

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

"It's the ⇨glue⇩ that keeps us together"

Summer 2024 ♡ Page One

President's Message



There are a number of important announcements included in this President's Message!

First, though, we want to thank Bob Crispin '63, Jim Johnson '62, and Sheryl Markham Smith '78 for their wonderful submissions of memories and pictures, which appear on page 16 and 17 of this

issue. We are thrilled to have them, and we hope they inspire others to go through their scrapbooks and send us similar stories and photos; they're what this newsletter is built on.

As for the changes, Joanie Hylar '68 has retired from her duties as Membership Chair. We are looking for someone to take her place, but in the meantime, your president is stepping into this role. I have never worked with a database program before, so I am learning as I go; please be patient with me! You will see slight changes in our listings of donations, but other than that, I think I'm getting the hang of it.

This means that e-mail to **membership@pghsaa.org** now comes to me instead of Joanie (she still receives e-mail at **joanie@pghsaa.org**). I sent an e-mail in July to double-check the list of people who get the newsletter via e-mail, but other than that, it's unusual that I would send e-mails that are not responses to questions from you. However, it might be prudent to **check your spam folder for mail from membership@pghsaa.org, and to add it to your e-mail address book**. Along those lines, if you received this newsletter in the mail and should have gotten it via e-mail, or vice versa, please let me know at **membership@pghsaa.org**, and I will correct your records.

We are in great debt to Joanie for maintaining the PGHSAA database for so many years, and we wish her well in her "retirement"!

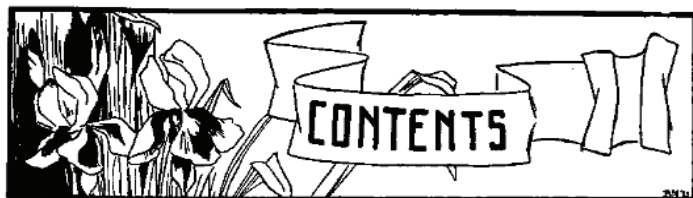
We've had a couple of other changes within the Board of Directors and their duties: Katie Samora Henden '68 is now serving as Senior Class Liaison along with Cate Goblirsch Lee '94, and Alex Hulanicki '71 has come on board as our Publicity Chair. Thanks to them and to all of our Board members for their work on behalf of the PGHSAA.

Our Events Chairpeople, Victoria Samora Phillips '64 and Katie Samora Henden '68, extend an invitation to you on p. 13 to attend our annual dinner at the Elks Club. Information about individual class reunions that have come to our attention also appears on that page. A registration form for the dinner appears on p. 22; you can also register online at www.pghsaa.org.

Also, see the invitation to our September 10 annual general meeting on p. 20; we're always looking for new members, and this meeting is a great way to find out what the board does. Some examples: at our July 11 meeting, we approved \$9,000 for the water polo team to buy new equipment (it's expensive!) and \$1,200 for new lights for the Sea Wing Theater. If you're interested in serving on the board and cannot attend, e-mail president@pghsaa.org.

This issue contains our scholarship winners for this year, along with stories about some other P.G.H.S. students who have recently received acclaim. There are lots of letters, lots of photos, and an obituary that deserves Page One mention: that of Donald B. Reed, who taught science at P.G.H.S. and was the advisor for the Class of 1968 (see the tribute to him by Ruth McKinney Nye '68 in the Summer/Fall 2023 issue). The fact that this advisorship is mentioned in his obituary demonstrates how important this responsibility was to him; he will be missed.

Beth Penney '73



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Important 2024 Dates: Remaining Board Meetings: Saturday, Sept. 7, noon (see p. 20); Thursday, October 10, 6:00 p.m., all at 514 Park Street in P.G.
Annual Dinner/Dance Saturday, Oct. 5 (see p. 13).

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 Class of 1960 Scholarship
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 Class of 1960 Scholarship
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 Class of 1973 Scholarship

Letters

Hello, Beth,

I feel like I know you after reading your many messages and remarks on the front page of the *Knockout II*. My sister Sharion and I have shared the *Knockout II* for many years! It was mailed to me here in Louisiana and after reading it I mailed it to Lancaster, Calif. We may be your oldest readers. I graduated in 1952 and Sharion graduated in 1953. Anyway, we will no longer subscribe to the *Knockout II* because Sharion's eyesight isn't good, and she is now in an assisted living place. But keep up the good work that you and the many others who put together the newsletter do.

Sincerely,
 Alma *Sullivan* '52
 Houma, LA

Beth,

Thanks to Joanie for her many years of superb service and to you, Beth, for filling in. We alumni so
 3 appreciate the work that you do on the *Knockout II* to

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keep us informed about our beloved community and high school. With gratitude and admiration,

Tina Doyle Wilkins '63
Fair Oaks

Beth,

Thank you for taking over temporarily for Joanie Hyler. She will be missed greatly, but you will do a great job, I'm sure, and are needed!

Mary Ellen Styhl Mathias '56
Hot Springs, AR

Editor's note: As mentioned in the President's Letter on P. 1, Joanie Hyler '68 has retired from her longtime position as PGHSAA Membership Chair. You can still reach her at joanie@pghsaa.org. E-mail to membership@pghsaa.org now goes, at least temporarily, to the acting membership chair, Beth Penney '73.

Dear Joanie,

My wife Joanna and I have been very lucky regarding health and travel. We both had reached 87 years old when we toured the capitals of the nations bordering the Baltic Sea. This ship trek helped us reach a total of 78 different countries. Then it happened. Four years ago, I had a minor stroke. A year later, my wife suffered a major stroke. Our travel days are over, but we have a lot of wonderful memories. I would like to thank Joanie Hyler, Beth Penney, and the *Knockout II* staff for their support over the years when I submitted my travel articles. I might add that I have shown the *Knockout II* to a number of friends, and they were all impressed. Keep the quality going.

Terrell Moss '50
Roseville

Dear Beth:

I don't know why I didn't realize that there was an alumni association before now. It occurred to me the day before yesterday. I will indeed register at this late date. I sympathise with your health problems as I walk with a cane these days. A short bio: I graduated from P.G.H.S. in June 1962. After that I was supposed to go active in the United States Naval Reserve, but was disqualified because of asthmatic bronchitis. I worked a few local jobs: steakhouse in Carmel, Los Laureles

Lodge in Carmel Valley, Ray's Enco in Marina. When my grandfather died I moved to Indiana to care for my grandmother. I went to Indianapolis Technical Institute to learn computer programming, which started a 44-year career as a Mainframe Software Developer. I worked for several corporations and moved about the country: Indianapolis at RCA Records; Blue Cross & Blue Shield; Phoenix, AZ at the Arizona Bank; Portland, OR at First Interstate Bank; Back to Phoenix at Motorola; Hoover, AL at AmSouth Bank (now Regions Bank); Seattle, WA at Washington Mutual Bank (now Chase Bank). The 2008 Housing bubble forced me into retirement. I moved back to Indiana and Earned an Associate's Degree in Fine Arts and a Certificate in Business Administration. If our finances hold out and my health permits, I plan to visit Pacific Grove in 2025. However, speaking of health, I need to inform as many people as I can that uncontrolled diabetes can result in damage to the kidneys that might lead to dialysis. About three years ago I started itching all over my back, down my arms, and in my scalp. When I reported this to my healthcare providers, they gave this information no importance. I believe that the itching should have caused special attention to my kidneys. If I had maintained control of my diabetes I might not be facing dialysis now. Kidney damage is unrepairable. Heed your symptoms and consult closely with your physician.

