



# Panther Postscripts



BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER - FALL/WINTER EDITION 2017'18 - Editor Rusty Knudsen

## BHSAA President Rusty Knudsen



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year! Lot's of exciting things going on in the Alumni Association. We are looking at revamping our web site to make it more user friendly and hope to transition to the new site soon.

We have the annual scholarship for BHS worthy students coming this May. In support of this we kicked off a Facebook fund raising campaign to help support the scholarship fund that we give out each year to worthy students. Our goal is to raise \$4,000.00 and we are half way there with two months to go. Your donations are greatly appreciated. You can find this fundraiser on our Facebook Page titled - **Burlingame High School Alumni Association** If you're not a member please send a request to join as this is for Alumni only. The site has 817 members and growing strong.

It is that time for reunion planning as BHS has several reunions coming up this fall for Classes '48, '58, '68, '78, '88, '98, '08 Be sure to contact our reunion committee for help planning your reunion. [ReunionAnnouncements@BurlingameAlumni.org](mailto:ReunionAnnouncements@BurlingameAlumni.org)

If you have interest in helping our committee chairs on the following committees we have interest in you.

Web-Site, Reunions, Annual Events, Fund Raising, Publication, Scholarships, Hall of Fame, History of BHS, Hospitality, Advisory roles. Contact me, Rusty Knudsen [bhsalumni74@gmail.com](mailto:bhsalumni74@gmail.com) and come join us at our next meeting. You can find our Schedule for meetings at the end of this newsletter or on our web site.

We have our annual Alumni Golf and Baseball Events coming up in May. All classes are welcome, both men and women. Contact Rusty Knudsen [bhsalumni74@gmail.com](mailto:bhsalumni74@gmail.com) for more info.



## BHS Principal Paul Belzer



### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

I hope this letter finds you well and warm during these winter months. Our recent Winter Break provided our students and staff a time to slow down and relax after a rigorous and active Fall Semester. Back in session now, we are excited for what 2018 will bring.

As a commitment to encouraging a balanced school-home life, BHS students again had a Homework Free Holiday allowing students, and hopefully staff, the time for family and personal pursuits. Several years ago, the San Mateo Union High School District moved to end first semester prior to the Winter Break. Now, students can truly take a break with Final Exams behind them and no homework during the vacation.

Currently, we are in the thick of the Winter Sports Seasons with our student athletes participating in Girls and Boys Basketball, Soccer, and Wrestling. Our games are listed on our new website and are always competitive and exciting. Check out our new website and stop by for a game if you get the chance! The website can be found at <https://www.smuhsd.org/burlingamehigh>

In March, BHS will host Career Day, offering 2 break-out sessions for students to meet with local professionals and learn about the many careers that support our community. If you or someone you know may be interested in presenting at Career Day, please email coordinator Carrie Hermann, at [chermann@smuhsd.org](mailto:chermann@smuhsd.org).

In close, one of the great privileges of serving as Principal of Burlingame High School is meeting with Alumni and hearing the stories of their youth, the lessons learned through their experience, and Burlingame High School's role in their story. Favorite teachers, victories and failures, popular activities all have their own variation but with some consistent themes; the importance of personal grit and experience, the significance of family and friendship, and the positive experience of being a part of a team, a band, a school where they felt connected with others and to their class mates.

Over the past month, I have had the opportunity to meet with Alumni of the class of 62, 67, 82, 2006, and most recently with Jim Ditto (picture in "What's Going On" segment) with his wife) from the class of 1941. Jim shared that his time at BHS were some of the best years of his life. Now that's a tradition I hope we will continue to live up to.

Go Panthers!

## **BHS ~ Panther's In The News ~**

### **BHS Alum Nathaniel Crosby '79 (son of Bing Crosby) Selected to captain U.S. team in 2019 Walker Cup at Royal Liverpool**



Nathaniel Crosby in Palm Beach, N.C.  
Story by John Strege (Golfworld)

Nathaniel Crosby's victory in the U.S. Amateur in 1981 was among the most memorable in its long history, "a magical moment in golf," Terry Jastrow, who produced the telecast for ABC, called it. It helped earn Crosby a berth on the U.S. team that won the Walker Cup at Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, England, two years later.

Two years from now, Crosby will complete the circle, returning to Hoylake, this time as the captain of the U.S. Walker Cup team. The USGA will make the announcement official on Wednesday.

"I haven't had a great moment in 35 years, haven't won a tournament in 35 years," Crosby said. "So when Diana Murphy [the USGA president] called me, I was extremely surprised. For someone that has something to say about everything, I was taken aback. I had a serious loss of breath when she told me I would be the next Walker Cup captain."

Crosby largely had reconciled with the idea that he likely would never be the Walker Cup captain based on the fact that the job generally goes to those who were career amateurs. For Crosby, he intended his amateur career to launch him onto a successful professional career. He played a few PGA Tour events and was a member of the European Tour for two years, but essentially retired from competitive golf to pursue a business career.

But when he turned up on the short list of candidates, his appeal to the USGA was that a preponderance of Walker Cup players these days similarly aspire to a professional career and as a result he can relate to them.

"To consider being an amateur golfer as a career made no sense to me when I was 17 years old," he said. "My pitch to the USGA was that I'm more in touch with guys trying to be successful golf pros who are 18, 19, 20, 21 years old." Crosby, 56, is the son of the late entertainment industry icon Bing Crosby, which likely will heighten interest in the biennial amateur competition between teams from the U.S. and Great Britain & Ireland.

Bing was revered in the United Kingdom for his work on behalf of the war effort in the U.S. and his entertaining troops during World War II, and he was on record expressing a preference for courses in Great Britain and Ireland over those of the U.S. He also played in a British Amateur on the Old Course at St. Andrews, which still hosts the annual Bing Crosby Trophy, a competition for senior amateurs held in September.

Nathaniel has his own history in Great Britain. It began with the '83 Walker Cup at Hoylake, where he had a 1-1 record in the Americans' 13 ½ to 10 ½ victory. His teammates included three other future U.S. Walker Cup captains—Jay Sigel, Jim Holtgrieve and Bob Lewis Jr.

There, too, was his role in Bing's annual Christmas show, this one, "Bing Crosby's Merrie Olde Christmas," recorded in England in 1977. It was on that show that Bing and David Bowie, the original odd couple, collaborated on the song "Little Drummer Boy/Peace on Earth," that has become a Christmas standard.



