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The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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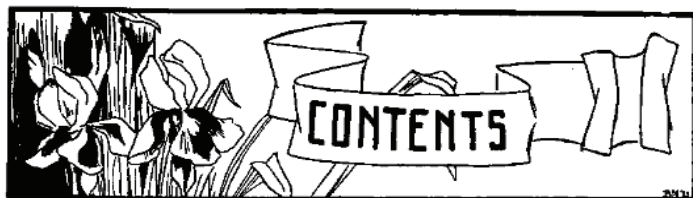
Welcome to another issue of *The Knockout II*! And thanks to all of you who have renewed your dues for 2025, paid dues ahead, and donated generously to the PGHSAA. See pp. 4 and 5 for a list of those donations, which help us to help our high school.

This issue also contains updates on what P.G.H.S. students are doing in sports and other areas, memories from Bill Hyler '39 and Phil Bowhay '47, and photos of what goes on in P.G., both past and present. And on p. 14 there's an update on our annual dinner plans from our Events Chairs, Katie Samora Henden '68 and Victoria Samora Phillips Griffin '64. Below, you'll find a photo of our entire hard-working board taken at our March board meeting. Back row, from left: Victo-

ria Samora Phillips Griffin '64, John Griffin '67, Erin Langton Field '71, Joanie Hyler '68, Pete Gaudoin '71, Malcolm Colvin '67. On sofa, from left: Lillian Griffiths '70, Les Field '72, Annette Estes '73, Patty Fifer Kieffer '60, Katie Samora Henden '68, Beth Penney '73. In front: Sheri Stillwell Hauswirth '71, with Zoom screen representing our remote attendees: Donna Murphy '79, Faith Van Woerkom Beety '73, Marabee Rush Boone '60, Cate Goblirsch Lee '94, Dolores Soares Silveira '59, Teri Kier '74, and publicity chair Alex Hulanicki '71. Thanks to all of them for their service to the Association and to P.G.H.S. We'd love it if you'd join us! See "Important 2025 Dates" on p. 2 for more info.

Beth Penney '73





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Important 2025 Dates: Board meetings: Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Sept. 13, Oct. 9. Annual dinner Oct. 4. Meetings are at 6:00 p.m., except Sept. Annual Meeting at noon, at 514 Park St. in P.G. Info: president@pghsaa.org.

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Stillwell Family

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Stillwell Family

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In honor of Beth's birthday	
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Class of '74 Scholarship

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Letters

Dear Beth,

Where does time go?...so fast, and time does fly by in "the wink of an eye." I will be 87 years old this year (May 16, 1938), and my husband Dick 87 years April 1 (April Fool's Day)... He gets phone calls with some tricks played on him from family and friends near and far! Have a Blessed evening and I hope to see you at another of our Class Reunions! Maybe next year perhaps! So Good to keep in touch with what's going on in Pacific Grove and the Monterey Peninsula!

Mary Ellen Styhl Mathias '56
Hot Springs Village, AR

Dear PGHSAA Members,

Once again I would like to thank you for all your generous donations to help support the students of P.G. Your support does not go overlooked. I am very honored and blessed to receive one of your scholarships and will continue to uphold all the characteristics the Jeanette *Kanayama* '60 scholarship embodies. As I embark on my next educational journey, please know that your scholarship will provide assistance for me to reach my graduation goals. I have also reached out to Patty *Fifer* Kieffer '60 and thanked her for her continued support as well. Please pass my regards to all involved.

Sincerely,
Brianna Morgan '24

Hi Beth,

I am Stanley Harlan '46, a life-long friend of Bob Richerts. I noticed the brief obituary record for Bob in the 24-25 winter issue of the *Knockout II*.

I could add pages upon pages of interesting stories about Bob and our life-long experiences that we had together. I first knew Bob and his brother, Joe, '45, when Bob was in the fourth grade at Redwood School on the Big Sur coast at Lopez Point. My mother, Esther M. Harlan, was the teacher of that school at that time. The Richerts family was living in a rented cabin on my grandfather's property, and Lester Richerts '21, Bob's father, was employed on the construction of Big Creek Bridge on Highway One.

I got to know the two Richerts children at that time quite well, and Joe and I, closer to the same age, did a lot of things together. Later, in high school at P.G., we

Thank you!

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continued our relationship. Bob and I were in the same grade level there, and we both graduated in 1946. I was overseas in the U.S. Army for a couple of years, and Bob had brief jobs at the canneries and restaurant business while attending Hartnell College. We kept up our contacts by mail during that time interval.

Bob got his AA degree and a new job with Pacific Telephone Company. He also married Patricia Ann Agee on August 25, 1950, in San Jose. Bob and Patricia had three children: Allison, born June 27, 1951; Sidney, born June 15, 1952, and James Joseph, born July 29, 1954. I was in the occupation forces in Germany after World War II, where I met, and later married, Irene Marus on March 1, 1948. I attended U.C. Santa Barbara 1949-1952 where I graduated with a BA degree and a teaching credential in Industrial Arts. We had a daughter, Carmen Mary, born January 13, 1950, while I attended college.

It was later on that Bob and my family became very close. He frequently came to my folks' ranch at Lopez Point. He was always available to help with all of the ranch chores and ongoing projects. We also did a lot of fishing and hunting, and sawing and hauling fireplace wood. He even helped me build my house in Monterey in 1970.

