

THE KNOCKOUT II

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

Spring, 2022 ● Page One

President's Message



Happy spring! We hope that this spring will bring an end to the pandemic that has gripped the world for the past two years. For many, the past two years have been a time to rethink what we are doing, and to make changes.

The PGHSAA Board of Directors hopes that our annual reunion dinner will not be one of the things that changes permanently as a result of the pandemic. But as of our February board meeting, the last one before press time for this newsletter, plans are still up in the air.

We have the Elks' Club booked for the first weekend in October. But we have two major problems. The first problem is, of course, the fear of another surge in the pandemic similar to the one in Hong Kong at the time of this writing. Even if U.S. cases continue to decline, it's possible that people will not want to travel and mingle this fall.

The second problem is our lack of a chairperson for this event. Our Board membership has dropped considerably over the past two years, and many remaining board members are still working full time and have professional and other duties that preclude taking on this chore. We are turning to the membership to ask if anyone can fill this position.

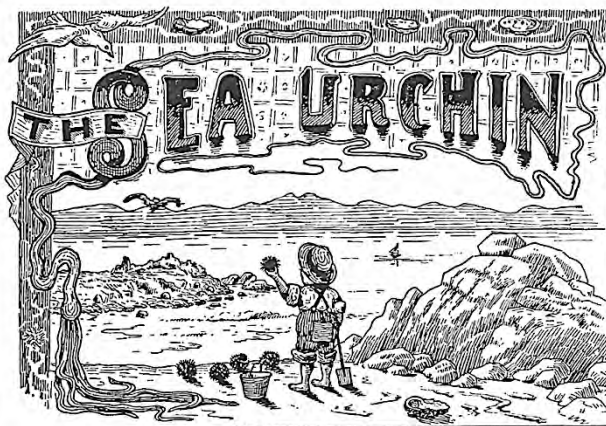
The "Events Chairperson" does not have to be a permanent board member. The Chair does not even have to live in the area, as long as you have a phone and e-mail, although we would assume that you would be in Monterey for the event itself. As mentioned above, the venue is set. What remains to be done is to work with the caterer to decide on menu and relay costs to the Board. Then, the Chair would work with other board members on publicity,

decorations, music, reservations, name badges, and so on. There has been no announcement yet as to whether the Butterfly Parade or other first-weekend-of-October events will be held in Pacific Grove, but if there is no new variant of the virus, chances are these will be a "go."

If we don't have a Chair, we won't have a dinner this year, so please consider volunteering! Your fellow P.G.H.S. grads will thank you. Our board meeting dates are listed on P. 2; at this point our meetings are still "hybrid"—in person with some members participating via Zoom. E-mail president@pghsaa.org if you can help out as Events Chair, even on a temporary basis! If it turns out that we can go forward with this year's dinner, a reservation form will appear in the June issue.

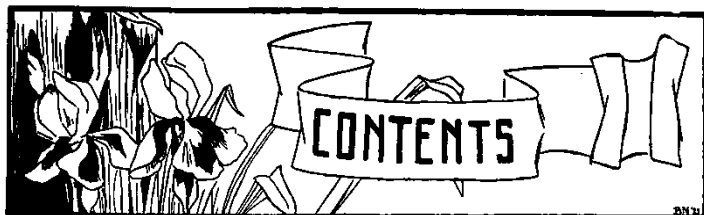
On a more positive note, this issue of the *Knockout II* is short but full of good news. There are some great letters, items from the scrapbooks of Lillian Griffiths '70, and some great stories about P.G.H.S. grads, in addition to pictures. We look forward to receiving your stories, memories and photos for future issues!

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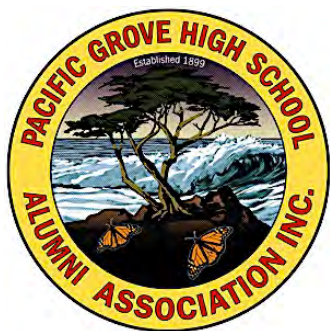
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Important 2022 Dates

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

Donations

A Friendly Welcome to our New Member(s)

1971 Pete Gaudoin	Marina
2019 David VonGiese	Pacific Grove
2020 Natalie VonGiese	Pacific Grove
2020 Tanya VonGiese	Pacific Grove

Returning Member(s): Glad to have you back

1964 Sheryl Smith Napier	Bandon, OR
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“In Memory Of” Contributions

Jerry Cummings	Scotts Valley
IMO: Patricia Sherwood Cummings	‘48
1949 Lillian Freitas Enos	Soquel
IMO: Ron Carpenter	‘47
IMO: Don Enos	‘47
IMO: Dorothy Gonsalves Perkins	‘49
1949 Ellen Duarts Kimbell	Austin, TX
IMO: David Concepcion	‘54
1950 Salita Morris King	Florence, OR
IMO: Bill Phillips	‘61
1952 Donna Norbeck Przybyla	Paso Robles
IMO: 1952 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1953 Arthur Busby	Pleasanton
IMO: 1953 Alumni gone but not forgotten	
1955 Kathleen Irish Hicks	Salinas
IMO: Kenneth L. Hicks	‘53
1956 Bob Coble	Seaside
IMO: Patricia Kelly Coble	
1956 Charles Houseman	Pebble Beach
IMO: William “Bill” Pulliam	‘51
1956 Gail Swengel Lee	Lafayette
IMO: Rosemarie “Rosie” Esteban	‘56
1958 Sue McPhail Maruyama	Honolulu, HI
IMO: Carole Carter Brown	‘58
1959 Florence Nedeff Martin	Costa Mesa
IMO: Kevin Dummer	
1959 Don Phillips	Point Arena
IMO: Bill Phillips	‘61
1960 Jim Dowell	Tucson, AZ
IMO: Janette Katayama Gould	‘60
1960 Marsha Hisey Fields	Arcadia
IMO: Janette Katayama Gould	‘60
IMO: Chuck Wallace	‘60
1960 Geoff Sharp	Pebble Beach
IMO: John Miller	‘59
1961 John Julian, Jr.	Clovis
IMO: Leslie Bennett Julian	‘62