With love and devotion,
James Elbert Johnson, Jr. '62
Bowling Green, IN

Editor's note: See Jim's high school memories on p. 17!

Dear Beth,

Thank you for mailing your Reunion invitation to me in far away Australia. Were I to be in the U.S. in October, I would certainly attend. I have managed to attend two Reunions since graduating in 1963. Having left the U.S. in 1972 and having lived in Australia since 1975, it is rare that I am in the U.S. when you are having a Reunion. Nevertheless, I thank you for your invitation and I hope to attend another Reunion in the near future. I wish everyone at this year's Reunion well.

Regards,
Mike Davis '63
New South Wales

Obituaries

2022

- Apr. 1 25 Ellen *Dill*, '77, Elk Grove
Dec. 18 Carolyn *Brandt*, '49, Fairfield

2023

- Jan. 23 Don Campbell, '48, Corpus Christi, TX
Apr. 22 Steve Canada '59, unknown
Fall Joe Mata '73, unknown
Nov. 23 Eileen *Mumford* Godinez, '64, Richmond
Nov. 25 Joe Vital, '76, Pacific Grove
Dec. 9 Jon Pride, '64, Nashville, TN

2024

January

- Jan. 11 Ria *Langton* Turnbow, '66, St. Louis, MO

February

- Feb. 12 Danny Aiello, '59, Manteca

March

- Mar. 20 Shirley *Vining* Hudson, '44, Fresno
Mar. 31 Kenneth Murray, '82, Pacific Grove

April

- Apr. 3 Bill Riddell, '51, Del Rey Oaks
Apr. 9 Scott Hufford, '84, Palo Alto
Apr. 10 David Goff, '61, Newport Beach
Apr. 14 Jennifer *Lincoln* Jeska, '01, Pacific Grove

May

- May 25 Rita *Cotta* Chivers, '49, Pacific Grove
May 26 Al Edwards, '73, Pacific Grove

June

- Jun. 12 Barbara *Drakes* Stearns, '78, Eagle, ID

July

- Jul. 7 Donald Reed, FAC, Monterey



Ellen Marie *Dill* of the Class of '77 was born to Morris and Verna Dill on July 4, 1959, in Carmel. She passed away on April 25, 2022, in Elk Grove. Ellen attended Forest Grove, Pacific Grove Junior High School, P.G.H.S., MPC, and San Jose State. During high school and MPC she worked at Gianni's Pizza and Corral de Tierra Country Club. During college and after, Ellen worked at Chez Louis in Palo Alto. She then started working at Hewlett-Packard, where she stayed for 25 years. Ellen met Don Berridge at Chez Louis. They were married in 2001. They lived in Mountain View until 2003, when they moved to Valley Springs and then to Elk Grove in 2014. Ellen loved Don, her family, and her friends. She is survived by her husband Don, her sister Laurie *Dill* Wilson, brother Steve Dill, sister Sylvia Dill, nephews Jarrod and Chris Shively and Taylor Wilson, grand nephews Jordan and Jameson Shively, and grandniece Corinne Shively. Ellen was a fun, thoughtful, honest person who loved a good party and was excellent at throwing one. She will be missed by all who knew her.



Carolyn A. *Brandt* of Fairfield passed away December 18, 2022, at the age of 91. She was born December 13, 1931, in Monterey and grew up in P.G., graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1949. She later studied music at Macalister College, St. Paul, Minn. Carolyn worked many jobs; however, her main focus was her music. She was a professional pianist-organist and a music teacher most of her life. Her passion for music and entertaining was her life. She was a member of the Suisun Chapter OES in Fairfield and a Past Matron five times, and she was the organist for over 60 years for Eastern Star lodges. She was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Fairfield, where you would always see



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her greeting the handicapped patrons in the parking lot, offering smiles and humor, both before and after services. She was also a canvas painter (mainly houses she lived in, places she visited and family pet portraits). She wrote several books, including her own autobiography, and published four of her poems in the *Famous Poets Around the World* centennial volume in New York. Carolyn is preceded in death by her parents Raymond J. and Leafa M. Conway and her sister Arlene Woodford. She is survived by her son Ron Helwig and daughter Sherry Cavender, in addition to five grandchildren, Nick, Derek, Paul, Corey, and Brennan; five great-grandchildren, Briawna, Jayden, Cameron, Olive, and Brixton; and one great-great grandchild, Colten. Her ashes will be spread over her favorite Asilomar Beach per her wishes.



Donald E. Campbell

was born on October 3, 1930, in Monterey to Dorothy and Dwight Campbell. He passed away on January 5, 2023. Donald was born and raised on the Monterey Peninsula. He joined the United States Navy after graduating from P.G.H.S. in

1948; the attack on Pearl Harbor inspired him to serve his country. He met his wife of 64 years, Helen, while stationed in Pensacola, Fla. The Navy Choir joined Helen's Brewton, Ala., church choir for the 1954 Christmas performance and sang Handel's *Messiah*. Don and Helen made a great duet and married the following year. Don and Helen lived and grew their family of four children in various naval stations throughout the world before retiring from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer after twenty-seven years of service. Naval stations included Japan, Hawaii, and Guam before settling in Corpus Christi, Texas. Don was a founding member of 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 involved in other organizations, including Timon's Ministry, Texas Baptist Men, and the Optimist Club. Don was preceded

in death by his wife, parents, and brothers, Dick and Doug, and infant daughter, Dorothy. He leaves behind his sisters, Dee and Dorothy; 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.



Stephen Andrew Canada of the Class of '59 passed away on April 22, 2023. He was born on April 20, 1941, in Portland, Me., to Andrew and Hazel Canada. As Steve's father was in the Army, Steve and his family lived in Japan for several years and in Brooklyn, NY (twice). He first lived in P.G. when his

father attended the Army's Language School (now the DLI) at the Presidio of Monterey, learning to speak Portuguese. The family then moved back to Brooklyn until housing was available in Heidelberg, Germany, where they lived for a year before moving to Portugal for three years. From there, Steve and his family moved back to P.G., where he started P.G.H.S. as a junior and graduated with the Class of 1959. He then attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo for three years and then the University of Uppsala in Sweden, eventually earning a master's degree. Steve spent several years in England and France working and teaching. He eventually returned to the U.S., living first on the East Coast and then finally settling back in the California desert, where he wrote numerous books. Shortly before he passed away, the Library of Congress requested several of his books, which made him very happy. Steve is survived by his sister Sandra *Canada* Miklas '61,



brother-in-law Ray Miklas, and three nephews, Steve, Dave, and Dan Miklas.

Joe Mata of the Class of '73 passed away in the fall of 2023 in the Bay Area. We have no other information about his death; if you can help, please contact president@pghsaa.org.

