

THE KNOCKOUT II

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

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As I work on this issue just before Thanksgiving, 2018, I am thankful for all of the members of the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association—the ones who share their stories, the ones who give money, and the ones who donate their time. In this issue, you will find obituaries of all three types of members, but three in

particular deserve mention: Sue Taylor '68, Howard Cowen '41, and Wynette Walker Cowen '41.

There are many PGHSAA members who do a great deal of work, and I have always tried to thank all of them here throughout the year as they keep our books, manage our mailing lists, handle our disbursement requests, run our meetings, plan our reunions, take and prepare our minutes, care for our archives, write our thank-you letters, liaise with P.G. High, manage our website and Facebook page, contribute to our newsletter, and otherwise support our Association.

But some of the most important work that is seen by all of us every issue is the obituaries, and those have been handled for the past ten years by Sue Taylor '68. Sue passed away unexpectedly in September, and her own obituary, lovingly written by her classmate and childhood friend Joanie Hyler, also '68, appears on P. 6. Joanie and I scrambled to put the obituaries together for this issue, and we will continue to work together to bring you as complete a list as we can, but unfortunately Sue left no passwords for the various databases she consulted, so we are starting fresh as researchers. If you know of non-local deaths, please let us know.

And it is with just as heavy a heart that we publish obituaries for both Howard Cowen '41, who died in September, and his wife Wynette Walker Cowen '41, who died a month later. Howard and

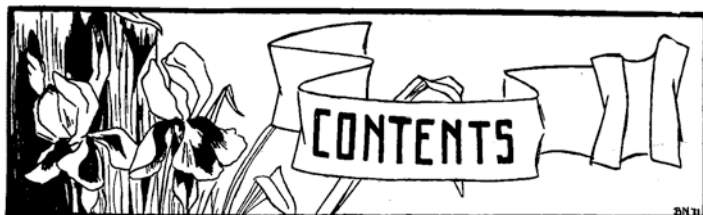
Wynette were both instrumental in helping to revive the PGHSAA in the 1960s, and they worked tirelessly to support it. Wynette was active as our PGHS website liaison and co-membership chair until very recently, and she continued to contribute to the *Knockout II* up until the June, 2018, issue. Howard's sister Louise Cowen Fichter '35 also passed away recently, and we are indebted to Wynette for her obituary, which we pulled from Wynette's 100th birthday tribute to Louise in that issue. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Louise, and she was not active as recently as her brother and sister-in law were, but she was also instrumental in creating and supporting this organization. Thanks to those of you who have already sent donations in memory of Sue, Howard, Wynette, and Louise.

This issue also contains memories by two members of the Class of '49, two Phil Bowhay columns, reunion pics from the Class of 1973's 45th and the Class of 1968's 50th, and some photos and articles originally published in the 1952 *Beacon* at Pine Avenue School. There's also an unusual piece of recent sports reporting from our local newspaper, the *Cedar Street Times*. I include it because the reporter does a little editorializing about PGHS that I think you will all find heartwarming, despite the fact that what he is reporting is that the score for the "Shoe Game" this year was Carmel 57, P.G. 0.

And membership chair Joanie Hyler asks me to remind you that dues have gone up to \$25 if you are renewing for 2019! Thanks to those of you who have already renewed; please check the mailing label on this newsletter and watch for your renewal notice. Thanks to Joanie for keeping track of all of us and making sure our *Knockout II* reaches us.

As they used to say on TV, "Keep those cards and letters coming!" Your fellow PGHS graduates are waiting for you to share your memories.

Beth Penney '73



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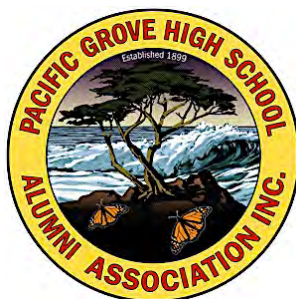
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Important 2019 Dates

The PGHSAA Board of Directors meets on the following dates in 2019: January 10, March 14, April 11, May 9, July 11, September 14, and October 10. The September meeting is the General Membership Meeting and is at noon. All other meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are at the Pacific Grove Community Center unless announced otherwise. Our 2019 annual reunion is planned for Saturday, October 6. If you are interested in joining our board, please e-mail one of our board members for an invitation to a meeting.



A Friendly Welcome to Our New Members

1958 Charles Lunt	Lakeport
1968 George St. Clair	Scotts Valley

Returning Members: Glad to have you back!

1968 Tina <i>Ruble</i> Heacox	Sacramento
1973 William Wetle	Newcastle

"In Memory Of" Contributions

1949 Joanne Christensen Peterson	Pacific Grove
IMO: Dorothy <i>Gonsalves</i> Perkins '49	
1959 Donald Phillips	Point Arena
IMO: Andrew "Andy" Kier '59	
1960 Marabee Rush Boone	Pacific Grove
IMO: Jay Robert Rush '69	

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1958 Charles Lunt	Lakeport
1968 Tina <i>Ruble</i> Heacox	Sacramento
1968 David Bell	Clovis
1968 George St. Clair	Scotts Valley

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James & Carrie Panetta	Carmel Valley
IMO: Richard Eugene Goblirsch '51	
D.C. & J.M. Storkan	Pebble Beach
IMO: Richard Eugene Goblirsch '51	
1952 Donnaa <i>Norbeck</i> Przybyla	Paso Robles
IMO: Richard Eugene Goblirsch '51	
IMO: Robert "Bob" Rietkerk '51	
1955 Nancy <i>Williams</i> Hoy	Pacific Grove
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IMO: Dorothy <i>Williams</i> Wallace '48	
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1956 Sherry <i>Welsh</i> Gruwell	Seaside
IMO: Howard Lyle Cowen 41	
1959 Judy <i>Shintani</i> Uyeda	San Jose
1959 Lynn Davis	
1960 Patricia <i>Elmore</i>	Suisun
IMO: Vivian "Vicky" Louise <i>Lewis</i> Johnson '60	
1960 Lydia <i>Gillaspie</i> Davis	Carmel Valley
IMO: Howard Lyle Cowen '41	
IMO: Wynette <i>Walker</i> Cowen '41	
1965 Charlene <i>Howell</i> Lowery	Pacific Grove

IMO: Howard Lyle Cowen '41	
1967 Barbara <i>Cowen</i> Seubert	Windsor
IMO: Howard Lyle Cowen '41	
1968 Joanie <i>Hylar</i>	Pacific Grove
IMO: Howard Lyle Cowen '41	
IMO: Wynette <i>Walker</i> Cowen '41	

Thanks to Our Many Contributors

Contribution amounts are always kept confidential from the general membership, and contribution amounts made In Memory Of (IMO) are not disclosed to the deceased person's family, although names and addresses of donors can be furnished to family members on request. Keeping your contribution amount confidential does not preclude us from honoring your gift. We enjoy recognizing each member whose giving enables our mission to remain a viable funding source for future generations. Also, although we may publish only a single contributor's name, we understand there is often an entire family represented in the contribution. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity to the Alumni Association, and by extension to Pacific Grove High School and its students. Please accept our deepest thanks!