1964 Dennis Falke and	
1964 Vicki Osborne Falke	Bandon, OR
IMO: Gary Falke	‘67
1964 David Nelson	Oakton, VA
IMO: Nancy Hazelton	‘64
1964 Victoria Samora Phillips	Monterey
IMO: Ron Fox	‘64
IMO: Steven Fox	‘64
IMO: Lydia Gillaspie Davis	‘66
IMO: Karen Samora Low	‘71
IMO: Chris Henden	‘93
IMO: Mr. LaPierre	Faculty
1965 Charlene Howell Lowery	Pacific Grove
IMO: Coach Charlie Howell	Faculty
IMO: Suzanne Howell Candela	‘72
1965 Pamela Pauls Soboleski	Monterey
IMO: Lt. Col. Richard L Adams US Army	
1967 Malcolm Colvin and	
1968 Linda Herd Colvin	Monterey
IMO: Candy Hoyt	‘68
1968 Joanie Hylar	Pacific Grove
IMO: Geoffrey Gipson	‘68
1968 Bill Williams	Prunedale
IMO: Geoffrey Gipson	‘68
1971 Janelle Rush Roseman	Etna
IMO John Blinkenberg	
1971 Helen Cook	
IMO: 1971 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1971 Kenneth Cooley	Rancho Cordova
IMO: 1971 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1971 Pete Gaudoin	Marina
IMO: 1971 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1971 Mary Ichiuji	Santa Monica
IMO: 1971 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1971 Donald Mothershead	Pacific Grove
IMO: 1971 Alumni gone but not forgotten.	
1972 Michael Tryon	Winchester
IMO: Claudia Tryon Eddlemon	‘74
1973 Velma Peña Cummins	Hayward
IMO: Cynthia Peña	‘75
1974 Kathy Cowen Ireland	Lakewood, CO
IMO: Wynette Walker & Howard Cowen	‘41
1974 Cheri Fisher Schmidt	Hollister
IMO: 1974 Alumni gone but not forgotten	
1975 Bill Derowski	
1975 Suzy Stillwell Derowski	Marina
IMO: Walt Matteson	‘62
3 1977 Anna Marie Coletti	Gardnerville, NV
IMO: Paul & Pat Coletti	

Donations, cont.

1979 Donna *Murphy* Monterey
IMO: Sherry Rae *Welsh* Gruwell '56

Thank You for Your Recent Contribution

1947 Richard Baxter*	Redding
1948 Shirley <i>DePonte</i> Baldwin**	Lake Oswego, OR
1949 Joanne <i>Christensen</i> Peterson	Pacific Grove
1953 Clair <i>Pittman</i> Villano '53	Lakewood, CO
1954 Richard Greitich***	Pleasanton
1954 Lenora <i>Rumrill</i> Kennada	Pacific Grove
1958 Charles Lunt**	Lakeport
1959 Dorothy <i>Weston</i> Roberson	Monterey
1962 Charles Hoffmann**	Indio
1962 Roger Magyar	Pacific Grove
1963 Paula <i>Fontana</i> Buckman	Del Rey Oaks
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1966 Sandi <i>Jefferies</i> Johnson**	Fresno
1966 Dr. Laurence Cram	La Quinta
1967 Robert Scardina	Monterey
1968 Buddy Layne	Sierra Vista
1970 Nicole Mulé†	Middletown
1968 Tom Wright	Knights Ferry
1973 Kenneth Hodson	Marina

Senior Support Fund

1974 Frank Consiglio Pacific Grove

PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

1956 LaLoie <i>Paterson</i> Benz	Fort Mill, SC
1957 William Dawson	Carmichael
1961 David Goff	Newport Beach
1962 Glen Berwick	Pacifica
1968 Kim <i>Kovalik</i>	Mosier, OR

PGHS Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund

Marabee *Rush* Boone
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Judy *Mallory* Tieger

*donation benefits arts programs. **donation benefits sports programs. ***donation benefits music programs. †postage

Letters

Dear Joanie:

I don't usually take time to write a note when I send my dues, but I just have to say that I am sorry to see that two more of my classmates from 1948 have passed away. I guess we are not having any reunions for our group; I suppose because of age. It's hard to travel as well as expensive when we live far away. Also, after my recent trip to Monterey, I found I do not have the stamina for long travels now. I also would hope that you would allow us to have a friend attend with us who is not a member. I had considered coming one year, but didn't want to come to the activities alone. I am 91 now and live in a small independent senior apartment in Poulsbo, WA, very close to town. It's a small town across Puget Sound from Seattle, with a Norwegian theme so it attracts a lot of visitors. I had a stroke in Feb. 2019 but had very good recovery aside from not very good balance. I walk as much as I can (with a walker) to keep my legs strong. We have no organized activities, so I am the self-appointed low-key events planner. I just can't let holidays go by without some observance, and I think it's important for us to have the social part, too. I also have volunteered to tend the garden around our large patio. I have a helper to do the harder jobs now. Our apartments are on a hill, so I enjoy a view of the top of the Olympic Mountains and a bit of Liberty Bay. However, we don't have any wave action. Recently my son Gary came with me to Monterey for a special occasion, and besides visiting family and friends, my one request was to sit by the ocean and watch the waves crashing over the rocks. You have such a beautiful coastline there. Here's hoping for a much brighter New Year with good health and contentment for us all.

Best regards,
Betty McDanel Kavanagh '48
Poulsbo, WA

Ed. Note: Thanks to Betty for her newsy note! PGHSAA plans to open yearly reunion dinners to everyone, not just members, when they resume. See the President's letter on P. 1 for more information.

