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- BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER WINTER EDITION 2020 - Editor Rusty Knudsen -

BHSAA President Rusty Knudsen



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First I would like to acknowledge these trying times we are all faced with in fighting the Covid-19 virus that has recently swept the Nation and the World. These are uncharted times and I know everyone has been impacted differently through loss of life, loss of job's, loss of innocence to our youth. School's closing, shelter at home, seniors losing their final year for Prom, Graduation Walk, spring sports and more have impacted us all. We are all doing our part and our best to help with flattening the curve.

As such, we have moved our mtgs to conference calls and zoom mtgs to keep with the social distancing as well as our commitment to the school, the current students, the community and to our Alumni.

I will take you through some of the more important items we are focused on and working together on to position ourselves even better for when we are able to recover from this current health crisis.

WEBSITE

We've been working hard to get all the BHS Alumni over to the new website at www.BurlingameAlumni.com. This is your website and the only official

website dedicated to Burlingame High School. Please do not pay for Classmates or Alumni.com, as these sites are not affiliated in any way with our school. In fact the monies they collect from you for apparel or monthly and yearly dues are solely for their own benefit. Nothing comes to the Alumni to support our Website, Scholarships, Events, Hall of Fame and the planning for our 100th year anniversary. Please help by forwarding this info to your classmates and friends from BHS to help make them aware of this.

BHS YEARBOOKS

I am working with a company in Syracuse NY to add a section on our Website that will link to all our yearbooks through a digitized portal that will allow you to peruse at your leisure, yearbooks and history of classes past. This process will take some time. We will have the first (4) years including my year's 1971/72/73/74. This was to try out the service & see how it worked before we embarked on this massive undertaking. This project is targeted to be completed over the next 24 months. So check back periodically on our site. You'll be glad you did.

NEW APPAREL STORE

I recently opened a new apparel store on our website with a partnership with a company called Squad Locker. Here you will find new BHS Logos for; Hats, Shirts, Sweatshirts, Polos, Tee Shirts, Light Jackets, and more. You will find sizes for both men and women. Check the store periodically for discounts and the addition of newer items that are more relevant to the seasons and also new logos. If there is an item you would like added, let me know and we will see if that item is available. I hope you enjoy this site and look to purchase items for your upcoming reunions or the Golf or Bocce events in October.

ALUMNI EVENTS – GOLF, BOCCE POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER

Sad to say because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel our popular annual fundraisers; Alumni Golf and Bocce tournaments in May. Both of these events will look to be held in either October 2020 or we may need to move out to May 2021, More to follow throughout the year.

HALL OF FAME

I am introducing a new category to coincide with our Athletic Hall of Fame; it will be called **Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame**, which will recognize those alumni and teachers, or community members who have contributed to their field of endeavor, community and school. We have our first nominees for this recognition and they will be announced in our next newsletter in June. The event is scheduled for November 7th following the Little Big Game barring any setback due to the health crisis. Stay Tuned.

100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We have started the groundwork on planning for the 100th year celebration of BHS, which will be in October in 2023. Committees are being formed with committee heads TBD. If you would like to join us and participate in this Centennial Celebration of Burlingame High School, we would love to have you.

FUND RAISING

We are a non-profit organization and have a 501(c)3 tax-exempt number for your donations. Your donations are used in supporting our website monthly costs as well as support scholarships to worthy students (5) per year, digitizing our BHS Yearbooks, and events such as; Hall of Fame ceremonies, Alumnus of the Year, updating our Alumni room and preparing for BHS Centennial Recognition Campaigns to help raise the necessary funds to keep the Alumni Organization thriving. You can donate on our website <https://bhsalumni.sportngin.com/register/form/564834518>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Come join our growing organization to help with several committees; 100th Anniversary of BHS in 2023, Web Site, Reunions, Annual Events, Fund Raising, Publication, Scholarships, Hall of Fame, History of BHS, Hospitality, and Advisory roles. If you would like to join us, please Contact me, Rusty Knudsen 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.

Thank you. God Bless you and your families and friends. And please take extra precautions and stay safe. – Rusty Knudsen '74

A BHS Favorite Sam's Italian Sandwich Shop Closes

By SMDailyJournal.com

After 47 years, co-owners Rino Betti and June Williams closed Burlingame institution, Sam's Italian Sandwich Company, on Jan. 25, 2020.

"June and I would like to give a million thanks to our community for their support over the years," said Betti. "It's very sad and hard for us to say goodbye. We're going to miss all of our customers and we've made so many friends over the years. It's going to be very hard."

Their customers come from all walks of life, from high school kids to mechanics. "A nice mixture of people," said Betti, and according to Williams, they are loyal too.



L-R; June Williams, Rino Betti, Nancy Knudsen '48

"Many of our customers who have moved away out of state, when they come back, for whatever reason, they always come to Sam's, because they remember the sandwich they grew up with," Williams said.