Letters

Dear Joanie:

GREAT JOB to Beth, for another W*O*N*D*E*R*F*U*L* *Knockout II*! Was intrigued by the story about the Key Club delegation! Back in the late 60's I applied to get into the Air Force as a Food Services officer, but was denied because of a WWII written regulation regarding the length of my left-handed trigger finger. (Don't ask!) Since all the rest of my qualifications were excellent, I was advised by my recruiter to write a letter to my Congressman with a protest! And who was that person? Leon Panetta! Additionally, another fella in that photo, Ron Bain, was the older brother of MY high school "little sister," Merry Lynn Bain, who played French horn with me! I had a bit of a crush on him and actually got to wear his letter sweater at one time! Whoo Hoo! Amazing and VERY rewarding are the stories

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and photos that the *Knockout II* continues to bring us every time!!! T*H*A*N*K* Y*O*U* to ALL THOSE who participate and contribute to these treasured memories!

*Marian Marsh Fleming, Cool and Nifty Class of '60
Sebastopol, CA*

Dear Beth,

I'm writing this e-mail so hopefully you can print it in the next issue of the *Knockout II*. I was class of 1949, and I just had to respond to your tidbits regarding the Butterfly Parade. I always look forward to reading the *Knockout II* when it arrives in my mailbox! I'm enclosing a check for dues and hope it is the right amount.

Sincerely,

*Carolyn Conway Brandt '49
Fairfield, CA*

Editor's note: See Carolyn's story on p. 11.

Knockout II Editor and Staff:

The Cool and Nifty Class of '60 mourns the passing of another classmate. Vicky Lewis Johnson was an integral part of the multiple activities the Class of '60 Reunion Committee put on every five years for our classmates. She was a beloved member of our class and was always available to plan our yearly breakfasts at Breaker Café until it closed, and made reservations every year for our Friday night get-togethers on Alumni Weekend. Always smiling and positive in spite of ongoing health issues, she was a beautiful person inside and out. Those of us who had the opportunity to spend time with her this reunion weekend at the International Restaurant for dinner Friday night and Alumni Dinner Saturday night have lasting moments to remember forever. Please accept this donation as IMO for Vicky. She was a multitasker, so God has a willing servant. Thank you for your diligent work on the *Knockout II*.

*Sincerely,
Patricia Elmore, Cool and Nifty Class of '60
Suisun, CA*

Dear Beth:

A HUGE thank you to our members who have signed up for eScrip fundraising at SaveMart and Lucky Supermarkets. The company does not give us donors' names, so this thank you is to ALL members. I am familiar with the process at Lucky in Pacific Grove, where you pick up a Rewards Card and register it with your selected fund. Each time you shop and scan the card, a percentage of your purchase is added to the PGHSAA account. We received \$25 in 2016, \$285 last year, and \$375 this year. The amount is getting bigger! Perhaps we have a food service member who scans their card for their business. Or, we have many signups. Either way, an extra \$375 this year is a wonderful gift.

*Erin Langton Field '71
PGHSAA Treasurer
Pacific Grove*

Ed. Note: PGHSAA members in P.G. can take advantage of this easy way to donate to PGHSAA by going to <https://www.luckysupermarkets.com/> and registering PGHSAA as your organization under the "Community" tab. If you're not in a city with a Save Mart Companies supermarket (Save Mart, Lucky, Food-Maxx, S-Mart, or Maxx-Value), visit eScrip itself, <https://www.escrip.com/wheretoeearn/>, to find businesses that participate in eScrip and register PGHSAA as a recipient. Tax ID # is 95-6073026.



Dear Beth:

Just a note to include with my annual dues. I lived with my family (the Kidwells) in Pacific Grove since 1948 and went through P.G. schools. I graduated in 1953 and went to Tacoma Community College for two years. I married Jim F. Morton and had four kids, one of whom also graduated from PGHS, Jim L. Morton 77. I am now twice widowed and living in Tacoma, WA. I sure enjoy reading the *Knockout II* all these years. I am still active with music, singing with the church choir and a group called Memorie Singers. Two of my children live nearby (Mike and Kellie), and son Larry is in St. Louis. My eldest, Jim, lives in Sacramento. I have six grandchildren and three greats! My Class of '53 had reunions every five years until the 50th. I retired from the Pierce County Health Dept. in 1993 and



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enjoyed many great trips and cruises before my husbands passed. Thanks for the updates of old friends and PGHS.

*Eileen Kidwell Bullen '53
Tacoma, WA*

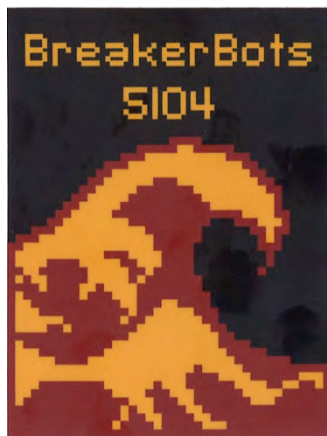
Dear PGHSAA:

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Donald Harlan PGHS Class of 1942 scholarship. This generous award will greatly help pay for my tuition as I continue my education at Monterey Peninsula College.

*Sincerely,
Catherine Gruber '18
Pacific Grove*

Dear PGHSAA:

My name is Matthew Mendez, and I am a junior at Pacific Grove High School and a member of our robotics team the BreakerBots: Team 5104. On behalf of the entire team, we thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,000, which proved



critical for our attendance at the 2018 Robotics World Championship in Houston, Texas. Your generous donation aided greatly with the expenses of transportation and travel, and made it possible for eight of our seniors to attend the World Championships for their last time. The

contribution made to the BreakerBots also assisted with construction of our robot, Athena, whose outstanding performance at a competition among the brightest minds in high school robots allowed us to attain the title of Alliance Captain in our division. Once again, the BreakerBots thank you for your generous contribution, and we look forward to your continued support and friendship.

