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#### **Alumni Highlights**

# President's Message - Josh Gross '91

Hello fellow Normans:

2017

In February we held our annual dinner along with the Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association. Thanks to Julie Steinberg and BHAAA president David Corwin '87 for their help in organizing



the dinner, which helps fund our many projects throughout the year.

Last November Beverly Hills voters rejected

Josh Gross '91

the Board of Education's very ambitious construction bond. So while half the Beverly campus is closed for renovation, it sounds like voters will wait and see how the first half goes before authorizing a new bond. Unfortunately the KL Peters Auditorium remains closed for purely political reasons. This auditorium is safe, always has been safe, and hopefully will be reopened soon.

Once again I've had the pleasure of working with Melanie Anderson on the production of this edition, which was completed before its deadline and under budget. Melanie, who previously

served as editor of *Beverly* Hills Weekly, oversees the editorial duties. As you can see in this publication, she does excellent work. We welcome your photos and submissions for future editions of Alumni Highlights.

The Alumni Association was founded in December, 1977. Our organization has significantly grown since that time. We now mail this Alumni Highlights to over 18,500 graduates living all over the world. The financial support of graduates like you has allowed us to become the biggest contributor of alumni scholarships. This year, as in years past, we awarded \$12,000 to deserving graduating seniors.

In closing, don't forget that you graduated from the most famous high school in the country-probably the world. We need your financial support as we help take our alma mater to even higher places. So if you enjoy reading your Alumni Highlights, please consider making a contribution and sending in a class note today.

Until next time my friends, Go Normans!

Josh Gross '91 President, Alumni Association josh@bhweekly.com

#### Jackson reflects on another stellar school vear Principal David

Our students continue to shine, applying and getting accepted to the top 1% of colleges such as Stanford, Harvard, Duke, Cal Tech, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, RICE, Syracuse, Georgetown, USC and we are waiting to hear from the UCs. Our National Test Scores increased by 21% in English and 19% in math and we continue to excel in many extracurricular areas.

At the time of writing, we have qualified for the following:

- Photography headed to the state Skills USA competition

- Urban Search & Rescue headed to the state Skills USA competition

- KBEV's Broadcast Team and Radio Airlift Team headed to state Skills USA competition

- Robotics headed to regional and

#### 2016 Edition Corrections

Retired Hawthorne social studies teacher George Fourgis mistakenly appeared in the Obituaries section. Fourgis is living in the Palm Desert area. We apologize for the error.

national competitions

- Virtual Enterprise students competing in regional business competitions

- Speech and Debate-students are competing in both parliamentary debate as well as many of the 16 different speech categories.

- Our college counselor has been selected to go to Ireland for a conference. She is one of just 29 college counselors-from both public and private schools-to be invited to attend.

- Two of our teachers have been recognized as outstanding teachers by University of Chicago and Stanford.

#### **BRIEFLY NOTED**

**Elementary School News:** BHUSD middle school students continue to come to KBEV to produce and record a monthly broadcast of their school's activities.

Virtual Enterprise Class: Beverly students start a business and compete through the Virtual Enterprise global program and network. In its second year, this program is being recognized throughout the state.

Culinary Arts Catering and Bread Business: Business, culinary and graphic arts students have come

together to form a bread business. The homemade sourdough is sold at the Beverly Hills Farmers Market, local businesses and various community gatherings.

Medical Science Academy: Our program is now the model program and has expanded to include partnerships with both Cedars-Sinai and UCLA hospital.

Career Creators Program: Beverly High, together with the Beverly Hills Chamber of Commerce and the Beverly Hills Education Foundation, started Career Creators as a structure inspiring business support of local career education. We now have 25 members, which will provide real world experience for our career education students.

Our annual Career Dav is a dynamic opportunity for students to attend workshops led by more than 100 speakers across more than 50 professions. The day culminates with an Internship Fair and buffet lunch, catered by our own BHHS Culinary students.

The Beverly Hills High School Theatre has had an exciting 2016-2017 season produced by BHHS alum Michael J. Libow '81 and in cooperation with BHEF and BHHS Athletics and Arts Alumni

Association. Currently, more than 70 students involved are in the spring musical. We had 90

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Fair, with hundreds of students and parents engaging with representatives throughout the evening.

In closing, we need to give special thanks to BHEF, which has supported a multitude of educational programs, subsidizing teachers for extracurricular activities and professional development, and the PTA Council and our own PTSA for all the support and encouragement we receive each and every day from them. Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association has kept our sports program alive with their dedication and financial support of our students. Our PTSA has made it possible for us to add 640 laptops to our school as we go roaring into the 21st Century. I thank the school board and the community for allowing me to work with them at Beverly High.

Principal David Jackson

### Hall of Fame

# Beverly Hills High School Hall of Fame

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## Congratulations, 2016 scholarship recipients!



The BHHS Alumni Association presented scholarships to six graduating seniors at Senior Awards Night on May 24, 2016. Left to right: BHHS Alumni Association board member Elyse Beardsley '76, Phoebe Josephson (Michael J. Libow Scholarship), Amy Okada (Michael J. Libow Scholarship), James Dohm (Tobey Cotsen Scholarship), Sarit Wannalert (Major General William Lyon Scholarship), Patrick Goolsby, Jr. (Joel Pressman Memorial Scholarship), Tristan McIntyre (Rhonda Fleming Scholarship), Michael J. Libow '81.

#### Hall of Fame

#### 2017 Hall of Fame: BHHS Alumni Assn. honors Goldberg '57, Mirisch '81

Seven alumni were honored at the 2017 Beverly Hills High School Alumni Hall of Fame Dinner on Feb. 2, 2017.

The BHHS Alumni Association honored Wendy Goldberg '57 and her son, John Mirisch '81.

The Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association honored Bob Ward S'47 (posthumous), Buster Mann '59, Phil Swartz '67, Keith Farrell '72 and Peter Micelli '90.

#### WENDY GOLDBERG '57

Wendy Howard Goldberg's passion for theatre and performing arts began at Beverly. She participated in the drama workshop



and the senior class play. She was also a member of the "Thespians," the honorary national organization for individuals who complete at least 100 hours of theatre work.

Goldberg attended UCLA where she majored in political science and theatre arts. Her love of the arts has continued throughout her adult life.

She serves as chairman emeritus of the California State Summer School Arts Foundation. Appointed by the governor as a member of the California Arts Council in 1982, Goldberg spearheaded the passage of legislation which established CSSSA in 1987. She was also one of the founding co-chairs of the Governor's Awards for the Arts to honor California's distinguished artists, and was presented with a resolution by the state legislature for her contributions.

Wendy serves as an executive vice president of Cedars-Sinai Hospital Women's Guild and received the group's "Evie" award for her outstanding contributions.

She is married to Leonard Goldberg, the legendary producer of television and film and former president and COO of Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation.

In 2015, the Goldbergs donated \$10 million to UCLA, primarily to support multidisciplinary research into migraines. The couple resides in Los Angeles, near daughter Amanda '92 and sons John '81 and Richard '84 Mirisch, and their five grandchildren.

"I'm very happy to have been included in the Beverly Hills High School Hall of Fame," said Goldberg. "In addition, it's a great honor to be inducted with my son, John. All three of my children and I feel

very fortunate to have gone through the Beverly Hills school system as it was a terrific education and laid an important foundation for our adult lives. I hope our community continues to support the schools as they add so much to the lives and well-being of the residents of Beverly Hills, including my grandchildren, its future graduates."

#### **JOHN MIRISCH '81**

Beverly Hills Mayor John Mirisch is a fourth-generation Beverly Hills resident. He attended Hawthorne and graduated from

Beverly. Mirisch participated on the high school debate team, while working on the Highlights staff, first as a cub re-

porter then moving up to editor of the paper his senior year.

His favorite teachers include Gil Chesterton, his journalism teacher who was also the Highlights adviser (see p. 44), and Sal Occhipinti, his European History teacher sophomore year (see p. 61).

Mirisch attended Yale University where he graduated magna cum laude.

He started his career at 20th Century Fox in Germany. He later worked as managing director of the Austrian office of United International Pictures, followed by running UIP's Swedish office.

After more than 20 years abroad, Mirisch returned to Beverly Hills so that his son, Vincent, could attend BHUSD schools and grow up with the same small-town feeling he did.

In 2009, Mirisch successfully ran for City Council. In 2013, he was reelected and served his first term as mayor. He is currently in his second term as mayor.

"I'm so proud to be a Norman," Mirisch said. "Being inducted into



www.vimeo.com/166855193

Read a Q&A with Wendy Goldberg '57 in Beverly Hills Weekly (p. 11)

> www.bhweekly.com/ pdfs/890.pdf



A new chapter at Horace Mann. In a community-wide celebration on Aug. 14, 2016, Horace Mann Principal Dana Findley, Board of Education President Howard Goldstein, Board members Noah Margo '86 and Isabel Hacker, and Superintendent Steve Kessler '71 inaugurated the new school building at Horace Mann.

#### Upcoming Reunions Nancy Laemmle

#### Class of 1957

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For more info, visit bhhs.bhusd.org, select the "Alumni" tab at the top of the page and click on "Reunions."

#### Hall of Fame

#### BHAAA inducts five Normans into Athletics Hall of Fame

the BHHS Hall of Fame is, to use one of my principal Sol Levine's favorite words, 'splendiferous.' It's not just sentimentality and memories, but I look at my time at the high school as a direct connection to my college experience at Yale and beyond, in an unbroken chain. I'm particularly honored to be inducted at the same time as my mother, and hope that the multi-generational experience of our City and our school district can continue for many of our district's alumni. ... Our schools and in particular Beverly High are part of what make Beverly Hills such a special place, a place we are lucky to call home."

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#### **BUSTER MANN '59**

Buster Mann played varsity football, basketball and baseball at

Beverly. He was captain of the varsity basketball team, made All-League his senior year and played guard on the

All-Tourney team. Buster was the second highest scorer in the league as a senior.

Mann played baseball at Valley College where he majored in Physical Education. Unfortunately, his college career ended early due to an elbow injury. Shortly after Mann married his wife Sharon in 1971, he was involved in a serious accident and was disabled for six years. His high school friends were very supportive at the time.

He had a long career in advertising media with the Yellow Pages and direct mail and retired in 2006. He and his wife moved from West LA to Rancho Bernardo in 1981, where they reside today. They have been married for 45 years, with three daughters, Candice, Debra and Kristin, and five grandchildren.

"I feel grateful and humbled to be honored at the BHAAA dinner," Mann said. "... I have many great memories of the guys I played with and who made it possible to have successful teams. The three coaches that inspired me the most were Steve Miletich, ... Chuck Reilly, .... and Hal Sieling."

#### PETER MICELLI '90

Peter Micelli played on the basketball and

volleyball teams all four years at Beverly. His athletic accomplishments included: First team all Bay League,

1988-1989; LA

Times Basketball Player of the Year, 1990; and All CIF in basketball, 1989-1990. Micelli was the

#### Are you a performing arts alum? Got A/V skills?

The BHHS Vocal Music Department has a large collection of films, cassettes, slides and possible vinyl records of past concerts and recordings that needs to be digitized. The high school no longer has the equipment to even see what's on some of these films.

Vocal Music is looking for an enthusiastic alum to donate time or funds to usher these archival treasures into the digital age.

Interested? Email BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com

Bay League Basketball MVP in 1989-1990 with an average of 25.3 points per game, 14.8 rebounds and 4.1 blocked shots.

His athletic skills earned him a basketball scholarship to CSUN, where he also played for the volleyball team.

After college graduation, Micelli worked in the mailroom of a Hollywood talent agency. He is now co-head of the television department at CAA, where he has been an innovator in the television industry for the last 15 years.

He and his wife, Jennifer, and their three children, Sheila, Nico and Sofia, live in Beverly Hills. He continues to love sports and coaches his children.

"I credit my wonderful coaching staff Jack Dyck, Jason Newman, [and] Richard Schreiber [for] helping me become the man I am today," Micelli said. "They were some of the best influences on my life and I owe them greatly. Athletics helps prepare you for life in a very different way than the classroom. I attribute so much of my success to having both influences."

#### PHILIP SWARTZ '67

Captain Philip J. Swartz, United States Navy Reserve Retired, excelled at sports, specifically football and wrestling. During

his career at Beverly, he earned five varsity letters, four in wrestling and one in football.

**Attention Alumni Attorneys:** Have you ever argued before the **U.S. Supreme Court?** 

> Tell us about it: BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com

We are still collecting responses.

Through encouragement and motivation from his coaches, Dick Keelor and Ben Bushman. Swartz was the 1967 CIF wrestling champion, an achievement no other wrestler in Beverly's history has accomplished.

After graduating from California State University Northridge, he entered the Navy and became a naval aviator. He continued his education with a master's degree from Webster College. During his 30 years in the Navy, he accumulated over 250 carrier landings, was commander of a naval squadron, and flew combat missions in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He retired as a captain.

Swartz and his wife Connie have four children and four grandchildren. They reside in San Diego.

"I am very fortunate to have had Coaches Dick Keelor, Ben Bushman, Tom Gutman and the rest of the coaching staff that helped develop myself and all my teammates to become successful athletes, students and good citizens," said Swartz. "I used their guidance as I completed college and had a wonderful career as a Navy and commercial airline pilot. ... Thank you BHAAA for this very special honor."

#### BOB WARD '47 (posthumous)

Bob Ward was a tri-athlete at Beverly, playing football. basketball and baseball. He played second base varsity baseball all four years and was





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co-captain of the team during his senior year. He earned a spot on the varsity football team as quarterback during his junior year and played varsity basketball as a junior and senior. He led the Normans as captain of the varsity football team when he was a senior.

He was also student body president and his peers voted him most popular male student.

He went on to attend the University of Oregon, where he earned a B.S. at the school of business. In 1952, he was drafted into the US Marine Corps and served for two years during the Korean War.

Ward's involvement at Beverly did not end after graduation. He went on to succeed Justin McCarthy W'41 as co-chairman of the Athletic Supporters Society, aka, the "Jocks."

In 1973, he went to work for W.T. Billard, Inc., where he served as vice president and general manager for more than 30 years.

Ward passed away on Sept. 25, 2008 while living in Dana Point.

#### **KEITH FARRELL '72**

Keith Farrell was a three-time letterman in football and track. He was the 1971 LA Times West Side Most Valuable player as a linebacker and punter; top Ten single season rusher with 1,048 yards; First team All Sky and Ocean League in 1971 as a running back and linebacker. He was First Team Sky League his senior year as a tailback and Westside Player of the year.



Honors for one of our own. Maria Heilpern (center), who manages Class Notes for *Alumni Highlights*, was recognized last May as Beverly Hills Older Adult of the Year for her volunteer efforts at Roxbury Community Center and her involvement with the Beverly Hills Active Adult Club. Left to right: Mayor John Mirisch '81, Vice Mayor Nancy Krasne, Heilpern, Councilmember Lili Bosse '79, Councilmember Julian Gold

#### 2017 Hall of Fame Dinner

Buster Mann '59, Phil Swartz '67, Wendy Goldberg '57, John Mirisch '81, Bob Ward '47 (posthumous), Peter Micelli '90 and Keith Farrell '72 (not pictured) were inducted into the Beverly High Alumni Hall of Fame at the annual dinner held Feb. 2 in the Greer Social Hall. Ward's daughter Carolyn Baum (second from right) accepted the honor on her father's behalf.



#### 2016 Hall of Fame Dinner

Seven alumni and one retired faculty member were honored at the 2016 Beverly Hills High School Alumni Hall of Fame dinner on March 31, 2016. The event, which took place at UCLA, benefited the Athletic, Performing Arts and Alumni Association programs at Beverly.

The 2016 Hall of Fame honorees were Major General William Lyon S'41, Allen Fox '57, Jane Wortman '71, Frank Dexter Brown '72, Spencer Paysinger '06, and posthumous honorees Nolan Frizzelle S'39 and Hosea Fortune '77. Coach Ron Crawford was honored posthumously with the McCarthy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Back row (left to right): Spencer Paysinger, Bob Frizzelle, Frank Brown, Faith Fortune. Front row: Jane Wortman, Lynn Crawford, Cameron Fortune, Allen Fox



#### Graduation

# Congrats, Second and Third Generation Grads!

Members of the Class of 2016 who appear in these photos (taken after the graduation ceremony in May) have parents and/or grandparents who also graduated from Beverly.

Photos by Rodin Eckenroth. Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Nancy Boraz Friedman '76, Justin Friedman '16, Jason Friedman '13, Cathy Curtis '76. Justin attends Washington University in St. Louis.



Jonathan Aftalion '08, Chloe Aftalion '16, Mijeta Lauren Nefsky '87, Jacob Rost '13, Jessica Rost '16, Lisa Rost '84, Jo-Melamed Aftalion '80, Matthew Aftalion '09. Chloe attends Santa Monica College.



Niloufar Farahi '80, David Bina '13, Ariel Farahi '06, Michael Bina '09, Daniel Bina '16, Farhad Farahmand '90, Forouzan Farahmand-Bina '84, Alex Farahi '09. Danny attends Santa Monica College.



sephine diGhilini Nefsky '61. Jessica attends Santa Monica College. Not





er Deutsch '82. Juliette attends Marymount Manhattan College.



Ron Magnin '82, Anna Magnin '16. Anna attends the University of California, Santa Barbara.



Robin Ackerman '78. Blake Ackerman '16. Annie Ackerman '11. Blake attends the University of Southern California



Sadie Hersh '16, Andrew Hersh '77, Molly Hersh '16. Sadie attends the University of Wisconsin and Molly attends the University of Maryland.



Linda Ross '76, Gary Ross '77, Pam Marantz '76, Lisa Kliman '11, Toby Klasser Marantz '55, Eric Ross '16, Tracey Fields '05, Nancy Marantz Ross '79, Jack Ross '13. Eric attends the University of Texas at Austin.