Letters, cont.

Knockout II Staff:

Boy, this brings back memories. The "Who Is It?" picture on page 24 of the December issue is from the P.G.H.S. Masque and Wig production of *Blithe Spirit*. Don Luce was the director. Faith Van Woerkom '73 is on the floor. She played the medium that was doing the séance and fell on the floor because she was overcome with the spirits. Seated at the table are (R-L) Jane Landrum '74, Steve Pliska '73, Iris Harrison (me) '72, and standing are Brenda Dorsey '73 and Audrey Swanson '72. Mr. Luce was the best! I adored that man, and he was so great at not only handling our teen angst, but also giving us confidence to keep pursuing our dreams. I saw him several times after graduation when I would be in the area visiting family or friends. He was always kind and very encouraging. I give him a lot of credit for my 45 years in radio because of what he taught me in the Drama Department at PGHS.

Regards,
Iris Harrison '72
Portland, OR

Knockout II Staff:

The "Who Is It?" photo in the September, 2021, issue is of part of our Senior Class ('68) having lunch on the Senior Lawn, right above the Multi-Purpose Room and below the first building (is it now all Administration?). On the left side: Richard Morris; cannot make out the others. Middle: with arms outstretched: Tom Sherburne. Smiling girl: Pat Duncan. Blond girl in profile: Laurel Johnson. On the right middle, looking down: Sue Dreyer. Smiling boy in hat: David Bell. Right: blond girl: Sue Cronk. Boy in sunglasses: Jeff Andrews. Girl: Luane McCartney. In between them at back, in profile: John Fader. There you have it! All the information fit to print from

A(n Anonymous) Member of the Class of '68

Editor's note: Thanks to Iris and our anonymous writer for the detailed news about our two most recent mystery photos! See the last page of this issue for another one.

Hi Beth,

Hope this short note finds you, and all the P.G.H.S. grads, doing well. I've noticed that student loans outstanding in the U.S. are in the billions of dollars—what a tragedy. With the costs of tuition, fees, books, supplies, etc., it all adds up. I forgot rooms and meals! Thanks to all those who give whenever possible. Continued donations really count! What a difference we can all make in continued educational opportunities.

Jon Olivetti '56
Peoria, AZ

Editor's note: Thanks to Jon for his regular reminder! The PGHSAA scholarship committee will meet soon to select 2022 recipients. Stay tuned!

The Pacific Grove High School
Class of 1962 will celebrate its
60th reunion October 4 & 5, 2022.
For more information, contact
Roger Magyar at
roger8725@sbcglobal.net
or 831-372-5567.

The Pacific Grove High School
Class of 1973 again plans a yearly
reunion the weekend of October
1-2, 2022; mark the date! Visit
www.pacificgrove73.com for more
details, or contact Beth at
bpenney@sonic.net.



Obituaries

November

1960 Chuck Wallace Surprise, AZ

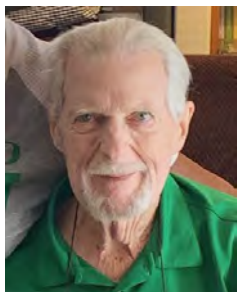
December

1970 Jane Marie *Hammond* Costa Rica
 1970 Phillip Coleman Billings, MT
 1951 Bill Pulliman Monterey
 1969 Rick Esquivel Las Vegas, NV

January

1989 Surawat "Sam" Promyotin Thailand
 1968 Geoffrey Gipson Chico
 1970 John Blinkenberg Fair Oaks
 1948 Donna *Hauswirth* Nair Monterey
 1967 Bill Wenner Monterey

November



Charles (Chuck) Wallace

was born May 25, 1942, to Joseph "Ross" Wallace Jr. and Josephine Louise (Wolf) Wallace in Oakland. He passed away November 30, 2021. Chuck's family lived in Rio Del Mar, Watsonville, and Boulder Creek

before they settled in Pacific Grove in 1944. Living in what became Candy Cane Lane, he attended Pine Avenue (Robert H. Down) Elementary School, was in the first graduating class of the new P.G. Jr. High (the old high school) and graduated from the current high school in 1960. He was a member of the P.G.H.S. golf team. Chuck joined the US Navy Reserve during high school, going active in October 1960. His service continued until October 16, 1962, a week before President Kennedy made his Cuban Missile Speech. After he left the Navy, Chuck moved to Los Gatos in 1963, where he worked in the Santa Clara County Assessor's Office Map Drafting Unit, the Operational Analysis & Workload Measurement Division of the Office of the County Executive, and for EMA/GSA. He married Patricia Grits in 1964, having one son, Gregory. Another son, Cristopher, lived for seven days in 1973. Chuck graduated from West Valley College and then Saint Mary's College of California with a BA in Public Management in 1979. In 1980 he moved to Eugene,

OR to work for Lane County as a budget analyst and then Purchase Manager, retiring in 2003. At his 25th class reunion in 1985, he re-met a kindergarten-through-12th-grade classmate, Emma Jean *Abraham* '60. They married in December 1985. Jean brought two wonderful daughters, Tracy & Kelly to his family. The combined family produced seven grandchildren. In 2012, Chuck and Emma Jean moved to Surprise, AZ, and spent nine years enjoying retirement in the Arizona sun. Over the last couple of years, Chuck's health declined due to heart failure, and he passed away peacefully with his wife Jean by his side.

December



Jane Marie *Hammond*,

Class of 1970, passed away December 5, 2021, in San Ramón, Costa Rica. If you have any other information about Jane, please let us know.

Phillip Anthony

Joseph Perez Coleman, Class of 1970, passed away December 16, 2021, in Billings, Montana. If you have any other information about Phillip, please let us know.



