

# THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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

Summer/Fall 2023 ♡ Page One

## President's Message



As you know, our annual dinner/dance this year is set for October 7, and the mail-in registration form appears on p. 23 of this issue. Last year, 70% of you registered online, and we hope that many of you already have registered or will register soon online at [www.pghsaa.org](http://www.pghsaa.org).

We realize that there are those who prefer to mail in your registration. Because of the recent change in our newsletter schedule, from four times a year to three times a year, we experimented this spring with a letter announcing that registration for the dinner was open. But it turned out that a number of challenges presented themselves in the preparation and distribution of this letter. That said, we do hope you received it, and that if nothing else, it spurred you to go to the web site and take advantage of the option to download the registration form, which was accidentally omitted from our letter. If you haven't done that, or registered online, already, please visit the site now, or use in the form provided on p. 23. The deadline to receive your registration, online or by mail, is **Sept. 18**.

We hope to see another large crowd at the Elks Club in October! Many thanks to our Events Committee Chairs, Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64, Katie *Samora* Henden '68, and Pete Gaudoin '71, for all the work they have already put in (and will put in over the next three months) on this event. See their personal invitation to you on p. 3.

Other events scheduled for the weekend of October 6-7 are individual class reunions, announced on pp. 21-22, and the Butterfly Parade. Thanks to board member Lillian *Griffiths* '70, for the past several years PGHSAA has been granted permission to walk at the

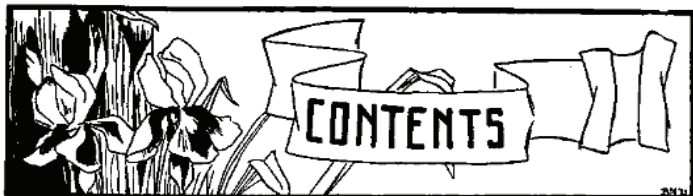
end of the parade, which should be the case this year also. If you're interested in participating, meet at the corner of Pine Ave. and 12th Street (the east end of Robert H. Down School) at 9:30 or so on Saturday morning, Oct. 7, to join the PGHSAA group. Classes are welcome to organize and march together (below, the Cool and Nifty Class of '60 in last year's parade); individuals can join one of the groups if they wish.



There is another important event that comes before the reunion weekend. Your Board of Directors meets several times throughout the year, and one of those meetings is the Annual General Meeting, to which all Association members are invited and are encouraged to attend. This year, the PGHSAA's Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday, September 9, at noon at 514 Park Street (between Spruce and Junipero) in Pacific Grove. This event includes a potluck lunch followed by a board meeting. If you have questions about the Association, or about joining our Board of Directors, this is an opportunity to meet other board members and ask questions. You don't even need to RSVP; just show up with a potluck contribution to serve six to eight people. Or, e-mail [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org) for more information. We look forward to seeing you.

*Beth Penney '73*

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**Important 2023 Dates:** General membership meeting Saturday, Sept. 9, at noon at 514 Park (see p. 1). Annual dinner/dance Saturday, October 7 (see p. 23). Final board meeting of the year Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m., 514 Park Street in P.G. To join the board, e-mail [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org).

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### Returning Member(s):

#### Glad To Have You Back

1969 Julie *Hengtgen* Campbell Seaside

### “In Memory Of” Contributions

The Summers Family Sun City, AZ

IMO: Danielle *Pritchard* '96

1949 Yvonne *Puget* Merrigan Alameda

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IMO: Dick Campbell '52

IMO: Douglas Campbell '55

1968 Tina *Ruble* Heacox Sacramento

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1954 Jodeen *Fisher* Colletto Hillsborough

1960 Ed Spencer Ventura

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1960 Jim Dowell Tucson, AZ

1968 Stacey *Souders* Golding Carmel

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1959 Nick Guzzi Pacific Grove

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1960 Patty *Fifer* Kieffer Watsonville

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1960 Jim Dowell Tucson, AZ

IMO: Vicky *Lewis* Johnson '60

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1968 Susan *Dryer* Dills Lugoff, SC

1968 Stacey *Souders* Golding Carmel

1968 Joanie *Hylar* Pacific Grove

1968 Nora *Bawaan* Norton Fayetteville, NC

1968 Bill Roberts Prunedale

1968 Tom Wright Knights Ferry

### Class of 1971 Scholarship Fund

1971 Harvey Shymanski East Aurora, NY

## Letters

To All Alumni:

**A special personal invitation:** Come join us for our Annual Dinner & Dance at the Monterey Elks Lodge on Saturday, October 7! A letter directing you to registration information on our website was mailed recently, and a mail-in registration form is included on p. 23 of this newsletter. Everyone who attended P.G. schools is welcome to attend; you need not be a PGHSAA member. Last year's event was attended by 187 classmates, and the place was a-buzzin'.

Please get your reservations in early by going to our website: [www.pghsaa.org](http://www.pghsaa.org). Or use the form on p. 23 to mail us your check. It's only \$60 per person. Many classes are having their reunions with us, and all you have to do is tell us and we'll have tables set-up for your class. Just let us know in advance. Questions? E-mail one of us! Our e-mail addresses are below and on the reservation form. And please come join the fun. We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Your PGHS Annual Event Committee:

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**Letters, cont.**

Dear Beth:

Here is an addition (correction) for the next *Knockout II*. Ofa Hautau is survived by his sisters and also his younger brother Oki. FYI: Oki graduated from Palma and is a sophomore at Columbia University. Also, I'm wondering if you would want to put the instructions for walking in the Butterfly Parade in the *Knockout*. Perhaps we'd have lots more participants.

*Marabee Rush Boone '60  
Pacific Grove*

*Editor's note: Thanks, Marabee! See P. 1 for directions for marching in the Butterfly Parade this year.*

Dear *Knockout II* Staff,

Thank you for all your hard work. I look forward to your newsletter each season. The "Who Is It" picture in your spring edition is of Bob Downing and Dan Harris in a Home Economics classroom!

*Yvonne Puget Merrigan '49  
Alameda*

Hi Beth,

I recognize the two fellows in the "Who Is It?" column as a couple of my classmates of '46. They are Bob Downing and Dan Harris. They are cooking up a storm in the cooking class. Bob is deceased, but Dan is living in the state of Washington. The cooking class teacher was Miss Florence Gaylord, and all those who attended her cooking class really enjoyed the experience. And, I would bet, those who attended her classes used what they learned throughout their lives. Thank you for the wonderful *Knockout II*; it is a delight to read and certainly keeps me informed. By the way, the photo appeared in the '46 *Sea Urchin*.

Sincerely,  
*Bob Richerts '46  
Pacific Grove*

*Editor's note: We do sometimes borrow "Who Is It?" photos from yearbooks, but this original, time-worn snapshot, still showing the cellophane tape*

*around the edges from being kept in a scrapbook, was actually sent to us by Dan Harris '46, who called the class "Boys' Foods." See his note on p. 23. Thanks to Dan and to all his classmates who recognized the photo! Bob's letter arrived on a notecard with his own artwork, "Cedar Waxwing and Chicks," which is reproduced below. For those who do not see the newsletter in color, the mother bird is a vivid yellow-orange, and the babies' open mouths are bright red.*



Dear *Knockout II* Staff:

The photo is of Bob Downing and Dan Harris in Mrs. Gaylord's Cooking Class. Thanks for the *Knock-Out II*.

