

THE KNOCKOUT II

The Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association Newsletter
"It's the ☆ glue ☆ that keeps us together"

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We have a great issue for you this time—some really wonderful memories and photos of Pacific Grove history, an announcement of the second annual “Butterfly Days” celebration that is the same weekend as our annual reunion dinner, and much more. If you haven’t sent in your reservation for the 2018 dinner, be sure to do it

soon! The form is on p. 23 of this issue. The deadline is September 21, so don’t delay.

There are also some great letters in this issue, but as I did once before, I am printing one letter here. I chose this letter partly because it *isn't* a letter to the editor; it's a letter to the Class of 1960 that was cc'd to Joanie Hyler and then to me. But mostly, I chose it to reprint on the first page of the newsletter because it just brims with enthusiasm for both the Class of 1960 and the PGHSAA. And, the second part states my message to you better than I could! Thanks, Melanie! I look forward to seeing all of you in October.

Beth Penney '73

Dear Cool and Nifty Class of '60ers:

In July, 2011, I returned to California, and I was blessed to be able to reconnect with so many of my “Cool and Class Nifty Class of '60” classmates. And, in 2012, our Senior Class President Pat *Elmore* and Chuck Wallace passed on to Jim Dowell and me the birthday salutations project for the class. We also took on the responsibility of keeping our class contact information up to date!

Now, my journey continues, and again, I am blessed to be able to move into the most wonderful

senior community, the Trilogy Polo Club. When my daughter and I began looking for this type of community, I had not ever heard of Indio, California. However, I did know that my daughter, her husband, and later, my grandson, had attended Coachella, which is a HUGE music festival! And, guess what? My new home is within walking distance of Coachella. So if any of you are Coachella attendees, come on over! Also, the country girl in me has wanted, for many years, to attend the Stage Coach country music festival, and, yep, that is also within walking distance of our new home!

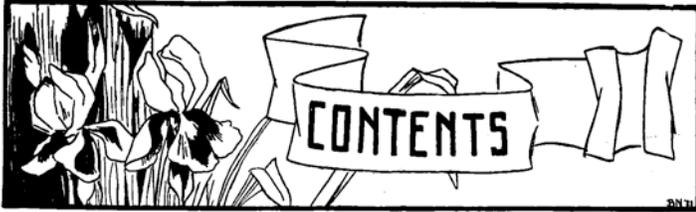
OK...before I sign off, I have just a few updates: The first is that Pat *Elmore's* challenge to raise some money for the PGHSAA resulted in a donation of \$1151.62, and two new PGHSAA members!

OK, OK, I am almost finished, seriously. Several of our classmates, Patty *Fifer* Kieffer, Marabee *Rush* Boone, and, my “little sister,” Bebo *Parker* Logan '63, are actively involved with PGHSAA. Check PGHSAA out at <https://alumni.pgusd.org>, and then if interested in joining, contact Joanie Hyler, joanie@pghsaa.org.

OK, seriously, I am almost finished. You may remember that the Annual Butterfly Parade is held on the first Saturday of October. And, that night, PGHSAA holds its annual dinner dance, but you **MUST** be a member to attend. Also, if you show up at the Bratty corner before the parade, many of your “Cool and Nifty '60ers” will be there. For more information, contact Jim Dowell, Marabee, Patty, Mike and Bebo Logan, or Vicky Lewis.

October 2020 will be our 60th reunion. I know, I know, “HOW CAN THAT BE?”, since we are ALL ONLY 39, right? But, sadly, 'tis true. And, God willing, I will see you there. But, until then, stay well.

As always, sending you all a BIG HUG!
Melanie Davis '60
Indio, CA



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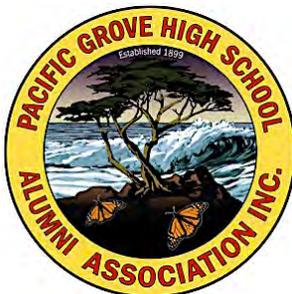
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Important 2018 Dates

The PGHSAA Board of Directors meets on the following dates in 2018: July 12, September 8, and October 11. The September meeting is the General Membership Meeting and is at noon. All other meetings are at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are at the Pacific Grove Community Center unless announced otherwise. Our 2018 annual reunion is Saturday, October 6 (see p. 23 for a reservation form!). If you are interested in joining our board, please e-mail one of our board members for an invitation to a meeting.



“In Memory Of” Contributions

Cecelia Setty	Salinas
IMO: Charles Earl Shinaut ‘51	
IMO: Geneil <i>Carpenter</i> Shinaut ‘53	
1949 Jayne <i>Dix</i> Gasperson	Pacific Grove
IMO: Donald “Don” Gasperson ‘47	
IMO: Robert “Bob” Woodruff ‘47	
IMO: Dorothy <i>Gonsalves</i> Perkins ‘49	
1951 Mary <i>McGuire</i> Alsop	Monmouth, OR
IMO: Ronald Maurice Alsop ‘51	
1968 Stacey <i>Souders</i> Golding and	
1969 Ted Golding	Carmel
IMO: Jay Rush ‘69	
IMO: Gary Craft ‘73	

Thanks To Our Recent Contributors

1947 Virginia *Green* Tamblyn Cupertino

PGHSAA Scholarship Fund

Central Coast Senior Services, Inc.	Monterey
IMO: Richard Goblirsch ‘51	
City of Sand City Mayor	
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1951 Betty <i>Burton</i> Campos	Carmel
IMO Richard Goblirsch ‘51	
1952 Jane <i>Lowrey</i> Weisser	Sacramento
IMO: Vance J. Lowrey ‘48	
<i>Jane wants to note that November will mark sixty years since Vance passed away.</i>	
1964 Sydney <i>Berg</i> Tabler	Pebble Beach
IMO: Richard Goblirsch ‘51	

Nelson William “Bill” Hyler ‘39**Scholarship Fund**

1968 Joanie <i>Hyler</i>	Pacific Grove
IMO: Richard Goblirsch ‘51	

Beverly Faye Wilson-Stanfield Stillwell ‘49**Scholarship Fund**

1970 Suzy <i>Stillwell</i> Derowski	Marina
1975 Bill Derowski	Marina

Letters

Joanie,

I’m SO glad to be re-connected with the PGHSAA! I think high school is one of the besttimes in a person’s life (at least remembering it thatway is!?), and I relish ALL the tidbits, stories, and yes even obits (which bring back memories of thosefolks, too)! This year, I have connected with a Facebook site, “You may be from Pacific Grove if...”, and am thrilled to see current scenes, which also bring back memories of my years living in P.G. Are any of the contributors alumni? I look for familiar names, but haven’t seen any yet. Is this a site that is familiar to PGHSAA? Just inquiring. There are some mighty fine photographers out there! THANKS again to Pat *Elmore* and Jimbo for all their efforts on behalf of our class. ONE of these days, I will become brave enough to attend the reunion and see everyone in person...I hope!

Ciao 4 Niao,
Marian Marsh Fleming ‘60
Sebastopol, CA

Editor’s note: We’re not familiar with this Facebook page; let us know if anyone else is!

Good Morning to All:

The enclosed check is for our dues for 2019/20/21 and 22, to bring them up to the new rate, starting in 2019. Just a quick update. Marilyn and I are doing well. She turns 84 on 25 May, and I will get there on the 14th of June. We celebrated our 63rd anniversary on the 8th of May. Our only connection with home is the *Knockout II*. Thank you all for your outstanding work.

John “Richard” Walls ‘52
Marilyn Evans Walls ‘52
Sturgis, SD

Dear Beth,

My name is JoAnn *Getz*-Meyer. I’m a graduate of P.G. High, 1974. (I am Helen *Getz* Stoll’s ’73 cousin). I am interested in submitting an obituary of my mother-in-law, Anna Jean *Johnson* Suter ‘44. Jean passed away in March of this year. Just before her death, my mother-in-law and I agreed that I would become a member of PGHSAA, as she and I
3 both graduated from PGHS, and she had been a

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member for 44 years. To honor my word to her, I have sent in my check and am now a member of the PGHSAA. Jean was quite a treasure as a mother-in-law. Jean's father, Johnson, was a conductor on the railway that once coursed through the Grove. We all lived in Pacific Grove in the old days, and she would reminisce about the people we knew in common. The Getz family has been in Pacific Grove since the late 1800s. I think I'd be able to write a little informative article about my family coming to the Grove and establishing their presence. Maybe it would be interesting for others too?

