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## **BHSAA Alumna of the Year Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis '58**



Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis

**Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis '58** has been an active member of the Burlingame High School Alumni Board for 12 years. She joined the group to help plan the "Diamond Jubilee" celebration for Burlingame High's 75th Anniversary that took place in 1998. At that time, her primary job was to find 75 Burlingame businesses that wanted to "adopt a class." Then she collected photos and memorabilia from all 75 classes and decorated the shop windows. She now keeps and updates the records for all BHS graduates and prepares mailing lists for classes that decide to hold a reunion. She also writes articles and provides information for the "Panther Postscripts", and every other year, helps with the Alumni "Athletic Hall of Fame." Jo-Ellen loves BHS and supports the school by attending the annual "Taste of the Town", school plays and musicals, and the band Play-a-Thons. Last year she helped plan the 50th reunion for the class of 1958.

Jo-Ellen attended Washington School, Burlingame Intermediate School, and Burlingame High School. She graduated from San Jose State College, earned Kindergarten-Primary and General Elementary credentials, and then taught kindergarten in the San Mateo City School District.

In addition to BHS activities, she has volunteered to help with City of Burlingame projects. When the Burlingame Train Station needed to be repaired, Jo-Ellen

served on the "Save Our Station" committee that raised funds to restore the station. In 1998 she was appointed to the Beautification Commission where she served three terms (9 years). Jo-Ellen was a member of the Committee that planned activities for Burlingame's Centennial in 2008. The celebration began with a festive parade in June 2007 and ended with a gala "Centennial Ball" dinner dance in June 2008. Jo-Ellen's jobs included serving on the Marketing and Events Committees, working on a Poster Contest to advertise the Centennial, participating in the Kickoff parade, helping organize the Fashion Show and luncheon at Kohl Mansion, and helping plan the Variety Show and serving as house manager for the show. Other continuing volunteer activities include helping the Youth Advisory Committee at the Recreation Center with their "Breakfast with Santa" fundraisers and helping with the city's Shoreline Cleanup.

Jo-Ellen is a 25+ year volunteer at the Filoli Estate in Woodside. She has served on the board, been in charge of staffing all Filoli events, worked in the membership office, ticket office, the garden shop, and served on the Hospitality Committee. She helped start both the Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Christmas Parties. She chaired each of these events for many years. Recently Jo-Ellen has been in charge of the costumed characters for the Egg Hunt and has played both Raggedy Ann and the Easter Bunny. She also served on the committee that designed the Visitor and Education Center and helped plan the grand opening celebration when the building was completed.

She is a member of the "Sons of Italy" and sings with their choir, which entertains at retirement centers and convalescent homes. She also plays Mrs. Claus at the group's annual Christmas party. A few years ago, Jo-Ellen joined the "crazy" Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band that participates in about 10 Bay Area parades each year. One of her favorite parades is the Burlingame Pet Parade. She loves to make "sweets" and has won prizes at the San Mateo County Fair for her English toffee, pies, and cookies.

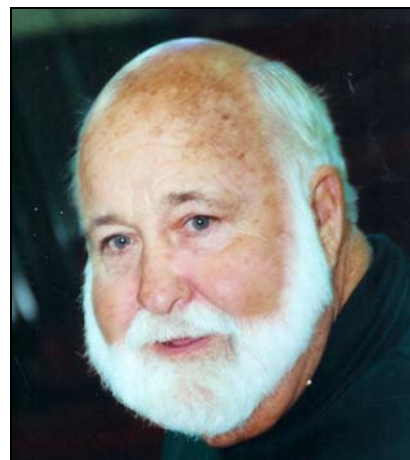
Jo-Ellen is proud to be a part of the BHS Alumni Association and is thrilled to be chosen "Alumna of the Year."

## **Principal's Message Chris Holleran**

The 2009-10 school year is off to a great start. We have about 1,350 students again this year and are looking forward to the next round of modernization which will include renovations of the cafeteria, both gyms, locker rooms, and a new gym foyer. Projects for the 2010-11 school year include a new building which will house career/technical education, art, ceramics, a computer lab, leadership, and video.

The 2008-09 year was successful on many fronts. Academically, BHS improved in nearly all measures and was the only SMUHSD school to meet all of its federal achievement goals. In athletics, students performed at high levels highlighted by a second consecutive CCS championship for girls' soccer and a great run by boys' basketball including a sixth straight league title, CCS runner-up and a berth in the Nor Cal playoffs.

## **President's Message Mike McQueen '53**



Mike McQueen

This is the second year for Principal Chris Holleran and the school is at its capacity. The District passed a bond issue several years ago and Burlingame High School will undergo a \$6.1 million renovation of the cafeteria, multi-purpose room and the gymnasium restrooms. This should be completed by the end of the school year. The athletic program is geared up for another successful year with John Philapolopolus as Athletic Director and

## [President's Message cont.]

head football coach.

