THE KNOCKOUT II

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President's Message



The Spring, 2023, issue has been difficult to produce, partly because of my MPC teaching schedule, as usual, but partly because I just cannot sit at the computer as long as I used to be able to without suffering from back and shoulder pain. Any complaints to my doctors about this pain meet with the same answer: you

have to stop doing what you're doing.

For this reason, the Knockout II will shift to a three-times-a-year schedule as of this issue: Spring, Fall, and Winter. This schedule better corresponds to my breaks from teaching: spring break, the end of July, and January.

Of course, if anyone wants to volunteer to step up to edit and produce the newsletter four times a year, the board would be thrilled to have you take over the reins. If you're interested in becoming the next *Knockout II* editor, please e-mail me at president@pghsaa.org. I use Adobe InDesign and send the file to the printer in .pdf format. It's not difficult; it's just time-consuming.

Our annual dinner is set for October 7, and the registration form will appear in the fall issue, which will reach you sooner than it did previously. In 2022, 70% of you registered online, and we hope that number will grow, but we will continue to serve those of you who do not have online access or prefer not to use it.

There are the usual great stories in this issue--several contributions from Membership Chair Joanie *Hyler* '68, lots of updates on what's going on in downtown Pacific Grove, and many donations and letters. There are also early announcements from several classes about reunion events. My Class of '73 will celebrate its 50th this year, but several years back,

we started having a reunion party every year instead of waiting for the five-year anniversaries. I'm a party giver, so I have just been giving a party at the start of October every year (at least when there was not a pandemic!).

Last year, attendance at parties I had always given for my MPC colleagues in the Humanities Division started to drop. Not sure if it was a result of the pandemic or the increase in *very* young faculty at MPC, but I decided to open up the guest list at my annual Halloween and Christmas parties. Below is a photo taken at my Christmas party: Frank Grillo, Velma *Peña* Cummins, Mike Cummins, Tony Aiello, and me. All of us except Velma's husband Mike (Monterey High) are P.G.H.S. Class of '73. We hope to see the rest of you this year! See our reunion details on p. 6.



Beth Penney 73



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IMO: Pat Tuchsen '61



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1948 Sally LaVine Service

PGHSAA Fine Arts Scholarship Fund:

IMO: Jacqueline *LaVine* Jones '46
1949 Richard deLorimier Monterey
1954 Helen *Gehringer* Monterey
1963 Bob Crispin Portland, OR
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1957 Donald Jamarck	Elk Grove
1959 Nick Guzzi	Pacific Grove
1963 Erik Johnson	Santa Cruz
1965 Sharon Goulart LoManto	Monterey
1966 Christine McKinstry	Columbia, MO
1966 Judy Ravanelli Johnson	Santa Cruz
1967 Robert Scardina	Monterey
1967 Lucy <i>Hook</i> William	Carmel
1969 Steve Shudoma	Pebble Beach

Cool and Nifty Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund

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IMO: Richard Winter '60	
1956 LaLoie Paterson Benz	Fort Mill, SC
1960 Patricia Elmore	Suisun City
1960 Rosemarie Souza Jackson	Alameda

Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund

Lynn Winter

1968 Richard Ellings	Redmond, WA
1968 Bill Gammons	Pacific Grove
1968 Stacey Souders Golding	Carmel
1968 Steve Graves	Eugene, OR
1968 Joanie <i>Hyler</i>	Pacific Grove
1968 Dan "Buddy" Layne	Sierra Vista
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1968 David Steven	Monterey
1968 Tom Wright	Knights Ferry

Class of 1971 Scholarship Fund

1971 Elizabeth *Crocker* Biggs Bedford, TX
IMO: 1971 Classmates Gone But Not Forgotten
1971 Dennis Deis Pebble Beach

1971 Patty *Wyman* Giesler Manchester, IA IMO: Mary *McFadden* Magnie '71

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Beverly Wilson Stillwell '49 Scholarship

The Stillwell Family

Tommy Stillwell '74 Scholarship

The Stillwell Family

Letters

Hello, Beth,

My sister and I look forward to each issue of the news from Pacific Grove. We both graduated from PGHS. I finished in 1952 and Sharian in 1953. When I finish reading the newsletter, I mail it back to California for Sharian to read. Thank you for your time.

Happy New Year! Alma Page Sullavin '52 Houma, LA

Dear Knockout II Staff:

Enclosed is information about my sister Doreen's death. She was buried in a military cemetery in Davis, CA. She always loved Pacific Grove, and how lucky we were to grow up there. We stayed in close contact—many late-night phone conversations. Her twin brother David Concepcion preceded her in death. Her death is still very hard for me, as she was not feeling good, and then she was gone. Thank you folks for all the work you do on the *Knockout II*. I love reading it. I hope to visit P.G. this coming year. Wish me luck.

Thank you, Ellen Duarts Kimbell '49 Austin, TX

To All P.G. High Students and Grads,

Have a healthy and happy New Year, 2023. "Excellence in Education!"

Jon Olivetti '56 Peoria, IL



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Beth,

I just received the winter 2022 *Knockout II*. There was nothing in it for me to renew my membership or make a donation except for online, which I cannot do. I found an old envelope in my files, so I am using it. It should word. Please excuse the handwriting—the arthritis in my right hand makes it difficult to write so I print the best that I can.