Sam's Italian Sandwich Company, originally started by friends Rino Betti and Rich Vento, opened in 1972. Betti was inspired by his frequent drives to San Francisco deli, Freddie's, in North Beach which gave him the idea for him and Vento to open their own place. At 22 years old, Betti opened Sam's Italian Sandwich Company at its original location at 297 California Drive in Burlingame.

The place was tiny, only 10 feet by 12 feet, but it was located right next to Burlingame High School which at the time was an open campus, allowing students to visit Sam's for lunch ensuring a steady group of customers.



L-R; Rich Vento & Rino Betti-1972 Opening

"It gave Sam's Sandwiches a kick-start," Betti said. "We had lines of students out the door."

That connection with Burlingame High School lasts to this day. Rino estimates that he hired about 60 local students over the years, giving them their first jobs. Sam's has also provided sandwiches during various school and town events.

"We'd like to give a very special thank you to our employees, who over the years have become more like family," said Betti. "We'll never forget all of you." For those wondering, there is no actual "Sam," save their mustachioed, rotund mascot. Betti and Vento simply liked the name "Sam" and the rest was history.

Five years after starting Sam's, Vento decided to leave but Betti would later find his next partner after meeting a young woman who worked at a flower shop down the street named June Williams. Once the flower shop job fell through, June decided to work with Betti at Sam's until she found another job. Decades later, the two now have grandchildren, and Williams proved to fit right in the sandwich-making business, creating a "June's Turkey" sandwich and her claim to fame, Sam's Italian Sandwich Company's garlic dressing.

As time passed, rents in Burlingame got higher and there was a development plan in the works for the whole first floor of the building the shop occupied, so in 2005,

Sam's moved the more spacious former Greyhound Station located at the intersection of Howard Drive, California Drive and Highland Avenue.



Unfortunately, high rent, along with the cost of business, eventually caught up to Sam's again in 2013, almost forcing Betti and Williams to call it a day. However, an online campaign started by the City Council and led by former mayor Cathy Baylock and former councilman Russ Cohen saved them. The town which Williams & Betti served for so many years pitched in & in the end not only met, but exceeded their goals, raising enough money to keep them in business.

"Rino & I will always be grateful for the Burlingame community coming together to help us out. It means so much to us," she said. This time around, however, the two owners are closing not because of high rental costs which the city, who owns the building, "has been more than fair" according to Betti, letting them stay even after their lease expired. Instead, the two are closing due to other reasons.

"The last couple of years we have been hit hard for a couple of things. First, people's tastes have changed. A lot more people aren't eating bread as much anymore. Also, many of our customers have moved away, so things have been very difficult," said Betti.

Sam's Italian Sandwich Company's last day was Saturday, Jan. 25, where they held a small get-together for people who would like to say goodbye and maybe have one final chance to eat a sandwich that has fed Burlingame and beyond for the past 47 years.



Long Live the Famous
"Sams Special"

BHS Panthers

In the News

By Rusty Knudsen



Gary "GJ" Panepinto '75

Gary was born in Brooklyn, New York. His parents moved to California in 1971 and settled in Burlingame. Gary is one of four to attend BHS. Brother's Tony '74, & Paul '77 and beautiful sister Cristina '78.

After graduating from Burlingame High School in 1975, Gary ventured to San Diego. After attending San Diego State University, Gary moved back to Burlingame and began a career in the financial services industry.

Although he enjoyed helping many businesses over the years prosper and grow with his funding expertise, Gary longed for doing something in the creative field.

As the video revolution was booming in the early 80's, Gary seized the opportunity to "quit his day job" and establish GJ Productions.

He has been fortunate to write, produce and direct commercials with SF49er legends Joe Montana and Roger Craig, a TV pilot with Dwight Clark and several corporate industrials.



Gary discussing script with Joe Montana



Gary directing Dwight Clark

One of the TV commercials featured GJ's Dad Philip Panepinto and Dianne Ragozzino-Knudsen '74 and her son Tyler Knudsen as patients in the doctor's waiting room.



Roger Craig and GJ before the final take

Here are some links to GJ's work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6RyEjHqgC4&t=11s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mi6ITMbXw>

Gary's passion for playing guitar drove him to look for a way to bring a high quality guitar with the look, feel, sound and tone of much more expensive guitars to the masses. A guitar that would be affordable for the most discerning player that would sound like the pro's but not break the bank. In 2019, Gary teamed up with the multitalented, Frank Stallone (yes Sylvester's brother), and together they formed, Frank Stallone Guitars.

Here is a link to the website:

www.frankstalloneguitars.com

Presently, Gary resides in Roseville, CA and enjoys spending time with family and friends, working out and of course playing guitar.



Adam Klein '09 'Survivor 'Winners at War'

Biography

Hometown: Burlingame, California

Current residence: Los Angeles

Previous season: Winner of Survivor: Millennials vs. Gen X (Season 33)

Occupation: Keynote speaker and host

Hobbies: Board games, poker, travel, and if I am being honest, Survivor.