L-R: David Bowie and Bing Crosby

A few weeks after recording was completed and Nathaniel had returned home, Bing died of a heart attack moments after finishing a round of golf in Spain.

Four years later, Nathaniel, 19 at the time, won the U.S. Amateur at the Olympic Club not far from the family home in Hillsborough, Calif., and next door to the San Francisco Golf Club where he remains a member.

"Bing Crosby's son winning in San Francisco, with his mom there?" Jastrow said recalling the telecast. "You're supposed to be impartial and try to present a balanced story, but this was magical storytelling. One shining moment. Never before, never again."

Crosby, who regained his amateur status in 1994, has been a partner and executive in three golf equipment companies—Toney Penna Golf, the Jack Nicklaus Equipment Company and Orlimar Golf. Today, he is chairman of the AppleTree Golf Society.

"Nathaniel Crosby has proven experience as an amateur player at the highest levels in both individual and team competition, and this will lend itself well to providing leadership for the USA Walker Cup Team in 2019," Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman, said in a statement. "His father earned the USGA's highest honor, the Bob Jones Award, and I know Nathaniel possesses similar traits, including sportsmanship, patriotism and a competitive spirit, that will assist him as captain."

Incidentally, U.S. Walker Cup captains typically are retained for a second term. It would seem likely that Crosby, too, would be the U.S. captain again in 2021, given that the Walker Cup will be played at Seminole Golf Club in North Palm Beach, Fla., where he also is a member, as was Bing. Crosby, however, is not looking that far ahead.

"To be honest with you, I'm so grateful and so appreciative of the incredible gesture of being named the Walker Cup captain," he said. "Mike McCoy [another candidate for the 2019 position] also is member at Seminole and is worthy of being a Walker Cup captain."



## Where Are They Now? Jacqueline Hubbard- Iverson class of '42

By Rusty Knudsen '74

I was born Jacqueline West Hubbard at Highland Hospital, Oakland CA, on January 7, 1925. My family lived in San Leandro until the Great Depression, at which time my father lost his job as an executive and we lost everything. We moved across the Bay to Burlingame where my father spent all his time job-hunting. These were very hard times

My older brother Fred attended Burlingame High School and I went to Roosevelt Elementary School. We lived in a sadly deficient home but it had a balcony, which we loved. My brother and I played Romeo and Juliet from it.

My father finally found a position as Credit Manager for Sears and Roebuck in San Francisco, a position that he remained in for the rest of his working life.

I loved elementary school and did well. I had a wonderful English teacher named Mrs. Huxtable. The dear woman suffered from Dowager's Hump and sat at a desk among the students. She taught us a love of the English language. We adored her. The principal, Mr. Olsen, would come to class and teach us the necessity to "follow through". He was a golfer. I never forgot to "follow through".

I met Richard Morris at Roosevelt School. He made puppets and had a puppet theatre. He performed wonderful, entertaining shows for assemblies and others. We performed a play for graduation and I had a lead role. Richard Morris went on write the famous "Unsinkable Molly Brown" and had a very successful career.

I lost my mother when I was twelve. I lived in a foster home, which I didn't like at all, and went back to live with my father and brother.

I started Burlingame High School with a lot of excitement. I loved the stage, and performed song and dance with my good friend Frannie. We had written the songs ourselves. It was silly but we were only 13 and we had fun.

My older brother, Fred, moved to Chicago to live with our grandmother and went to work as a cub reporter for the Chicago Daily Times. He had studied Journalism at Burlingame High School

under Miss Miller. He eventually went on to become Editor-in-Chief for Time, Life and Sports Illustrated in Australia and the Southern Pacific. We were very proud of him.

We lived on Almer Road. We finally found a delightful apartment over the home of a French couple. My room was done in French décor and I thought it was perfect. I spent my sophomore year there

I had a wonderful friend whom I met at school. Her name was Yvonne Perrin and she lived in Hillsborough. She went by the name of "Sugar". We became fast friends and were inseparable. Being born in Paris, she was fluent in French, and helped me master the language. We remained best friends until she passed away many years later.

In my sophomore year, I took Chorale class, led by Mr. Elmer Young, who took no nonsense from his students. He had a red brick at the ready, to throw at whomever acted up in class. I remember his throwing it once at a naughty student. He didn't actually hit the person but we knew he meant business. We were in class to learn music, and learn it we did! He taught us how to breathe properly, from the diaphragm. We learned Solfege-do, re, me, etc. We learned the magnificent oratories; "The Messiah", "Elijah", and to be remembered forever for such lovely melodies, "The Seven Last Words of Christ", by Dubois. Mr. Young was also choir director at the Methodist Church in Burlingame. He was severe, but we learned music, and how to sing properly! Because of him, I found my lyric soprano voice and sang many solos at assemblies.

Sadly, my father was transferred to Phoenix AZ in my junior year. I hated to leave Burlingame High School. The school I attended in Arizona was a good school but I pined for Burlingame and all my friends. I sang on a radio program in Arizona, which was fun. But, I begged my dad to allow me to return to Burlingame for my senior year and he finally gave in. I took the train back to Burlingame. On the train, I met Johnny Mercer, a famous singer at that time, and the Mercy Macs, a singing group of three men and a girl. They invited me to sing with them. I knew all their songs and loved them. At daybreak, as I was returning to my bunk, Johnny Mercer took me aside and told me I should be a professional. I was very flattered and encouraged.

Back at Burlingame High for my senior year, I sang with a band from Stanford

and a big band at the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. I knew all the popular songs that the Big Bands were playing at the time.

I was Secretary of the Senior Class and secretary to the Dean of Women, Miss Northrup. I also sang "The Lord's Prayer" on graduation night. Any opportunity to sing a solo was such a gift to me. All I wanted to do in life was sing.

After graduation, I went to work in San Francisco for Standard Stations. A great many of our graduates got jobs with either Shell or Standard Oil. The fathers of some of the graduates were employed by one of these companies. I was fortunate enough to have a friend, Mary Jane Eachus, who had attended Burlingame High. Her father, Frank Eachus, helped me get the job at Standard Oil.

The job was tough for a 17 year old. I ran all over San Francisco with messages to people I thought were big shots. After that, I went to live with my aunt in San Diego. It was there that my high school sweetheart, David Iverson, wired me a marriage proposal. I happily accepted and moved to Corvallis OR, where we were married.