*Thanks for your time,
JoAnn Getz-Meyer '74
Port Angeles, WA*

Dear Beth:

My name is Clyde Shifley, a Pacific Grove High School alumnus. Attached is a small article I would like to submit for publication in the *Knockout II*. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

*Clyde Shifley '46
Port Orchard, WA*

Editor's note: See JoAnn's story on p. 16 and Clyde's article on p. 11. Thanks to Clyde, JoAnn, and others who send us their stories. They're what make up these pages, so keep them coming!

Dear Beth,

As the widow of a Pacific Grove High School alumnus (Daryl Setty, aka Steele '52) and the mother of our two children, Michael '73 and Sharon Setty '76, I must tell you that I really enjoy the *Knockout II* when my son passes it on to me. I read it page to page! Since marrying and moving to Pacific Grove in 1954, I really feel that Pacific Grove is my hometown too. Daryl lived in P.G. from the time he was 3, for over 51 years. I was there for only 13 years. Although I now live on our ranch in Napa County, I can still remember the great times we had, all of us growing up in P.G.! The four of us would ride our bikes through Washington Park to Asilomar and back home, with our poodle running alongside of us. (Guess you can't do that anymore.)

We spent a lot of time on the beach at Asilomar and at the Plunge, when the kids were babies. I have many fond memories of St. Angela's and P.G. High also. I just wanted to thank you and your staff for all your hard work in publishing the *Knockout II*. I must say I really enjoy it, even being a 1953 graduate of Salinas High School. Please keep up the good work! I'm enclosing a donation in the memory of Charlie Shinault '51 and Geneil *Carpenter* Shinault '53, our old friends and great people.

*Cecelia Elkington Setty
Napa*

Dear PGHSAA:

Our graduates, parents, and volunteers thank you for your generous contribution. Without your help, Sober Grad Night would not be possible. Thanks for your ongoing support!

*Pacific Grove High School
Sober Grad Night Committee*

Dear Friends,

Thought I'd write and also give a remembrance. The Cork 'n Bottle liquor store at the corner of Forest and David has always been an eyesore to me. We lived up on Devisadero off David, and that space was a farm, outbuildings, barns, and horses, and the whole hill behind it was forested, a beautiful, natural area. This was also across the street from the old entrance to Pebble Beach. It seems the older we get, the more we admire the simplicity of life back then. Everything is more complicated now and much more confused. Simpler is better.

*Stan Silva '59
Union, ME*

Editor's note: The sign has now been painted—black over the red. A fitting tribute for the loss of the farm and the forest!

Hi Ladies,

I received the following e-mail from one of my classmates, Bob Wind '61, wondering if I could assist him in continuing to receiving his Alumni newsletter. As you can see from his email, he believes his membership dues are paid. He truly enjoys the newsletter and appreciates all the effort that you put into this for all of us, wherever we are

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around the globe. Thanks for your assistance in helping with this glitch.

*Jane Coleman Abbate '61
Merced*

Dear Jane,

How are you? I'm planning to be there in '21 for our 60th! In the meantime maybe you can help me with a small glitch: On May 14, 2017, I sent Joanie \$100 newsletter dues for 5 years, and the *Knockout II* kept arriving until the end of the year, but then stopped. I've written Joanie and Alumni Info about the problem but with no response. Could you please check with the staff and have them send me this year's spring & summer issues along with future issues? I really hate to miss out; If my payment somehow got lost, I'll gladly pay again.

*Thanks,
Bob Wind '61
Thailand*

Editor's note: We're happy to help; e-mail our Membership Chair, joanie@pghsaa.org, with these questions. This mystery was traced to e-mail from PGHSAA going into a spam folder, so if you miss your Knockout II, check there, too!

Dear PGHSAA:

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered, as you remember Ron in your printing of the *Knockout II*. Enclosed is a contribution for Ronald Maurice Alsop '51, in his memory. We both, having graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1951, remember great and happy times sharing our education together during those days. Thank all of you who willingly serve to keep the *Knockout II* in print.

*Mary McGuire Alsop '51
Monmouth, OR*

Dear Beth:

It is that time again. Enclosed is \$50 in dues. \$30 for the difference in dues from now until my renewal date of 2024, and \$20 to help with the extra postage. Thank you again for making sure this snowbird gets

her *Knockout II*, whether she is in Oregon or Arizona. Love the article about the Del Monte Express by Phil Bowhay. Our family always called it the Tunaville Trolley. As a child, I would ride it to San Francisco to visit my stepsister, all by myself. Those definitely were the Good Old Days.

*Myra Jackson Machado '54
Salome, AZ
and Chiloquin, OR*

Hi Joanie,

I'm getting old and can't remember anymore (93). Anyway here are dues for two years. Hope I'm caught up. Best wishes,

*John (Jack) Reynolds '43
Monterey*

Joanie,

I finally sat down to read the June *Knockout II*. Thank you and Beth for continuing to do such a great job. It is a pleasure to read. Wayne and I will be sending a check for dues, as it surely must be time to do so. We are heading to Bandon, Oregon, next weekend for a second mini reunion hosted by Dennis and Vicki Osborne Falke. Looking forward to another good time with good people in another beautiful coastal town. Next year is our 55th reunion. Whew! Be well, and thank you again.

*Jennifer Kren Ross '64
Monterey*

Dear PGHSAA:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity of being able to achieve a higher education with the support of this scholarship, since I do originate from a low-income household and am a first-generation college student. I will strive to become the best teacher I can be and to hopefully return and teach at the district here where it all began for me, and change the students' lives like my teachers have changed mine. Thank you for the award. My family and I are very grateful that I may be able to continue my education and success.

*Sincerely,
Felix Diaz-Contreras '18
Pacific Grove*

Editor's note: Find out more about Felix and our other 2018 scholarship winners on p. 14!

Obituaries

MARCH

Ron Alsop '51 Monmouth, OR
 Jean *Johnson* Suter '44 Ben Lomond

APRIL

Matthew Eugene Evans '64 Salinas

MAY

Bruce Amor '66 Marina

JUNE

Jay Rush '69 Etna
 Bobbie Wesson '67 Palo Colorado Canyon
 Dick Goblirsch '51 Pacific Grove
 Graham McCord '10 Marina

JULY

Dorothy *Gonsalves* Perkins '49 Pacific Grove
 Gary Craft '73 Corral De Tierra
 Adrianna *Arioto* '99 Valley Springs
 Robbie Rye '68 San Jose

March



Ronald Maurice Alsop, 84, died March 22, 2018, in Monmouth, OR, his home since 2003. A native of Pacific Grove, he was born Aug. 24, 1933, and graduated from PGHS in 1951. He retired from a career in house painting in 1988 and moved to

Coarsegold. Ron was meticulous in everything he did, painting, telling stories, loving his family. He enjoyed NASCAR races and riding his motorcycle. He was a 47-year member of PGHSAA. Survivors include his high school sweetheart, Mary *McGuire* Alsop '51, daughter Laurel *Alsop* Jaindl '71 of Monmouth, son Ronald Alsop '73 and his wife Deborah *Johnson* Alsop '73 of Dallas, OR, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph Alsop '35 and Ellen Alsop, and sister, Constance *Alsop* Spaletta '49.



Anna Jean Johnson Suter, 91, died at her home in Ben Lomond, where she had lived for 40 years, on March 23, 2018. She was born in San Francisco on June 17, 1926, and the family moved from to Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara and then to Pacific Grove in 1937. She graduated from PGHS in 1944. She corresponded for the rest of her life with friends she made in P.G. Her career with the California DMV took her to offices in Sacramento and Capitola. In between, she managed to squeeze in an LVN degree from Cabrillo College. Jean loved her social groups after retiring. She joined a local book club, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and never missed her domino/card game days with friends. She was a 44-year member of PGHSAA. She will be greatly missed by her family, those who became close friends, and those who knew her engaging personality. Survivors include her children, David Meyer, Pamela *Meyer* Fortner and Gail Meyer; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Elmer Johnson '42 and Carol *Johnson* Geovinetti '45; her first ex-husband Lyle Cornelius '41; and another husband, Jay.