*Sincerely,
Tyler Smithro, Team Captain
Matthew Mendez, Fundraising Lead
BreakerBots Team 5104*

Obituaries

APRIL

Carolyn Harris Pere '47 Federal Way, WA

AUGUST

Donald "Don" Fry Jr. '70 Pinellas Pines, FL
Joel Rivas-Cohen '74 Monterey
Dorothy Williams Wallace '48 Pittsburgh, PA

SEPTEMBER

Mary Susan Taylor '68 Fresno
Louise Cowen Fichter '35 Del Rey Oaks
Howard Cowen '41 Pacific Grove
Hilma Schaar Smith '47 & Faculty Carmel
Frank Graves '64 Fountain Hills, AZ

OCTOBER

Archie Lloyd Stewart '60 Pebble Beach
Wynette Walker Cowen '41 Pacific Grove
Vicky Lewis Johnson '60 Monterey
Parker Hook '11 Pacific Grove

NOVEMBER

Jonathan Ellison '91 Carmel Valley
Richard Seril '96 Del Rey Oaks

APRIL



Carolyn Harris Pere '47

died April 30 in the comfort of her home in Federal Way, WA. She was born March 1, 1930, in Globe, Arizona, to the Reverend Cecil Harris and Ruth Harris. Honey was crowned May Queen and graduated in 1947, one year early, from Pacific

Grove High School. She attended Salinas Junior College (now Hartnell) where she met pilot Raymond Pere. They were wed in 1950, and from UC Berkeley, she went on to receive her masters degree in education in 1951. Taking advantage of the many benefits of aviation life, Raymond showed Honey the world. A devoted mother, she was also kept busy with property management and many years as Sunday School Superintendent for the Church of Good Shepherd. She also worked for the support of

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women's options in family planning, kept a beautiful garden, and entertained friends. She was a member of the Seattle Opera Guild. Honey is predeceased by her five siblings Sharon *Harris* Larkin '47, Juanita *Harris* Mehringer '51, Margaret Harris '52, Guy Tom Harris, Nathana *Harris* Humphries '63, and her children George and Nina Pere. Honey was a 33-year member of PGHSAA. She is survived by Raymond, her husband of 68 years; daughter Suzanne and her husband Jim Mulenios; son Guy and wife Wanda (Cole); her beloved grandchildren Rika Pere and Arielle Mulenios; and her partner Tyler Phelan.

AUGUST

We received word that **Donald "Don" Fry** '70 died in August in Pinellas Pines, FL, but we have no other information. Please let us know if you do.



Joel Humberto Rivas-Cohen

was born Aug. 24, 1956, and was a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula, attending PGHS with the class of 1974. He died Aug. 9 in Monterey at the age of 61. Joel worked in sales and finance. He also had a passion for rock 'n roll and a love for

animals. Survivors include his mother, Delia Cohen, and siblings, Tony '79, Michelle, Alma '74 and Dina '79.



Dorothy Lee

Williams Wallace was born February 25, 1931, in Yankton, SD. She and her family moved to Pacific Grove in 1940 because her father's National Guard unit had been mobilized to Fort Ord. The family lived in the big house at 410 Central. Dorothy

graduated from PGHS in 1948. She then went to Pepperdine College in L.A., where she met and married Jack MacKenzie Wallace. Dorothy taught school until her first daughter, Jane, was born in 1954. The family then moved to San Bruno where

two more children, Bob and Cathy, were born. In 1982, Jack and Dorothy moved to Lake of the Pines in Auburn. Dorothy loved to swim and sail their boat. They traveled to Alaska, Europe, Central America, and the Caribbean. She also kept busy with her family. She was an avid skier, loved to knit and read, and taught many Bible classes. In their later years, Dorothy and Jack moved closer to daughter Jane, first in Texas and then in Pittsburgh, PA, where Dorothy died on August 24. She was buried in Pacific Grove. Her older sister, Barbara *Williams* Clark Brazelton '44, preceded Dorothy, as did her parents, Forrest Earl and Ruth Williams. Dorothy's younger sister, Nancy *Williams* Burton Hoy '55, is now back in Pacific Grove with Tom Hoy '55.

SEPTEMBER



Mary Susan Taylor

went to her reward on September 3, when she was struck by a massive stroke on her brain stem. Born June 30, 1950, in Frankfort, Germany, the daughter of Major Ralph Taylor and Elizabeth Burton Taylor, she and her family laid down

roots in Pacific Grove when her father was transferred to Fort Ord in 1957. Suzy graduated with the class of 1968 at PGHS. She went on to MPC and then to CSU Chico, where she earned a masters degree in botany. She worked for several years at the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis, MO, on a project that studied plants from Madagascar. She then moved to Texas along with her older sister, Sarah "Sally" Taylor '61. They were finally able to move back "home" to California and settled in Fresno, where they lived for the past 20 years. It was here Suzy took up genealogy, and she never looked back. She became a master at it, connecting families and helping others find their roots. She met Dee *Brendel* Fry Litch '44 at one of PGHSAA's annual reunion dinners and the two forged a quick bond, helping Bill Hyler '39, then-KOII editor, with obituaries for the newsletter. After Dee passed away, Suzy continued to write and or edit obituaries for the next ten years. Her passion wasn't limited to PGHS; she was locating and cataloging obituaries for all of the

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people buried in El Carmelo Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest sometime in the spring. She was a 30-year member of PGHSAA. She is survived by her sister Sarah "Sally" Taylor '61 and predeceased by her parents and brother George Taylor '66



Louise Cowen Fichter was born in Lafayette, LA, on February 11, 1918, and she died in Del Rey Oaks on Sept. 6. When she was eight years old, she moved with her family to Pacific Grove, and the Monterey Peninsula had been her home ever

since. She attended Pacific Grove Elementary School (now Robert H. Down) and Pacific Grove High School, graduating with the class of 1935. She received her teaching degree from San Jose State and taught in the Monterey Unified School District for over 30 years in elementary grades, where she is lovingly remembered by many of her students. Louise kept her PGHS class of 1935 together for years, arranging get-togethers often. As time went on, she sent invitations to, and planned yearly brunches for, as many as she could find, including other close schoolmates. She was also active in the re-formation of the PGHSAA, serving as secretary and several years as a board member. Her brother, Howard, and her sister-in-law, Wynette, also passed away recently, and their obituaries also appear in this issue.



Howard Lyle Cowen, born in Lafayette, LA, June 18, 1922, passed away peacefully at his home at the age of 96 on September 12. He married his high school sweetheart, Wynette Walker '41, in 1942. Howard served in the U.S.

Navy from 1942 to 1945 and in the Naval Reserves through 1947. His life-long membership in the Sheet Metal Local #104 and the National Union began in 1942. Howard was a member of the Pacific Grove Volunteer Fire Department for 36 years, retiring as Captain. A proud PGHS graduate of the class of '41,

he was a founding and honorary member and past president of the PGHSAA and the Breakers Club. Howard was also chairman of the PGHS Stadium Fund Committee, which was formed to add lights and bleachers for the new high school in 1962. The project was completed in 1967. He was later honored with the stadium being named the Howard Cowen Breaker Stadium. He was honored to be a proud member of the PGHS Hall of Fame. A Candy Cane Lane resident since 1959, Howard served for many years as Project Chair of the neighborhood's annual holiday display and was the creator of the well-known 15-foot "Pierre the Nut Cracker" figure. He served as Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop #115 and was a volunteer with the Feast of Lanterns for several years. Howard and Wynette were managers of Walker's Campground in Big Sur for ten years. Howard was a 56-year member of PGHSAA.

