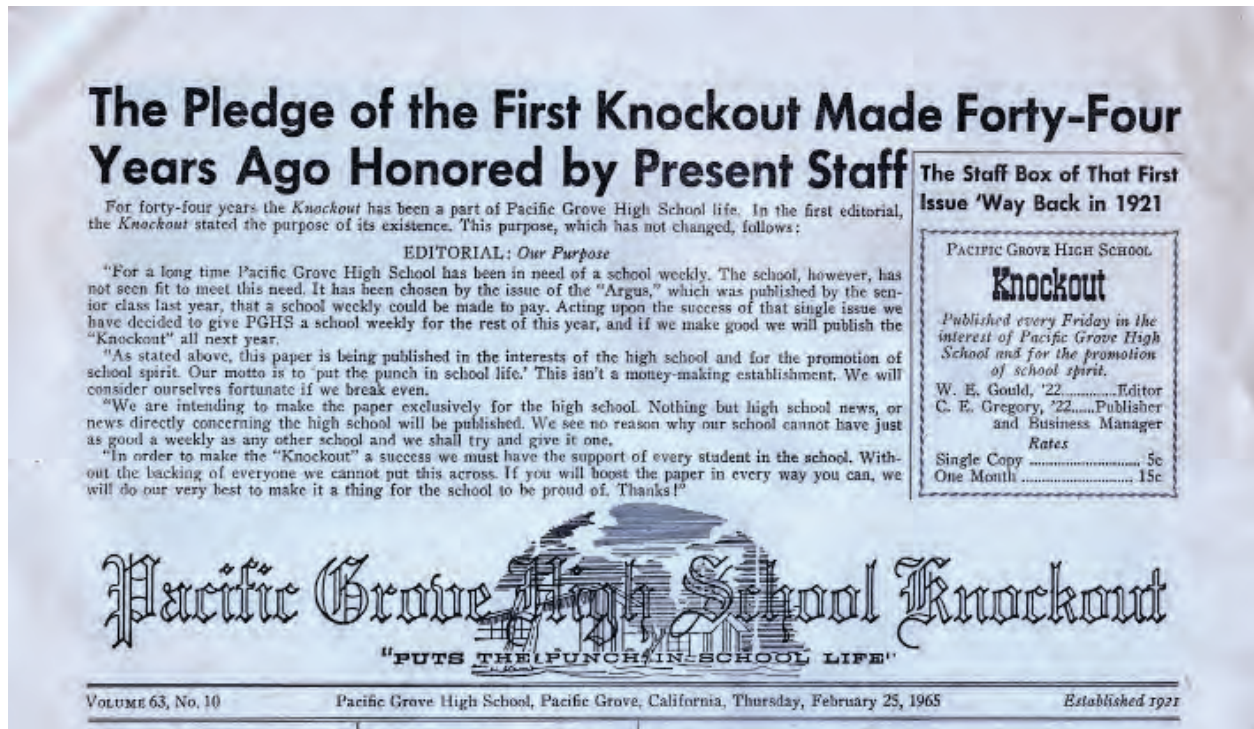


# THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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

Winter 2023/2024 ♡ Page One



## President's Message

The editorial above, from the first issue of the original P.G.H.S. *Knockout* in 1921, promises that "this paper is being published in the interests of the high school and for the promotion of school spirit." We continue that promise more than 100 years later with the *Knockout II*, adding the idea that we promote not just school *spirit*, but *support* with our funding.

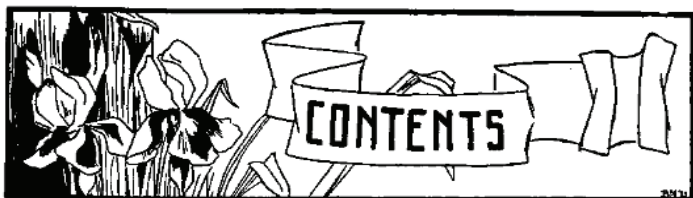
The editorial also claims, "In order to make the *Knockout* a success, we must have the support of every student in the school. Without the backing of everyone, we cannot put this across." That remains true for the *Knockout II*. We need your input! *Send us your stories and photos*; mail them to us at the P.O. box on the masthead or e-mail them to [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org). We appreciate the willingness of the *Herald* to allow us to republish their stories, but we also need your memories, photos, and stories.

We have some great reunion photos in this issue,

from the Class of '71, the Class of '73, and the successful annual dinner/dance. There are some interesting stories about our alumni, but only one story by an alumni, Phil Bowhay '47. Help us fill the next issue with your recollections of Pacific Grove and P.G.H.S.

Some changes as of this issue; we will now include a membership form in each issue. *You will continue to receive a reminder in the mail, but we hope people will take advantage of this form or our website to pay dues. Look at the year next to your name on the mailing label on the last page to see if you owe dues.* Also, Pete Gaudoin '71 has had to step down from his post as vice president and events co-chair this year because of family duties. Lillian Griffiths '70 has volunteered to step in as VP, and Victoria Samora Phillips '64 and Katie Samora Henden '68 will continue as events co-chairs. Our thanks to all of them for their service!

*Beth Penney '73*



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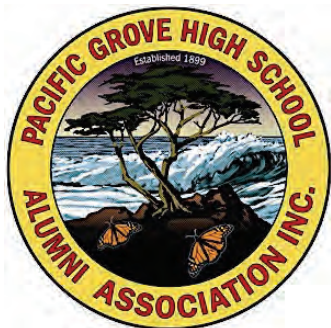
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**Important 2024 Dates:** Board Meetings: Thursday, Jan. 4, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, Mar. 1, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, Apr. 4, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, June 6, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday, July 11, 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 7, noon; Thursday, October 10, 6:00 p.m., all at 514 Park Street in P.G.  
2 Annual Dinner/Dance Saturday, Oct. 5.