Matthew Eugene Evans of Salinas crossed over to his new life on April 9 at age 71. He was born in Modesto on July 4, 1946, and moved to P.G. in 1955 with his family when his father became manager of Collins Electric. He graduated in 1964 from PGHS and earned

a business degree in 1968 from San Jose State. He played football in high school and college. He was an electrician most of his working life, first at Collins Electric, and then he and his brother Dave had their own company, Cherokee Electric. When his father retired from Collins, Matt took over as manager until his retirement. He was a member of the IBEW, local 234. He made many friends over the years, and he always held his longtime friends and his family close to his heart. He loved watching his nephews' little league games and collecting treasures from auctions

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and thrift stores. His grandchildren were also precious to him. Matt was an avid Harley rider. He also loved to study his Bible in later days, and that gave him great comfort. He is survived by his wife Caroline and his children Candace and Tyler; his brother, Billy; sisters Beth *Evans* Brown '69, Sarah, and Monica; his sister-in-law Marie; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Mary, his brother David Evans '67, and his daughter Stacey. God wanted him now and set him free. Ride on, Brother.

Editor's note: Matt's obituary is being reprinted, as a production error resulted in an incomplete obituary being included in the last issue.

May



Bruce LeRoy Amor, 69, died at his home in Marina on May 13, 2018, of Alzheimer's disease. A native of Monterey, Bruce was born May 27, 1948, and grew up in Pacific Grove, graduating from PGHS in 1966. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Sharon; two daughters,

Allison Leleua and Keely Amor; three grandchildren; his sister Diane *Amor* Nuki '61; and brother John Amor '64.

June



Jay Robert Rush, 67, died in his sleep on June 2, 2018 in Etna. Born May 7, 1951, in Carmel, he was raised in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1969. For 33 years he was a carpenter with the Local 605 and worked on many well-known homes and businesses on

the Peninsula. Retiring in 2007, he moved to Etna, where he supported FTA, Scholarship Programs, and the Purr Angels, and he loved auto racing, fishing, boating, music, leather work, animals, and crafting wood. Survivors include his wife, Michelle; and his sisters, Marabee *Rush* Boone '60 of Pacific Grove and Janelle *Rush* Roseman '71 of Etna.



Bobbie Dean Wesson, 69, died at the home he built in Palo Colorado Canyon on June 18, 2018. Born in Carmel on Feb. 11, 1949, he was raised in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 1967. He continued his athletic endeavors at MPC and later at the

University of Hawaii, Manoa. An adventurous, nature-loving man, Bobbie built houses, surfed, hiked, sailed on his sailboat, and was artistically creative with found objects. He loved the ocean and was an inventor and craftsman. Bobbie joins his parents, Frank and Louetta Wesson, and is survived by his sister, Lynda *Wesson* '65; and his children, Kaile Wesson and Mikela Wesson.



Richard Eugene Goblirsch, 86, died at his home in Pacific Grove on June 22, 2018. Born Oct. 11, 1931, in Visalia, Dick and his family moved to P.G. in 1933, where he grew up and graduated from PGHS in 1951. After serving in the Marines during the Korean War, he

attended Monterey Peninsula College and San Jose State. He spent many years in urban redevelopment and economic development for the cities of Seaside, San Francisco, Santa Ana, San Diego City, Marina and Del Rey Oaks, and the Government of Guam. He worked for decades on the reuse of Fort Ord. He was a 42-year member of PGHSAA and served on the Board of Directors for three years. He asked that memorial donations be made to the PGHSAA Scholarship Fund. Survivors include his wife Mary Goblirsch; daughters Caron, Julia, Jean, Cathi, and Kathleen *Goblirsch* Lee '94; his first wife Mary Lou *Boone* Hudson '51; 12 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings David and Margaret.

Graham Jameson McCord, 26, died June 25, in Eureka, where he had lived for about four years while attending College of the Redwoods. Born Feb. 24, 1992, in Fairbanks, AK, he grew up in Pacific Grove and graduated from PGHS in 2010, where he

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played sweeper for the soccer team and for a travel team, the Pumas. While attending MPC, he worked at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Survivors include his mother Claudia Kostyshak, father Jim McCord, stepfather Geoff Kostyshak, and two half-

brothers, Todd Phillip Kostyshak '99 and Scott Geoffrey Kostyshak '02.

July



Dorothy Gonsalves Perkins, 87, died of lymphoma on July 3, 2018 in her hometown of Pacific Grove, where she was born May 7, 1931. After graduating from PGHS in 1949, she was crowned Miss Monterey County the same year. She

spent most of her life raising her family in the Central Valley, but returned to the Peninsula in 1980, where she worked for Macy's for many years. She was active with her church, hospitals, and schools. She was a 30-year member of PGHSAA, serving on the board for 11 years. Survivors include her five children, Rick, Leslie, Jeff, Greg and Joe Perkins '86; her ex-husband, Tom Perkins; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Frances Gonsalves Moffitt '43 and Cheryl Perkins Readinger. Her mother, Hazel Mattos Gonsalves Fletcher '28, died in 2003.



Gary Alan Craft, retired chief investigator for the Monterey County District Attorney, died in his sleep at his home in Corral de Tierra on July 4, 2018. He was 63. Born Nov. 21, 1954, in Iowa City, IA, Gary graduated from PGHS in 1973, and earned degrees at MPC, St.

Mary's College in Moraga, Golden Gate University, Gavilan Police Academy, and the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. He was in law

enforcement for over 40 years, beginning as a police officer in P.G. and Seaside, the Sheriff's Dept., and then the DA's office. Gary was a talented musician and vocalist, and an outstanding athlete. Survivors include his wife Lisa; two daughters, Keleigh and Amber; his mother, Mary Craft; two brothers, John Craft '73 and Thomas Craft '72; his half-sister Mae Jane Davis Keller '63; and five grandchildren.



Adrianna Bianca Arioto, 37, died July 18, 2018, in Valley Springs. A native of San Jose, she was born Sept. 10, 1980, to Lisa Arioto and Rick Carvalho. She graduated from PGHS in 1999. Adrianna loved drawing, painting, collecting shells, and flying kites, and she enjoyed nature. She is survived by her parents.



Robert Thomas Rye, 67, died of cancer in San Jose, on July 28, 2018. Rob attended PGHS only in his freshman year, then transferred and graduated from Monterey High School. A native of Monterey County, he was born Sept. 10, 1950. Rob was a well-known and respected musician in both the Bay Area and the Los Angeles area. Rob was a member of "The Question Marks" and "Rock n' Rye" bands in the Monterey area. He is survived by his sisters, Terry Rye Heinz '64, and Debra Rye Underwood. His mother, Virginia Lee Perry Rye '41, died in 2006.

"In Memory Of" Donations are a wonderful way to commemorate the lives of friends, relatives, and faculty members, and to help us help PGHS students. Send your donation to the address on P. 2. Thanks to those who have made these donations over the years.

P.G. Chamber Awards Honor PGHS Grads



The Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce **Volunteer of the Year** is Margaret *Selbicky* Stewart '54. Margaret, pictured at left, grew up in the area and returned as an adult, living continuously in Pacific Grove since 1984. She kept track of

the finances at Hayward Lumber for two years before entering sales with the company in 1986, helping thousands of customers find quality building materials to meet their building needs. During that time, Margaret joined the board of directors of the Pacific Grove Alumni Association, serving as board member, treasurer, president and corresponding secretary.

Margaret also volunteers with St. Angela Merici and St. Vincent De Paul thrift store and serves with the Pacific Grove Citizens Police Academy. Margaret has been on hand to volunteer at the Chamber on weekdays in the mornings and is consistently a willing and active volunteer, taking on a variety of tasks both within and outside the Chamber's downtown Pacific Grove office and often donate extra time to the Chamber. Her favorite event to lend her time to with the Chamber is the annual Fourth of July Hometown Barbeque Celebration at Caledonia Park every July 4th.



