression on the hearts of those she touched.

November



Melvin Frank Martins

passed away at his home in Prunedale on November 2. Mel was born November 26, 1948, in Monterey and attended Junipero Serra School, P.G.H.S. '67, and Hartnell. After graduation he joined the US Coast Guard, attending Engine-man "A" school USN at Tracen, Great Lakes, IL, graduating summa cum laude. He then graduated from the Structural Fire Fighting School at San Francisco's Treasure Island. Mel was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, having served four years on Government Island in Alameda. After having fished with his father as a youth, he then bought his first commercial fishing boat, the "Stephanie Ann," named after his niece. Mel next built a custom boat he named "St. Ann" for mid-Pacific and Hawaii albacore troll fishery, swordfish fishery, and coastal salmon. He eventually retired from fishing to pursue his forty-year passion for classic cars, becoming a loved member of the "Castroville Midnighters" and making many great friends. Mel was preceded in death by his parents Lillian and Frank Martins and is survived by his sister Kathleen *Martins* Fosmark '69 and brother Mark S. Martins '78; niece Stephanie; nephews Eric and Scott; and eight grandnieces and nephews.

How the California State Flag Bear Got a Facelift in 1952

Elmarie Leslie *Hurlbert* Hyler Dyke, Class of 1915, was a teacher at the Pine Street School, and in 1929, she became a Monterey County School Supervisor of note. Among the various hats she wore (artist, first woman on the P.G. City Council, and so on) was that of Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW), which is a statewide organization. She joined about 1918 or so in Sutter Creek, Amapola Parlor, where she was then teaching third and fourth grade in the Sutter Creek Grammar School.

Her love of California never diminished over the years, and in 1952, the year she retired from teaching, she became the Grand President of the perhaps 200 or so chapters, called Parlors, of the NDGW, all over the state, with some 50,000 members.

Over the years, Elmarie had seen hundreds of California Bear Flags flying in classrooms and in other locations. But one thing had always bothered her. The California grizzly bear looked more like a BORE than a bear! Now, as president of the NDGW, she decided to do something about this. And this is how the story goes, as she related it to her son Bill Hyler '39 and many others over the years.

"I contacted a friend in the Biology Department of the University of California and asked for a side view of what they would consider a California grizzly bear. They furnished me an ink line drawing and a colored picture of the bear. It was beautiful, and looked not at all like the one on our flag.

"I next contacted Donald Grunsky of Watsonville, our State Senator from this area, and his counterpart in the Assembly, Alan Pattee of Corral de Tierra. I knew them well, and we had been close friends for years. I explained what I was doing and they agreed, something needed to be done. Then I called an old friend, Goodwin Knight, who just happened to be the Governor of California at the time.

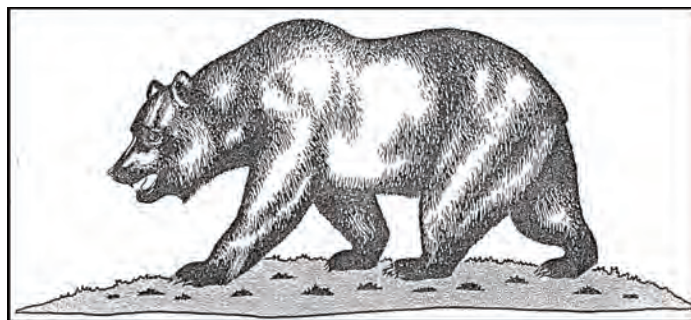
" 'Goodie,' I said, 'I need a joint session of your State Legislature, so I can show them what the California Bear Flag should look like.'

" 'Hey, slow down, Elmarie. I'm not sure this is a good idea. Tell me more,' Knight replied. So I

launched into what research I had done, and told him I would be in Sacramento in less than a week, and could I stop by and talk to him about this? He said yes. And hence, we met and talked it over. He became a believer after I showed him pictures of the old and new for comparison. Then he arranged for the joint session of our State Legislature in Sacramento.

"When we met in the Assembly, there were plenty of both male and female spectators, including my son Bill. I told the Assembly what I had done. I also had with me several women, who at the right moment unfurled the New Flag and the Old Flag! They held them up so all could see. You could have heard a pin drop as they looked them over. They then arose and gave me a big round of applause. The next thing I knew, a motion to change was on the floor, and it was adopted in this joint session. So now you know how our present California State Bear Flag came into existence."