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Sheila Loghmana '92, Lauren Samooha '16, Kamran Samooha '80. Lauren attends Santa Monica College.



Oreet Pinchassi Smith '74, Brooke Smith '16, Julie Macht '84, Ruby Been-Talia Smith '11. Brooke attends Tulane University.



houwer '16. Ruby attends Wesleyan University.



Jim Friedberg '74, Austin Friedberg '16, Jason Friedberg '13. Austin attends the University of Michigan.



Stephanie Ordaz '13, Sarah Ordaz '16, Alma Kerri Stone Moret '75. Mat-Ordaz '80. Sarah attends Santa Monica College.



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Lou Lipofsky '55, Sandra Walder '83, Max Walder '16. Max attends University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Matthew Hankin '13, Jacob Hankin '16, Dev Moos Hankin '81. Jacob attends the University of Southern California.



thew Moret '16. Matthew at-

tends Santa Monica College.

Linda Moradi Nourafshan '82, Daniel Nourafshan '16. Daniel attends the University of Texas at Austin.



Hsuyuan Wu '85, Stanley Wu '16, Douglas Wu '15. Stanley attends Washington University in St. Louis.



Tom Rutigliano '84, Dylan Rutigliano '16, Ryan Rutigliano '14. Dylan attends the University of Colorado Boulder.

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	ROBERT &	48	YOUNG	NANCY	58	FRIEDMAN	PATRICIA	63
	JUNE	10	YOUNG	STEPHEN	51		ANNE	00
	DANIEL	81	ZIERING	MICHAEL	74	FRIEDMAN	RODNEY	51
	KENNETH H.	47	ZIVLEY	JUDITH	89	FRIEDMAN	RONALD	66
	ROBERT	58		-\$199		FULLER	ROBERT O.	47
	LINDA	58		-		GARTSMAN	GARY	68
	BRIAN K.	67	ADAMS	JOANNA	76	GAVIN	AMB. JOHN	48
	JUDITH	53	ADLER	ALEXIS	74	GELDIN	SUSAN	66
	FRANK G.	49	ALAIR	GENE L.	38	GETTLE	SUSAN	47
	MARVIN	45	ANDERSON	JOHN	54	GILLEN	KEN	60
		87	APPLEBAUM	BETSY	68	GILMAN	TERRY	72
	ADI IVY G.	89 78	AROUH AVCHEN	ALBERT PATRICIA A.	75 71	GOLD GOLDEN	GERRE RUTH E.	48 70
	HERBERT	70 46	BAUER	FRANK R.	44	GOLDEN	ANN	70 75
	EUGENE H.	40 44	BAUER	SARA	44 53	GOLDSTEIN	JOAN	75 67
	NAN	44 49	BAUMAN	SUSAN	53 57	GOLDSTEIN	RICHARD	58
	EUGENE III	49 92	BEEBE	PORTIA	56	GOLDGILIN	JAY	50
	PAUL H.	38	BEERY	MICHELE	67	GOLDSTEIN	ROBERT	63
	DONALD C.	49	BERBERIAN	EUGENIE	75	GOOD	WILLIAM	55
	ANNE	61	BERGER	LISA	76	GOODE	TERRANCE	72
	D. STERRY	45	BERMAN	MARK	84	GOODEN	CHERYL D.	80
	BONNIE L.	67	BERMAN	SHARON	87	GORDON	ROBERT P.	52
	ROBERTA	51	BERNS	DR. ROBERT	64	GUGGENHEIM	KIM &	64
	JOHN PAT-	45		М.			BARBARA	
	RICK		BERNSTEIN	LEONARD	56	GREENBERG	MORRIS	45
	ARDYTH	51	BISHOP	RANDALL B.	84	GROSSMAN	TED	49
	BRUCE J.	70	BLEIFER, MD	SELVYN	47	GRUNAUER	JOYCE	51
	RENEE	61	BRENNER	SANDRA &	74	HALL	RICHARD &	52
	JACK &	RET		MAYER			LAURA	
	JANE	FAC	BROIDY	STEVE	55	HANNA	MICHAEL W.	80
	STEVEN	58	BUTLER	DONALD M.	64	HEALY	OTIS	44
	SHARON	54	CALDWELL	WILEY N.	45	HEFNER	DOROTHY	39
	RICHARD J.	88	CAMERON	MELINDA	66	HEIZMAN	JANE	40
	JOYCE	44	CARLSON	MARILYNN	52	HERBERT	ARLINE S.	43
	DAVID M.	56	CARTER	PATSY	RET	HERMAN	BARBARA	58
	JOSHUA	91			FAC	HERMAN	DARYN	73
	GABRIELLE	01	CHANDLEE	RICHARD	41	HERMANN	RICHARD JEAN	69
	MICHAEL B. MARY JANE	67 41	CHANDLER	DR. SCOTT H.	70	HEROLD HERZBRUN	STEPHEN	40 43
	KAREN	41 69	CHAPPELLET	n. MOLLY	49	HICKS	GEORGEANN	43 48
	SAUNDRA	55	CLAMAN	ELIZABETH	49 81	HOLZ	LAURIE	40 63
	ALAN	43	COHEN	SUSAN	60	HOLZ	ELLEN	00
	JACK GRAY		COHN	LEIGH	69	HOOKER	JOSEPH	55
	JANE	56	COHN	DR. RICHARD	58	HORWITZ	JACQUE-	61
	CINDY	59	COPLEN	KEITH E.	54	HORWITZ	LINE	01
	PAMELA A.	79	CORWIN	DAVID L.	87	HOUSE	DANA	57
	RICHARD D.	64	DELANEY	LINDA	66	HUDSON	MARY	49
	PAULA	48	DELLAR	MICHAEL D.	64	ISAACS	CRAIG L.	80
	LORI	59	DE NAULT	JOHN B.	37	ISENSON	JIMMY	61
	PETER &	69	DERSHEWITZ	GAIL L.	64	JAUREGUI	CAROL	46
	SARA		DIMANT	PHYLLIS	54	JAVAHERI	PATRICK D.	87
	JAY	49	DOLGINER	CHARLES I.	55	JUSTMAN	DAVID	71
	NANCY	81	DONOVAN	JUNE	42	KADES	JOHN	83
	DEBRA	75	DORN	RENEE F.	87		MICHAEL	
	DONALD M.	49	ELLIS	DON	53	KAPERL	HENRY	53
	MAJ. GEN.	51	FASTNOW	JEFFREY	57	KAPLAN	BETSY	51
	MICHAEL P.		FAUNCE	STEPHENIE	87	KAUFMAN	ELEANOR	54
	NANCY	80	FAUST	LELAND H.	64	KAVIN	ROY	48

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KAY	DR. DONALD M.	55	ROBBIN	LAWRENCE M.	49	VON MATT- STODDARD	SONIA	77	HARARI HARRIS	GALIT ARLENE	85 44
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KIRSHBAUM	BARBARA	55	ROBBINS	MELISSA	07		"RON"		HELGANS	NANCY	58
	JO		ROBBINS	NATHANIEL	42	WEISS	BONNE	53	HELLMAN	BARBARA	47
KLABIN	BARBARA	53	ROESCH	JOHN A.	43	WEISS	STUART M.	73	HERTS	GENE	60
KNECHT	JAMES H.	43	ROMANO	MURPHY	64	WERNER	HARRIET	43	HIRSCH	DR. HOWARD	53
KOREN	RICHARD D.	64	ROSE	RONDA	58	WHITCOMB	MEG	48	ITKOFF	FRANCES	51
KOZBERG	BARBARA	53	ROSS	GLORIA	56	WHITTAKER	ROBERT H.	63	KALINSKY	LOIS	63
KRITZER	GORDON	72	ROSS	NORMAN	54	WIENER		79	KAY	ROBERT L.	59
	GLORIA	51 50	RYSKIND	ALLAN	52 75	WILLIAMS	S.	50	KERNS	BENNETT	56
LAUNDERS LAYE	PAT JEANNE	50 51	SABOL SACHS	THOMAS ROGER	75 83	WILLIAMS YAKER	JERRY S. DIANE	53 55	KING KOESSLER	MARIAN HILDEGARD	38 47
LESSER	LAURENCE	56	SACIIS	GARRICK	05	ZALL	JONATHAN	63	LAMB	KIMBERLY	74
LEVI	DOUGLAS	58	SALTSMAN	CAROLYN	59	ZALL	EMIL	00	LANDRES	MARCENE	70
LEVINE	JARED E.	74	SALTZMAN	ANN	51	ZIMMELMAN	STANLEY	43	LARKINS	NANCY	49
LEVY	CHARLES	83	SAMUELS	DONALD L.	79	ZIMMERMAN	PAUL K.	54	LINDSAY	MARIANNE	49
	RICHARD		SCHLOSS	HAROLD C.	77	¢7	E \$00		LOUCHHEIM	MARLENE	50
LIEBERMAN	RANDI G.	70	SCHWAB	ROBERT	65	-	5-\$99		MAHAN	FRANK E.	98
LIPSON	MARJORIE	53	SEGAL	MARILYN	66	AIDIKOFF	TERRI L.	64	MCNIEL	JAMES R.	62
LISLE	ARMOND	46	SEGALL	GREGORY	81	APPELBAUM	DENNIS	61	MEEKER	VIRGINIA	43
	"BUDDY"		SEMEL	JAMES	84	ARTZT	PETER H.	54	MEGDAL	ALANA K.	64
MAAS	FRANCIS	62		SCOTT	50	BARBE	JOHN	54	MILUSO	MAXINE E.	64
MARCUS	(FRANK) BARBARA	68	SEWELL SHAGLEY	ED CARREN S.	50 64	BARTON	LT. COL. LLOYD	62	MORGAN	RICHARD BRENT	64
MARER	CARL B.	79	SHAPIRA	CYNTHIA	73	BERKOFF	TERI	59	NEMIROFF	MAXINE	52
MARKS	DEAN	77	SHAPIRO	ANDREA	59	BLAU	JOEL	62	NERI		68
MASSRY	GUY	81	SILVERMAN	HARVEY	61	BRODY	LYNN	61	NISLICK	MARTIN L.	64
MCCOMAS	SCOTT	60	SMITH	LYNN	69	BROFFMAN	SCOTT	71	OBERMAN	MARK L.	79
MCKENNA	JOAN	47	SMITH	DR. MAR-	48	BROOKS	SHARI	66	PRAGER	STEVEN S.	82
MILLER	LEIGH E.	90		GOT		BROWN	EDWARD	57	REDKE-	MITZI	49
MILLMAN	KENNETH	65	SMOIRE	RON	72	BROWN	LINDA J.	59	EISENBERG		
MILLS	LOUISE	46	SNIPPER	REUBEN	63	BURGE	AUDREY	42	ROSEMAN	RENA	73
MILLSTONE	MICHELLE	72	SNOW	ERIC L.	63	BURSTEIN	DANIEL	69	RUSSELL	MARC	69
MOHR	TONY	65	SOBEL	J. STUART	61	BUSCHO	JAN M.	64	RYKOFF	TOM R.	52
MORRIS	RICHARD ALLAN	63	SOKOL, MD SOLNIT	ANTHONY GARY	56 78	CALOF CHORNA	LARRY GAIL	62 85	SALTZMAN SCHULMAN	BARBARA MARION L.	42 55
MORROW	DENNIS	48	SOLOW	GREGORY	62	COTLIAR	GEORGE	50	SEIFF	DR. STUART	72
MUND	GERALDINE	61	SPEIZER	TERRY	66	COZEN	DR. HARRY	61	OLITI	R.	12
MYERS	PATRICIA	66	SPITZ	BARBARA	50	DELANGE	STEPHANIE	62	SEIZER	FERN	52
NAIDITCH	JACK	67	STONE	JACK	42	DUNBAR	PAT	46	SILVERS	GENISE	75
NAST	TONY	53	STURR	DIANA	78	EBBERT	ELISE	53	SISKIN	PRISCILLA	63
NEWMARK	THOMAS	48	SUTHERLAND	VICTORIA	72	ERENBERG	HOWARD	66	SLAVIN	DIANA	58
NICKELS	JAY W.	57	SUTNICK	ISRAELLA H.	64	EVEN	RANDOLPH	61	SOKOL	RAYMOND	60
NIEROB	ALAN	75	SWARTZ	SUSAN R.	59	FOELSCH	RICHARD A.	64	SPEIGHTS	AUDREY	47
ORISTANO	JANE	50	TAKEDA	PAUL	72	FREEMAN	ROBERT	63	SPERLING	SOPHIA	08
OSTROW	ELIOT	66	TAYLOR	BEVERLY	47		DOUGLAS	<b>C</b> 4	STEGER	DONNA	76
	CHRISTIE E.	64	THACHER		42	FRITSCHI		64 59	TAFT		48
PART-KAVESH PAULLIN	SUSAN MARY LOU	59 42	TITLE	LAWRENCE HOWARD	63	gaylord Gindi	S. MURRAY DR. ELIE	59 71	TELANEUS	(SKIP) DICK	10
PERL	BARBARA	42 58	TOBEY	MAXINE	53	GODFREY	TRACY	67	UDELL	RONALD	48 66
PONDER	FRANK	61	TUCHIN	MICHAEL	83	GOLDBERG	ARLINE	52	VERNY	MARLENE	54
POP	JEFFREY	65		LLOYD		GOLDSTEIN	ANDI	70	WELLS	MATTHEW	98
PRESCOTT	MARK A.	67	TYLER	ELIZABETH	80	GRAHAM	ROBERT L.	72	WILGER	ROD	50
PYNES	JORDAN	94	VILAS	LINDA	54	GROSS	HUGH	73	WITTENBERG	CARL H.	48
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RICE	DEAN	42 68	received	received too late to					ABE	ROSEMERI	04
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BALTZ		64		"SEP"	40		BETH	00	KEYE	DR. JOHN D.	43
BARBANELL	STEPHANIE	FAC	DAVIES DAVIES	BETTY DON	49	GOLDSTEIN	JULIET	83	KIDERMAN	STEPHANIE	03
BARCLAY BARD	MICHAEL ROBERT A.	69 57	DEGUARDI	JENNIFER	44 85	GOLDWASSER	PROUDFOOT JIM	52	KIMBALL KING	ROBERT D. DORIS M.	73 42
BARNETT	DONNA	48	DEUTSCH	JUDITH S.	72	GOODMAN	PATRICIA	52 64	KIRSHNER	SALLY ANN	42 53
BARNETT	MARK L.	77	DILLON	NANCY	50	GORDNIA	KOOSHAWN	13	KLEIN	PHYLLIS	77
BARR, JR.	ARTHUR M.	51	DOLGIN-	MICHAEL	64	GORDON	DR. CARL	53	KLYNN	JUDY	48
BARRY	STEVEN	67	MCHENRY		•	GORDON	FRIEDA	67	KOPIT	DIANE	86
BARTON	RICHARD A.	58	DONNERSTAG	ROBERT	48	GORNEY	DR. ROD-	42	KORNBLUM	DAVID	47
BASS	JERRY &	67	DOYLE	BRENDAN	08		NEY		KORNFIELD	ARNOLD S.	45
	STEPHANIE		DOYLE	SALLY	56	GOTTLIEB	JACQUE-	50	KREVOY	PHILIP M.	79
BASTIEN	MARILYN J.	62	DUKE	ALAN	69		LINE		KURTZ	LAUREN	15
BAUM	TRACY S.	77	EARLIX	PATRICIA S.	64	GREEN, MD	LAURIE	68	LAFAYETTE	DARRYL A.	59
BECKER	GERALD	57	EDELSON	BRUCE H.	56	GREENBERG	DANIEL	58	LANDON	AARON	60
BEERMAN		57	ELLISON		56	GREENSTEIN	NANCY	80 55		JAMES R.	71 62
BEHAR BEHRENDT	JACQUES R. PETER	71 56	EMERSON EPHRAIM	MICHAEL HARRIET	65 49	GREITZER GREY	TRENA RICHARD	55 52	LANZNER	EDWARD HENRY	63
BELOUSOFF	SHELDON	56 54	EPSTEIN	DANIEL	49 57	GROLLMAN,	THOMAS B.	52 57	LASMAN	NANCY	56
BENFORD	JOSEPH	51	ERBSEN	WARREN	55	MD	THOMAG D.	51	LAX	ELAINE	50
BERLINER	OLIVER	47	ESHMAN	AARON R.	45	GRUNER	JAY	53	LAYTON	KATHY	RET
BERNSEN	CORBIN D.	72	ESKIN	JACLYN	68	GUMBINER	SALLY	45	Entron		FAC
BILLARD	WILLIAM G.	48	EVERTS	JUDY	61	HAHN	JOHN	57	LEBEL	JAMES	44
BLACKMAN	JOAN	72	FAUBEL	PRISCILLA	72	HAHN, MD	PETER	67	LEEDS	ILENE	56
BLAINE	RICHARD	52	FEDERGREEN	JOYCE	54	HALDEMAN	THOMAS	50	LEFF	MONICA P.	71
BLAU	ORIT	80	FEDEROFF	ELLEN	81	HANSEN	PEGGY	55	LEIPZIGER	FRANCES	56
BLAVIN	MARGERY	68	FEIN	MICHAEL	61	HARGRAVES	CARRIE M.	84	LEVENSON	ALAN R.	70
BLUMENTHAL	SCOTT	76	FELDMAN	MARK	76	HARMETZ	ALJEAN	47	LEVENSTEIN	ANN	54
BOECK, MD BOLLAR	WILLIAM AUGUST	46 41	FELDMAN FINEMAN	STAN JAY B.	48 63	HARRIS	ALAN GEORGE	69 69	LEVENSTEIN LEVI	SUSAN MICHAEL	61 77
DULLAR	CHARLES	41	FISHBERG	LINDA	82	HARRIS, JR. HARRIS	SUSAN V.	69 59	LEVINE	BRUCE	81
BRADSHAW	ARLENE	42	FLEMING	DAVID	91	HARTMAN	JERRY	72	LEVINE	SUSAN	66
BRAMEN	DARREN	86		ANTHONY	01	HEICHMAN	SUE	53	LEVY	RUTHIE	79
BRAND	RONNA	67	FOGEL	NORMAN	57	HESS	MURIEL	41	LEVY	STANLEY W.	59
BRAUEL-	BONNIE	44	FOLDVARY	DAVID	01	HIATT	SAMUEL	66	LEWINE	JANE	62
BUTLER			FOONBERG	ALAN	81	HILB	ROSEMARY	78	LEWIS	JASON	06
BRILL	CAROLE	55	FOX	JOHN	56	HILLIARD	WILLIAM	75	LEWIS	JOAN	46
BRODSKY	ADRIENNE	54		ORRIN	-0	HINDLE	ROBERT	43	LEWIS	NICOLE	06
BROWN BRYAN	E. FRED KELLY	51 71	FRAKES FRANCO	GEORGE MICHAEL M.	50 87	HINSDALE HIRSCH	RUSH DARRELLE	46 58	LEWIS	PHYLLIS	56
BUNN	BERNARD	49	FRANKEL	CRAIG	81	HOFFMAN	GARY B.	58 70	LEWIS LIBBY	ROBERT E. JANE	45 53
BURRELL	GINA	49 67	FRED	RANDALL	59	HOFFMAN	SUSAN	69	LIFTER	JOEL J.	53 54
CALLAN	FRANCES	44	FREEMAN	JULES	78	HOLZER	STEPHEN	66	LIFTER	MICHAEL	57
	ROGERS		FRIEDMAN	DAVID	56	HOLZMAN	WILLIAM W.	52	LINDMAN	BUD	75
CANTOR	BRIAN	75	FRIEDMAN	HARRIET	54	HOWARD	ROBERTA	44	LIPSTONE	SHIRLEY B.	77
CAREN, MD	JEFFREY	63	FRIEDMAN	RUTH	41	HUFF	DANA	65	LITTER	MARSHA	61
	FREDERICK		FUCHS	JACOB	57	HUTKIN	ELLIOT	54	LONDON	PHILIP	66
CARPENTER	KETTY	78	FURIE	DANIEL	76	HYMAN	ED	54	LOOS	DR. JAMES	54
CARR, MD	DAHLIA T.	91	GANES	ANDREW	63	ILIFF	ELIZABETH	76 50		ANDREW	81 72
CARROLL CATLETT	BRUCE SHERRY	57 68	GARDNER	MARSHALL KAREN	67	JACOBSON JAFFE	george Philip	58 51	LOUCHHEIM LOWY	MARK VIVIAN	73 66
CHAN	LISA	76	GARTY	MAE ANN	45	JARMAN	MYRON	47	LUCAS	ROSASUE	63
CHESTNUT	SHIRLEY	52	GELBART	BECKY	82	JOHNSON, JR.	ROBERT	70	LUNER	DAVID	86
CHINSKEY	FLORENCE	51	GELFOND	LAWRENCE	83		GIBSON		MAAS	MICHAEL	00
	P.			EDWARD		JOLLY	MELANIE	60	MACELWEE	CAROL	50
CLAMPITT	MELANIE	58	GELFOND	RHONDA	82	JONES	CHRIS	67	MALVIN	JENNIFER	75
COAKLEY	JOAN	51	GELLER	ANNE	55	JONES	RICCI	80	MANDEL	MAURICE	66
COHEN	ANDREW W.	77	GEORGE	BARBARA	61	JONES	ROBERT	45	MARANTZ	TOBY	55
COMBS	KIMBERLY	87	GEORGE	LENORE B.	52	JONES	SANDRA L.	70	MARKOVITS	THOMAS	72
CONHAIM	ROBERT I.	46 79	GERBER	BILL	75 02	KAHAN	JAMES	61 56	MARKUS	STUART L.	57 72
CONSTINE CONTI	KAREN R.	78 61	GILDRED GINGOLD	lori Randall	83 81	KANTOR, MD KASHANCHI	GARY ELENA	56 85	MARTINI MASON		73 66
COOPER	JAMES JIM	61 67	GINGOLD	STEPHEN	81	KASHANCHI KAY	VALERIE	85 54	MASON MASON, JR.	CELIA HOWARD	66 50
CROSBY	LAUREN C.	84	GINSBERG-	JOSHUA	86		SUZANNE	J <del>-1</del>	MASON, JR. MASSEY	STEPHEN A.	50 59
CUTLER	CLIFFORD J.	73	MARGO	00010/1		KAYE	ALAN L.	73	MATTHEWS	DR. THOMAS	
CUTLER	KENNETH	54	GLASER	JONATHAN	79	KELTON-	LENNY &	53	MCCARTHY	JOSEPH I.	47
DAHLER-	ANTON	79		М.		LUBER	DAVE		MELNIK	JOHN E.	59
BRUCH			GLAZER	MICHAEL	58	KERMODE	LOUISE	47	MELTZER	SUE	63