Howard is survived by his children, Ron Cowen '65, Barbara Cowen Seubert '67, Ken Cowen '70 and Kathy Cowen '74. He was preceded in death by his siblings, RJ Cowen '31, Wayne Cowen '34, Louise Cowen Fichter '35 and half-brother Terry Farrell '56 and his sons, Robert (Bob) '63 and Gary Cowen '69. His wife Wynette died a month after Howard did; her obituary also appears in this issue.



Frank Graves, 74, of Fountain Hills passed away on Sept. 19. A true man of the world, Frank was born in Middleton, Nova Scotia, on Sept. 20, 1945, and called the San Fernando Valley, Monterey Bay, Eugene and North Bend OR, and ultimately Arizona, all

his beloved homes. A man dedicated to community service and civic responsibility, Frank served in the US Navy on the USS Traverse after earning his diploma at Pacific Grove High School in 1964. He was a volunteer fireman for 10 years in North Bend, OR, where he raised his family on the beautiful Oregon coast. He was an active volunteer with the Lion's Club, the Navy League and UFW. Frank was an active adventurer, travelling with his family. He enjoyed cooking, skiing and most importantly, spending time with family and friends. He leaves behind the love of his life, Maryanne, to whom he

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was married for 47 years filled with love, happiness and joy. He also leaves three children, Kathleen, Susan, and Aimee; two grandchildren, Eric and Valerie; and his siblings, Shelia *Graves* Gray '62, Stephan Graves '68, and Gary Graves '72.



Hilma Margaret Hedvig Schaar Smith, 88, a lifelong resident of Pacific Grove, passed away peacefully on September 21. Hilma was born in P.G. on November 16, 1929. Following graduation from PGHS in 1947, she married and spent several years living in the

Canal Zone, Panama. She then attended San Jose State University, where she earned a masters degree in education, carrying on the tradition to inspire and educate young minds started by her mother, the late Clara Peterson Schaar, who in the 1930s was the sole teacher at the lone schoolhouse in Little Sur. Hilma returned to Pacific Grove in 1959, and for many years, she headed the girls' PE Department at PGHS. She retired in 1985 to begin a new career as a business owner and major importer. Hilma was a long-time member of PGHSAA and was an active member of the Red Hat Society, Delta Kappa Gamma, California Retired Teachers Association, and the Monterey Civic Club. She lived most of her life in several houses on Eardley Ave., the first house having been hand-built by her grandfather. Surviving are an elder brother, John G. Schaar '44; sons Martin Meehan '71 and James Gustav Smith '77; grandchildren Max and Margot Meehan; niece and nephew Linda Schaar Stotts and Chris Schaar; and several great- nieces and great-nephews. Mrs. Smith was preceded in death by her loving grandparents, her parents, her brother Peter Schaar, and, recently, her brother James W. Schaar '45.

OCTOBER

Archie Lloyd Stewart died October 12. He was born in Hutchinson, KS, on November 8, 1941, and had a wonderful fifty-one-year marriage to his soul mate, Catherine Cardinalli Stewart. As a star three-sport athlete and homecoming king at PGHS, Archie set many athletic records. He played professional



baseball as a southpaw pitcher with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago Cubs and served with the United States Air Force as an Aerospace Medical Service Specialist, returning to P.G. for a career in painting and contracting. Archie then became a professional bowler, and later

worked for Asilomar Conference Center and the Monterey County Housing Authority. He was a member of the Spanish Bay Club, Festa Italia, the Italian Catholic Federation, the Breakers Club and the local Corvette Club. Archie was preceded in death by his mother, Maxine Starks Stewart, his father-in-law, Salvatore Cardinalli, and his mother-in-law, Frances Davi Cardinalli. He is survived by his devoted wife Catherine Cardinalli Stewart; daughters Maxine Carlson and Dr. Francine Ann Stewart; grandchildren Sophia Isabella Carlson, Davey Vincent Stewart Rodriguez, and Catherine Ann Stewart Rodriguez; his father Lloyd Stewart; his brother-in-law Vincent Cardinalli; and his sisters Linda *Stewart* Davi '62 and Gerri *Stewart* Ludovico '69.



Wynette Carol Walker Cowen, born in San Jose, CA May 23, 1923, passed away on October 13. She was married to her high school sweetheart, Howard Cowen, for over 75 years. He preceded her in death just one month ago. Wynette

graduated from PGHS in 1941. She was involved in numerous activities, clubs and events. She was named an All Star in hockey, soccer, baseball and basketball and was voted Best Girl Athlete her junior and senior years. She worked on the school newspaper and yearbook, was on the student body executive board, and was ticket sales manager and a member of the "Lucky 13" and "BOBS" clubs. Wynette was a Brownie and Girl Scout while growing up, and a leader as an adult. She was a Past Worthy Advisor of the Monterey Peninsula Order of Rainbow Girls and a Beta Sigma Phi sorority member for over 20 years. Her many jobs

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included those at the Lovers Point concessions, the Grove Theater, the Presidio of Monterey Commissary, the P.G. Unified School District, and the P.G. Tennis Shop. She and Howard were also managers of Walker's Campground in Big Sur for ten years. Her volunteer work included serving as president for several PTAs, the Butterfly Bazaar, the P.G. Tennis Club (where she directed numerous tournaments), PGHSAA, the Breakers Club, the PGHS Stadium Fund Committee from 1962-1967, the P.G. Library, the Feast of Lanterns, P.G. Pride, and the Northern California Senior Tennis Association. One of the people who worked to reactivate PGHSAA in the 1960s, Wynette was a 56-year member of the Association and an active PGHSAA board member until recently. She is survived by her children, Ron Cowen '65, Barbara Cowen Seubert '67, Ken Cowen '70, and Kathy Cowen '74; daughter-in-law, Patti Cowen; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many extended family members. Wynette was preceded in death by her husband, Howard; her sons, Robert (Bob) '63 and Gary Cowen '69; her parents, Elbert and Carol Walker; her sister, Roberta Walker Bodine '42, and her brother, George Walker '47. Howard's obituary also appears in this issue.



Vivian "Vicky" Louise Lewis Johnson, a native of Pueblo, CO, passed away October 23 at Community Hospital following a brief illness. She came to the Monterey Peninsula with her family at the age of three. She went through schools in P.G. and graduated

with the Class of 1960 from PGHS. Vicky was a well-known realtor, who had a very successful twenty-five-year career with Bratty & Bluhm Real Estate. Vicky was also an active member of St. Angela Merici Church, where she was involved with A Small Christian Community and the Forty Plus group. She enjoyed weaving and many computer games. However, her favorite activities were visiting with her grandchildren. Vicky was a 29-year member of PGHSAA. She is survived by her

husband of thirteen years, Bud; her stepchildren, Jerry and Jennifer Burke; her grandchildren, Brenda, Brian and Jerry; and her cousin, Cheryl Freidenbergen.