William Page Pulliam left

this life December 23, 2021 at age 87. Bill grew up on the Monterey Peninsula and attended local schools, graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1951. After high school, Bill joined the Navy and served honorably in the Korean conflict. In 1955, he married the love of his life, Marian Houseman, a



local girl. Shortly thereafter, they moved to San Luis Obispo where he attended Cal Poly and, earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After graduating they moved to Sacramento, working

for Aerojet for 11 years. They made their permanent home in the East Bay, where Bill worked at the Mare

Obituaries, cont.

Island shipyard until he retired in 1994. He was a member of Blackhawk Country Club, where he enjoyed the golf and social activities. He and Marian liked to spend time at their cabin in the Carmel Valley mountains and at their condo in Kauai, where they enjoyed long vacations. Most of all, Bill liked to have fun! He liked travel, country music, dancing, playing cards, having lunch and sipping cocktails, or wine, with his many great friends. Bill was an avid golfer, he was well liked, and a true friend too many in his community. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 60 years, Marian, and his sister, Paulina McGill.



After a brief illness with pancreatic cancer, **Ricardo “Rick” Esquivel** passed away at his home in Las Vegas on December 24, 2021, with family by his side. Rick was born in Carmel to Eulalio and

Josephine Esquivel. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1969. Known in the community from an early age as a drummer and for starting bands, he later traveled as a lead guitarist to Alaska and the Southwest. His artistic talents were not only music but ranged to woodworking, sandblasting, pen and ink drawing, and painting. In 2015, he retired from his supervisor position at Carmel Valley Manor and moved to Las Vegas. His wife, Terry Godfrey-Esquivel; his children, Reid, Cody, Jace, Caitlin, and Scott; his stepchildren, Ali, Frank, Anthony, and Michael; his siblings Larry, Carol, and Sean; and his many grandchildren survive him.

January



Surawat “Sam” Promyotin of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1989 passed away January 2, 2022. Born in California, Sam moved to Thailand to become the Director of the Sustainability and Entrepreneurship Center at Sasin School of

Management and the Executive Director of the Bangkok Venture Club. The Promyotin family thanks everyone for their thoughts and support during this difficult time. The spontaneous outpouring of love has been a touching reminder of the bigger-than-life impact Sam had on so many.



Geoffrey Neil Gipson

passed away on January 15 in Chico, age 71. Geoff was born on January 28th, 1950, to Clarence and May Gipson. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1968, he enrolled in the Coast Guard and later studied business at San Jose State. Geoff purchased Valley Medical Supply in 1976, where he was known as a warm-hearted community member who would go out of his way to help others. In 2011, he was awarded the Small Business Person of the year by the U.S. Small Business Administration for the Northern California District. Geoff was an extraordinary man with varied interests and hobbies. In his younger days, he loved playing football, running track, and surfing in Monterey Bay. Geoff also enjoyed vintage cars, blues music, and planting bulbs in the fall. Yet, perhaps his biggest passion was skiing and teaching others to ski. Nearly all of his surviving family will carry warm memories of skiing with Geoff down the slopes of Heavenly. He is survived by his brothers, John and Russell; his daughters, Michelle and Ashley; his grandchildren, Kylan, Garrett, Kaysen, Kenryk, and Wyatt; his wife, Vivian (Vee); and his stepchildren, Stephanie and Lilly. Geoff had been married to Vee for nearly 25 years. To view obit online and leave condolences for the family please go to www.NewtonBracewell.com.



Donna Lee Hauswirth Nair, a spirited woman who never met a stranger, passed away at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on January 11, 2022. Donna was an avid 49ers and Giants fan, loved her family, loved to visit the River Inn and sit with her feet in the river, and also loved to bake. She was preceded in death by

Obituaries, cont.

her husband, Gerald Nair. They were married in 1952 (both P.G.H.S. class of 1948) and while short in length due to illness, their marriage was quite beautiful to witness, as they shared something very special. She was also preceded in death by her daughters Roberta and Karen Nair '82 as well as her son Gary Nair '75, all of Pacific Grove. She is survived by her daughter Debbie '71 and her son-in-law Steve; her granddaughter Chrissy; grandson Nathan; and five great-grandchildren: Jizelle, Trey, Jack, Bella, and Tyler.



Stephen John Blinkenberg died January 16, 2022. Steve was born on February 26, 1952, in Watsonville to John and Marylou (Lawler) Blinkenberg. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1970. Steve worked his entire life as a wrangler, ranch manager, river guide and rodeo clown

(bullfighter), living in Colorado, Wyoming, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, and California. He loved the outdoors, his dogs, cats, and horses, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, good cigars, storytelling, and the Pacific Ocean. He especially loved his grandchildren, Faith and Mariano Flannery. Along with his grandchildren, Steve is survived by his sister Lynne Blinkenberg and nieces Erin, Jenny, Kelly and Joyce. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Gary '73 and sister Jackie Lynne.



Bill Wenner passed peacefully in his home on January 23, 2022. His loving wife, Catherine, was by his side. Born in 1949 in Michigan, when he was 7 years old Bill and his family moved to the Monterey Peninsula, where he spent most of his life, graduating

from P.G.H.S. in 1967. From a young age and throughout his life, he was gifted master of woodworking on every level, ranging from hand carved creations, to musical instruments, and all the way up the latter to building homes, and everything imaginable in between. His brilliance and creativity

were vast and it showed in everything he created. His interests and hobbies covered a wide range, and spending time with his loved ones, especially in nature, was always an integral part of his life. He loved climbing up and down the hills and canyons of Big Sur, in search of music, joy of all kinds, materials scavenged for building his wood shops, and so much more. Bill was a quiet, kind, gentle, spiritual person and was always willing to be of service to those who needed help. The memories of his thoughtful presence and unique perspective on life, always accompanied with great humor, will fill us all forever. Bill is survived by his wife Catherine, his son Christopher, and his sister, Julie '66.