Story contributed by Joanie Hyler '68. Images from Wikipedia, which claims that the current flag is based on one of three images submitted by Marin County artist Donald Graeme Kelly, below. At bottom: the original 1859 State Flag.



P.G.H.S. Student Named Semifinalist

In September, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of over 16,000 semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

Of the 16,000 semifinalists named, only six students are in the Monterey Peninsula area: Logan Patrick Williams of Monterey High; Jia Hai Huang and Yan Ce Zack Sima of Stevenson School in Pebble Beach; Elena Oh of Santa Catalina in Monterey; and **William Coen** of Pacific Grove High School.

According to his LinkedIn page, William is in the marching band (he's the drum major) and the concert band at P.G.H.S., and he runs track and cross country. He has taken advanced math, calculus, psychology, and computer programming classes at MPC, Hartnell, and Cabrillo College, and completed an internship this year in a material science lab at the Naval Postgraduate School. He is also a tutor in MPC's Math Learning Center and has served as a writer and editor for the school newspaper, the *NewsBreaker*.

To become a finalist, the semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application that provides information about the semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

More than 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. Approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title. 2023 winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases, beginning in April and concluding in July.

The Woman King

September's release of a Sony Pictures Entertainment film by Gina Prince-Bythewood '87 was recently reviewed by Dan Miller '73 in the Pacific Grove Press, a local weekly newspaper. Below is an edited-for-space version of that review. Reprinted with permission.

Up until now, Gina Prince-Bythewood has been best known for having written and directed *Love and Basketball*. That has changed with the film *The Woman King*, a movie of incredible scope that she directs and that is currently playing in theaters. The film is based on an actual all-female group of warriors, called the Agojie, who protected the kingdom of Dahomey in West Africa. The kingdom was known for the buying and selling of slaves and for human sacrifices, but this film focuses in the warriors, and it is riveting. Though I am sure I have seen films since *Lawrence of Arabia* that were as visually compelling, it is that cinematic masterpiece that I was reminded of from the very beginning of *The Woman King*.

As I said, the focus is on the female warriors, and what warriors they are. Prince-Bythewood directs battle scenes that are as good as they come. Gruesome at times and always brutal, their flair and originality are beyond compare. Yet while making it clear that people are dying by the dozen as they are hacked and bludgeoned to death, there is a total lack of blood. Most directors would have made red the primary color of the clashes, but Prince-Bythewood doesn't, and the film's integrity thus remains intact, rather than being like so many others that become cartoonish in their depiction of violent death.

From top to bottom, the cast is spectacular. It is tough and almost unfair to single out anyone besides the incredible performance of Academy Award-winning Viola Davis in the title role, but Thuso Mbedu as Nawi is a jewel; Mbedu will be a star for years to come. This film is a joy and not to be missed. I have a feeling awards will come cascading in, and if you get the chance, see this movie on a big screen. It is why theaters still exist. Prince-Bythewood has established her place as one of the film industry's great directors with this production, and it's nice to see one of Pacific Grove's own reach the pinnacle of an industry that is so hard to succeed in.

Community Unites to Renovate Facilities

When Craig Bell was hired as Pacific Grove Unified School District's varsity baseball coach last fall, he had a five-year plan to renovate the high school's baseball facilities. His plan included upgrading the batting cages, renovating the field, and installing stadium seating. The only problem? There just wasn't enough money to complete the projects.

"They said, 'Unfortunately we don't have any money, but we'll support you any way we can,'" Bell said. Determined, he turned to the community for help. He said he estimates the entire cost of the field renovations would have cost around \$50,000. But nearly all of that was donated, including services and equipment.

The current renovations includes constructing a warning track—a 15-foot dirt area before the fence that warns players chasing after a baseball that they're getting too close to the wall. The project also includes replacing the field's sprinklers to be more sustainable, and painting the dugouts. "It's just reaching out to people to help," Bell said. "And we're finding that so many people are willing to help, they just needed to be asked....And then to see the private sector jump in and donate in different ways. It's been great."