Many Thanks, Art Busby '53 Pleasanton

Ed. Note: Renewal notices go out in a separate mailing, and this year's mailing was delayed at the printer. Art received it soon after he wrote this letter. Thanks, Art, for being so conscientious!

Hi Joanie,

Thanks for all you and your staff do with the *Knockout II*. It brings back so many memories for Bill and me, and now that he is gone I cherish it even more. We had four years with our class of 1950, and I had an additional 67 years with Bill at my side. My best to you and the great *Knockout II* staff.

Most Sincerely, Mary Carroll Larkin '50 Castroville

Dear Beth,

Thank you for all your work. Born in '39, I remember going with my parents to P.G. Beach. There was a train and a very important man spoke. Not sure of dates. Was I dreaming, or did a train come to P.G.?

Thanks, and Happy New Year. Joan Silva Lindsey '55 Westminster

Ed. Note: Yes, a train did come to P.G.! And the train station was at the beach. See the 1901 photo at the top of the next column, from Pat Hathaway's California Views Collection. The P.G. depot closed in 1957, and it burned in 1962. The tracks were removed in 1983 to create the current Rec Trail. Monterey had an operating train station until 1971, and that depot, near Fisherman's Wharf, is now a restaurant. President McKinley visited P.G. in 1901, but this was before

your time! Anyone else know of an important visitor? See a photo of another Peninsula train on p. 17.



Hi Beth,

Here are some items for the *KOII*. I think the picture of my dad for Hobo Day is great. Found another Phil Bowhay. The outhouse article is a kick. I can remember my dad telling this story to us more than once. Bud Giles, Wayne Bennett and Bill were all Class of 1939 and best friends since childhood. If I recall, Elmarie came and bailed them out. I think my Dad said \$25!

Joanie Hyler '68 Pacific Grove

Ed. Note: See Joanie's outhouse story, and the photo of her dad, on p. 16. Phil Bowhay is on P. 12.

Hi, Joanie,

I am sending my dues for 2023 membership and am including a contribution IMO Joe St. Clair, the love of my life. Joe and I were both in Chemistry class with Sarge Hutton back in the fall of 1957. I sat directly behind Joe, who was always raising his hand to answer Sarge's questions. I fell in love with Joe's long, slender fingers. Then, Joe got sick and left school for the remainder of that school year. Joe returned to school in the fall of 1958, and we reconnected on a Scholarship Society field trip to Spreckles. By the end of that day, we were sitting together on the school bus and holding hands. We remained sweethearts through our senior year and beyond. Five years later, 1964, Joe left California to study medicine in France and stayed. Opened a medical practice, married, had a family and

Letters, cont.

then divorced. Joe's dad and mom had been like my second parents and "Papa Joe" sent all my Christmas letters to his son in France. In 1998, Joe, Jr. got up the courage to call me long-distance (I had been divorced for some 3 years at that point) and we "reconnected." One year later, 2000, Joe and I married. Our love will live in my heart forever.

Florence Nedeff Martin '59
"It is when we are alone that we are the least alone." St. Augustine

To The PGHSAA:

Good afternoon. I just wanted to take a minute and thank you for the donation to upgrading the scoreboard in the gym. As we try to upgrade and modernize our facilities, while continuing to provide athletic experiences for our community, any financial support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to putting the scoreboard into the gym so our students, fellow scholastic competitors and community will benefit from your generous gift.

Thank you again. Chris Morgan, Athletic Director, PGHS

Class of 1993
Save the date for the
30-year reunion
October 6-8, 2023, primary night on the 7th. Everyone
is invited, even you hiding in
the back row. Share this date
with all of your PG '93 peers!
Tickets will be available in a
couple of months. Stay tuned
at https://www.facebook.com/groups/439621016106932.

Class of 1968 55th Reunion Friday Party

Friday, October 6, 5-7 p.m.
Billy Quon Lee's new restaurant, Kona,
1200 Del Monte Center, Monterey
(old P.F. Chang's location).

The outdoor patio is reserved for us!

Price is \$40. Includes a selection of appetizers and a drink (draft beer, wine, or standard cocktail). Spouses and significant others are welcome! Make checks payable to Linda Herd Colvin, 120 Via Paraiso, Monterey, CA 93940-2541. Note "Kona Party" on the check. Dining reservations at Kona for after our party will be available in April. See also our scholarship news on p. 10!

Further details: pghsclassof1968.com.

The class of 1973 Celebrates its 50th! October 6-7, 2023

On Friday evening, October 6: wineand-cheese at Beth's house in P.G. On
Saturday morning, October 7: march
in the Butterfly Parade. On Saturday
evening, October 7: dinner with the
PGHSAA at the Elks' Club. E-mail
Beth at bpenney@sonic.net or go to
www.pacificgrove73.com for details.
We look forward to seeing everyone.