Pet peeves: When you ask someone to take a picture and they take dozens of the exact same photo.

Three words to describe you: Personable, determined and caring.

When did you first watch Survivor?

Season finale of Season 1. Started a fantasy league with my family Season 2 and haven't missed an episode since.

Do you still watch Survivor?

Always.

Who is your inspiration in life?

Parents, Alan & Susie. And, Jeff Probst.

What does Survivor mean to you and your family?

Everything. Survivor has been a constant in my life, and kept my family close before, during, and after my time on the show. It may sound silly to some, but Survivor is far more than just a television show for us. It has given us hope, it has allowed us to dream and realize those dreams, and it brought us joy during the most difficult times in our lives.

What is one way playing Survivor changed your life?

My first ever screen name on the Internet was SoleSurvivorAdam. Survivor turned my middle school obsession into a professional title! Ultimately, I believe that

I am, at my core, the same person that I was when I played Survivor for the first time. Same values, ambitions, passions, and energy. The difference is that I have more opportunities to realize those ambitions and to make a greater impact on the world around me.

As Survivor approaches Season 40 and celebrates 20 years on television, what does it mean to be a part of the legacy?

I grew up watching Sandra, Boston Rob, Ethan, Tina, Amber, and Richard Hatch. Playing in Season 40 is like growing up watching Steve Young and Jerry Rice on your favorite football team and then getting to play against them in the Super Bowl. It only can happen in your wildest dreams. So many thousands of Survivor super-duper fans would do anything to be in my position.

How will you play differently than you did in your past season?

My basic strategy is the same for Survivor as it is for life: make friends. Anyone who comes into this game believing, "I'm not here to make friends" is playing a losing game. What's different this time is that some of the people I will be playing with already are friends. I need to obfuscate my existing relationships, keep an eye out for others doing the same, and work hard to build "in-game" trust that goes beyond liking someone outside of the game.

This time around, I can't hide how big of a fan I am. I can have fun with that and subtly play into the larger egos, especially since my life is far less serious and scary than it was last time. My sense is I may come into this game generally underestimated, with at least some people believing that my win was fluky and my social game was choppy. I want them to underestimate me and I will play into that, while also recognizing that all of them are incredibly capable and not to be underestimated.

Adam can be seen in this season's "Winners at War" which aired February 12, 2020 and can be seen every Wednesday on CBS. Check your local listing for times.



**BHS
Athletic & Distinguished
Hall of Fame**

The nominees for this year's Hall of Fame are in and we will be introducing a new version of this event that will honor Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame which will acknowledge worthy Alumni and Teachers who have made an impact on other students, community, workplace or school.

The event will be held on Saturday November 7th. First the recipients will be announced before the annual Little Big Game at BHS on the morning and then the ceremony will be conducted at night with a dinner followed by the inductee's individual introductions.



"Class News"

An Alumni Update

By Dianne Ragazzino 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:Dianne_Knudsen@gmail.com) or mail them to Burlingame High School Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 c/o Dianne Knudsen or at info@burlingamealumni.org

**BHS Alumni
Remembered**

40's

John Christian Bauer '36

John left us in September of 2019 at 101 years old. He was a longtime resident of Burlingame. He



was the first of four children born to Norwegian immigrant parents in Boston, Massachusetts.

He was 15 when the family moved

to Burlingame. After he graduated from BHS in 1936, John enlisted in the Army in World War II and was stationed in Iceland. He served in the Army Reserve after the war. He met Jean Robertson in 1945 in Ridgewood, N.J., and they were married Dec. 14 that year in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Burlingame. They lived in Belmont before moving in 1958 to Burlingame. In 1974, they moved to a condo near downtown Burlingame where they could hear the bells of St. Paul's. John worked for 35 years for Bell Carter Olives, retiring in 1971 as a national sales manager. He was known for his cheerful and positive attitude and good sense of humor. He showed kindness and caring to family, friends and others he encountered. His daughter Carol Bauer Nowlin said, "He was noble and humble at the same time," John's granddaughter Hailey and grandson Cody, attended BHS as well.

<http://hosting-19478.tributes.com/obituary/read/John-C.-Bauer--107486694>

50's

Naomi Susan Cissna '51

With great sadness the family of Naomi announced she peacefully passed in her



sleep on December 1, 2019. Naomi was born in Los Angeles. Naomi's parents settled in Burlingame, where she grew up and attended Roosevelt Grammar school and graduated from BHS. Naomi met the love of her life, Air Force

Master Sergeant Robert A. Cissna, Jr., from New Jersey, at the Rolladium Roller

Rink in San Mateo where she was introduced to Robert by her mother, who adored him immediately. They were married in Burlingame, August 1951. The Cissna's settled in Belmont where they raised their family, Naomi worked for over 35 years as a bookkeeper while caring for her loving husband and children. She was a member of the Belmont PTA where she was president and continued to volunteer for different PTA affiliations. She was also a longtime member of the Burlingame Historical Society and a member of the Burlingame High School Alumni Association. Naomi enjoyed life, family members and friends. She was always there to brighten the lives of others and she will be missed.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?n=naomi-cissna&pid=194653528&fhid=20279>