We continue to be active on the School Advisory Committee (S.A.C.) that oversees requests by teachers for funding of new projects. Alumni Board member, Dennis Zell, has been representing us for the past three years.

The trees in front of the school are not looking healthy and Patrick Singh states that he could use many new trees. Unfortunately we can't put plaques to designate who donated which tree, but if you are interested you can contact Pat at (650) 558-2825.

We now have a DVD available on the activities at Burlingame High School from the 40s to mid-50s. These include football games, track meets, senior dress-up days, faculty-student baseball games, fashion shows, parades and other activities during that era. These are all on one DVD and have been taken off reels of 8 mm film. [See page 7 for ordering information]

I want to thank the Alumni for continued support in providing vital information about yourself and fellow graduates. It is because of you that we are able to put out this newsletter. Keep up the good work.

Every two years we have the Athletic Hall of Fame Awards prior to the San Mateo-Burlingame Little-Big Game and we introduce the new inductees to the crowd. Please sit down and submit the name of any classmate you feel is deserving of this award and send it to BHS Alumni Assn, One Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010.

## General Meeting Notice

**January 14, 2010** has been set as the date of the General Meeting of the BHSAA. All interested Burlingame High grads are welcome to attend at 3:30 PM in the Alumni Room at the high school to find out more about the Board's work and other volunteer opportunities.

## 2nd Annual BHS Varsity/Alumni Baseball Game

The 2nd Annual Varsity/Alumni Baseball Game will be held on **March 13, 2010**, between noon and 5:00 PM, at the stadium in Washington Park. (The exact time will be announced later). All former members of the BHS baseball team are invited to participate. For further information or to sign-up, contact Joe McKane at 650-343-2375 or at [jhmckane@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhmckane@sbcglobal.net). Last year's game was a huge success and all who participated had a terrific time during and after the game. Alumni donations for this game will be gratefully accepted. BHS will be playing Serra the night before. All you baseball fans might like to attend that game too.

## Three Scholarships Awarded

Due to the generosity of our alumni, the Board was able to provide three graduating seniors with scholarships this year. **Rachel Gardner '09, Vincent Lubrano '09, and Matthew Ohlund '09** were presented with their certificates at the BHS Senior Awards night in May.

## Donations

1941 – Michael "Jack" Le Brun Jr.  
1946 – Ralph E. Schulz  
1948 – Nancy Balch Fischer  
(In Memory of Carl Kuhe)  
1949 – Donald L. Braff  
1953 – Mike McQueen  
1957 – Joyce Crichton Preston  
1958 – Jo-Ellen Arnaudo Ellis  
1960 – Maxine Kurtz Chesney  
(In Memory of Frank Archini)

## Life Members

1938 – Zona Harvey Roberts  
1941 – Gustave "Bill" Larson  
1943 – Adele Stewart Mottershead  
1943 – Thomas E. Mottershead  
1949 – Daniel "Dan" Kaplan  
1952 – John Richardson  
1953 – Barbara Gillett White  
1960 – Robert Bach  
1960 – Robert "Bob" Royden  
1962 – Dale Elliott  
1979 – Diana Dean Gendotti  
2000 – Natalie Loukianoff  
2009 – John Steed Garrison

## In Memoriam

**Fred R. Holmes** (1929-2009) obtained a BA in industrial arts and an MA in history from San Jose State University and served for 30 years as an innovative teacher and department head of social sciences at Burlingame High School. He also taught at Kansas State University as well as our local colleges: Cañada and San Mateo. His curiosity and scholarly interests took him around the globe. Mr. Holmes was 80 when he died Sept. 12. He is survived by his wife, Ann Newton Holmes, brothers Jack and Oliver Wendell Holmes, sister Patricia Winkler, sons Keith, Brian, and Steve, and countless friends and students.