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Obituaries

DECEMBER 2021

Mary *Dobransky* Page Pacific Grove

2022

FEBRUARY

1952 Donna *Norbeck* Przybyla Templeton

SEPTEMBER

1953 Doreen *Concepcion* Petty Rocklin, CA 1953 Darold Sunkler Brandon, OR

NOVEMBER

1979 Anna Marie *Holmes* Reno, NV1973 Kathleen Ann *Cureton* Kemp Easton, MD1978 Richard "Ricky" Vance Pacific Grove

DECEMBER

1970 Vicki *Addington* Scaccia Pacific Grove1948 Robert Matteson Pensacola, FL

2023

FEBRUARY

2011 Ofa Hautau Pacific Grove

DECEMBER 2021



One year ago, Mary L. *Dobransky* Page passed away, on December 14, 2021, at the age of 65. She was born in Berlin, Germany, and moved to the Monterey Peninsula at age She graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1973. She then attended both San Jose City and San Jose State colleges, obtaining a

degree in English-Education. Following college, she began teaching at local elementary schools as a substitute teacher and eventually opened her own business, Mary's Daycare in P.G. She had a huge influence on many local families by caring and teaching their children at a young age. She loved working with children and really loved caring for her grandchildren. Like any Oma, she loved to give them hugs, kisses, and treats to spoil their dinner. Mary is survived by her mother Gunhilde Dobransky and her children Peter Page '91 and his wife Shelli, Tracy Traville '97 and her husband Ryan, and Trevor Page '99 and his wife Terra, all of Pacific Grove. She was a very proud "Oma" to Tyler, Travis, Noah, Harper, and Carter. She was preceded in death by her husband Gary in 2018, brother Peter '72 in 1993, and father Peter in 1972. While it has been a year since her passing, not a day goes by where she is not remembered and sorely missed. She was one of a kind. We love you, Mom.

FEBRUARY 2022



Donna Colleen Norbeck Przybyla was born June 7, 1933, in Boulder City, NV, and passed away February 18, 2022, in Templeton. Donna was a proud graduate of P.G.H.S. in 1952 and looked forward to the yearly reunions. Donna met and fell in love with John Przybyla, and they

married in 1960. They brought their family to live in Germany for five years, and on their return to California in 1976, they settled in Paso Robles. Donna held a wide variety of jobs, including working in several sardine factories on Cannery Row while attending high school. She worked in banking in both Monterey and Paso Robles and was a long-time computer operator for the almond plant in Paso Robles. Donna was a lifelong artist and enjoyed making crafts as gifts. She was also an avid traveler and gardener. Donna was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her husband John and brother Richard. She is survived by her sister Raberta '53, daughters Johná DeBellis (Mike) and Johnine Talley (Brian), son Chris Przybyla (Mary), grandchildren Sierra Rose, Dominic, Haley, Christian, Elizabeth and Olivia; and great grandchildren Ever and Aurelio James.

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SEPTEMBER 2022



Darold Sunkler passed away September 9, 2022. He was born January 14, 1935, in Salinas, to Edward L. and Marie H. Sunkler. He grew up in P.G., graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1953. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1955 and was honorably discharged two years later. Shortly after

getting out of the Army, he married Pat Armstrong, and they recently celebrated 65 years together. Darold and Pat lived most of their married lives in Del Rey Oaks but moved to Brandon, OR, in the fall of 2019 to be closer to their daughter. He is survived by his loving wife Pat, son Jim Sunkler (Mary) of Salinas, and daughter Julie Dalrey (Ray) of Brandon. His was a life well lived, and he will be missed by family and friends.



Adoreen Faye Concepcion Petty was born August 6, 1935, in Carmel, along with her twin brother David. They were the first set of twins born in that hospital. She passed away September 24, 2022. Faye grew up in P.G. with her brother David and their two older sisters,

Lillian '45 and Ellen '49. Faye was a 1953 graduate of P.G.H.S. She enjoyed roller skating and was an accomplished solo figure skater. Her other interests were charcoal-sketching people and landscapes. Faye is the mother of four children: Debra, Danny, April, and David. She enjoyed many careers, but she most loved her years as a legal secretary. Throughout the years, Faye participated in a number of volunteer activities and organizations. She belonged to the JC Wives and held the office of president; volunteered for the Women's Crisis Center, Safe Housing, and Flood Relief efforts, and supported the Cancer Society. On March 10, 1973, she married Ralph Petty, her husband of 50 years. Faye is survived by her husband, Ralph;

her children Debra, Danny, April and David; her sister Ellen *Duarts* Kimbell '49; and nine grandchildren.

NOVEMBER 2022

Anna Marie *Holmes* was born into this world with more than a few physical challenges. Over the



years, she endured the pain, ensuing physical therapy, and the lengthy healing process of numerous surgical procedures. But endure she did. As the years passed, the medical challenges became fewer and fewer, but not the serious nature of the diseases willed to her by fate. As they were

during her childhood, Anna's moves as an adult were frequent: Carmel, Pacific Grove, Fresno, and La Jolla. She was a Classmate of the P.G.H.S. class of 1979. But Anna's family roots ran deep in the Owens Valley; in the early 1900s, Anna's grandfather, J. D. Black, and his wife Sophie moved to Inyo County and opened a market. Anna's mother, Jacqueline Black, grew up in Bishop. In 2007, Anna was finally able to move to Bishop, where she became known as Hope, and where she made friends with everyone she met: people on the street, doctors, nurses, and roommates. Her physical challenges, however, eventually became too much for even her persevering soul to conquer, and she passed away quietly on November 2, 2022.