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MENDOZA	CAROL	75	SACKER	MARIANNE S.	64	VAUGHAN	JOSEPH S.	54	0047
MERCH	MARGARET	56	SAGAN	MARIAN	58	VOLK	BARNEY	66	2017
MERENBACH	DENNIS G.	52	SALTER	MICHAEL	67	WALDEN	LEONA	59	CONTRIBUTIONS
MERMEL	DR.	74	SAMUELS	STEPHANIE	81	WALKER	FAYE	62	
	LEONARD A.		SANDLER	GARY	75	WALKER, JR.	GEORGE	38	EL RODEO CLASS OF '76
MEYER	ALAN F.	64	SARGEANT	PATRICIA	42	WALKER	JEAN	43	CONTRIBUTED \$650
MEYERS	JEANNE	61	SAVAGE	CHRISTIE	65	WEINER	BERT	66	
MILLER	LINDA	57	SAX	JEROME D.	59	WEISMAN	SANDY	75	CLASS OF 1976
MINICK	PHYLLIS	47	SCANNELL	JAMES	68	WELLS	MICHAEL	01	CONTRIBUTED \$277.54
MOORE	ANGELA	86	SCHIRN	ROBERT	59	WHITFIELD	RYAN	14	(THE REMAINING AMOUNT
MOORE	THERESA F.	77	SCHLESINGER	GORDON	57	WILEY	JOANNE	46	FROM THEIR REUNION)
MORROW	JAMES	51	SCHLOSS	MICHAEL A.	79	WILLIAMS	BETTY JO	44	
MORTAZAVI	JOUBIN J.	91	SCHOICHET	ELLIS A.	74	WILSON	TIMOTHY G.	74	PATRICIA ABRAMS
MULLIN	JOHN	58	SCHREIBER	HOWARD	52	WINN	CAROLE	55	ROSENBURG '50
MUNEKATA	MARK T.	84	SCHRIEBMAN	DR. RUTH	68	WINTHROP	STUART	68	CONTRIBUTED \$180 IN MEMORY OF BOB CRAIG
MUNITZ	RICK	RET	SCHULMAN	MARSHALL M.	45	WOLF	MADELINE	65	IN MEMORI OF BOB CRAIG
		FAC	SCHULTZ	ALICE	60	WOLFSON	ALAN	69	CLASS OF 1951 CONTRIBUTED
MURRAY	CHARLES	50	SCHULTZ	JACKSON	43	WRIGHT	SONI	55	\$165 IN MEMORY OF
MURRAY	DIANE	72	SCOTT	FRANK	RET	YANO	PAULINE	RET	SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT,
NATE	ROBERT	43			FAC			FAC	STEVE HORRELL '51
NATKIN	KENNETH	55	SCOTT	DR. MARCIA	48	YATES	ROBERT W.	54	
NEFFELER	STUART	50	SEIZER	STEVEN	75	YEOMAN	HELEN	43	MARY WATSON
NICKOLL	PATRICIA	61	SELWYN	PAUL	51	YOUNG	VALERI	72	CONTRIBUTED \$100
NOPAR	GAIL	56	SHAW	REESA	78	YUKELSON	AMANDA	07	IN MEMORY OF HER MOTHER,
O'BEIRNE	JUDITH	53	SHEMANSKI	PHIL &	68	YUKELSON	DANIEL M.	80	VIRGINIA FOSTER CHISHOLM '30
O'NEILL	MARCIA	58		SHERI	- 4	YUKELSON	REBECCA	11	NODMANIADDATE CONTRIDUCT
OHMAN	RUTH	48	SHERWOOD	GLORIA	54	ZELDIN	RABBI JOEL	64	NORMAN APRATI CONTRIBUT- ED \$100 IN MEMORY OF LORI
OHMS		62	SHOEMAKER	JACK	47	ZIMMERMAN	DR. DORIS	60	ROSENTHAL SHEPHERD '73
OSTER	VICTOR E.	79 02	SILL	JOHN R.	51	ZIMMERMAN	STANLEY	49	ROSENTIAL SHEFTIERD 73
PACK	MARC	83 77	SILVERS	JESSICA	57		others		FRANCIS SCOTT, RETIRED
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# Class of 1951 Hotel Angeleno—April 30, 2016



Joan and Paul Selwyn



Lynne and Art Barr



Bud and Carole Foran



Dick and Ellen Mallek





Laura and Daryl Snyder

Ivan Finkle, Bobbie Flam Finkle



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# 2017 Alun Class of 1956



CeCe Doane, Bobbie Jarvis Walley, Portia Beebe



Joan Kline Yeoman, Ron Katsky



Ann-Marie Birnbaum Levine, **Bobbie Walley** 



Jane Rudnick Morgan, Linda Price Vitti



Maggiano's Little Italy at The Grove-Oct. 15, 2016

Marty Krell, Gary Kanter, Tony Sokol



Linda and Fred Gaylord



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Tammy and Marvin Greenstein

#### **Class Reunions**

# 2017

# Class of 1966

The Beverly Hilton—Oct. 22, 2016



Morris Weisbart, Howard Erenberg, Tom Linden



Stephanie Cohn Vahn, Karen Zukor, Francie Kirshenbaum Okun



Rudy Lacoe, Kathe Brenner Deane, Mark Bisgeier



David Goldsmith, Steve Diskin, Richard Frederick, Wayne Liebman



**Reunion Committee at Sunday picnic on BHHS lawn.** Committee member Ellen Koskoff Frankel and co-chairs Annette Kaufman, Kathe Brenner Deane, Linda Schuman Cohn and Wendy Sheinkopf



Patti Brown Myers, Ellen Koskoff Frankel, Howdy Kabrins, Merry Elkins, Joani Justus Stewart-Georgi



Mariko Eguchi Watanabe, Pamela Powell, Virginia Molina, Marlene Sirkin Siegel, Henry Lew



Emily Hendel Winfield, Susan Friedman, Joan Friedman Braun, Jane Friedman, John Kornhandler, Annette Kaufman Wright

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Reunion Committee: Back row, left to right: Elyse Rothstein Beardsley, Cathy Haymes Baker, Charlie Isaacs, Ongel Duncan. Front: Miriam Mogtader Koenig, Amy Natterson Kroll, Andi Brook Waks, Cheryl Factor





Mark Karlan, Marla Sherman Rochlin, Mark Feldman



Donna Bernstein Steger, **Diane Steinberg Kipit** 



Jodie Lunine Kaplan, Robbie Marantz, Susie Karasic



Phil Morris, Coach Toby Larson



Judy and Craig Fazekas



Dave Sugino, Herlene Lew

# Class of 1976

Marina City Club-Nov. 5, 2016



Patty Raymond Pearlman, Loni LeMaster, Paul Gomberg, Debra Dresner, Mark Karlan



Jim Hyman, Gina Ehren Swenson, Tobey Cotsen Victor, Carla Morris, Phil Morris



Mike Hartounian, Anita Hirsch Rodal, Pamela Orenstein, Barry Fogel, Cathy Haymes Baker



Carla Morris, Sophia and Sam Konugres

#### **Class Reunions**

# Class of 1986



James Paul, Adam Porter



Madera Kitchen-Oct. 22, 2016

Brenton Davis, Laura Wasser



Glenn and Rainey Gordy



Lisa Engel, Laurie Stein



Johnnie Raines, Leslie Paul



Reunion Committee (left to right): Adam Porter, Dru Morgan, Ricky Nelson, Laurie Stein, Johnnie Raines

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Rome Shadanloo, Ben Gleib



Guest, Hussein Iddrissu



Joey Lauren Koch, Brian Pocrass



Pantea Shirazi-Bahari, Ariana Kliger-Shane



Jennifer Lesser, Jason Lesser





Guest, Ari Monosson, Ryan Franks, Cory Tobin Club 424—May 21, 2016

#### **Class Reunions**

Sofitel-Nov. 26, 2016

# Class of 2006



Dorsa Kay, Nicole Tab, Ora Esfahani



BJ Ly, Dani Drasin, Alissa Jameson, Sloane Trugman



Nina Bolour-Peykar, Sahar Sherf



Rambod Peykar, Shawn Hakim



Elisa Furie, Lauren Brucker Krapf



Nicole Tab, Melissa Danesh, Rebecca Rihani Fouladian, Yasmin Fardghassemi



Katie Newman, Simone Frajnd, Maya Lasry, Aleza Shapiro

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#### **Class Notes**

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Lois Mullins Rafferty '31 Lois is 101 years old. She graduated from UCLA in 1935. She married Tom Rafferty who was president of Phi Kappa Psi house in 1935. He was also in ROTC so he went to WWII in Europe in 1941. They were married in 1937 and had two daughters: Patty is 75 and living in Ft. Belvoir, Va. and Kelly is married to Bob Armstrong, a builder in Honolulu.

**Paul DeBaugh S'38** Paul is in good health, plays golf twice a week and sends his best to any classmates.

George Walker W'38 George is 96 years old and is blessed with good health. He has been an advisory board member of the Salvation Army and has been awarded honorary colonel. He is No. 10 in the United States. He still drives his car and uses a cane to get around. He also founded the Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center of the Salvation Army, which has been treating 30 men and 20 women in Chico. George is a recovering alcoholic with 46 years of sobriety.

**Dorothy Dunham Hefner S'39** Dorothy moved to Rosewood Retirement Community in Bakersfield following the death of her husband Norman in 2005. It was a great decision. She is currently involved in line dancing, the drama club and is



**Dottie Hefner '39 with Phoebe** 

co-coordinator of their thrift shop. Retirement is great!

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**A. Charles Bollar '41** Charlie just turned 94 and he feels good. His wife, Olive, is 96 and is also well. They live in Santa Barbara.

Marianne (Mary) Osgood Mayor S'41 Marianne reports that it has meant so much to her hearing what other classmates are doing or saying, as she is very interested in hearing from those who graduated in 1941. Theirs was a pivotal time, with many going into the armed forces and sadly, some never returning. She feels blessed to have been raised in Beverly Hills and having attended Beverly Vista prior to BHHS. They lived and enjoyed the best of times, without a doubt! They've also had the pleasure of a 10th, 25th, 50th and 65th reunion-wonderful experiences with some really great longtime friends. She thanks [Alumni Highlights] for helping keep her and evervone else informed.

Audrey Strowburgh Burge S'42 Audrey ventures out of her condo for classes, board membership and fun. She has photos to show of her great-granddaughter, Morgan. Go Ducks!

Mary Lou Williams Paullin '42 Mary Lou is alive and well at 91. She lives in a large retirement complex and it is like cruising 24/7. She plays a lot of bridge and does a lot volunteer work. So far she has seven great-grands!

John E. (Jack) Randall W'42 Jack was hon-

ored with the Darwin Medal from the International Society for Reef Studies (ISRS) at the 13th International Coral

Reef Symposium, which was held at the Hawaii Convention Center in June 2016. It is awarded to a senior ISRS member who is recognized worldwide for major scientific contributions throughout their career. Undoubtedly. Jack's greatest achievement is the number of people he has influenced over his more than 60-year career. Several of his former students have gone on to make significant contributions to the field of marine science in their own right. He has always been a keen observer and has contributed immensely to the understanding of the behavior and ecology of reef fishes.

Arline Horwitz Herbert S'43 Arline loved her years at BHHS and has very fond memories of her high school days. Having retired from real estate, she keeps busy playing Mah Jongg and Pan and cruising with her dear family. Life is good!

**Dr. John D. Keye '43** John is still pedaling at 90. Pray for our free republic!

Virginia Clary Meeker '43 Virginia has lived in Laguna Niguel for 18 years. She often hears from Barbara Lynn Kennedy '43, as she also lives in Orange County. Virginia was known as Ginny and Gigi while she was at BHHS.

Bob Nate W'43 Bob asked himself as he watched the vapor trails of the jets flying over his house if he would ever fly again. Yes, he said, and it will be to Vancouver Island, Canada. In his opinion, the island has to be the most beautiful place that he has ever been to: 292 miles long and 30 miles wide, lakes everywhere, some fresh water and inlet waters 15 miles from the ocean. All the high mountain peaks had snow and the snowboarders were still enjoying their sport; this was mid-May. The trees in the forest had to be 100' to 125' with trunks perfectly straight, waterfalls everywhere and the locals all out fishing. If he could be reborn, it would be here. From there they departed for Whistler on the mainland-it has to be the Switzerland of North America. People from around the world were there to enjoy their holiday and it was a complete escape for him and Ann. Life is good at 92



Bob Nate W'43, with his wife, Ann

when your health is good! **Dick Rowson S'43** Dick and Elena spent Thanksgiving with their two sons and two grandsons in San Francisco. They hope to be moving to the City soon from Washington, DC where they have lived the past 26 years. They have retired from various offices and boards in the international field and are ready for a change of pace after 90 years!