Newlyweds; Jacqueline Hubbard-Iverson '42 and David Iverson BHS class of '41

After a year in Oregon as newlyweds, David joined the Army and was sent to the South Pacific. He fought in the Battle of Okinawa. A long three years later, David returned home.

Settling into domesticity, I started singing lessons and entered the Miss U. S. TV contest, coming in first runner up. I sang on a daily television show, The Les Malloy Show, on ABC in San Francisco.

I also sang at supermarket openings and other events with the ABC traveling band. Wanting to study voice seriously, I quit the show and studied with a voice coach for several years. I gave many recitals over the years, finally giving my last concert in Palo Alto when I was 65 years old.



Jacqueline Hubbard-Iverson age 70

Having sung my little heart and voice out, I became Public Relations Director for Circle Star Theater in San Carlos. It eventually closed its doors, and I moved to Susanville CA to be near my daughter and her big family.

I am now 93 and still loving life. I am very curious if there are any other classmates of Burlingame High School, Class of 1942. I'd love to talk to you!

## Where Are They Now? Peter Cleaveland '58

By Jeff Tateosian '74

A few months ago, a BHS Alumni and current Board Member of our BHS Alumni Association, was inducted into the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame. On September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Peter Cleaveland joined an elite group of Bay Area media on-air personalities, journalists and management. His experiences include writing and reporting about the release of American hostages in Iran, the Falkland War, Jonestown, the Patty Hearst kidnapping, the shooting of George Moscone and so much more.



The BARHOF Class of 2017 includes Peter Cleaveland (News), Dan Ethen (Engineer), Ron Fell (Management), John Mack Flanagan

(Program Host), Richard Gossett (Program Host), Lee Jones (Specialty), Michael Krasny (Talk Show Host), Dan Sorkin (Program Host), Doug Sovern (News), Tony Tremayne (Pioneer; née Mel Fritze) and Rich Walcoff (Sports).

His interest in media started when he was quite young. His father worked for Time Inc, and Peter was exposed to reporters at a young age. Though he desired to become a pilot, he soon realized that his eyesight would prevent him from taking to the blue skies. It was then he set his sights on becoming a print journalist.

His first experience was to join the "Burlingame B," Burlingame High School's long-running student newspaper. During his junior year, he also started writing for the Burlingame Advance. Some of you may recall that it was a local daily paper. He covered Burlingame High School sports, and was actually paid 5 cents an inch for his columns.

Upon graduating in 1958, Peter chose to attend the University of Oregon as it had one of the top journalism schools. While there, he met a guy who had a show on the campus radio station. Their friendship occasionally allowed Peter the opportunity to read the news on-air. He thoroughly enjoyed his first introduction to radio.

Later, he transferred to SF State to be closer to home and was hired by KNBC Radio where he became a traffic reporter. Upon graduating, he furthered his work experience in radio working at stations in Santa Clara and Fresno. His big break in Bay Area Radio came when he was hired by KGO-Radio, where he worked in the news department. In 1975, Peter transitioned into an on-air reporter for KGO-TV. Five years later, he was back in radio as a correspondent for ABC Radio News for six years. During the last 17 years of his storied career in radio and television, he helped organize, and was on the National Staff of, AFTRA (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, AFL-CIO). For over 80 years, professional actors, journalists, dancers, singers and royalty artists, announcers, hosts, comedians, disc jockeys, and other performers across the media industries, have worked together under AFTRA. In 2012, AFTRA and SAG (Screen Writers Guild) merged.

When asked what his most rewarding jobs were, Peter was able to come up with two: "They probably were my six years spent as a correspondent for ABC Radio News and the 17 years I spent on the national staff of AFTRA, the Radio and TV Performers union.

Working for ABC took me all over the world and there was something exciting about keeping spare clothes in the trunk and my passport with me at all times. The day before President Reagan's first inauguration, I flew from SFO to Washington and spent the night at the State Department reporting on overnight developments on the imminent release of the American hostages in Iran. I slept through the inauguration and hostage release and then was told to get ready to fly to Germany where I would be part of the hostage recovery coverage. I got home 10 days later.

Then there was Good Friday in 1982. The assignment desk in New York told me to fly to LA and get a visa for Argentina. I was going to cover a war. The next morning, visa tucked safely in my passport, I was off to Buenos Aires. Arriving on Easter Sunday morning, I began what became perhaps the strangest way to cover a war. I was reporting from one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, 900 miles from the action and dependent on the Argentine government for news. Colleagues in London were in the same boat, having to rely on the British Ministry of Defense for their information. I spent four weeks in Argentina reporting sometimes for seven or eight hours straight feeding the six different ABC Radio News services. When I got cycled out after four weeks, I was ready to go. After three weeks at home I was just as ready when I went back to report on what became the end of the war. It wasn't until 2001 that I finally got onto the Falkland Islands. The British residents of the islands, which look very much like the Shetland Islands north of Scotland, were and still are mad at the Argentines for starting the war in the first place."

As if covering stories of the release of the hostages and the Falklands War wasn't enough, Peter also covered many other historic events. "While I was at KGO Radio and TV, I covered the kidnapping and then the search for, and arrest of, Patty Hearst. I spent a fair amount of time during the late 60's and early 70's covering the student uprisings at SF State, Cal, San Jose State and Stanford. I even got an official, tongue in cheek, 'College Combat Certificate' from S.I. Hayakawa's office when he was President of SF State."

"Then there was the horror of Jonestown, when Jim Jones led more than 900 hundred of his followers, many from the Bay Area, in a mass suicide after they had murdered San Mateo Congressman Leo Ryan, SF Examiner Photographer Greg Robinson, and NBC Correspondent

Dan Harris and his cameraman, Bob Brown." His daily reports by phone led the news and he was the only Bay Area reporter covering the tragedy.



*Peter Cleaveland*

"A week later, I was in San Francisco City Hall, when Dan White assassinated Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. I had planned on meeting Mayor Moscone to discuss the events in Jonestown, and on my way to his office, the police came rushing by, guns drawn. I wasn't allowed into his office, and moments later, a veteran police inspector opened the door and told me the mayor was dead. I called KGO immediately and told them that you can't report this yet, but Mayor Moscone was just shot and killed." He was in the room when Dianne Feinstein held the press conference that no Bay Area native of age will ever forget, that Mayor Moscone and Supervisor Milk were just killed.