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Eileen Mumford Godinez was born in Carmel on January 1, 1947, to Gene and Phyllis Mumford. She died peacefully at home in Richmond, from cancer, under hospice care, on November 17. Eileen was raised in P.G., graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1964, and then moved to Scotts Val-

ley to attend Bethany Bible College. After graduating from college, she began work at AAA in Santa Cruz and was transferred to AAA in San Francisco, where she worked until her retirement. She spent her vacations backpacking and camping in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and hiking in the Ventana Wilderness near Carmel Valley. She loved sailing in the bay whenever the opportunity arose, bicycling in the wine country, and camping in the state parks. Eileen liked to travel, spending time in Israel, Mexico, and New Zealand. After she moved to S.F., she met the love of her life. She and Fred Carlos Godinez married in August of 1996. They eventually moved to Richmond, where they both retired and continued to travel for many years. Eileen and Fred were active members of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. She was an accomplished pianist and played at many church services. After her outdoor activities were limited by cancer, she took up knitting. She became quite skilled, and received a Certificate of Excellence from the Knitting Guild Association. She also sponsored several charities on a regular basis. Eileen was predeceased by her parents, Gene and Phyllis Mumford and by her husband Fred Godinez. She is survived by her brothers

David and Phillip, her niece Jennifer, her nephew Robert, and greatniece Hazel.

Joe Silveira Vital, an avid fisherman and beloved Monterey Peninsula family man, died November 5, 2023, in P.G. Joe was much loved for his sincerity, wry humor,

wit, and genuine commitment to family and friends. Born on January 26, 1959, on the island of São Jorge, Azores, Portugal, Joe immigrated to P.G. with his family in 1971 when he was eleven, settling near Lov-ers Point. Joe loved the sea and fishing and was most content to be found with friends on a boat, angling for tuna, salmon, ling cod, or sea bass. Joe graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1976 and worked for the City of Pacific Grove for 35 years as a Street Department Supervisor. He is survived by his parents, Antonio and Maria Vital; his children, Victoria and Robert Vital; sisters Maria Taschner and Lina Vital; aunt and uncle Mary and Mario Souza; nieces Olivia Vital and Christina Roger; and nephew Rick Chasteen.



Jon Stephen Pride, an artist, writer, and adventurer in life, passed away December 9, 2023, in Nashville, Tenn. Stephen was born on August 25, 1946, the third of five sons born to Richard and Nadine Pride, in Hot Springs, Ark. Growing up in a military family, he lived in many places, ultimately graduating

from P.G.H.S. After a year at San Francisco State College, he moved to Tennessee, to be near family, and attended Memphis Art Academy. Always an adventurer, his spirit drew him back to San Francisco during the heyday of the 1960s. He then moved to Port Townsend, WA, where he completed an undergraduate degree at Evergreen College and did graduate work at the Leadership Institute of Seattle. In Washington, he spent several years as a Chemical Dependence Professional (CDP) and as an advocate in an agency working with child welfare cases, a job that tore at his generous and loving heart. Stephen brought his artistic talent to whatever he undertook. He was a visual artist, a poet and writer, an impressive hair stylist, a master of calligraphy, and designed artistic gift wrapping with a sharp awareness of fashion and interior design. Stephen's friendly and outgoing nature always brought him new friends, and his move to Nashville in 2003 was no exception. John Chambers and Robert Sirvio, in particular, became like extended family, providing love and support in numerous ways, including hosting



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the first of his two art shows in Nashville in 2005 and encouraging the second. It was through their efforts that Stephen became involved in Fifty Forward, where his social and writing skills were tapped. Stephen loved his animals — two horses and household pets in Washington and Penny, his little dog companion in Nashville for many years. Preceded in death by his parents and his brother Gary Owen, Stephen is survived by his brother Richard Alan, Kevin Lucas, David Wayne, and six nieces and nephews.



Maria "Ria" Lena Langton Turnbow, 75, of St. Louis, MO, passed away unexpectedly on January 11 in St. Louis, MO. Ria was born on August 27, 1948, to the late Warren Langton and Lena Grolimund Langton in Regensburg, Germany, while her father was serving there in the U.S Army. She gradu-

ated from P.G.H.S. in 1966 after stays in Seattle and Waynesville, MO, and then earned an AA at MPC and a BA in early childhood development at Pacific Oaks College. She always considered P.G. to be her true home, and she loved it dearly. Although Ria and Jerry had no children of their own, she was the beloved "TiaRia" to several generations of nieces and nephews on both sides of their families. Ria obtained an AA in general studies at MPC. She then spent a year at San Francisco State University (preschool education and social studies), and finally two years at Pacific Oaks College, earning a BA in early childhood development. She worked for the VA in Oregon and Texas as a Personnel Specialist and then moved to the VA St. Louis in 1987. Ria danced and played the clarinet and both the electric bass and the upright bass, accompanying herself by singing, in a neighborhood band. She was also a line dancer and loved to travel. She sponsored several children through the World Vision Organization, donated frequently to social and environmental causes, and helped friends with rides, moral and sometimes financial support, and guidance whenever the need arose. She was a good friend to others.

Ria is survived by her husband of nearly 34 years and partner for 36 years, Gerald "Jerry" Turnbow of St. Louis; her brother Delmar; her sister Erin Langton Field, and numerous cousins, nephews, and nieces along the western coast from California to Oregon to Washington state to Alaska.



Danny Aiello, age 83, passed away February 12, 2024 in Manteca. He was born on May 22, 1940, in P.G. and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1959. He had lived in Manteca for the last 58 years. Danny's life was centered around his

family and friends. Danny looked forward to family gatherings, annual reunions, casino trips and his weekly poker games. He could usually be found near a TV watching sports, especially his favorite, college football. He will be greatly missed by Lorelei, his wife of 63 years; daughters Danette and Debbie; five grandchildren, Jamie Michael, Nicole, Stephanie, and David; eight great-grandchildren, Lea, Landon Danniella, Katelynn, Cameryn, Ellie, Max, and Luca, one remaining sister, Virginia Sheriff. He is predeceased by sisters Mary Dempsey, Peggy Strouse and Jennie Magretto; brothers Frank and Albert and parents Nino and Lenarda Aiello.



Shirley Vining Hudson was born in 1925 and passed away on March 20. She graduated from P.G.H.S. with the Class of '44. Her children chose not to compose an obituary.

Kenneth Raye Murray was born in Monterey on February 11, 1964, one of seven children. He was

known as Franco by family members and as Kenny by friends and other family members. He grew up in P.G. where he attended school and graduated from P.G.H.S. with the class of 1982. He attended Andersonville Theological Seminary. Kenneth would go on

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to become an assistant football coach at P.G.H.S. and later coach football at RLS. He possessed a zeal for the welfare and direction of the youth in his community and also worked at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School. He was called to the ministry in May, 1992, under the Pastorate of Rev. G. E. Hooks, Pastor of

Community Baptist Church in P.G. While there he served as Co-Pastor from 2001-2004. He was later installed as Pastor of Community Missionary Baptist Church, where he served faithfully until December 2008. He was later called back to Community Baptist as Interim Pastor. Rev. Murray was then installed as the under-shepherd at Ocean View Baptist Church of Seaside in 2015. Throughout his life he attended Bay Area Wide District Associations, along with various workshops and seminars. His love for the Pittsburgh Steelers was unshakeable; however, his love for his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was unbreakable. Pastor Murray was preceded in death by his father, Forrest Murray; his sister Patricia; and his adopted brother Gary (Pancho) Mitchell. He is survived by his wife Bridgette; daughters Latoya and Shana; nieces Catina and Vantoinette; grandsons Zechariah, Zuriel, and Zavan; his beloved wife Earnie Lee Murray; his brothers Forrest and Frederick; sisters Carolyn, Charlene, and Paula; and in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, greatnephews, and friends. He also leaves behind his Church family, Ocean View Baptist Church.