Kathy Cureton Kemp was born July 17, 1956, in Monterey, and passed away November 14, 2022, in Easton, MD, after a long battle with cancer. Kathy attended Lighthouse Elementary, P.G.J.H.S. and P.G.H.S., and she graduated from the P.G. Community High School in 1974. She

was very creative, and she expressed herself through painting, ceramics, and woodworking in her younger years. She loved hiking and backpacking and exploring wildlands; the rugged Big Sur coastline, Ventana Wilderness, and the mountains of Yosemite were some of her favorite places. She had an adventurous spirit.

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Shortly after high school she crewed a two-person sailboat from Monterey to Kodiak, Alaska, where she packed fish in a cannery for the summer. She received her Merchant Marine license there, and her first missions braved the rough waters of Alaska. Then Kathy made her home in Maryland, where she lived on her family's farm and raised two children. Her vegetable gardens thrived under her care, and she generously shared her botanical expertise with friends. Kathy was always eager to learn about different cultures and far-away places. She trekked through remote regions of Sri Lanka in a dugout canoe, returning a second time to share the experience with her young family. Many years later, Kathy rekindled her wanderlust by rejoining the Merchant Marines, crewing ships that sailed throughout the world, including crossings of the Atlantic, North Pacific, and South Pacific. She delighted in exploring distant cities and ports-of-call on her bicycle. Kathy had great empathy and compassion for others, and she was passionate about nature and the environment. Kathy is survived by her daughter Sarah; grandchildren Alice and Louis; brothers Scott '70 and Russ '73; and sister Jeanne '76. She was preceded in death by her son Jake and her parents Betty and Curt.



Richard Vance, our beloved brother, uncle, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2022. Ricky was raised and lived in P.G., where he graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1978 and worked all his life in the hospitality industry, including at The Sardine Factory, eventually

retiring from Cypress Point Club. Everyone who knew Ricky loved him; he was that special. May his humor live on in our hearts forever. We will keep his laughter alive here on Earth and know that the Angels are laughing with him now. He was predeceased by his father John; loving mother Lieselotte; brothers Steven, James '73, and William '73; and bonus nephew Tyler Valdivia. Richard is survived by his brothers Gary '78 and Wayne '76; sister Audrey Brown '80; nephews Steven and Ian; nieces Natalie Valdivia and Patricia Heyman; nephews Stuart, Craig, and Wayne Jr. (and

big sisters Mary, Sara and Gina Russo). Richard is also survived by his adored great-nieces and nephews, best friend Nathan Valdivia, his bowling league "Cheaters," and his many friends.

DECEMBER 2022



Victoria "Vicki" Addington Scaccia, 70, passed peacefully in her sleep on December 19, 2022. She was born September 20, 1952, in Lubbock, TX, to John and Marilyn Addington. Raised in a military family, Vicki lived in Maine, Florida, and Japan, eventually settling in P.G., where she

would first meet her future husband, Ronnie '70. She attended P.G.H.S. her first three years with the Class of 1970. Her family then moved to Carmel, and she graduated from Carmel High in 1970. Vicki worked as a waitress in Carmel at various restaurants. Eventually, she landed a job at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, where she and Ronnie crossed paths again. They were married on July 19, 1980, and recently celebrated 42 years of marriage. During her 25-year career, Vicki created lifelong friendships while working in the medical field as an X-Ray technician, phlebotomist, and certified pharmaceutical technician. Her adventurous spirit and lust for life took her on many adventures. From rollerblading races in Tahiti to downhill sledding in Whistler, BC, Vicki was just as comfortable baking in the kitchen as she was jumping out of an airplane. During the holiday months, Vicki had a passion for decorating her home in an elaborate fashion that made everyone smile from ear to ear. In her later years, Vicki and Ron purchased a fishing boat. They enjoyed spending their time fishing on the Monterey Bay. Then, after they relocated to McHenry, IL, to be near their grandchildren, they would take the boat out on Lake Michigan. Vicki wore many hats; a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and loyal friend. She is survived by her husband, Ronnie; their children, Katie (Dan) Luaces and Johnny '04 (Casey) Scaccia; granddaughters McKenna and Hayden; sisters Robin, and Carri; and many nieces and nephews. She was o preceded in death by her sister Gloria.

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Robert "Bob" Matteson, born in P.G. in 1930. was known as Sonny, Chief, Matt, Bob, Dad, Gran'pa, G'Pop, and Bro Bob by fellow Masons and Chapel Deacons until November 2019, when he became Honorable Bob, a Scottish Rite Mason. He entered into eternal rest on December 24.