"Finally, I had the pleasure of covering a wide range of NASA stories including the first five missions of the Space Shuttle from takeoff to landing in the desert, and the campaign and election of Ronald Reagan twice. But for every one of those stories there were 30 or 40 everyday sorts of stories that had their own interest." Through his 21 years on radio and television, Peter has received numerous prestigious awards. Some that he is most proud of include:

- \*RTNDA Investigative Reporting Award 1973
- \*RTNDA Spot News Reporting Award 1978
- \*International Assoc. of Firefighters Award for Feature Reporting 1978
- \*Overseas Press Club Award for coverage of Hostages being Freed 1981
- \*Overseas Press Club "Lowell Thomas Award" Falklands Island Reports 1982
- \*Ohio State Award for "Crime in America" 1984

- \*National Education Association for ABC Radio Series on "Illiteracy" 1984
- \*AFTRA San Francisco "Bill Hillman Award" for Service 2002
- \*Bay Area Broadcast Legends – Legend of the Year 2007
- \*Burlingame High School – Alumnus of the Year 2011
- \*Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame – Sept. 2017

When asked what the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame award meant to him, Peter confessed that, "My induction this past September was the cherry on the cake. It meant more than many awards because I was voted in by members of the Hall of Fame. It's one thing to be rewarded by the public, but quite another to be rewarded by your peers."

From a young kid meeting his father's reporter friends, to reporting on some of the most important stories in the Bay Area, to finally being inducted into the BARHOF, Peter has fulfilled the promise that he made to himself and his father many years ago. Congratulations, Peter, on a job well done.

**BHS Music Teacher  
John Rando  
Remembered**

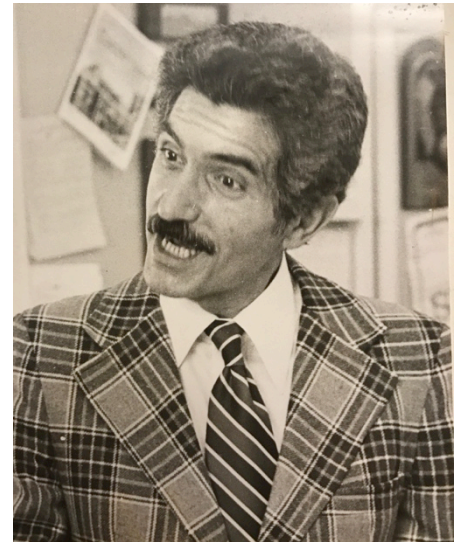


*Recent picture of Mr John Rando*

It's a wonderful thing when a teacher can reach students and have a positive impact and change to their lives. Beloved BHS music teacher John Rando was such a teacher. John passed away in December 2016 at the age of 86.

Mr Rando was born in New Jersey in 1930, moved to California with his family, and later graduated from the College of the Pacific in Stockton in 1952. John taught music in Stockton schools, and entered the army in 1953, including a

tour in the Korean War. John returned to Stockton where he resumed his teaching career in 1955 until 1963, including a one-year period at the US Army School in Hanau, Germany. In 1964, John moved to San Mateo County and began a long and successful period as music teacher at Burlingame High School, through 1978. John touched the lives of thousands of students over his decades of teaching, many of whom still remember him fondly, recently praising John with such accolades as: "He was a gem, and will always be in our hearts!" "He was a huge influence and inspiration in my life." "He taught me the feeling of music and how it moves people." "He was the finest outright teacher I can ever remember." "John Rando was the most caring, dedicated teacher I ever had." "Mr. Rando is the standard that no one has ever met."



*Mr. Rando in the '70's doing his best "Welcome Back Kotter" impression*

John closed his teaching career at Hillsdale High School in San Mateo (1978-1987). After spending the first few years of his retirement in Belmont, John moved to San Rafael (Lucas Valley), and finally to the Tamalpais Retirement Community. He lived these years with characteristic gusto and celebration, travelling the world with his partner M.F. "Bud" Ball, and spending many of their days at home planning and producing social gatherings and parties that few can match. John continued to give back through community activities such as serving on the board of the Marin Music Chest for several years. Promoting school-age musicianship was one of the dearest values that he exhibited throughout his life.

As another of John's former students has astutely observed: "The angels up above are about to get schooled on how to actually sing the Hallelujah Chorus."

## IN MEMORIAM

John Rando (Teacher).....	12/16
Mary Gardner '46.....	4/17
Russell James Patterson '50.....	6/17
Eloise Diepenbrock '75.....	1/18
Nicholas Baylock '11.....	3/17
Douglas Price '49.....	3/17
Darrell LaMontagne '49.....	12/16
Karl Gripenburg (Teacher).....	1/18

## BHS Alumni – Lifetime Members

Lifetime membership donations to the BHS Alumni help support your Alma Mater in many ways. The fees collected go towards funding Hall of Fame and other Alumni events that help raise money for athletic programs as well as provide funds used towards scholarships that are awarded each May to a select few students.

**Our newest Lifetime Member**  
**Tyler Mason '67**  
*Thank You for your Support*

## BHS Alumni Reunions Coming This Fall

Have a reunion coming up? **Laura Hesselgren and Jan Privitera, of '75** are the Reunion Committee chairs for your reunion assistance. They can be reached at the following email address; [ReunionAnnouncements@BurlingameAlumni.org](mailto:ReunionAnnouncements@BurlingameAlumni.org) and are able to help you plan your next reunion.

Did you know you could schedule a tour of the school as part of your reunion? Most reunions tour on Friday afternoon. **Linda McLaughlin** conducts the tours. She is a former BHS teacher and granddaughter to Mrs. Beeman's (Dean of Girls in the '50's & '60's). You can contact her at the following [bhs\\_turns100@burlingamealumni.org](mailto:bhs_turns100@burlingamealumni.org).

## Reunion Info Coming Soon

**Classes - 1948, '58, '68, '78, '88, '98, '08** Planning a reunion this year? Check the reunion page at for further details as they are provided to us!  
[www.burlingamealumni.org](http://www.burlingamealumni.org)

**Class of 1967-** Roger Graham says Following extensive deliberations, the 1967 BHS Reunion Committee resisted the temptation to have our 50th reunion at the Burlingame Rec Center, site of many Friday night capers back in our day.