The Chamber of Commerce's **Public Official of the Year** is Don Mothershead '71, left, senior recreation coordinator for the City of Pacific Grove, who is retiring later this year after

37 years with the department. Born in Chicago, Don has lived in Pacific Grove since the age of 4, when his parents retired here after serving on three continents with the U.S. Army.

After graduating from PGHS, he went on to Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, where he graduated with a degree in physical education and a teaching credential in 1977, gravitating toward recreation

work from a background in physical education. He joined the city's recreation department in 1981.

Ten years ago, the recreation staff was reduced from seven full-time workers to only one and the budget by 70 percent. That left Don facing the formidable task of successfully maintaining and enhancing City recreation programs in the face of severe budget cuts and staffing reductions to run things with only part-time and seasonal employees.

In addition to running the recreation programs, Don also handled facility rentals for weddings, memorial services, birthdays and other events; contracts with instructors for recreation classes; coordination with the city's large special events schedule; and support of operations at City Hall.

In addition to more than three decades with the City's Recreation Department, Don has been a starter for track meets at PGHS for 36 years, ran the City's Youth Soccer and Basketball leagues for 27 years, was heavily involved in the Lover's Point Save-the-Pool fund-raising effort, and has many other ties to the community, in which he and his wife, Rosemarie, raised their three now-grown children.

Margaret and Don were recognized by Rep. Jimmy Panetta, Assemblyman Mark Stone, County Supervisor Mary Adams, and P. G. Mayor Bill Kampe at a Chamber Dinner this spring that was emceed by former Chamber Director Marabee *Rush* Boone '60. The Chamber plans a retirement party for Don in October. Visit the Chamber web site, www.pacificgrove.org, for more information.

PGHS Class of 1973

45th Reunion

Oct. 5 and 6, 2018

Wine-and-Cheese

at Beth's house 6:00 Friday
Dinner at the Monterey Elks
Lodge Saturday (see p. 23).

<http://www.pacificgrove73.com> or
e-mail bpennney@sonic.net
for details.

And tell a classmate!

Bob Coble Sends Photos!

We received a number of photos from Bob Coble '56, of Seaside this month. He says of the photo at right, "While looking for something completely unrelated in piles of old papers, pictures, and clippings, I came across this photo. I don't know whether you have a copy already or even if you've seen it, so here it is. It's a group photo taken (I think!) at the class of '56 55-year reunion held at the VFW building in Marina."

Bob also says he took 333 pictures at the Monterey Scottish Games and Celtic Festival on Saturday, August 4, the first day of the event at the Monterey County Fairgrounds, and even more on Sunday! He writes, "The primary reason Pat and I attend the festival each year is to see and hear our favorite Irish entertainer--Seamus Kennedy. Last month we went on our fourth tour to Ireland, with Seamus as the tour leader."



At below left is a picture of Bob with his nephew Matt and his wife Tabea. Bob says, "I'm wearing a Scottish tam o' shanter that I've had since 1982 (36 years) and the tee shirt I bought at Durty Nellie's next to Bunratty Castle in Bunratty, Ireland, just over a month ago (during our last Seamus Kennedy tour)." Below is another participant at the event. See more from Bob on p. 20!



Seamus Kennedy, Pat Coble, her grandson Dylan Williams and Bob Coble



Clyde Shifley Remembers

My name is Clyde Shifley, and I graduated from Pacific Grove High School in 1946. I will be 90 years old in August of this year, and I got to thinking that I have never written to thank Pacific Grove High School for my two-year experience, as a Junior and Senior, 1945 and 1946. These years resulted in the making of some good friends and learning some things that have helped me in life.

While there, I won a couple of public speaking contests and was student body president for my senior year. I had earned several athletic letters during my time at previously attended schools, but I had some health issues during my time at PGHS. I transferred from Santa Clara High School in 1944, when my dad became the Southern Pacific Railroad Agent at Pacific Grove, a position he held until the station closed in September 1957. As a railroad family, we moved around a lot.



My family had deep roots in Pacific Grove between 1905 and 1981. I was born August 26, 1928. My mother's maiden name was Hyatt, and my father's family name was Shifley. Those names were on the property titles at 429 (above) and 431 Spruce Street (above right, as the houses appear today) for many years. Our home at 429 Spruce was rented out while we lived elsewhere but became home again upon our return when my Dad retired.

When my mother was 16, she learned how to be a telegraph operator. She attended PGHS in her second year and became one of the youngest managers of a Western Union Telegraph office. She was also one of the only women to hold that position. She managed the Pacific Grove Western Union office on Forest Avenue for 17 years until she married my father in 1923, when she was 32 years

old.

My dad was 10 years younger than my mother. They got acquainted when he became her messenger delivery boy, using his bicycle to deliver telegrams. She taught him to be a telegraph operator, which he turned into a 45-year career with the Southern Pacific railroad. They had a very happy marriage.

My sister became a nurse and worked in Pacific Grove, and I worked for nine years at Bank of America and 35 years for the railroad. My dad passed away in 1969 and my mother in 1975.

My mother's sister, Ethel Hyatt, lived her adult life at 431 Spruce Avenue. She was well known in Pacific Grove, where she worked at Holman's, the Grove Laundry, a real estate agency, and in Carmel at a grocery store. She died in 1977.

My wife Betty Lou *Platt*-Shifley and I were happily married 65 ½ years. She was truly a sweetheart who was a native of New York State but moved to California with her father and sister. She



attended PGHS for a few months during 1947-1948, before returning to New York to graduate with her "home" high school class, after which she returned to California, and we were married in 1949. We had four wonderful children: Alan, who just retired from Hewlett Packard, after 36 years; Linda, who works for a real estate firm in Seattle; Jim, who is a mechanical engineer for Kodak in NY; and Ruth, who was self-employed for many years and now cares for me, along with her husband Ron, in Washington State.

Below is a list some of my family who attended PGHS over the years:

Lyda Hyatt (my mother's sister), class of 1913
 Edwin Hyatt (my mother's brother), class of 1915
 Eloise Hyatt (my mother's sister), class of 1918
 Emil Shifley (my father), class of 1919

Butterfly Days Are Just Around the Corner: Oct 5-7

By Dixie Layne '66

The planning is well underway for another for another fabulous Butterfly Days weekend with lots of fun and activities for the young and young-at-heart. We're starting the weekend of fun Friday evening, October 5, along with Pacific Grove's First Friday event, which just happens to be celebrating its 10th anniversary and will be hosting a party downtown, complete with live music and all things butterflies. It's the ultimate downtown Pacific Grove block party.

The fun starts anew Saturday morning with the highlight of the weekend, the Butterfly Parade and Bazaar. This is the 80th year the monarch kids have marched through downtown to welcome home the monarchs. Following the parade and bazaar, there will be loads of activities at the museum and at the library in celebration of their anniversaries, the 135th and 110th, respectively. Plus, the Heritage Society will have the Birdhouse Competition and Silent Auction entries displayed in the museum garden.

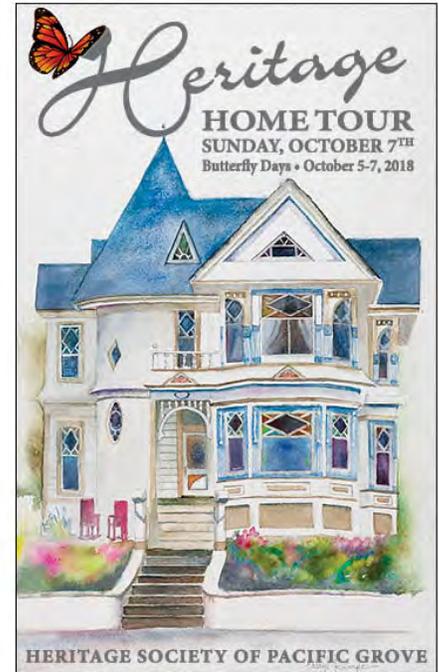


The Heritage Society Barn will be open Saturday and will serve homemade ice cream Sunday. Butterfly stickers, pictured at left, are on sale now at The Barn for \$1.