Parker Austin Hook, 25, died Wednesday, October 24, as a result of injuries sustained in an accidental fall. He was born January 10, 1993, in Monterey, the son of Lisa Johnson Hook and Doyle Hook. He attended Pacific Grove schools and graduated from PGHS in 2011,

where he was an accomplished athlete on the Breakers Lacrosse team. He was also a proud recipient of the Culinary Excellence Award, helping his culinary team reach 3rd place in state finals two years in a row. Parker had been attending Monterey Peninsula College majoring in pre-med, with a goal of becoming a pediatric hospice nurse. He worked at Alvarado Street Brewery and Grill in Monterey and loved fitness in all forms. At age 17, Parker took second place in his age group in his first Pacific Grove Triathlon, and he went on to successfully finish four Spartan races. Parker is survived by his mother, Lisa Hook of Pacific Grove; father, Doyle Hook; his three brothers, Nolan, Daniel '08 and Keith; sister-in-law Kryistyna; and nephew Kashton. He is predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Ruth and Warren Johnson, and his paternal grandmother, Maryanne Martin. He is survived by his paternal grandparents David and Sue Hook and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

NOVEMBER



Jonathan Ray Ellison was born June 14, 1972, and died on November 6 after a long illness. A 1991 graduate of PGHS, Johnny had a huge heart and was an extremely compassionate soul. He loved with all his being, and there wasn't a person he would not help, no matter

what his situation. Johnny had a passion for jade hunting in Big Sur and gifted many with his precious stones. He enjoyed spending time at the beach with his dogs, especially Jade. Many people were touched

Obituaries, continued

by his big heart. He was preceded in death by his son Nate Pegis, father John Ellison, grandfathers Norman Ellison and Camilo Guerra, grandmothers Lois Ellison and Carmen Guerra, his beloved dog Jade, and many other loved ones. Johnny is survived by his mother Carmen Guerra, sister Annie *Ellison-Allen* '85, niece Christina Campo, brother-in-law Michael Allen, Nate's brother PJ Pegis, eight aunts and uncles, and 41 cousins.



Richard Seril ("R\$1") was born September 2, 1978, and died unexpectedly at his home on November 4. A 1996 graduate of PGHS, Richard was an accomplished inline skater who competed in the first few X Games, joined Team

Rollerblade, and was featured doing stunts in a commercial. Richard especially enjoyed working with wood stains, a skill that came while employed at Griffith's Furniture. As with inline skating, skateboarding, and hip-hop flow, Richard was also an accomplished glass blower. He had a Midas touch about any endeavor and could display mastery at almost any first attempt. His competitive nature drew him to chess, Jeopardy, and Trivial Pursuit. Being the only son among four children, he would captivate the entire family with side-splitting humor and unrelenting laughter that would cause cramps and move you emotionally. His intelligence was unflagging, and his kind heart shone with a genuine concern for others, especially family. R\$1 is survived by his mother, Deneen Seril; his three sisters: Jennifer Browne, Carri *Seril* Newhouse '96, and Sasha *Seril* '98; his nephew Stirling Newhouse; his nieces Juniper Newhouse and Kyndra Newhouse; and his father, Richard Seril.

CORRECTION

Anna Jean *Johnson Suter*'s obituary appeared in the September issue, and it included an ex-husband that the family says did not exist (at least not to their knowledge!). Alas, we cannot ask Sue Taylor where she got the information. We apologize for the error. Here is the corrected obituary:



Anna Jean *Johnson Suter*, 91, died at her home in Ben Lomond, where she had lived for 40 years, on March 23, 2018. She was born in San Francisco on June 17, 1926, and the family moved from to Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara and then to Pacific Grove in 1937. She

graduated from PGHS in 1944. She corresponded for the rest of her life with friends she made in P.G. Her career with the California DMV took her to offices in Sacramento and Capitola. In between, she managed to squeeze in an LVN degree from Cabrillo College. Jean loved her social groups after retiring. She joined a local book club, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and never missed her domino/card game days with friends. She was a 44-year member of PGHSAA. She will be greatly missed by her family, those who became close friends, and those who knew her engaging personality. Survivors include her children, David Meyer, Pamela *Meyer* Fortner and Gail Meyer; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Elmer Johnson '42 and Carol *Johnson* Geovinetti '45, and her husband, Jay.

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Okie Kids

By Keith Lowrey '49



In past editions of the *Knockout II*, there have been references to “Okie kids” in the 1940s. I am one of them and would like to record some of my recollections.

My brother and I came to California by Greyhound Bus in June of 1946. We

needed to earn some money to justify our keep. He was just 16 and was hired as a laborer for a construction company. I was 14 and had earned some wages delivering newspapers and had caddied a couple of times, earning 30 cents for nine holes on dry courses with sand greens in a small town in Oklahoma.

So, my California assignment was to try to earn something at Pebble Beach, where I had to hitchhike to the links. On my first day, I saw the actor Bruce Cabot and a few other notables while awaiting an assignment. Luckily, there was a need for me to carry a bag in a foursome with an older caddy. There, for the first time, I was able to see the wonders of the Pebble Beach golf course with the seventh green of 110 yards heading out toward Carmel Bay. And when the course was completed, I received \$3.00, as opposed to the 30 cents that I had received for nine holes in Oklahoma.

That was only the beginning of the awe I experienced in our first month in California. Monterey had a four-day Centennial of the U.S. takeover of California by Commodore John Sloat in July of 1846. It started with the first Fourth of July parade since the end of World War II. Alvarado Street was painted gold. The boisterous parade of troops, bands, drill teams, horses, and dignitaries attracted 100,000 people. Local merchants were put in temporary confinement on Alvarado for not sporting beards. One store near the theater sold corn dogs, which were new to the area. The aircraft carrier USS Boxer and other ships were harbored in Monterey Bay. There was a U.S. submarine docked at the pier, which I was privileged to tour.

On Saturday, July 6, there was another parade—three miles—with Governor Earl Warren at the front and a crowd of 150,000. Montie Montana of current cowboy fame was in the parade, and Hollywood stars Bob Cummings and Ginger Rogers were in the viewing stand. I enjoyed the parade from a spot near the Custom House, and when the parade was over, I joined a group that hopped on the grandstand and came within a few feet of Governor Warren and Miss Rogers before they were led away. To say the least, for a kid from small-town Oklahoma, this was quite an introduction to California.



Early postcard view of Alvarado Street and Calle Principal.
From the collection of Beth Penney.

Sadly, my brother died early, but my sister and I both graduated from California universities and are proud to be “Okie kid” survivors. Will Rogers, a famous movie star, humorist, and political commentator from Oklahoma, once remarked jokingly that the Okies moving from Oklahoma to California increased the average intelligence of both states.