60's

Jonathan Wisnom '63

Jon passed away in 2015, but wanted to share that Jonathan graduated from North and Crocker Schools in Hillsborough. He sang in the choir and played many sports, notably football. At BHS, he was a champion swimmer and diver and a great water skier. He went on to attend the College of the Desert and Boston College. After college he entered the family business; Wisnom Hardware Co., in San Mateo. He married his childhood sweetheart, Janie Walker and they were the proprietors of Uncle Jon's Cabin restaurant on Kings Mountain in Woodside. He also helped run The Black Horse Restaurant in Burlingame. When his daughters were babies the family moved to the delta where his uncle, and his Grandfather Dr. A W. Ward had established a family property. He had been a member of the Suisun Yacht Club and was a participating member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, Rio Vista chapter. Jonathan was a hard working and passionate advocate for the protection of the marshlands and the waters of the delta. Jonathan loved his children his family and his many many friends.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mercurynews/obituary.aspx?n=jonathan-wisnom&pid=176181588>

John Sutherland '63 Pete Burkett sent news that his classmate John passed away on June 27, 2015. Pete writes, "He was a brilliant mechanic, engineer,

innovator and free spirit. From freight train hopping to launching a speeding car into the Sacramento River, a great tale could be written of his life, but words fall short of the man and his courage, strength and vision."

William Robert Vickery '69 Jerry Drapper '69 wrote in to tell us that his best friend, passed away last Spring, 2019 in Stockton from lung issues.

70's

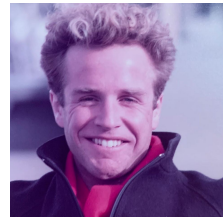
Mike Morales '70

The Class of 1970 Remember classmate Mike Morales. Mike passed away in his sleep on 2/29/20, in Snohomish, Wash. He was a wonderful, creative, talented, humorous, brilliant and kind spirit, who inspired many with his songs, good will, compassion, and loving nature. His wife, Debra, and his two sons, Kaelan and Daniel, survive him. We will miss you so very much!



Mark Dupaix '74

Rob Cartwright '74 tells us how saddened he is by the sudden passing of his friend and 1974 classmate Mark. "He was married with a beautiful daughter Monica who gave a beautiful eulogy to Mark at the Saint Francis Yacht Club. He was a lifelong surfer, and at BHS he was an accomplished swimmer with coach John Greer. Mark kept himself in top physical condition, which makes his sudden passing all the more shocking. Mark enjoyed an annual surf safari trip with friend to places like Mexico, Indonesia, Hawaii and Fiji to enjoy surfing. While in Fiji with John Davenport and Rob Cartwright in 1979 for several months he saw some of the filming of the movie "Blue Lagoon" and got to hang out with Brooke Shields. Out of high school and college Mark attended chiropractic school and had a very successful practice in San Francisco, with many of his patients professional ballerinas with the San Francisco Ballet. Other hobbies of Mark's were snow skiing, vintage motorcycles and cars. He was an avid mountain bike and motorcycle rider and enjoyed restoring his bikes and vintage BMW



2002. He also loved skateboarding and opened a company in the late 70's named "Neverflex", and later founded another company manufacturing many component's for windsurfing called "Airwave". Another classmate said she will always remember Mark's infectious smile and laugh, along with and inspiring spirit for adventure and sports! He will be greatly missed!

Michael J. Giron '74

Big Mike fought gallantly, with dignity and courage over this past year battling stage 4 liver and pancreatic cancer. He never lost sight of his commitment to his faith,



his family and his friends. It is with a heavy heart that he will be greatly missed by all those who knew Big Mike. After suffering a life-changing spinal cord injury in 1976, Mike went on to live a full life, graduating in 1981 from

the [University of California Berkeley](#) sponsored computer-training program created to assist individuals with disabilities. He then went on to work for Hewlett-Packard, Varian Associates and as a contract programmer for IBM. Michael will always be remembered for his leadership and stellar performance for the Burlingame High School football team. For that, Burlingame High Alumni honored Michael in 1997 by inducting him into the BHS Sports Hall of Fame. Mike's zest for life and being an inspiration to all those who came in contact with him, led to the annual [Award](#) that started in 2012. This award honors young athletes at Burlingame High School who excel not only on the field but also in their communities. This Award is aptly called The Michael J Giron "Never Give Up Award". The ultimate acknowledgement of his football prowess and character came in 2014, when Burlingame High School ceremoniously retired his Jersey, number "76", from their football program in order to honor Michaels achievements. Mike has lived in Santa Rosa for the past 18 years and has enjoyed spending the last couple of years being close to his brother Rick and his parents. His passion for life led him to hosting several fun themed events bringing his friends and family together. Mike always put his faith and family first, his friends second and he was always third.