Jack Schultz W'43 Jack finds it's always fun to read Class Notes and see a few familiar names from years past. Now, it's about life in retirement homes, walkers and operations, but still enjoying life. He is a survivor of multiple hip replacements and recently an aortic valve replacement, but he is now recovered and enjoying a peaceful and productive life in lovely San Francisco. BHHS was a wonderful time-lots of lovely girls, parties and active social life, which included playing flute in that great orchestra and band. All in all, an unforgettable time. His email is j@captjls.com; he'd love to hear from you!

Michael Simmons W'43 Michael says stories of the Warner Theater in the 2016 *Highlights* reminded him of the many movies he saw there and at the Fox Beverly. He was at the Warner attending a matinee on Sun., Dec. 7, 1941. When he arrived home, his parents told him that Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor and they offered words of reassurance. Twenty-eight months later he was in Moscow in uniform—Moscow, Idaho, that is. He doesn't remember what the movie was. He does remember when the

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now famous Rodeo shopping area was littered with empty lots.

Jean Gallagher Walker W'43 Jean read about Bob Nate's 90th birthday party and enjoyed seeing the names of the boys and lovely Clarice Kendrick from her class. She is reminded how different in general her life has been from theirs. After graduating from UCLA, she started a career in journalism and related fields in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York. A highlight was an interview with Maria Tallchief S'42 in her New York apartment at the height of her fame. They had attended Beverly Vista and were Brownies and Girl Scouts together. Maria remembered Jean and was her usual frank Maria. They had more of a girl-to-girl chat than an interview. Through a friend at the L.A. Mirror News she met her husband, a Berkeley- and Harvard-educated, San Diego-raised assistant professor at USC. They raised three children while living in Claremont, Ca., Washington, DC, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Albany, NY. Jean was the San Gabriel Valley correspondent for the L.A. Times during their five years in Claremont and taught at the International School of Islamabad during their year in Pakistan when her husband taught on a Fulbright at the university there. After Pakistan she worked full time for 15 years as a youth employment counselor for the town of Colonie, NY. She's been retired and living in Boulder, Co. for over 20 years. Her older daughter, Jeannette, an attorney, and her family live nearby. Her younger daughter, Lisa, lives with her family in Summit, NJ. Lisa has

an MBA from NYU and has been teaching preschool part time for 10 years. Jean's son, Lance, got his BS in systems engineering at the University of Arizona and travels the world as international sales director for an Israeli computer security firm. His family lives in Gloucester, Mass. So, she and hers have spread out! Jean would like to know the whereabouts of Doris Jones, Irene Roberts, Evelyn Johnson, Marcia Hope, Shirley Weinberg and Eloise Venneman. Marty West Brodek kept in touch for years and Marian Semmelmever Stoner has been a loyal friend since third grade. They were such a large, convivial group at BHHS, gathering at lunch on the front lawn steps.

Arnie Bail S'44 Arnie says if any of you have a memory that has lasted this long and would like to talk, please call (310) 479-5292, but don't wait too long-too soon his birthday will have three numbers in it!

Frances Rogers Callan W'44 Frances is still going strong at 90. She exercises regularly-including an occasional game of paddle tennis. She's fortunate to have her three children close by and grandchildren scattered over the US, but they all manage to return home for major holidays. There are five great-grandchildren as well. She keeps busy with a number of volunteer jobs. Frances gets back to California occasionally as she misses the sunshine, but is very happy in Connecticut.

Gene '44 and Nan Morris Corman '49 Nan and Gene just celebrated their 60th year of marriage. Their son, Todd '75, and his wife, Jennifer Runvon Corman, recent-



Still pals at 91: Carolyn Roos Olsen for Easter. Their son, '41 and Marge McCann Bowen '41 Kyle, is a first year at

ly traveled to Florence, Italy and the Maldives. Their son, Wyatt, is at USC Business School for his master's and Bayley, their daughter, is an actress. Craig Corman '77 and his wife. Karen, went to Hawaii



Nan Morrris Corman '49 and Eugene Corman '44

Emory in Atlanta and Page, their daughter, is at Harvard Westlake. Todd is a director in TV and Craig is an entertainment lawyer currently on the Beverly Hills Planning Commission.

Jim LeBel S'44 Jim is alive and drinking (in moderation, of course). He volunteered for USAAF pilot training at age 17 in 1944 but was not called to active duty until after January 1945. While awaiting assignment to light training, he received an early discharge from active duty when the Army Air Forces encouraged their aspiring pilots to return to college to get the education that would be required for future service. He attended UCLA until the USAF reopened the pilot training program. After receiving a year's training in T-6 and B-25 aircraft, he went on to serve for four years flying B-29, C-54 and C-124 aircraft in the Strategic Air Command. After the Korean War ended, Jim flew for Lear Aviation at Santa Monica Airport as personal pilot for William P. Lear, after which he accepted a position as a pilot for Western Airlines. He flew copilot for 11 years on Convair 240, Douglas DC-3, DC-4, DC-6B, Lockheed L-188 and Boeing 720/707 aircraft. Then, he was unexpectedly promoted directly from copilot to check pilot/captain and enjoyed a fascinating career training and proficiency-checking both new and seasoned pilots as well as flying line until the FAA declared him decrepit at age 60. (Age discrimination at its worst!) He retired from active line flying

on the DC-10, but remained actively employed as a pilot for Western for training flights, ferry flights and other work that did not involve carrying passengers. Then along came the merger with Delta Air Lines. Delta gave Jim a position as an administrator in Flight Operations headquarters in Atlanta. For another 14 years he enjoyed a second career in the airline industry, helping to solve operational problems until the 9/11 disaster whereupon at age 75 and after 47 years in the business, he accepted an offer of "early retirement!" Jim is married to Joan Mullery LeBel, a former stewardess who is his bride of 59 years, and he enjoys his retirement immensely with such activities as skeet shooting, golf, tending to the homestead of 45 years and walking three Bichon Frise pups around the hills of Sherman Oaks. He has three children and nine grandchildren.

Wiley Caldwell W'45 Wiley says there's not much new. He's recovering from a serious case of pneumonia, which resulted in a six-day stay in the hospital. There aren't many of his vintage left. He's still married to his wife of 66 years and both are well and active. He wishes good health to all.

Sterry Fagan '45 Sterry is still a desert rat. They travel in the summer to avoid the heat. He's playing a lot of bad golf and trying to stay vertical!

Pat Ford S'45 Pat continues his return to journalism having reported and edited for the BHHS weekly paper Highlights in his junior and senior years. A college education and career in public accounting put journalism on hold for 45 years, returning upon retirement. Firing up his creative writing juices, he began writing as a columnist for a daily business journal in San Diego. It kept him busy and involved for 24 years until the newspaper folded in September 2015 after 120 years of publication. Now he is in the digital age with a blog for his commentaries. Find him at jpatrickford.me. Mrs. Pauley, his BHHS journalism

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teacher, would be pleased he's still into reporting—a valuable skill she taught him—70 years later. He keeps in contact with Merrill Johns W'44 and classmates Edie Tobin Carr and Marcia Garbus Burnam, but is distressed over recent deaths of classmates. One was Bill Chamberlain S'45, a friend since the 5th grade at Beverly Vista.

Herbert Constine S'46 Herbert is still enjoying life in the Marina. It's nice to read what old classmates are up to. He is still playing tennis. His new hips help but getting four players together is tough!

Joan Bell Jaffe W'46 Joan is feel-



'**46** Joan is feeling great and walks a mile a day (up and down hills). She is widowed and has lived alone in Laguna Niguel

for over 20 years. She spends much of her time writing books and is sending one to BHHS for their Alumni Collection under her pen name of Joanabell Lewis. She's also published a book of poetry and her paintings, plus a children's book. Currently one of her paintings is hanging in the Capitol building in Sacramento, the only one selected by Pat Bates, a California state senator, to represent her district encompassing South Orange County and Northern San Diego County. She is still in touch with Andre Previn and had a visit with him when he was performing in Orange County last summer. His dad was her piano teacher during high school. She is still keeping up with a few BHHS friends and would love to say hello to her fellow grads from Hawthorne. She's traveled all over the world, and is now very content to stay home and be creative. She stays busy and happy meeting friends for lunch, and spending time with her wonderful friend, Bob, who illustrated the cover of her Old Hollwood in Beverly Hills book. After USC, she married and had four children and now has 13 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Life is good and she is forever grateful for being blessed with a healthy (so far) old age. She is also thankful to still have her little brother, Phil Jaffe '51, nearby.

Pierre Kern S'46 Pierre remarks that it has been over 70 years since high school graduation! Time has a way of going faster all the time. His wife, Lindy, is doing great and so are his sons, Ric and Brad, both 60 and 59 years respectively. His granddaughter (Ric's daughter), Brittany, already is married with a great-granddaughter for Pierre. Wow! Her brother, Ryan is an anchor for the Reno NBC TV station. Brad's son just turned 17 and is a junior at Viewpoint High in Calabasas. His sister Isabella is 11 years old. Brad currently is the showrunner (boss) for NCIS New Orleans. Armond "Buddy" Lisle S'46 Bud and Kathryn continue to enjoy life in Indian Wells. Both grandkids have graduated college and have started their careers. Family visits often and the desert life remains enjoyable.

**Carol Strauss Somers S'46** Carol made her annual trip (No. 36) to Sydney, Australia to visit her son and three grandchildren—all Aussies who became American citizens within one hour after they were born! A few months after her return, her grandson and his wife moved to the US permanently, along with his business. Both were a big surprise and a big thrill. Life has changed a great deal for us. How wonderful to have the grandchildren nearby for the first time!

Joanne Bowerman Wiley '46 Joanne is a fan of *Alumni Highlights*! Kenneth Bleifer W'47 Kenneth says life will go on, but it will change. A new administration threatens some of the USA's most cherished principles and achievements over the past decade. On a lighter note, his twin granddaughters just turned 10 and they are the delight of his life. Fortunately, they live only 30+ miles away so he and Sandy can see them frequently. Believe it or not, he says he is still working three half-days a week at USC Keck School of Medicine. It keeps his mind active and he enjoys the people. He meets the whole spectrum of people executives, professionals, athletes, alcoholics and drug addicts. They all have a story to tell.

Selvyn Bleifer W'47 Selvyn retired in August 2015 after 53 years of cardiology practice. He misses medicine but not the practice of medicine. He and his wife, Charlene, enjoy traveling and he is still physically active, as he does Pilates twice weekly and enjoys races at Del Mar.

Susan Redding Gettle S'47 Susan still keeps in touch with some of her BHHS alumni friends. They are Joan Junge McGovern S'47, Mary Lou DeWolfe Amadon S'47, Pat Silman Dunbar S'46 and Talma Tyson Murphy S'46. She was playing bridge with Pat Eisenberg when she found out her husband was Don Eisenberg W'48. He is a pilot now but was a big tennis player at BHHS.

**Hildegarde C. Koessler W'47** Hildegarde says sharing special BHHS memories with '47 classmates is always a joy!

**Eleanor Bowen Parrish W'47** Eleanor and Dick Robbins W'46 keep in touch with Bob Lewis '45. They are going for brunch in Manhattan Beach.

Jane M. Rosenbaum S'47 Jane is still here and wonders how many others are also here from S'47.

Jack Shoemaker S'47 Jack and his wife Louise have just been blessed with their second great-grandchild, a boy named Jack Shoemaker. He hopes and prays that the miracle election will make our country as great as it can be. He wants to go to his grave with the knowledge that our children will have super opportunities for their future in this wonderful country.

Audrey Bledsoe Speights S'47 Audrey had an eventful year in 2016. She now has two beautiful great-great-grandsons. She worked very hard on Hillary Clinton's campaign and is now saddened at the loss our country suffered. Sadly, this election showed approval for bigotry, racism and division what a tragic setback!

James Spitz '47 James reports all is well in Tarzana. He is celebrating 66 years of marriage this year and it's the best! They had their ninth great-grandchild and counting. He sends his best to Bob Fox, Sandy Bothman, Roy Kavin and Ed Artzt. Donna Weiss Barnett '48 Donna had a very exciting year. Her three sons gave her the most elegant party for her 85th birthday-44 people were there for drinks. Her Vero Beach grandson is at U of Miami finishing his first year and he has taken the school by storm! Her Boca Raton grandson is also attending U of Miami. Her 14-yearold granddaughter is a freshman in high school and has always received straight A's through middle school and now high school. She has rescued 100 puppies and plays violin. Donna is so lucky! She is going to school and lectures all the time and even though she loves bridge, she would rather be in an educational environment.

**Stanley M. Feldman S'48** Stanley is still thriving in the beautiful Pacific Northwest! He sends greetings to all his friends and classmates!

Chester and Beverly Shane Firestein '48 Chester and Beverly moved 31/2 years ago from their home in Beverly Hills, where they had lived for 54 years. They moved to their skybox in Westwood with its glorious view (on a clear day) from Signal Hill to Catalina Island. They celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary this past summer, thinking back to their BHHS senior year Alpha Dance where it all started. Where did the time go? What a journey it has been. From two kids in love to seniors in their middle latelies with four children (two are old enough to talk about retirement) and 10 grandchildren. They've chaired businesses and charities, cruised the seas and traveled to 60 countries on six continents. They've owned 10 small sail

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and ski boats, water skis and snow skis, tennis racquets, golf clubs, and six vacation homes. But now they are content to stay home and experience *Rick Steves' Europe* on PBS. Thanks to BHHS for the beginning of their life together and a shoutout to all the lifelong friends with whom they have shared this journey.

Gerre Turk Gold '48 Gerre sends a thank you for the work the *Highlights* does to keep everyone connected to a great school and a great time in their lives.

**Dennis Morrow '48** Dennis is still in good health and living with his wife of 57 years, Marilyn. He plays at Colt in Indian Wells twice a week and does some volunteer work.

**Tom Newmark '48** Tom drove to Appomattox, Va. to spend some time with Tom Kurlander '48 where he raises bison. This year he's currently restoring a 1931 Chrysler roadster. In September on his way to his Navy reunion in Spokane, he hopes to stop in Bend, Ore. to see an old friend and neighbor, Jack Watson. Life is good!

Margot Wiesinger Smith '48 Margot worked hard on the election. They won locally and changed the Berkeley City Council. At 86 she's slowing down. She's donating her artifacts to historic archives: the 1995 Women's Conference in Beijing went to Duke University, Women's Lib to UCB Women's Studies, some sheet music to the Nixon Library, Hawaii to the University of Hawaii, and so on. She still has some writing to do. She's amazed at her kid, grandkids and now great-grandkids ... What a life!

**Bernard Bunn W'49** Bernard is 80% disabled from the Korean War and 60% PTSD and also has problems with recall.

Frank Cavignac '49 Frank reminisces about his fellow Etruscans and their involvement in sports at BHHS: Al Barry, Ted Grossman, Brad Jeffries, Grant Peniston, Bob Sherman and Tom Van Sant. Collectively they participated in football, basketball, track, gymnastics and golf, usually with more enthusiasm than memorable skill. One of them went on to a professional level; Al Barry played professional football for eight years with the Green Bay Packers, New York Giants and Los Angeles Chargers. His participation in athletic activities is undoubtedly among the fondest memories of his BHHS experience.

Betty Marx Davies W'49 Betty has been living in Newport Beach since 1963. She and James Young '48 moved there to get out of the congestion of Beverly and Los Angeles and they loved it as it reminded them of Beverly when they were growing up. Jim had a younger sister, Marilynn Young Carlson, also a graduate from BHHS. Their father and grandfather were physicians in Beverly Hills. Betty and Jim met in Jim's senior year (her junior year) and were together ever since. He graduated with a degree in business after being premed for three years, and they married at the Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church in 1952. Betty's dad and his two brothers started a business on Wilshire Boulevard and Hamel Drive called The Wilshire Sheet Metal and Roofing Co. in 1919. Her brother, Irving, went into the same business and built a shop on Santa Monica Boulevard in West L.A. Her second husband, John R. Davis, graduated from L.A. High School and attended USC. His company did underground construction work and installed all the underground utilities on Lido Isle when Lido was first formed. She thinks many have moved to Orange County for the same reason she did-because of the crowds and congestion, and she doesn't enjoy driving anymore. She does enjoy the weather and the fact that her family lives close by. She hopes the students of Beverly appreciate what a wonderful place it is to grow up.

Harriet Glaser Ephraim '49 Harriet was surprised to meet Larry Muenter '49 when she moved to Carlsbad. Imagine—67 years later! They had fun reminiscing about "the good old days."

Brad Jeffries '49 Brad wants to share a story about some life-changing advice he got from Harry Alter, the student advisor at BHHS. As a senior, he was considering where to apply to college and asked Mr. Alter for his recommendation. He said, "Brad, I think you should apply to Stanford." He went home and told his dad what Mr. Alter said and he said, "Fine, I will pay the same amount I am paying for your sister (Barbara) at UCLA. You will have to get a job to pay the rest." Brad told Mr. Alter what his dad said and he said: "Brad, when vou are in college vour job is to get the best education you can. If your dad won't pay for it, go to UCLA." Brad went home and told his dad what Mr. Alter said, and he said, "I'll pay for it!" Brad went to Stanford undergraduate (Class of '53) and Law School (Class of '55). Nothing he ever did made his dad prouder than his Stanford accomplishments. He got a great education and was in Silicon Valley at the beginning of the technology boom. After three years in the Air Force, he joined the Cooley law firm in San Francisco. There he worked as an associate on the first venture fund on the West Coast, "Draper, Gaither and Anderson." Venture fund formation became a focus of his practice. Talk about being in the right place at the right time! This experience made Brad realize that the greatest gift you can give anyone is a good education. He has supported a number of students and endowed three scholarships at Stanford.