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### “In Memory Of” Contributions

1965 Mary *Shymanski* Stornetta Arroyo Grande  
IMO: David Osner ‘63

### Thank You For Your Recent Contributions

1950 Arthur Busby Pleasanton  
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1971 Bill and Laura Rodriguez Nashville, TN  
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### Beverly Wilson Stillwell ‘49 Scholarship Fund

1975-1972 Bill and Suzy *Stillwell* Derowski, Marina 3  
\*Donation toward cost of the Knockout II.

## Letters

Hi Beth!

We’ve just received the new edition of the *Knockout*. It looks so great with the new printer and the articles are wonderful. The Class of 1968’s two scholarships were both in the amount of \$1568, not \$1068 as noted in the “PGHSAA Scholarship” article on page 18. By the way, that’s a really cute picture of you with the various recipients. Thank you for all the work you do both for the *Knockout II* and for the school.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Souders Golding ‘68  
Carmel

Hello, Beth,

I don’t know if you will remember me, Melanie Davis, “Permanent Class President” of The Cool & Nifty Class of 60” :-). I am now 81, with some mobility issues, therefore, I haven’t been able to come to P.G. for the annual Butterfly Parade for a number of years :-). (However, I stay in touch with Patty *Fifer* Kieffer ‘60, who is one of my “forever” friends! But, “why” am I contacting you? Well, somehow, a World Wildlife Fund Flyer, [wwf.org/monarch](http://wwf.org/monarch), found me, living now in Indio, CA. And even though this flyer (which I will mail to you), is NOT talking about OUR Pacific Grove Monarch, it IS talking about “THE” Monarch Butterfly, and I thought that some of your MEMBERS might want to 1) KNOW about, and HOW to, BE a part of WWF’s, effort to protect “THE Monarch” and 2) I also thought that some of your members might want to plan a trip TO...actually experience this AMAZING Monarch Butterfly gathering!!

Warmest regards,  
Melanie Davis Myers ‘60  
Indio

*Editor’s note: We explained to Melanie that our policy is not to run solicitations for organizations other than our own. But we did say we’d publish her letter! Closer to home than the WWF, the most recent numbers published by the Monterey Herald indicate that there are fewer monarchs here this year than there were last year, but the numbers are not as low as they were from 2018 to 2020. More information about P.G. monarchs can be found at [www.pgmuseum/org/monarch-viewing](http://www.pgmuseum/org/monarch-viewing).*

## Letters, cont.

Dear PGHSAA:

Not sure of the play, but the Indian girls are Jayne Dix Gasperson '49, my sister Dorothy Williams Wallace '48, Yvonne Puget ?, and ?. Thanks for the great publication. We read every word!

*Nancy Williams Burton Hoy '55*

*Hugh Thomas Hoy '55*

*Pacific Grove*

## P.G. Athletes Make the Herald's All-County Teams

P.G. High's **Sierra MacAnally** was the only freshman named to the *Monterey Herald's* all-county volleyball team this year. According to the *Herald's* Dec. 7 story, "MacAnally helped the Breakers to their first playoff win in 40 years, averaging 18.1 kills a match. Fearless at the net, MacAnally had a season-high 27 kills in one match, while providing another defensive demon on rotation in the back row for P.G." **Juliette Souza** and **Brianna Morgan** received honorable mention. In football, **Pete Gamecho** received honorable mention on the all-county defensive team and **Gideon Llantero** received honorable mention on the all-county offensive team, both of which were published December 18. Read more about P.G.'s current football team on p. 20.

## Renew Your Membership Using the Form on P. 23

As mentioned in our President's Letter on P. 1, we encourage you to renew your membership as soon as you receive this newsletter by either going online, [www.pghsaa.org/membership/](http://www.pghsaa.org/membership/), or using the form that will now be included in all of our issues. Look at the date next to your name on the mailing information on the last page of this issue of the newsletter; that will tell you when your membership expires. You will still receive a renewal reminder in the mail for the foreseeable future, but we would save time, money, and the environment if more people renewed online. You can also make donations on our website and register for our annual dinner when that registration opens.

If you haven't already logged into [pghsaa.org](http://pghsaa.org), doing so will create an account that can tell you your standing as a PGHSAA member. Logging in also allows you to access site content that the general public cannot see. **Thank you** for your ongoing membership and support!

## Class of '71 Thanks Marabee Rush Boone '60

Thank you to Marabee *Rush* Boone of the Cool & Nifty Class of '60, who brought "Happy 70th B-day" chocolates and water bottles to the Class of '71's October dinner to help us celebrate (see photos, p. 14). She also brought a quilt to display that was made by her friend Dorothy Stout Maceira '48, longtime PGHSAA member and board member who passed away in 2019. Dorothy made the quilt, below, in 1998 to honor the 50th anniversary of her high school graduation.



## PGHS Class of 74

MARK YOUR 2024 CALENDARS!!