David Charles Burgess '78

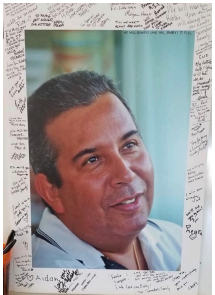
David was born in 1958 He grew up in Burlingame, where he graduated from Burlingame High School. Dave also attended college in California before enlisting in the US Air Force. After he was discharged he began a career as an engineer with L3 Communications and worked there for over 30 years. He moved to the Central Texas area in 2004 and worked at Ft. Hood for L3 before he passed away. Mr. Burgess married Linda Brown on March 19, 1993 in Redwood City, California.



Survivors include his wife Linda of Belton, mother Jean Burgess of Belton, daughters Brooke Thomas and her husband Matt of El Paso, Katherine Burgess of Belton, and Rachel Burgess of Belton, brother Robert Burgess and his wife Penni of Alamo, Ca., sister Deborah Uneberg and her husband Eric of Summerfield, Fl., (2) grandchildren Riley Thomas, Wyatt Thomas both of El Paso.

Robert "Bobby" Campillo '77

Bobby passed away suddenly on July 28, 2019 in Newark, California. Bobby was born in San Francisco. He attended school in Foster City and shortly after graduation from BHS, Bobby went to work for Space Systems Loral and held a variety of positions eventually becoming a Network Engineer. As a Network Engineer, he travelled to remote locations around the world to support numerous satellite launches. Bobby took great pride in his job. Bobby loved baseball and played in numerous softball leagues around the Bay area. Bobby was a huge sports fan and the Giants and 49ers were his passion. Attending Giants and 49er games was of great joy to him. He and his wife Janel loved their Westie dog, Newton, who joined their family in 2016. <https://www.bergepappassmith.com/obits/robert-anthony-campillo/>



Mark Allen Bridges

Mark was born in Burlingame, in 1958 and had many friends dating back to when he went to Burlingame High School, working at Bridges Tire and Wheel Service, and playing in the

Burlingame auto supply golf league at Mariner's Point. Mark will always be remembered for his boundless holiday spirit and good will towards all other. He loved holiday festivities going to the Nutcracker, decorating for the holidays, cooking and sharing meals with friends and relatives.



Mark spent time helping with his father working on their farm in Missouri. He enjoyed everything that comes with working on a farm;

especially, taking care of the horses, cattle, cats and the 1 dog. Mark is survived by his son Timothy Allen Bridges, ex-wife Rosemary, sister-in-law Debbie, his niece Christina, nephew James, and brother Tim and many cousins.

IN MEMORIAM

- '36 John Baur.....2019
- '40 Dorothy Rich Harrison.....2014
- '46 Geraldine Mitchell.....2018
- '48 Bill Wheeler.....2015
- '50 Barbara Lee Winter.....2016
- '51 Naomi Susan Cissna.....2019
- '53 Donald Kestler.....2019
- '53 John Robbins.....2017
- '57 James "Jim" Barth.....2017
- '61 Judi Wood.....2019
- '63 Darlene Frisella Bates.....2019
- '63 Jonathan Wisnom.....2015
- '69 William Robert Vickery.....2019
- '71 Craig P Healy.....2018
- '72 Michael W Brown.....2014
- '72 Dan Irons.....2018
- '74 Michael "Big Mike" Giron.....2019
- '74 Mark Dupaix.....2019
- '76 Mark Bridges.....2019
- '76 David Burgess.....2019
- '77 Robert "Bobby" Campillo.....2019
- '77 Brian Freeman.....2019
- '78 Peter Grossman.....2019
- '78 Steve Taylor.....2019
- '80 Julie Leide-Galea.....2019
- '83 Steve Picton.....2019
- '84 Rick Ainsworth.....2016
- '84 Christine Markoff Gil.....2016
- '84 Mary McNamera.....1987
- '85 Laura Willis Thompson.....2014
- '15 Bryce Nelson.....2018

Thoughtful people update us with news of an alumni passing, so the years of death are sporadic. Transitioning to the new web site, we discovered some that may have not been listed in the newsletter in the past. We will keep updating the Memoriam for 2020 on the website. If you have news of an alumni

passing, please send the name, including the maiden name if applicable, and the year of death with a link to their obit for validation to DKnudsenBHSalumni@gmail.com.

BHS Alumni ~ Lifetime Members

Our newest Lifetime Member
Linda Scott
Thank You for your Support

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.