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Elaine Allers Casey '50 Elaine and her husband are both still surviving old age in the desert. They also still have their basset hound with them. No more traveling though.

Nancy Friend Dillon '50 Nancy went on a US Lighthouse trip and saw whales up close and personal (five feet from the boat). They were humpbacks and they stopped to look up at them and stayed 15 minutes with two others. This was off the coast of New Brunswick, Canada.

**Patricia Launders '50** Patricia moved to the Central Coast, San Luis Obispo, 20 years ago and loves it. She doesn't know how she got to be 83 years old. The last time she thought about age, she was 35 and cute. She doesn't know what happened. But, life is great and she is enjoying every minute. Love to you all!

Marlene Marks Louchheim '50 Marlene and Sandy have been married 64 years. They have four marvelous children, 16 grandchildren and soon will have four great-grandchildren. She has lived in Hawaii half the year since 1982. She's been a working artist for the past 35 years.

**Chuck Murray '50** Chuck hopes the Class of '50 will continue to have some reunions and also hopes that they are close enough so that most people (approximately 84) can attend.

**Lynn Vale Penoyar '50** Lynn is still on Balboa Island (40 years) and is still traveling. She's enjoying her family and is grateful to be able to do so.

Dr. Edmund Sewell '50 Ed is still



enjoying the five seasons of the beautiful Sonoran Desert. Happiness and good health to all. Barbara Hyman Spitz '50 Barbara and Mel just

celebrated their 61st anniversary. After having served nine years on the BHUSD Board of Education in the '70s, Mel was elected again and is now president of the board. They have one grandchild, David, who is in the sixth grade at El

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Rodeo. Barbara Sherman Topkis '50 Barbara has been a trustee of Pacific Hills School for four years. She finds it very enjoyable. Her granddaughter will receive her MBA next May. Her grandson, Zachary, enters law school this August. Her grandson, Jake, is doing well in the movie industry, as is grandson Corey. Her youngest grandson will graduate from the University of Oregon next year, and Ellen, her daughter, is a college counselor and finding it most rewarding.

**Joe Benford '51** Joe is still living in Simi Valley.

Joan Rubin Coakley '51 Joan enjoyed her 65th reunion very much. It was wonderful to see all her great classmates again.

**Carole Wayne Foran '51** Carole says all is well with her family. She sends thanks for an awesome *Highlights* with updates from so many.

Ardyth Eskin Freshman '51 Ardyth is married to Sam Freshman. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren and live in Beverly Hills. They also have a granddaughter at BHHS and this will be the third generation in their family to graduate from Beverly High.

**Phil Jaffe '51** Phil now lives in a senior community in Redlands and loves the life.

**Betsy Feldberg Kaplan '51** Betsy had a delightful 65th class reunion! It was great seeing high school friends she had not seen for 65 years. She's looking forward to the next reunion in five years.

Jeanne Curry Laye '51 Jeanne traveled to New Zealand in January and South Africa in November. Both were exciting trips. Her son, John, went with her to South Africa making it a special time for them. They saw Cape Town, rode the Rovos train to Pretoria, spent four days at a game preserve and ended in Victoria Falls. There is a drought in Africa, too, so the falls were not as spectacular as they are



Carole Wayne Foran '51

said to be, but they enjoyed them. She saw '51 classmates Daryl Snyder, John Sill and Art Stauffer at the Stanford class reunion in October. Life is very good.

Paul Selwyn '51 Paul was the founding president of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts and recently retired from the Board of Directors. The Wallis is now a thriving and important addition to the cultural life of Beverly Hills. Paul's son, Marc '78, is now serving on the board of the Wallis while he operates the Marc Selwyn Fine Art Gallery, which has recently moved back into Beverly Hills. Paul's daughter, Laura Wyatt '80, lives in Montecito and has recently started a new business-The Sweet Detective. Paul also was the president of the new Santa Barbara Children's Museum-MOXIwhich is opening in February 2017. Paul and his wife, Joan, have been married 57 years and have been doing a great deal of traveling here within the United States.

Art '51 and Peggy Albin Stauffer '52 Art and Peggy will celebrate their 57th anniversary in April 2017. It's been a great ride of travel, raising three children and welcoming six grandchildren. They have loved seeing their classmates of '51 and '52. Just this past spring they met with Art's class at the Angeleno Hotel near the Getty. It was wonderful visiting with Dick Mallek and his wife, Ellen, and others. Everyone looked good and lively in their 80s. A cheer was led by Howie Ruben and a wonderful report of artistic support was announced by Paul Selwyn and his wife, Joan, as well as from Sandy

Cage. It was good to see these folks so active and caring about the arts to inspire other communities. Peggy is looking forward to a reunion with the Class of '52 in hopes they have a healthy number show up. They are so grateful for all the opportunities they have had. Peggy forgot to mention how good Miles Coleman looked as well as did Chuck and Sunny Coleman. A great class!

**Nate Stock '51** Nate is happy to still be around and still be in contact with classmates Stan Spebling and Steve Young. He is still active in his business and is semi-retired. He has a daughter, Julie Stock Colton, and a son, Larry Stock, both BHHS graduates! He and Adrienne, his wife, are enjoying life and 59 years of marriage. They are enjoying their later years with their granddaughter, Taryn, and grandson, Brandon, at their home in Malibu.

Shirley Seams Chestnut S'52 Shirley and her husband, Mike, love living in Colorado and enjoy golfing in the high altitude. She is in charge of their golfing group of 30 couples and is president of her chapter in Beta Sigma Phi, a philanthropic and social sorority.

Susan Horwits Brody '53 Susan's year has been great! They visited Italy and London last October. They were able to be with one of their granddaughters who is working on her master's degree at Kings College in London. Susan is still able to see her wonderful high school friends and she and Sonny are feeling good. Life at 80 is much better than she anticipated.

Walt Dougher '53 Walt was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the City of Manhattan Beach in March 2016. The award honors his leadership as former mayor, chair of the Beach Cities Health District and former chair of L.A. County Beach Commission. Susanne Kauffman Heichman '53 Susanne and her husband are coping with old age. They spend time with their three children and five grandchildren. Occasionally, they take a cruise or travel elsewhere.

Howard Hirsch '53 Howard is still hanging in there. He's busy with golf, snowboarding, oil painting and cruising the Panama Canal. He's also lecturing about his year in Vietnam to grammar schools and senior centers. They have three fabulous grandchildren; one is an engineer, one is a speech therapist and the other is in finance. He is looking forward to another great year.

**Barbara Lee Kozberg '53** Barbara's accomplishments for this year included publishing a second cookbook, continuing to tap dance, and attending the wedding of a grandchild, making four now married and one with two darling boys.

Judith Nelson O'Beirne '53 Judith and Bill O'Beirne are celebrating 60 years of marriage. They travel at least three times a year! They go to Mazatlán in October, the Caribbean in January for snorkeling and the Big Island of Hawaii in July. They have eight grandkids and have great BHHS memories!

Anne Taggart Tunzi '53 Anne is still in Myrtle Creek, Ore. where they are experiencing lots of rain and expecting snow. She has a small mobility problem, but all in all is doing well. She remembers the assembly at BHHS with Debbie Reynolds and Liberace, circa '52, '53. Does anyone else remember?

Nancy Schwartz Young '53 Nancy and her husband, Mike, returned to their home in Honolulu this August after seven years of his one- and two-year jobs as an interim Unitarian Universalist minister. Now he is retired. They snorkel with a group at Hanauma Bay Monday mornings. He has become a docent there while she is resuming her "docenting" at the Honolulu Museum of Art. Their pekehuahua, Chalupa, is so happy to have her own doggy door and

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yard after years of living in an apartment.

**Peter H. Artzt '54** Peter will be 81 in May. He's in good health and volunteers for the Marine Laboratories, the Rotary Club and ringing the Christmas bell for the Salvation Army. He also enjoys watercolor painting. He has six grown kids and 10 grandkids. He is close with Norm Ross, Betty Greene and Lynn Kleinman. He sends love to all.

Keith Coplen '54 Keith continues to greatly enjoy his retirement since he closed his political offices in 2001. In spite of a 2002 diagnosis of a very rare form of lymphoma, he celebrates life with his partner of 43 years (and husband since 2008), Brian Kraft, in their homes in Palm Springs, Irvine, and Vienna, Austria. Inveterate travelers, Keith and Brian will commemorate Keith's 80th birthday by taking another Panama Canal cruise and a two-week sojourn in Japan. Keith hopes his fellow classmates are as happy, fulfilled and grateful as he is.

**Ken Cutler '54** Ken stays in touch with his pal, Mike Franks. They are both hanging on!

**Phyllis Korentajer Dimant '54** Phyllis says what a year! She became great-grandma of 10 little ones! She had some health issues, but all is OK now.

Eleanor Kaufman '54 Eleanor entered BHHS as a sophomore. It was difficult at first. However, she had the good luck of entering a class of wonderful people who were warm, welcoming and friendly. After UCLA she taught sixth grade at Beverly Vista. Eleanor also taught photography and photojournalism at Beverly Hills Adult School. Both were excellent experiences!

Valerie Kay '54 Valerie went to the Class of '54 luncheon in October at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club. Gloria Cummings Sherwood, as Mistress of Ceremonies, included the reps of all the Beverly Hills elementary schools in the fun and frolic of the afternoon. Watch for their next gathering, and y'all come!

Stan King '54 After 57 years, Stan is still working in the brokerage business at Oppenheimer & Co. in Westwood. He is also still assisting Beverly High's cross country and track teams. He and Dianne have been married 48 years, and they have two wonderful granddaughters who attend Archer School for Girls in Brentwood. They are getting a fabulous advanced education there. He and Dianne went on a wonderful cruise on Celebrity to the Caribbean in March with stops in Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Cayman Islands. Cartagena, Colombia was the highlight. They took a horse and carriage from the ship to their restaurant and took in the beauty of this wonderful city. He's looking forward to seeing everyone at the next reunion.

Ann Hahn Levenstein '54 Ann loved attending the 80th birthday celebration luncheon of the Class of '54 women. Everyone looked amazing! She has known several of these women since kindergarten at Hawthorne.

**Norman Ross '54 and Gloria Stolaroff Ross '56** Norman and Gloria have been married 59 years and it has been a good life for both.



Stan King '54 in Cartagena, Colombia

They have especially enjoyed watching their grandchildren grow up—and now move on to their careers. They have enjoyed all the countries they have visited. Gloria is still in the jewelry business representing a company out of Paris and Norman still works occasionally on art projects for TV commercials. **Bob Yates '54** Bob and his wife Ellie still live in Newport Beach, where he is an active sailor and commodore of the Association of Orange Coast Yacht Clubs. He still skis and hikes. This fall he participated in a photo safari to Zion, Bryce and the Escalante areas of southern Utah. In his spare time, he still works as an engineering consultant and is busy planning his next adventure.

**Paul Zimmerman '54** Paul is still happily kicking in Malibu.

Joe Hooker '55 Joe and his friend, David Leipziger '55, were debate partners at Beverly, competed in the state finals and are now bridge partners some 50+ years later. They are playing in regional and national tournaments and have both achieved Life Master status. They join Brand Meadows Hall '55 who is a Silver Life Master and board member of the local bridge unit.

**Barbara Jo Kirshbaum '55** Barbara is very active in raising funds for breast cancer. Her \$2-million goal has almost been reached and she is thrilled over the many strides that have been made in the 19 years she has been involved in this worthwhile endeavor. She can be reached at bjkcnslr@aol.com or www. bjkcounselor.com.

**Toby Klasser Marantz '55** Toby is one of three generations of family graduates from BHHS (see photo, p. 8). Her daughters, Pam '76 and Nancy '79; her grandchildren, Tracey Fields '05 and Lisa Kliman '11, Jack Ross '13 and Eric Ross '16; her son-in-law, Gary Ross '77; and Gary's sister, Linda '76.

**Ron Walden '55** Ron has been married for 53 years. He retired at 59 after working at the same company for 25 years. He has two children and four grandchildren and has been living in Culver City for 44 years. He spends a lot of his time working in his machine shop.



Keith Coplen '54 and Brian Kraft at the Parthenon in September 2016

**Mike Berk '56** Mike and Susan just returned from Vietnam and Cambodia. They have visited India, China, Turkey and Sicily in the last five years and still find time to camp in their motor home several times a year. They recently traveled to San Antonio to a friend's ranch, and then went on to Michigan to visit their son who is a professor at Central Michigan University. Their three grandchildren give them much joy in watching them grow up. They are 11, 12 and 14.

Howard Fabrick '56 Howard realized he had not taken any steps to either renew his membership or provide any news after he received the prior addition of Highlights last spring. That oversight was the result of being in the middle of making a major change in his life. Myrna and he decided that the time had come to move out of Los Angeles. Myrna was a native, having been born at Cedars of Lebanon, and he got to Los Angeles in September 1938 from Milwaukee. Outside of several years in Palo Alto, where their first child was born, the Los Angeles area-Beverly Hills or Encino-had always been home. They had planned on retiring to their beautiful vacation home in Palm Desert but finally concluded

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that the Coachella Valley was not the retirement area for them. They decided to relocate to San Luis Obispo where they bought a beautiful home up against the Irish Hills open space along oak treelined Prefumo Creek. Selling and packing up both their Palm Desert home and Marina del Rey condo kept them fully occupied almost all of 2015. It's amazing what one can accumulate in 57 years of marriage if you have the storage space. Their new home in SLO is large enough to provide Myrna with a studio for her art work; she retired from practicing law 10 years ago. As for him, he remains a partner in a large Midwest law firm and has an office in Century City. Working from home and avoiding the daily hassle of commuting is wonderful! He shows up at the office about once a month for a couple of days but that may soon come to an end as he is slowly winding down from 54 years of practicing law. They thought they might miss L.A. but it turns out they have plenty of cultural and social activities on the Central Coast and have been fortunate to line up medical care every bit the equal to the best Los Angeles has to offer without having to fight traffic. Though their three children and six grandchildren all are L.A. area residents, they see them no less frequently and they love to visit-that may have something to do with the proximity of the many great wineries and the beautiful unspoiled coastline. He regularly thinks of his years at Beverly and believes the education he received there is what got him into Stanford,



Norman Ross '54 and Gloria Stolaroff Ross '56

much to the dismay of his guidance counselor, and helped pave the path for a great career, marriage and family.

**Dave Friedman '56** Dave is still working in the film industry and guesses he will never quit, as it is in his blood.

**David Fritschi Jr. '56** David says there is nothing new to report. He only remembers a little of his years at BHHS, probably because he wasn't happy there. He did get a good education. However, due to being a nerd and his sexual orientation, he was never accepted into the extracurricular and social life there. Now in his older years he is luckier than most as his finances give him some enjoyment. While an education does not guarantee success in life, it helps.

**Bennett Kerns '56** Bennett says everything is the same and he is still practicing law in Santa Monica. He still has hair and it's still brown, although maybe a few strands less.

Joy Nuell '56 Joy was voted the biggest character in the Class of '56 but has calmed down and stays in touch with classmates Bernice Berger and Gloria Stolaroff Ross. She had her 15 years (not minutes) of fame locally as a reporter on KFWB All-News Radio. Now, she goes to movies and theater and takes classes at the Plato Society. Joy misses her lifelong friend, Bob Harris Gilbert '56, who died in 2014.

Fran Leipziger Schwartz '56 Fran and Roger moved from Los Angeles to Mendocino in 2005, fulfilling a 42-year love affair with the North Coast. She is a writer working on a novel and she sings in a community chorus. They performed the Bach Mass in B minor last July at the 30th Annual Mendocino Music Festival. She also volunteers in the community. enjoys water aerobics, and a walking group. She and Roger have traveled widely since their move-the Galapagos, Patagonia, Easter Island, Africa, Turkey and

India. They celebrated their 55th anniversary in August with a family vacation, including their son, daughter, their spouses, and granddaughter, Lily.

Anthony B. Sokol '56 Anthony is now retired after 56 years in medicine and 44 years as a plastic surgeon in Beverly Hills, specializing in aesthetic plastic surgery. He and his wife, Barbara, still join Operation Smile and a team of international volunteers twice each year. Barbara is the team leader for medical records and he leads a team of plastic surgeons. These missions bring reconstructive plastic surgery to Third World children born with cleft lip and palate deformities. He and Barbara will celebrate 50 years of marriage in 2017. They have three daughters who all graduated from El Rodeo and BHHS. Of their six grandchildren, three attend El Rodeo. He was very happy to celebrate the 60th reunion and to see so many of their classmates. Thanks to Joanie Yeoman, Ron Katsky and Mike Antin for organizing this wonderful event.

**Bob Bard '57** Bob sends greetings to his classmates! He and Marian are pleased to announce that their fourth and youngest grandson turned one year old on Nov. 30!

Susann Girdwovn Bauman '57 Susann went off to Stanford after leaving BHHS with the enormously ego-building yearbook epithets of "Most Popular," "Most Likely to Succeed," and "Senior Who Has Done The Most For The School" (shared with her male counterpart, Ronny Goldman). She and her husband, Steve Bauman, had two children, and then she returned to school at age 36 to get her doctorate in psychology, graduating on her 43rd birthday. She's had a lovely and satisfying career in private practice, doing a lot of adjusted fee, longterm therapy with college students and psychologists-in-training. She has also done teaching, speaking and writing about women's issues



Howard '56 and Myrna Fabrick

and development throughout the life cycle and has been president for many years of a nonprofit called "The Center for the Study of Women's Psychology." Their children have been an enormous source of pleasure and pride as well. Their daughter, Gina, has four daughters and is a medical social worker at UCLA Hospital. Their son, Jonathan, followed his dad to Stanford Law School and is a real estate lawyer for LAUSD and has a son who is a junior in high school. She and Steve have traveled extensively and are fortunate to have a retreat in Laguna where they relax and play. Steve just retired from being a trust and estate planning lawyer and Susann has moved her psychotherapy practice to their home. Lots of changes, but they continue to adapt. She is just about to have their first meeting to plan the 60th reunion. Those old relationships and the rich foundation they had at BHHS grow more meaningful as we age and she is grateful for it all.