Fred R. Holmes in 1958

## In Memoriam – Our Classmates

1931 – Myrtle "Cookie" Layton Potter	3/09
1934 – Rosilind Jacobs Gifford	6/09
1935 – Margaret "Bettie" Gearhart Brodie	no date
1937 – Frederic M. Rea	3/09
1939 – Betty Lou Ackemann Head	4/08
1939 – John L. "Jack" Dana	6/09
1939 – David Grant	no date
1939 – Craig Holder	8/07
1940 – Robert Campbell	12/08
1940 – Christopher H. Hodgson	no date
1941 – Jane Couvrette St. Clair	3/09
1941 – Barbara Stallings Gorman	6/09
1942 – Edith Baldwin Farley	5/09
1942 – Robert Hartnett	7/09
1942 – Tom Markley	7/07
1942 – Betty Mutch McDonnell	5/09
1943 – Jack Van Zandt	12/07
1943 – William Whitley	no date
1943 – Eileen Murphy Wilbur	10/08
1943 – Mary Protheroe Beraldo	7/09
1945 – Albert S. Bergen	8/07
1946 – Audrey Russell Mahan	9/06
1946 – Katherine Williams Berryman	6/09
1948 – Florence "Flo" Knorp Bates	12/08
1948 – Phyllis Lupton Brislawn	10/08
1948 – William "Bill" Stremme	3/09
1949 – Jack R. McMills	3/09
1949 – Sylvia Samuelian Olson	10/07
1952 – Sierra M. Blevens	no date
1952 – Darlene Fitzgerald Bister	no date
1952 – Richard W. "Dick" Gates	06/09
1952 – Winifred "Winnie" Lumbert Galatolo	no date
1952 – Suzanne Clark Plough	11/07
1952 – Yvonne Kirby Winkler	2/09
1953 – Valerie "Valerie" Dunn Schweitzer	2/06
1955 – Eugene "Gene" Hellar	7/09
1955 – Carla Hendershot	5/09
1955 – Karen McKenzie Smith	6/09
1956 – Robert "Bob" Frazier	5/09
1957 – Robert N. "Bob" Griffith	9/09
1958 – Thomas "Tom" Freeman	2/08
1958 – Carole Writesman Davidson	7/09
1959 – Walter A. Castor	2009
1959 – Linda Ebertich Churakovsky	1982
1959 – Michael D. Cochran	1981
1959 – Janice Hill Wood	2000
1959 – Richard "Dick" Koumarian	6/09
1959 – Martha Lucy Arnold	2006
1959 – John L. Magoffin	2007
1959 – Eugene L. Mazini	1994
1959 – Diana Osborne Conaghan	1996
1959 – Sally Pifer Pfaff	2003
1959 – Jerry M. Tucker	1967
1959 – John Turmell	1992
1959 – Darlene Wedsted Meints	1999
1959 – Carolyn Wiswell	1979
1960 – Edward "Ed" Driscoll	2/09
1960 – Nancy Maher Lechich	3/09
1964 – Donald "Don" Lembi	7/09
1969 – Michael Bruce Smith	1/09
1977 – Kenneth Elia	no date
1978 – Jeanne Shields Herrera	4/07
1979 – Leah Baker LeVasseur	6/08
1986 – Victoria Anne Agius Garrett	8/09

## Panther Postscripts Deadline

To be considered for the Spring/Summer 2010 Newsletter, items must be received by **March 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may send Email: [Pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com](mailto:Pantherpostscripts@yahoo.com) or send to BHS Alumni Assn. Attn: Panther Postscripts, One Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010.



## Reunions

Old friends greeted each other with handshakes and hugs when the **Class of 1959** came together after 50 years during a reunion weekend Sept. 25-27. The 241 surviving class members included people from all walks of life, from blue collar to white collar, from truck driver to judge. All were united in connecting with old friends and having fun. "You look exactly the same," was heard as classmates recognized old friends and others they hardly knew at BHS. A committee of 21, headed by Terry Naylor, found all but 10 classmates and verified that 39 had died. Attendees took home a book that includes a six-page class summary, individual bios and remembrances of those who have passed away. The class website is <http://burlingamehighclassof59.net>. A copy of their Reunion Book of 200 pages was personally delivered to the BHSAA Board by Judy Chiasson and will be added to the alumni archives.

**ATTENTION: Class of 1960**--our 50 year reunion is next year! Save these dates: **Oct. 1-3, 2010**. All the fun details will be available soon. We will be sending a "missing" list and need your help in finding our classmates. Call Wendy Rogers Brainerd (925) 838-8041 and Ellie Jacobs Lange (925) 736-0500. Update your address and e-mail by going to ours at: [bhsclassof1960@rocketmail.com](mailto:bhsclassof1960@rocketmail.com).

The **Class of 1964** came together for their 45th Reunion over the weekend of Sept. 25-27. Over 100 classmates, friends and spouses reunited for an icebreaker at the Peninsula Golf and Country Club, scene of our grad night. In the words of one classmate, "it looked like a humongous castle in Scotland", and we were all princes and princesses for the night. Saturday night at the Poplar Creek Grill was best described as a "blast", with fine dining and dancing. We did our best to recreate the "rec dance" of old, just pure fun. The reunion concluded Sunday with a tour of BHS and promises of a 50th. A committee of 4, headed by Bill James, organized the reunion. The class website is <http://bhsclass1964.com>.