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](mailto:kuhlej@prodigy.net)

## Obituaries

### MAY 2023

1970 Richard Cota Monterey

### JUNE 2023

1947 Paul Hoffman Pacific Grove  
2010 Maxwell Lohr Pacific Grove

### JULY 2023

1985 Ardra Rachel *Brockway* New Braunfels, TX

### AUGUST 2023

1949 Bill Conlan Carmel Valley  
1946 Jim DeLorimier Monterey

### SEPTEMBER 2023

1966 Greg Foord Salinas  
1967 Sheldon Sellars Seaside  
1988 Matthew Stubbs Sherwood, OR  
1970 Lorna *Matejka* Randolph Pacific Grove  
1948 Betty Jo *McDaniel* Kavanagh Bremerton, WA  
1973 James Lloyd Keith Mesa, AZ  
1965 Jon Lanning Sarasota, FL

### NOVEMBER 2023

1973 Bryan Callas Pacific Grove

### May 2023



**Richard Cota, Jr.,** passed away May 13. Richard led an unselfish life helping others. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1970, he worked diligently as a gardener for the City of Monterey. While working he would welcome many locals and visitors to the area, including celebrities that he met and

who became part of his group of friends. He was very knowledgeable and loved talking with others about his love for, and history of, his community. Richard volunteered for many community and state programs such as Christmas in the Adobes and Beach Cleanups. He also volunteered at the Second Chance Thrift Shop,<sup>5</sup> which benefits the Bridge Ministry. These were among

some of the many hours he spent helping others. He was known for his kindness, friendliness and great sense of humor. He had a special love for children and their education. He also loved caring for his colony of feral cats. Richard leaves behind a sister, Geraldine *Cota* Grant '64, brothers: Andrew '67, Robert '72, Ronald '76 and a large extended family, including friends who loved him and his kindness.

### June 2023



**Paul William Hoffman,** age 93, of Pacific Grove, passed away on June 11. He was born in 1929 and was a member of the class of '47.

**Maxwell Jacob Lohr,** born August 31, 1992, passed on to his next adventure on June 12, 2023. While his life

was tragically cut short, in his almost 32 years, Max lived large. Born and raised in P.G., Max attended Forest Grove Elementary, P.G. Middle School, and P.G. High, graduating in 2010. He went on to earn two associates degrees from Santa Barbara City College, focusing on crop science and greenhouse management, and a bachelor of science in agricultural management from Chico State. He was passionate about agriculture and how things

grow. His career path started with an internship at Lundberg Family Farms, where he learned his way around a rice patty. He went on to work as an agricultural inspector for both Yolo and Monterey Counties. While enforcement was a challenge for him, his colleagues said he did his job with the utmost fairness and professionalism. In addition to his work life, Max was loyal, kind, and dedicated to his family and friends. He was always willing to lend an ear and a hand and would not hesitate to give the shirt off his back if there was a need. And whether hunting for mushrooms, fishing from a kayak, walking on the beach, riding his bike, or jumping into the Monterey Bay, his passion was being out in nature.



## Obituaries, cont.

### July 2023

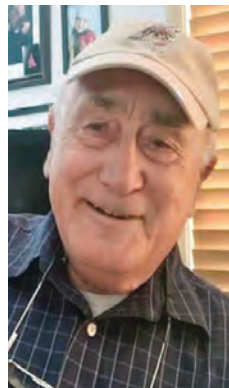


Freelance musician **Ardra Rachel Brockway** of the class of 1985 was born July 8, 1968, and passed away July 3, 2023, in New Braunfels, TX.

### August 2023

Born on May 26, 1931, in King City to Marie Garcia and John Conlan, **William**

**(Bill) Conlan** passed away peacefully at home on August 7, 2023. He was surrounded by his loving family. On his mother's side, Bill was descended from Francisco Garcia, a California pioneer family member, who, in 1842 was given a land grant in San Ardo by Governor Alvarado. Bill attended P.G.H.S. and graduated in 1949, then went on to Hartnell Junior College. He became a journeyman electrician and went on to own a successful electrical contracting business. He was a big part of many commercial projects, including Fort Ord, the Naval Postgraduate School, and Vandenberg Air Force Base. A good number of beautiful, custom homes on the Monterey Peninsula have his Carmel Valley Electric stamp on them. He met and married Benita Updike in 1951. They had three sons and a daughter. He then married Lynda Luetke in 1973, and his family grew again when he adopted Lynda's two daughters. As a father of six, he continued to be involved in each of their lives. Bill and Lynda shared fifty years together, running the family business and traveling with the kids. In retirement, he enjoyed many summers fishing in Oregon, and traveling in their RV across the United States and Mexico. Bill loved most sports, but particularly baseball, fast pitch softball and basketball. He was a Little League coaching legend in Carmel Valley, coaching his own boys and more than 500 others to many championships. He was an active member of what used to be the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire department and



continued to enjoy those friendships throughout his life. Bill leaves behind his wife Lynda; sons Bill, Jim, and Bob; daughters Florence Ann, Leah, and Ragan; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren (and one on the way); and many nieces and nephews, extended family, and lifelong friends. He was predeceased by his sister, Betty Hardisty. He was an active member of what used to be the Carmel Valley Volunteer Fire department and continued to enjoy those friendships throughout his life.



**Jim de Lorimier** passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023, at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula after a brief illness. He was 94 years old. Jim was a lifelong resident of the Monterey Peninsula. He was born October 22, 1928, in Carmel and grew up in P.G. in a large family as number seven of nine children

born to parents George Stephen de Lorimier and Virginia Louise (Moore) de Lorimier. The family home was located at 981 Lighthouse and was the setting for many gatherings and colorful stories. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1946, where sports played a key role in his young life and where he formed many lasting friendships. He met Rita *Hazeltine* '48, his future wife, in Latin class and managed to convince her to take over his job as Student Body Treasurer. It did not take much persuasion, but probably more meetings than were actually necessary. Jim graduated from Santa Clara University in 1951. He then joined the United States Navy and enrolled in Officer Candidate School, eventually serving as a communications officer aboard the USS Manchester during the Korean War. Following the Navy, Jim entered a career in the produce business as operations manager and partner at Monterey Bay Packing Co. in Castroville until his retirement in 1997. Spare time was infrequent, but Sundays would find him pursuing one of his greatest passions at the P.G. Municipal Golf Links. He was a devoted Catholic and a lifetime parishioner at St. Angela Merici in P.G. In his later years, he and Rita spent summer vacations at Black Butte Ranch in Oregon. Jim was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Rita, and seven of his siblings:

## Obituaries, cont.

George '33, Virginia '33, Elizabeth Gage '35, John '38, Patricia Pennington '40, Jacqueline Pickett '43, and Tom '52. He is survived by his younger brother, Dick de Lorimier '49 of Monterey; children Ginger Howard, Anne Eggleton, and James de Lorimier; grandchildren Ellie, Will, Christian, Micah, James, Phillip, and Kelly; and great-grandsons Silas and Zion.