*Always,  
Lillian Freitas Enos '49  
Soquel*

Hi Beth,

Getting ready to move on, but don't know what to do with my yearbooks. Is there a storage space for old yearbooks at Pacific Grove High School? Hope so.

*Linda Fernandez '61  
San Anselmo*

*Editor's note: PGHSAA does have storage space, albeit limited; we advised Linda to mail the yearbooks to us. Thanks, Linda! And thanks to Joanie Hyler '68 for managing our storage.*



## Obituaries

### 2021 FEBRUARY

1967 Maurice Cotta Toledo, OH

### 2022 SEPTEMBER

1955 Carolyn *Borchers* Zurn Bremerton, WA

### 2022 OCTOBER

1946 Jacquelin *LaVine* Jones Pacific Grove

### 2022 DECEMBER

1958 Jean *Compton* Post Bandon, OR

1963 Penny *Annand* Rappa San Luis Obispo

### 2023 JANUARY

1948 Donald Campbell Corpus Christi, TX

1958 Brenda *Borchers* Hibel Pleasant Hill

### 2023 FEBRUARY

1957 A. Peter Evans East Palo Alto

1952 Inez *Owens* Kirkman Monterey

1963 David Orser Salinas

1958 Raya *Schooley* Hoskinson Monterey

### MARCH

1953 Jerry Witcher Salinas

1981 Eric S. Bartlett Coeur d'Alene, ID

1962 Phi Ho Nguyen Monterey

1958 Linda *Lee* Green Salinas

1979 Matthew Veloz Monterey

### MAY

1963 Trudy *Gomez* Willson Forest Grove, OR

1953 Don Martine Pacific Grove

### JUNE

1956 Joseph Charles Houseman Pebble Beach

### 2021

**Maurice James Cotta** died peacefully in Toledo, Ohio, on February 12, 2021, at the age of 71. Maurice was born on July 28, 1949, in Honolulu, and had three older half-siblings, Walter Herbert Gasper Jr., Barbara Victoria Gasper, and Marjorie Susan Gasper. The family later moved to P.G., where he attended grammar

school, junior high, and high school. As part of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1967, he excelled in sports, especially wrestling and football. At the same time, he worked at the Scotch Bakery and as a bag boy at Monte Mart grocery store in New Monterey. In 1969, after living for a while in Hanford and Visalia, he returned to P.G., started working



at the Forest Hill Safeway, and bought a house to renovate. He retired to Hawaii after 34 years with Safeway. There he met Lorraine Ewing, and the two were married in Hawaii in 2009, later moving to Toledo to be nearer Lorraine's adult children and grandchildren. Maurice was an avid 49ers fan and a member of the SF Giants Booster Club, in addition to being a tennis player. He loved traveling to San Francisco and Southern California, where he enjoyed spending time in clubs and discos. He also enjoyed entertaining friends at his home. Keeping in touch with his classmates and attending high school reunions were also important to Maurice, even when he lived out of state. Many will remember him from his years at Safeway, where he always greeted customers with a smile, pointing out the sale items to help them save them money. Maurice was preceded in death by his mother and father; his brother Walter; and his sister Barbara. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine; his daughter from a previous marriage, Tiffany Lynn *Cotta* '84; his granddaughter Jamie; his sister Marjorie; stepchildren; step-grandchildren; step-greatgrandchildren; nieces; nephews; grandnieces; grandnephews; and friends near and far. Online condolences may be shared with the family at [www.walkerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.walkerfuneralhomes.com).

### SEPTEMBER 2022

**Carolyn Jane Borchers Zurn** passed away peacefully on Sept. 16, 2022. She was born in Monterey on November 29, 1937, to Charles "Lester" Borchers and Alma Borchers. She graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1955 and moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1976. She worked as a beautician until retirement. Carolyn married Victor Zurn II in 1980, and together, they operated a successful tree farm after retiring. This was a family business, and many years were spent working the farm

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and making new memories with family and friends. She was also a certified master gardener; she spent her free time gardening and sharing her love of plants with everyone. She also made beautiful Christmas wreaths and donated a few to PGHSAA's silent auction held at our annual dinner dance. They were

beautiful! She loved to travel and visited many new places with her husband, family, and friends. Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband Victor. She is survived by children Robbin *Nonella* Trenary '78, Ralph Nonella Jr '80, Pam *Nonella* Alhadi '80; stepchildren Victor Zurn III, Greg Zurn, and Christina Geisler; and numerous grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She was also survived by her sister Brenda *Borchers* Hibel '58 (see obituary, p. 7) and is survived her brother Eric Borchers, along with her first husband, Ralph Nonella '50.

### OCTOBER 2022



#### Jacquelin "Jacquie"

*LaVine Jones* passed away in October, 2022, after a short, brave battle with cancer, at the age of 92. She was born in Monterey to Dave and Anna Holmes LaVine, on January 16, 1929, and raised in P.G. Jacquie attended the Pine Ave. Grammar School, was a 1946 graduate of P.G.H.S.,

and attended Hartnell College. In her younger years, Jacquie worked at Holman's and later at Bank of America, where a co-worker just happened to be the handsome man she often saw walking on Lighthouse Avenue. Jacquie married this handsome man, Glenn L. Jones, in 1953, and they were in love for a lifetime. They moved to Watsonville for Glenn's job at Bank of America, and together raised three daughters during their 62 years of marriage. Jacquie was very modest, but as a teenager, she and her sister Sally sang

for troops at Fort Ord. Later she occasionally sang solo with area live bands. For her children, she was 4-H leader, room mother, and friend to the numerous children who were brought home to play. In her later years, she held reunion parties at her home for her class of 1946. Jacquie cherished most her friendship with Lila *Thompson* Stout; they were lifelong best friends who met in grammar school. Jacquie also belonged to a senior exercise group and a writing class, and she published a wonderful book of short stories in 2016. Jacquie was preceded in death by her husband Glenn L. Jones, and siblings Sheldon Hawkins '39, David (LaVine) PonTell '42, and Patsy *LaVine* Sellars '42. She is survived by her sister Sara (Sally) *LaVine* Service '48; her daughters Anna, Sally, and Nancy; and her grandchildren Miranda, Jacob, Ethan, and Nicholas.

### DECEMBER 2022



#### Jean Louise Compton

**Post**, 82, of Bandon, OR, passed away on December 5, 2022, in Dallas, OR. She was born on November 30, 1940, in Bandon, to Amy and Ted Compton. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Jack Compton. Jean was very close to her friends and family. She

adored her husband, Ron Post, and her children, Bill Post, Sheri Shaw, and Dawn O'Meara, as well as her grandchildren, Kai, Halle, Sarah, Hope, Hannah, and Josh. She was an encourager, and a student of the Bible. Jean graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1958. She went on to have a successful career as an event planner. Jean was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing in her free time. She worshipped at Salem Evangelical Church in Salem, OR.

**Penelope "Penny" Annand Rappa**, 77, passed away on December 25, 2022, in San Luis Obispo. Penny was born on May 9, 1945 in P.G. to Alvin and Nadine Annand. She married Joseph "Joe" Rappa in September 1964 in Monterey. They had three daughters, Patricia, Christine and Diana. Penny was a fierce woman, holding fast to her beliefs, always seeking to

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better herself, and defending those she loved, along with causes dear to her heart. She never met a challenge she couldn't beat, a trait she passed on to her children. A 1963 graduate of P.G.H.S., creative and resourceful, she used her drive and talent to make sure her family could take advantage of opportu-

nities that came their way. A career opportunity for Joe meant a move to SLO and led Penny to become a community activist and public servant, roles she often spoke of with immense pride. She was a commissioner with both the City of San Luis Obispo and the County of San Luis Obispo Planning Commission, council member for the City of San Luis Obispo, and board member for the Land Conservancy for San Luis Obispo County. Penny loved SLO and wanted to preserve its beauty while recognizing growth is necessary and inevitable. She also served as executive director and Restore manager for Habitat for Humanity of San Luis Obispo County. Penny is survived by her husband Joe; daughters Patricia, Christine, and Diana; six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Avery, Andrew, Emily, Jack, and Hayden; and one great grandchild, Remy. She was predeceased by her sisters, Pat '52 and Lonnie '57.