Edward Brown '57 and Linda Gersh Brown '59 Edward was honored by the Beverly Hills City Council as a former mayor and was given the key to the city. He and Linda had a reunion brunch for their class and had a great time. Everyone felt how blessed they all are.

Bill Frankenstein '57 Bill sends congrats to his classmate, Allen Fox '57, for being inducted into the BHHS Athletics Hall of Fame. Jake Fuchs '57 Jake has a new novel, *Welcome, Scholar*, an academic satire, due to appear

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**Richard Cohn '58** Richard says not much has changed, which is a good thing at his age. He is deeply shocked and disappointed in America for putting Trump in office. He hopes we all survive the next four years.

Jack Morgan S'58 Jack says it's been pretty exciting for them lately. Last April they purchased a home in The Villages, Fla. and they moved in for the winter! They're still residents of Illinois, but if they like Florida, they might sell their Illinois home. They recently became great-grandparents! He and Bonnie flew out to Las Vegas to see the little cutie and he's definitely a Morgan. Two months old, but already wearing clothes for a five-month-old. As Jack has mentioned in Highlights, he retired from the music business after giving it his all for 52 years. Since then he's been pondering as to what to do with the tremendous library he's assembled through the years. He had over 5,800 printed stock arrangements and over 2,600 special arrangements made exclusively for his band. Since he and his dad called Las Vegas home for almost 20 years, and appeared at the Dunes Hotel for 15 of those years, plus the fact that his dad and mom are both buried in Las Vegas, he's decided to donate the entire library to the University of Nevada Las Vegas. He felt it fitting and proper to return the music to its original owner (his dad) after it made it possible for him to provide a very rewarding livelihood for him and his family. The university will digitize the entire library and make it available to view online

for future generations of musicians and Big Band enthusiasts.

Marcia Ross O'Neill '58 Marcia and her husband of 52 years continue to live in Pleasanton, Calif. They have five grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 22 years. The oldest will graduate from the University of Iowa in 2016. His sister will graduate from the University of Northern Iowa in 2018. The youngest three live in nearby Orinda, Calif. She continues to do some "projects" for the city of Pleasanton's preschool. It's a connection she really enjoys. She hopes this has been a year of many blessings for all.

Nancy Kaufman Plotkin '58 Nancy retired after a long career (40 years) in real estate. It is quite an adjustment. She and Gary plan to sell their LA home and spend most of the year in the desert. They are looking forward to spending more time together without dealing with the LA traffic.

Roz Newman Robbins '58 Roz and Barry (Hamilton '58) are both retired and living in the beautiful retired community of Palmia in Mission Viejo, with two other alumni, Cookie '59 and Gary (Hamilton) Soland and Sue Cyns '59. They are very busy being retired. They volunteer at Mission Hospital, JWA and Heritage Pointe Assisted Living. The theater group, computer club and others keep them busy. Playing Pan and Canasta are Roz's passion. They live close to their daughters and grandson who live in Irvine and Laguna Beach.

Linda Gilbert Thieben '58 Linda took her family on a great cruise on Viking Star from Barcelona to



Randy Fred '59, with his wife Carol

75th birthdays together. Leona Walden '58 Leona enjoys life on the Mendocino Coast, volunteering at the Mendocino Art Center, The Music Festival, and several charitable organizations. She paints, travels and enjoys close friends. Randy Fred '59 Randy and his wife, Carol, have been together 47 years. They live in Altadena with their Whippet and three Italian Greyhounds. They have traveled extensively and have been to Tanzania, Morocco, much of Europe, India, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Peru, Ecuador,

running into former classmates

at Cedars. The internet is a great

way to stay in touch. Linda Esor

Swartzman had a mini reunion

ladies lunch and it was fun seeing

everyone and celebrating their

Mexico, Canada and several states. This coming year they are planning to visit Iceland and sail to Panama. Their life is full of pleasures, including opera, rock concerts, theater and traveling. One of his pastimes is cooking and they entertain frequently, cooking gournet meals for friends. He is a real estate broker in Beverly Hills, and is happy to report that they frequently see many of his high school friends. Life is good!

**Darryl LaFayette '59** Darryl has been retired for 10 years after a career in sales in the paper business. He keeps busy training his Labrador retrievers and bird hunting in the fall. He's been married to Sally Bess '63 for 52 years and they have two children and five grandkids.

**Steven Kaplan '59** Steven is living in Pacific Palisades and Oregon. His five grandchildren are getting older and he is getting younger! Life is good.

John Melnik '59 John and his wife, Judith, recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. He will never forget the four wonderful years he spent at Beverly.

Howard Rosen '59 Howard and Carol are enjoying their children, grandchildren and travel. The all-family vacation in 2015 was back at their lovely timeshare villa in Mazatlan and they found themselves together again in Sunriver, Ore. in June 2016. The annual Alaska fly-fishing week was tweaked to include famous Brooks Falls (bears!) then a cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver. In December it was a "Christmas Markets" cruise on the Rhine with four friends, then Paris for New Year's Eve. Last February they traveled with USC Alumni to Egypt, then 10 days on their own in Morocco. May was Transylvania (Romania), then a Danube cruise from Bucharest to Budapest, a week in the Czech Republic, and finishing in Berlin for a special Holocaust memorial ceremony for Howard's great-grandmother and her family. Just days before that trip, the Class of '59 had another wonderful brunch get-together at Maggiano's. Lastly for 2016 (at least as this was being written) is an October New England to Canada cruise. Ah, the joys of being retired!



Barbara with Operation Smile in Fengkai, China

Susan Berk Cohen '60 Suzie



cohen '60 Suzie retired in 2014 and is doing volunteer work and spending time with her husband, friends, kids and grands. Her 30-year

career was in and around juvenile justice, crime and delinquency prevention and was terrific, but retirement is pretty cool too! She is still in touch with a few of her BHHS friends and loves the connections.

Kenneth Gillen '60 Kenneth retired from Sandia National Labs in 2004 and kept working on scientific research in the same area he pursued for 30 yearsunderstanding and predicting the longterm aging of polymeric materials in critical application. This allows him to continue writing scientific papers and giving presentations. In October 2014, he gave a lecture at an American Chemical Society Rubber Division meeting in Nashville and his talk and the accompanying conference paper were selected for the Best Paper Award out of the 77 papers presented. The eventual journal publication based on the conference paper was translated to German based on a German request, leading to a follow-up, two-part publication in a German journal. He is also in an all-male book club and volunteers as an AARP tax aide. helping mostly low-income seniors prepare their US and state income taxes. His wife, Diane, and he have been happily married 52 years and have two married daughters and four grandchildren, all living in Northern California. Since his twin brother, Keith, and his wife and son also live in Northern California, they visit this area frequently.

**Eugene Herts '60** Eugene finally did it—he retired and closed his office! Their group is still having their weekly dinners and anyone who wants to join them is welcome.

He can be reached at greatrep@ sbcglobal.net.

Melanie Nourse Jolly '60 Melanie visited her daughter, Sharla, in Idaho this past October. Then she drove to Yellowstone; New Lenox, Ill.; Fort Niagara, Niagara Falls; Bellsville, Pa.; and Newell, W. Va. (where she went on the tour of the Fiesta Factory and bought dishes). Then she bought a Louisville Slugger bat at the Louisville Slugger Factory in Louisville, Ky. The best part of the trip was her visit with Shelley (Fridae) and her husband, Colin, in Michigan. Melanie went to Sharla's again in December and visited her son Russell, daughter Marie, and their families in January in Southern California.

Scott McComas '60 Scott is still standing!

Stephen A. Ross '60 Stephen reports the 1960 swim team earned 13 All America Awards under the direction of Coach Walter Puffer and its varsity swimmers. In the winning of the varsity CIF finals, of significance was the performance of the medley relay team composed of Steve Ross (butterfly), Steve Kern (backstroke), Julian Marx (breaststroke), and anchorman Dave Bennet (freestvle). performing in that order. The elapsed time of 1 minute, 45 seconds broke the school record, a CIF record, and a national record. Stephen remembers his 50-vard butterfly time as reported to him by Coach Puffer was 25.5 seconds. In 1959, BHHS won B Division CIF and prior to that, C Division CIF winners. Classmates Mark Egerman of Beverly Hills, Dr. Donald Schwartz of Holiday. Fla. and Steve Ross of Carlsbad all traveled to meet each other for lunch in November.

**Dr. Paul Zeltzer '60** Paul and his wife, Lonnie K. Zeltzer, M.D., founded the Whole Child LA Foundation to raise money for treatments of children in chronic pain. They see children and young adults in a Thursday clinic in their home or Beverly Hills office. Most

kids have seen between 14-42 doctors before they see the Zeltzers. They use a Western and Eastern approach and are investigating at UCLA the basis of why many alternative and complementary methods therapies actually change the wiring in our brains. It is a new career for Paul after being a pediatric hematologistoncologist for 25 years, so every week is a fascinating learning experience. He also founded two start-up companies, www. navigatingcancer.com and www. gomedsolutions.com. His latest book on childhood chronic pain, Pain in Children and Young Adults, came out last summer. He enjoyed the informal reunions this year and lunches with Paul Owens. Travels took Lonnie and him to Japan on a 16-day crossing where they started a new book. In between they visit grandkids. They have seven grandchildren now between the two coasts. They sail and recently got back from a week in Antigua with friends. He is very grateful for the opportunities his BHHS colleagues and teachers afforded him. He is one lucky guy!

**Doris Briggs Zimmerman '60** Doris is looking forward to the 60-year reunion in 2020 and is wondering why they did not have a 55th. Since their youngest son lives in Livermore, she is in California at least once a year.

James O. Kahan '61 James and his wife Judi have lived in Santa Barbara, where he practiced law, since 1978. He retired several years ago and has more time to enjoy Santa Barbara. His brother, John



Paul Zeltzer, MD, '60 and Lonnie Zeltzer, MD

'63, moved to Santa Barbara with his wife Gail and two daughters in the late '80s. John had a successful business and was retired more than 10 years, but unfortunately, he passed away last May. James' mother also moved to Santa Barbara 25 years ago to be near her sons and granddaughters. She is doing well and had her 100th birthday last August.

Frank Ponder '61 Frank still gets together occasionally with some of his classmates as they celebrate their 73rd birthdays. They've had a very active reunion committee for the past 50 years and have renewed and made wonderful friends. Unfortunately, too many of the class have passed away and they are missed. He and Helen Randall (Fairfax '66) have been married 10 years. After 18 years of dating, they decided it was time to get married! Helen owns Art One Gallery at 309 N. Robertson Blvd. in Beverly Hills, featuring the works of 3D pop artist Charles Fazzino. They have three daughters between them-one works at BHHS, where she graduated. They have two delightful granddaughters who bring joy to their lives. To overcome being surrounded by women, they've adopted two male dogs. One of the dogs, named Bradley Cooper, is often featured on the TV show Lucky Dog with Brandon McMillan. His stage name is Bruno. Frank retired after 35 years in the retail business and is now a property manager. He keeps busy by giving back to the community through philanthropy and volunteer work.

Ken Roth '61 Ken is still living in wonderful Phoenix with his wife, Robin, and his three children, Stacy, Brad and Brittany. Five grandkids live close by. Ken still takes his Aero L-39C (N39R) to air shows at Air Force and Marine air bases in the southwest.

**Stuart Sobel '61** Stuart opened Thriftee Storage in Echo Park 40 years ago in 1977. Yes, he's still working. One of the major perks of being the boss is job security, and,

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coupled with a fantastic crew, you can't ask for anything better. He'll keep working until it's not fun anymore; however, so far, every day for the past 40 years has been a blast!

Lloyd "Butch" Barton '62 Lloyd is in his second year of a four-year term as commissioner, Hood County, Texas. He recently performed "officiant" duties at the wedding of his second oldest grandson (of six grandchildren). He and his wife are coming up on their 52nd wedding anniversary. Hood County (40 miles southwest of Fort Worth) is celebrating the 150th anniversary (sesquicentennial) of its founding. Y'all come visit!

Joel Blau '62 Joel is retiring after 30 years at the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare (21 years as director of Public Policy PhD program). He plans to travel and spend more time (in his 70th summer) to grow garlic and to garden seaside at their Nova Scotia summer home. Brooklyn will remain their residence off season.

Larry Calof '62 Larry continues to enjoy his wildlife and landscape photography. He recently had a show at the Portola Art Gallery in Menlo Park.

Gayle Browne Fenton '62 Gayle's year has been great. She retired from CSULB as senior director of Academic Advising and Directing Student-Athlete Services in 2013. Today, she is working part time at Golden West College responsible for development of student-athlete academic support programs. She and her husband, Bruce, celebrated their 50th anniversary last June. They are now in the process of moving out of their home of 40 years in Huntington Beach and will be downsizing to a townhouse. They expect to spend more time traveling in their motor home and trailer with a Jeep. They have an eight-year-old grandson, Isadore, who is the love of their life. Gayle will always be thankful for the outstanding education received at Beverly Vista and BHHS that led her on the path to higher education. Ellen Winkler Ohms '62 Ellen and Roger moved to Arizona in November 2015. They sold the ranch in California and are now living in an exceptional gated community in Sun City West. There is so much to do that boredom isn't an option. They recently returned from a 19-day round-trip cruise from LA to the Panama Canal via Princess Cruises. They had beautiful weather and fabulous scenery and highly recommend the cruise to anyone wanting a fun getaway.

Gay Hubbard Durward '63 Gay's year was filled with family, friends, travel and activities. They celebrated her 70th birthday by sailing from Tahiti to Easter Island, stopping at many small islands in between, including Pitcairn. What a thrill! They also followed the gold country road in California and enjoyed many other trips to U.S. destinations for business and pleasure. Spending time with the kids and grandkids in Napa and Long Beach was great fun. They range in age from 19 down to 5 so there is a lot to keep them busy. Two of them seem to be following in Gramma's music and theater tracks, much to her delight. Don still works full time and she is still singing, acting, creating art, teaching and, generally, making mischief. Life is good and thank heavens for medical science, which can replace aging joints. She plans to be totally bionic soon! She was so sad to hear of Mike Reisig's passing-he was one of the best! Friendships from the Madrigals still remain, as well as incredible memories.

Jay B. Fineman '63 Jay and Ann are mostly retired. His older son is married to a Canadian, has a beautiful daughter and is a boat captain for Blue Water Adventures in B.C. This year he will be a Canadian citizen. Their younger son is an accountant. Next year they celebrate their 50th anniversary with Buzz and Pam Graham and Lee Siegel in Hawaii. **Robbie Freeman '63** Robbie is back living on Hillcrest across from Leon Owens and down the street from Nancy Greenberg. Patti Friedman is around the corner from Paul Steinbaum and Ronnie Friedman.

Lois Meshekow Kalinsky '63 Lois and her husband had a happy 2016. They keep busy with their grandchildren (now 5, 7, 8 and 11). They see two of their granddaughters often and follow their sports and school activities. She visits the others every spring and fall in Toronto where they live. They visit Lois two to three weeks every summer. Their travels took them to San Antonio and Austin. They also spent three weeks in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, including a Columbia River Cruise. In October, they took a cruise up and down the California coast with a group of friends.

**Rosa Lucas '63** Rosa continues working as a nurse practitioner. A few years ago, she sold her practice and now works at Eisenhower Hospital Urgent Care Clinics. She also volunteers with a group of medical and lay volunteers who bring health care to the homeless population. Her son lives in NYC and her daughter lives in Los Angeles.

GerrySarnat'63 Gerrysends word that his fourth poetry collection, *Melting the Ice King* (2016), is sprinkled with as much Beverly gossip as any since *Homeless Chronicles: From Abraham to Burning Man* (2010). Poetry haters—count him as one during high school—and cheapskates can catch up on more personal stuff or try out a few free verses

at gerardsarnat. com. Ah, yes, *Ice King*'s cover photo is his mom and dad on an Alabama h o n e y m o o n horseback ride! He and Lela Ziff Sarnat '65 have three children and four grandsons so

far. He sends best wishes to all! Pris Flaster Siskin '63 Pris has good memories! She is grateful to enjoy BHHS friends Karen Kramer Blique '63; Donna Wright Bernstein '63; Margie Blatt '62; Nancy Goren Pollard '62 and many more. She and her husband Robert thought their 50th reunion was terrific thanks to an amazing hard working committee led by Julie and Fred Crandall. Pris' sisters, Toni Flaster Lagunoff '61 and Brenda Flaster Wohlstadter '52, still enjoy their classmates. They all do a lot of reminiscing.

Eric L. Snow '63 Eric and his wife Marguerite have been married 47 years. They are still doing a lot of traveling. The family lives close by and they see them often. They have friends who come to visit them as well as see Las Vegas, which is enjoyable. They had a nice visit from a high school neighbor and classmate, Mitch Robinson '62. It was great seeing Mitch again and talking about old times. Both he and Eric served in Vietnam, Eric in the 23rd Infantry Division and Mitch in the 1st Infantry Division. Jane Lipson Stiglitz '63 Jane may not play tennis anymore. but she still walks and works out so she can keep up with her two granddaughters (2-1/2 and 1 year old). She had forgotten how enchanting youngsters are. She keeps busy with other things, too, including movies, plays and an occasional sporting event. Jane loves college football. She still sees a few classmates with whom she went to El Rodeo and BHHS.