Pacific Grove Memories

By Carolyn Conway Brandt '49

To this day, I still miss Pacific Grove. I lived on Pico Ave, just three blocks up from Asilomar Beach, where I did most of my creative writing, for the ocean was relaxing and very productive in all my writings. The famous Butterfly Trees were just a couple of blocks away from my old home. For 13 years, I studied all kinds of dance with June Delight Canoles Dance Studio in Carmel. We danced in the P.G. Ballpark celebration. We had butterfly costumes with fluorescent veins in the wings on the

P.G. Memories, cont.

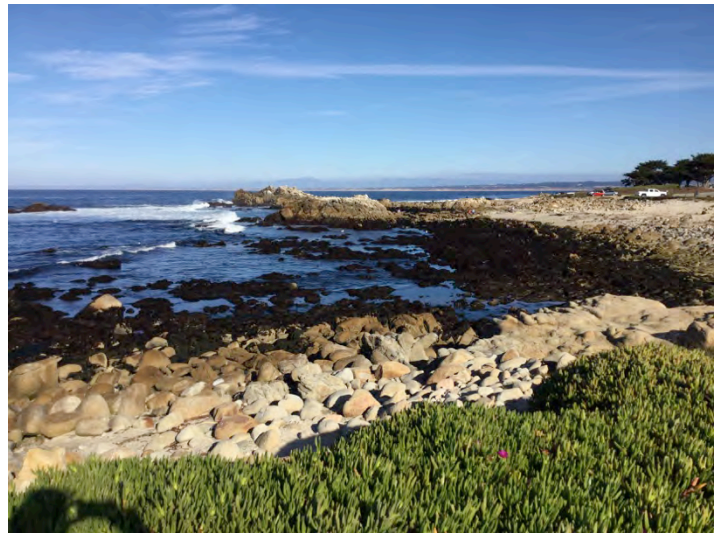
sparkly, black and gold bodies. When we did our dance, they turned off the ballpark floodlights and turned the black strobe lights on our dance troupe as we flitted around like butterflies. We were warned not to open our mouths or laugh during the dance, as no one wanted to see a set of teeth floating around! As it turned out, someone in the group let a loud fart slip out, and my girlfriend and I instantly broke out in giggles. We finished the dance amid a stand full of lively spectators. They had an Indian skit with singers, but they later said the dancing butterflies looked so real that those were what they remembered most.

I played piano in the school orchestra as well as accompanying the girls' glee club. The gym had one lane for bowling, and I learned to love the game. When the high school caught fire, we all pitched in to clean up and save whatever we could from the classrooms that were affected. Our science teacher took us on a special outing one night by boarding a school bus and taking us to Pacific Grove Beach. We were given black construction paper with white ink pens and were instructed to draw all the star constellations. It was a beautiful, clear night, and it was a very special memory in my high school years.

My first formal piano concert was at the Sunset Auditorium in Carmel. I will never forget that evening! But, after I had been the pianist for the Rainbow Girls for two years, my grandmother passed away, and my dad packed the family up and moved to Oakland, where I then attended my last two years at Oakland High School. Again, I was pianist for the music department. After graduating in '49, I worked a year for Pacific Bell Telephone in Oakland and saved up enough money to move back down to my beloved Pacific Grove.

Through several situations, trying one job after another, I ended up at MPC, again getting involved in the music department. I wanted to march with the new marching band just forming, but the instructor would not let me march with a piano on my back, so he gave me a huge box of percussion instruments, some of which I already knew how to play. I then became the accompanist for the large choir and accompanied most of the singers for programs. Then, one day, I answered an ad in the paper for a

piano player for a night club in New Monterey, where I ended up playing five nights a week from 8:00 until 2:00 a.m. Yes, I still have many good memories of Pacific Grove, wishing I could still be close to Asilomar Beach. My uncle Willard Conway taught swimming and diving at Asilomar Conference Grounds. I can't remember what year he graduated from PGHS.



The north end of Asilomar Beach. Photo by Beth Penney

I no longer drive my van and truly miss it. I was convinced by my son and daughter to move into an assisted senior living lodge in Fairfield, so I sold my beautiful home in Suisun City and moved in here at Brookdale Senior Living, but I would not move without my beautiful grand piano. It now sits in the lounge area, where I play at least every other day for the members here. I've been here for almost a year now and have met some great new friends, some of whom are members of my church, where I am still very active. I had been the organist for Eastern Star Lodge for some 68 years, but two months ago I gave them my "swan song" speech, saying I could no longer get up into that corner to the organ and piano using a cane for my bum knee, and that I had already fallen up in that corner! I also had taught piano and organ for over 68 years and finally told each one of my students I felt it was time to retire, as my memory was not what it used to be and I wanted to bow out gracefully. Pacific Grove was the best background for growing up, surrounded by relaxing beaches and so many landmarks I still remember to this day.

Songs to Remember

By Phil Bowhay '47

Friends, if you don't have Alexa, or some form of "virtual voice assistant," you don't know what you're missing. Well, maybe you do. This is not a hype for social media, but a recollection of some of the old songs we listened to in the good old days.

Just ask Alexa who or what you want to hear. The speaker is about the size of a can of tuna, and while the sound isn't Bose, it's damned good. Just for fun, Google "Your Hit Parade of 1940." Some of those good old numbers still around, others lost, but there is good chance Alexa can find them.

For those of you over 70 ... yes you are, too! ... try Jeanette MacDonald belting out "San Francisco! Open your Golden Gate!" Or Dean Martin singing "Standing on the Corner." As a little third grader in the little schoolhouse in Kernville, Miss Katy Beck banged out on the piano "Spanish Cavalier" and we sang it loud and out of tune.

A couple of years later, on the jukebox across the street on a hot summer night in Bakersfield, I heard the best song ever written, and "Stardust" is still at the top, followed closely by "Deep Purple" and "As Time Goes By" ... (try Perry, Bing, and old Blue Eyes)

And now it's hard not to sing along with "Sunny Side of the Street," or Doris Day suggesting you "Cuddle Up a Little Closer," or that other one that became "our song" when you thought you were in love. And if you're stuck, try Mitch Miller — at least you can hum along — or maybe "Music Man."

Seems to me we sang a lot together in the good old days. And not just the bouncing ball at the movies. And lip sync! The best in the world was Donna Hastie at PGHS, and then that pure silver voice of Barbara Williams from the balcony at Christmas (I'm going through an old *Sea Urchin* to jog memory and check spelling--where have they all gone?)

Back to songs. An informal poll suggested the Beatles shouting "I want to hold your hand" might have referred to more than just holding hands. How about "The Nearness of You?" Or humming along as Ella Fitzgerald sings "Dream When You're Feeling Blue." I write this not to list all the songs we knew, but to remind us of those we forgot and the guys and gals who gave them to us. Which reminds me. A friend checked into the Fairmont in S.F. recently, opened the

dresser drawer, and found Tony Bennett's heart.