2022, at 92 years of age. Bob served in the US Navy over 30 years before he retired to Pensacola, FL, as a Chief Warrant Officer-4. His most memorable tour was on the Midway out of Yokohama, Japan, when he was in Vietnam and his wife and girls were in Yokohama. There he joined the Grand Lodge of Japan. Over the years, he rose to a 32° Scottish Rite Mason. In November 2019, he was Knights Commander Court of Honor – Red Hat, becoming Honorable Bob. Bob was in the Class of 1948 at P.G.H.S. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Walter and Ruby Matteson; brothers John '53, Walt II '63, and Jimmy '69; and sisters Frances Silva '45 and Vivian Annunziata '51. Survivors include sisters Mary Rhoades '57 and Linda Matteson '74. His surviving children are Cindy (Gary) Peterson; Sheryl Matteson and Chris Cumming; Sylvia (Bill) Lee; and Brandy Hoffman and girls (all in the family). Grandchildren are Jason Peterson, Jenna-Lynn (Trevor) Stevens, Jarrod Peterson, Dylan (Honey) Matteson, Dannielle Kinsey and Tizer Demers, Destiny (Jake) Briski, Rachelle Lee, and Rebecca Lee. Bob was blessed with fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and another on the way.



FEBRUARY 2023

Ofa Hautau of the P.G.H.S. Class of 2011 passed away unexpectedly in his sleep on February 10, 2023, his 30th birthday. The one-time P.G.H.S. (three sports) and MPC football standout was working as an 10

assistant defensive line coach at MPC and moonlighting as a bouncer at the Bulldog Sports Pub in New Monterey. At P.G.H.S, Ofa lettered for three seasons as an offensive guard, defensive tackle and linebacker. At MPC, he lettered for two seasons and was named Defensive Lineman of the Year and an All-Conference selection. From MPC, he attended Belhaven University in Jackson, MS, where he majored in interdisciplinary studies and was a defensive lineman for the Blazers. When he returned to the Peninsula, Ofa was one of MPC head coach Ronnie Palmer's first hires when he took over the football program in 2020. The two had already built a relationship when Hautau was playing for the Lobos when Palmer began his coaching career as an assistant in 2012. Of a is survived by his parents and his sisters Lela '15, Lala '17, and Mele '12. A service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Pacific Grove

Attention, Class of '68!

The Class of '68 has established a scholarship, taking a cue from the Class of '60 and the Class of '71. The cost of attending a university is higher than ever before, and facing the challenge of attending a university can be daunting to students, especially those with limited financial resources. The Class of '68 plans to provide a financial award each year to a deserving P.G.H.S. graduate.

We are asking for donations of any amount from our class members, and no contribution is too small. Our primary goal is widespread participation from the majority of the Class of 1968 alumni. Donate with your credit card online at pghsaa.org; click on "Contributions" and enter "Class of 1968 Scholarship" in the "special instructions" field. Or, mail a check with the same information in the memo line to PGHSAA, PO Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA, 93950-6396. Make checks payable to PGHSAA. You can also indicate if your contribution is In Memory of (name of loved one). We look forward to hearing from you and are grateful that you have taken the time to consider donating to our Class of 1968 Scholarship. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

The Class of 1968 Scholarship Committee: Richard Ellings, Stacey Souders Golding, Steve Graves, Ruth McKinney Nye, and Betsy Urnes Rosenthal.

Monarch Numbers Up

Monarch butterflies made a strong showing in this year's Xerces Society Western Monarch Count, with 335,479 of the winged creatures being tallied in 272 overwintering sites across coastal California, along with a few sites in the interior of the state and in Arizona.

The 26th annual Thanksgiving count, Nov. 12 through Dec. 4, had more than 250 people participating, marking the greatest level of community engagement in the project's history, said Isis Howard, Xerces Society Endangered Species Conservation Biologist.

"Overall this winter's finding represents a second year of increasing Thanksgiving count numbers in that they offer hope, but it's not recovery," said Howard. "The western monarch butterfly population remains far below the millions observed in the 1980s, and their recovery remains vulnerable to pressures like habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change."

Natalie Johnston, Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History volunteer and community science coordinator, said that at the city's Monarch Sanctuary, "We didn't know what to expect this year, but our numbers were lovely. The 2021 count saw a peak of 14,025 monarchs at the sanctuary and the 2022 season saw 15,960."



Though the overall count of more than 335,000 monarchs is a welcome reprieve from the 2020 count of less than 2,000, and the nearly 250,000 in 2021, it represents what is considered normal for the years between 2000 to 2017. Yet, these numbers still reflect a decline of more than 90% compared to the numbers seen in the 1980s and 1990s when the count hovered in the low millions, according to Emma Pelton, Xerces Society conservation biologist and western monarch lead.

"This is great compared to three years ago, this

is not great compared to three decades ago," said Pelton."We've seen such wild swings in the population over the last 5 to 10 years, so we really don't think that two good years in a row is a good indication of a trend, but we hope it is."

Pelton said what really hit home this season was climate change. There had been historic drought in many of the overwintering sites where the trees are stressed. Then severe winter storms brought down branches and whole trees, blowing monarchs out of clusters and pushing higher rates of mortality. It will negatively affect the breeding population in the spring, but just how much is unknown.

Johnston said that the storms that pummeled the P.G. Monarch Sanctuary caused an old tree to fall, damaging other trees nearby. She reported that her team of volunteers did not see any increase in monarch mortalities, and that the Thanksgiving to New Year's population drop was smaller than in other regions – about 25% compared to other places at about 40%.