The 45<sup>th</sup> reunion of the **Class of 1965** is planned for **October 2010**. Check their site: <http://www.bhs1965.com/> or call Rich Coakley at 650-342-7518 or Marva McGrady Whelan-Wiedemer at 707-431-0156 for more information.

Nuri Otus tells us that the BHS **Class of 1980** will hold its 30<sup>th</sup> reunion the 2nd weekend in **September 2010**. Please visit our site: <http://bhs1980reunion.com/> for more details or email your information to [burlingame80@gmail.com](mailto:burlingame80@gmail.com).



## Yearbook Donations

A big "Thank You" to **Beth Gillespie Wachenheim '58** who sent her mother's copy of the 1931 "Campus Echoes." Her mother, **Myrtle "Cookie" Layton Potter '31**, was a member of the BHS yearbook staff in 1931. Below is a poem, written by Myrtle that was included in the yearbook.

### Au Revoir

We are the outgoing senior class,  
We leave the school this year;  
And though in ways it's hard to pass  
From things we've held so dear,  
We're anxious, too, to try new ways  
And soar to dreamed-of goals.  
Ambition rules our future days,  
We're earnest, sincere souls;  
So wish us Godspeed on our way,  
You pals that stay behind,  
And when you leave some other day,  
We'll send you wishes kind.

**Margaret Sorensen Burke '39** generously donated her February 1939 yearbook to the Alumni Association. We are very happy to add this book to our collection. Thank you so much.

**Joanne Classman Bowers '44** mailed two of her World War II era yearbooks, June 1943 and February 1944, to add to our archives. She's saving her June 1944 book a bit longer to reminisce. The Alumni Association is delighted to receive the books that she sent.

Keep us informed of address changes, news, from past classmates and more. If you are planning a reunion for your class, please let the Alumni Association know. Thanks. -- see page 8: (back cover)

## BHS History on DVD 1940 to 1954

The BHS Alumni Association was presented with a treasure trove of film clips from the 40s to the mid-50s. These unedited film clips have been converted into DVD format. Football and baseball dominate all decades. To order yours, see form on page 7.



The **40s** brought out glamour girls with high fashion hairstyles and jewelry to complete every outfit. The girls seemed to dominate these film clips in fashion shows, swimming, and field hockey. The highlights of the 1945 Little/Big Game aren't to be missed. Maybe you remember a Senior Dress-up Day and Mummy Case, or the strongman or the China Relief Rickshaw.

The **50s** brought cars, cars and more cars. While the guys showed us their muscles, the girls were taking aim in their

archery classes. Was it your Senior Dress-up day that entertained us with mermaids, dancing beer cans, Indian maidens, and harem dancers?

## Blanche's Corner Alumni Update



Blanche Dibelka Duffey '39

**Beth Gillespie Wachenheim '58** tells us: "My mom, **Myrtle "Cookie" Layton Potter '31**, died in March at age 95. She loved Burlingame history and wrote a childhood memoir of her growing up years here--now archived in the Bancroft Historical Library at UC Berkeley where she later graduated. She was very proud of her family and also of the fact that she was a writer and frequent contributor to *Guidepost* and *Readers Digest* magazines."

**Bill Haggin '31** tells us he will be honored by the French Government for his service in WWII at the French Embassy.

**Hugh Gill** writes from Watsonville: "I was in the class of 1935 but did not graduate from BHS. My folks moved to Palo Alto for my senior year. But my heart and friends were always at BHS. I graduated from Roosevelt Grammar School in 1931. I guess not too many are left around, but I feel great at 91. I love the newsletter."

**Fay Henry Akers '37** wrote to tell us that she received the Spring/Summer 2009 Panther Postscripts. "Not too many '37s in the news. **Mary "Lola" Hill Imboden '37** and I have been close friends since those years. She lives in Marysville, WA and she and I turned 90 last year (August and September 2008). We have always kept in touch over the years and I have been there to visit many times. I am a caregiver for my daughter and her twin sons who are disabled with chronic fatigue and chemical sensitivities."

**Ethelyne "Mickey" Clark Pitti '37** writes from "Pittiful Acres": "I'm slowing down but still playing volleyball competitively in the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, UT every October. This will be my tenth year."

**Elizabeth "Jane" Cox Reed '39** wrote: "I am writing concerning a very dear friend and classmate, **Betty Lou Ackemann Head '39**. Many of our classmates will remember Betty Lou for her starring roles in

many of our school plays. Betty Lou entered Burlingame High School from McKinley Grammar School and graduated from BHS in June 1939. From there she went on to San Mateo Jr. College. Betty Lou and **Floyd Head '39** met at BHS and were married May 26, 1942. They had four children, Dan, Ron, Gary, and Susan. When Floyd returned to civilian life he worked for Gerber Baby Food, and in 1959 they moved to Fremont, MI, the Gerber headquarters. When Floyd retired, they lived in Rio Verde, AZ in the winter and at their home in Fremont in the summer. Floyd lives in Fremont now. Betty Lou died April 20, 2008." Jane continues: "You do a fabulous job on the Panther Postscripts and whenever I mention our high school alumni paper people are amazed at the idea of an alumni paper for a high school. They wouldn't be amazed if they knew Burlingame High and Burlingame people."