### JANUARY 2023



Born on October 3, 1930, in Monterey to Dorothy and Dwight Campbell, **Donald Campbell** passed away on January 5. He was raised on the Monterey Peninsula, and after graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1948, he joined the United States Navy. The attack on Pearl Harbor inspired him to serve his country. He met

his wife of 64 years, Helen Taylor Campbell, while stationed in Pensacola, FL, and they married the following year. Don and Helen raised their family of four children in various naval stations throughout the

world before he retired from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer with 25 years of service. Naval stations included Japan, Hawaii, and Guam before settling down in Corpus Christi, TX. Don was a founding member of the Caribbean Baptist Church and an active member of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). He was awarded a Letter of Commendation for his exceptional service in support of the CAF Maxine Flournoy Third Coast Squadron. Don was also actively involved in Timon's Ministry, Texas Baptist Men, and Optimist International. Don was preceded in death by his wife, parents, brothers Dick '52 and Doug '55, and an infant daughter, Dorothy. He leaves behind his sisters, Delinda '61 and Dorothy '65; his daughter Julie; his three sons, Randy, John, and Charlie; his seven grandchildren, Phillip, Ryan, Georgie, Courtney, Ashton, Halle, and Caleb; and nine great-grandchildren, Charlize, Eli, Hayden, Nash, Samson, Hayes, Eleanor, Fallon Grey, and Crosby.

**Brenda J. Borchers Hibel**, 82, of Pleasant Hill, passed away on January 10 after a long journey with Alzheimers. Brenda was born on October 11, 1940, to Alma and Charles Borchers of P.G. She was the youngest of two girls. Brenda loved growing up in P.G. She made four lifelong friends in kindergarten. They were Wendy, Serita, Betty, and Virginia. In high school, she was the yearbook editor and homecoming queen. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1958, she moved to Vallejo and received a Dental Hygienist degree from Diablo Valley College (DVC). She was part of the first Hygiene class to graduate from DVC in 1964. She met her husband John Hibel in the dental chair as she cleaned teeth for her certification. Brenda continued to work as a dental hygienist for the next 40+ years. Brenda married John in early 1965 in San Francisco. Soon after, they purchased a home in Pleasant Hill. They had two children, Hilary and Stephen. She had a great sense of adventure and traveled extensively around the country with John in their motor home during retirement. When at home, she was happily tending her garden, cooking something delicious, reading a book, enjoying a glass of wine, or taking a long walk. Her love of P.G. and the ocean never wavered. She found joy in many things but was always happiest when she was near waves. Brenda is predeceased by her parents and her sister, Carolyn '55



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(see obituary p. 5). She is survived by her husband John; her daughter Hilary and son Stephen; and her four grandchildren, Freya, Gavin, Skyler and Savea.

### FEBRUARY 2023



**Alonzo Pete Evans** was born on June 9, 1939, to Lula and Herman Evans in Sand Town, Oklahoma City. He passed away on February 8, from the effects of dementia, in East Palo Alto. He was the fifth of ten children. Seeking a better life, the family moved to California in 1949. After the sudden passing of his

father, the family moved to P.G. It was there that Pete developed his athletic and passionate leadership skills. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1957, after which he moved with the family to Menlo Park. As a natural athlete, excelling in Bay Area community basketball leagues, Pete led a semi-pro baseball team all over Northern California. It is said that he was a sterling shortstop as well as a fearsome hitter who batted either left or right-handed. He and his wife Mary Ann had three children: Shelby, Roderick, and Troy. They moved from Menlo Park to East Palo Alto in 1964. Pete was employed by Stanford University for more than 20 years, doing research work in microbiology. He was active with Ravenswood Little League and continued his active lifestyle, running across the Dunbarton Bridge, running in the Coyote Hills and walking along the streets of East Palo Alto. Even after an accident in 2020, he continued to walk on a regular basis. He served on the Ravenswood Park and Recreation District board, the East Palo Alto Sanitary District, and the East Palo Alto City Council, where he was well known for not always agreeing with city policy. During his two terms on the Council, he also served as Vice Mayor. He met his second wife Keisha while both were serving on the Ravenswood Park and Recreation Board of Trustees. They both continued to do civic work and in 1993 opened an African retail shop, Pan African City Alive. Providing quality products from Africa and the Diaspora made this a popular destination for young and old around the Bay Area. He

is survived by his three children.



**Inez Owens Kirkman**, or “Inie,” as everyone knew her, moved to Monterey from Rinn, CO, at the age of 8, and became a lifelong resident. She passed away with her family by her side on February 20, at home in Monterey. An alumna of Bay View Grammar School and the P.G.H.S. Class of 1952, she shined

shoes at the Language School (now the DLI) in her teens and worked at the USO flipping burgers. In 1972, at 38, she was in an auto accident in Germany while on vacation. She became a paraplegic. She was independent and courageous and never let anything stop her. She worked at the DLI for many years and at Simplot Foods. She volunteered at Carraig Co. and Easter Seals and competed in the triathlon in the Special Olympics for three years running, from 1978-1980. Inie was always positive and outgoing. She is survived by her children Rodney Jones, Teresa Aiton, Gary Jones '22, and Gregory Jones '08; in addition to 6 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



**David Royce Orser** passed away on February 28, with his wife of 46 years by his side. He was born at the Monterey Hospital on August 16, 1944, and was a resident of P.G. and Salinas his entire life. He attended P.G.H.S., graduating in 1963, where he played basketball and base-

ball. He was especially fond of informal Saturday baseball games with friends at the P.G. Ball Park and El Estero Baseball Field in Monterey. Dave joined the Air Force, where he maintained jets and served in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He received his certification as an aviation mechanic from Gavilan College. He worked at the Salinas Airport for Gold Coast Aviation and later for Wilbur Ellis at the King City Airport. He thoroughly enjoyed his co-workers and others he met through his job. Dave also prioritized

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family and friends. He was not a joiner, but his generosity, care for others, and sense of humor kept family close. He was also a loyal friend and always showed up when there was a fence to be built or a move to be made. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Orser, and his sister, Deborah Orser '65. Online condolences can be made at [www.struveandlaporte.com](http://www.struveandlaporte.com).



**Raya Francis Schooley Hoskinson** died in Monterey in February. Raya was born to Anna Weintraub and Raymond Schooley in San Bernardino. She moved to the Monterey Peninsula while in grade school and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1958. Raya married Robert Hoskinson at the Presidio Chapel in 1960

and had two children. Raya was an Army wife, and she accompanied her husband, Robert, on his tours of duty when possible. Traveling through Europe while stationed in Germany was one of the highlights of her life. Raya enjoyed and respected nature, spending some time as a docent for both the Monarch Sanctuary and Bay Net. Her love of animals, large and small, led her to a career as a veterinary assistant. Raya will be greatly missed by her husband Robert, her children Aaron and Rayanne, her grandchildren Kayla and Jake, and her long-time care giver, Vennessa.