Also behind the project was Casey Lyon, the head coach of P.G.H.S.'s boys water polo team and the owner of landscape company Habitat Gardens. Bell said Lyon has been a big supporter of his dream to upgrade the baseball program's facilities. "He and I, we always try to leave it better than when we found it," Bell said. "And I think if everyone took that route, then we could really help the schools improve. Because there's not a lot of money in the schools anywhere, but we want to give the kids the best possible experience they can have."

According to Bell, Lyon supplied the manpower and equipment necessary for the renovations

and helped recruit other community members and businesses for the project. James Martin, owner of Martin's Irrigation, donated his services for the field irrigation, and Russell Enz, owner of Vineyard Rock Products in Hollister, donated the decomposed granite for the warning track and delivered it free of charge. "Casey's the one who has all the connections that made it happen because he's so successful at what he does and people respect him," Bell said.

But none of it could have been done without Bell himself, which the district's Superintendent Ralph Gomez Porras acknowledged at the PTA's Mix and Mingle event last year, noting that Bell is "fundamental" to improving the school and facilities.

A lifelong P.G. resident and co-owner of First Awakenings Restaurant, Bell was hesitant to reveal how much of his own money he's donated to the renovations, left, because he wanted the attention to be on the kids, not himself. But public records show that he's spent at least \$10,000 of his own money on renovating the school's batting cages.



"All coaches spend money in their program. I don't know any coach who makes money during their season," Bell said. "It's just to give the kids a better experience. And if that means occasionally coming up with some money out of our own pocket, then so be it." Bell said next on the list will be focusing on increasing stadium seating and eventually putting in a concession stand and announcer's booth. He said he hopes the field renovations will be done by the end of October. See more photos of the work on p. 17.

"There's more important things out there, obviously, but they all see that there's a value to helping the kids," Bell said. "And anything we can do right now to have the kids feel better about themselves...they have a better chance to succeed at the next level when they're out of school. It has very little to do with baseball. It's just preparing them for life."

By Molly Gibbs. Originally published in the Monterey Herald Oct. 21, 2022. Reprinted with permission.

Goblirsch Family Donation Raises Funds at Auction

The family of Richard Goblirsch '51 donated a number of framed photographs from the collection of Pat Hathaway '67 to be auctioned at the 2022 reunion dinner, where they raised almost \$400.



Counter-clockwise from top left: Dyke's Rex-all Pharmacy; Forest Ave. side of that building looking up the hill; Grove Theater; Lighthouse and Grand looking toward Monterey; Sprouse Reitz and Purity; Lighthouse Avenue from in front of the Grove Theater looking toward Monterey. More reunion news, next page.

2022 Reunion Roundup

What a party it was! All 183 paid guests came to the annual PGHSAA reunion dinner at the Monterey Elks Lodge on Saturday, October 1, not knowing what to expect, but hoping to see fellow classmates and have a good time. Conversing with others, enjoying dinner, and dancing were promised by the PGHSAA Borad, headed by the Annual Dinner/Dance Committee: Katie *Samora* Henden '68, Pete Gaudoin '71, and Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64.

From the feedback we received from attendees, we succeeded, thankfully. Our intentions were to do the following:

- * keep the price affordable for everyone who wanted to attend.
- *make it a welcoming and fun atmosphere.
- *make the room festive and spirited.
- *have the music reflect attendees' eras
- *cover our expenses

And we succeeded! John Griffin and our DJ Ryan Sullivan did an outstanding job, as there were plenty of people on the dance floor even at the end of the evening. The Elks Lodge Catering Manager, Diannah Butler, with Chef Peter and their staff, did an outstanding job for us. The staff told us that it was a fun party for them as well. Thanks to the generosity of those in attendance, we were able to leave a \$702 tip for the staff, which was not included in the \$50 price of the reservation. (As announced during our event, no one was required to participate in the tip basket.)

Of course, we can always improve, and we will for next year. We already have many volunteers who have stepped up to help us next year, and we are most appreciative. It takes many hands to prepare for such an event. We had several added bonuses:

1) Bob Berg, Danny Scheutz, and Jim Peterson led us through Coach Lebeck's chant.... "E-Yah," from years past.

2) We noted our youngest graduate from P.G.H.S., Eloise *Watkins* Guidara's '71 daughter, who recently graduated; and our oldest attendee, Jack Reynolds, who graduated in 1943. It was fabulous to have them with us!

3) Danny Scheutz asked for a moment of silence for all those P.G.H.S. members whom we have lost.