**Margaret Sorensen Burke, '39 (Feb)** says: "Our class was a very small class. Still, we were eighty-some students and I remember most of my classmates, especially because I was editor of our yearbook. A committee of four students and I put together all parts of the book. English teacher Summer Deane was our faculty adviser. Following our class, I believe there were no more mid-year commencements—that graduation took place only at the end of the school year in May or June. After graduation, many students (like me) had no further ties with our schoolmates, yet I always remember our four years with special fondness. And I have always thought that BHS (its students and its teachers) is the best high school on the Peninsula!"

**40s** **Dorothy Rich Harrison '40** and **Herbert G. Hart '40** sent a full page article about Burlingame High School's 75th anniversary. The article was published in the August 28, 1998 issue of the Redwood City *Independent* newspaper. The article tells the history of BHS and includes a picture of BHS when it opened in 1923, photos of teachers Robert Fertig and Vic Mangini, and a picture of the BHS String Orchestra, taught by Lawrence Short, that performed at the Brussels World's Fair in August 1958. There is also a 1948 photo of the electric streetcar that students used to commute to BHS. [Thanks for sending this very interesting article.]

**Theadate Maskell Phillips '41** sent a program from Pacific Telephone's Thodore N. Vail Award Ceremonies, dated July 8, 1966. BHS grad **Kenneth W. "Ken" Terry '42** was honored that evening for his act of heroism on July 7, 1965 in a rugged area known as Granite Chief Mountain near Squaw Valley. On that day two boys and a girl were descending the southwest face of the treacherous mountain. About 100 ft. from the base, one boy slipped and then fell

the remaining distance. The other boy, 18 years old, was about halfway down when he also slipped and became trapped on a narrow ledge about 14 inches wide and 3-feet long. He couldn't ascend or descend. The girl managed to make her way down by an easier route and reported the accident. Terry and another man volunteered their assistance since they were familiar with the area. They drove part way and hiked the rest of the way to the top of the mountain. The men secured a rope at the top of the cliff and then descended to a rock about 10 feet above the boy. They were able to get a loop of rope around the boy, who was in shock. Then Terry grasped the other man by the legs and held him upside down while he clasped the boy's hand and pulled him up to the ledge. They then fashioned a rope sling and gradually lowered the boy about 200 feet to the base of the cliff. Both men then climbed down the cliff. Theadate says: "I'm healthy and happy and busy on a walker because of two broken hips. I don't want to fall again."

**Sally McDonnell Carothers '77** wrote to tell us that her mother **Betty Mutch McDonnell '42** passed away on May 8, 2009. "Mom always enjoyed receiving the Panther Postscripts, especially after moving to Montana. She had been on the BHS swim team and was an avid golfer. She was married to Charles P. McDonnell Jr. on Sept. 17, 1948. Dad, who attended San Mateo High, died on Jan. 17, 1994. They lived in Burlingame where they were active in Burlingame Baptist church, San Mateo Golf Club, and after retirement enjoyed attending BHS baseball games at the park. Daughters **Karen McDonnell '76** who lives in Yuba City, CA and **Sally McDonnell Carothers '77** who lives in Montana were also BHS graduates."

**Joanne Classman Bowers '44** says: "I look forward to news of former classmates as well as continuing excellence of BHS. I've lived in the Washington DC suburbs for 35 years and find it stimulating, but growing up in Burlingame all through school was special and still home in my heart."

**Robert "Bob" Forrest '44** and **Marilyn Markley Kolar '45** are engaged and happily living in Merced, CA. They both sing in the Merced College Chorale. Marilyn is active in the Merced branch of AAUW and Bob takes an interest in local civic affairs. Marilyn's brother, **Thomas "Tom" Markley '42**, passed away in Portland, OR on July 7, 2007. In 2007 photographer Gil Cowley, took candid photos at reunion brunches that were held for BHS classes of 1944 and 1945 at the Pleasanton Hotel in "Ptown." Marilyn and Bob used the photos to create two delightful slideshows – complete with names and very pleasant background music. Bob and Marilyn sent two DVD discs. Thanks for sending them to the Alumni Association. [The following photos of Bob & Marilyn and of Peggy Renton are from the DVDs.]