Our reunion weekend kicked off with a Friday evening cocktail social at the Barrel House in Burlingame, and was relocated to the Burlingame Brewery when we overstayed our welcome...the party progressed into the night. Saturday afternoon was occupied by a tour of BHS conducted by classmate and former BHS teacher Linda Vickery McLaughlin. The auditorium was most impressive, having recently been restored to magnificent condition.



*L-R: Reunion Committee Georgette Ponti Oppezzo, Roger Graham, Lesley Youdall*

Saturday night consisted of the usual conversations between long separated senior citizens, highlighted by moments of reflection of our late classmates, memories of teachers, and the band patched together by Bob Cullinen. Included in that esteemed group of band members were fellow BHS alumni Steve Seligman, Mike Beers, Ed Valentine and Bob Cullinen, plus Pete Charles, Rich Bulotti, and Mike Robertson, all of whom played at the Rec at one time or another. Their efforts definitely contributed to the success of the event. Additional walk on talent included an epic rendition of La Bamba by classmate George Torres, followed by Jim Refvem on saxophone.



*The Boys in the Band*

The celebration went well into the evening, much to the glee of the reunion committee consisting of Roger Graham,

Lesley Youdall, Bob Cullinen, Nancy Miller Smith, Bill Nagle, Apua (Esther) Paulson Garbutt, and Georgette Ponti Oppezzo, not to mention our most valuable committee member Shelley Graham, 1968 graduate of Miramonte High School in Orinda.

**Class of 1977 Amy Feiner** writes Burlingame High School's class of 1977 celebrated their 40th reunion on October 14 at Poplar Creek. Alumni from the class of 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1980 were invited, too. The turnout was excellent as almost 200 people showed up to reminisce, laugh, be silly in the photo booth and catch up. We were honored to have retired teacher Glenn Morgan join us for the festivities. While the past was talked about, it was amazing to note all the new connections that were made. We're looking forward to the next reunion!

## The '77 Reunion Committee



*L-R Committee Members, Creighton Fung, Brooke Dunbar, Mike Prozan, Myrna Fernandez, Howard Posnick, Amy Feiner*



*Some of the Gals sharing a laugh*



*The Guys getting reacquainted*

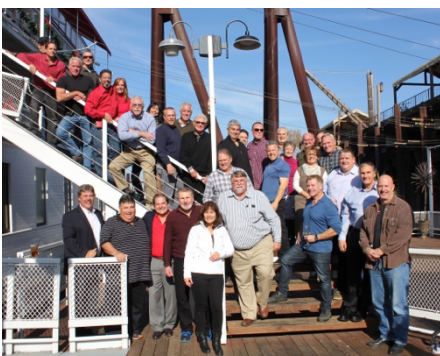
## BHS Alumni Honor Paul Kolesnikow HOF Inductee



L-R Rusty Knudsen '74, Paul Kolesnikow '74, David Steil '74

Paul Kolesnikow, Class of 1974's Stud Athlete, was the inductee into BHS HOF 2016 class. Unfortunately, Paul could not make the actual event as he is the caregiver to his mom the past couple of decades. Hall of Fame Chairs Rusty Knudsen and David Steil decided to bring the celebration to Paul up in Sacramento. When Rusty reached out to Paul's brother and fellow HOF inductee Dr. Andrew Kolesnikow '73, Andy was all too accommodating. Andy lives in Canada where he has a practice in surgical dentistry. Andy helped orchestrate the luncheon and venue for the celebration.

Paul is one of 5 children to Mr and Mrs Kolesnikow. John the oldest, followed by Peter, then Andrew, Paul and Tina, all went to BHS. Paul has dedicated his past 20 yrs to helping his mother who has required full time care. When Rusty put the word out to fellow classmates the response was overwhelming.



The venue was moved to the Delta King Riverboat in Sacramento.

Paul's induction into BHS HOF was long overdue as Paul was the Athlete of the Year for the class of 1974. Paul played Football, Basketball and Baseball receiving All League honors in each. Paul chose football although he was drafted by the California Angels in

successive years after graduating. Paul played Football at San Jose State, where he was a starting running back and Special Team's captain. He was recognized numerous times as player of the week and was chosen as the Player of the Game in the PCAA Championship game vs Fresno State. Paul suffered a career ending knee injury killing his aspirations of playing pro.



San Jose State; #26 Bob Ladouceur (De La Salle Coach), #15 Paul Kolesnikow BHS '74

Surrounded by friends and classmates, Paul enjoyed this long overdue acknowledgment. Those in attendance were: Dr Andy Kolesnikow Rusty Knudsen, Dianne Knudsen, Steve Mahlstedt, David Steil, Pete Fena, Dr. Mike Glafkides, Ron Lawson, Dan Eisan, John Ferreira, John Campanile, Chris Mennis, Bill Kell, Jim Lenardon, Scott Roberts, Paul and Gary Panepinto, Rick Sherrod, Jose Lara, Dan Quinn, John Curry and Coach Terry Christman.

All in this beautiful tribute recognizing Paul's contributions to BHS as an athlete and to his compassion and commitment to his family had a wonderful time.

Everyone got up to share a story of Paul and his athletic prowess both at BHS and at SJ State. Great laughter and a few tears were shed for the beloved teammate who has dedicated his life to providing full time care to his mom who turned 91 this year.

Paul is not without his own troubling challenges as he has undergone (3) knee replacement surgeries over the course of these years from the career ending injury he suffered in college. His last surgery was this past may and at this point the doctors have said this is the last chance as there is no more bone to work with. But Paul marches on without compliant.

On behalf of the BHS Alumni Association, "Well done Paul. Your dedication to your family is something we all can be proud of. Congratulations on your well deserved entry in the HOF from all your BHS family".

## Little Big Game Luncheon

We're honored & fortunate to have BHS alumni guest speakers representing the '60's, 70's & 80's. These men were some of the best athletes to participate in LBG.



L-R: Speakers Mark Alioto '80, Craig Storek '66, Mike Glafkides '74

These honored guests joined the BHS Varsity Seniors football players as well as the Rotary and Lions Club for their annual sponsored luncheon held yearly before the Little Big Game. The Annual Little Big Game luncheon this year had three classy BHS football alumni spanning 3 decades representing the 1965 Undefeated Championship team, the 1972 LBG winning QB and the 1979 Undefeated League Championship Team

Our first speaker, Craig Storek, played all 4 years in Football, Wrestling and Track & Field. He played in 2 Little Big Games as an offensive guard & defensive end. He is a Member of the 1965 Undefeated Panther football team. He also played Football @ CSM against the likes of O.J. Simpson and other future pros. He was inducted into the inaugural BHS Hall of fame as a member of the 1965 undefeated Panther Varsity football team and coached 5 years of Burlingame Pop Warner football which prepared many BHS athletes for future success...