The fun will continue on Saturday with special activities at the library, the P.G. Art Center, and all things butterflies at downtown shops and restaurants.

Sunday will feature the Heritage Society's Heritage Home Tour from 11:00am to 4:00pm. Details will be available on the Heritage Society's website www.pacificgroveheritage.org in September as well as published in the local newspaper, the *Cedar Street Times*. Tickets for the tour will go on sale after Labor Day. Downtown will continue to swing on Sunday with all things butterflies at the museum, the Art Center, and downtown shops and restaurants.

Artist Cheryl Kampe was generous enough to paint a beautiful watercolor of the Hart Mansion, one of Pacific Grove's iconic Victorians, at right. It will grace the cover of our Heritage Home Tour guide, and the original watercolor will be auctioned during Butterfly Days. Information about the auction will be available at the Heritage Society's Barn, located at 605 Laurel Street.



Thanks to everyone who dusted off their old family albums, found some wonderful Butterfly Kid photos from days gone by, and submitted them to the



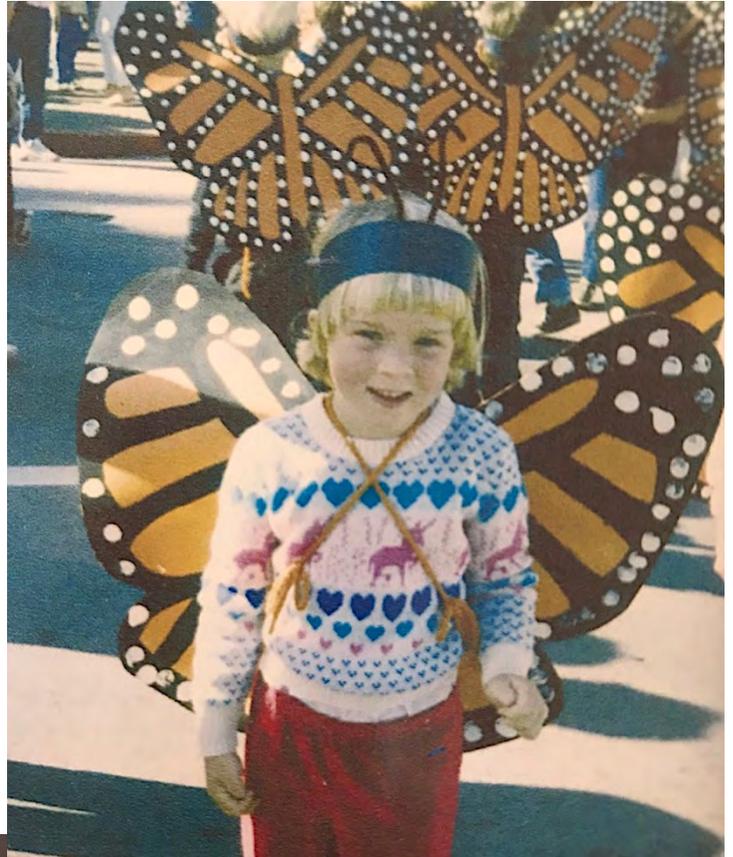
Jenn Erickson '79, now a teacher at PGHS

Butterfly Days, continued

Heritage Society for use in their promotional and publicity materials for Butterfly Days. Some of the fabulous photos that were submitted are printed on these two pages. In the photos on this page, Garyth *Evans*, below, is a '63 PGHS grad and mother of Glynnis, and grandmother of Coral Rose, a 2018 grad, pictured at below right. Glynnis herself is at right. Three generations of butterflies! See p. 24 for another Butterfly Parade photo, but you'll have to guess who it is. Hint: It's someone we all know and love!

Thank you to all the teachers, parents, alumni, and children who have kept this tradition alive.

You'll find a complete list of events on the Heritage Society's website in September, and a Butterfly Days program will also be available in the *Cedar Street Times*. Welcome home, monarchs! Pacific Grove's welcome mat is out.



Glynnis Tyler Barrett '85, Garyth's daughter and Coral Rose's mother



Garyth Evans '63, Coral Rose's grandmother



Coral Rose Barrett, who will graduate from PGHS in 2018, in 2005

PGHSAA Awards \$24,000 in Scholarships

At Pacific Grove High School's Senior Awards Night on May 23, the Pacific Grove High School Alumni Association awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to 16 students. Nine of the awards are memorial awards and/or awards given to students who plan to study in specific fields. Six of the awards are general PGHSAA Scholarship Awards that go to deserving students across all academic and vocational areas. Thanks to all of **you** for your scholarship donations! Students receiving memorial or specific awards on May 23 are as follows:

Mei Bailey received the PGHSAA Musical Scholarship award. Mei was a mentor to many students at PGHS, in the musical, on the cross-country team, and in the band. She was a member of the MTAL championship women's cross-country team in 2016, an all-league runner twice, and team captain as a senior. As a four-year member of the choir and band, she participated in multiple honor groups, including California's all-state choir. For the past two years, she led the Breaker Marching Band as drum major. Mei will attend Lewis & Clark College in Oregon in the fall, where she plans to explore cultural identity through International Studies and Anthropology, and to perform in the college's wind symphony and choir.

Reina Trombetta received the Ada Eleanor Smith Educational Scholarship. Reina was a member of the varsity volleyball team for four years, serving as team captain and earning the MTAL Sportsmanship Award in her senior year. She has done extensive community service, earning 1,011 hours as a volunteer with the Monterey Bay Aquarium, the science camp, and the P.G. Middle School volleyball team. She plans to attend Humboldt State as a forestry major and then join Cal Fire.

Henry Loh received the Maude Marian Smith Educational Scholarship. Henry, who has a 5.0 GPA, ran cross-country track and was on the award-winning BreakerBots robotic team. He also played violin in the school orchestra. Henry also received

the Robert Balles Math Scholar award and the Wednesday Night Laundry Runners scholarship this year. The salutatorian of the senior class and a National Merit Scholar, Henry will attend UCLA in the fall, where he will major in computer science.

Melyssa Abad received the Nelson William "Bill" Hyler Photography Scholarship. Melyssa participated in many activities throughout her four years at Pacific Grove High School, including art, painting, and photography, which is her favorite hobby. Melyssa plans to study at Monterey Peninsula College for the next two years, and then plans to transfer to San Francisco State University to study marine biology. Her dream is to merge her career and her photography to work for the National Geographic Society.

Catherine Gruber received the Don Harlan '42 Vocational Scholarship. Catherine is the sixth generation in her family to attend PGHS. A member of the Breaker Cheer team and captain of that team this year, she was also a Feast of Lanterns princess for three years and has volunteered at that event for five years. She was a member of the PGHS choir and musical theater program and has donated time to Pacific Grove's community and sporting events.

Cathrina Bonelli received the Bob Hoag '45 Athletic Scholarship. Cathrina, who also received the Rotary Club of Pacific Grove Scholarship, is one of the top high school athletes in the county. She played varsity baseball, in addition to participating in the dance and Interact clubs. After school, she works for Kyle Krasa's law practice in Pacific Grove. Cathrina plans to attend Arizona State.

Raffi Aghajanian received the Class of 1952 Remembers Scholarship. Raffi was on the soccer team and was recognized academically as a high honor student. In the fall, Raffi plans to attend the University of California at Irvine to study bio-medical engineering in preparation for medical school. His future plans include working in the field of medical research and engineering. He certainly distinguished himself in your editor's College Composition class at MPC this summer!

Scholarships, continued

Vanessa Barragan received the Beverly Wilson Stillwell '49 Scholarship. Vanessa has volunteered more than 250 hours at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She played on the varsity soccer team for three years and has been a member of the robotics team for the past two years. In the fall, Vanessa will attend Cornell University, where she plans to study biological sciences with a concentration in genetics and genomics.

Esther Lee received the Tommy Stillwell '74 Scholarship. Esther maintained a 4.25 GPA at PGHS through her AP classes. She played golf all four years (she is also the recipient of the \$4,000 Quail Lodge Scholarship) and has volunteered at the Pacific Grove Public Library and the Obon Festival, in addition to putting in 300 hours at Community Hospital, where she volunteered all four years. Esther will attend Cornell University.