**Donald Martin Butler '64** Donald retired from the Postal



three children and Pris Flaster Siskin '63, Toni Flaster Lagunoff four grandsons so '61, Brenda Flaster Wohlstadter '52

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Mitch Robinson '62 (left) and Eric Snow '63 (right) Service in August 2014. He now spends most of his time at the Roxbury Community and Senior Center in Beverly Hills. When he attended BHHS, he majored in art, which stood him in good stead when he enlisted in the U.S. Army (beating the draft by two weeks). After a year's stint in Vietnam where he worked as a radio monitor, he spent his last two years of active service in Hawaii, where he wrangled himself a job as an illustrator designing sketches for briefing slides, drawing maps, embosographed signs, lettering name plates, etc. In college (in both graduate and post-graduate work), he majored in drama as well as art, and now holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in theater arts. He entered the U.S. Postal Service in 1988, and in all his 28 years as a letter carrier, he never drew a single line, and never believed he would ever draw again. But here at the Roxbury Community Center, he signed up for two separate art classes and now has 300+ colored pen and ink sketches to his credit! He is also a member of an actor's group here, and he chooses the movies the seniors see on Thursdays with a different theme each month. So, at 70, it seems he is finally "coming into his own," in regards to doing the things he likes to do.

Michael Dellar '64 Michael reports that 2016 was a banner year for One Market Restaurant in San Francisco. In February, the restaurant was the official "NFL House" for nine days of Super Bowl 50. President Bill Clinton hosted a dinner along the campaign trail and in December, writer Lela London wrote: "I'm not going to hold back anything here: One Market is the best restaurant in San Francisco." Normans, come to the City by the Bay and visit them and try their award-winning Stardust Napa Valley Cabernet – www. stardustwines.com.

Mike **Dolgin-McHenry '64** Mike remains in the middle of Mexico in the historic city of San Miguel de Allende. This past year he met up with part-time resident Dody (Adele) Kornberg and her husband, Doug. Their houseguest was Richard Quint. An enjoyable evening was spent at Dody's exquisite home. Before the class 70th birthday event in September, Mike attended the swim-water polo team luncheon reunion of 1964 athletes at the Beverly Hilton poolside. The guest of honor was Coach Walt Puffer and he looks great! The luncheon was organized by Team Captain Leland Faust. Mike continues to work as a private investigator throughout all of Mexico. It's been a 42-year career and at this point the work remains interesting and the phone busily rings in spite of himself. Vacation time is occasionally blended with work around the country, as well as an occasional drive to Puerto Vallarta. He has pretty much lost his enthusiasm for world travel. Aside from occasional trips to check in with Stan Gordon in Laguna Beach, his Mexican wife Laura and he travel on Amtrak to visit his son in Pennsylvania. He has lived down there for 17 years and hopes for another 17.

Leland Faust '64 Leland has just completed a book, which was scheduled to be released in fall 2016. *A Capitalist's Lament* describes his career-long observations of how Wall Street has hijacked our great free enterprise system for its selfish benefit at great cost to all of us. Spoiler alert: He is about to be the insufferable parent and husband. His daughter-in-law, Blye Faust, won the Oscar as producer of the

best picture of 2015-Spotlight. This is truly a life changer for her and represented the culmination of eight years' work. His son, Jeremy, who is completing his residency in emergency medicine in New York City has joined the faculty of the Harvard Medical School, as of July 2016. His son, Aaron, was elected to the Board of Directors of Blackberry Farm, one of the highest-rated resort hotels in the country. His wife, Susan, continues to teach, write and speak all over the country on 21st century learning skills.

**Stephen Kessler '64** Stephen received the 2016 Pen Center USA Literary Award for his translation of *Forbidden Pleasures: New Selected Poems* by the Spanish Poet Luis Cernuda. He can be reached at www.stephenkessler. com.

Marty Nislick '64 Marty says 2016 was a big year for the Class of '64. They had a big birthday bash in September and are looking forward to their next get together. Let's all stay healthy and stay in touch. Normans and friends forever!

**Carren Auster Shagley '64** Carren has been married to Earl since 1983. They are so lucky to have daughters Jennifer and Jessica, plus grandchildren Gabriel and Madeline.

William Switzky '64 William has been happily retired since 2009. He enjoys his children, Rebecca and Elizabeth, married to Michael and Greg respectively. His four grandchildren are Cassie, 14; Nate, 11; Landon, 11; and Everett,

7. They live close by, which he enjoys. He and his wife generally spend two to three months a year traveling. Shari Arnold Brooks '66

Shari is enjoying Class of '64 pals Adrea Engel Caren, Jutheir grandson lia Rosen Allenstein and Cathy Jo Cozen, and four dogs. classmates since Hawthorne, recently cel-She is still ebrated Adrea's 70th birthday.

working part time in her husband's CPA/CFP firm. Time marches on and, oh, she plays Mah Jongg weekly!

**Patty Brown Myers '66** Patty has a granddaughter who is a junior at TCU and her grandson was accepted to UC Davis on a baseball scholarship. The three younger ones (ages 10, 11, and 13) are very involved in sports.

Reece Mandel '66 Reece's daughter, Lexi, is eight years old and in the third grade at Newport-Mesa USD, and continues to excel academically and athletically. An avid reader, Lexi finished reading all the Harry Potter series while in second grade. Dad is afraid she will ruin her eyes if she continues to read in the car at night. She continues to swim and compete with Newport Beach Swim Team, doing all four strokes. She has earned nine trophies and hundreds of ribbons. (Hundreds is not an exaggeration, actually it is over 600!). Last spring, at age 7, Lexi skied Mammoth's Cornice Bowl from 11,050 feet, and he means she skied it down not falling or slipping on her butt like the other kids that were there. Her reaction: "I LOVE IT!" Her non-academic studies include films and filmmaking. She is currently looking at surf films and the Marx Brothers. What is Dad doing during all this? As much as possible, with long naps when he can catch them.

Marilyn Shapiro Segal '66 Marilyn has two children, Erica and Darren, and six wonderful grandchildren. She is loving every



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minute watching these beautiful children grow up and finds it amazing!

Ronna Mee Brand '67 Ronna is president of the Beverly Hills Greater Los Angeles Association of REALTORS (BHGLAAR), and has been at the head of Brand Realty. Inc. for three decades. In 2007, as president of BHGLAAR, she launched several new committees expanding educational seminars to better equip her membership with the tools necessary to practice as professional and responsible realtors. She created and produced the "Donald J. Trump Awards" annually from 2006-08 to highlight the Association's ongoing efforts to "Protect Property Rights" for the communities it serves. She serves as a state director for the California Association of REALTORS maintains (CAR), and an association in the National Association of REALTORS (NAR). In 2010, Ronna had the esteemed honor to join the Real Estate Commission for Senator Curren Price. In 2012, Gov. Edmund G. Brown appointed her as the only realtor representative on the Structural Pest Control Board, and in 2013 she was re-elected for an additional four years. Ronna currently resides in Los Angeles and Palm Springs.

Gina Ehrlich Burrell '67 Gina recalls her horrific head-on car crash June 23, 2014. She received many broken bones and a crushed pelvis. She heard the ambulance driver saying she would probably be dead by the time they reached the hospital. If not for her most amazing, loving husband, she wouldn't be here. He gave up close to three years of his life to care for her and she is sure she would not be standing here today at the tail end of her recovery if it hadn't been for him. So, that has been her life for the last three years, learning to walk again, enduring the pain of a halo brace for nine months, giving herself daily shots, but also showered with love and caring not only from her family, but by friends as well. She feels she is a lucky woman.

Joan Goldstein '67 Joan's mother, Ruth Kaskey, a retired second grade teacher from El Rodeo, passed away last year at 99 years of age. Joan has donated all of her dad's research on Edwin Markham to the Martin Luther King/San Jose State University (her alma mater). Her mom would be so full of pride! John L. Miller '67 John is hoping there will be a 50th reunion for one of the most dynamic, talented classes ever to pass through the school! He graduated from Cornell, twice, with degrees in anthropology, philosophy and architecture. After working on archaeological expeditions in Greece and Turkey for a couple of seasons, he had a 37-year career in healthcare architecture. He has completed hospital and clinic projects worth over a billion dollars, from Philadelphia to San Francisco. Something like 5 million people have received care in his buildings. From 1986-88 he was COO for the first successful commercial lawsuit mediation firm in the United States, American Intermediation Service. In two years, they expanded nationwide and resolved over 3,200 cases with a 90% voluntary settlement rate, completely eclipsing the competing efforts by JAMS and AAA. In 2011, he completed the 473,000 sq. ft. Surgical and Emergency Services Pavilion at UC Davis Medical Center. Currently, he's leading the healthcare studio for SKW Architects in Sacramento and completing a 6-story, \$245 million Nurse Tower Addition at Rideout Medical Center in the Central Valley. A similar size project is in design development for the VA Reno Medical Center. To stay in tune, he serves on the board of the Sacramento Philharmonic and Opera, and just sang Beethoven's Ninth and "O welche Lust" from Fidelio on stage in their season finale. He's in touch with Deborah Nourse Lattimore. Casey Keller, Bill Fishman, Lina

Hilton Mannheim, Jeff Solow and probably a couple of others who he'll remember later. John is looking forward to hearing from classmates and seeing as many as possible once again this year!

Adrianne Conflenti Neri '68 Adrianne had another great mini reunion this past summer at Roxbury Park (see photos on p. 51). Now that both she and her husband are retired they have been traveling, most recently to Yellowstone National Park, Jackson Hole, Wy. in their SUV. Their bucket list is to visit as many national parks as they can. She's looking forward to their 50th class reunion!

Ruth Bassman Schriebman '68 Ruth is still working as a therapist and enjoying it. Neither she nor her husband have plans to retire. In 2016, they celebrated their 45th anniversary—that's a big wow! They bought a small condo in San Diego to be able to visit the kids and granddaughter. She can't believe the 50th will be here sooner rather than later!

Deborah Brown Schwartz '68 says: Please take a moment to look at her Facebook group page entitled "Beverly Hills in the 50's & 60's" where you can read some fascinating recollections, scandalous stories, and view historical and private photos of old Beverly Hills. Share your own memories and experiences that became a part of who you are today. This is a smaller group page that you can browse easily. Please recommend this page to your friends so you can enjoy reminiscing and remembering back when Beverly Hills was truly unforgettable. Anyone and any age is welcome to the group. C'mon over and check it out. It's a fun look back at some captivating moments! Daniel Burstein '69 Daniel cofounded Millennium Technology Value Partners in 2002. He has been actively involved in many of Millennium's most important investments, including Facebook (NASDAQ: FB) and Alibaba (NYSE: BABA), and led the firm's

investment in Twitter (NYSE: TWTR). Before Millennium. Dan was Senior Advisor at The Blackstone Group, where he worked for 12 years in a variety of capacities. During the last two decades, Dan has served on more than a dozen public and private company boards. He has also been a forum fellow at the World Economic Forum in Davos and has been honored many times for his books and journalistic work, including awards from the Overseas Press Club and Sigma Delta Chi. Dan was a freelance journalist during much of the '80s and '90s and wrote more than 1,000 magazine and newspaper articles for more than 100 different media outlets. He is also the bestselling author of 14 books on technology trends, global economic issues and popular culture. He is happily married to Julie O'Connor, whom he met in Spain in 1971. Julie is an award-winning photographer and can be reached at http:// julieoconnor.com/. They have a 28-year-old son, David, who is an author, political activist and strategist, and CEO of Run for America: https://www.runfor.us/. George S. Harris, Jr. '69 George had some unexpected health issues (fortunately he's doing better) and is retired now. With great joy he taught and coached at El Segundo High and in the El Segundo Unified School District for 27 vears. Prior to that he was part of the water polo coaching staff at USC. Sadly, missed is his first water polo coach, Ron Crawford, who recently passed away. He taught George so much about the sport and about life, too. Ron was the primary motivator for his career after college as an aquatics coach. George now particularly values staying fit and goes to the gym every day. He enjoys going to the movies and all varieties of travel. He's lived in Marina del Rey (in a low-rise condominium he owns with his brother) since 1979. Many of his former classmates are fine physicians and he appreciates what

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Lynn Mayer Smith '69 Lynn connected with 40+ classmates while arranging the NOCA Class of '69 reunion. She keeps in touch via phone with various '69 grads and is saddened by the death of her friend Bill Wedel '69.

#### 1970

Ruth R. Golden '70 Ruth sends greetings from NYC. In 2015, she became a full-time professor of voice at Manhattan School of Music. She loves passing on her love of singing and credits her experiences with Mr. Robert Holmes and the BHHS Madrigals with launching her musical journey. After singing at Lincoln Center and around the world, she became a singing professor. Having held posts in Philadelphia, Long Island and in the Hudson Valley, she is thrilled to be home (teaching only 50 blocks from where she lives!). She sends her best to all.

Alan Levenson '70 Alan is retired! Scott Broffman '71 Scott travels three or four times a year. His law practice is slowing down by design with a goal toward retirement. It's amazing how fast 65 years arrives! Only 1+ years left. His Gordon Setter son is slowing down, too, and is having hip issues. However, his white poodle/mix daughter is picking up the slack. He hopes the president of the USA works out.

Kelly Bryan '71 Kelly is enjoying early retirement from Boeing/ NASA. This is his sixth year living in San Francisco and at age 63, he has become engaged for the first time, to his partner Stephen Wolfe. It's a new life and he's enjoying it all.

James Lane '71 James is looking for a path to retirement. With one daughter, a neurosurgical resident in Pennsylvania, and the other about to graduate with a master's degree in North Dakota, he dreams of a time when he can paint, travel, bike ride and compete in triathlons (not all at the same time) to his heart's content. Any suggestions would be appreciated!

Stuart Seiff '72 Stuart sends greetings to one and all.

Valeri Ann Young '72 Valeri currently works for Hilton Worldwide in Beverly Hills. She is single and lives in West Los Angeles. She has one son Alexander, who works in advertising at J. Walter Thompson. He studied advertising and marketing at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, graduated in 2014, then attended the graduate school business program at Vanderbilt.

**Clifford Cutler '73** Clifford is 61 and still living in Phoenix. He is happily married to Robin and has a 27-year-old living in West Los Angeles and a 16-year-old daughter attending high school. Recently he celebrated with Mark Silberstein, Jay Gilbert, Peter Heumen and Roger Wolf.

Daryn Grossbard Herman '73 Daryn donated \$100 in memory of her beloved principal and friend, Steve Fisher (see p. 57). Steve was dedicated to his staff and students and led El Rodeo to success by creating a safe and nurturing environment for all. He cared about each faculty member as though they were family and that is why it was a joy to come to work each and every day. Daryn's daughters loved him for his great leadership and yet felt like he was also their grandpa-they would pop into his office for a quick hello or to share a concern. Either way, Steve Fisher's door was always open. His memory lives on in the hearts of so many teachers and students who called El Rodeo their home.

**Bob Kimball '73** Bob just retired from the Department of Justice and hasn't turned on the alarm clock yet!

Rena Freeman Roseman '73 Rena has been traveling a lot and has visited Portugal and Israel, as well as some fun destinations in the US (most recently New Orleans). She plans to make a move from the East Coast back to California next year—most likely San Francisco—and looks forward to seeing more of her West Coast friends!

**Cindy Dickter Shapira '73** Cindy is enjoying challenging community involvement, including serving as chair of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, vice chair of Jewish Federations of North America, and Brandeis University trustee.

**Mayer and Sandy Daye Brenner** '74 Mayer and Sandy reacquainted after graduating UCLA (BA for Sandy and BS+MD for Mayer) and have been married 33 years. They are longtime residents of LA's Westside. Their two daughters are living in Boston where Yonina is a freshman at Boston University and Morrisa is finishing a master's in aeronautical engineering at MIT. Mayer is a writer and technology consultant and Sandy has been with Apple, Inc. for over 30 years! Deborah Fried '74 Deborah says that, unbelievably, her three brothers and she still have both parents living, and there are six children and one grandchild among them. They gather as often as they can and regale each other with stories of their hilarious days in Beverly Hills!

Kimberly Lee Lamb '74 Kimberly is a realtor in Greater Los Angeles. She works for her husband, Anthony, at Jazzed Realty, Inc. They married in 2014 and she enjoys giving back to her community and volunteering her time to at-risk children. She spends her off time traveling.

Jennifer Malvin '75 Jennifer continues to teach piano seven days a week and directs the music program at a Montessori school on the Westside. It's been 30 years and they've flown by! Her great regret this past year was missing both the BHHS and Hawthorne reunions. Please forgive her and most of all, please know that each of you has a special place in her heart and has given her many wonderful memories. She continues to enjoy reading and learning about everything under the sun, studying Judaism, and with so few hours in the day, living vicariously through your Facebook posts! Most gratefully of all, her mother and brother remain happy and healthy. Her wish is the same for your loved ones as well!

#### Dr. Elizabeth Sherwood-Randall



**'76** Elizabeth served as d e p u t y secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy from Oct. 10, 2014 to Jan.

19, 2017. She joined the Obama Administration on day one, serving from 2009 to 2013 as special assistant to the president and senior director for European Affairs at the National Security Council and from 2013 to 2014 as White House coordinator for defense policy. countering weapons of mass destruction, and arms control. Before joining President Obama's team, she worked at Stanford University, at Harvard University, and at the Council on Foreign Relations. In the Clinton Administration, she served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia from 1994 to 1996. She also attended college at Harvard and then went on to graduate from Oxford University, where she was among the very early ranks of female Rhodes Scholars. After finishing her education, she began her career working for then-Sen. Joe Biden as the chief advisor on foreign and defense policy. Born and raised in California, she is married to Dr. Jeff Randall, a neurosurgeon, and they have two teenaged sons.