Lawrence William (Bill) Riddell, age 90, of Del Rey Oaks, passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on April 3. Bill was born in Manteca in 1933, and grew up in P.G., where he formed many life-long friendships. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1951. A Korean War veteran, he served in the Navy in the Pacific. He

became an early software pioneer, first employed as a

computer programmer for Stanley Aviation, and then working in computer hardware sales for NCR in Denver. He founded his own software company, Softpack, in the 1970s in Fort Collins, CO. He would reside in Colorado for many years, later employed in the banking industry, and becoming an avid skier, hunter, fisherman, and outdoorsman. He volunteered with the Colorado Ski Patrol and helped establish PARTNERS, a youth mentoring program in Fort Collins. Earning his private pilot's license, he delighted in flying Cessna aircraft in the western states and Alaska, honing an expertise in mountain flying. Bill returned to his Monterey Peninsula roots in the 1980s and became active in the local chapter of Lions Club International where he once served as president. He also enjoyed playing golf at local courses where he previously caddied as a teenager, including Pebble Beach. Bill loved football, rooting in equal measure for the San Francisco 49ers and the Denver Broncos. With his wife, Donna, he enjoyed traveling with regular visits to their vacation spot in Genoa, Nev., and trips to Europe and the western states. A storyteller by nature, he liked to find the humor in daily living and leaned toward positive outcomes in life situations. Bill is survived by his wife of nearly 25 years, Donna, his son David, and his wife, Lucille, of Punta Gorda, FL, his son, Steven, and his wife, Jan, of Fort Collins, Colo., as well as two grandsons, Benjamin and Jonathan, and five great-grandchildren.



Scott Charles Hufford was born on December 9, 1965, in Carmel. He passed away on April 9 in Palo Alto at the age of 58. He was a beloved son, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. Scott's journey through life was marked by a vibrant personality that lit up every room that he entered.

Described as charming, charismatic, and a man with a big heart, his presence left an impression on all who knew him. Remembered fondly as a man of many talents, Scott's career was vast. Following a childhood in P.G., he left home for the minor leagues the day after he graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1984 and played

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ball for four years for the Philadelphia Phillies and the Detroit Tigers. Next, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in Sociology from California State University at Chico, and then completed the Police Academy at MPC. He served 27 years with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, where he became a Sergeant. He was a true hero and received a commendation for his bravery. He is remembered as a sportsman who liked fishing and relished an annual golf trip with his buddies, as a companion who cooked gourmet meals and enjoyed spending time with his dear friend Jenny Angier, and as a man who cherished quality time with his loved ones. Scott is survived by his parents, Charles and Nancy Hufford; his children Joshua, Jessica, and Jenna; grandson Kauakea; and former wife Kristi Hufford. He also leaves behind his brother Brian and nephews William and Nathan, as well as many beloved family and friends. Scott was predeceased by grandparents, Loneta and Odell Nash, Elsie and Charles "Dana" Hufford, and his uncle, Philip Nash (yr). Scott will be remembered as a hero for his life of service, and as a man of faith that began with his membership of the First Baptist Church of Monterey throughout his childhood. He will be cherished by all who have loved him, and he will be remembered for a life well-lived.



David Goff was born in Dallas, Tex., to Walter and Mildred (Essington) Goff. A member of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1961, Dave dropped out of high school and enlisted in the US Navy because they would feed him. He served from 1961 to 1965. He joined Hughes Aircraft Company in Culver City and worked there until

1975 while pursuing a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering beginning at Santa Monica City College and continuing on to USC. He always chuckled that his 1st semester at SMCC he was on probation because he didn't have a high school diploma and on the Honor Roll because of his grades. Dave met his wife Jeri at Hughes and in 1975 they took off for a planned year

long journey in their van. The trip ended early in 8 months due to lack of funds and they rented a house in Newport Beach which they purchased in 1977. Dave was interested in Newport Beach's government and was appointed to the planning commission in 1982. In 1984 he ran for City Council but lost to the incumbent. Dave was proud to be on the board of Speak Up Newport (SUN) for many years. He started a small manufacturing business, Comstar Industries, in the 80's which he retired from in 2018. He was very proud of the business and the employees, many of whom he considered good friends. Dave leaves behind his wife Jeri, with whom he spent 50 wonderful years; his brother Ron; sisters Dianne and Rebecca; plus numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and Charlotte, his great-great-niece whom he never met.



Jennifer Marie Lincoln
Jeska passed away on April 14. Jennifer attended P.G. schools, graduating from P.G.H.S. in 2001, and then graduated from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, where she earned her degree and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. Professionally, Jennifer was dedicated and driven in her profession as

a teacher; her creativity and love for reading were admired by her colleagues and served as an inspiration to many of her students. In 2022, she became a Realtor, which allowed her more time with her family. She was a devoted wife to her husband Kasey, and a loving mother to her two beautiful children, Andrew and Hannah. Jennifer was preceded in death by her father, Charles, paternal grandparents Chuck and Dorothy Lincoln, and her maternal grandfather Fred D. Hardee, Sr. She is survived by her husband Kasey; her children Andrew and Hannah; her mother Debby Beck; her siblings Ryan, Ashley, Kyle, and Shianne; all her nieces, nephews, cousins, uncles, aunts and maternal Nana and Nanu Etta and Benny Balistreri; and a large community of friends. Jennifer's bright spirit and loving nature will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

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Rita Cotta Chivers passed away peacefully on May 25 at the age of 92. She was 92. She was born Rita Lucille Cotta in Tipton, the daughter of Azorean immigrants, and along with her sister and five brothers was raised on a Central Valley dairy farm. She and her family moved to P.G. when she was a teen, and she graduated from P.G.H.S. with

the Class of '49. In P.G. she met John L. Chivers; they were married from 1949 until his death in 1995. She was a long-time parishioner of St. Angela's Church. Mrs. Chivers is survived by her three children, Suzanne, John, and Thomas; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



Forrest Alan "Al" Edwards of P.G. passed away May 26 at the age of 68. Al spent his early years in San Diego, then in his teen years moved to the Monterey Bay, where he spent the remainder of his life, graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1973. A man of diverse passions, Al will be lovingly remembered by his family, friends, and commu-

nity. Al loved few things more than his son, Daniel, and fishing. The passion endured throughout his life, with Al spending countless hours on the Monterey Bay fishing for Salmon and other fish. He relished sharing this joy by teaching Daniel how to fish from an early age. Al's son Daniel was the brightest light in his life. He spent many hours watching Daniel play baseball. In his later years, Al and Daniel worked together doing concrete. Al loved teaching Daniel, and cherished watching his achievements, and spending the time together. In his professional life, Al was a highly skilled airplane mechanic and concrete professional. His meticulous attention to detail, problem-solving abilities, and strong work ethic drove his career until the very end. Al took immense pride in his craftsmanship,

whether it was repairing an aircraft or constructing the perfect patio from bare ground. Beyond his career, Al was always willing to help family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers. He could repair just about anything, and often spent hours working on various home projects. Once he had an idea for a project in his mind, it had to be *completed*. Al is survived by his beloved son Daniel Edwards, daughter-in-law Ali Edwards, his brothers Danny and Ron Edwards, and numerous extended family members and friends. A celebration of Al's life will be held on July 28, 2024, at 3:00 at 514 Park St. in P.G. All are welcome to share memories and stories of this remarkable man--a loving father, skilled tradesman, and avid fisherman whose spirit will be deeply missed yet forever cherished.