### September 2023



#### **Gregory Robert Foord**

was born on June 21, 1948, in Sacramento, and passed away in September. He lived in Rio Vista until 1966, when the whole family moved to P.G., where he attended P.G.H.S. for his senior year. He met his wife Patricia and got married July 23, 1968. He was a salesman all his career selling furniture to carpets and floor-

ing. He enjoyed collecting all kinds of antiques like pocket watches, stamps, and coins. He enjoyed skeet shooting, hunting, railroads, going to garage sales, exploring, traveling, and watching his old movies on TV. Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Dustin and Frances. He is survived by two daughters, Christine and Sandy. He has six grandchildren, Brandon, Katie, Simon, Andrew, Nicholas and Jacob. He has five brothers and sisters: Carolyn '70, David '73, Jimmy '76, Laurie '78 and Julie Helen '84. Greg had the biggest heart, was very funny and witty.



**Sheldon Sellars** passed away unexpectedly on September 3. He and his three brothers, David '65, Michael '70, and Leslie were the sons of Patsy *LaVine* '42 and Lee Sellars and grew up in P.G. Sheldon attended P.G.H.S. in the Class of 1967. He worked in roofing and construction. He

was proud of the home he re-constructed in Seaside, with its private patio and unique design. After he was

diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he turned his energy toward bonsai plants and creating leaded-glass pieces. Sheldon appreciated art, and especially valued having in his home many works of art from his talented friends and family. He leaves behind his wife Peggy, four grandchildren, his stepdaughter Jacki, his stepson Ryan, his son Aaron, and many other loved ones. Sheldon was truly one of a kind, and we all miss him deeply.



#### **Matthew Stubbs**

was born January 18, 1970, in Monterey County and raised in P.G. He graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1988. He was quite the adventurer, living on Cape Cod, in Minnesota, Oregon, and San Juan Island, and eventually returning to Sherwood, OR. He was a sheet metal worker by trade. Matt

had such a love for life; he was a gentle, kind soul. He was preceded in death by his father, Michael Stubbs '69, and leaves behind his mother, Deborah *Quattrocchi* '70, sisters Laura '68 and Leslie '70, Grandfather Bud Stubbs, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.



**Jon Lanning** passed away peacefully in Sarasota, FL, September 19. He was born in Iowa to Ike and Anita Lanning, who preceded him in death. He is survived by a brother, Eugene Lanning '62. Jon attended P.G. schools and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1965. After high school, he served in the

U.S. Marine Corp from 1965-1967. He lived in Carmel and Seaside for a while and then moved to Australia until he retired. In 2010, he moved to Sarasota. Jon loved keeping in touch with former classmates Michael Scardina and Art Culp, and came home to attend one of his class reunions, which was a great highlight for him.

## Obituaries, cont.



P.G. native **Lorna Gay Matejka Randolph** '70 passed away peacefully on September 20. Lorna was preceded in death by her beloved husband and soul-mate Patrick and her parents Roy and Louise Matejka. She is survived by her children, Amy and Adam Denney; her grandchildren Isabelle, Hol-

lyanne, Joseph, and Thomas; sisters Kathleen '76 and Cynthia; nieces Erica '96, Brandi '05, and Amanda; great-nieces Cheyanne, Nina, Johanna, Shyannah, and Syvannah; nephew Corey; and great-nephews Junior and Xander. Lorna spent many years volunteering at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Animal Friends Rescue Project (AFRP), and the Monterey Girl Scouts. In her free time, she enjoyed gardening, collecting antiques and other memorabilia, archiving family photos and history, and watching sumo wrestling with her dear friend Phillip. Lorna enjoyed socializing within the community but especially with her Granite Street neighbors and longtime friend Donald. She loved to help host traditional events such as the annual pumpkin carving contest and welcoming trick-or-treaters during Halloween. She took a lot of joy in helping add to and maintain the many little free libraries on her corner as well. Lorna was a free spirit and was known to welcome old friends and new into her life without judgment. She offered a place of acceptance and unwavering love and support for all those who were blessed to be in her life. She loved her family and pets unconditionally but above all loved being a "Gigi" to the next generations.



**James Lloyd Keith** died in Mesa, AZ, September 21, 2023, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on his way to California for the P.G.H.S. Class of 1973's 50th reunion. Jim, who worked as a machinist, was born in Monterey in September, 1955, to James and Shirley Keith. He

had two brothers, Ken '71 and Tom '72. His wife Kelli resides in Mesa.



**Betty Jo McDanel Kavanagh**'s announcement of death was published in the *Monterey Herald* on September 19 but did not include a date of death. Betty passed after a good life of 93 years with loved ones at her side. A 1948 graduate of P.G.H.S., she was predeceased by her husband James Kavanagh '44.

She is survived by her sons Michael '73, Gary '75, and John '82. Memorial services were held in Silverdale, WA, on September 16 and a graveside service was held at Mission Memorial Park in Seaside on September 1.

### November 2023



**Bryan Lindsay Callas** was born July 19, 1955, and passed away on November 16. A member of the P.G.H.S. Class of 1973, Bryan, who made his living in the antiques business, was preceded in death by his parents, Connie and Milton Callas, and his brother Craig '70; he is survived by his brother Kendall '75 and sister Lynette *Callas* Webber '78.