Natasha Hunt received the Richard Reynolds '57 Science and Technology Scholarship, an award managed by the Community Foundation of the Monterey Peninsula that grants the student \$9,000 over two years. Natasha was on the varsity swim team and participated in the Model United Nations. She took a number of advanced curriculum classes as well as volunteering more than 100 hours at Community Hospital (she is also the recipient of the hospital's Auxiliary Scholarship).

PGHSAA Scholarship Awards are as follows:

Ashley Lyon: Ashley has been an active part of Pacific Grove High School's choir, drama program, leadership class, and various clubs. A four-year member of the school choir, Ashley also sang in several honor choirs, including CCS and Regional Choirs. During the course of her high school career, she performed in 13 plays and musicals both at school and in the community, including the recent *Shrek: the Musical*, in which she played Fiona. At school, Ashley has served as Class President and ASB Secretary and was a member of various clubs, including the National Honor Society and Kindness Club. Next year, Ashley plans to attend Northeastern University to pursue a combined major of English and Theatre.

Mary Grebing: Mary is a multi-talented four-year athlete, competing at state gymnastics meets and playing on the volleyball, swim, and track teams, as well as playing center on a travel volleyball team. As a senior, she served as the Commissioner for Leadership at the pep rallies. As a track team member, Mary broke the 12-year standing pole-vault school record by clearing 9' 7".

Sarah Bitter: Throughout high school, Sarah invested herself in the Mock Trial Team and the Critical Issues Forum, earning individual recognitions in both. Her interests include nuclear disarmament issues and the law. Next year she will be studying International Relations at Stanford University.

Felix Diaz-Contreras: Felix plays the trombone, and he was in the Monterey Jazz Festival's High School All Stars band. He was also the first PGHS student to make the San Francisco Jazz High School Band, and he has made seven tours with that band. He will make an eighth tour this summer. He will attend the University of the Pacific's Conservatory of Music and major in music education.

Grace Woods: Grace has participated in drama, choir, and musical theater at PGHS, recently performing in *Shrek: The Musical* as Gingy. Aside from acting and singing, Grace has dedicated much of her time to working with children through volunteering with elementary summer school and science camp, and as a tutor. She will be continuing her education at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon, this fall to study bioengineering.

Ian Jeffers: Ian was involved in a variety of sports throughout his four years at PGHS, including basketball, cross-country, track, and swimming. Ian also works at the Monterey Sports Center as a lifeguard and swim instructor. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, camping with his family and bringing along his dog, Maddy. Ian plans to study computer science at California Lutheran University in the fall, and he hopes to start his own business one day.

Getz Family History in P.G. By JoAnn Getz-Meyer '74

Editor's note: The Getz family has deep roots on the Central Coast. JoAnn Getz Meyer '74 has been working on her family history and sent us a marvelous story going back as far as her great-grandparents, Solomon and Emma Getz, who came to California from Illinois in 1865 and homesteaded in what is now Palo Colorado Canyon below Carmel Highlands. The home they built still stands, incorporated into a larger structure. One of their sons, Sam, 15, came with them but later went to Oklahoma to homestead and find a wife, while his parents left the rural coastline to move to Pacific Grove.

I have just summarized three single-spaced pages of JoAnn's wonderful family history, and I will now let her take over with the story of her grandparents, who came to Pacific Grove in 1918.

In Oklahoma, Samuel J. Getz and his wife Jeannetta (Jean) Van Derhoef, married in 1904, had worked the land and finished their commitment to homestead property. They had stayed and built a home in Oklahoma territory while raising three sons.



Jean and Sam Getz, married in 1904

Sam, being an experienced farmer, knew how to work land with a team of mules, plow, and wagon. By now, at 50 years old, he was well steeped in the traditions of farming. He'd been handling a team and buckboard from the time he was a young boy while helping his parents. Farming, breaking land and getting it to produce was what he knew. He was quiet, ingenious and persevering; the qualities a person needed to survive the harsh unyielding landscape he was raised upon.

Sam met his wife Jean when a neighbor in

Oklahoma introduced him to her. Jean and her twin sister Henrietta were staying with their uncle Henry Lang, who lived a few farm parcels away. By 1904, Sam's oldest brother William had a son that was of age to marry. Joseph "Joe" Getz, Sam's nephew, married Jean's twin sister Henrietta. Joe and Henrietta moved to Texas and started a farm of their own and raised children. Jean had worked for a time as a waitress at a near resort. She soon settled into being a housekeeper and farmer's wife. Sam was 36 and Jean was 24. Jean was from the same beginnings as Sam. Both Jean and Sam had their unique talent for working the ground.

Because Sam knew of Pacific Grove, had lived on the coast years prior and continued correspondence with his family, Sam would know his father died in 1909 and his mother was a widow living with her youngest son Guy and her two unmarried girls

Helen and Laura. By 1918, Sam, Jean, and their three boys set out from Oklahoma to relocate in Pacific Grove; it was a natural place to move. They now required an easier, less physically demanding way of life; Sam was 50 and Jean was 37. Sam and Jean had four boys, but years before moving, they buried one of their children, Horace Russell, who died when only months old from infection. The three who made the move to California were Robert (Bob), 13; Marion (Mack), 9; and the youngest, Eugene (Pudge), 4, who was my father.

Though Sam's mother Emma was well looked after by Sam's other siblings, a move to bring them closer to family made sense. Life and subsistence farming would become more than they could bear any longer in Oklahoma. Though Sam's youngest brother Guy was helping out the family with watching out for his mother and two unmarried sisters, Sam and Jean knew it would be the family



Postcard addressed to Mrs. Samuel Getz, "Congress & Gibson"

Getz family (continued)

coming together that would help to make a better life for them all. There would be work in the up and coming town of Pacific Grove. Holman's Department Store was a sophisticated place to find your finery and all manner of household items. Hopkins Marine Station had been built. The Monterey canneries were the main employment. Pacific Grove had formed a school district in 1895. Monterey was building landmarks.



Sam and Jean's home on the northwest corner of Congress and Gibson in the 1920s. The house burned in the 1960s, and a modern ranch-style home has taken its place.

Most of the Getz clan lived on Congress Avenue between Sinex and Junipero Avenue. Sam's sisters Helen and Laura worked for Holman's department store, Helen as a bookkeeper and Laura as a milliner in the hat department of Holman's. Laura had exceptional skills as a dressmaker and would fashion garments for the women of the town in her off hours. Guy had bought land and owned the Central Meat Market in early 1900s and acquired a good reputation. Sam's other siblings also found a life in the area. His sister Elizabeth (Lizzie) married and moved to Morgan Hill, where she and her husband opened a jewelry store and started a family.

Grandpa Sam considered mules to be "smarter and easier to handle than horses" for his City gardener status. My grandpa Sam's stable was just a few blocks away from his house on the corner of Sinex and Congress Avenue. He would walk up to the stable in the early morning and evening hours to feed and water his team. I remember my dad (Pudge) telling me about the care his father would



Sam Getz, one of the original "teamsters," setting off to work on Congress Avenue with his mules and wagon, circa 1920.

take, not only with the team of mules, but also his hand tools. Once his tools were used for the day, he would clean all the metal and wood and oil and sharpen the edges of his shovels and hand tools. He would never leave his livelihood to the elements to rust or rot. He'd regularly "saddle soap" and clean the leather reins and harnesses. He'd keep the stalls clean and dry for his animals. His attitude was that because all these things helped him with his living, he'd care for the things that helped him work every day.



Sam and Jean enjoying a picnic on Pacific Grove Beach

Thinking about how he revered his living and his tools as a gift gives me pause today. I'm amazed at the simplicity of his way and proud to know I came from a person that respected the earth and the ability to work. I remember also my father telling me as a young child about respect of his tools. He often

Getz family (continued)

made the comment, “If you use it, put it back where you got it in better shape than when you took it.” I’m sure my grandfather related that lesson to my father (his son).