Barbara Lenore Drakes Sterns, 64, passed away peacefully on June 12 after a brief illness. She was born to Thomas and Claudine Drakes on February 20, 1960, in Monterey. Barbara attended St. Angela Merici Grammar School in P.G. until it closed and then transferred to Pacific Grove Middle School, graduating

from P.G.H.S. in 1978. At her 20-year high school reunion, Barbara became reacquainted with a former classmate, Tom Sterns. Tom and Barbara were married the following year. While raising her son, Kyle, and creating a warm home environment with Tom, Barbara enjoyed a 28-year career with the City of Monterey Parks Department. Her co-workers were her extended family, and she was a long-standing parishioner at St. Angela Merici Church in P.G. Shortly after retiring in 2016, Barbara and Tom relocated to Eagle, Ida., where Barbara spent her retirement years mastering her artistic skills with water colors. She also worked part-time at Basalite Concrete Products in Meridian, ID. She enjoyed long walks along the Boise Greenbelt, overnight adventures to explore new towns and trying eateries and pubs throughout the area. Barbara also developed a fascination with the many birds in the area. Barbara lived her Christian faith with a wonderful balance of warmth, meekness and humility, but was quick to laugh and had a sense of humor that endeared her to

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both friends and family. Barbara is survived by her husband Tom Sterns; son Kyle Nishida; step-daughter Elizabeth; two step-grandchildren, Jordan and Peyton; ten brothers and sisters: Robert, Cathy, Thomas, Sally, Claudia, Janet, William, Paul, Peggy, and Peter, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Thomas; mother Claudine; sister Maureen Molloy; brother Richard; and brother-in-law Michael Bramkamp.



Donald B. Reed passed away July 7 at age 86. He is survived by his long-time partner Horst Mieth, sons Nathan and Hansen, and grandchildren Eva, Isabel, Emily, and Mason. His wife, Helen Speakman Reed, predeceased him in 2011. Don was born in L.A., and his parents Howard Lyman Reed and Philomene Chandler Reed

relocated with Don's siblings Philomene, Jason, and Christine to Monterey in 1952. He attended Monterey Union High School, where he lettered in swimming and played flute alongside Helen in the band. He graduated from high school in 1955. Following a year at MPC, Don attended and graduated from UCLA. He returned to the Monterey Peninsula and taught chemistry at P.G.H.S. for over a decade and was the 1968 Senior Class Advisor. In the early 1970s, Don and Helen moved to Riverside, where Don pursued a doctorate in Education. In 1977, the family relocated to Pullman, WA, where he took a tenured teaching position, leading to a long career at Washington State University. For many years, he was also the master set builder and lighting maestro for all of Helen's many Pullman High School Drama Class productions. He returned with Helen to Monterey after retirement and cared for her through her long battle with cancer. After Helen's death, Don moved to Del Mesa Carmel, where he resided with Horst. In retirement, Don was an avid skier and loved to travel, and over the years, he visited Ukraine, Taiwan, Japan, and Spain with Helen. Later, he traveled with Horst to Austria, Germany, France, Greece, Japan, China, Thailand, Australia, and New

Zealand. Don especially liked to spend time at Puamana in Lahaina, HI, while enjoying tropical sunsets and pu-pus with friends, old and new. Don was proud of many things in his life, but none more than the Camp Quien Sabe (CQS) legacy he and Helen helped create. This overnight youth camping program of the City of Monterey continues today. Don was an original counselor in 1952 and later in 1968 he and Helen began co-directing CQS at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and later at Toro Park. While Don's last summer directing CQS was in 1976, the Reed family continued the lifelong staff connection to CQS through the summer of 2019.

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Class of 1973 Annual Reunion

Friday, October 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Beth's house, 514 Park St., P.G. Other classes are welcome.

March with us in the Butterfly Parade Saturday morning!

Also join us for the annual PGHSAA Dinner at the Elks Club on the 5th. Only \$65 per person; register for the dinner at

www.pghsaa.org or use the form on p. 22.

We hope to see you at all three events!

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Special Invitation to Our Annual Alumni Dinner

by Victoria Samora Phillips '64

Consider this a special invitation to attend the Saturday, October 5, Annual Dinner/Dance at the Monterey Elks Club for all who attended Pacific Grove District Schools. The Events Committee wants to make it clear that we have expanded our invitation to include all of those who attended the Pacific Grove Schools, and that ***you don't have to be a PGHSAA member to attend!***

Also, we've spoken to a number of people who think this is a formal occasion; some people come casual and some come otherwise, so ***no "dressing up" is required.*** Our goal is camaraderie and to have a great time visiting with classmates and friends and to renew acquaintances. Yes, to talk about the past, but also to talk about what is going on now.

Each year your Events Committee has made improvements to our gathering, and people have shared a good time with each other.

If members of your class would like to be seated together, just let us know in advance and we'll set up a special table or tables. We understand many of the classes are celebrating reunions Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the first weekend of October this year, and we'd love to see you at our Saturday night event. ***The cost is just \$65 per person for a steak dinner, music, and dancing.*** And your class doesn't have the burden of finding a venue, choosing a menu, and taking reservations!

Use the registration form on p. 22 of this issue or go to our website for further info and to register: <https://www.pghsaa.org>. Please share this information with classmates and other P.G. friends who attended P.G. schools. Please get your reservation in as soon as possible, as we can accommodate only 160 people.

Questions? Committee Chairs: Katie Samora Henden '68, kthenden@gmail.com, or Victoria Samora Phillips '64, victoriaphillips72@gmail.com.

At right: attendees Ruth McKinney Nye, Linda Herd Colvin, Sue Cronk Miller, and Luane McCartney McGowen, all Class of '68, reunite for a good time at the 2023 Annual Reunion. Photo by Victoria Samora Phillips '64.

The Class of 1984

plans a multi-year 40th reunion and invites the classes of '82 and '83.

More info: Kathleen Lesch Beach,

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or visit the Class of 1984's Facebook page.

The Class of 1969's 55th Reunion

October 3, 4, 5

More info: Julie Hingtgen Campbell

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The Class of 1962's 62nd Reunion

October 8 & 9, Pacific Grove

More info: Roger Magyar

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PGHS Class of '74 50th Class Reunion

Friday, Sept 6:

Ice Breaker, Mark Elstob's home, P.G.

Saturday, Sept 7:

Dinner, The Grill at Pt. Pinos, P.G.

For more info as details are determined,

<https://www.classcreator.com/Pacific-Grove-CA-1974/>

Or Teri Kier: kuhlej@prodigy.net

Class of 1973: See the facing page!



2024 PGHSAA Scholarships

By Lillian Griffiths '70

This year, scholarship committee members Cate Goblirsch Lee '94, teachers Katie Selfridge and Laura Lea Gaona, and Lillian Griffiths '70 read through all applications from P.G.H.S. seniors. We awarded nineteen scholarships in addition to our Richard Reynolds Science and Technology award, which amounts to more than \$30,000 to college-bound Breakers. As college expenses rise, we see more students in real need of assistance. You can help by donating to our scholarship fund. You can add to an existing scholarship, create one of your own, or make a donation to the alumni scholarship fund. Most of our awards are for \$1000. Some of our longstanding scholarships have ended, and some of our past graduating classes have helped us fill the void. Many thanks to the Cool and Nifty Class of '60, the Class of '68, the Class of '71, and the Class of '73. We also received a generous four-year scholarship from Hank Garcia '57. The committee hopes we will be able to award even more scholarships in the future. President Beth Penney awarded the scholarships at the annual Honors Night at the high school in May. Questions about scholarships can be sent to Lillian Griffiths at our P.O. Box or email griffdragon52@gmail.com.