*Editor's note: As you can see, we have a number of very brief obituaries in this issue. If you have any additional information about these people, we would appreciate hearing from you.*

*In Memory Of (IMO) Donations are a wonderful way to remember family, friends, and classmates. Send a check to the address on p. 2 noting your IMO designation, or donate using your credit card at [www.pghsaa.org](http://www.pghsaa.org).*



## 60th PGHSAA Reunion

For the 60th year, interrupted only by the pandemic, the PGHSAA held its annual dinner-dance the first weekend of October. This year's event was well attended with 175+ alumni and guests. Many thanks to organizers Victoria *Samora* Phillips '64 and Katie *Samora* Henden '68, who threw another fabulous party! Thanks also to auction coordinator Lillian *Griffiths* '70, to our buyers, to auction donor Alan Fiske-Williams '73 for the collage of the 1970 champion track team; and to donors Beth *Penney* '73 and the estate of Bill Wetle '73 for the art prints of P.G. homes. Auction items brought \$300 toward our scholarship fund.



Top, this column: Becky *DeSmet* '75 and Joanie *Hylar* '68. Below them, Charlie and Patty *Fifer Kieffer* '60. Top right: members of the Class of 1970. Middle right: Don '63 and Brenda Phillips. Directly above, right: Don and Rosemary *Tryon Ravanelli* '63. Beth *Penney* '73 and Lillian *Griffiths* '70 contributed to the photos on these pages.

## PGHSAA Reunion, cont.



Clockwise from top left: Jodeen Fisher Colletto '54, our oldest attendee, and her nephew Jeff; Keith Decker and Victoria Samora Phillips, both '64; Lana Maudlin and Larry Esquivel '67; Les and Erin Langton Field, both '71; Katie Samora Henden and Bill Gammons, both '68; Jonas Jackson '70 and Harvey Shymanski '71.

## PGHSAA Reunion, cont.



Clockwise from top left: Lupe Villapando Dosda and Sue Cronk Miller, both '68; Teri Kier '74; Stacey Nightingale '75, and Marabee Rush Boone '60; Tina Ruble Heacox and Karen Griffin Wilcox, both '68; Margie Hunt Ross '68 and Scott Morris '86, our youngest attendee; Pete Hartstra and Carol Hennes Yates, both '72; members of the Cool and Nifty Class of '60. More photos, of the Class of '73, which had the most members in attendance at the Elks Club this year for their 50th reunion, on p. 17. 11

## Class of '71 Turns 70

Our reunion committee (Larry Mann, Mary Ichiuji, Don Mothershead, Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth, John Miller, and Harvey Shymanski) decided after our 50th reunion that we would celebrate turning 70 on October 6-8. It was a wonderful 3 days of classmates gathering and catching up. Don Mothershead organized the Friday golf tournament at the PG Golf Links with 7 foursomes from classes '65 through 2000 participating. Friday night's cocktail reception was held at Bill & Teresa Lee's new restaurant, Kona, and many of us stayed for dinner. Some classmates attended the Homecoming football game at Breaker Stadium, and Saturday morning about 25 of us marched in the Butterfly Parade. Donna *Schutzler* McAtee brought her baton from her majorette days and twirled it throughout the parade route! Also see p. 23 for photos of Sheri *Stillwell* Hauswirth in the parade with a special person. Saturday night was our dinner at First Awakenings, which included a Happy 70th birthday cake and a 52nd reunion cake. Many thanks to Craig Bell for the generous use of his restaurant and to Marabee *Rush* Boone '60 (see p. 4). Classmates donated \$5 of their dinner ticket toward our \$1071.00 Class of 1971 Memorial Scholarship in Memory Of Classmates Who Have Passed On. The end of our weekend together included a picnic at Lovers Point on Sunday.



*The winning golf team at the event on Saturday morning, by two strokes, was made up of the Class of '73: Dave, Chris, Casey, and Lyndon. Betsy, second from right, photobombed them.*



*This column, photos from classmate Bill Lee's Kona restaurant in Del Monte Center on Friday evening before the game. Top: Lana's husband, Lydia and Bill Uretsky, and Lana Turner Hall. Middle: Harvey Shymanski, Lisa LeBlanc '75 and Gary Feliciano, Scott Miller. Bottom: Marilyn Draper, David Dilworth, and Mary Ichiuji.*

## Class of '71, cont.



Top: Bill Lee , Geoge Balint, Ken and Sydney Smith Cooley in the Breakers Club Section. Center: Donna Schutlzler McAtee, Bonnie Jackson, Bud Raucher, Eve Schwab Raucher, Tina Yerks Wisler, Doug Wisler, and Don Mothershead. Bottom: Ken Cooley (71), Alex Rodriquez '73, and Harvey Shymanski Top, next column: Don Mothershead (71), ??, Sydney Smith Cooley, Bill Smith '69, Ken Cooley. Photos and identifications on these three pages from Don Mothershead, Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth, and Mary Ichijui

Above: The Class of 1971 in the 2023 Butterfly Parade on Saturday morning.

## Class of '71 cont.



Above, pictures from the Saturday dinner at First Awakenings: group shot, Miss Oliver's kindergarten class: Pete, Linda, Norman, Debbie, Mary, Sheri, John and Larry; another group shot. Next column: photos from the Sunday morning picnic at Lovers Point. The weather had been warm and sunny Friday and Saturday, but it reverted to P.G. mode on Sunday morning.