4) Of course, Beth Penney, PGHSAA President, gave an update on PGHSAA activities and asked people to join. She also noted that we had a Silent Auction table and encouraged everyone to look and bid on items, and stated all proceeds go to our PGHSAA Student Scholarship Fund.

5) Pete, Katie, and I gave a welcome and instructions for the buffet. We thanked everyone for their support in attending the event, encouraging others to attend, spreading the word, and ended with a special thank you to Teri *Kier* '74 for keeping the "books" and paying our bills for the event and Lillian *Griffiths* '70 for managing the Silent Auction, as well as the other board members for their unwavering support.

If you didn't make this year's party, I hope you'll consider attending next year. You were missed and it was a fun gathering. Until we meet again, GO BREAKERS and Happy Holidays!

by Victoria Samora Phillips, Class of 1964





Previous page: Group shots give an idea of the size of the crowd at the Elks Lodge. This page, clockwise from top right: Jack Reynolds, center, Class of '43, our oldest attendee; members of the Cool and Nifty Class of '60, top and middle right; bottom right, Stacey *Nightingale* '76 and brother David '59; bottom left: Teresa *Potter* Flannery '70, Velma *Peña* Cummins '73, Jan *Ruble* Stanley '72. Middle right: Frank Grillo '73, Valerie's husband, Frank's wife Vickie, Valerie *Fisher* Tingley '77. Photos these pages by Victoria Phillips and Beth Penney.

1972's 50th Reunion

The Class of 1973 (yes, that's right) holds a yearly get-together at your editor's home the evening before the PGHSAA dinner. This year, classmate Frank Grillo called and said, "Where is the Class of '72's Friday event? It's their 50th, and I want to go to it." We called around and were told that, sadly, their venue for Friday evening had fallen through. "Why don't you come to us on Friday evening?" we said.

So word went out, and almost 50 people came to the reunion party at Beth's house in downtown Pacific Grove, joined by a number of folks from '70, '71, and other years. And, many of us marched in the Butterfly Parade the next morning. The Class of '72 (and others!) are welcome back to the Friday party for the Class of '73's 50th reunion next year.



Clockwise from top, this column: John Castorina '72, Pete Hartstra, Mike Tryon, Clarence Lewis, all '72; LeeAnn Wooley, Candy Light, Miyo Tanaka, all '72; two Mikes: Blackburn '72 and Setty '73; Miyo Tanaka '72 and Alex Hulanicki '71; Don Azevedo '73 and his wife Dolly, seated, and Velma Peña Cummins '73.



Clockwise from top left: Tex Yergler, Joseph Favaloro, Annette *Estes* Hall, Doug Snider, Tony Aiello (all '73); Velma *Peña* Cummins '73, Alex Hulanicki '71, Jonas Jackson '71; Johnny Montanez '72, Velma *Peña* Cummins, Beth *Penney*, Joseph Favaloro, all '73; The Cool and Nifty Class of '60 in the Butterfly Parade; Les Field '71 and Erin *Langton* Field '71 in the vanguard of the Alumni Association's entry in the 2022 parade; the Class of 1972's parade contingent, with Pete Harstra bringing up the rear in his red Miata. Photos these two pages by Beth Penney (except the one of her!).

More African Memories from the Class of 1950

Dear *KOII* Editor:

The story in our last *KOII* by Terrell Moss '50 sparked an interest and response from me. When Terrell related his experiences in Africa, it brought back many memories for me. Thelma Kay (Fisher) and I spent twelve years there. Most of our ministry was with the Maasai in Kenya.

Terrell mentions the Turkana. We visited friends near Lake Turkana, who were ministering to the Turkana people—a very primitive people. One the way home, we had one of several serious experiences. On the journey home the fan belt broke. We were in the middle of the desert. After prayer, we proceeded for a mile or so, until the heat gauge was in the red. In the blazing hot car, we would wait until the heat gauge dropped. We continued that way for many miles. After a while, we arrived at a government vehicle shop. The shop found a power steering belt that would work temporarily as a fan belt.

We also had heard of the Samburu people, and that they were very much like the Maasai. In my first year among the Maasai, we were stationed in a rural area where there were several villages. We spent our time learning the culture and the language of the Maasai.