The 2024 Awards

PGHSAA Scholarships (\$1,000 each):

Hailie Atkinson plans to attend UC Berkeley this fall, where she will major in English and computer science. She intends to enter the field of either UX Design or publishing.

Nico Coatu will major in mechanical engineering at Oregon State University this fall. He plans to work in manufacturing and create projects for combating climate change and approaching sustainability.

Emily Keller will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall. She plans to be a published novelist and a university professor of English.

Izzy Kraft plans to attend the University of California at San Diego to study environmental science, with the goal of working in the field of environmental policy.

Kyle Lavin will attend Sonoma State this fall, where he plans to major in history. After graduation, he would like to become a history teacher or work for a major-league sports team.

Rylee Sakakihara will major in environmental science at UC Riverside.

Shayla Sanchez plans to attend MPC to major in kinesiology; she eventually plans to work as a physical therapist.

*2024 PGHSAA scholarship award winners with, far right, PGHSAA President Beth Penney '73 and, at far left with their scholarship winner, the Class of 1960's Patty Fifer Kieffer and Marabee Rush Boone. Photo by Charlie Kieffer.
See next page for more photos from the Awards Night Ceremony at the high school.*



Scholarships cont.

Erin Shoemaker will attend UC Santa Cruz this fall, where she plans to major in community studies. After college, she wants to use her degree to focus on social justice work and on assessing strategies for achieving social change.

Jennifer Thompson is still considering whether she will attend the University of the Pacific or a community college. She plans to major in computer science and hopes to travel after graduation and before she starts her career.

PGHSAA Fine Arts Scholarship (\$1,000):

Evan Conneau plans to study studio arts at MPC this fall.

Cool and Nifty Class of '60 Scholarship (\$1,060):

Baba Eren will attend MPC to study engineering, with a goal of working as a civil engineer.

Class of 1968 Scholarship (\$1,968):

Asher Nelson plans to attend Cabrillo College, where he will major in the arts. He hopes to travel, and to dance professionally.

Class of 1971 Scholarship (\$1,071):

Dayci Dishny is a vocalist who plans to study music education and eventually work as a choral educator or a speech/language pathologist. She will attend UC Davis in the fall.

Class of 1973 Scholarship (\$1,000):

Caitlin Brophy will attend CSU Long Beach this fall, where she will major in mechanical engineering. Her goal is to work for an engineering design team or in project management.

Ada Eleanor Smith Scholarship (\$1,000):

Mary Lowen will attend San Diego State University, where she will study computer science.

Beverly Wilson Stillwell '49 Scholarship (\$1,000):

Patricia Lara-Contreras plans to attend MPC, where she will major in medical assisting, with a goal of working in the health care industry.

Tommy Stillwell '74 Scholarship (\$1,000):

Sasha Adams plans to attend MPC and major in biology, with a career goal of becoming a marine biologist.

Richard Reynolds '57 Science and Technology Scholarship (\$9,000):

Mason Pick plans to attend UC Santa Cruz this

fall. He intends to major in robotics engineering and pursue a career in mechanical engineering.

Hank Garcia '57 Athletic Scholarship (\$1,000):

Sean Perkins plans to attend MPC to study kinesiology and then transfer to CSUMB.

Class of '68 Scholarship

This is a special message to the members of the P.G.H.S. class of '68. In May we proudly awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$1,968 to a deserving graduate of P.G.H.S. Congratulations to Asher! Help us ensure our amazing Class of '68 scholarship donations keep coming in for years. Through your previous generosity and after passing the "donations box" at our reunion last October, we have made this scholarship happen for the past two years. Let's keep it moving forward!

Here's how: Donate with your credit card online at www.pghsaa.org; click on "Contributions" and check the Class of '68 Scholarship box. Or, mail a check payable to PGHSAA with the same information in the memo line to PGHSAA at the address on the masthead. Indicate if your contribution is In Memory Of a classmate or faculty member.

We look forward to hearing from you and are grateful that you have taken the time to consider donating to our scholarship.

Sincerely, The Class of '68 Scholarship Committee



15 Stacey Souders, Betsy Urnes, and Asher Nelson pose with the Class of '68 scholarship winner, Asher Nelson.

P.G. High School News

The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) recently awarded scholarships to 15 graduating high school seniors in Monterey County. **Grant Stapleton** and **Dayci Dishny** from P.G.H.S. were two of the recipients. Other recipients were from Salinas, Alisal, Carmel, Monterey, North Monterey County, North

Salinas, and Watsonville,

The Arts Council also named **Maram Haddad**, left, a junior at P.G.H.S., as the 2024-25 Monterey County Youth Poet Laureate. Starting in May, Haddad will



serve a one-year term where she will participate in various county events promoting poetry and literacy and receive an honorarium of \$1,000.

In sports, **Savannah Hardy** of P.G.H.S. was a member of *The Herald's* All-County Softball team. **Isis Turner** and **Alex Giammanco** of P.G.H.S. were runners-up. In baseball, **Brody Edmonds** of P.G.H.S. received honorable mention from *The Herald*.

And in the FIRST® Robotics competition March 27-30 in Seaside, Team 5104, the **P.G.H.S. Breaker-Bots**, were ranked 22 with a record of 7-10-0, winning the award of **regional finalists**. FIRST® is a nonprofit organization "that prepares young people for the future through life-changing youth robotics programs that build skills, confidence, and resilience."

Another team of P.G.H.S. students won the **grand prize** in May in a competition sponsored by the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation. This event "challenges students to think creatively as they develop autonomous solutions, focusing on water quality monitoring during floods or ocean and atmospheric measurements during storms," according to the NPGS website. The P.G.H.S. entry was called the Storm-Chaser Sentry. It was designed to take atmospheric and ocean measurements during storms. Congratulations to all of these 2024 P.G.H.S. students!

P.G. Memories

by **Sheryl Markham Smith '78**

I would like to echo Phil Bowhay's spiritual appreciation for our beloved hometown ("Classic Bowhay," Spring 2024 issue). There is a magic about the place that I have not found elsewhere.

I enjoyed the walk down memory lane and while I am quite a bit younger than Phil, many of his memories are mine as well. For fun, I thought I would add some of my favorite memories to the list:

Hanging out in George Washington Park, pretending it was a huge forest and making cave-like dens in the mounds of thorny vines.

After Robert H. Down let out for the day, walking downtown to my mom's office to hang out. On the way, I'd stop at Holman's and get a huge dill pickle from the barrel in the deli on the bottom floor.

Walking the mile to the beach at Lovers Point, toting our blow-up rafts and floats, playing all day in the sand and sea, and then calling one of our parents to pick us up only to be told "You got yourself down there, you can get yourself home." We'd grumble and slowly climb the hill, dropping sand as we went, and although exhausted we'd do it again the next day.

Attending Open House at Hopkins Marine Station seeing the wonderful and odd creatures they had collected and getting a taste of seaweed from our very own Bay. I remember being horrified to discover the large number of favorite foods that contained seaweed and wondered if I could still enjoy them knowing this.

As I grew, we did crazy things like traipse through the storm drain from the Bay to the high school. During summer days, we'd head to the arcade in the spaghetti place on Cannery Row and play games until our quarters ran out.