## Class of '73 Celebrates 50

The Class of 1973 celebrated its 50-year reunion the first weekend of October with a Friday evening party at Beth Penney's home in P.G. that drew 70 people; participation in the Butterfly Parade on Saturday morning; and dinner at the Elks Club with the PGHSAA on Saturday evening (see p. 9). Photos on these three pages contributed by Beth Penney, Renata Novak Santens, Carolyn Hickman, and Annette Acosta Karle's cousin Jesse. More photos are at [www.pacificgrove73.com](http://www.pacificgrove73.com); click on "Photos" at left and then on "50th Reunion."



Top, this column: Christoph Lerch, who was one of our exchange students our senior year, came all the way from Switzerland for the reunion. With Janice King Cureton. Above: an attempt at a group shot on Beth's front porch. Top right: Faith Van Woerkom Beety, Bill Russo, Lori McKinney Pappageorgas '74. Center right: Doug Snider, Matt Arnett, Ken Hodson, Shelia Waldron Deis, Dennis Deis '71, Annette Estes Hall. At right: Phill Pollard, Tony Aiello in the garage-turned-rec room.

## Class of '73, cont.



Clockwise from top left: Annette Acosta Karle, Cindy Larkin DeAmaral, Christine Mink; Frank Grillo, Rusty Cureton, Casey Boyns; Casey, Janice King Cureton, Cindy Larkin DeAmaral, Donna Lewis Bomarito, Russ Cureton; another group shot in front of Robert H. Down; Annette Acosta Karle, Velma Peña Cummins, Sheryle Hauswirth Cardinale, Beth Penney. First column, next page: Judie Rogers Swartz, Tex Yergler; Bill Russo, Craig Johansen; Renata Novak Santens, Carolyn Hickman, Violet McKee. Second column, next page: Don and Dolly Azevedo, Joseph Favaloro and Les Field '72, Faith Van Woerkom Beety and Doug Snider.



## Class of '73, cont.



More photos of the Class of 1973's 50th reunion are at [www.pacificgrove73.com](http://www.pacificgrove73.com); click on "Photos" at left and then on 50th Reunion.

## Sandi Eason '74 Does It All



Sandi *Dix* Eason's lifelong goal has been to do it all. And, on a daily basis, she pretty much achieves it. Raised in Pacific Grove, Eason, at left, graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1974 and went on to secure a part-time job as a bank teller. "I didn't go on to college," said Eason. "After starting

as a teller at Wells Fargo in Monterey, I ultimately spent 36 years at Wells and am now COO of Pacific Valley Bank in Salinas." She is also a bit of a legend when it comes to selling raffle tickets.

United Way Monterey County is one of eight local nonprofit organizations chosen to raise funds by giving donors the opportunity to win a car provided by Concours d'Elegance sponsors each year during "Car Week" on the Peninsula, this year August 9-18. Each organization has run a summer-long campaign, selling \$100 tickets, whose proceeds go directly to the charity. The highly anticipated drawing for cars will take place during the Concours d'Elegance show on Sunday. This year's prize was a 2023 Lincoln Corsair. Last year, Eason sold an unprecedented 30 tickets to the drawing, generating \$3,000 in support of United Way. She also sold the winning United Way ticket. This year, she raced up and over her record by selling 70 tickets, bringing in \$7,000 to the organization.

"In my nine years of selling tickets, I have shattered the all-time individual record for tickets sold," said Eason, "and I'll be excited to hear who wins the Lincoln Corsair. But when I sell tickets, I focus, not on winning the car, but on giving back to our community through the wide reach of United Way. I mean, only one person, out of the 70 tickets I sold, plus all the tickets sold by other United Way team members, will win the car. It's important for the rest of us to come away feeling good about supporting our community."

Those who bought tickets from Salinas Valley

Health Foundation and Seneca Central Coast took a chance on a 2023 Infiniti QX60 Luxe AWD. Montage Health Foundation and My Museum ticket holders bid for a 2023 Mercedes Benz GLA250. Boys and Girls Clubs of Monterey County and Rancho Cielo sold tickets for the opportunity to win a one-year lease on a 2023 Lexus LC 500 Convertible, plus a one-day pass to attend the Lexus Performance Drive School at Laguna Seca, a two-night stay at a Pebble Beach Resort, and a "Twosome" at Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Eason had been working for Wells Fargo for 29 years, when the founder and CEO of Coast Commercial Bank tapped her on the shoulder and asked her to take over as CEO.

"He said, 'This isn't an interview. We're here to talk you into taking the job.' It was," she said, "an opportunity I couldn't pass up. Once Wells Fargo acquired us, I was back with Wells for seven more years before moving to Pacific Valley Bank."

But that's just her career track. Eason lives in a single-family house, but her home is the entire community. And her hometown support, which runs alongside her work, ransoms even more of her time and talent. Not only is she the current president of "Impower," which supports girls and women, but she also just completed a nine-year run on the Board of Directors for United Way Monterey County, the past two years as Board Chair. Among involvement in other charitable organizations. "Community involvement has been my lifelong passion," Eason said. "Banking is a stimulating career, which pays the bills, and I love it as well. But I have been heavily involved in nonprofit support my whole life. This is where we get to know people, how we become part of our community, where we can make a difference in the quality of our lives."

"The Concours d'Elegance brings the most expensive cars and elite audience members in the world into this community," said Eason, "and yet we have residents here who cannot afford to put food on their table. United Way endeavors to bridge that gap, to reach everybody. We're grateful to the Concours d'Elegance and their sponsors, who are helping us achieve that."

*By Lisa Crawford Watson. A version of this story appeared in the Monterey Herald August 18, 2023. Reprinted with permission.*

## '05 Grad Opens Jazz Fest

Local bassist Zach Westfall, 36, made his debut as a bandleader at the Monterey Jazz Festival in September; his Zach Westfall Quartet had the honor of opening the 2023 Monterey Jazz Festival with its first set.