BHS Alumni Reunions Wrap Up

50's

On September 8th, 2018, graduates of the **BHS CLASS OF 1953** and their guests gathered at the Embassy Suites, Burlingame, to revisit the good old days and catch up on the changes in our lives. After 65 years our numbers have diminished, but not our loyalty to Burlingame High. We met in a room beautifully decorated in red and white by co-chair ladies Judi Anderson Stone and Julie Anderson Parsons. We began the evening with a rousing rendition of "Burlingame with hearts and voices" and after a wonderful evening some vowed this eighth reunion will not be our last! **See pics on page 9.**

CLASS OF 1959 Terry Naylor '58 & Judy Falk Chiasson '58 tells us "What a great time was had at our 60th Reunion honoring our 1959 graduation from BHS. Many of us have remained friends through time and distance, and we look forward to our reunions as a chance to reconnect. Our weekend in mid-September found classmates travel from as far away as Florida, Arizona, Oregon, Washington and Southern California to Burlingame to meet and greet each other at the Poplar Creek Golf Course restaurant, Par 3. It was a good chance to see each other, catch up on news of others who could not attend the reunion, and enjoy the beautiful early fall weather and views of the golf course.



Kiki Arnaudo & Par Watts Wynne

Attendance at the event was great, as we welcomed 75 class members & their guests. Of those who wanted to join us but were unable to attend, many were traveling or had other conflicting plans, some were ill or caring for spouses, some, at age 78 were still working, one was hunting & one class favorite, Don Chappell, was in the middle of harvesting crops with his family on his farm! Of those who did participate, their stories are wide-ranging. Many are retired or have switched from working to spending time gardening, home decorating, skiing, reading, singing, ranching, golfing, traveling, volunteering, writing, playing bridge, organizing reunions (!), downsizing, attending sports events, exercising, acting, enjoying the company of family & friends, genealogy research and travel, serving on non-profit boards, being a docent, or as several noted, just "playing"!



Arlene Marcucci Nunziati & Lynn Schwalm Cole

The hearty souls who attended the reunion and are still working include: Robin McRoskey Azevedo runs her family's McRoskey Mattress Company; Tomás Daly is a pilot, a plumber, carpenter, electrician and painter; Brian Douglas, a free-lance writer for five luxury lifestyle and auto magazines; Louis Haas continues to

practice law in San Francisco; Roger Hinrichs still writes and teaches physics at the college level in Washington; Jan O'Donnell Hoogner is a consultant for Embarcadero Media in Palo Alto; Paul Kuckein is an engineer at Oracle, where he has worked for over 20 years; Claire Hirsch Mittler, still is a counselor at various San Mateo Union High School District high schools; Judge Les Nichols does private dispute resolution, arbitration and mediation; and John Reiger, is a self-employed potter,



Julie Bredwell Connors, Mike Connors & Nancy Meyer McDonald

Our Saturday night reunion gathering at the Coyote Point Yacht Club, where sailor Joe Weathers was our host, included a wonderful dinner, with drinks and wine donated by a generous, but anonymous, class member. Talf and Pat Watts Wynne created amazing decorations with a 50's diner theme, and Kiki Arnaudo, the donor and keeper of our Class of 1959 class banner brought it to was proudly hang in the room. A local DJ played many of our favorite songs from the 50's and 60's, inspiring many active septuagenarians to dance the night away.



Betty Lubrano & Les Nichols

To top off the festivities, many

participants met up at local restaurants for Sunday morning brunch and good-byes. Judy Falk Chiasson and Terry Naylor, who co-chaired the reunion, thank all who came and made the event such a huge success. We enjoyed a wonderful weekend! Unofficially, the class has adapted the words of Steven Sondheim as our anthem: "We've had good times and bum times, and, my dear, we're still here!"

BHS Class of 1979 had a three-event reunion October 11-13 2019. This reunion consisted of 3 events. We began with the BHS tour in the afternoon following with our "Ice Breaker" and the "50 turning 60" reunion joining us at Barrelhouse.

The night after we had our 40th reunion at Crowne Plaza Hotel in a huge banquet room. It was a beautiful room filled with wonderful food and a great DJ to set the mood for dancing. Our DJ took a class photo. It was the best. The reunion was a Huge success!



Class of 1979 Posse - Striking a Pose

Have a reunion coming up? **Laura Hesselgren, Jan Privitera, of '75 and Myrna Fernandez '79**, the Reunion Committee chairs for your reunion assistance. They can be reached at the following email address; info@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. Contact her at the following bhs_turns100@burlingamealumni.com

Reunion Info Coming Soon

Classes - 1950 '60, '70, '80, '90, '00, '10
Planning a reunion this year? Check the reunion page at for further details as they are provided to us!