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PGHS Grad a World Champ

By Neill Gardner

*From the Good Old Days program, March, 1980
Collection of Lillian Griffiths '70*

It was softball all the way for Ruby Johnson during the depression years. Her bulky scrapbooks start out with a game in which Tilly Tremayne's Pease Druggist All Stars trimmed Fortier's Drugs Pink Pills 17-9. It was a Sunday game and they had to hold it over in Monterey because baseball was against the law in Pacific Grove.

One 1933 headline had Ruby's team clobbering "a picked team from the county seat" 12-1. Apologies were made for the Salinas team: it was the first time they had played under the lights, and they were used to playing with a larger softball.

Those lights were a source of pride, being the first installed in Monterey County. The bleachers, Ruby recalls, were constructed from lumber from the old bathhouse at Lovers Point. Those were the days when things weren't allowed to go to waste. Opening game in 1936 was preceded by a parade of all 12 teams in the league in their spiffy new uniforms, preceded by the high school's marching band. Mayor Sheldon Gilmer threw the first pitch, swung at by Councilman William Fiddes "with intent to kill." City Manager Erwin Dames backed up the plate.

Gilmer's Flat Tires dropped their game to the Pink Pills outfit 13-6. Colorful team names abounded. The Del Monte Owls "put it all over" the Salinas Night Hawks in a pitchers' duel.

Ruby played with the Alameda Girls, a team that

captured the world championship in 1938 and 1939. But she played summer ball with the Pacific Grove men's team. They had to bring out the big type on the Monterey paper's sports pages when Ruby broke a tie with Fort Ord in the seventh inning. "It was a beautiful single that Ruby connected with to win the ball game, and scorekeeper Joe Espinosa should be ashamed for putting it down for a single when it might as well have been recorded as a double," said the sportswriter.

Up in Alameda, Ruby was billed as "the Irish Cherokee from Pacific Grove." Ruby claims she was born during a total eclipse of the moon in Wichita

Falls, Texas. Her mother was full Cherokee, "with long black hair down to here," Ruby remembers. Ruby graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1938. She was "commuting" to Alameda to play ball on weekends. Her clippings from the period include columns



NILES PEASE—The Druggist—Sponsored softball team in mid-Thirties. Ruby Johnson Nodilo moved up to big time softball in 1938-39, catching for a world championship team from Alameda. From left, back row: Roberta

Hastie, Audrey Eatwell, Coach Spike Tremaine, Francis Brewer, Dorothy Neilsen. Front: Opal Hastie, Louise Cowan, Jessie Leslie, Ruby Johnson, Francis Slinger and Juanita Slinger.

of type from the Chicago papers, reporting on the games at Soldier Field. According to one report, 15,000 fans sat through sporadic showers and chill breezes to watch the Alameda team clinch the title.

Among the interesting photos in Ruby's collection is one showing W.R. Holman proudly displaying the silver trophy the "Holman Girls" team had captured in San Francisco. Holman, the caption relates, paid for the team's uniforms, traveling expenses, and equipment.

The Alameda team boasted one winning streak of 58 games. The team played in cities across the continent, stopped off at Madison Square Garden and Washington, D.C., and then played its way back to the Pacific Coast.

Ruby took over management of the Pacific

Softball, cont.

Grove Rec Club in 1953. She and the late Martin Nodilo, who graduated from Monterey High in 1939, were married in 1957. Martin was a P.G. patrolman. Between the two of them, Ruby and Martin managed to see that many of the town's youngsters learned the difference between right and wrong. A tap on the head from Martin or a few well-chosen words from Ruby delivered a message that tended to stick with the recipient.

"Martin just hated to take a kid over to juvenile detention in Salinas," Ruby remembers. "Sometimes it would take him two hours to get over there. He'd stop and buy the youngster a milk shake or stop by his home on the way."

Ruby's ideas for handling people moving through the awkward years between childhood and young adulthood are simple. "They dislike rules that begin with 'don't,' and they'll eat almost anything at almost any time," was the recipe she gave a reporter more than 20 years ago. "First listen to what kids have to say," Ruby said. "Feel from their point of view what things were like when you were their age. That's all there is to it. Just listen, then remember."



Ruby's photo, left, was featured in a short piece about the popularity of softball during the Depression in *Time* magazine, Sept. 26, 1938, when her Alameda team won the championship. The article said that by 1938, 5,000,000 players—the magazine called them "men and

tomboys"—were involved. The sport offered entertainment to people who could afford the dime it cost to attend.

Ruby will retire from the Rec Department at the end of April, 1980. She plans to move to Bend, Oregon.

Ed. Note: Ruby died in Bend in 2012. The current Rec Hall is named The Nodilo Building.

More of Lillian's Collection

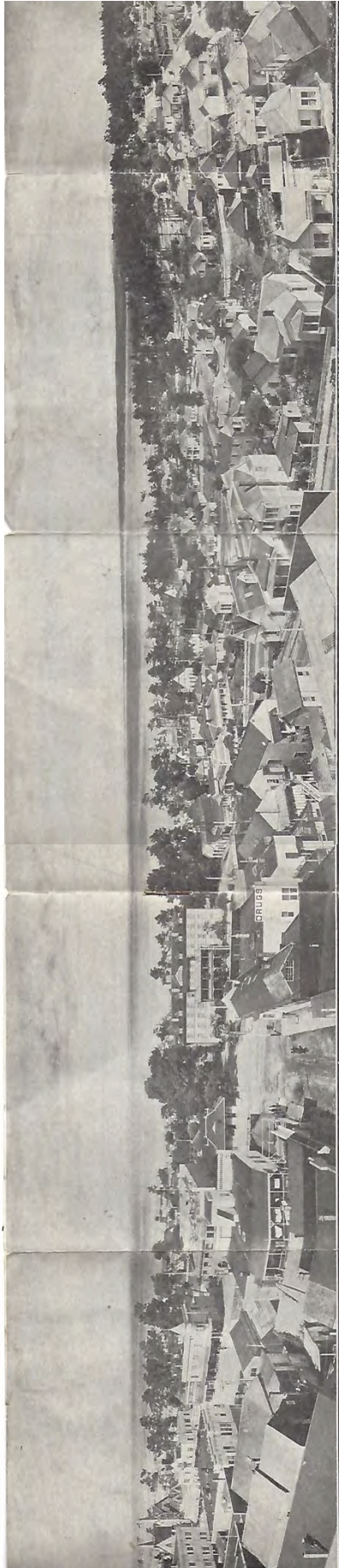
Lillian Griffiths '70 lent us two binders full of postcards of Pacific Grove, Carmel, and Monterey. In the back of one of the binders was the 1980 Good Old Days program, which contained the story at left. Also in the binders were the postcards below and the brochure on the following page. Thanks to Lillian for sharing these images and memories.