"What we did notice was that monarchs were actively using the fallen branches and tree trunks to get from the ground to safety and sun exposure," said Johnston. "It really highlighted for us that monarch butterflies use the entire habitat, not just the flowering branches of the trees but the underbrush as well."

Johnston has a team of 20 volunteers and staff who participated in this year's western monarch count for the Monterey region. She said the steady increase in volunteer participation means that the more people who are involved represents a greater number of individuals with a hands-on investment in the monarch population, and "the better chance we have of everyone coming together to make meaningful action for protecting monarch butterflies."

Also, a federal funding package will be used in part to create butterfly habitats along roadsides through the Pollinator Highway Program and the National Wildlife Refuge System. Rep. Jimmy Panetta, D-Carmel Valley, was instrumental in getting the Pollinator Highway Act passed. He and other leaders also plan to re-introduce the bi-partisan, bicameral Monarch Action, Recovery, and Construction of Habitat (MONARCH) Act to provide urgent protections for the western monarch butterfly.

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Classic Bowhay: Wheels of Change Roll Over P.G.

Flashing back almost 60 years to when I was a bright-eyed young stockbroker, Senior Partner Jean Witter told us, "Gentlemen! Change is the nature of our business!" You might think that was an admonition to buy and sell, or sell and buy, or as one of our sales gurus said, "shift assets." Actually, Mr. Witter was commenting on the structural and technological changes in the securities business. He was right, of course, and almost nothing is the same today.

This all came back to me as I considered the changes in Pacific Grove, particularly the current outcry about the possible Holman Hotel. Those folks whose legitimate concerns regarding water, parking, mass, mess, and drunks visiting from Texas need to be heard, of course. On the other hand, the Pagrovians (awful word) who worry about change need to look around and consider the changes that have shaped our piney paradise in the last 80 and some odd years.

Some change, of course, has been awful, like that Santa Cruz type motel/ hotel across from Lovers Point. What were we thinking!

Almost as bad as the beach hotel, but these many years later we are used to those changes. Most of us weren't around to bitch and moan about Mr. Parsons' hotel in the middle of a lovely neighborhood. Pine trees cut, and all of that, but up went the Forest Hill Hotel, which might have been even bigger than the proposed Holman. Yes, friends, that used to be a real hotel, and a lot of us worked there. Now that it's Forest Hill Manor, there's no visible threat to the status of "The Best Home Town." But what a change it was!

No point in discussing the change in availability of Demon Rum, but some old timers may have been right in "The Beginning Of The End." Too early to tell.

Again, not sure when the Old Bath House went up . . . after I went away . . . but looks like that change might work out nicely.

People who claim that P.G. never changes really have to look around. When the Methodist Episcopal Church was torn down, that was a bad change, and no further comment there. Del Monte Express gone? Another bad change. Library doubled in size? Good change. Probably the worst change, when Holman's went out of business.

You can make your own list, but all in all, friends, P.G. is a great place, with thanks to a lot of change since Julia chopped down the gate. If you have any doubts, go up to Pine Avenue for the Good Old Days parade next time around. The Pacific Grove High Marching Band is world class, quite a change from the good old days when I marched behind a big bass drum. Check out those families, and those wonderful kids. They might even look forward to the change in that blighted block across from their library.

Don't forget that P.G. is shiny, bright, classy, and tough. And God still lives there, especially on the weekends. The Pagrovians who worry about change need to look around and consider the changes that have shaped our piney paradise in the last 80 and some odd years.

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New Building Updates

There's been no recent word on the hotel that is supposed to replace "that blighted block across from their library" that Phil refers to above, but the renters in the "Grand Central Station" building on Central between Grand and Fountain have all been asked to move. We'll keep you posted. Across Fountain and up on Lighthouse, the "520 Lighthouse" building is completed and is selling ten upscale condominiums (below, from https://platinumgroupre.com/520-lighthouse). The hotel planned for the American Tin Cannery space across from the Monterey Boat Works is still working its way through Coastal Commission approval. And of course the proposed "Holman Hotel" turned into more upscale condominiums. We'll keep you posted on the changing face of P.G.



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Beautiful Dumpsters?

Take a stroll through Lovers Point Park these days and you might see a few new spots of color around the Pacific Grove staple, brought to you by none other than a pair of decked-out dumpsters. This week, two hand-painted dumpsters were installed at the coastal park. Dawning schools of fish on a bright blue background, they're hard to miss. The photo in the center of the page, from the Monterey Herald, is the one with the best contrast; we hope readers of our print version can see the school of fish across the front.

Essentially garbage bins-turned art projects, the newest additions to Pacific Grove's crown jewel picnic spot are the product of a larger Lovers Point

Beautification Project launched in 2021.

The venture is a partnership between the city of Pacific Grove. local nonprofit Sustainable Pacific Grove and businesses bordering Lovers Point. "I'm really excited about it," said Colleen Ingram, Steering Committee Co-Chair

for Sustainable Pacific Grove.