<http://www.burlingamealumni.com>

Michael J Giron Never Give Up Award

2019 award winner Devon Malashus



The Mike Giron, Never Give Up Award is presented each year to the Varsity Football player who best exemplifies the spirit of the award named after 1974 BHS Alum Mike

Giron. Mike was a highly decorated football player at BHS, receiving recognition for All League, All County, Most Inspirational, Lineman of the Year, All CCS and is inducted into the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame and is one of three (3) alumni to have his #70 jersey retired. Mike had numerous scholarship offers to play football before suffering an accident that left him a quadriplegic at 19 years of age. Mike was an inspiration to his family, his friends and his classmates with his positive outlook and contributions in living his life to the fullest. Congrats Devon, on a job well done!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

~ Upcoming Events 2020 ~

April 16th: Alumni Mtg COVID-19 Zoom Call Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

May 14th: Alumni Mtg COVID-19 Zoom Call. Meeting runs from 6:00pm – 7:30pm

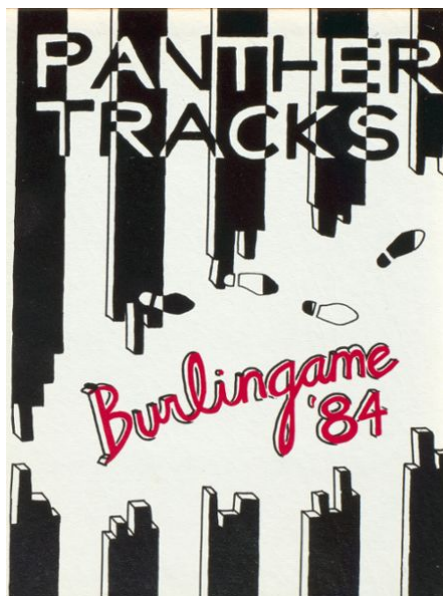
May 15th - CANCELLED Alumni Golf Event Friday ~

If interested, please Contact Rusty at BHSAlumni74@gmail.com

May 16th – CANCELLED Alumni Bocce Event Saturday

If interested, please Contact Rusty at BHSAlumni74@gmail.com

May 20th: TBD BHS Alumni Scholarship Awards and BHS Alumnus of the Year Presentation. TBD Meet in Alumni room at 5:00pm then Auditorium at 6:00pm for presentations followed by TBD Dinner at Tomatina's



I'm collecting pictures of 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.

We're interested in pictures of the school, downtown, athletic uniforms, equipment all things BHS. THANKS IN ADVANCE!



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, History of the Little Big Game with all the scores dating back to the first game in 1927. Also links from our website will take you to Burlingame Historic Society or maybe you'd like to check out the Burlingame Public Library. Or maybe you'd like to connect to our Facebook Page or twitter account, you can do so right from our website.

Our new Apparel store is open for business as is a History section that highlights Burlingame's first 50 years and soon we will add the last 50 yrs as we approach our 100th Anniversary. We will be updating our Photo Gallery section

that will highlight all the different Alumni events as well. Check out the Alumni of the Year recipients as we build the history of our past-celebrated Alumnus. Our Hall of Fame for Athletics is up and running and I will be adding more as we secure the list of inductees past from our first induction ceremony to our current nominees. I am adding the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame for teachers who made lasting impressions as well as alumni and community workers who have contributed in their field as well as the community and school. This will be quite an honor and these events will be celebrated at a dinner hopefully in the fall of this year.

Our annual events had to be postponed for the COVID-19 virus from our usual date in May, but we hope to hold these events in October assuming we are not still having to keep our distance socially.

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 our site.

All the above and much more can be found on our website. For more info log onto BurlingameAlumni.com the only real sanctioned Alumni site of BHS. And please enjoy the content and if you have suggestions or want to join the Alumni Association, contact Rusty Knudsen at BHSAlumni74@gmail.com, I'd be happy to discuss in more detail.

Annual Alumni Board Mtg

All Alumni are invited to join our Annual meeting, which will be held on Thursday May 14th. Most likely this meeting will take place via a zoom call as we continue to Shelter in Place and adhere to social distancing. We will have a vote for the upcoming board members and elected officers of the Board during this meeting. All Alumni are welcome to join this annual meeting. Please contact us at Info@Burlingamealumni.org for more information