Sadly, Bob's wife, Patricia, died a very slow death suffering from Scleroderma. I feel the extensive care that Bob gave to his wife during these trying times must have had some effect on his being.

After Patricia's passing, Bob married a former schoolmate from P.G.H.S., Annie *Guastella* '47. Annie had seven grown children from a former marriage, so Bob became a father of three and a stepfather of seven! Bob lost his second wife on March 14, 2017. I also lost my wife of 68 years on October 5, 2015. I know how he must have felt! Bob, you have been the best!

Stan Harlan '46
Monterey

Editor's note: Thanks so much for this tribute, Stan! As time goes by we often hear of deaths but have little or no obituary information from family members, either because they too have passed or they chose not to publish an obituary. We appreciate your letter.

Obituaries

2024

Aug. 9 Nora <i>Bawaan</i> Norton '68	Fayetteville, NC
Sep. 29 Thomas E. Flynn '59	Redding
Dec. 7 Ricky Jacobs '70	Monterey
Dec. 11 Dorothy <i>Trevino</i> Collins '56	Carmel Valley

2025

Jan. 2 Michael Otani '70	Monterey
Jan. 7 Marguerite <i>Keith</i> Palmer '78	Marina
Jan. 9 Steven C. Nelson '66	Monterey
Jan. 10 "Singie" <i>Irvine</i> Williams '52	White Rock, NM
Jan. 23 Craig Johansen '73	San Jose
Jan. 28 Patricia <i>Hoffman</i> Zampatti '51	Carmel Valley
Feb. 13 Kermit John Gayman '65	Salinas
Feb. 15 Roger Lowell Sherman '52	Sweet Home, OR
Mar. 1 Sheila <i>Cochran</i> McGuire '42	Carmel



US Army Ret. CW4
Nora Bawaan Norton, 74, of Fayetteville, NC, passed away on August 9, 2024. She was born in the Philippines on November 18, 1949, to the late Esther and Leon Bawaan. Also preceding her in death was her brother, Henry

Bawaan '61. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1968, Nora followed in the footsteps of her family (father, brother, and sister), proudly served her country in the communications field for the U.S. Army, based in various locations, including Nuremberg, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Bragg for a total of 30 years. Nora was recognized for various accomplishments, receiving the Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. After Nora's retirement from the military, she found a new love in the form of photography and quilting. Photography led her to travel to different parts of Europe, and she made new friends in the local quilting community, where she had started designing, making, and selling her beautiful quilts. Left to cherish Nora's memory are her siblings, Luisa Guinay Andiso, Gloria Simon, Janet Bawaan '64, Albert Bawaan, and an extended family consisting of numerous nieces, nephews, and good friends. Soon

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after her passing, Nora's beloved dog, Zoey, crossed the rainbow bridge to join her.



Thomas E. Flynn, who passed away September 29, 2024, was born in P.G. on February 10, 1940. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1959, Thomas served in the Navy, most of the time on an ammunition ship out in the ocean. He moved to Redding in 1989, where he and his

wife, Beverly, bought and managed the Bonnyview Market. They owned the market for most of the 1990s. They then built and managed the B&T Whitehouse Storage starting in 2002. Thomas is survived by his wife of 65 years of marriage, Beverly. They had two daughters, Darlene and Danelle. They also had four grandchildren, Shannon, Kevin, and twin granddaughters Mikayla and Marta. Thomas had a very peaceful passing with family and friends with him. He will be missed and remembered with love.



Ricky Jacobs, born on November 17, 1952, in Monterey County, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 7, 2024, at CHOMP. He was 72 years old. Ricky grew up in Seaside and P.G. and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1970. Following his graduation, he honorably served in the

United States Marine Corps as a Lance Corporal with the 4th Battalion, 11th Marine Division, stationed at Twenty-Nine Palms. After completing his military service, Ricky pursued his passion for design at MPC, earning an AA in CAD and architecture. He spent his career designing floor plans and drafting projects throughout the Monterey Peninsula. An avid sports fan, Ricky faithfully supported the San Francisco 49ers, San Francisco Giants, and Los Angeles Lakers. He also enjoyed woodworking, crafting cabinets for his home, and restoring intricate furniture designs.

Ricky found joy in the outdoors, often biking and walking around the Peninsula. A music enthusiast, he treasured attending Boz Scaggs concerts at the Monterey State Theatre. A significant highlight of Ricky's life came in recent years when he was reunited with his only child, his son Matthew Chad White of Nashua, NH, and his granddaughter, Rose Lilly White. This connection brought him immense joy, and he embraced his role as a proud father and grandfather with enthusiasm. Ricky is survived by his son Matthew, granddaughter Rose Lilly, brothers James, Tony, and Larry Jacobs and Mark Ruckman, sister Maria "Sissy" Brannan of Louisiana, and his aunt Enedina. He also leaves behind many cousins.