### MARCH 2023



**Jerry Witcher** passed away March 5, after a period of declining health, the last few months of which were extremely difficult. He was born in the Southwest and, by the age of 12, had arrived in Salinas, where he grew to adulthood. He attended both Salinas High School and P.G.H.S., where he graduated in the Class of 1953. He was an electrician by trade and became a contractor in that field. He worked hard at the craft he loved until he retired and sold his

business in 2019. His plans for an active retirement were derailed by the onset of poor health. He suffered a series of strokes, cardiac problems, dementia, and ataxia, which finally caused his death. Jerry was a man of grace who endured the losses of his three children and the decline of his health with dignity and courage. Survivors are his wife, Sharon Witcher; grandchildren Julie, Eric, Emily, Jacob, and Jessica; stepsons Michael and Daren; honorary son Jarod; and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his children: Allen Witcher, Terry Witcher, and Sue Allen. Online condolences to [www.struveandlaporte.com](http://www.struveandlaporte.com).

**Eric Sean Bartlett** of Athol, ID, passed away on March 5, at the age of 60, with his family by his side in Coeur d'Alene, from unexpected sudden cardiac arrest. He was born at Stanford Hospital to Harold and Darlene Bartlett. Eric grew up in P.G. and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1981, where he played football and basketball and ran track. He also worked at Troia's Market in Monterey while attending high school. After graduating, he moved to Salt Lake City with his sister to attend the University of Utah. He started working for Smith's Food King and moved up into management and quickly became a store director. He moved frequently with his job and eventually moved to Arizona, where he met his wife of 28 years, Jody Pearsall, whom he married in Lake Tahoe. He loved being with his family, his German shepherd canine kids, gardening, cool cars, and the outdoors. He also enjoyed coaching a baseball team with his son Austin while living in Henderson, NV. He is survived by his wife Jody; two sons, Austin and Dylan Bartlett; and five siblings, Christine '78, Brenda '79, Kevin '82, Tim, and JP '92.



**Phi Ho Nguyen** was born October 5, 1944, in Ninh Binh, Viet Nam. He departed peacefully at his home in Monterey on March 6. Phi Ho graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1962 and MPC in 1964. He then attended what was then San Jose State College, where he received his B.S. in Industrial Design. After gradua-

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tion, he accepted a position at McDonnell Douglas in Long Beach. Phi Ho was always an adventurer and in 1970 he took a gap year to travel and live in Europe. His adventures continued when he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, from 1971 to 1973. He then received a fellowship to The Ohio State University, where he obtained his M.S. in Industrial Design and went to work for Lockheed. He retired in 2002 and moved back to Monterey, where he volunteered as a docent at the San Carlos cathedral and at the P.G. Museum of Natural History. He was also an active member of his Vietnamese alma mater, Nguyen Trai High School. Phi Ho was a gifted painter, an avid fisherman, and a collector and curator of bonsai. In addition to English, Japanese, and his native Vietnamese, Phi Ho also mastered survival knowledge of French, Spanish and Swahili. Phi Ho was predeceased by his parents, Anna Mai Nhu Tran and Andrew Hiep Duc Nguyen; and by his sister, Bac Hai Nguyen. He is survived by five sisters, Mary, Annette, Anne, Thu Hai, Hong Hai; and three brothers, Andy, Phil, and Ho. He is also survived by fifteen nephews and nieces, three of whom are his adored godchildren, Minhlann, Lynn, and Jason. He was married to Xuan Lan Tran, with whom he maintained an amicable relationship until his death. To send condolences or share a memory, please visit [mission-mortuary.com](http://mission-mortuary.com).



**Lucetta Linda Lee Green** was born June 28, 1940, in Antioch. She passed away peacefully with her four children by her side on March 9 in Salinas. Linda grew up at 104 Fountain Ave., which is now the Seven Gables Inn, and attended Mayflower Church, where she sang in the choir and played the organ. She attended schools in P.G.

and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1958. She worked as a CNA before her retirement in Siskiyou County. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Nora Lee and one grandson, Kristopher Henderson. She is survived by her four loving children, Kathleen Schilding '76, Kenny Green '80, Kerry Green, and Kimberly Green '86; several grandchildren; great grandchildren; and great-great grandchildren.



**Matthew Joseph Veloz**, born June 28, 1961, passed away on March 16 from complications related to diabetes. He was born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula, graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1979, and was employed as a plumber until he retired. Matt loved hunting and fishing, and was an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan. He loved his family, and in recent years he could be found competing with them in the bocce ball tournaments at the Monterey Santa Rosalia Festival. Matt had many friends that he loved and cared for, and many friends who loved and cared for him. He had a huge heart, a kind soul, and an amazing sense of humor. Matt was preceded in passing by his father Henry Joseph Veloz Jr. and his stepfather Robert Doyle Thompson. He is survived by his wife Carol; daughter Kassity Roze; his mother Carol Thompson; brother Chris Veloz '81; and nephews CJ and Max Veloz '10.

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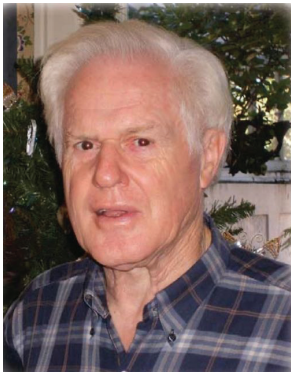


On May 6, **Trudy Anne Gomez Wilson**, 77, passed away surrounded by her spouse and immediate family. Trudy was born May 7, 1945, to Anthony and Irene Gomez in Hayward. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1963, she went on to study secondary education at UC Berkeley. She married Garnet James Wilson in P.G. and they had just celebrated their 58th anniversary in February. She enjoyed many years raising her family in California (Monterey, Prunedale, and Fortuna) and most recently in Forest Grove, Ore-



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gon. Trudy was a teacher, mentor, and administrator in P.G., Castroville, and Salinas. A recognized educator who received numerous awards and achievements, she also served as an advisor for the third largest chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. She was a member of PEO (Philanthropic Education Organization) Sisterhood Chapter DJ in Forest Grove, OR. Her special interests include traveling, quilting, scrapbooking, camping, rock painting and fellowship with family and friends. Trudy was preceded in death by her parents, Anthony and Irene Gomez. She is survived by her husband, Garnet Wilson; her brother Tony '66; her three children Shelley, Kelley, and Troy; her five grandchildren, Kate, Jess, Jordan, Everett, and Lowell; and nieces, nephews, and friends.



**Homer Donald Martine**, whose legacy is woven throughout the City of P.G. by his Martine Inn, his service as a two-term city council member, his ownership of Kidwell's Paints, and his time racing MGs around the track at Laguna Seca, passed away on May 9. He was 88. Homer, known as Don, was the only

child of Homer and Norah Martine and was born on May 8, 1935. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1953. He got his associates degree in business from MPC and his bachelor of science in business psychology from CSU Sacramento. He also did graduate work at UCLA. Returning to P.G., the city he loved, he purchased Kidwell's Paint Store in 1971. His son Gordon Martine is the current owner. Though he had many interests, he had a passion for civic duty and served the community as a two-term city council member and as vice president of the P.G. Chamber of Commerce. He also helped establish the California Association of Bed and Breakfast Inns (CABBI) and was its first president. In addition, Don was instrumental in the referendum to establish Visit California, which promotes California travel and tourism. In 1984, Don renovated the historic Park Davis home on Ocean View Blvd. and opened it to guests as the Martine Inn. He was the 23rd recipient of the California Hotel and Lodging

Hall of Fame award. Don also played multiple instruments and football at P.G. High and acted at California's First Theater. Yet his true love was cars, especially MGs. He spent many hours in his garage getting his hands greasy and sharing his love of restoring his collection of cars with his family. He is survived by children Gordon, Dori '74, and Grady '82; and his grandchildren Trevor '08, Ian, Grady Jr., and Carissa.