Bob and Marilyn

**Margaret "Peggy" Vasquez Renton '44** writes: "Here are my dues to you angels who keep this newsletter going. So many of my classmates have gone on to a better life on the other side, but I still hear from **Barbara Richardson Jutte '44** (we play golf together occasionally) and from **Jack O'Brien '44** and **Bob Forrest '44**. It's nice to keep in contact."



Peggy Renton

**Betsy Ripley Bogel '46** wrote to tell us about her "Blingum Lunch Bunch", which meets for lunch on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 11:30 AM at varying restaurants. The regulars are **Barbara O'Malley Colvin '46**, **Gloria Muncey Fourie '46**, **Marjorie "Marjie" James Molakidis '46**, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Ripley Bogel '46**, and our older friend, **Anne Day Peter '45**. We would welcome any other Blingumites to join us; just call any of us for details—we're in the phone book. The shared memories and gossip are hilarious. The Spring/Summer Postscripts was super. Please pass on our congrats and appreciation to the whole BHSAA.

**Bill Knorp '55** is sad to report that his sister, **Florence Knorp Bates '48**, died on December 8, 2008. Flo graduated with a masters degree from Stanford and is survived by her husband of 55 years, Pete Bates, four children and four grandchildren.

**50s** **Joanne Palmer Kezer '50** sent the following information: "The National Senior Olympics, which drew 9,700 athletes, was held at Stanford University during August this year. **Anita Gregorio Murchie '50** and her partner won



the Women's Double Tennis tournament. Anita and her husband, Gordon have been living in Arlington VA for many years and return regularly to California to visit family and friends. He also lectures to wine industry executives in the area on wine trends. (For some years they had traveled around the world promoting U.S. wines.) After the tournament, they met with their many friends in the area to celebrate Anita's victory and their 54th wedding anniversary. Among the celebrants were **Nancy Hughes Hubbert '50** and husband, Bill, who live in Sonoma, **Pat Thomason Seifert '50**, who lives in Sunnyvale, and **Joanne Palmer Kezer '50**, who lives in San Jose. Needless to say, we had a great time!"

**Jane Goyette Birenbaum '52** tells us: "Both my brother **Barry Goyette '51** and I have always had such fond memories of Burlingame. After high school I went to San Mateo Jr. College and then graduated from Cal Berkeley. I spent 5 years in the business world, then a year plus in Paris and Greece before returning and getting a teaching credential. I have a daughter, Sarah, who is also a teacher of high school English. Most of my teaching was in Tiburon where I spent 29 years. Altogether I have taught elementary school for 40 years. I retired in 1995 and fill my days with volunteering for hospice, playing bridge, being with my two grandchildren, going to the opera, and playing the piano. I have lived in Corte Madera since 1976 and just enjoy my surroundings and friends. I want to thank you all for your years of keeping us alumnae abreast of what our fellow alumnae are up to, including those who have left us."

**Marcelle "Marty Hurley Roise '52** wrote to tell us that **Yvonne Kirby Winkler '52** passed away on Feb. 15, 2009. She lived in Millbrae at the time of her death. She tried to keep it a secret—but she was the human inside the Black Panther costume at all of our football games.

**John McRoberts '54** says that he played football on the team that had the greatest two players the Panthers ever had. **Bob Schmidt '54** and **Bob DeGrant '54** both made All-American high school honors. He also tells us that his sister, **Jeanette McRoberts Stroh '58** beat Billy Jean King twice at the Burlingame Tennis Club.

**The ladies from the class of '56 are rockin'—**there are 11 of us who have gotten together every month for lunch since our reunion. At least 3 times a year, we hook up in Vacaville with 7 more ladies from the Roseville area. In the summer the 11 ladies picnic in Washington Park, the remainder of the months we meet at a local restaurant. We are having so much fun reminiscing and telling our tall stories of what we did at BHS (well, we don't tell everything. HA HA). We would love to have any ladies from '56 join us, so contact

**Diane Viglienzoni Morton** at: [mortiedi@aol.com](mailto:mortiedi@aol.com). We have lost some wonderful people from our class, so we hold on tight to those who are still here and say our prayers for those family members who have had a loss. '56 was the best. From: **Annette, Claudette, Connie, Evon, Gail, Ingrid, Jane, Joyce, Karen, Laurretta, Lynda, Pat, Rose, Sharan, Sharon, Susan, Sylvia and Diane.**

A bench in memory of **Marilyn Dickman Short '55** was installed in the Fragrance Garden of Washington Park last July. The "Marilyn Short Memorial Bench" was funded by over 30 individual donations given to the Burlingame Historical Society after she passed away. Marilyn, who was Burlingame High School Alumnus in 1996, was Archives chair for the Burlingame Historical Society for over 10 years, Co-chairman of the Burlingame Train Station Centennial, and The City of Burlingame's Co-Citizen of the Year in 1995.