Ingram explained that the city-community Lovers Point Beautification Project started as an idea between her and Frank Knight, who owns and operates Pacific Grove Adventures at Lovers Point Beach with his wife Michelle. From there, the idea blossomed into an effort to make the practical parts of park upkeep as eye-catching as the space itself.

It wasn't long until the Knights and Sustainable Pacific Grove involved the city. In December 2021, the project went before the city's Beautification Natural Resources Committee, which moved the idea forward to the Pacific Grove City Council.

In June 2022, the City Council OK'd the concept, 13

allowing the project to continue under the purview of the Beautification Committee. Last month, aspirations came to fruition. As part of a Lovers Point Beautification Project, artist Sandy Sanjurjo hand-painted two dumpsters that now reside in the Pacific Grove staple. (Tess Kenny/Monterey Herald)

Dumpsters were provided to the city by San Josebased company Greenwaste Recovery. Artist Sandy Sanjurjo and a handful of recruits then revamped the bins. The painted dumpsters were completed on Feb. 11 and delivered to Lovers Point Park this week.

"It's invigorating," said Ingram. "How nice is it to have these dumpsters that aren't just green and brown but the colors of nature? They're beautiful."

But creating dumpster mini murals isn't where the

Lovers Point Beautification Project ends. According to Pacific Grove Public Works Director Daniel Gho, a second part to the project will, hopefully, see local artists or vouth likewise paint new trash cans and recycle barrels for Lovers Point Park.

"Lovers Point is beau-

tiful, right?" Gho said. "It's the focal point of Pacific Grove. It's way better to have clean, artistic-looking dumpsters (and trash cans) than something scratched up that you would find at any old restaurant."

Beyond looks, Ingram added that she hopes the Lovers Point Beautification Project in turn encourages the public to pick up their trash and keep Lovers Point Park as picturesque as they found it, painted dumpsters and all. "The whole goal of the project is to beautify and educate," she said.

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Storm Photos













Winter storms toppled a number of P.G.'s "legacy pines" and other trees from December through February, causing lengthy power outages across town. Photos in left column and at top in George Washington Park; above center on Junipero near Willow; above on Pine Avenue near 7th. Photos this page by Beth Penney.

More P.G. Change: Parklets

After more than seven months of public outreach, research, and consultation with various city commissions, staff recommendations for a permanent parklet program in Pacific Grove were up for initial City Council discussion in December. And they don't look all that different from provisional rules already in place.

As P.G.'s current temporary parklet program nears its end on May 31, 2023, the city is looking to establish a long-lasting version of outdoor allowances made available during the pandemic.

The permanent program is not up for approval this week, which would involve changing the city's municipal code. Rather, the City Council will decide if it wants staff to keep going with shaking out program details and – taking into account reports from Traffic Safety and Planning Commissions – what those details should be.

If the City Council agrees with staff recommendations Wednesday, a proposed ordinance altering the Pacific Grove Municipal Code to accommodate outdoor dining and an associated parklet program manual will be brought back to the City Council for consideration and adoption sometime next year before temporary measures expire in May.

Like other localities across the country, parklets and sidewalk seating became a staple of P.G.'s public right of way in 2020, as COVID-19 threatened indoor dining. At that time, the City Council ratified local emergency actions to facilitate outdoor dining on public and private property, as well as curbside pickup and delivery. Under the relaxed regulations, Pacific Grove City Manager Ben Harvey used his emergency powers to establish a temporary parklet program. Since then, and a couple of clarifying city ordinances later, the provisional program has persisted as a lingering lifeline for local restaurants.

Not ready to let the program go, the City Council directed staff in May of this year to explore possibilities for a permanent alternative. That included direction for staff to engage with the public, meet with necessary departments and return with a draft plan of action before the end of December.

Over the last few months, staff have circulated the community and surveyed restaurateurs to develop

potential parklet plans. The city's Traffic Safety and Planning Commissions have also weighed in on the idea, both offering input and issues for the City Council to consider alongside city staff recommendations.

Hoping to maintain and clarify existing regulations, staff is essentially recommending that rules for parklets and sidewalk dining be left the way they are, barring some clarifications and established criteria for any new outdoor dining installations. Under the staff's draft program, restaurants would apply for temporary encroachment permits issued over a 12-month period, subject to revocation if agreed-upon parklet conditions are not met.

However, other recommendations, particularly from the Planning Commission, are more restrictive. The Commission concluded that outdoor dining should stay but with certain restrictions and standards to ensure public health and safety aren't curtailed by the extended seating: only on streets with a 15-mph speed limit, increased fees, and amplified sound limits. This report received pushback from the business community, who argued proposed recommendations would severely cut back existing parklets and even mean the end to some outdoor dining areas.

As this issue of the *Knockout II* went to press, the most recent update to the parklet program on the City's website is still dated 2022.

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The parklet for Jennini Kitchen and Wine Bar, looking toward New Monterey in front of the Holman Building. Herald photo.

The Outhouse Story

Joanie *Hyler* '68 sent a faded clipping from a local publication in her father's files, from some time in 1938. Here's the text of that clipping. See also Joanie's letter to the editor on p. 5, where she identifies three of these boys as Bud Giles, Wayne Bennett, and Bill Hyler, all Class of 1939.