Dorothy "Buffie" Trevino Collins, of Carmel Valley, passed away peacefully from natural causes on December 11, 2024. She was 86 years old. Buffie was born in Chicago to Salomon and Dorothy (Scarborough) Trevino on August 8, 1938. The family moved to the Monterey

Peninsula in the 1950s, where Buffie graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1956. Buffie married Alexander "Chip" Collins on February 11, 1960, in Carmel Valley, where Chip became Fire Chief of the local department, and Buffie was active in the Ladies Auxiliary. When asked what her greatest accomplishment was, she always answered, "My children and my grandchildren." She also had a love of animals and giving back to her community. For over a decade she volunteered as the guide dog puppy leader for the local 4-H club. She also competed in sheep dog trials across the country, and for many years you may have seen her with her border collies tending to her flock of sheep at Mission Ranch Restaurant in Carmel. Even into her 70s, she was still active with her border collies on Pebble Beach golf courses, moving geese off the greens. Buffie was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Collins, Jr.; parents Salomon and Dorothy Trevino; sister Margaret Bennett; and daughter Dorothy. She is survived by her daughters Katharine, Patricia, and Sharon; grandchildren Cyrus, Michael, Nicole, Kristin, and Wyatt; five great-grandsons; and many nieces and nephews.

Obituaries, cont.



Michael "Mike" Otani, 74 years old, passed away on January 2, 2025 in Monterey. Mike will be forever loved, missed, and remembered by our community for his overwhelming kindness and generosity to family, friends, neighbors or anyone else in need. He was born in Chicago, IL in 1950 to Tetsuo

and Aki Otani. His family moved to the Monterey Peninsula when he was very young. He graduated from P.G.H.S in 1968. In 1970, he was drafted into the Army and served a tour of duty in Viet Nam. He was honorably discharged with 4 medals of commendation. He trained as a mechanic in the Army, but made a career as a professional residential painter for over 50 years on the Monterey Peninsula. He is survived by his brother Larry Otani '73, his aunt Tomiye Tanaka, and cousins Darrell Tanaka and Joann Tanaka. He is also lovingly known as "Dad" and "Grandpa" by step-family members whom he cared for during his life.



Marguerite Keith Palmer, known as Peggy to family and friends, passed away in peace on January 7, 2025, after a battle with cancer, at the age of 64. Born in Salinas, Marguerite was a resident of Marina, and formerly lived in P.G. and Monterey. Peggy

attended P.G.H.S., class of 1978. She was a patient accounts representative at Community Hospital. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, David Palmer; son, James Palmer of Willamina, OR; and daughter, Anna Stevens of Monterey. She was very proud of her four grandsons, Ari, Ripley, Sean and Quinn, and enjoyed all the time spent with them. Surviving brothers are Ken '71, Tom '72, Mike '77, and John '80. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents James and Shirley Keith and brother Jim '73.



Steven C. "Steve" Nelson, a long-time resident of the Monterey Peninsula, passed away after a long illness on January 9, 2025. Steve came to Monterey at age 10 when his father, Robert W. Nelson (d. 2005) joined the faculty of MPC in 1958. After graduating from P.G.H.S. in 1966, he

volunteered with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, registering voters in Orangeburg, SC. He attended MPC, initially majoring in music appreciation and history, and was awarded an AA in English in 1989. Steve worked as a truck driver and made many cross-country trips, including participating in "Operation Get the Lead Out," which removed thousands of tons of lead-contaminated soil from the former Fort Ord. He was also a house painter, employed by several area contractors. A self-taught guitarist, Steve also "ear-learned" the clarinet, piano, saxophone, and violin, playing with several local bands including The Long Valley Boys, and was a performing musician at The Strawberry Bluegrass Festival. He was an avid 49ers and Raiders fan and followed several other Bay Area sports teams. Steve often golfed and even tried bronco riding in Texas, breaking a hand. In his younger days, Steve was a motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed riding and maintaining them. He was an active member of Elks Lodge 1285, Sons of the American Legion's Post 41, and The Clampers, Monterey Chapter 1.5. Steve's wife of 38 years, Sidney Hadden Nelson, predeceased him Aug. 1, 2017. He is survived by three daughters, Alicia, Amber, and Brandy; brothers David '64 and Clay; sisters Nancy '61 and Kari; eight grandchildren; and two great grandchildren, with a third on the way.



Miriam "Singie" Irvine Williams passed away January 10, 2025, in White Rock, NM, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. She was 90 years old. The youngest of three daughters of U.S. Army Colonel William Harris

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Irvine and Miriam Perkins Irvine, Singie spent much of her childhood in P.G. She graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1952 and attended U.C. Berkeley and the University of Washington, earning an associates degree. In 1954, Singie met and married Douglas Avery Williams in Westfield, MA. As a devoted Navy wife and mother during her husband's long submarine service career, she embraced a life of travel and adventure--the Vatican, Portugal, Monaco, Edinburgh, New England, and Europe. She loved living in the village of Fulmer, in Buckinghamshire, England. Back in the U.S., Singie indulged in her musical talents, singing and playing the banjo in Massachusetts, South Carolina, California, and Virginia. When the family finally settled down in Virginia, Singie became an active member of the Princess Anne Hunt Club, where she rekindled her passion for horseback riding, foxhunting, and organizing equestrian events. Later, they moved to deeply rural Spring Grove and then to White Rock to be near their daughter and son-in-law. After Douglas's passing in 2019, Singie continued to enjoy her life in White Rock with grace and dignity, her cherished shelter dog by her side. She is survived by her elder sister Margaret Irvine Allen '46, her daughter Nancy, son-in-law John, and grandchildren Laura and David.