The plaque reads:  
"Marilyn Short, In Memoriam  
Dedicated Archivist 1988-1998  
The Burlingame Historical Society"

#### **BHS class of 1956 Men-Only reunion:**

Last May 6th, fifteen men from the BHS class of 1956 held a jolly mini-reunion in Sacramento. We all met at the Embassy Suites Hotel near Old Town, Sacramento, then proceeded to the Delta King for a tasty lunch and shared some camaraderie along with amusing story telling by members of our group. For the most part we had not seen each other since our 50th class reunion in 2006. After lunch, some of us visited the California State Rail Road Museum nearby. The 15 classmates who attended the gathering were: **Gerry Beaumont, Gary Collins, Frank Goss, Roger Howard, Don Kendall, John Kraft, the brothers Arnold and Ray Lambrook, Rex Mayers, Mike McNitt, Bill Paden, David "Toad" Spath, Norman Swope, Barry Taylor and Paul Taylor.** The primary instigators and organizers of this occasion were Jerry Beaumont and Frank Goss. About six of the participants did dinner together and stayed overnight. We had a great time and will be doing it again in the future with **all** the '56 guys (and

gals?) with a different location and plan. [See page 7 for photo.]

**60s** Trina Marks wrote to tell us that her aunt, **Nancy Maher Lechich '60**, passed away on March 29, 2009. Nancy's former classmate, **Carol Wolfe '60**, suggested that Trina contact the Alumni Association. Nancy lived in Burlingame until 2007 when she moved to Oregon to be with family. She married George Paul Lechich who was a librarian at the Burlingame Library. Nancy wrote poetry and inspired us all through her lifetime.

**Robert "Bob" Royden '60** writes that he has many fond memories of the class of 1960, although two of his best friends, **George Sanz '60** and **Jon Schroeder '60**, have since passed away. He suggests that a 50th reunion be held on the weekend that the Little Big Game is played. Bob included a photo of himself and his wife Luz, when they visited Gibraltar—"One of the neatest places on earth."



Bob & Luz Royden

**Barbara Driscoll Martin '62** sent the following message: "Sadly, my brother, **Ed Driscoll, class of '60** passed away suddenly Feb. 9, 2009. He was 67. He lived the last 30+ years in Garland, TX with his wife of 49 years, **Jane Bennecoff Driscoll '60**. He was the Burlingame High photographer for most of his 4 years. He saved most of the Burlingame B from 1956 through 1960. In his memory, I'd like to donate them, along with the enclosed football game program, copy of Burlingame Cheers, and clippings from the Burlingame newspaper, *The Advance Star*. It was fun reading them and reliving my years at Burlingame High. Keep up the good work! [Note: the BHS Alumni Association is very happy to accept these items. One of the Bs has already been used as part of a display at the Class of 1959's 50th reunion. Thanks for thinking of us, Barbara]

**Georgina Anderson Arens '63** wrote to tell us that she is married to **Tom Arens Sr.** Both she and her husband attended

Burlingame High School and are hard of hearing. She receives the Panther Postscripts and finds it very interesting to read about the past.

**Susan Ogilvie Felton '64** says: "Hello to all alumni. I am well and living in El Dorado, CA. After graduating from BHS I tried college, but dropped out. I married in 1967 and was recently widowed after 41 years. We had three children all of whom are grown and living in Northern California. In my late 40s I became a nurse. First an LVN, then at 52, I became an RN. I work in cardiac telemetry and oncology. I'm happy in my work and with my life, although I want to and plan to do more traveling. I'm interested in sustainable agriculture and renew and reuse. A dream of mine came true in 2004 when I performed in the musical 'Annie' in a local theatre company. My first time. In 2007 I was in another and look forward to more. My sisters, who also graduated from Burlingame, **Patricia Ogilvie Garzoli '50** and **Katherine Ogilvie Dollar '53**, are well and we try to keep in touch often. You can reach me at my email [susanfelton@yahoo.com](mailto:susanfelton@yahoo.com)."

**Jay Gandolfi '64** continues to teach and direct research in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arizona. He's been in Tucson for 30 years, enjoying the mild winters and trying to avoid the hot summers. Jay was recently promoted to Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies and received the Findley E. Russell, MD, PhD Distinguished Professorship, the highest honor his College can bestow to a non-alumnus. He enjoys reading the newsletter to see what is happening at BHS.