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**Joseph Charles Houseman, Jr.** died on June 3, with his two sons, Lance and Chad, by his side. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Tracey '60, who died June 4, 2019. They had been married for 62 years. Charles was born on January 3, 1939, in Carmel. His parents were Charles and Agnes House-

man, Sr., and he was raised in Pebble Beach. Charles graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1957 and ultimately received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice in 1975 and a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 1977 from Golden Gate University. Charles served in the United States Navy for three years. He then joined the Monterey Police Department, where he worked from 1960 to 2002, when he retired as Captain. Charles graduated from the Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Command College, in addition to the 98th session of the FBI National Academy. Charles also started a successful real estate career and created the Police Academy at MPC. He was active with the Elks Lodge, the Monterey Paisanos, and The Lions Club. Charles' older sister, Marian Pulliam, preceded him in death. He is survived by his younger sister Cynthia and four grandchildren: Aleena, Erik, Jacob, and Charles III.

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## Class of '68 Scholarship

by Ruth McKinney Nye

The Class of 1968 has always been very spirited, thanks largely to our enthusiastic and much beloved



advisor, Donald Reed, pictured at left at our 2018 class reunion. Dr. Reed taught chemistry for about seven years at P.G.H.S., but we were his only "Class." He was a great teacher, and an even better class advisor.

He brought the entire class together for events such as breakfast meetings at Asilomar, a Pool Party at Saddle Mountain Ranch, a picnic in Hollister, a girls' fundraising slumber party, a rollerskating party at Del Monte Gardens, a graduation dinner at Shutters Restaurant, and on and on. All of these events were intended for the entire class. We were the envy of the school. We felt such a sense of pride and unification.

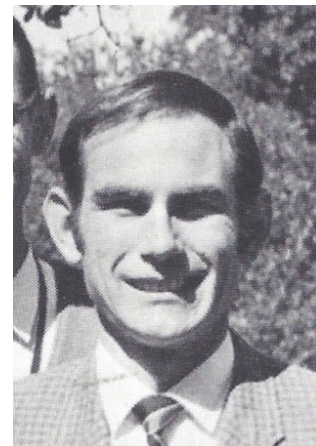
This feeling has stayed with many of us. Shortly after our 50th reunion, through informal word of mouth, and with the generosity of our hosts (Steve Graves, Jim Montgomery, Richard Ellings, and Mona Everman Sarrensen), we gathered in Eugene, OR, one summer, and Seattle, WA, the next.

This year, we will celebrate our 55th reunion right here at home (see p. 21 for details). As several of us were making plans for the reunion weekend of October 6th, we began to organize around the idea of creating an annual academic scholarship for P.G.H.S. graduates who are college bound. We formed a committee of Stacey Souders Golding, Betsy Urnes Rosenthal, Steve Graves, Richard Ellings, and me, and together we got the ball rolling. We also received checks from Bill Gammons, Joanie Hylar, Buddy Layne, David Steven and Tom Wright. We are proud to say we raised enough for two Class of '68 scholarships this year, and we have a nest egg to start our drive for next year. Stacey and Betsy presented the scholarships to the first 12

recipients in May (see p. 18). So as not to break the momentum, we plan to "pass the hat" during the October parties to allow more members of our great class to participate in the giving.

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](http://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.

The Class of 1968 Scholarship Committee: Richard Ellings, Stacey Souders Golding, Steve Graves, Ruth McKinney Nye, and Betsy Urnes Rosenthal. At right, in case you don't recognize him in the picture in the left column, is a photo of our inspiration, Don Reed, from the 1970 yearbook.



## 2023 Reunions

More reunion information is on pp. 21-23, including contact information for individual class events. Be sure to register for the **2023 PGHSAA annual dinner Saturday evening, October 7, at the Elks Club in Monterey**--a registration form is on p. 23, or you can register online at [pghsaa.org](http://pghsaa.org). Cost this year is only \$60, a real bargain these inflationary days! **Deadline to receive your reservation, by mail or online, is September 18.**



## Bobby Howell Retires

From officiating a five-overtime high school basketball classic to working a pair of NFL games in 2001, a five-decade career for Bobby Howell '70 has stockpiled several memorable moments. Sporting a zebra-colored uniform on the weekends in the fall has been a part of Howell's life for 46 years, having been



around long enough to officiate fathers and their kids. Howell, left, in a photo provided to the *Monterey Herald*, started officiating when he was in college at Chico State, working intramural games.

Yet, while he's kept himself fit for another season physically, the mental side of officiating was a

different challenge for Howell. "Just the mere fact that in my mind I was questioning whether I wanted to do it another year was enough," Howell said. "I was having a more difficult time ramping up for the season."

Still at the top of his game as a high school official, the former P.G.H.S. and MPC quarterback (his father Charlie served as Athletic Director at P.G. from 1963-1982) has put the whistle in storage, retiring from a craft he's relished for more than two-thirds of his life. "How do I know if it's time? I don't," Howell said. "I'm still capable of doing it. On the other hand, I don't want to be out there on the downhill side. There's no manual that tells you it's time."

Howell, 71, has been a staple for officials in the tri-county region since the mid-1970s, starting out as a basketball official, doubling up as a football referee a year later. Considered one of the top high school officials in the state, Howell became the first Northern California referee to officiate a state football and basketball title game in 2010. He's officiated nearly 2,000 high school and college football games, and well over 3,000 prep basketball games during his Hall of Fame career. Howell has also officiated over 300 Central Coast Section football and basketball playoff

games during his distinguished career. "It came pretty naturally growing up in a sports household," Howell said. "Even as a kid when we played pickup games, I was always the guy that was the official."

Howell didn't end last year thinking it would be his last. But as he was training and getting ready for meetings for the upcoming season, the flame was flickering. "I was having a tough time getting excited for it," he said. "I have two grandchildren that I want to see play sports."

Howell reflected on arguably one of the best basketball games ever in the county when Alisal and Palma went five overtimes in a packed gym on the Trojans campus. "There was no shot clock back then," Howell said. "It was a classic. The place was packed. Just an incredible atmosphere to be a part of."

Two years after becoming a high school official, Howell was asked to be a college official. "I remember learning the difference in the rule books on the way to the game," Howell said. "I did college football for 25 years." He also landed a pair of NFL games in 2001 when the officials went on strike and college officials were summoned to work the games. Howell did a Packers-Raiders preseason game at the Oakland Coliseum, then flew to San Diego to officiate the Chargers' season opener against the then-Washington Redskins.

"Xavier Nady and I were both brought up from the area," Howell said. "The feeling was the strike was going to last a while. Then 9-11 happened. The NFL and officials settled a week later." The experience, however, left a lasting impression on Howell, who returned to the college and high school levels for another two decades.

While a majority of his games came in the tri-county region, Howell recalled a battle between Ripon Christian and Emery in a Northern California basketball championship game. "Dave Hare and I worked that game," Howell said. "We got there two hours before tipoff and the place was packed. We never heard the horn blow. It was that intense."