Craig Edward Johansen, born on July 3, 1955, passed away peacefully at home in San Jose on January 23, 2025. Craig spent his early years in P.G. where he discovered a lifelong passion for golf, and graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1973. Known for his expertise in the flooring industry,

Craig earned a reputation as a master of knowledge and installation. Beyond his professional accomplishments, he was a loving and generous man who brought joy to those around him with his vibrant personality and captivating laugh. A true enthusiast of life's simple pleasures, Craig enjoyed NASCAR racing and later found fulfillment in baking cookies, gardening, and woodworking projects. His ability to bring smiles to others was one of his many gifts that will be fondly

remembered by all who knew him. Craig was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed by family and friends alike. May his memory bring comfort to those who held him dear. Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Donald '42 and Ruby Rogers '43 Johansen, as well as his siblings, Duane '71 and Sharon '75. He is survived by his son Stephen, daughter Kimberly, and three grandchildren.



Patricia Hoffman Zampatti was born Feb. 25, 1934, and died Jan. 28, 2025, age 90. Patricia was raised in P.G.. She attended P.G. schools from kindergarten until she graduated from P.G.H.S. with the Class of '51. She then graduated from SJSU with a teaching credential and a degree in home economics. She married Bob

Zampatti on Aug. 3, 1956. They had no children of their own, but Patricia took great interest in children's welfare. She was an officer in the Children's Home Society of the Monterey Peninsula. She taught English to Vietnamese and Chinese students in Vietnam, where Bob was stationed. She liked watching people, especially the children. They would ride the local buses in Mexico to get the feel of the new cultures they were experiencing. Patricia was an excellent cook and an avid mystery book reader. She was also an excellent travelling companion and would be excited about the places she and Bob were going to visit, such as Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska, Italy, England, Germany, France, Norway, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and the South Pacific. Patricia was married to Bob for 68 years. Her love was deep and enduring. Bob's reflections on their relationship was expressed in these words, "When I'd come home from work, I could see in her eyes how much she was devoted to me. I'd wake up in the morning thinking about what adventures we are going to have that day. She was always there to support me. I can't remember ever having a fight with her." Patricia is survived by her husband, Bob. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Ruth Hoffman; her brother, Paul Hoffman '47; and her sister-in-law, Glenda.

Obituaries, cont.



Kermit John Gayman, 77, died unexpectedly on February 13, 2025. A resident of Salinas at the time of his death, Kermit spent most of his life on the Monterey Peninsula. Kermit was born November 2, 1947 in Farmington, IL, to John Earl Gayman and Dorthy Sutton Gayman. A 1965 graduate of

P.G.H.S., Kermit married his high school sweetheart, Sharon *Edgin* '65, in 1966. They lived in P.G., Carmel Valley, and Prunedale, raising their three children. Kermit joined the local electrical union as an apprentice in 1966. Over the next 60 years, he built a career as a journeyman electrician and was a job foreman at countless local projects, big and small. He was a dedicated member of IBEW Local #234. After retirement in 2005, Kermit and Sharon moved to Anderson, where they bought a small farm and pursued their dream of raising Shetland sheep. After Sharon's death in 2017, Kermit and Steve eventually resettled in Salinas. Kermit will always be remembered for his kindness, devotion to family, and willingness to help those in need. He never failed to be a sounding board and dispenser of sage advice to friends and family alike. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and going for walks with his devoted dog Charlie. Kermit is survived by his son Steve of Salinas and daughter Kristy. He took great pride in his grandchildren Nicky and Gabby. He is also survived by his sister, Priscilla *Gayman* White '61. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Sharon, in 2017; by his daughter Karen in 1993; and by his brothers David, Richard, Malcolm, Merrill, and Kirk.

Roger Lowell Sherman of Sweet Home, OR, passed away on February 15, 2025. He was born in a log cabin in the Methow Valley, WA, the son of Art and Oda Sherman. The Shermans moved from Garfield, WA, to P.G., where Roger attended P.G.H.S., graduating in 1952. After serving in the army in Korea, he returned home, married Kathy *Ryan* '53, and they settled in Carmel Valley. They had five children:



Matt Sherman, Steve Sherman (deceased), Laura (Tim) Kelley, Tim Sherman, and DeDe Sherman-Stickler (Jim Stickler). Kathy died in 1986. Roger then married longtime friend Chris Talley. After retirement, they moved to Sweet Home, OR. Chris passed in 2009, just after their 25th wedding anniversary. Roger was a lifelong musician and an active Carmel Valley Little League member, serving as a coach, manager, umpire, and league president. His other passions were gardening, canning, hunting, and fishing. After retiring, Roger found joy in woodworking, crafting beautiful furniture for families and friends. His craftsmanship will always be remembered. Roger also leaves behind grandchildren Arletta, Jeremiah, Sherman, Justin, Walker, and Parker, as well as close friends the Parker Family. Next time you hear a song by Merle Haggard, pause and think of Dad. He would like that.