Sam and Jean began work right away after buying a home on Congress Avenue. Sam first



worked for the canneries for a couple of years and then became a gardener for the City of Pacific Grove. Many of the cypress trees we admire

today are still thriving nearly 100 years after they were first planted as saplings by my grandfather. Examples of his work still reside in Lovers Point Park (below), Caledonia Park, and Esplanade Park



(above left). Sam and Jean were happy for the work and the fresh restful peace they found in this land of opportunity. They stayed. My great

grandparents Solomon and Emma enjoyed Pacific Grove for 15 years before Solomon died in 1909. Emma went on living in Pacific Grove for another 20 years.

Solomon and Emma’s youngest son Guy had moved to San Francisco sometime after the land sale on the coast in 1894 and became a butcher for the Bay City Market. After a few years his father died, and his mom became a widow in 1909. She required his help, so Guy moved to Pacific Grove. He bought a home on Congress Avenue and looked after his mother Emma and two unmarried sisters Helen and Laura. Guy bought the Central Meat Market in Pacific Grove in the early 1900s and became revered

as a popular butcher with the citizens of Pacific Grove. Guy also established one of the first tent camps for travelers in the early 1900s across from the cemetery at the end of Lighthouse Avenue. Pacific Grove was becoming a popular destination for camping and relaxing. People would come to the Grove from miles around for the cool ocean breezes and peaceful landscape. Guy would also see a need and opportunity for auto camps, with the increasing use of automobiles. He added them and charged .50 cents a night. Firewood was free, but you had to cut your own from a stack left near the camp.

My great-grandparents Solomon and Emma, my grandparents Sam and Jean, and great uncles Ed and aunts Helen, Laura, and Guy, as well as my uncles Bob, Mack, and my dad Pudge made a home in Pacific Grove. They were in part the foundation of what is my earliest memory of a hometown. Years ago they decided to live and work in this quiet little town and raise their families near the ocean.



Sam and Jean Getz and their sons Robert (Bob), Marion (Mack), and Eugene (Pudge), the author’s father, circa 1940

My uncle Bob Getz was trained by our uncle Guy to learn the meat business. Uncle Bob would take over the meat market at the old Purity, now the Grove Market, in the early 1950s. In the late ‘50s he would move to Carmel Valley and his business to the Village near his home. Uncle Bob always served his customers with a smile. The quality of freshness he sold was considered as “the best of meat” to his customers. My dad would take us kids to see him at the butcher shop in the valley. He always seemed happy to see us--a broad smile would come across his face.

Uncle Mack would establish his carpentry skills and help build many homes and businesses in the

Getz family (continued)

area as Monterey was expanding; the most notable was The El Cortez Hotel in downtown Monterey, Santa Catalina School for girls, their chapel, and the Seaside Library. My father, Eugene “Pudge” Getz, would leave to serve in the Navy as a C.B. in 1944 to defend the Pacific Campaign in Australia during WWII. Once home from the war effort, he started working for the Pacific Telephone Company based in Salinas. My father met my mother Mae in 1946 while dining as a customer at the then-named Lovers Point Restaurant, where she worked as a waitress, adjacent to Lovers Point Park in Pacific Grove. After they married, they lived on Congress Avenue across from my grandparents Sam and Jean. They had four children. All four of us, my brothers Bob, Sam, Steve, and I, were born at Community Hospital, which was at that time in Carmel. My mother became a housewife and used her sewing skills to make costumes for my brothers to march in the Butterfly Parade. Our family participated in all the town celebrations, including the Feast of Lanterns. Our family memories endear those times to us.

My dad eventually became a foreman on the line crew for Pacific Telephone out of Salinas. He worked many years with his crew to string communication line down the coast of Big Sur and outlying areas of Gilroy and San Juan Bautista, and connecting San Jose to the Monterey Peninsula with telephone. Years later, Pudge would serve the Pacific Grove Judicial District as a Constable after Martin Nodilo gave him a high recommendation. He also worked for many years for the Pebble Beach Corporation as a security officer until he retired at 70 years old.

Many of my Getz relatives graduated from PGHS, starting with my great aunt Helen Getz in 1898. She is the earliest noted graduate in our family, shortly after Pacific Grove became a school district in 1895. Six more of us would follow her lead: My dad graduated in 1928; my first cousin once removed, Edwin “Ed” Getz, graduated in 1938; and then there were my cousins Nancy *Getz* Carey 1953, David Getz 1956, Barbara “Bobbi” Getz in 1958, Jimmy Guy Getz in 1963; and Helen *Getz* Stoll (Ed’s older daughter) in 1973, and Virginia *Getz* (Ed’s younger daughter) in 1978.

The history of Pacific Grove was brought about by many hard working members of society who quietly did their job and went home at night to make their family a home there. We didn’t move here because it was a tourist destination much as it has become today. Then, Pacific Grove was a land of opportunity--a

place that could become a home. A quiet, sleepy little town that rolled up its sidewalks after dark. A safe spot to raise your kids. Not really a place us teenagers necessarily appreciated at the time, but a place we now understand and love as home nonetheless. No matter how far I roam, I’ll always come back to Pacific Grove, smell the wood smoke lazily wafting in the air, feel the gentle sea breeze pushing the cypress branches to dance, and breath the salt air while I listen to the rhythmic tide that lulls me to sleep. I’ll wake to the misty fog lingering in the groves of pines and be happy that my ancestors had the mind to come and re-establish a homestead in this place. I’m privileged because of their work. In this respect, I’ve always felt special in



JoAnn’s Sea Urchin photo, 1974



JoAnn and her husband David Meyer, Monterey High Class of ‘63

the way a favored child feels at Christmas, given lots of gifts. This is my home. No matter where I live or how long I’m gone, I still come home to this place.

The 1955 Key Club Convention

By Bob Coble '56

While going through a very old stack of clippings and other things, I came across this Xerox copy of a picture that was published in the *Monterey Peninsula Herald* in 1955. It is the Pacific Grove High School and Monterey High School delegates to the Key Club convention in San Bernardino. Key Clubs are high school civic action clubs sponsored by the local Kiwanis organizations. Back in those days, the clubs were for boys only, but these days they are coed.

The photo was taken by the P.G. Club advisor, biology teacher (the late) Delbert Cram, who was also the advisor for the P.G. Camera Club, of which I was also the president.

Little did any of us imagine that among us was a boy who would become one of the most powerful leaders in the country, not just as a member of Congress, but running the White House staff for President Clinton, and later serving as Secretary of Defense and head of the FBI.

I (labeled "Me") was the president of PGHS Key Club and Leon Panetta (top right) was president of the Monterey High Key Club. Mike Bowhay was the outgoing PGHS Student Body and Key Club president, and Ron Bain was the incoming treasurer (I think) of the PGHS Club.

I do not have a copy of the original photograph that Mr. Cram took, and thus far I haven't found the original newspaper article that this is a copy of.

Phil Bowhay (one of Mike's older brothers) is one of the folks I shared this with, and he said he would get it to Mike. Phil also suggested I share this with the *Knockout II*, so here it is. I'm sorry that I wrote on it back when I first cut it out of *The Herald* back in 1955.

Savoring the Sounds of Your Hometown

By Phil Bowhay '47

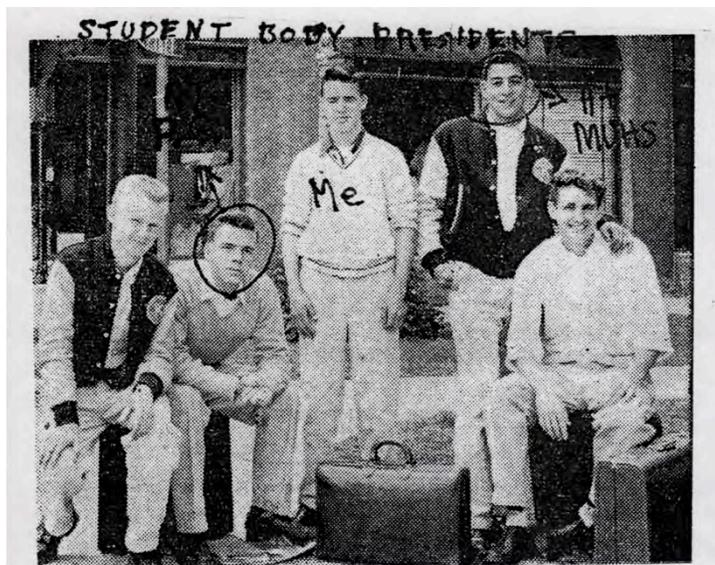
All cities, towns and villages have their own sets of sounds, at least in my experience. Not like a thumbprint, exactly, but when you woke up and heard the soft sibilance of the surf, or the low moaning of the foghorn or the bell buoy, you remembered that you were home in Pacific Grove.