Craig Storek - BHS Class of 1966

Next, Mike Glafkides, Played all 4 years in Football as a Quarterback and also played on the Basketball and Golf teams He attended Stanford and played on the junior varsity team his freshmen year. He graduated from Stanford in 1978 with a degree in Psychology, from Harvard Medical School in 1982, completed his General Surgery Residency at UC San Diego Medical Center in 1986 and his Plastic Surgery Residency in 1989. He has been practicing Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in the San Mateo area for the past 27 years.



Dr. Michael Glafkides - BHS Class of 1974

Finally, Mark Alioto, Played 2 yrs on the Varsity Football team as a starting WR and DB and made those years count. He too won both Little Big Games that he played in, scoring touchdowns in both as well. His 1979 team also went undefeated as League Champs. He was recognized 1<sup>st</sup> team All County DB and 1<sup>st</sup> team All League DB and WR before taking his talents to CSM where he also shined as an enforcer on "D" playing Strong Safety. Currently the Founder & CEO of Revshop Inc. a start-up technology firm based out of Los Angeles



Mark Alioto - BHS Class of 1980

## Mike Giron '74 "Never Give Up Award"

Mike Giron was a dominating offensive and defensive lineman at BHS during the early '70's earning; all-league, all-county, all-Central Coast Section honors as a Panther before suffering an injury leaving him a quadriplegic at the young age of 19. Mike has been inducted into the BHS Hall of Fame as well as being the third player to ever have his jersey retired from Burlingame.



The Mike Giron "Never Give Up Award" is an annual award that was established in 2012. It is awarded to the BHS football player who demonstrates a 'never give up attitude' while a participant of the Varsity Football Team.

BHS Varsity Football Coach John Philipopoulos shared this year's recipient, as Jack Holcomb. Jack was selected because he was a young man who worked extremely hard on the field when things didn't always come easily for him. As a junior, Jack struggled to learn the defense and because of this saw limited playing time. Despite this, Jack continued to come to summer workouts and practices every day while giving his best effort. As a senior, Jack was able to gain a better understanding of our defense and eventually worked himself into the regular rotation with our defensive line. To see him make the progress he did was impressive and a testament to his work ethic and character. This was a huge accomplishment for Jack.

Big Mike is proud of the selection of Jack Holcombe as the 2017 recipient of the, "Mike Giron Never Give Up Award".

## "What's Going On?"

*An Alumni Update*

*By Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen '74*

We want to know what **you and your classmates have been up to, have done or are doing now!!** Please send your stories to **Dianne Knudsen** at [dknudsenBHSalumni@gmail.com](mailto:dknudsenBHSalumni@gmail.com) or mail them to Burlingame High School Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 c/o Dianne Knudsen or at [pantherpostscripts@burlingamealumni.org](mailto:pantherpostscripts@burlingamealumni.org)

### 40's

**Mrs. Jackie Iverson**, class of '42, who lives in Susanville, CA now, reached out to the alumni to find out more about the school. She said she really loved the school and we sent her the last newsletter.

**Mary Gardner**, class of '46. passed away in April 2017. She was a huge Burlingame fan!

**Nancy Baldwin Knudsen '48** is looking for classmates to have their 70<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Those who know Nancy (my mom) and want to celebrate with her, let me know and we'll set something up. 70yrs should be celebrated

### 50's

**Russell James Patterson** Class of '50 died on June 16, 2017. He was quoted as saying: "When I die I hope they don't make a fuss. I just want to be remembered as a good guy who did the best he could." You can read more about his incredible life at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/record-bee/obituary.aspx?pid=186195754>

**Edwin W. Fichtner**, Class of 1957 wanted to say: On our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion, a small group of us had the opportunity to go on a tour of Burlingame High School. It was a great tour and brought back many memories. At the end of the tour, we met in the alumni room that had many historical facts of past years as well as past famous students. The only way that this room is updated and historical items collected and displayed are through money collected from the sale of BHS sweatshirts and a few other items. The best-kept secret is that the Alumni would love to collect donations of money and historical items of significant memory. One of the ladies on our



Alumni tour is going to send the Alumni Association her saved gym suit.

The Alumni group trying to get more bookshelves, cases and cabinets to place the various items for display. The alumni room is very impressive with room to grow. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

Trivia: The old office safe door was to be torn down during reconstruction. When they tore it down, they found that it was used to help support the second floor. The safe door is now in the alumni room. Donations can be sent to Burlingame High School Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, Ca 94010

## 60's

**Roger Graham Class of 1967** writes: Following extensive deliberations, the 1967 BHS Reunion Committee resisted the temptation to have our 50th reunion at the Burlingame Rec Center, site of many Friday night capers back in our day.

Our reunion weekend kicked off with a Friday evening cocktail social at the Barrel House in Burlingame, and was relocated to the Burlingame Brewery when we overstayed our welcome...the party progressed into the night. Saturday afternoon was occupied by a tour of BHS conducted by classmate and former BHS teacher Linda Vickery McLaughlin. The auditorium was most impressive, having recently been restored to magnificent condition.

The celebration went well into the evening, much to the glee of the reunion committee consisting of Roger Graham, Lesley Youdall, Bob Cullinen, Nancy Miller Smith, Bill Nagle, Apua (Esther) Paulson Garbutt, and Georgette Ponti Oppezzo, not to mention our most valuable committee member Shelley Graham, 1968 graduate of Miramonte High School in Orinda.

**Jere Rae-Mansfield, Class of 1968**, writes in for their 50th Reunion Celebration. Details are below

**Date: September 29** Reunion night, but plans for a weekend of events.

**For communication please email:** [bhs1968class@gmail.com](mailto:bhs1968class@gmail.com)

**Venue:** Embassy Suites Burlingame in the Main Ballroom

**Special Hotel rates for Panthers!**

**Facebook page is:** Burlingame High School Class of 1968, you can click here

to access it, or copy and paste into your browser

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/48030122405/>

Or find us at our website below;

**Website is:** <http://1968bhsreunion.com>

## 70's

**Christine Colladay '75** writes o 1/10/18: It is with great sadness that I share the news that we lost our "Shyest" classmate, **Eloise Diepenbrock** class of '75, yesterday. Her sister, Mary shared the news with me today. Eloise had been battling a devastating and fatal genetic disorder for many years. Her family is relieved that she is freed from the clutches of this terrible disease that she is reunited with her parents in heaven.