Sheila Otis Cochran McGuire, a fifth-generation Californian, was born Sept. 10, 1925, in P.G., to Beryl Otis Cochran and Horace James Cochran. She passed away in Carmel on March 1, 2025. Sheila graduated from P.G.H.S. in 1942. She met her husband Jimmy while he was

stationed at Point Sur with the Coast Guard. Married in 1950, they had seven children and built a business. Sheila was also a dedicated volunteer, lending her time to Mother's Club, playground supervision, and as a "Pink Lady" at CHOMP. When Jimmy passed in 1980, Sheila returned to school, earned her BA and accounting license, and built a successful career, including many years at Bradburn Company, CPA. In addition to Jimmy, Sheila is survived by her children Ellen, Kelly, Kathleen, Mary, Susy, James, and Maurie; grandchildren Riley, Fletcher, Tim, Katie, Mary, Robert, Amanda, Jeff, Jody, Evelyn, Elizabeth, Sheila, Lily, and Emily; great- and great-great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Basketball Champs

by Lili Gaona '25

This basketball season, the P.G.H.S. girls' varsity team made immense improvements. After being in the highest division and going 2-12 in the Gabilan League, the Breakers made an impressive comeback, going undefeated in the Mission League. After undergoing a coaching change right before the difficult 2024 season, coach Marquis Pickrom led the team to win the league and make it to the third round of playoffs.

Coach Pickrom, pictured with the team at right, instilled the importance of defensive skills and basic techniques, which the team quickly mastered. It also helped that many of the team's new players practiced basketball during summer league at the high school or in travel AAU tournaments. The team's chemistry flourished from the start, allowing everyone to contribute, whether it was by scoring points or getting rebounds. The team's fast pace and scrappy play led them to win the league.

Not only did the team finish with a perfect record in the Mission League, they defeated two of the league's top teams three different times. These high-profile victories have shown that the Breakers are a dominant force in their league. The team's ability to perform under pressure, along with their determination, gave them a chance to showcase their talent in the playoffs. The Breakers ultimately made it to the third round of the CCS playoffs, where they fell short to Menlo School.

Now, the P.G.H.S. girls' varsity basketball team will likely be moving up into the highest league, where they will face intense competition. Undoubtedly, the Breakers will thrive and prove to be a consistent, powerful team. To prepare and grow the program, many of the players will be returning over the summer to compete in tournaments with Coach Pickrom. While the team will lose four seniors, they have the resilience and the skill to continue on a winning path.

Lili Gaona '25 has been named, along with teammate and league Player of the Year Savannah Hardy '25, to the Monterey Herald's All-County Girls' Basketball Team. Honorable Mention went to teammate Jasmine Booker '26. Andrew Nimri '27 was named to the All-County Boys' Basketball Team; HM went to Brody Edmonds '26 and Gabe Valencia '26. Go Breakers!



The P.G.H.S. girls' varsity basketball team with Coach Marquis Pickrom. Courtesy Lili Gaona.

P.G.H.S. Culinary Students Also Compete

A group of students from P.G.H.S.'s Culinary Arts Program participated in the 2025 CA ProStart cooking competition at the Proud Bird Food Bazaar and Events Center in Los Angeles in February. The two-year ProStart program, headed by Imogen Erickson, is far from the Home Ec class you remember. These career technical education (CTE) students are being taught to prepare three-course meals worthy of fine dining experiences, and they're also being taught restaurant planning and management. ProStart is run by the National Restaurant Association Education Foundation and the California Restaurant Foundation and eventually provides participants with a Certificate of Achievement. The competition, which offers the "Culinary Cup" and the "Management Cup" as awards, also offers scholarships and a chance to advance to national competition.

Local two-year colleges coordinate with local high schools that offer the program to create a seamless transition for students. The Monterey County Hospitality Association also coordinates with schools to place students in jobs.

Last year, the P.G.H.S. team placed third in the ProStart management competition, which found them out of the kitchen figuring return on investment and creating floor plans for their business. This year, Orange County high schools swept the awards, but P.G. students plan to return next year.

Last Issue's "Who Is It?"

We had three responses to last issue's "Who Is It" photo, which was sent to us by your editor's classmate Susan Young '73, whose mother, Ruth Richards Young (Miss Richards to many of you), appears in the photo. Mrs. Young was a counselor at P.G.H.S. when the Class of '73 was there. Here is the correspondence we received about the picture:

Hi!

I stopped short when I reached the last page of the last issue... there were the faces of some of my favorite teachers at Robert Down. I was in eighth grade there in 1952 (wasn't it still Pacific Grove Grammar School at that time?). I went from Kindergarten with Miss Oliver all the way through to P.G.H.S graduation in 1956. I came back after college to teach at David Avenue before moving away...and taught for 40+ years. I'm wondering why I recognize some of the teachers but not all of them. Obviously this was before or after I attended.

First in the bottom row on the left is the art teacher, (Chalea?) Daegling (spelling?), fourth one over was coach James Lebeck. In the back row is first, math teacher Mrs. Harper, and the last three on the right are Miss Aileen Luther, whom I idolized as a seventh grader, and our two fabulous music teachers, Mr. Ray Washburn, and, I THINK...Herb Miller. But why in the world do I not recognize the other staff members? I'll look forward to seeing who everyone is and what year that was. Miss Luther was one reason I became a teacher.