P.G. Beach circa 1911. Lots of wood here to build bleachers in Monterey with! (previous page)



Above, undated views inside and outside Roszi and Leon's Roof Garden Restaurant at the beach. The restaurant promised "international cuisine."



PANORAMA OF PACIFIC GROVE

A quiet, cozy resting place, where there is sufficient life to banish ennui without ostentation. A place where there is society without conventionality, the enjoyment of beauty without fatigue, where the ozone of the ocean is blended with the tonic of pine balsam, and cottage gardens run wild with roses and heliotrope. A place where one can be equally at home in a first-class well appointed cosmopolitan hostelry, or in a modest, pretty, economical bungalow or cottage, where the boys can find a surfeit of sport without the temptation of saloons, and the girls a society charged with refinement and culture, where churches, guilds, clubs, music and art contribute to satisfy every requirement and taste.



Climate and Sanitary Conditions

Pacific Grove has the most equable summer and winter climate in California. Sufficient rain falls, but under conditions not to interfere with out-door life. Frost is rarely seen. Verdure appears with the first rains and wild flowers spring in profusion and last all winter and spring. The immediate presence of the ocean gives vigor to the climate, and so, while mild, it is bracing, and there is an absence of the languor usually attending even climates. Mountain water is piped twenty-five miles in abundant supply. This with a perfect sewer system and complete natural drainage accounts for the fact that it is by the statistics of the State Board of Health far and away the healthiest town in California.

Its Atmosphere

In a unique way Pacific Grove is under wholesome moral direction, saloons are forever barred, and all objectionable features are carefully excluded. This detail is under the official direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Positive influences of refinement and culture are given encouragement. It is the home of Chautauqua. The Methodist Conference, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and other institutions make it the seat of their annual gatherings. The Hopkins Seaside Laboratory, an endowment of the Stanford University, is located here, drawn by the abounding sea life, and a splendid museum of the life of the region is maintained open to all visitors.

As a Place of Resort

Pacific Grove presents all of the elements of an up-to-date resort, with a full opportunity for delightful recreation.

Tennis courts and perfect croquet plats abound. The Del Monte golf links, green all the year, are open to guests at El Carmelo the same as to guests of Hotel del Monte. There is a fine indoor plunge at Pacific Grove, and the Del Monte bathing pavilion is open to all guests of the El Carmelo. The electric car reaches Del Monte, Monterey, the Presidio Military Post, and all other points of interest; there are the best of roads for automobiles, and the famous Seventeen-mile Drive starts from Pacific Grove.

Carmel Mission is only seven miles distant. The bay and shore supply excellent facilities for boating and fishing. The bay teems with fish of all varieties that may be easily taken from the rocks along the shore or from boats. The marine life of Monterey Bay is said by scientists to be more varied and richer than that of any similar body of water on the globe. In the shallow waters near the shore this life is turned into vast marine gardens and natural aquariums are seen from the glass-bottomed boats, which are so constructed as to give a perfect view under the sea. The shore of the bay and coast is broken into easily accessible beaches, and these furnish endless occupation in the abundant sea-shells and mosses which may be gathered with every tide.

The Presidio of Monterey, one of the most complete military camps in the United States, is easily reached by electric car, and its dress-parades, guard-mounts, military concerts, and other events, are all open to visitors.

A City of Homes Pacific Grove is a city of homes, and a home atmosphere pervades the place. The resort life takes this form, and is mainly represented summer and winter by visitors who remain for long periods with their families either in the hotels or in one of the numerous furnished cottages.

Every desirable factor of home life is here—climate, health, moral and intellectual surroundings and good society.

Pacific Grove has a unique pre-eminence in this regard. Eastern visitors, planning either a permanent or a winter home in California, should visit Pacific Grove, and study its conditions before deciding on a location.

Building sites eligibly located are comparatively inexpensive, building is not costly, and living is as economical as anywhere in California. Building lots are plentiful and a large number of desirable villa locations, both on the bay and in the forest, are still to be had.

For particulars apply to J. P. Pryor, Agent, Pacific Improvement Company, Pacific Grove, California.

Undated brochure from the collection of Lillian Griffiths '70. It promises, among other things, golf to customers of both the Del Monte Hotel and the Hotel El Carmelo in P.G., which stood where The Holman Building now stands.

P.G. Grad Coaches Hartnell Panthers

His senior season in high school featured one pinch-hit appearance in the section title game of a 31-0 spring at Pacific Grove. Kyle Czaplak was going to be the centerpiece to that 2013 title team, having already secured his future with a baseball scholarship to Santa Clara University. A lingering hip injury, though, ended his spring before it began with surgery and changed his leadership role on the Breakers to an extension of the coaching staff.

"It was an important year in my career," Czaplak said. "It was a leadership moment to figure out what

I could do to contribute. I saw the game from a different perspective. It's probably where (my coaching career) started."