In another potentially serious experience that I had, I was being charged by a rabid animal, which I was able to kill with my walking stick. Another experience was with a puff-adder, which was along the trail as I was going home from a village. I was able to kill it, also.

In a lighter vein, once I was riding my motorcycle on a dirt road, and an ostrich was running along the side of the road, as if he wanted to race. I increased my speed to 60 km, and he kept up with me. On another journey, I had a similar experience with a giraffe. And, in yet another experience, riding home on my Kawasaki motorcycle, a family of cheetahs passed in front of me. These were some of my good experiences.

The Maasai people were very friendly with us. When I came into a village, all the children would come running to me. I would touch their heads and

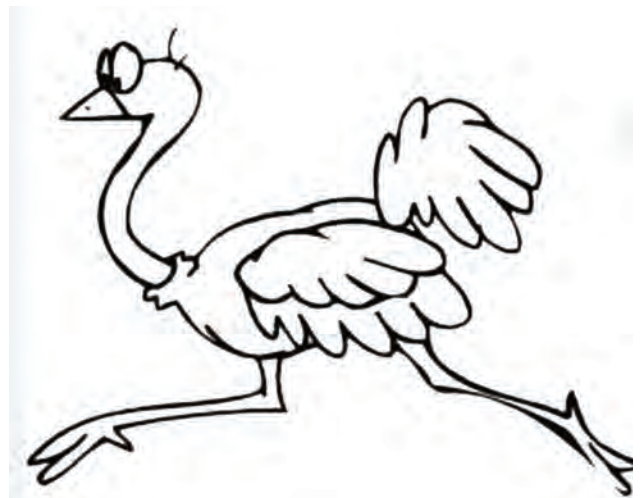
bless them. I would try to meet with the men. We would all sit down, and I would teach them the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ.

Kay and I first went to Zambia, where we taught secondary school. On holidays and weekends, I visited villages. On one holiday, I walked on trails going from village to village for several days. On my last night before getting home, there was a herd of elephants nearby. The villagers were frightened. I didn't know what to do if the elephants came into the village, but they didn't.

One day, a Maasai lady in Kenya came into my home, and with tears in her eyes, asked me to travel to her village. Her son had been bitten by a venomous snake. I wasn't sure how to get to this village, but I had to try! On my trail bike, I was able to find the village before dark and get the boy onto the back of the bike. On the way back, I made him get off the bike and hang on to a tree while I took the bike up a very rocky slope. I walked back, carried him on my back up the hill to my bike, and took him on to the medical clinic, where he received proper care.

Out twelve years in Africa were filled with exciting experiences, especially with the Maasai people. Thanks, Terrell Moss, for inspiring memories.

*Walter Pattison '50
Turner, OR*



Ostrich image from Clipart Panda free clip art

Seen Around Town

At right: more photos of work at the P.G.H.S. baseball field: repainted dugout and bleachers at top, batting cage below. Bottom right: work on the new multi-use building that replaces Red Williams' gas station at Lighthouse and Fountain continues. Bottom photos this column: the "Before" and "After" (artist's rendering) of the new Pacific Grove Hotel location behind Holman's, facing the P.G. Public Library. Work is yet to start on this project. And, just below, a "roundabout" is planned at the five-way stop at Congress, Sunset, and Cedar, next to the P.G.H.S. football field (at left in planner's photo) after a number of accidents and near-accidents at the intersection. Other photos this page by Beth Penney.



Wanted: Website Help!

The PGHSAA Board is looking for someone who can take over working with our website provider to keep the site current and help us brainstorm and implement new functions. This is a volunteer position. For more information, contact joanie@pghsaa.org.



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BIG FORMAL DANCE HELD TOMORROW NIGHT

CHRISTMAS BALL AT THE SAN CARLOS

Tomorrow night, December 20, is the big date of the winter season. The night of the annual Christmas Ball. The affair this year is to be held in the Sky Room of the Hotel San Carlos. Through the courtesy of the PTA and the Musicians' Union, no admission will be charged. However, table reservations must be made with Dorothy Stout in order to be admitted. All out of town guest must have bids. These were obtained from Dorothy Williams earlier in the week. These two girls were also co-chairmen for the dance.

If you have any greenery you wish to donate for decorations, contact Gwen James or Tony Smith today without fail.

Appreciation goes to Sal Cerito of the Barbecue Inn for his interest in our pre-scheduled dinner dance.