*Diane Beall Speckman '56,
Eugene, OR*

Dear Beth,

1st row: Ms. Dagling, not sure--Mr. Brautigam?, Ms. Ruth Richards (my favorite teacher), Mr. Lebeck, and Mr. Hart my math teacher.

2nd row: Mrs. Harper, Ms. Messinger, ?, Ms. Alene Smith, Mr. Washburn (orchestra) Mr. Herb Miller (band). Ms. Smith (used to say: all lean no fat Smith).

Back row: Mr. Werley, a wonderful teacher who lived on Fountain Avenue. Ms. Richards was also a wonderful teacher. I adored her. In fact, all my teachers at Pine Avenue were great except one, Ms. McNeil. She whacked me over the head with a hardback book. Needless to say, my dad visited the principal's office. I was transferred out of her class immediately. I think she only taught one year at Pine Avenue. As noted on all my report cards I was a bit chatty and tended not to pay attention in class. I am looking forward to learning the teachers I could not identify.

*Ann Bruscas Knox '57
Llano, TX*

Back row: Mrs. Harper, Bess Ward, Mr. Worley, ?, ?, Mrs. Luther, Ray Washburn, Herb Miller, Front row, Ms. Daegling, ?, Ms. Richards, Coach Lebeck, and Mr. Hart. All from Robert H. Down School.

*Ed Brown '57
Watsonville*

Here are the answers, as recorded on the back of the photo by Miss Richards: from top left, Margaret Harper, Bess Ward, Herb Wehrly, Doreen Haller, Donna Frick, Allene Luther, Ray Washburn, and Herb Miller. In front, from left, Chelila Daegling, Dick Stanger, "me" (Ruth Richards), Jim Lebeck, and Walt Hart. From the '52-'53 school year at P.G. Grammar School. Thanks to Susan for sending it!



Class of '04's 20th

This past October, the Class of 2004 celebrated its Twentieth Anniversary at the Grill at Point Pinos. We were extremely grateful to share the evening with over 80 of our classmates—several of whom traveled from afar, including from Spain and Sweden!

We were also graced by a few former teachers: Mr. Powers, Mr. Hagquist, Mr. Keller, and Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey. It was a humbling experience to see the administrators who helped shape the people we have become today show up to celebrate our big night. The teachers at P.G.U.S.D. truly made our school experience a memorable one.

With a slideshow of old high school photos playing in the background, James Kincaid and Tyler Shilstone delivered heartfelt speeches. They reflected on the special bond we all share as Breakers and how our time at P.G.H.S. has stayed with us. Even as our paths take us in different directions, we can always come back together and share one common experience—P.G. Pride.

Unfortunately, there was one point of contention we were unable to resolve: Otters vs. Falcons. I don't think we'll ever settle that rivalry!

Elementary school debates aside, sharing laughs and memories with so many familiar faces made for a truly special evening—twenty years in the making. Set among the old Monterey pines, with waves crashing in the background, the night reaffirmed how incredibly lucky we are to have grown up in such a special place.

The night was a great success, and Breaker Pride is strong with the Class of 2004.

We wish everyone the best and hope your reunions are just as memorable!

Rachel Frost, Shawn Knudsen, & Johnny Scaccia,
Class of 2004.





Planning a reunion? Let us know! Send your announcement to president@pghsaa.org. We'll include it in the newsletter and on our website.

Plans for the 2025 Dinner by Katie Samora Henden '68

Our annual dinner/dance, this year on Saturday, October. 4, will see a change in format this year. It's a fiesta and should be a lot of fun! First Awakenings, on the border between P.G. and Monterey at David Ave., will host us. It has both indoor and outdoor seating. Dress casually. Pretend you're in Mexico on vacation. October is ideal for this type of get-together, but if you're chilly, you can sit on one of the heated benches or cuddle with your bestie under a heater. Or go inside, where there is also plenty of seating.

Our menu will be casual too. La Bahia, a popular New Monterey Mexican restaurant, will be catering, and a \$50 ticket will include plenty of variety:

- Meats: chicken, beef, and pork hot off the grill.
- Bowls, tacos, and burritos made to order.

- Rice and beans, excellent chips and salsas.
- Fixings include onion, cilantro, lime, Pico de Gallo, lettuce, cheeses, cucumber, radishes, pineapple, jalapenos, guacamole, & more.

The price will include two beers, or two glasses of wine, or various flavored waters. La Bahia will serve for at least two hours, so we can really enjoy ourselves. There will also be dancing! A registration form will be posted to pghsaa.org in the next month or so, and you will also receive a form in the mail in June. Registering early helps us a lot, so thanks!

PGHS Class of '75
Our 50th reunion is set for
**October 3-5. Details coming! Send your
contact info to PGHS75@gmail.com for
additional information.**

PGHSAA Budget

In the last issue, we promised that we would start including budget information the way Joanie Hyler did so faithfully when she edited the *Knockout II*. At left is the 2025 budget, with 2024 as a comparison.

Please note that this budget does *not* reflect scholarships that are funded by specific classes or people.

Thanks to our treasurer, Teri Kier '74, for keeping careful track of our budget and preparing these reports. Questions? E-mail info@pghsaa.org.