Hartnell's first-year baseball coach is a disciple of the game.



*New Hartnell Panthers coach
Kyle Czaplak '13*

When Czaplak's playing career ended three years ago for

CSU Monterey Bay, he remained on as a volunteer assistant, continuing to remain around a game he loves. "I consider myself a student of the game," Czaplak said. "I have soaked up a lot of information. A lot of coaches have shaped my style, including coach (Walt) White at CSUMB."

Czaplak's arrival in Salinas has made an impact in reshaping a program that has not had a winning year since 2008. "I told Kyle you can do this," said former long-time P.G.H.S. coach Gil Ruiz, who is part of Czaplak's staff. "You have enough knowledge of the different parts of the game. Players are going to trust you. He gets better every day. Despite not being able to play his senior year, he was still the leader in our clubhouse. That's who he is."

Czaplak has a 40-player roster, 25 of whom will be allowed to travel with the team when conference play opens March 8 with MPC. A former all-league

shortstop in high school and a third baseman in college, the 27-year-old Czaplak hired a veteran coaching staff, which included former high school coaches Randall Bispo and Ruiz. "These are guys I can lean on," Czaplak said. "Bounce ideas off of. They have seen a bunch of baseball at different levels. I can pick their brains. I still talk to coach White as well." Ruiz won a pair of CCS titles at P.G., when Czaplak led the team in hits and homers as a junior in 2012.

"You do this long enough and things don't surprise you," Ruiz said. "Randall and I are able to give Kyle a heads up. Maybe we see things ahead of time. Ultimately, he has to decide."

Czaplak didn't want to go into this blindfolded. While his coaching experience is at the four-year level, he has no experience as a player or coach at the junior college level. "A lot of it is new to me," Czaplak said. "A lot comes with this position that you don't get schooled on. I am still learning a lot at this level. I'm just trying to grow every day with these guys."

Czaplak is not oblivious to the Panthers' past, which has seen 13 consecutive losing seasons. Adding to the difficulties of the rebuild is the fact that the program didn't have a season in 2021 because of the pandemic. "What we're about is guiding them in the right direction," Czaplak said. "See our vision and foster that environment, remind them what we are trying to do."

There has been a buzz since Czaplak came aboard last fall. The roster has been overhauled with a new mindset and attitude. "I enjoyed showing up every day, even as an unpaid assistant coach at CSUMB," Czaplak said. "I want to bring that environment, culture and competitive atmosphere that coach White has over here."

White called Czaplak a smart hire for Hartnell, believing his local connection to the community will help when it comes to recruiting, as well as his passion for the sport. "Losing him was big for us," White said. "The energy Kyle brought to our practice was inspiring for our younger players. The timing of the hire is a challenge, coming in late. But he has a bright mind."

The turnover at the two-year junior college level is quick. Czaplak is not just looking for talent. He wants players that will fit in. He wants to recruit from within the boundaries. "You have to bring the

Panthers, cont.

right guys in and have the right values,” Czaplak said. “You need passion. My goal is to rebuild the program and help these kids get to a four-year program.” An admirer of the work MPC coach Dan Phillips has done in building his program, Czaplak believes he can bring a rivalry back that will have meaningful games.

“A lot of it is the character and how we handle ourselves,” Czaplak said. “Coach Phillips has done a nice job at MPC. I’m looking forward to bringing that rivalry back to a higher level.”

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P.G. Supports Local

Gary Traylor has been a well-known fixture in Pacific Grove over the years, and when he recently fell into dire straits, the community that has fondly kept an eye on him came to his aid in a big way.

Traylor and his roommate have special needs, and when they found themselves needing to vacate their apartment in Marina earlier this year due to water damage, many rallied to aid Traylor, 64, pictured at right, through a GoFundMe page sponsored by his sister that has currently raised about \$28,000.



Community members stepped forward and found them new housing, making it possible for the two men to continue to live independently close to the community that Traylor has been a part of for many years.

“Growing up in P.G., Gary’s always been a community fixture,” said Jenny McAdams ‘93, Pacific Grove resident and councilwoman, who added that as long as she can remember, the community has kept a watchful eye on Gary.

Traylor’s sister Patty Traylor Yates ‘88 said the family moved to Pacific Grove in 1964 when he was

about 7 years old, and she was born six years later. “My mom passed in 1993, and then my dad and him stayed in P.G. until 2011 when my dad needed assistance and they moved to Marina to be closer to me,” said Yates. Their father, Harry Traylor, died in 2017. Yates said they have two brothers but she has taken on the role of watching out for Traylor’s care.

For the many years Traylor lived in Pacific Grove, he had his routine of holding a job then afterward going to the high school to watch whatever sports practices were going on, then walking to Forest and David avenues waving to passersby and stopping into local businesses along the way, and endearing himself to his fellow townspeople. One of his prized possessions is his Pacific Grove High School letterman jacket, which has been updated for him many times by various senior classes through the years.

“For me, he’s a fond memory, a reminder of growing up in P.G. and he is a legend,” said McAdams. “He’s a connection for growing up in P.G.”

About 10 days ago, Yates posted in the “Gary: Pacific Grove Legend” Facebook group that he and his roommate had to immediately vacate their apartment, were staying in a motel and desperate to find housing.

Pacific Grove High School alum and current Monterey County Supervisor Wendy Root Askew ‘96 said that when she saw the post she immediately knew how critical it was for the community to rally around Traylor to keep him independent and in Monterey County.

Shortly thereafter, three apartment units suitable for Traylor and his roommate were offered by local landlords. Another P.G. High alum, Catherine Broz ‘90, assisted Yates in setting up the GoFundMe page to raise money for the expense of moving and replacing some of the water-damaged furniture, and McAdams delivered a care package with healthy groceries and personal comfort items.