Can't Burn It: Can't Use It

A fire already built, but too expensive to burn. That's the problem that confronted eight Pacific Grove high school boys who Wednesday night borrowed a truck, motored nonchalantly over to Seaside. They were looking for wood for a pre-game rally tonight on the high school field. Spotting a cozy-looking small wooden structure, the boys, still nonchalantly, piled it onto their truck. The small wooden structure might have been called, in the days of your grandfathers, an outhouse, or maybe a two-holer.

Safely back in Pacific Grove, the boys deposited their treasure when, getting ready to go after more wood, they found themselves some more good company in the form of the Monterey police. They went to the station. Who should be there but the man who had owned the mentioned and yet unmentionable small wooden



structure. He wanted cash. No, he didn't want the old thing. No, he wouldn't let the boys bring it back. What he wanted was \$25, or a warrant for arrest on charges of petty larceny.

According to persistent rumors, a woman, either the mother of one of the boys or a true friend, gave the irate former owner of the small wooden structure a check for the amount he demanded. The boys left the station resolving to forget the whole thing. A little wiser now, they are pretty sure the next time they find a nice big chunk of wood such as a small wooden structure, they will break it down into such tiny little pieces that people who are old enough to remember it won't recognize it.

Photo Gallery

If Bill had been dressed like this during the outhouse escapade, do you think the cops would have gone easier on him? Joanie included this photo of her father dressed for a Hobo Day at P.G.H.S. Thanks, Joanie, for all the contributions from your parents' and grandmother's files!



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JOYFUL GREETING FOR MONARCHS



Pacific Grove's Butterfly Days returned after two years away with a full schedule of events to welcome back the monarch butterflies. The festival embraced its zamy nature, with several "hooptedoodle" activities throughout the weekend, including the traditional kids parade. For more photos of the event turn to page A3 and visit montereyherakt.com.

We published a number of 2022 Butterfly Parade photos in the last issue, but we didn't have room for this Sunday morning page one Monterey Herald photo of Bob Crispin and Don Ravanelli '63. More photos next page.

Photo Gallery, cont.





Top, this column: Bill Lee '71 poses with members of the Class of 1968 reunion planning committee at his newest restaurant, Kona (business card, top right). From left, Ruth McKinney Nye, Bill, Betsy Urnes Rosenthal, and Stacy Souders Golding. See Class of '68 news on pp. 6 and 10. Above, "Looking Back" photo from the Monterey Herald of Fort Ord soldiers lending a helping hand to move a donated Southern Pacific locomotive to Dennis the Menace Park in 1956. Some great photos of this move are also at http://justacarguy.blogspot.com/2020/01/why-did-army-move-train-to-city-park.html. At right of the train, another "Looking Back" photo of Eddie Esteban '56 in MPC Lobos uniform. At bottom, another photo from Don Ravanelli that didn't make it into the reunion photos last issue: taken by his brother-in-law Mike Tryon '72, this is of Garyth Evans '63, Don, and Rosemarie Tryon Ravanelli '63.



Looking back: Ready for some football

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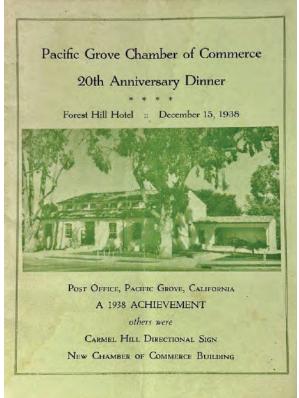
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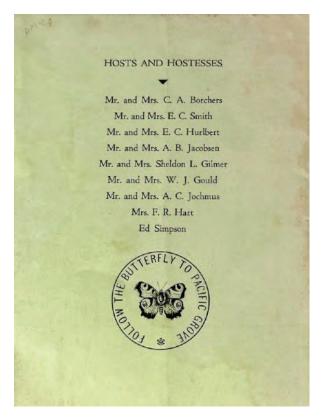


Photo Gallery (cont.)









Top, both columns: more Bob and Don fun at the Butterfly Parade. Center: PG CofC program cover from 1938, for sale on eBay at press time for \$49.99. Speaker that night was Allen Griffin, Publisher, Monterey Peninsula Herald. Top Hat Market matchbook cover is also up for grabs for \$6.24!





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Who Is It?

Our last mystery photo brought only one response; here's the e-mail string:

I'm pretty sure that you'll find that PGJHS is from Pleasant Grove, Utah. - Dave Goff '61

Thanks, Dave! I was sure that if this were a P.G. thing, I would have seen one in my 40 years of local garage and estate sale travels. But I wanted to check!
- Beth

It does seem like you'd have seen something...It might have helped me make the connection because my grandparents moved from Carmel to Pleasant Grove about the time I was attending junior high (first graduating class from new school - now PGHS). Thank you, and all of the Alumni Association staff, for the work you do. - Dave

Now, who are these boys, and what are they doing? Send your answers to president@pghsaa (we don't know what it is). If you have a photo for our "Who Is It?" feature, send it to the same address. Or, mail your photo to us at the address on P. 2; it will be returned to you unharmed!