		2024		2024		2025
REVENUE		Proposed		Actuals		Proposed
	Current Membership Dues	7500		8075		9000
	PGHSAA Scholarships	9000		16,404		17000
	IMO - all others	3000		2700		3000
	Donations	2000		1550		2000
	TOTALS	21500		28,729		31000
EXPENSES						
	Annual Scholarships	10000		10,068		12000
	PGHS Program Disbursements	10000		11,300		12000
	Sober Grad Nite	2500		2500		2500
	Knockout (postage incl.)	4000		4638		5000
	Insurance	1500		1577		1600
	Membership Renewal	1400		1406		1500
	PG Storage	1380		1495		1500
	Website Mgt	2000		4911		4000
	Sea Urchins	190		85		190
	TOTALS	32970		37,980		40290
	Difference	-11470		-9,251		-9290

As I Remember P.G. Part II

By Nelson W. "Bill" Hyler '39

When kids growing up in P.G. in the '20s and '30s felt like going exploring, or if we planned to run away from home, there was always the nearby Nine Ponds, located near Sunset Drive close to where P.G.H.S. is today. That area also once furnished decomposed granite and gravel to cover the streets before they were paved with macadam. Then the last of the redwood curbs and gutters in town were torn out along about 1930, when the Henry Company paved most of the remaining unpaved gravel streets.

Dyke's Grove Pharmacy on the corner of Lighthouse and Forest (below, now a physical therapy business) was a great gathering place for just about everyone. They had booths and a soda fountain inside, along



with sandwiches, sodas, and cold drinks. Cokes cost a nickel, even with cherry flavor. It was easy to say, "See you at the corner about 7:00." This

meant in front of Dyke's. Or it could have been to meet you at the "Dog House," which was a gathering place at the rear of the Pease Drug store, just across from Holman's. Then, too, a lot of kids met at the library. There was a great park nearby and it was a good central place. Some of us even went ins and studied.

The Smell of Prosperity often wafted its way to us from New Monterey, coming in when the wind was just right. When the sardine canneries were going full blast and the reduction plants were operating, that smell might have reached Santa Cruz. But it sure helped the economy, and lots of us high school kids got part-time jobs in the canneries. They called us to work by phone, or, more commonly, by a steam whistle. Every cannery had its own distinctive whistle, and after the call, if you drove through New Monterey, you might see dozens of women walking to work. Blue dresses, hair in nets, or with caps, gloves, rubber aprons, and boots. It didn't take long to get used to that "Prosperity Smell."

The Grove Theater in the '20s and '30s wouldn't

dream of allowing anyone in who had already purchased something to eat. Absolutely forbidden. And it became quite a game to buy candy or popcorn at Burton's Newsstand or Irwin's Ice Cream Parlor next door to the theater and sneak it past the manager. It could be done. But more than one kid was kicked out onto the sidewalk until he or she had finished the food. Times have surely changed.

The P.G. firebell hung in the hose tower of City Hall. It always was a mystery to me how the firemen could hear that



bell and know just where to go. But go they did, often with half the town trailing along behind. Then they moved the Fire Department to the new firehouse on Pine Street and installed a horn instead of a whistle. Nope, the sound wasn't the same. Lots of the thrill of that bell clanging away was lost when the bell was silent and the horn blew. Later on, some enterprising person found out the fire code and printed it on cards, and now it was no trouble to find the fire. Things sure improved when you had the Fire Code Card. If the call was to a part of town near you, you rushed home—otherwise, you could take your time or not bother at all, unless you could see smoke! (The theater, above, burned in 1951. Photos courtesy Joanie Hyler.)

The Salvation Army Band marched on certain evenings out Lighthouse, turned around, and then settled in the street near the curb in front of Dyke's. I never did find out where they came from. They played a number of pieces, sang a few songs, and the leader droned on about a lot of stuff us kids didn't understand. But then, a smartly uniformed girl would pass through the crowd, holding and shaking her tambourine. We all knew what she wanted, and since she would look you right square in the eyes, it was hard not to give a little. Most of us did. Then they would pack up, the bass drummer would pound away, and they marched away to someplace else.

Bill Hyler '39 passed away in 2012. This piece originally appeared in the Feast of Lanterns Tabloid. Contributed by Joanie Hyler '68.

Seen Around Town



Clockwise from top left: New signs and planting at George Washington Park, which was in the local news during the fires in L.A. Clearing of deadwood and brush throughout the park is planned. Sign at P.G.H.S. pool thanking PGHSAA for its donation to the water polo team. Two shots of the new hotel across Central from the library. Above, from in front of the Chamber of Commerce (museum is at right). Left, from Grand Ave. next to the Library. The Grill at Lovers Point, pictured, has changed ownership again and is now the Snack Shack, with a trimmed-down menu and, of course, higher prices. Photos: Beth Penney

Seen Around Town, cont.