A little older and little crazier, we explored the husks of the great canneries, playing hide and seek with the security guards, and other groups of teens doing their own exploring. My grandfather helped design, build, and maintain some of the equipment that steamed the cans, so I found these times especially interesting. Those steam rooms were huge with massive iron doors.

Who remembers the diving bell at Fisherman's Wharf? I loved sitting on the floor of the Bay and seeing under the wharf, fascinated by all of the little

Memories, cont.

creatures that attached themselves to the posts holding up the wharf. While I'm under the wharf, I'll throw in the summer school class trips to low tide under the wharf and being chased by the king crabs. Those things can move!

What fun we had. We didn't know how idyllic it was, but I'm so glad we can appreciate it now.

A Graduation Story

by Jim Johnson '62



Jim and Robin at the Peninsula Baptist Church

In 1962 my girlfriend was Roberta Melsome, nicknamed Robin. Jerry Williams graduated in my class of 1962. He was 21 years old. I don't know how that was possible, but he was happy and said he would get us anything we wanted. I said I had never had pink champagne. He got some for us and I

hid it under the front seat of my car.

The parents of the graduating class pooled their funds and put together a "senior all night" party. I drove my car to pick up Robin and then we went to the first stop. The festivities started at Hotel San Carlos where we enjoyed dancing and hors d'oeuvre. Sometime after midnight we went to the Steinbeck Theater on Cannery Row, where we watched a Lil' Abner movie. Next it was breakfast at the Asilomar Conference Center. On the way we parked at the beach to make out and have our champagne. Of course by that time the bubbly was warm, and when I uncorked it exploded forth. In panic I put my thumb over it to try and stop it. That only made things worse. The champagne sprayed all over the windshield and Robin's dress. We had a sip and then it was time to go to breakfast.

We got to the conference center and got in line. We dished up our breakfast and sat and ate our food. We socialized a little and then I drove Robin home at about 7:00 am.

I walked her to the door and Mrs. Melsome met us at the door. She had called my parents because she was afraid for me to drive to my house after being out all night. My parents and I had moved to Marina on the other side of Fort Ord. Mrs. Melsome had prepared the guest room for me.

I got up in the morning and we said our goodbyes and I drove home. This is the first time I have mentioned the champagne.

After I went to college, I never saw Robin again. I wonder what happened to her.

Remembering Dave Allen

by Bob Crispin '63

The photo on the back of the Spring *Knockout II* of the snow on the library was taken by Dave Allen '62. He became well known in P.G. as a photographer and was a close buddy at MPC. Here he is at MPC doing a silly skit, the two of us at an MPC photo show, and Dave at Laguna Seca. Dave passed away in 1979.



Classic Bowhay

All cities, towns, and villages have their own sets of sounds. Not like a thumbprint, exactly, but when you work up in the morning and heard the soft, sonorous sibilance of the surf, or the low moaning of the fog horn, or the ringing of the bell buoy, you remembered you were back home in Pacific Grove.

In Monterey it was the gulls, and in the good old days, the cannery whistles. In Carmel, of course, there were the mission and monastery bells on Sunday morning.

This is all well and good, but without some punctuation, you might have thought yourself in Santa Cruz or Santa Clara. Our punctuation was the fire horn.

Mounted on top of City Hall, which was also the fire station and police department in those days, it was part of our identity, our heritage, and our signature sound, unlike anything else in Western civilization. It was harsh and raucous, insistent and serious in intent. Its primary purpose was to alert and call the volunteer firemen, day or night, rain or shine. During World War II, it called us all to air raid and/or blackout drills, and that is another story.

Noon, every day, was announced with two blasts: Twelve o'clock, Nellie! We've made it through another day!"

It was always exciting for out-of-town guests to hear it for the first time. Some thought it woke the dead and killed the living. Not true, of course, but I'll tell you this: Damn few pigeons or gulls stayed on City Hall.

It must be recalled that in those days the Rec Center, a high school hangout, was on Forest Avenue, right across from City Hall. One moonlit night a friend of mine was dancing—"String of Pearls"—with a pretty little honey from Chowchilla, Sweet 16 and all the rest. They stepped outside for a breath of air, and he asked if he could kiss her. Unable to speak, she nodded yes, and as he planted his lips to hers, the horn, maybe 50 feet away and heard 50 miles away, blew!

At first, trembling in his awkward grasp, she thought that sound, which indeed did shake her teeth, was part of the kissing experience. At the second and third blast, however—there was a house fire down by Caledonia Park—she realized this was *God!* She burst into tears and did not kiss again until her freshman

year at San Jose State.

The horn was part of the fine volunteer tradition in Pacific Grove. We all had posted in our homes the code telling us the approximate location of the fire. "One, One, Three," Forest and Lighthouse, and there was a chalkboard in front of the station with the address of the blaze.

Most of us are pulled to witness the drama of a fire, even firemen off duty. My dad, and Brooks, both firemen, were the first out the door, followed by me, Mike, Shirley, and Tom, Dad calling, "Let's see if they can save the lot!" (Fireman humor.) Often false alarms, but the two world-class blazes, Pacific Grove High School and the Grove Theater, are never to be forgotten.

Having drifted away from the sounds of the "Last Hometown," best now to point out that the horn is gone, with other means at hand to call the ladies. And 12 o'clock noon is now verified by the chimes, which sometimes causes a visiting matron from Chowchilla to smile—and that, too, is another story.

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Phil Bowhay '47 wrote a column about his memories of growing up in Pacific Grove for the Monterey Herald for many years. Phil passed away in 2020.

While this article isn't about our foghorn, it starts and ends with that memory. The foghorn has only recently been memorialized with a plaque on a rock across from the foghorn's location, above. The plaque reads "Point Pinos Fog Signals, 1925-1993. It was in this area that the first electric siren began operating in 1925. It was followed in 1945 by a foghorn which provided an audible warning of rocks and other dangers to shipping. The last signal was deactivated in 1993." See the next page for more changes at Point Pinos. Photo by Beth Penney.





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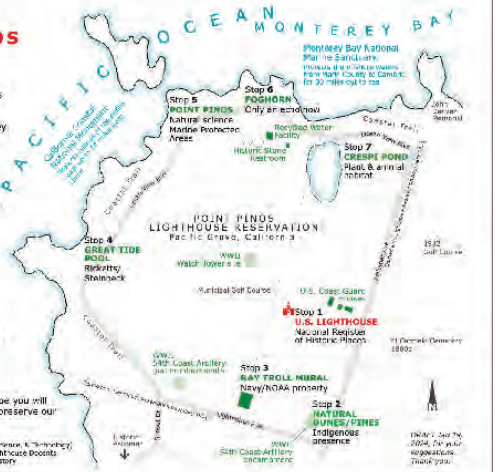
One of the most historically significant and beautiful areas in the state, this rocky coast with rolling dunes at the southern entrance to Monterey Bay has long been a source for scenic life research and artistic expression.

We acknowledge the special character of this land with thousands of years of Indigenous history and, since the 1800s, waves of Spanish, Mexican, and American immigrants.

In 1851, the U.S. Federal Government set aside 25 acres as the Point Pinos Lighthouse Reservation to be forever protected and reserved from sale. A 150L addition made it 122 acres.

Experience its magic on this self-guided tour starting at the Lighthouse.

See back of map for details.



Thank you for visiting. We hope you will want to learn more and help preserve our natural and cultural history.