Eloise was one of my first friends when I started at Burlingame High as a Junior, and we enjoyed many fun times together. She was creative, artistic, silly and loved Elvis before it was cool to do so.

God speed Eloise...until we meet again.

**Amy Feiner '77** writes-Burlingame High School's class of 1977 celebrated their 40th reunion on October 14 at Poplar Creek. Alumni from the class of 1976, 1978, 1979 and 1980 were invited, too. The turnout was excellent as almost 200 people showed up to reminisce, laugh, be silly in the photo booth and catch up. We were honored to have retired teacher Glenn Morgan join us for the festivities. While the past was talked about, it was amazing to note all the new connections that were made. We're looking forward to the next reunion!

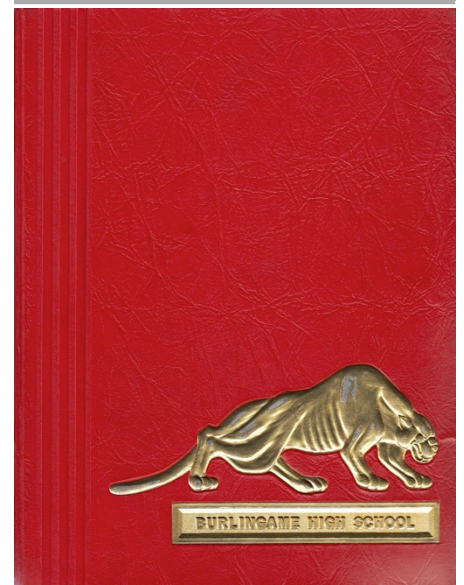
## 80's, '90's, '00's

*We would love to hear from you*

## 10's

BHS Alumni are sad to report that **Nicholas Baylock '11** passed away March 28, 2017 after a long tough battle with sarcoma. Nick was the biggest Warriors and Giants fan, watching every game religiously even if he had to yell at the television a little bit to help coach them. At Burlingame he was a three-sport Panther athlete and a member of the 2010 CCS championship baseball team. Nick worked at Sam's Sandwiches in downtown Burlingame where he loved eating their delicious sandwiches and, of

course, working a little bit too. When asked how he wanted to be remembered he said, "A man filled with life and love. A sports database, loving husband, and devoted son. Enjoyed every minute of life". <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sf/gate/obituary.aspx?pid=184792925>



**BHS YEARBOOK 1971**

I'm collecting pictures of those BHS Yearbook covers from all the years the school offered a yearbook. Please send me a picture of your yearbook cover so we can place on our web site depicting all the yearbook covers from 1924 on. If you have donations of yearbooks for the school or other memorabilia of the school we'd love to speak to you about those items as well. Send to [BHSAlumni74@gmail.com](mailto:BHSAlumni74@gmail.com). We're interested in pictures of the school, downtown, athletic uniforms, equipment all things BHS. THANKS IN ADVANCE!

## The Official BHS Alumni Web-Site

We have made the move to an "Official" BHS Alumni Website, which is where you will get the newsletters, reunion information and all things assigned to Burlingame High School. Don't be fooled or confused with other sites like Classmates.com or AlumniClass.com. By their own admission, they are not affiliated with BHS. Please follow your alumni and school activity on the only sanctioned Website dedicated to Burlingame High School Alumni.

If it doesn't say, "**Official Website Of The Burlingame High School Alumni Association**", then it isn't. You will find us on the website listed below at

<http://burlingamealumni.org/>

Please sign in and register on the BHS Alumni site today, it looks like the picture below.



Past Alumni Newsletters (called Panther Postscripts) can also be found online as well as Hall of Fame inductees, Alumnus of the Year, In-Memory of alumni and soon the Photo Gallery section. We also have a new Reunion Guide that gives many ideas and suggestions, including a timeline if your class is just starting to plan its reunion. Find more under Reunion Section on page 3. For more info log onto [BurlingameAlumni.org](http://BurlingameAlumni.org) the only real sanctioned Alumni site of BHS

## BHS ALUMNI APPAREL

Show your spirit by purchasing apparel from our website and the BHS Alumni Store. There you will find: Tee-Shirts, Pro-Celebrity Polo Shirts, ¼ Zip Sport-Tek Sweatshirt and Black Hoodies from Port and Company along with Baseball style hats in Red and Black. The proceeds will support our scholarship program and other student activities. Thanks to BHSAA Board Member Len Lubrano '64 for championing this effort.



Picture of the actual Logo



Hoodie, Polo Shirt and ¼ Zip Sweatshirt



Different Tee Shirts, Black baseball Hats. Show your Panther Pride



Tee shirts and Red Baseball Hats

To place your order, go to the site above. Please look at the approximate measurements to determine size. All items are unisex. There is a slight variation between brands and it seems the t-shirts run a little small. The qualities of the shirts are very good. We hope to see you wearing your BHS Alumni apparel at the next BHS event.

## ~Upcoming Events~

**February 8th** : Alumni Mtg at Burlingame High Alumni room. Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**March 8th** : Alumni Mtg at Burlingame High Alumni room. Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**April 12th** : Alumni Mtg at Burlingame High Alumni room. Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**May** - Alumni Golf Event Friday ~ ----  
----- ~ Baseball game Saturday ~  
Dates are TBD if Interested? Contact Rusty at [BHSAlumni74@gmail.com](mailto:BHSAlumni74@gmail.com)

**May 10th** : Alumni Mtg at Burlingame High Alumni room. Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**May 21st** : BHS Alumni Scholarship Awards. Meet in Alumni room at 5:00pm then Auditorium at 6:00pm for presentations followed by Dinner

**Mark your calendars**

## BHSAA 2018 Scholarship Fund

May 21<sup>st</sup> is our scholarship award night. From donations and fundraisers held throughout the year, the BHS Alumni Association is able to present nominal scholarships to students embarking on furthering their education at college.