This dance promises to be one of the best formal Yule dances P.G.H.S. has ever given. With your cooperation tomorrow night, it will be a tremendous success.

DATE BOOK

DECEMBER 19
Knockout Day Christmas Play
—For Students—P.G. at King City.

DECEMBER 20
Christmas Ball
DEC. 19-JAN. 5
Christmas Vacation (hurray!)

JANUARY 5
School Reopens (aw, nuts!)

JANUARY 9

P. G. at Carmel

JANUARY 10

Gilroy at P. G.

JANUARY 16

Gonzales at P.G.

JANUARY 17

Drama Club Assembly

JANUARY 21

Final Exams (better start studying now!)

JANUARY 22

FINAL EXAMS

JANUARY 23

FINAL EXAMS

End of 1st Semester

P. G. at Monterey

JANUARY 24

Sea Urchin Dance

Price Of Annual Raised

Lights gleam late in the art room these days. Words such as "deadline layout" and "cost" are often heard as the slaving staff works on theme, designs, and money projects. The Sea Urchin Staff is almost ready to start yearbook sales. Early in January a new lay-away plan will be offered to the students, since the annual will cost, because of increases production prices, \$1.75 this year. The plan will consist of three 55c payments (non-student body will pay \$2.00 for their books and make four 50c payments.

The Sea Urchin theme will be emphasized and include the titles of the sections. Two special features will make the book a little different this year. One feature is a Senior page to top all Senior pages; the other, the student's name on the front of his annual in gold letters. This last feature will cost an extra twenty-five cents, but it will be well worth the price to have your book easily identified.

For the first time in many
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Thanksgiving Assembly Well Received

You all should remember the wonderful Thanksgiving Assembly that took place on Friday, November 21.

The assembly was opened with the Pledge to the Flag, and the National Anthem. The Girl's Glee club started the program with the lovely song, "Deep Purple". Next, joined by the boys, they sang three beautiful Thanksgiving songs: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come," "Thanksgiving Hymn", and "The Glory of God in Nature".

Mr. Ferguson, representing the Gideon Society, gave a talk telling of the work of the society. Everyone was very interested and gave his full attention. At the end of the Assembly, beautiful little leather bound Testaments were given to everyone promising to read them.

SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS TO ACCEPT NEW POST



RETIRE AFTER THIRTY YEARS

By DOROTHY STOUT

After thirty years of service in the Pacific Grove Schools, friends and members of the school board and faculty were surprised to hear that Mr. A. B. Ingham, City Superintendent of Schools had resigned in order to accept the position as Executive Secretary of the California Interscholastic Federation. Mr. Ingham submitted his resignation at the board meeting on December 8.

Mr. Ingham came to Pacific Grove in 1917 as principal of the high school. He formerly held the position of Superintendent of Schools in Lind, Washington. Through the years he has been vitally interested in the affairs of the students. He has done an outstanding job in furthering athletics and securing insurance coverage for school boys and girls.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingham had just recently been wed when they moved here. Their three girls were born in Pacific Grove. Their permanent residence will continue to be on Fountain Avenue.

The duties of the new Executive Secretary of the C.I.F. will
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Committee Works On Street Closing

By STUART MERIWETHER

No doubt some of you noticed Dick Matto's taking pictures of the afternoon gym classes crossing the street to the football field and wondered what it was all about. The committee appointed by Dot Stout, to investigate the proposed closing of Fountain Avenue for safety reasons, decided that it would be a good thing if they had pictures to back up their findings. So Dick, being the KNOCKOUT photographer, was elected for the task.

If you will remember, Mr. Easterbrook had asked Miss Stout to appoint a committee to investigate the matter because of cars constantly going by and boys and girls crossing to and from the football field. There are over 400 students in our school and that means an average of 800 crossing a day if each student crosses twice. Each stands the chance of being hit by a car. No matter how careful a person is there's always someone in a car that is not. So remember, look both ways before you cross the street if you want to continue crossing on your own feet.

Members of the Committee are Gwen James, Carol Classic, Lillian Freitas, Phyllis Fisher, Dick Matto's, Tony Smith, Dick De Lorimier, and Glenn Miller.

"WHY THE CHIMES RANG"

This year, the High School Christmas play is "Why the Chimes Rang". The play will be shown to the students this afternoon in the auditorium. Last night the production was enjoyed by the public.