**Donald "Don" Lembi '64**, who died on July 14, 2009, committed his life to serving his community. He was a physical education teacher who took on many coaching positions over the years, including junior varsity soccer at BHS and football at both Capuchino and Hillsdale high schools. Don, who was a Rotarian, worked as a teacher and also as a real estate agent. In the early '80s Don joined the Burlingame Elementary School District Board of Trustees. He served on Burlingame's Park and Recreation Commission and was elected to the Burlingame City Council where he served as Councilman and Mayor from 1985 through 1993. Don was a former Burlingame "Citizen of the Year" and was the BHS "Alumnus of the Year" in 1994. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, **Terry Haff Lembi '65**, their three daughters **Nicole Lembi '92**, **Jackie Lembi Hart '96**, and **Danielle Lembi '02**, two grandchildren, and his sister **Ann Lembi Welton '64**.

**Louis "Nick" Coy '65** tells us: "I am retired—working on my antique and classic cars. I frequently see **Scot Kohler '65** at old car events."



**70s** **Jim "Kimo" Stradley '70** writes from Chico, CA: "In 1989 I returned from Hawaii, married and settled down. We moved to Washington State after retiring in 2002. I got "rained out" after 3 years—and found Chico! It's been a real good move for us so far. Last year we started working on a restaurant at the Chico Airport: [www.kimos-chico.com](http://www.kimos-chico.com). We opened January 2, 2009. Probably not the greatest time to open a restaurant, but, when is it a good time?" Jim invites alums to visit the restaurant and say "Hi."

[Due to an error in the last issue, we are reprinting this article with the correct information.]

**Debbie Barnes Zografos '73** wrote to tell of her brother's passing. **James "Jim" Barnes '76** was one of 8 kids in the Barnes family. They lived on Bayswater Ave. and all graduated from Burlingame High: **Linda '70**, **Tom '71**, **Debbie '73**, **Teresa '74**, **Jim '76**, **Loretta '78**, **Cindy '80** and **Dianna '83**. Jim had many dear friendships that developed through his years at BHS. He passed away peacefully with all the family at his side on Nov. 10, 2008. He is survived by our mother, Betty Barnes, his siblings and his very dear white fluffy dog 'Buddy,' as well as many great friends.

**Jeanne Mursch '79** writes: "I've started a group on LinkedIn, a popular business networking site, for Burlingame High School alumni and faculty. The name of the group is Burlingame High School Alumni. All alums and faculty from Burlingame are welcome to join the group and thereby hook up with other former alums and teachers. All anyone needs to do is search for the group on LinkedIn ([www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)) and submit a request to join."

**80s** **Denise Miley Hawks '80** tells us: "I have been following the Panther Postscripts since I graduated in 1980 and finally have decided to catch everyone up now that we are coming up on the class of 1980's 30 year reunion! After graduating, I started my career in hairstyling and worked in Burlingame for 20 years at a little salon on Lorton Ave. It was great to have clients that were also friends in high school. The last 6 years I have lived in a small town called Loomis in Placer County with my husband Matt Hawks and our two children Matthew (11) and Morgan (3). My parents still live in Burlingame and we visit quite often. My son goes to the California Ear Institute at Stanford for his recent undiagnosed hearing loss, that also gets us in town to try to catch up with some friends. We have a beautiful house in the country on 9.9 acres and just love the fresh air. My sister-in-law, **Molly Hawks Fagnoni**

'91 has opened a beautiful restaurant named "Hawks" in Granite Bay, CA with her husband Michael. The food is wonderful California cuisine. If anyone is in Sacramento, or heading to Folsom Lake for boating, I would highly recommend it!"

#### Add to Your Calendar!

##### 2009

Little Big Game at San Mateo Nov 14

##### 2010

BHSAA General Meeting Jan 14

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BHS Varsity/Alumni Baseball Game Mar 13

Senior Awards Ceremony May 17

BHS Graduation May 28

#### Golf Classic

Join Burlingame and San Mateo High School athletic boosters at our first annual Little Big Game Golf Classic at Poplar Creek Golf Course on **11/11/2009**. For information, please contact John Serrato at [jserrato@rsd.net](mailto:jserrato@rsd.net) or by phone at 650-703-2037. Contributions gratefully accepted.



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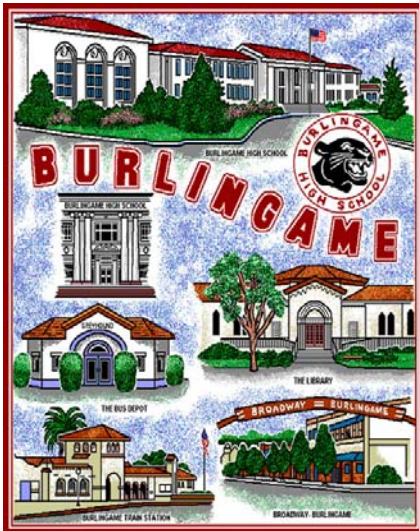
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