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Back in Time Through the Yearbook

By Phil Bowhay '47

Well, Alexa did to me again. Looking for inspiration on the Internet, up popped The Four Lads singing "Moments to Remember." Not the best rendition, but it did the trick. Now in my late 80s, it's reunion time again. I have lots of moments to remember. And so do you.

All it takes is a dip into the *Sea Urchin*. If you can't find yours, visit the Heritage Barn in P.G. Lots of them to look at. And if you dig around in that box of kids' photos you might find our eighth-grade graduation on the steps of Pacific Grove Grammar School — now Robert Down — 1943.

Next stop PGHS. We were all dressed in light blue denim jackets and pants, the girls with skirts, all knees demurely covered. We were in the middle of the war and I think Holmans was able to round up the uniforms. We got to keep them.

Dress codes are as wiggly as Jello and often created indignation. They have a very short shelf life. The guys didn't need much leeway. Maybe no tank tops, but we were happy with clean Levis with cuffs turned all the same, about an inch and a half. Letter sweaters in a class by themselves, sometimes loaned to special girls. Shoes of choice were Spaulding saddles with red soles.

Rifling through the *Sea Urchin* I found the only visible knees in the girls' gym section. In the group photos, dress hems are about 2 inches below the knees, but all exactly the same.

Those pics rest in the yearbook; how young we were and didn't know it, most likely this or that.

Honey and Jane, Annie and Ailene, and Mary Lou, Patty, Bonnie, Sandy, Jerry, Dick, Len, Don, George, Brooks, Elaine, Pat and Gordy. That nice plain girl who really blossomed in college, came home to prove it. The dozens of secret crushes and your favorite, private dream. Where have they all gone? My friends, pals, teammates, sweethearts, teachers and coaches?

Phil Bowhay (continued)

Gone, gone in the sound of the surf. On a moonlit night, best standing alone at Lovers Point, say their names, talk to them, say the things you meant to, a long time ago ... and now. I think they might not hear you, but at least you will. A few of us still totter around with our canes and walkers.

Editor's note: you can also visit <http://pghighschool.weebly.com>, where PGHS yearbook pages from the 1890s to the 2010s have been uploaded.

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Carmel Keeps the Shoe

By Peter Cox

In the most recent episode of the famous "Shoe Game" rivalry between Pacific Grove and Carmel, the Padres (10-0) defeated the Breakers (4-6) 57-0 on Saturday Nov. 3 at Carmel. Carmel was the heavy favorite going into the contest, though at the start it appeared that P.G. was not simply going to submit to the Padre offensive juggernaut, allowing only one score in the first quarter.

In the second, however, the Padres brought in their indefensible air campaign, with Padre quarterback Kai Raine lighting up multiple receivers on rapid drives down the field for three TDs in the second quarter. The second half saw three more Padre touchdowns added in the third and one more in the fourth. There was little the P.G. defense could do against the multitude of weapons Carmel brought to the field, as there was little the P.G. offense could do against the iron Padre defense.

It was a rough end to a mixed season for the Breakers. Despite finishing with a losing record and suffering from injuries to multiple starters, including their leading scorer, Breaker resiliency remained strong to the end.

On a personal note, this reporter, who hails from a southern state where football is king and high school coaches and athletes tend to be treated and act like arrogant rock stars, it was refreshing to interact with the respectful players and truly mentoring coaches of Pacific Grove this season.

It seems that the P.G. coaches care more about the well-being of their players than they do about the

points on the scoreboard. When given the opportunity to respond to dirty play by some of their opponents throughout the season, the Breaker boys held back. They were competitive but didn't cheapen the game with low blows. They were hard working but had their priorities straight and didn't sacrifice their character for momentary advantages.

In victory and defeat, it was a real joy to watch them and to write their stories. I wish Coach Morgan and his team well going forward. Hold your heads high, Breaker fans, and be proud of your team. Those boys fought the good fight, and are better young men because of it.

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Total points scored in Shoe Games to date:

Carmel 1,592; Pacific Grove 1,365

Most points scored by one team: 78 (Carmel, 2009)

Most pts scored by both teams: 93 (Carmel 55, P.G. 38, 2012)

Greatest victory margin: Carmel 78, P.G. 6 (2009)

Longest winning streak: Carmel: eight games (1957-1964)

Where Did the Red and Gold Go?

By Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56

Speaking of forgotten songs, it has come to the attention of a few P.G. High Alumni that the school song "The Red and Gold" seems to have disappeared from the school. The current PGHS kids have no idea that the school song ever had words. Apparently they know the tune, but no words. Some of the "oldies" have decided to get together and find out where and why it went. There also appear to be a few different versions. A few in the group are planning a get-together to discuss this, and if you are local and interested in giving the Red and Gold some attention, you can call Teresa Bush Palmer at 831-394-1872. Lori Corn Aiello could also give you information. Please feel free to send in your version.

The red and gold is in the air
And overhead, the banners flare.

For the honor of our school,
Victory's in sight, fight with all your might,
And when the team is on the field,
The other team will have to yield.
Roll up that score, we want some more
For the honor of the red and gold!

—circa 1973

A Gift from Ruth Young

Thanks to her children Susan Young '73 and Jim Young '71, we have come into possession of some pictures and other memorabilia from the time their mother, Ruth Young, was a teacher at Pine Avenue School in the early 1950s. She later became a counselor at P.G. High. The pictures and articles that follow are from *The Beacon*, the new school newsletter, for which she was the advisor. There were several class photos, all of which have been copied and passed along for posting to <http://www.pgusdphotoarchive.com/index.html>.

The following editorial really brings home British novelist L.P. Hartley's observation that "the past is a different country." Would that students today had to worry only about what they did in 1952.

Beacon Editorial

Tuesday, November 25, 1952

I think we should be concerned about the behavior at Pine Avenue School. There are things—some good, some bad—about our school to think about.

For one thing, I think it was good to make the rule about the paper airplanes because it is a bad habit, a big waste of paper, and it leaves our school buildings and grounds dirty. There is also still too much gum in school. The students know the rule as to this. It looks terrible. Another thing is riding bikes on the school grounds before and after school. There have been a few accidents in this manner, and we should stop it before it becomes serious. The behavior at the Assemblies has been good so far, so let's keep it that way.

There are also good things about our school. One is the football activities that have been formed for the boys. We also have the after-school games and they have been going very well. I hope that basketball and baseball will be as good. A girls' basketball league has also been started. We find it nice that we are able to publish a school paper. I hope that it continues.

Let us all help Mr. McIntire and the teachers and do our best toward making Pine Avenue the best of schools.