The thought of not doing something that has engulfed his life for so long seems surreal right now. "I've always identified myself as a sports official," Howell said. "It's going to feel odd not being out there this year."

*By John Devine, Monterey Herald, June 28, 2023.*

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## New Tradition in P.G.

by Katie Samora Henden '68

Between the time my kids were at P.G.H.S. in the 1990s and the time my grandkids were there 25 years later, a new tradition has started. I'm not sure when it started, but it is lovely and almost everyone is doing it.

Before the dinners for proms and other dances begin, the parents of attendees gather at Lovers Point to take pictures of the kids going to the dance in all their finery. There are group shots and couples shots and families running around trying to get everyone corralled for pictures, with our beautiful coast in the background. I have cute photos of my grandkids that I will treasure forever.

In these photos, you can't quite see all the goosebumps on the girls, but you know they are there. I know I am lucky to have my grandkids go to my alma mater, but I'm even luckier to have them so close.



Above and at upper right: Winter Ball 2018. Center, next column: Prom 2022. Bottom, next column, and on p. 15: Prom 2023.

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## New Tradition, cont.



## LaPorte House Burns

The Turrentine-LaPorte mansion at the corner of Lighthouse and 17-Mile Drive recently suffered a fire of unknown origin that damaged it substantially. For reasons of safety, the current resident, Bill Turrentine '73, and his family have been given a timeline by the city to either demolish the building or submit plans for complete restoration. Besides being a landmark for generations of Pacific Grove residents, the house, along with other Peninsula buildings such as P.G.'s Methodist Church and Colton Hall, was featured in the 1959 film *A Summer Place*, starring Troy Donahue and Sandra Dee. Photo by Beth Penney.



## P.G. Cleaners Closes

For years, Randy Uchida '69 has known the days for his family's Pacific Grove Cleaners were numbered. He held on to the business, which had been passed on from generation to generation, as long as he could. But between rising costs and slow foot traffic, the business just wasn't sustainable anymore.

Earlier this spring, Pacific Grove Cleaners shut its doors for good after 97 years. It was a quiet closing, which was Uchida's intention, commemorated only with a small note on the door to customers. "...Thanks for the memories," the note read. Uchida only hopes the sentiment is returned.

"For old-timers, there's memories of Holman's, the dime store, the foghorn – these are things that, if you've lived here a long time, you remember them. They're still in your memory, but they're not here anymore," Uchida recalled. "In some respects, maybe that's what I'm hoping for. That P.G. Cleaners will just be another one of those memories of Pacific Grove. That's how you live on – in memories. Otherwise, you're just gone."

P.G. Cleaners opened in 1926. Uchida's grandfather, Kakutarō Uchida, was working at another dry cleaners in town. There was a lot on Grand Avenue that Kakutarō eyed for his own business. But as a Japanese immigrant in the 1920s, Kakutarō couldn't own property, with California law at the time barring anyone of Asian lineage from owning land in the state.

So Kakutarō bought the property through a friend, who was white. His friend leased the business back to him, allowing Kakutarō to open P.G. Cleaners nearly ten decades ago. (After World War II, the law changed and Kakutarō officially took over ownership.)

For 40 years, Kakutarō operated P.G. Cleaners, bringing his five sons into the fold before he died in 1968. By 2001, one son, Hiroshi, and the widow of another, Kiyoko, co-owned the shop. Hiroshi died in 2011, and soon Kiyoko started sharing business operations with her son. Randy has kept the shop afloat ever since.

Even before the pandemic, P.G. Cleaners came close to closing. In early 2018, an expensive machine went out of commission. That, along with a standing uphill battle to stay profitable, and the fact that Kiyoko

was ready to retire, made Uchida think it might be time to quit. But an anonymous donor purchased a new dry-cleaning machine, and P.G. Cleaners hung on.

Oddly, COVID-19 offered another lifeline, in the form of a Small Business Administration loan. Still, eventually, staying open became more trouble than it was worth. "It just reached a point where I wasn't getting paid," he said. "It was just problem after problem. ... I knew in the back of my head that it had to end at some point."

Though he won't miss the challenges of maintaining an aging business, Uchida will miss his customers, who became friends. "This is one of those kinds of businesses that," Uchida said, "unlike places like the gas station or the grocery store where you don't really interact with the people, you talk. Here, people, if they could, they'd stop and speak with me. I loved the conversations. I'd learn about their families or their jobs or current events. I just like talking to people. And so those relationships built over time, that's what I'll miss."

As for Uchida's plans, he said he'll stick around P.G. at least for a little while. But with most of his friends and family moved away, P.G. Cleaners was really the last vestige of a different era keeping him on the Peninsula. With his grandfather's legacy laid to rest, Uchida feels ready to leave, maybe in search of more year-round sunshine, he quipped. But good ol' foggy P.G. will be hard for Uchida to forget. "About living here? I think I'll miss everything," he said.

*Story and photo of Randy in front of the Grand Avenue storefront by Tess Kenny, from the Monterey Herald, June 16, 2023. Reprinted with permission.*





## Our *Active* Alumni

The May, 2023, issue of *Time Magazine* contained a list of “The World’s Most Influential People,” and (of course!) it included a P.G.H.S. graduate. Actor Sanaa Lathan, who starred in *Love and Basketball*, wrote the following tribute to movie director **Gina Prince-Bythewood ’87** in that issue:



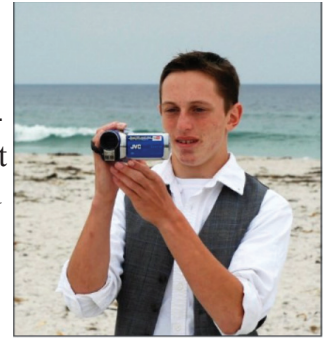
“Gina Prince-Bythewood has a true belief in the power of stories. It’s her life’s purpose; she’s always going to search for the truth. Throughout her career, she’s also demonstrated a commitment to uplifting stories that aren’t always centered onscreen, including stories about Black

women and women of color. I will always cherish the memory of premiering *Love and Basketball* at Sundance back in 2000, and witnessing the five-minute standing ovation that followed. It was a surreal experience to witness a young woman of color create that film for the world and to be by her side as she did it. And now, with 2022’s critically acclaimed hit *The Woman King*, she’s captured our world’s attention once again. Gina is a true writer and craftsman, with an amazing imagination! She also has a lot of integrity, this quiet strength. She will not sway when she believes something is right. She’s not only one of my favorite directors, but also my friend—and I’m her fan and cheerleader for life.”

Richard Lautens photo courtesy *Time Magazine*. See a review of *The Woman King* by Dan Miller ’73 in the Winter, 2022, *Knockout II*.

Possibly following in Prince-Bythewood’s footsteps in the film world is **Kellen Gibbs ’11**. A recent story in the *Monterey Herald* featured Gibbs and his debut feature film, *Tomorrow*, which he wrote and directed. The film was recently shown at the 2023 Cinequest Film Festival in San Jose, the Scotland International Festival of Cinema, and at the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, where it won six awards.

IMDb summarizes Kellen’s film this way: “A young girl struggles to get back home when she starts inexplicably waking up as a different person every day.” Gibbs told the *Herald* that the film is “a drama disguised as a fantasy. It has way more dramatic elements than fantasy, but the part that contributes to the fantasy is of the main character (played by Jane Edwina Seymour) waking up in another body every day.” Gibbs attended MPC for a semester before transferring to the New York Film Academy. *Herald* photo courtesy Kellen Gibbs.