Yates said when the men were first confronted with their dilemma, they were rightly stressed and upset. But since the community stepped into help, Traylor is in his new apartment, and much more content and relaxed. She expressed gratitude for the continued support from those who have come forward to help.

Yates said she is overwhelmed to know so many

Support, cont.

people love Traylor. The day that the GoFundMe page was created, and a home was found for Traylor, was on the anniversary of their mother's death. "Anyone who knew my mom knows the bond between them and how much they loved each other," said Yates in her update. "I know she is watching down on him and if she was here today she would be touched beyond words to know that so many others see how special her Gary is and love him so much."

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The Funny Papers

The PGHSAA Board of Directors was recently asked, "What's the funniest thing that happened to you at P.G. High?" Here are their answers; thanks to them for writing them up!

As juniors, my classmate girlfriends and I were tasked with decorating the gym for the Junior/Senior Prom that Saturday night. I had my date lined up, and my mother had made me a floor length formal for the occasion. Saturday morning, we barefooted decorators were running across the gym floor.....my friend (Lora Bowman) stopped suddenly in front of me.....my left foot caught the back of her ankle and I broke one toe and painfully bruised my entire foot. Even though my foot swelled terribly, I was not about to skip the prom, so that night I went to the dance barefooted under my formal dress and I and my date simply watched all the other couples dance their hearts out.—Patty Fifer Kieffer '60

One of my funniest memories: In our Junior year of high school, about a dozen of our Class of '74 girls got up at 5:00 in the morning and drove around to some of the guys' homes. We woke them up, got them out of bed and took them out to breakfast to the Pancake House for breakfast. (We had forewarned the parents). In our Senior year we bragged in the June *Knockout* that the guys never got us back for that prank. OOPS – just before graduation, the guys reciprocated! I remember

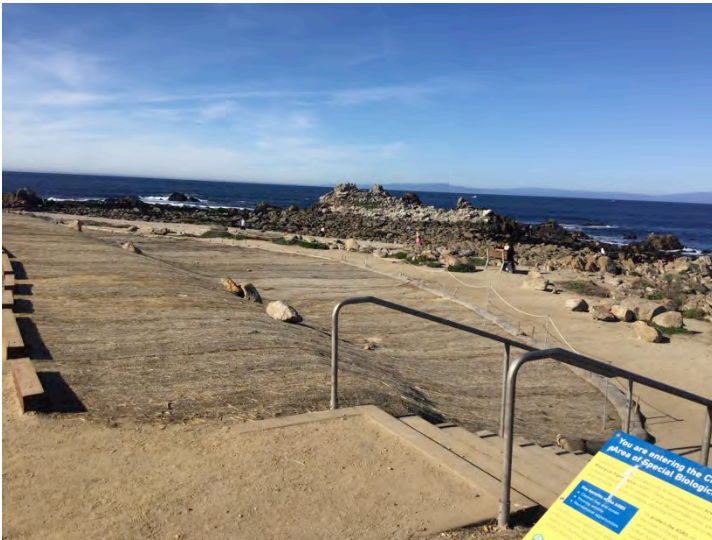
waking up to some whispering & giggling in the hallway of our house. There were 'the guys' coming to rustle me out of bed. Was my face red when we all got to the Pancake House. The rest of the girls were in cute little nighties and robe sets. I had on flannel pajamas. (Anonymous)

During my Senior year a couple of my girlfriends & I worked in the attendance office. We wanted to go out to the Crosby golf tournament on a school day to follow Clint Eastwood & other celebrities around to take pictures & get autographs. We wrote our own excuse notes forging our moms' signatures. We were able to process them to get out of class & write our passes to get back into class the next day. Somehow our parents never found out & Mrs. Johnson didn't either. We thought it was funny that we pulled it off but never did that again! —Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71

I think a funny memory involved our English teacher, Mr. Sands. He was a huge Tammy Wynette fan - even had a lifesize cardboard cutout of her in his classroom. He was not a fan of Ross Perot and we had great fun pranking him by buying a bunch of Ross Perot shirts and even pinning one on Tammy. He has some funny quotes from Julius Caesar that he applied to our class and we were delighted to surprise him. —Cate Goblirsch Lee '94



Seen Around Town: The New Pt. Pinos Trail



It's hard to get the scope of the new walking trail at Point Pinos and out to the "Great Tide Pool" into a few photographs, but the changes are welcome for regular walkers like your editor. With an inability to widen the road, the planners did a commendable job of adding decomposed granite walkways while retaining the bike path and losing surprisingly few parking places. In the top two photos, near where Asilomar Blvd. meets Ocean View, wooden beams outline the trail, delineate parking spaces, and border areas where new vegetation has been planted. At left, parallel parking along Sunset near the Great Tide Pool has been eliminated by the same beams to build the walking path, and above, a new path goes out onto "Rocky Shores" so that walkers don't have to stay on the road past where Lighthouse Ave. meets Sunset. Posted signage says the project "entails restoration of over 100,000 sq. feet of native vegetation, establishment of 10 beach access points, development of uniform parking and driveway approaches, and enhanced stormwater capture."

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Who Is It?

See "Letters," p. 4, for a letter from Iris *Harrison* '72, one of the people in last issue's "Who Is It?" photo. Your editor's father was a copyeditor at the Herald for years, and he would bring home news photos from time to time if he recognized someone's name. This was one of them. Also in our "Letters" column is a detailed answer to the "Who Is It" question from the September issue, from an anonymous member of the Class of '68.

Who knows who the young man is at right? Send your answers to president@pghsaa.org.

Do you have a photo for this column? You can scan it to a .jpg file and e-mail it to president@pghsaa.org, or mail it to us at the address on the masthead. If you know who's in the photo, include that information, but if you can't remember, maybe a fellow alumnus can help via this column! We promise you that we'll scan your photo as soon as we can and return it to you by mail, unharmed. Thanks in advance!