Westfall also just released a new recording with his quartet, saxophonist Ben Herod, guitarist Adam Astrup, and drummer Mike Shannon, titled "Live at Pearl Hour." It's a big, first step forward in solidifying Westfall's goals of building a serious career as a jazz artist. "I remember saying when I was 19 or 20 years

old that my No. 1 dream as a musician was to be able to lead a band at the Monterey Jazz Festival," he said.

Westfall has played in a variety of local bands, including The Money Band, the Ben Herod Trio, and The BASSment Band. For the better part of three years, he played with veteran Peninsula pianist Bob Phillips. "That was a big part of my development, too," he said. "I pretty much have played in every local band. I don't say this in a cocky way, but I've literally played with almost every musician on the Monterey Peninsula."

Westfall is also a member of retiring Jazz Festival Director Tim Jackson's band when that group plays at places like the Big Sur River Inn on Sundays. His connection with Jackson is proving to be an important aspect to Westfall's quest to branch out around the region and beyond.

"I've been playing in Tim's band for about three years now," he said. "I'd say he's one of my biggest fans, which is really touching for me. He's always been one of my biggest supporters."

Another major supporter is the owner of New Monterey's Pearl Hour bar, Katie Blandin. She's been instrumental in establishing Westfall as a bandleader, allowing him to hold down a permanent Sunday night slot with the quartet, where they've spent the last two

years honing their communication skills and putting together the album that was recorded live at the cocktail bar.

Westfall was born in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and moved to Pacific Grove when he was 1. He considers himself a late-blooming musician. He said he didn't pick up an instrument until he was probably around 14, and then he started really playing when he was a junior at P.G.H.S. It was his friend Trevor Larkin who started the ball rolling while the two were sitting around watching MTV, the music video television

channel. He declared that the two of them would start a rock band, choosing the guitar for his own instrument and basically foisting the bass guitar on Westfall. Larkin didn't stick with it, but Westfall did.

He spent a lot of time noodling around in his room, trying to figure things out on his own.

"And then I was sitting around during a lunch

break at P.G. High in my junior year and Dave Hoffa, the music teacher, asked me if I wanted to join the jazz band because they needed a bass player. That was the beginning of the whole thing."

After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 2005, Westfall attended Berklee College of Music in Boston and lived on the East Coast for 11 years. He worked as a freelance bassist and toured with various groups throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Japan.

Westfall's mother, longtime Peninsula resident and artist Deborah Kaye, has been a constant supporting force in his life, and his stepdad Mike Lent, a professional musician, has also been helpful as an advisor in the finishing touches on the album. Although Lent was not a force in Westfall's musical development, he has been helpful in imparting "some valuable wisdom and in offering great advice for all of us," Westfall added.

*By Beth Peerless. A version of this article appeared in the Monterey Herald on Sept. 14. Reprinted with permission.*



*The Zach Westfall Quartet, from left, Adam Astrup, Zach Westfall, Ben Herod, and Mike Shannon. Provided photo.*

## Breaker Football Builds a Foundation

Sharing athletes from other sports is often encouraged at small schools. The challenge for P.G. lately has been finding enough bodies to put a competitive product on the field, which it has. With enrollment under 600 students, the Breakers usually have a roster hovering around 24 to 28 players on a good day.

“Honestly, we looked pretty thin over the summer,” Pacific Grove linebacker Pete Gamecho said. “Then people just started showing up.” While most are multiple sport athletes, with football not being their primary sport, a resurgence had 37 players this fall. “There was a lot of juggling this summer,” coach Jeff Gray said. “We were trying to make coaches happy from baseball to lacrosse and basketball. We were spread pretty thin.”

So much so that P.G. was the only one in the county that did not do 7-on-7’s in the summer with other schools in the Pacific Coast Athletic League. “With the uncertainty of players having commitments to other sports, it wouldn’t be worthwhile for us,” Gray said. “But we’re in the weight room each morning.”

Piecing together a team means simplifying systems. Discipline and execution remain front and center in maintaining a system that keeps the Breakers competitive. “We’re trying to bring that culture back for football,” Gamecho said. “We want that student body section filled this season.”

“We have guys with a lot of heart,” Gray said. “But we don’t want to be the school that just has heart. We are trying to find a group that will put us over the edge.”

Losing 13 seniors from last year’s 5-5 team constituted a retooling this fall for the Breakers. With the Cypress Division merging with the Mission Division, the Breakers are in a division with rival Carmel (the “Shoe” game this year was Carmel 42, P.G. 21), along with defending Mission Division champion Soledad, as well as Alisal, who was in the Gabilan Division last year. “We have some solid kids coming up,” Gray said. “I feel good about this group. I feel even better about our depth. If we’re healthy, we’ll be right there.”

What remains a tradition is pride. P.G. brings physicality to the field with a running game that grinds 20

out yards and chews up the clock. “We perform at a high level. We’re more aggressive this year,” said Gamecho. The return of Gideon Llantero gives the Breakers a punishing back for Gamecho to block for with deceptive speed in the open field, having rushed for nearly 800 yards last fall. Llantero piled up a career-high 187 rushing yards in one game and added 12 catches out of the backfield.

If the Breakers are deep at one position, it’s in the backfield as Jacob Booker and his 500-plus rushing yards and team-leading six touchdowns have returned, while Ben Garry is another viable option. And Gray has developed a capable quarterback in Nathaniel Wade. Wade completed nearly 70 percent of his passes for just under 1,000 yards as a sophomore last year. his presence behind center will force opponents to respect the passing game, particularly with pop passes to the tight end, as well as getting the ball deep downfield.

While the depth on the offensive line is always a concern with a small roster, Gray has two cornerstones to build around in Ryan Bell and Gamecho. “Those two guys are smart,” Gray said. “It’s like having two coaches on the field. Both come from a coaching family.” The pair were a big part in Pacific Grove chalking up over 2,000 rushing yards last year in the Cypress Division.