At top: This Google Maps image should be familiar to P.G.H.S. graduates--the King house on Sunset Drive. The center photo shows construction of another house on the property. It's now owned by Mark Elstob, and the house is being designed by Eric Miller, both '74. Bottom: 143-year-old Chautauqua Hall is undergoing a much-needed restoration project that will include updated bathrooms, acoustic work, and paint. The Heritage Society of P.G. is raising money for the project, <https://pacificgroveheritage.org/chautauqua-hall-project-2024/> Photos: Beth Penney

Classic Bowhay

I could show you exactly where I was standing that December morning when I first heard of Pearl Harbor. Just ten feet from the spot where I broke my arm three years later. Eleven years old and didn't know Pearl Harbor from Cabo San Lucas, but from that moment on, you know the story.

It was in the previous year that we had sat in the Pacific Grove Grammar School auditorium with a big radio on the stage and listened to President Roosevelt tell us about the planes, ships, and tanks we were going to build. We knew then that the Germans and Japanese were the bad guys, and we had heard about England, China and all that, but now here we were, really in one, and boy was that exciting!

The Monterey Peninsula was right in the thick of things. Fort Ord was alive with soldiers, coming and going, the boom of artillery night and day and the rifle ranges, right there, across the train tracks. Caissons went rolling along, part of convoys of trucks and armored vehicles, soldiers waving, bands playing, flags and banners flying, all part of the thrill of it all. The Presidio, crackling with activity, draftees, and recruits processed for war. Cavalry still had horses and mules, and machine gun practice up on the hill behind P.G.

The old Del Monte Hotel became Navy Pre Flight with three or four football fields on the Polo Grounds, and some of the best teams in the country. Serious stuff as the boys left Pre Flight for Pensacola and elsewhere, and came back pilots flying torpedo planes, dive bombers, and fighters over the bay.

True or not, we thrilled at the story of Buzz Sawyer flying his Hell Cat under Bixby Bridge. And then that tragic crash of a torpedo plane out on Lighthouse, just missing that mansion that later was featured in *A Summer Place*. We ran all the way from the high school and watched as the Navy and our fire crews cleaned up. The crew was killed, and the war didn't seem quite so much fun after that.

Early in the war, we went through blackouts and air raid drills, marching out of the grammar school to the safety of the trees 50 yards away. If we ever got complacent--not likely--there were plenty of rumors to whip us up. KDON one night reported the possibility, actually the likelihood, that the Japanese were landing

Bowhay, cont.

on the Santa Cruz pier! Next to the Boardwalk! Silly now, but serious then.

If this was confirmed, we were to crack the blocks on our car engines, thereby denying the invaders access to the hinterland. Not taking any chances, some patriots with sledgehammers in hand cracked the blocks prematurely, thereby denying themselves transportation until after the war! Luckily we still had the Del Monte Express.

Gasoline was rationed along with tires, and other automobile parts were very hard to get. Not to be denied the joy of driving, some of the guys in the P.G.H.S. auto shop built a sort of car out of old, salvaged parts. To accommodate the four sizes of worn and salvaged tires, each wheel was a different size. Quite a sight to see the “shopmobile” hopping down the street with three or four mechanics enjoying the ride. And once tasted, you will never siphon gasoline again.

We were stunned when our Japanese classmates moved away, then this happened to some families of Italian descent, albeit for a brief period. And then, of course, there was the story of the German typewriter repairman discovered under the Salinas River bridge transmitting “classified information.”

One moonlit night, deep into a blackout, we stood outside wondering if this was a drill or the real thing. One of our neighbors didn't bother wondering, and having made a good dent in a bottle of Four Roses, aimed and fired his .22, suspecting the moon was his enemy. Missed the moon, but hit the clock on City Hall. Cracked the glass, but time marched on, the glass replaced after the war.

We collected Army and Air Force shoulder insignia, and any other military souvenir we could lay our hands on. If you have forgotten what they look like, log on to World War II military insignia, and get a lump in your throat.

Families came and went, stationed here briefly, then away to some distant shore. Just about the time we developed a crush, they left, but promised to write. We bought postage stamps with our paper route money and grew great Victory Gardens. Boy Scout Troop 46, under the direction of Master Gardener Wilfred Mack, raised bushels and bushels of Idaho potatoes



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on the corner of Del Monte and Bayview. Picture in the paper and all that.

We learned first aid and collected cans of salvaged fats, old aluminum pots and pans, paper, and tires. Our moms cooked around the shortages and rations, and I think we ate a lot of fish. I don't remember thinking about it, but the Depression was over.

You may have seen that article in *Reader's Digest*, late 1945 or so, after the shooting was over. “Nostalgia for War,” it said about the longing again for the national unity, all of us on the same mission, same page, devoted to the same purpose, saving our country and the rest of the world. All well and good, but for a reality check, don't miss “Flags of Our Fathers.”

Phil Bowhay '47 wrote a column about his memories

of growing up in P.G. for the Monterey Herald for many years. Phil passed away in 2020. This column originally appeared in the Herald circa 2012. Reprinted with permission. Illustration from the April, 1943, Good Housekeeping magazine, although fish around here probably came right from the bay!



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Who Is It?

Last issue's "Who Is It?" picture of the Pine Ave. School staff of 1952-1953 drew a number of comments and guesses; see "Last Issue's 'Who Is It?,' p. 11, for the answers.

This issue's picture is a little tougher; it's a photo of an aging *Peninsula Herald* photo, which makes it grainy, but those of you who were in it



should recognize it! Send your answers to president@pghsaa.org. If you have a photo for this page, 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!