The cast includes the following leading characters: Holger, played by Joseph de Vos; Steen, Howard Worth; Uncle Bertel, Charles Easterbrook; and Sally La Vine as the Old Lady. Mrs. Mello has had charge of producing this play, which has such a nice Christmas spirit.

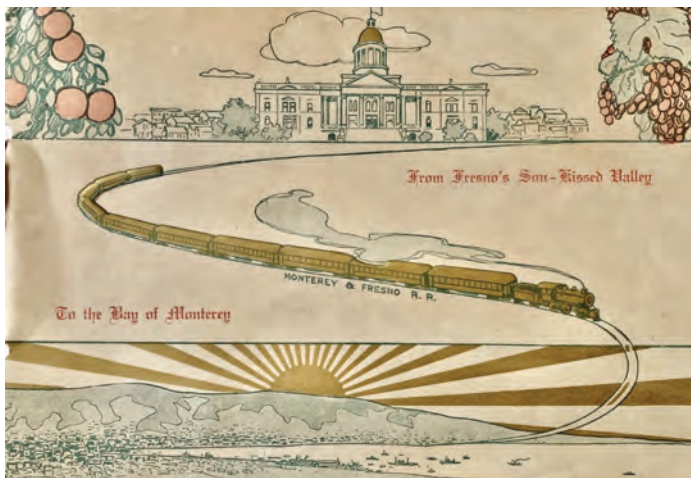
The Glee Club and Mixed Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Bess Ward will furnish the music. The shop classes under Mr. Johnson and Mr. Gammons constructed the stage settings which were designed and painted many years ago by Miss Ogier, who was art teacher at that time.

Miscellanea

The front page of the December, 1947, Knockout II on the facing page mentions closing Fountain Ave. between the old high school and the athletic field. This has been done in stages over the years. At one point, there were temporary barriers, and traffic was allowed through when school wasn't in session. These days, as seen in the two middle photos on this page, there is permanent curbing across the street, although sloped to allow service vehicles through. Fountain is closed to regular traffic between Hillcrest and Fountain. Photos by Beth Penney.

At right, we received another donation of a set of color prints of paintings of Pacific Grove houses from the family of Bill Wetle '73. We intend to auction these at the 2023 dinner, but we'd like to know more about them first. One appears at right. The signature is "barclay '72." Anyone know who "barclay" was? The obvious guess is noted local artist Barclay Ferguson, who was active in '72, but these don't look like his style.

And at the bottom of the page, this 1911 menu from the Pacific Grove Hotel, which was where the Holman Building now stands, reads "From Fresno's Sun-Kissed Valley to the Bay of Monterey" on the front, and has a Valley-themed menu inside ("Noisettes of San Joaquin Lamb"). It was for sale for \$250 on eBay at presstime.



Dinner		
All Aboard	Canape Crescent Brand Sardine	
	Essence of Fresh Tomato	
Ripe Olives		Almonds Salted
Tickets, please	Monterey Bay Sea Bass, Hollister	Potatoes Comtesse
	Noisettes of San Joaquin Lamb, Coalinga	
	Baked Fresno Chicken	
No Stopovers	Potatoes Rissole	String Beans
	Lettuce and Orange Salad	
	Assorted Fresno Fruit	Ice Cream
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What Is It?

We received two guesses about the photo in the fall issue. One was an e-mail from Linda *Castro* Fernandez '61 that said, "I believe the young ladies in the photograph on page 20 of the Fall 2022 edition of the *Knockout II* are Kathleen King and Roselin Knowlton," and John Perkins '52 sent an e-mail saying that the two girls on the back cover are Joan Marilyn *Bommarito* Selbicky '52 and Donna Gail *Stalter* Brown '52. John Perkins is correct! Thanks to Elisabeth *Selbicky* '02 for sending last issue's photo of her aunt Joann and friend Donna, taken in 1947.

We've had "Who is it?" and "Where is it?" images in this column, but here's a "What is it?" The medallion at right was offered on eBay for \$55 at press-time. The front says "PGJHS 1952," and the back says simply, "Birks Sterling." Send your answers to president@pghsaa (we don't know what it is). If you have a photo for our "Who Is It?" feature, send it to the same address. Or, mail your photo to us at the address on P. 2; it will be returned to you unharmed.