“I don’t think about going both ways as anything more than a sacrifice,” Gamecho said. “I just want to be on the football field. We’re not scared of anyone.”

Gray estimates that 75 percent of his starters will end up playing on both sides of the ball. This year, he has the flexibility to rotate players on defense. “Conditioning is very underrated,” Gray said. “The kids have to take it upon themselves in the off-season. Sometimes you don’t know until the pads come on.”

Perhaps the biggest surprise came with the addition of at least a half dozen players — athletes from other sports — that decided to put the pads on for the first time.

“Kids have been trying to get them out for a couple of years,” Gray said. “These are athletic kids, and we have some bodies that we feel good about.” P.G. is overall 7-3, 3-3 in league games. See the 2023 season results at <https://www.maxpreps.com/ca/pacific-grove/pacific-grove-breakers/football/>.

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## No Idle Hands in P.G. by Phil Bowhay '47

Strolling up and down Lighthouse, Alvarado, and Ocean avenues, we notice a lot of kids working, and a lot who are not. That's OK, of course, since those not obviously working are probably computer experts who do things online for fun and profit. Things best we not know about, nor even understand. Pushing a broom, clerking, and waiting tables, we understand. Heck, we've done it!

Back in the good old days, the '40s, with WWII before and after, there was plenty of work around for the local kids, and no child labor laws to get in the way. We started collecting pine cones, used for kindling, and I think we got paid a dime for a gunny sack full. Huckleberries were a little more seasonal and those got us a buck for a quart Mason jar. Believe me, that's a lot of huckleberries.

We moved up the labor ladder to lawns and yard work, and I can tell you that as far as I could discover, nobody in P.G. had a decent, sharp lawn mower. (There's a war on, you know.) But we chewed up the grass, hit the edges with 1915 vintage clippers and earned enough in an afternoon to buy a war stamp or two.

Sooner or later most of us boys got off to a good start in journalism, delivering *The Advertiser*, *Tide*, *The Herald* and the San Francisco papers from sea to shining sea. Only two reasons to get out of bed at 4:30 a.m., either paper routes or fishing.

The biggest and best employers were the Forest Hill Hotel and Holman's, and sooner or later most of us swept the walks, washed the windows, stocked the shelves, carried the suitcases, bussed the tables, washed the dishes, raked the yard, carried the trash, and learned the pleasure of good, honest work, as our parents reminded us.

If you were lucky you could clean out boats for Sprague, or you could caddie at the finest nine-hole course in the state. If you couldn't caddie, you could look for golf balls, or you could even unload lumber for the yard by the depot. Good, honest work! And don't forget the soda fountains.

The grocery stores and drug stores on Lighthouse exposed us to either possible future local careers or an 21

urge to continue our educations. I think Bill Hellam, Charlie Higuera, Ken Zug, Vince Bruno, and Clyde Dyke hired and trained more kids than the Works Progress Administration. My golly, the secrets discovered in the back room of a drug store, the thrill of watching Bill Hellam carve up a side of beef, and learning how to snap a folded paper bag open! And with practice you could learn how to imitate a trombone, just like Bill!

One summer, the city of Pacific Grove hired me to fill in wherever needed ... sweeping streets, collecting trash, figuring costs of new curbs and gutters. One fine day I filled the city dump truck with trash from cans all over town. Happily driving the truck back to the corporation yard, pulled into the yard and noticed the truck bed was up! No trash! I had pulled the wrong lever or pushed the wrong button and dumped the collected mess up and down the streets of America's Last Hometown! What to do? Well, it was quitting time. I decided then and there that I had better get serious about an education. Haven't been in a dump truck since!

*Phil Bowhay passed away in 2020. He wrote the "Looking Back" column for the Monterey Herald for many years, and those columns are reprinted here with permission.*

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## Seen Around Town: Present, Past, and Future



At left, Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71 and her granddaughter Hazel, 2, in the 2023 Butterfly Parade. Sheri says, "My granddaughter is wearing the Monarch butterfly wings that Sherry Welsh Gruwell '56 gave me a few days before she died. She made me promise that one of my grandkids would wear them in the Butterfly Parade sometime. So here they are!" Below left, one of the Monterey Christmas angels in a 1958 photo from the Herald's "Looking Back" feature, November 27, 2023. First displayed in 1956, the angels, originally by artist Erica Franke, have been restored and replaced over the years and are still in use. Below right, the back of Holman's from the west side of the Pacific Grove Public Library. The Museum is at right. The building behind Holman's was removed to make room for Pacific Grove's new hotel, which is pictured in an artist's rendering at bottom. Photo of Holman's by Beth Penney; artist's rendering from the City of Pacific Grove website.





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### **Who Is It?**

See our “Letters” column on p. 3-4 for one response to last issue’s “Who Is It?” photo, from Nancy *Williams* Burton Hoy ‘55 and Tom Hoy ‘55. Brent Gasperson ‘75 also recognized his grandmother at the left.

From left to right, the ladies in the last issue were Jayne *Dix* Gasperson ‘49, Dorothy *Williams* Wallace ‘48, Roberta *Maher* ‘49, and Yvonne *Puget* Merrigan ‘49 of Alameda, who submitted the photo taken during a Butterfly Pageant in George Washington Park.

Any ideas who the folks in this issue’s picture are? Send your answers to [president@pghsaa.org](mailto:president@pghsaa.org). And if you have a photo for our “Who Is It?” feature, send it as a .jpeg attachment to the same e-mail address. Not computer savvy? You can mail your photo to us at the address on P. 2; rest assured that it will be returned to you unharmed!