**Michael Polkabila ’79** recently placed second in the 23rd annual San Francisco Bay Singlehanded Sailing Society’s Transpacific Yacht Race.

Polkabila, whose day job as an environmental scientist and biochemist is with his own company, BioMax Environmentals, crossed the Pacific solo in 12 days, leaving San Francisco on June 25 and ending his trip on the island of Kauai on July 8. This was the first time Polkabila, a seasoned sailor whose senior motto in the 1979 *Sea Urchin* was, “I’d rather be sailing,” had made the trip alone. His total time was 12:15:33:24; the first-place winner’s time was 12:12:43:23. In the photo of race participants, below, from the sailing society’s website, <http://sfbaysss.org/main/>, Polkabila is fourth from left in the back row. His father Steve also taught at P.G.H.S. in the ‘60s and ‘70s,



## Sports Roundup

Every spring, the *Monterey Herald* runs its “All-County” lists of high school sports standouts. This spring, **Ava Marshall** ‘23 of P.G.H.S. made the list for high school girls’ basketball; she is also the Mission Division Player of the Year. According to the May 9 *Herald* story by John Devine, Marshall “averaged a double-double on the season at 16.5 points and 13.5 rebounds. Tenacious on defense, she recorded 2.5 blocks a night and 2.1 steals. Marshall was also a distributor, finishing with 3.1 assists a night. **Savannah Hardy** received honorable mention on this year’s girls’ basketball list. **Anthony Nimri** and **Dilbar Dhaliwal** received honorable mention on the boy’s basketball list.

In softball, **Ivana Reynolds** ‘23 and **Izzy Turner** ‘25 made the honorable mention list; in baseball, **Zayne Turner** and **Rey Avila** received honorable mention.

*The Herald* also reported on May 9 that former P.G.H.S. and MPC star **Lauren Coppla** ‘19, an outfielder, finished the regular softball season at Westcliff University in Irvine hitting .353 in 38 games for the Westcliff Warriors. It was her second season. Coppla, according to the *Herald*, is a left-handed hitter who “legged out numerous infield hits for Westcliff, while being flawless in the outfield, having committed just two errors in 80 career games. An all-conference outfielder at MPC in 2021, Coppla earned all-league honors in softball and track at P.G.H.S.”

Also in softball, P.G.H.S. had its chance at its first softball title since 1996 this spring. **Alex Giammanco** ‘26 led the team to a 6-0 win over North County on May 23 after it beat top-seed Mountain View in the quarterfinals 6-4. *The Herald* reported the following on May 25: “Giammanco’s mother, Kacey Hendon Giammanco ‘96--was Pacific Grove’s pitcher 27 years ago, and her grandfather Jack Hendon was the coach.

‘She pitched a real solid game,’ P.G. coach Sal Lucido said. ‘It seemed like she had good velocity. Her outside curve was working, as were her inside pitches. She stayed composed. Tonight, she battled.... We’re so young,’ Lucido added. ‘There’s a lot of good chemistry. A lot of good energy in our dugout.’”

The Breakers unfortunately ended up losing to Live Oak 4-0 in the Central Coast title game.

## PGHSAA Scholarships

At the P.G.H.S. Senior Awards Night on May 17, PGHSAA president Beth Penney awarded \$26,000 in scholarships to 17 students, thanks to your generosity. Nine of the awards are general PGHSAA Scholarship Awards. Students receiving these scholarships for 2023 were **Samantha Barragan**, **Tanner Downing-McAdams**, **Christopher Fenstermaker**, **Owen Pesenhofer**, **Ivana Reynolds**, **Alexis Rodas-Mendoza**, **Forrest Scholin**, **Norah Schramm**, and **Janica Soro**. **Maria Moore** received the PGHSAA Fine Arts scholarship award.

**Anastasia Gabrik** received the Richard Reynolds Class of 1957 Science and Technology Scholarship. **Kai Hatton** received the Tommy Stillwell Class of 1974 scholarship. **Shaun Hemmesch** received the Ada Eleanor Smith Scholarship. **Kira Lieberman** received the Cool and Nifty Class of ‘60 scholarship, presented by Marabee *Rush* Boone and Patty *Fifer* Kieffer of that class; and **Melanie Martinez** received the Beverly *Wilson* Stillwell Class of 1949 scholarship.

Two new scholarship awards were presented this year by Betsy *Urnes* Rosenthal and Stacy *Souders* Golding of the Class of 1968. Those scholarships, in the amount of \$1,068 each, went to **Christian Cuellar** and **Ana Hernandez-Vasquez**.



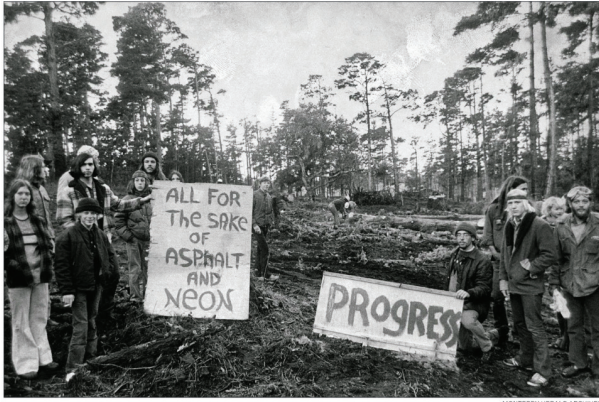
The 2023 PGHSAA scholarship winners pose in the P.G.H.S. multipurpose room. President Beth Penney is at bottom left; Marabee Rush Boone ‘60 and Patty Fifer Kieffer ‘60 are at far right with the Class of ‘60 scholarship winner between them. Photo by Charlie Kieffer.



# Seen Around Town (and elsewhere)

LOOKING BACK 1974

## TRYING TO SAVE THE TREES



A group protesting the removal of pine trees at David Avenue and Forest Avenue in Pacific Grove on Feb. 19, 1974. Protesters were claiming that this grove of pine trees was one of the few undisturbed groves remaining in Pacific Grove.