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At left, two new plaques at Point Pinos that outline the changes made to the area's walking trail and parking. According to the second plaque, "Portions of the trail and parking areas, and even sections of the adjacent Ocean View Blvd., are expected to erode into the sea in the next 30 years. In response, the City of Pacific Grove developed a strategy that calls for gradually moving the trails and parking areas away from the shoreline as it erodes over time." Photos by Beth Penney. Above, a map from the website pointpinoslighthouse.org, listing all of the notable sites on Point Pinos; the legend to the map can be seen on the site. Below, your editor is taking an adult-school swimming class at the P.G.H.S. pool and was able to get a photo of the record board. Note the records still held by Brian Williams '90 and the '88 and '89 relay teams. Photo by Beth Penney

PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL			
VARSITY GIRLS		EVENTS	
2018	23.79	50 FREE	BRIAN WILLIAMS
2019	52.83	100 FREE	BRIAN WILLIAMS 21.96 1990
2015	1:58.00	200 FREE	BRIAN WILLIAMS 47.31 1990
2015	5:03.70	500 FREE	BRIAN WILLIAMS 1:38.69 1990
2017	1:03.03	100 BACK	JACKSON KLARSFELD 4:30.30 1990
2019	1:08.41	100 BREAST	JACKSON KLARSFELD 54.70 2017
2017	1:00.01	100 FLY	JACKSON KLARSFELD 58.98 2017
2019	2:15.51	200 IM	JACKSON KLARSFELD 52.36 2017
2009	403.05	DIVING HIGH POINT	ROSS BULLINGTON 1:54.11 2017
2018	143.31	200 FREE RELAY	ERICHARD PEDRAN, KENI SCHWELZ, CHRISTIAN CUELLAR, GAVIN HUNTER 1:38.73 2023
1989	4:00.08	400 FREE RELAY	BRIAN WILLIAMS, SHEP LAPPAS, BRAD SCHAFER, PAUL SENO 3:27.09 1988
2017	2:02.88	200 MEDLEY RELAY	KRIS KEMASERMAN, THE OLYMPIAN, RUSSELL BRUSSERMAN, SAKRA SCHWENK 1:48.60 2005
HOME OF THE BREAKERS			

'22 Grad Signs with U of Memphis

By John Devine

Cy Turner's path to college baseball was unorthodox, filled with unforeseen barriers that left the '22 P.G.H.S. grad without a place to play baseball during



his senior year. Clearing those hurdles with two productive springs at MPC warranted attention, yet not necessarily what Turner, pictured at left in his Lobos uniform, had hoped for — at least in the beginning. That is until recruiters at the University of Memphis stopped by to look at a teammate of Turner's.

"One of the comments by the recruiter on his

visit was 'why didn't you tell us about your third baseman?'" said Turner's dad Jared. "It validated his work." Turner signed with the U of M Tigers in May.

When California shut down high school sports in 2020-2021 because of the pandemic, Turner and his dad moved to Kansas, where he played baseball during his junior season in 2021. With students returning to the classroom in California full-time for the 2021-22 school year, the Turners decided to move back to P.G. so he could play with his twin brother for his senior year. However, because the move wasn't deemed a family move, and it was the second move within a school year, the Central Coast Section ruled Turner ineligible to play baseball, ending his high school career. "I put that in the rearview mirror for the most part," Turner said. "I wasn't going to let it affect who I am. It served as motivation. I never thought that I was done playing baseball."

What Turner wanted to accomplish during his two seasons at MPC was improve his confidence at the plate, while making up for a year of inactivity. He's used those seasons to add muscle to a 6-foot-3 frame, climbing to 185 pounds, while making countless trips to the batting cage. "I was worried (being ruled ineligible) would prevent Cy from achieving his ultimate goal of playing at the highest level," said Jared Turner.

"It ended up working out."

While injuries cut into Turner's spring, the left-handed slugger still drove in 35 runs in 38 games for the Lobos, compiling a .380 on-base percentage with four homers. His patience at the plate saw Turner draw 22 walks — second on the team. He also stole 12 of 15 bases and compiled a .938 fielding percentage at the hot spot. "He was up and down this spring at the plate," said Jared Turner. "But Cy had big moments in front of schools and college recruiters."

"Other than taking a couple of pictures of Graceland, I know little about Memphis," Turner said. "Recruiters came to recruit a couple of our guys. I became one of them." So it will be sight unseen when Turner arrives in the fall. "The main thing was probably feeling more comfortable as a hitter in the box," Turner continued. "I could pick and choose a lot of things that I've improved upon. But that's what stood out to me."

Having displayed more power at the plate, Turner sprayed the ball all over the field, with nearly half his hits this past spring going for extra bases. "I could be a power hitter," Turner said. "I'd say I'm a little bit of everything. I would like to get a little stronger and transform my body to compete at the next level." Spending two seasons at MPC enabled Turner to mature off the field and grow into his body on the field, creating another path in his journey to play Major League Baseball. "There have been a lot of key moments for me in my development as a student and an athlete," Turner said. "I loved my time at MPC. It's done a lot for me."

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PGHSAA Annual General Meeting

Potluck Lunch Sat., Sept. 10, 2024, noon.

All PGHSAA members are invited to this meeting of the Board of Directors, and you are **encouraged to attend!**

Bring a potluck dish to serve 6-8 people.

Beverages will be provided.

514 Park Street, Pacific Grove.

No need to RSVP, but e-mail

president@pghsaa.org with questions.

Seen Around Town(s)



Top, this column: another artist's drawing of the new hotel that is underway on the corner of Fountain and Central. The view is from the left of the P.G. Public Library on Fountain, facing southwest. The Museum of Natural History is out of sight to the right. Above: the old chain-link fence between the diamond and the bleachers at the municipal ballpark at 17-Mile Drive and Pico has been replaced with modern mesh netting. Photo: Beth Penney. Top right: the demolition of the Turrentine-LaPorte Mansion at Light-house and 17-Mile-Drive (Herald photo). Below that, Gallatin's Restaurant at Big Sur in 1948. The restaurant was opened by Robert Gallatin Powers after he returned from WWII. He closed it after it was the scene of a multiple murder when a man shot five co-workers in their bedroom. Powers moved the restaurant to the Stokes Adobe at 500 Hartnell St. in Monterey, now the Stokes Adobe Restaurant. Herald photo; both photos used with permission. At right: Larry Cram '66 and his wife Karen at the Sydney Harbor Bridge in January. Thanks for sending!



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Appetizers before dinner: Antipasto & Cheese Platters

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We can arrange for classes to sit together - just let us know in advance.

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Contact persons for this event:

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Who Is It?

We had two responses to our “When Was It?” question in the last issue. Bob Crispin ‘63 wrote to say that the photo of the snow on the library was taken by Dave Allen ‘62. Bob sent some pictures of Dave; see p. 17. Sheryl Markham Smith ‘78 wrote, “I am going to guess the picture was taken in 1962? I believe that was the year it snowed. I have a picture of myself on a rocking horse (the kind in a frame with springs) in my backyard surrounded by snow.” See more of Sheryl’s memories on p. 16.

Yes, the picture appeared in the 1962 *Sea Urchin*. Thanks, Bob and Sheryl!

Who recognizes these two P.G.H.S. students? These photos were both taken in the patio behind the high school library. Send your answers to president@pghsaa.org. And if you have a photo for our “Who Is It?” feature, send it to us as a .jpeg. Or mail your photo to us at the address on P. 2. We will return it immediately, unharmed!