—Your Editor, Jackie Watson



Yell leaders from left: Chris Hammond (head cheerleader), Arleen Lopez, and Ann Bruscas

A regular *Beacon* column seemed to be the "Fashion" column. Here's a sample from the October 31, 1952 edition, possibly describing some of the clothes worn by the Pine Avenue School cheer team pictured above:

Girls' Fashions

There are quite a few new fashions this fall. The latest is orlon skirts. Orlon, you know, is the new fabric that is washable and is wrinkle resistant. Two lucky girls who have them are Betty Washburn and Eloise Carpenter. Pleated wool plaid skirts are very popular and a lot of girls have them. Arleen Garvin and Shirley Boyer have nice blue and red ones. Other girls who have cute plaids are Brenda Borchers, Sandy Calkins, and Teresa Dorman.

Loafers have been seen a lot this year. We both have them and think they are very comfortable. Has anyone happened to notice Arleen Lopez's cute weskit and skirt outfits? One is a yellow and gray plaid and the other is a red plaid. They are both very nice. Block sweaters have been seen on both boys and girls, but since this is girls' fashions, we'll put just girls in. Nancey Campbell has an attractive navy blue one and Lonnie Annand has a very pretty white one.

That's about all in girls' fashions and we must apologize for not putting everyone's name in (we would like to!) but there just isn't enough room.

—Judy Gates and Linda Burnham

Pine Avenue (cont.)



Ruth was a teacher, so she wrote names on the back of all her pictures, but as we compared them to the captions in the *Beacon* copies, we found they were not always the same. On the photo at left, Ruth wrote the following:

Back: Benny Delphina, Ed Perry, Laverne Brickman. Fourth row: Barbara Neil, Thelma Outtaro (?), Toni DeMercurio, Charlotte Uhl, Ann Bruscas. Third row: Ronnie Osmun, Eddie Brown, Mary DeQuincy, Jim Menear, Lloyd Firstman. First row: John Clemons, Don Janarck, Steve Bagley, J.D. Dougherty, Jim Morehouse, Orville Fry.

Pine Avenue Heavyweights, '52-53: (not in order?) Ed Perry, Constan Mosely, Skipper Kulscar, Pat Chamberlain, Dale Lindsey, Steve Bailey, J.D. Dougherty, Henry Garcia, Lloyd Firstman.



The Beacon staff: Left to right: Jackie Steinecke, Nancy Klaus, Linda Burnham, Benny Delphia, Betty Rae Nightingale, Chris Hammond, Shelby Manuel, Merch Pease, and Judy Gates



Class of 1973 45th Reunion

The PGHS Class of 1973 has seen a falling off in attendance at its reunions, but a dedicated group still attends every five years. Plans are underway to hold get-togethers every year instead of waiting for five years, and we hope to garner interest in attending the 50th reunion in 2023. For more information, visit the class website, www.pacificgrove73.com.

Fourteen people met at Beth Penney's home in Pacific Grove on Friday evening, October 5, to drink wine and eat cheese, crackers, and other delicacies. We had fun! Watch the website for an announcement of next year's event.



Velma Peña Cummins, Sue McFeron, Sheila Waldron Deis



Frank Grillo, Joseph Favaloro, Ken Hodson, Jesus' friend Jill, Jesus Reynoso.



Beth and Velma show the permanent class officers in the June, 1973, Knockout. Velma is permanent class secretary.



Back: Amy Penrod Torrente, Dennis Deis '71, Sheila Waldron Deis, Sue McFeron, Frank Grillo. Seated: Bill Wetle, Mike Setty, Velma Peña Cummins, Joseph Favaloro, Ken Hodson. Seated: Beth Penney, Jesus Reynoso.

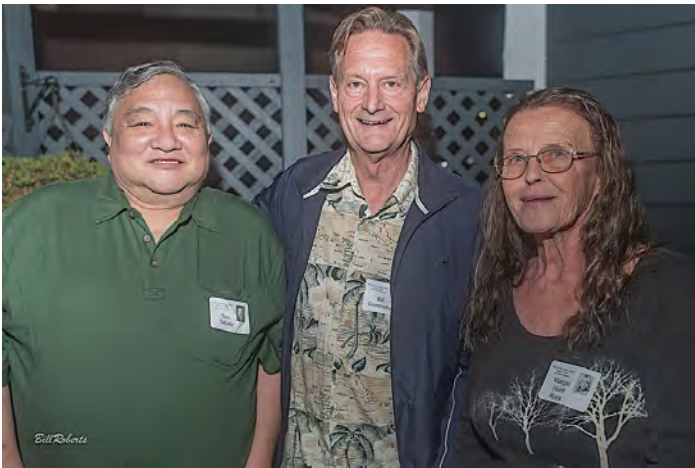


Mike Setty was one of the few '73 class members who also attended the PGHSAA reunion on Saturday evening. He is a regular!

Class of 1968 50th Reunion

By Joanie Hyler

We met Friday night Oct. 5 at the new local watering hole called Monarch Pub & Restaurant at 17th and Lighthouse. There were 68 grads, and all enjoyed this time together with just classmates. On Saturday morning, several of us showed up to ride in the Butterfly Parade, in which most of us first marched in 1955. Lots of "Hoorays" and "Good for you guys" along the parade route. Saturday night we met at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center for a nice gathering of 73 people plus an additional 27 spouses, dates, and guests. The food was catered by Grove Market, and we all enjoyed their tri-tip, chicken, and fixings. Sunday, we met at George Washington Park with sunshine, BBQ, and more visiting. By the end of the weekend, we all got our catching up done, with promises of getting together sooner rather than later.



Tom Tabata, Bill Gammons, and Margie Hunt Ross



The Class of '68 entered a float in the Butterfly Parade Oct. 6



Nora Bawaan Norton, Bill Roberts, Ruth McKinney Nye, Roger McGowan



Irene Evers Elisabeth is now a local artist, and she presented me with this garden stepping stone, which reads, "Joanie Hyler, Empress of Pacific Grove, with love."



Renee Puget Jorgensen, Betsy Urnes Rosenthal, Suzanne Perry Lorente, and Susan Heyl Tyler

68 reunion (continued)



Rosanna McCoy Shaw, Jeff Andrews, Renee Puget Jorgensen



50th Reunion Committee



Katie Samora Henden and Iva Cory Heitz



Below: The PGHS Class of 1968, 50 years on!



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Who Is It?

Well, folks, we only had one guess on September's photo of the Butterfly Parade Leader, and it was from the person herself—Joanie Hyler '68. I can only guess it's because everyone recognized her and figured someone else would identify her!

Here's our mystery photo for this issue. Who is the young lady among the succulents? Send your answers for this issue to your editor, bpenney@sonic.net.

Do you have a photo for "Who Is It"? Send it in a .jpeg file to the same e-mail address, or mail us copies of your photos to the address on the masthead. We'll be sure your precious photos are returned to you.