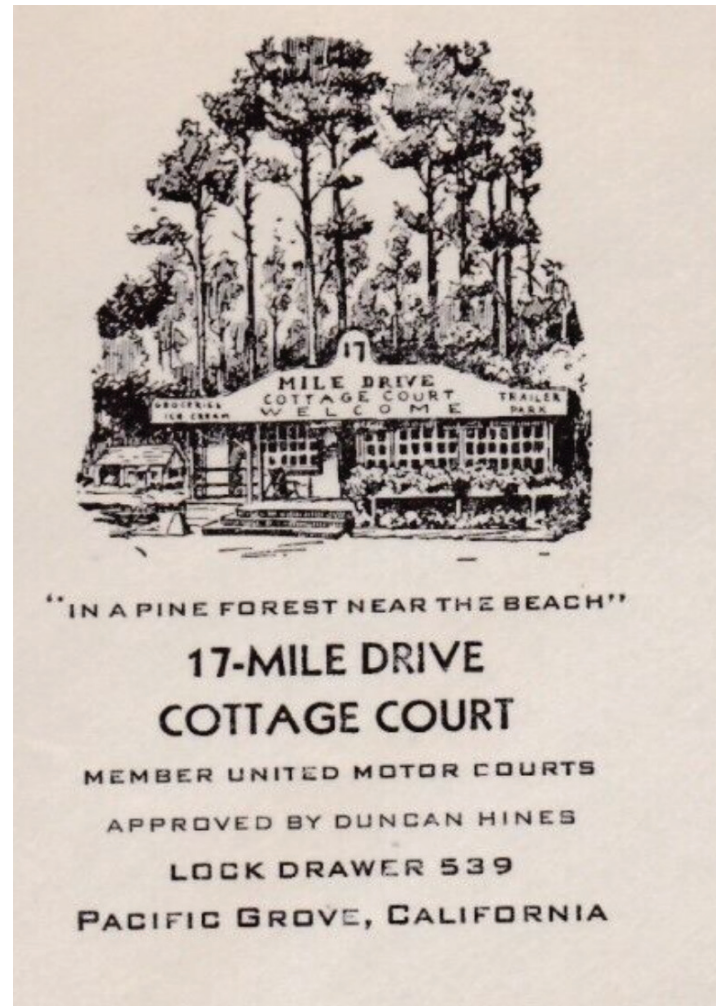


Even well into the 21st century there are still a few P.G. Victorians without foundations. The beautiful old house at 409 Grand Avenue (left) was recently approved for renovation, and a foundation was the first step (top, this column). Photo at left from Google Maps, showing a portion of the condominium building on Pine between Grand and Fountain, at left; photo above by Beth Penney. Below that, a postcard of the Hotel Del Mar in P.G. Anyone know which downtown block this was in? More photos, next page.

Top, this column: one of the Monterey Herald's "Looking Back" photos of protestors at David and Forest (behind PGHS) in 1974. The site is now the Country Club Gate Shopping Center, housing a Lucky supermarket, a RiteAid, and smaller businesses. Center: the proposed "roundabout" at Sunset and Congress, where there are now five stop signs. The car is headed toward Asilomar on Sunset. The cost of the roundabout construction is currently being discussed at the P.G. City Council.



# Seen Around Town, cont.



Clockwise from top left: A tree down at Howard Cowen Breaker Stadium this winter (photo by Lillian Griffiths); the tradition of graduation signs outlived the pandemic; the front of a brochure for sale at press time on eBay; another graduation sign featuring our Ada Eleanor Smith scholarship winner (see p. 14); and congratulations to the PGHS Class of '23 at Robert H. Down. Similar signs were posted on telephone poles and street signs throughout town on graduation day. Photos by Beth Penney.



## 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](http://pghsclassof1968.com).

## *The class of 1973 celebrates its 50th!*

*October 6-7, 2023*

*On Friday evening, October 6:  
wine-and-cheese at Beth's house,*

*514 Park Street in P.G., 6:00 - ?*

*On Saturday morning, October 7:  
march in the Butterfly Parade*

*(see p. 1 for info).*

*On Saturday evening, October 7:  
dinner with the PGHSAA at the Elks'  
Club: register before 9/18 at [pghsaa.org](http://pghsaa.org).*

*E-mail Beth at [bpenney@sonic.net](mailto:bpenney@sonic.net) for  
more information or go to*

*[www.pacificgrove73.com](http://www.pacificgrove73.com).*

*We look forward to seeing everyone.*

## *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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/439621016106932).*

See the "Class of '71 Turns 70" reunion information on next page. Reservation form for the annual all-class PGHSAA dinner/dance is on the next page. The deadline for us to receive your reservations for that October 7 event is September 18.

PGHSAA does not schedule or manage individual class reunions. The information printed here is received from the reunion coordinators for the various classes.

If you have questions about your class reunion, we suggest you do a web search or social media search for your class name or the names of your permanent class officers, who can often refer you to the person who handles the reunions.



## **PGHS Class of '71**

# **Turning 70**

*October 6 - 8, 2023*

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- \*10/6 8:30am Golf Outing at PG Golf Links
- \*10/6 4:00pm No Host Cocktail Reception at Bill Lee's new Restaurant "KONA" in Del Monte Center
- \*10/6 7:00pm Breaker Stadium Homecoming Game
- \*10/7 10:00am Walk as a Class in the Annual Butterfly Parade
- \*10/7 5:00pm Class Dinner at "First Awakening"
- \*10/8 11:00am Class Picnic at "Lover's Point Park"

*\*For more information about Class of '71 "Turning 70" events, contact Larry Mann, [lawrenceemann@gmail.com](mailto:lawrenceemann@gmail.com). The class invites all alumni to the golf event on the morning of October 6, but registration is limited to 24 people. For more information about that event, contact Don Mothershead at (831) 917-5156 or e-mail [dmothershead@gmail.com](mailto:dmothershead@gmail.com). Golf participants must register by September 15.*



**PGHS Alumni Association 60th Annual Dinner**  
**The Elks Lodge, 150 Mar Vista Drive, Monterey, (831) 372-6200**

Come join your classmates for an evening of good conversation, great food, and the best music of all our time!  
 All P.G. school attendees are welcome. In fact, have your class reunion with us!

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

No-host cocktails\* 5:30, Buffet Dinner 7:00, Music 8:00-10:00

**RESERVATION DEADLINE Monday, September 18.**  
**No refunds after this date, no late registration, no transfer of tickets.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ PGHS Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 (include last name in high school if different: Linda *Smith* Jones)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year if PGHS \_\_\_\_\_

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 (include last name in high school if different: Linda *Smith* Jones. Additional guests can be added on a separate sheet)

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**\$60.00 per dinner**

Number of Dinners	Menu Choice	Amount	PGHSAA use
	BBQ Santa Maria-style tri-tip, marinated and sliced thin	\$	
	Vegetarian lasagna	\$	
Total enclosed		\$	

*Appetizers include fruit platter and antipasto platter. Dinners will be served with herb-smashed potatoes with lots of butter, sour cream, and Parmesan; Caesar salad; seasonal vegetables; and garlic bread. Coffee, tea, and cake will be available after dinner.*

*\*Well drinks \$6.50-\$11.00, beer \$5.00-\$8.00, wine \$6.50, bottle \$12. If you would like to bring your own wine, the Elks Lodge charges \$12.00 corkage fee per bottle. Corkage fees are paid directly to the bartender.*

Cut out, photocopy, or print this form, fill it out, and return it to PGHSAA, P.O. Box 51396, Pacific Grove, CA, 93950, with your check for the total amount indicated above. Or, pay with your credit card by registering online at [www.pghsaa.org](http://www.pghsaa.org). Deadline to receive either mail or online registration is **September 18**.

Questions? Contact people for this event are as follows:  
 Victoria Samora Phillips '64, [victoriaphillips72@gmail.com](mailto:victoriaphillips72@gmail.com)  
 Katie Samora Henden '68, [kthenden@gmail.com](mailto:kthenden@gmail.com)  
 Pete Gaudoin '71, [6unicorns@comcast.net](mailto:6unicorns@comcast.net)



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## ***THE KNOCKOUT II: THE PGHSAA NEWSLETTER***

### **Who Is It?**

See our “Letters” column on p. 3 for a number of responses to our last photo--all of them are correct! Dan Harris ‘46 of Moses Lake, WA, who sent the photo, says, “Hi Beth. Sending picture of Bob Downing and me. Thought someone would get a kick out of us fixing a popover in Boys Foods.” And it looks like a number of people did! The photo appeared in the *Sea Urchin*, but Dan trusted us by sending his own precious copy.

The young ladies in this issue’s mystery photo, with a backdrop of Pacific Grove’s famous pine trees, are in costume for a play, in which they clearly represented women indigenous to Coastal California. But who are they? And what play were they in? Send your answers to [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org).

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!