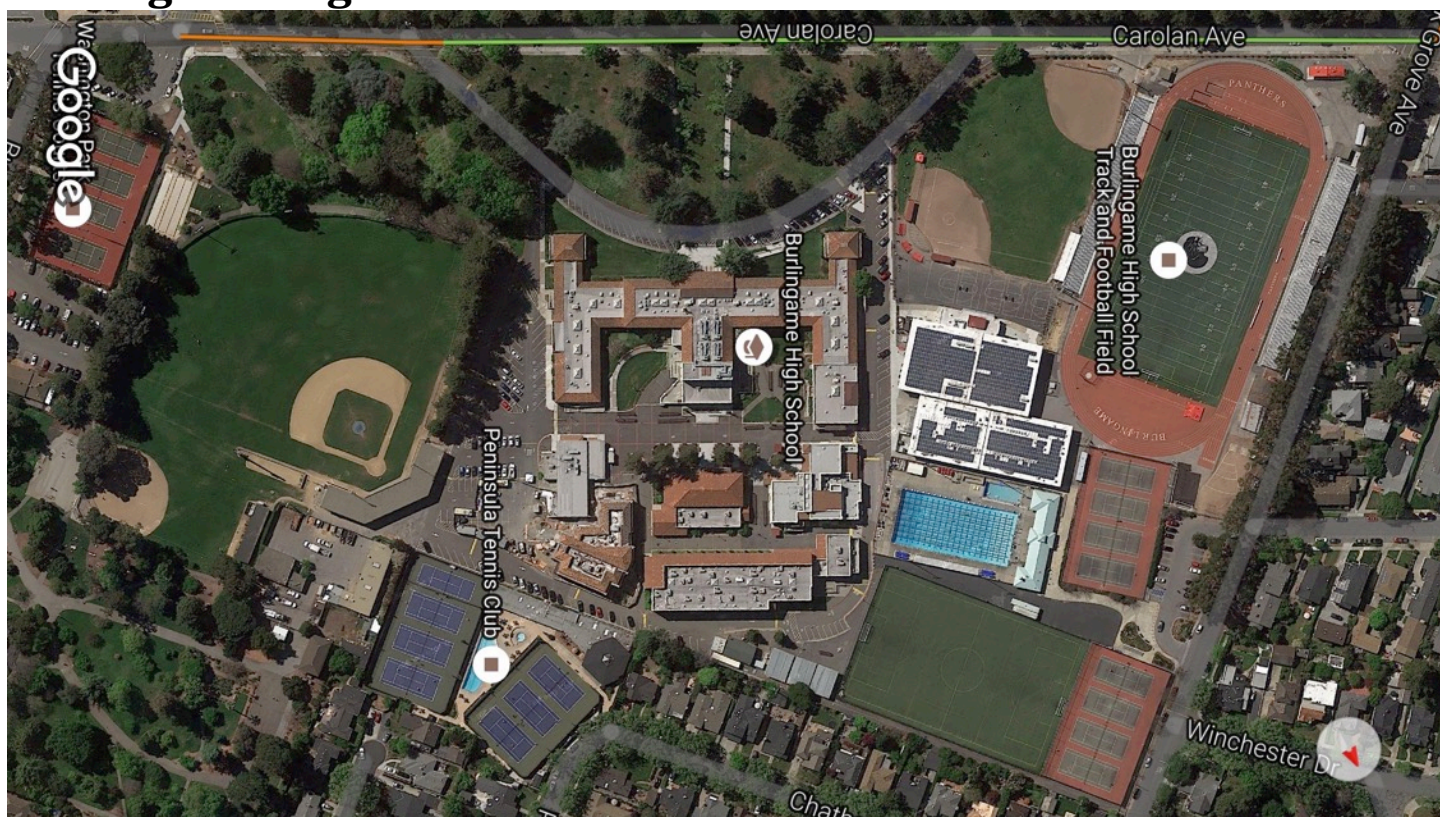
The Class of 1953 enjoying their 65th class reunion at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame

They vowed this 8th get together & class reunion would not be their last.

God Bless you all Reunions are the best!



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 Rusty Knudsen, President at BHSAlumni74@gmail.com for more information

BHS Alumni Association 2019/20 Meeting Schedule

2019	Date	Start	Finish	Location
	Sep 12 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Oct 10 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Nov 14 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Dec 13 th	5:30pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room - Holiday Dinner @ Celia's
2020	Date	Start	Finish	Location
	Jan 9 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Feb 13 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room
	Mar 19 ^{th*}	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room (*Third Thursday)
	Apr 16 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	Alumni Room (*Third Thursday)
	May 14 th	6:00pm	7:30pm	TBD (Annual Alumni Mtg)
	May 20 th	5:00pm	6:30pm	TBD (Wed, Scholarship Award Night-- --Tomatina's for end of year dinner)

**BURLINGAME HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rusty Knudsen '74 - President, **Jeff Tateosian '74** - Vice-President and Treasurer,
Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen '74 - Secretary, **Dennis Zell '86** – Advisor,
Peter Cleaveland '58, David Steil '74, Linda Vickery McLaughlin '67,
Leonard "Len" Lubrano '64, Laura Hesselgren '75,
Jan Privitera '75, Myrna Fernandez '79

Committee Members

Melody Ackley '73, Brian Ackley '73, Ed Lopez '79, Bill Delzell '75,
Henk van Arkle '71, Amy Feiner '77, Linda Ferrando '78, Glenn Morgan Teacher

Attention:

We are updating our files. Please let us know your email address. Send to Rusty Knudsen c/o
BHS Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 or email
BHSAlumni74@gmail.com or info@burlingamealumni.org

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.

- For the BHSAA programs (tax deductible).
- For the BHSAA scholarships (tax deductible).
- For the BHSAA Athletic Hall of Fame (tax deductible).
- For the Marshall Umpleby scholarship fund (tax deductible).
- For the Mike McQueen scholarship fund (tax deductible).
- For a donation "In Honor of /In Memory of..." please attach note (tax deductible).
- PLEASE UPDATE MY EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS.
- Please mail the Panther Postscripts to the following BHS alum
(name and address attached).

Sign up and pay online at www.burlingamealumni.com Today's Date _____

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Name _____
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Maiden Name _____ Your BHS Class Year _____

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