In Monterey I guess it was the gulls, and in the good old days, the cannery whistles. In Carmel, of course, the mission and monastery bells on a Sunday morn.

This was all well and good, but without some "punctuation," you might have thought yourself in Santa Cruz or Santa Clara. Our punctuation in P.G. was the fire horn. Mounted on top of City Hall, which was also the fire station in those days, it was part of our identity, our signature of sound, unlike anything else in Western civilization. It was harsh, raucous, insistent and serious in intent.

The primary purpose was to alert and call the volunteer firemen, day or night, rain or shine, war and peace. During World War II it called us all to air raid and/or blackout drill, and that, indeed, is another story.

Noon, every day, was announced with two blasts—"Twelve o'clock, Nellie! We've made it through another day!" And how exciting for out-of-



(Del Cram photo.)

Local delegates to the recent Key Club State Convention at San Bernardino wait outside their hotel in that city. Representatives from the Monterey and Pacific Grove high school clubs attended the meet. They are (from left) Doug Johnson, Mike Bowhay, Bob Coble, Leon Panetta and Ronald Bain.

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town guests, hearing it for the first time. We proudly suggested it was part of our New England heritage. Some thought it woke the dead and killed the living. Not true, of course, but damn few pigeons stayed on City Hall.

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

At first, trembling in his awkward grasp, she thought that sound, which indeed did shake her teeth, was part of the kissing experience. At second and third blast, however—there was a house fire down by Caledonia—she realized this was GOD! She burst into tears and did not kiss again until her freshman year at San Jose State. Well, the horn has long since gone, having served us well those many years. My brother, Brooks, was an eager volunteer, later to become a regular. We lived at 18th and Laurel, and on that corner, the horn was practically in our bedroom. Brooks kept his turnout gear, boots and all, by his bed, and when the horn blew in the middle of the night, he hit the deck, boots on, and ran full blast to the station.

Don Gasperson '47, retired chief, told me that they needed three volunteers before they could roll the truck, and I'll bet Brooks was at least number two. Don also told of being on duty alone at night, sound asleep, and when a box was pulled sending in an alarm, all the lights in the station—now on Pine—the horn and bells and sirens all went off at once, and he might have wondered if he wanted to do this for the rest of his life. Good for us he did.

Back in the '40s, Don worked at Johansen's Creamery, down Forest, just below Lighthouse, and when he heard the blast, middle of root beer float or not, he was over the counter and up the hill.

I grew up as a fireman's kid. My dad, Lowell, was a forest ranger in Kernville, Bakersfield and San Luis Obispo, and later chief at the Line School—now Navy Postgraduate—and then the Presidio.

Six years old. San Luis Obispo. I could hear the siren coming from down the street. Red, shiny, open cab fire truck, probably a La France, and the siren louder than ever. And there, in the driver's seat, all by himself, was Daddy. He waved and grinned, and away he went. I stood there, transfixed, then ran into the house. "Momma, Momma! Daddy just went by in the fire truck!" She smiled, and I think she said, "Oh boy!"

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

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

Then there was our high school pep rally bonfires at the east end of the football field, torched one night early by a wily pyromaniac, but built bigger and better the next night. Roll Breakers, Roll! Pyromaniac was sneaking up with a bow and arrow to do it again, but caught in the act, and ran away! (I'll never tell, John.)

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A Senior's Version of Facebook

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists:

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, giving them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist!

—Submitted by Mary Ellen Styhl Mathias '56

Good Things from the Storeroom

By Phil Bowhay '47

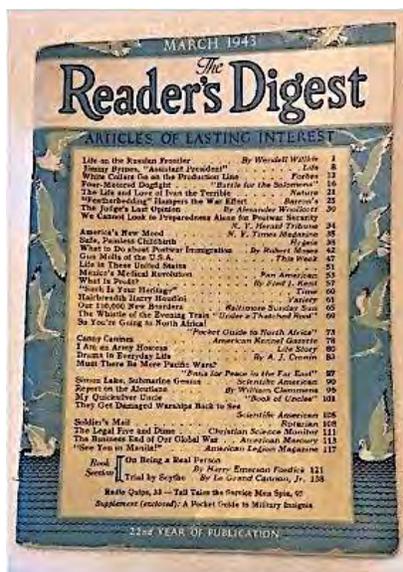
I haven't done my usual research on the subject, but I'm willing to bet that most of the homes on the Peninsula built before 1930 have storerooms. Yep, that's what they were called, storerooms, and if you can find a few that have not been pilfered or pruned, my what treasures you'll find! Someday I'll tell you about the Radium Revigator, but that's another story.

Among old lightning rods and buggy whips, Uncle Sumner's shaving mug, Mason jars, both empty and filled, you might find that steamer trunk not opened for 100 years. But what I want to get into here, next to the stacks of *National Geographics*, are those dozens of *Reader's Digests*!

The current publication is all well and good, but like so many things, it was better then. No advertisements and plenty of great condensed books, and the teachers didn't mind if we used them for book reports.

The articles really did open the world. There was no TV, so you had to read if you wanted to learn anything. Remember that great piece on how to be totally self-sufficient on an acre or two? Your own chickens, rabbits, a goat or a cow, and the manure nourishing the vegetable garden, and mulch and it just didn't work, but what fun to dream about.

And the couple that emptied their piggy bank each year, went to Greyhound, said they had \$37, or whatever, and asked how far they could go? For a kid in Pacific Grove, that sounded like a very creative adventure.



Reader's Digest cover, March, 1943.
From an e-Bay auction (10 bucks)

During the early '40s, at least half the stories talked about the war, heroes, victory and the need for sacrifice. "Here's Why There's Nothing to Spread on Your Bread," "Navy Fliers Dish it Out," and "Colonel Carlson and His Gung Ho Raiders." We've forgotten the "Most Unforgettable Characters," but we still have "Life in These United States."

A quick review features some stereotypes we wouldn't call politically correct today, but there was plenty of spiritual inspiration. "There Are No Atheists In the Skies" or in foxholes. Also, there was always a good dose of health advice and education. Something like "I Am Joe's Liver" or "I Am Joe's Heart."

This was wartime, of course, and mothers were admonished to keep a close eye on their daughters. There was concern about the spread of what we call today STDs, but *Reader's Digest* laid it right out there. Venereal disease, and the scourge of syphilis! All this still strong enough to severely limit physical contact. Good news, though, from Paul de Kruif: "Stamping Out Syphilis With a One Day Treatment."

Well, dig out a copy or two from the storeroom. The jokes are old enough to recycle, the insights timeless—sort of—and you can dig up plenty of trivia to amaze your friends! As it promised, "Articles of Lasting Interest."

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We had NO guesses at all on last issue's photos, which didn't run on this page but on pp. 12 and 14. We don't know who they are either, so if you get a chance, go back to those pages in the June issue and see if you recognize anyone.

Here's our mystery photo for this issue, in honor of the annual Butterfly Parade. Who is it? Send your answers for this issue to your editor, bpennney@sonic.net.

Do you have a photo for "Who Is It"? Send it in a .jpeg file to the same e-mail address, or mail us copies of your photos to the address on the masthead.

And, see pp. 12 and 13 for more photographs of Butterfly Paraders from years gone by, and for more information on the new Butterfly Days event (also held on Butterfly Parade weekend), which is organized by Dixie Layne '66. Remember that the Butterfly Parade is always held on the same weekend as our annual reunion. The reunion reservation form appears on the back of this page; mail it today!