## Marshall Umpleby Scholarship Award

A scholarship honoring former teacher Marshall Umpleby has also been set up through donations in his name. His daughter Amy presents the student who is selected through the English department where Mr. Umpleby was a teacher.

If you would like to donate to the BHS Alumni Scholarship Fund or Marshall Umpleby Scholarship Fund please contact us at [info@burlingamealumni.org](mailto:info@burlingamealumni.org) We appreciate your support.

~ Golf is coming ~



~Baseball Game is coming ~



**Photos from Paul's HOF Event**



**L-R Dave Steil, Paul Kolesnikow, Rusty Knudsen classmates and teammates '74**



**Rusty, Pete, Dave, Paul, Dianne '74**



**L-R: Mike Rogers '74, Mike Glafkides '74, Andy Kolesnikow '73, Chris Mennis '74 and Ron Lawson '74 – Teammates forever**



**Rusty presenting Paul, with Yearbooks, Autographed Football and a Tribute**



**Baseball Coach Terry Chrisman and Paul**



**Paul with Niece and brother Andrew**



**Andy and Dan Eisan enjoy tribute to Paul**



**Reunion Photos from '67 and '77 Classes**



**Linda McLaughlin giving the class of '67 a tour of BHS grounds and history**



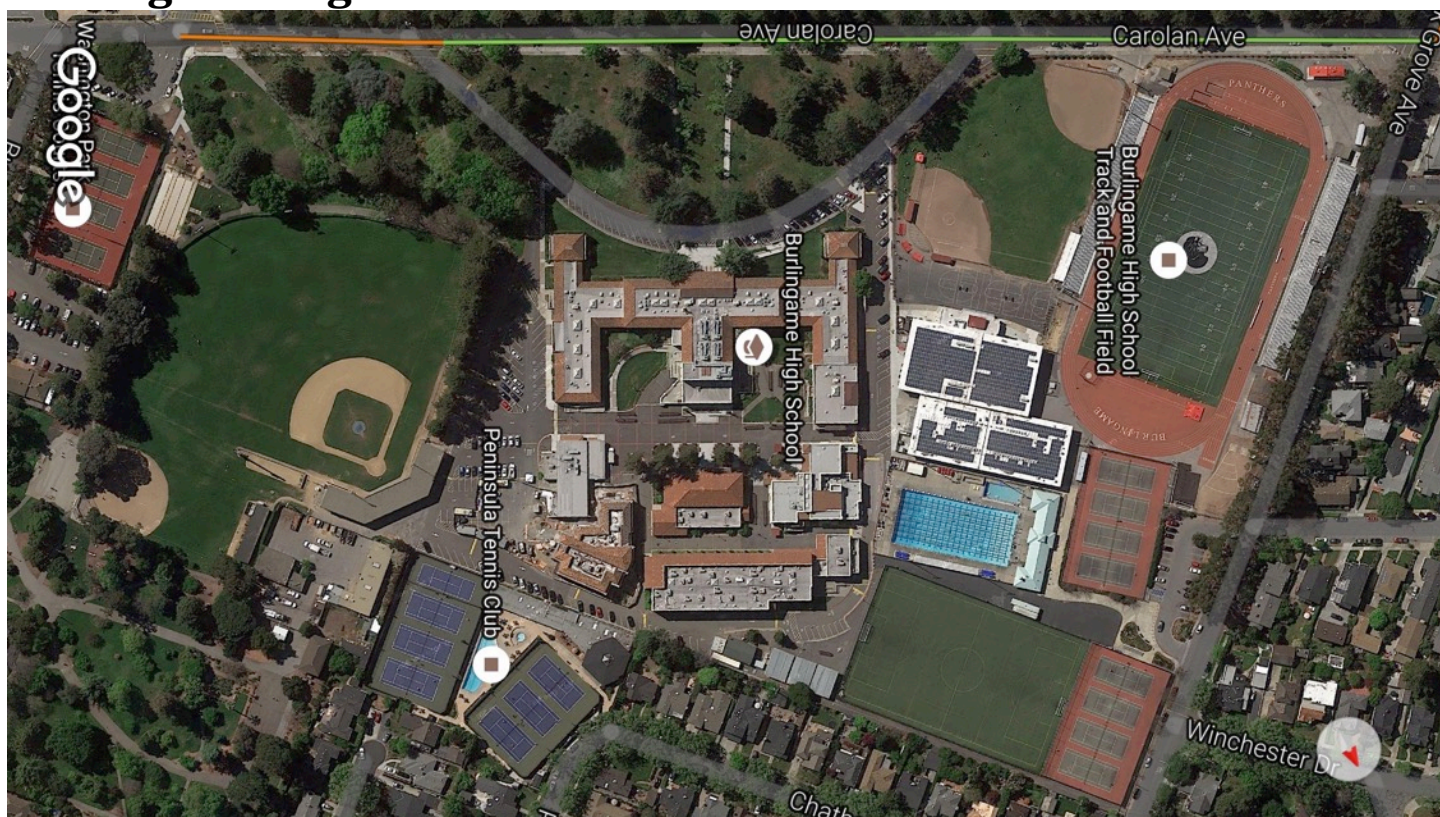
**Classmates of '77 and beyond**



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# Burlingame High Aerial View



This aerial view shows the upgrades BHS has gone through over the years. It is a campus we can all be proud of. At your next reunion, be sure to schedule a tour of the campus updates.

*Interested in participating on the Alumni Association? Come to one of the meetings listed below. We're looking for volunteer's to help support different committees to assist in making the BHS Alumni Association the best. Committee help needed; Reunion, BHS History, and many more. Contact [pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com](mailto:pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com) for more information*

## **BHS Alumni Association 2018 Meeting Schedule**

<b>2018</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Location</b>
	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Feb 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Apr 12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	May 21 <sup>st</sup>	5:00pm	7:00pm	Annual Senior scholarship presentation/dinner

### **Summer Break**

<b>2018</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Location</b>
	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	TBD Get Together - Dinner
	Sep 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	7:30pm	Location TBD - Holiday Dinner

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**BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Enclosed is my/our check payable to: BHS Alumni Association  
(address: 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010)

- For membership dues: \$15 per alum per year.
- For Life Membership: \$100 per alum.
  
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- For the BHSAA Athletic Hall of Fame (tax deductible).
- For the Marshall Umpleby scholarship fund (tax deductible).
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