**Donna Bernstein Steger '76** Donna had a great time at her 40year reunion.

Tracy Baum '77 Tracy is

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the father of two outstanding young children and is director of development at California State University, Northridge.

Michael Levi '77 Michael is living in Beverly Hills and has been practicing podiatric medicine for 28 years in Santa Monica. His wife Lori retired from teaching at Horace Mann, his daughter Rachel is getting her teaching credential and his son Jonathan is a senior at Loyola Marymount University. Both graduated from BHHS.

Sonia Von Matt Stoddard '77 Sonia is semi-retired and actually will never be someone who "retires and fades away." She is spending her time between Mar Vista and Lake Tahoe. She is very much looking forward to the upcoming reunion. She can't and won't complain!

Michael Collins '78 Michael, a



lifelong resident of Beverly Hills, was active in 1978 at BHHS. Upon graduating, he and his mom legally

changed their last names from Steinitz to Collins. He entered the work environment after a short stint in college, first for an entertainment public relations firm, then for a prominent personal management firm, and finally settled in as a casting director in television. Eventually, in 1988, Michael found a professional fit in residential real estate, where for almost 30 years he has been among the top agents at Coldwell Banker, Beverly Hills. He lives with his husband of 16 years, Daniel, and three rescue dogs in a custom architectural home designed for their extensive contemporary art collection, focusing on emerging L.A. artists. He is a big supporter of music and theatre arts. His office is across the street from the old Thrifty's where he used to buy 5-cent ice cream cones.

Ron M. Aryel '79 Ron runs the Reno Center for Child and Adolescent Health (www. renocenterforhealth.com). His wife, Stacey, is a pediatric neurologist. Their practice has won awards for vaccination rates and they are recognized for producing high-quality medical care for children, adolescents and young adults, including children with special needs. He also runs a real estate investment firm called Duck Pond Investments. LLC, which owns apartment and office buildings. He is chair of Citicare (citicarenv.org) a charity that provides rides on paratransit and city buses for the poor and disabled. Their practice sees the highest percentage of special needs cases in Reno.

Carl Marer '79 Carl got married to Judi Cohen Kaplan on Aug. 8, 2015. After 30 years in property management, Carl sold his share of the company and is enjoying life and will eventually find something new and fun to do. His oldest daughter, Ashley (28), works in San Diego. His middle daughter, Nicole (24), works full time with a six-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, and his youngest daughter, Madison (20), is in her second year at the University of Oregon. Go Ducks!

#### 1980

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Cheryl Berry Gooden Cheryl finally got around reading her mail and read Alumni Highlights completely through. It's so much fun

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to read about old classmates and see what they are doing. She has two brothers who also graduated from Beverly, Gordon '74 and Steven '76. She and her brothers were very involved while on the campus. She was on the drill team in her freshman year, and was a

yell leader for the next three. In her senior year she was the captain: "Go Normans!" She also ran track in her freshman year and was awarded the "Most Outstanding" trophy. Cheryl loved every minute at Beverly. Her oldest brother sang with the Madrigals and was in many of the theater arts performances. Her other brother, Steven, played football and ran track. Prior to Beverly. she attended Horace Mann from 3rd grade through 8th. She has been married for 27 years and has two grown children. She is a master clinician speech-language pathologist in both the medical and school setting. She received her bachelor's degree from Long Beach State and her master's from Cal State Los Angeles. The memory of her favorite teacher is Mr. [Larry] Stees. He taught her math in her freshman year. With Mr. Stees, math finally made sense to her and because of him she received her first A in math. She will never forget him. She is still in touch with some of her classmates. Actually, two of her bridesmaids were from Beverly!

Ellen Mosein Federoff '81 Ellen is still living the island life on Maui with her husband and two dogs. She is teaching at a charter high school and coaching high school and club outrigger canoe paddling.

Andrew Lotwin '81 Andrew retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel and has been working as a consultant with military clients. He is currently at Deloitte as part of their Federal practice and is living in Potomac, Md.

Gregory Segall '81 Gregory has been living in Philadelphia for nearly 20 years. He remarried in 2013 and is enjoying life with his wife, Rebecca, and their blended family of six kids (three eachhold the Brady Bunch jokes!). Business is good and he loves the East Coast but they can imagine ending up back out west in some

distant future when (if!) life slows down. Congrats to fellow Class of '81 members on reaching their 35th anniversary of graduation!

Jeff Tilem '81 Jeff wants you to come visit Pioneer Hardware in Beverly Hills-and urges everyone to support local businesses.

Todd Elliot '82 Todd is married, has two beautiful daughters, ages five and eight, and lives in Playa (near Marina del Rey). After a baseball career, first being a key player on the only College World Series team Loyola Marymount University ever had; and, then plaving professionally in the Angels organization for a short while, he started two companies. His first company has been in business 15 years with his own online newspaper covering all types of travel, dining, sports, entertainment and products to name a few categories. It is called Coast to Coast Newspaper at www.ccnewspaper.com. He is in his 25th year owning his own fullservice one-stop shop company called Todd Elliot Entertainment and Event/Wedding planning with all types of specialty entertainment, music, catering, dancers and much more for any/all types of events, teen parties, corporate functions, etc. Check out his website: www. swingentertainment.com and like his companies on Facebook if you choose to stav connected. Anyone hiring or referring him to someone who books any package of his will receive a free dance lesson for up to two people.

Linda Mermel Fishberg '82 Linda graduated in 1982, wow! Friends call her Rainbows and Butterflies. She has two wonderful kids, ages 23 and 19. Both are on their way to success. She is a hairstylist in Marina del Rev and loves what she does.

Juliet Goldstein '83 Juliet says 2017 will be an extraordinary year for her family. Her son, Gabe, will graduate BHHS and has been accepted to several four-

#### **Class Notes**

year universities. Her son, Ian, will graduate Horace Mann and will attend BHHS in the fall. Her husband, Howard, continues to serve on the Beverly Hills Board of Education, making a difference for all our students. Juliet is grateful to be entering her 22nd year in a profession she loves as an elementary school teacher.

**Richard Butler '84** Richard got married in 2008 to his wife, Sally. They have two kids, Gillian (6) and Johnathan (5). He enjoys playing golf and basketball and talking to fellow '84 classmates David Feldstein, Walter Hyman, and Peter and Mirko Nedovic. He really misses Brandon Bear from Class of '81.

Galit Malka Harari '85 Galit has worked in the luxury goods industry and is the inventor of a patented product and company that has recently been acquired. She is now a consultant focusing mostly on mom-entrepreneur businesses and acts as a mentor to many. She is the proud mother to Emily and Noah. Emily went off to college in the fall (at the time of this writing, she was deciding between UCLA and UC Berkeley). Noah celebrated his Bar Mitzvah last summer. Galit loves living in Calabasas and getting together with old friends.

**Scott Feder '86** Scott lives in Tarzana with his wife, Eden, and two kids, Jack and Eva.

Azadeh (Azzie) Eshraghi Fiouzi '87 Azadeh has been married 20 years and has three kids, ages 18, 15 and 9! She is living happily in Calabasas.

#### 1990

Lilly Cadoch '91 Lilly went on to graduate with honors at UC Berkeley in 1995. After two decades climbing the corporate ladder in San Francisco and New York, she moonlighted on evenings/weekends going to nutrition school and received her health coach certification in 2014. Being a very busy working mom, she was determined to find a way to feed her kids healthy foods and teach them the tools to have a healthy body and mindset so that they could successfully face the ever growing expectations kids face today. She learned these lessons the hard way over many years and vowed to change

that when she had her children. After witnessing first hand the tremendous results this has had in her family, she wrote *Busy Mom's Cheat Sheet: Raising Happy Healthy Kids* to share these lessons with all caregivers and their children. This multiple award-winning book is a quick guide aimed at simplifying a lot of information into a very accessible and easy to understand way. It's available on Amazon.

**David Fleming '91** David is the creator of themilesguy.com, a website that helps people utilize their credit card points and



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frequent flyer miles for travel. He says his passion for travel began at Beverly during a class trip to Russia.

Eugene Covington III '92 Eugene and his wife Mary welcomed into the world their second son, George Carver, this year. He and his older brother, Eugene IV, have quickly bonded and enjoy entertaining each other. Eugene and Mary enjoy watching them grow together.

#### 2000

Gaby Herbst '01 Gaby is still advising Beverly's newspaper, *Highlights*, and yearbook.

**Brendan Doyle '08** Brendan is living in Manhattan and working for the Royal Bank of Canada.

#### **Retired Faculty**

Jack and Jane Gifford Jack and Jane are second-generation teaching and second-generation students. Their daughter, Lynn, is second-generation teaching; Lynn and their son Mike, students, and their granddaughter, Rose Lynn, second-generation student.

#### Retired teacher co-produces doc about late husband, war hero Ed Ramsey

*Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story* puts the spotlight on the late Col. Edwin P. Ramsey, who successfully led the last mounted-cavalry charge in U.S. Army history (in the Philippines in 1942) and was later awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Ramsey's widow, retired BHHS teacher Dr. Raquel R. Ramsey, co-executive produced the documentary, which premiered Nov. 13, 2016 at the Simon Wiesenthal Center Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. The former English teacher and English Learner Program coordinator participated in a Q&A with *Never Surrender* filmmakers and Rabbi Abraham Cooper.

*Never Surrender*, narrated by actor Josh Brolin, was based on *Lieutenant Ramsey's War*, a book by Col. Ramsey and Stephen J. Rivele. After the fall of Bataan in 1942, Ramsey joined the Filipino resistance and for three years commanded a force that swelled to more than 40,000 guerrillas. Col. Ramsey passed away in 2013 at age 95.



Dr. Raquel R. Ramsey (center) on the red carpet at the 2016 premiere of *Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story*. Dr. Ramsey, co-executive producer, is pictured with co-executive producer Steven C. Barber, producer Tamara Henry and the Philippine Scouts Cavalry Mounted Unit
Last vear. we asked vou to share your memories of the BHHS planetarium.

When I came to BHHS in 1971, planetarium the was a new facility built two years earlier, funded largely by the National



Defense Education Act. Signed into law by President Eisenhower in 1958, the NDEA followed a growing sense that the country was falling behind the Soviet Union in science and technology, and that a new generation of scientists would need to be trained to counter the communist threat. This was how Mr. [Frank] Memmer, the planetarium director, once explained to us how the BHHS planetarium came to be.

There were about eight of us "lab techs" that worked in the BHHS planetarium in our spare time, mostly from the classes of '74 and '75. We were a close group that spent a lot of time hanging out together, and assisting Mr. Memmer

preparing telescopes and heleostats for class demonstrations, putting on planetarium shows, and even ordering equipment and supplies for the next school year. Working in the planetarium was a fantastic handson learning experience for all of us, and we probably had the finest high school planetarium program in the country at that time. Mr. Memmer was a great teacher, not just for all the knowledge he imparted, but also for his honesty and enthusiasm, and the wonderful relaxed working environment he created. He encouraged us all to experiment and to create, and to spread the excitement of science.

My most vivid memories of the planetarium are centered around the trips we took up to Mt. Pinos to go stargazing. Back in those days, before widespread light pollution, the skies over the Los Padres National Forest were as dark as ink, and staring up at the night sky was like a trip to outer space. We would drive up in the afternoon and look through telescopes all night in the freezing cold. The next morning we'd drive down and have a bleary-

eyed breakfast at some greasy spoon restaurant off the highway on the way back home.

Looking back now with some perspective, I can see how my planetarium experience shaped my life after BHHS. Today, I teach at a university and run my own research group with a handful of students. We have lots of cool equipment and interesting problems to study, but most importantly, the wonder and excitement of science still burns brightly, just like at the planetarium.

Note: I saw that the Beverly Hills Education Foundation is now selling the opportunity to name the planetarium for \$500,000. At least in my opinion, it would seem much more fitting to name the planetarium after Frank Memmer, or the NDEA.

### - David Paige, PhD '75 Professor, UCLA Department of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences

The planetarium holds many happy memories of my time in high school. I took astronomy, advanced



Science teacher Frank Memmer accompanied students on a field trip to the Solar One observatory

astronomy, was a lab technician and also ate lunch in the planetarium lobby with my friends nearly every day. I remember Mr. [Frank] Memmer fondly and how he used to sit at the front of the room during quizzes with the answer key on his lap such that you could come on up and get a glimpse of it if you asked a question!

After Mr. Memmer retired in '84, I believe, Mr. [David] Seidel '77 took over. During advanced astronomy, we went on numerous ex-

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## Planetarium launched late astrophysicist's career

Judith Deutsch '72 wrote about her sister, Lynne Karen Deutsch '73, who passed away in 2004 after a long illness: "Lynne would never have studied astrophysics if she hadn't studied with Mr. Memmer in the BHHS planetarium." Details from Lynne's obituary follow:

Lynne was an accomplished astrophysicist and professor who designed instruments and cameras for viewing infrared radiation, a type of light energy invisible to the naked eye. In a set of flashcards featuring women scientists produced by the Sally Ride Foundation, Lynne's card described her as an "infrared guru" who used her own technology to study how stars were born.

She earned master's degrees

from Harvard and MIT and her PhD from Harvard in 1990. She was a National Research Council post-doctoral fellow at the NASA Ames Research Center, where she played an important role in the development of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory/University of Arizona Mid-Infrared Array Camera (MIRAC), a well-known and much sought after instrument frequently used in studies of Mercury, Jupiter, the Moon, planetary nebulae, star formation regions and other objects.

Lynne taught for several years at Smith College where she had a significant impact on undergraduate research, especially for women, whom she enjoyed mentoring. In 1996, Lynne joined the faculty in the Astronomy Department of Boston University, where she

taught instrumentation principles and techniques. She was the principal investigator of Boston University's advanced technologies and instrumentation program MI-RABU: A Mid-Infrared Array.

As her health declined, Lynne took a leave of absence from teaching and returned to Harvard and the Center for Astrophysics in 2001. There she became an active member of the Infrared Group in the OIR Division and a member of the IRAC/Spitzer Space Telescope team. Her research in infrared astronomy covered many areas including star formation, planetary and protoplanetary nebulae, solar system objects, the interstellar medium and infrared-luminous galaxies. Her research with the Infrared Array Camera (IRAC) on the Spitzer Space Telescope, which



Lynne **Deutsch** '73

Lynne made many devoted friends and colleagues and was active in encouraging schoolage girls to pursue their interests in the sciences.

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Growing up in Beverly Hills, Lynne played basketball and excelled in her studies. She graduated from Beverly at age 16 after completing all high school requirements in only three years. Lynne sang in the chorus in high school and college.

# **Profiles**

# Radical Normans: Recalling BHHS protests of the '60s and '70s

Last year, we ran a story about a BHHS protest of the 1970 Kent State shootings that was captured by the 1970 Norman Newsreel (now available on YouTube).

*Here, Rick Swirkal '70 shares his memories of that protest and others:* 

I am the guy in the photo standing on the right in a longsleeve oxford shirt. I have previously seen the video on You-Tube and I am the one at about minute 11:40 who challenges the students' (bleeping) apathy and suggests that they all just want to sit around (bleeping) their egos. I remember the moment well.

There's a story behind all this that I think is interesting and amusing. The people onstage, whose names I forget now, were all part of the self-proclaimed BHHS "Radical Student's Union." We had formed in protest to the Vietnam war and to essentially be a part of the student unrest that had swept the country. We had had several meetings and had mounted several protests in addition to the one caught on video.

One protest took place at the Beverly Hilton, where (reportedly) representatives of the 100 richest corporations in the world were meeting. I recall that not very many people showed up, and that we made some noise and were told to go away by the police. I believe someone picked up some gravel while crossing the railroad tracks (which still separated Big SM Blvd. from Little SM Blvd.) and threw the handful in the direction of the police. The gravel bounced harmlessly on the pavement and police noticed but didn't seem to take it very seriously.

The next day the *Beverly Hills Courier* ran a story about the protest, saying that police were called to the scene when "rocks were thrown" and (this is an actual quote) "police reported that some of the rocks that were thrown were not local rocks." When we read this we assumed that they were implying that outside agitators from Berkeley had driven down for the protest and brought some rocks with them

## Matt Albert '90 elected DNC delegate

Matt Albert '90 became the 37th district's top votegetting male delegate candidate May 1, 2016, scoring 92 votes. Albert was a delegate for presidential candidate Hillary Clinton.

Albert, who won by two votes, is executive director of New Los Angeles Charter School.

"I have always been interested in politics, and I was wondering one night, who are delegates? Everyone talks about delegates," Albert told *Beverly Hills Weekly* in May. "I did a little research and it seemed pretty straightforward on the



Matt Albert '90 Democratic side."

Albert, who lives in Beverlywood, was endorsed by former Congressmember Henry Waxman, Congressmember Ted Lieu and State Senator Ben Allen, among others.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Rick Swirkal '70 (far right) spoke at Beverly's protest of the 1970 Kent State shootings, urging students to march to UCLA

... just in case ... something like that. This became a running joke with us, and we later named our short-lived radical newspaper, "Local Rocks."

On a more serious note, later that year a bunch of us did go over to UCLA where we joined in a protest taking place there, I believe in response to the Chicago 8-minus-1 convictions. The UCLA students were marching down Gayley I believe, and the police attempted to move us off the streets with a flank of officers holding billy clubs ahead of them. When the protesters began to comply I took charge and shouted, "The streets belong to the people!", and beckoned the crowd back out onto the streets.

This apparently caught the attention of the cops. They came at us again and pushed us back more roughly. As I turned away from their advance I was hit on the back of the head (not very hard) by a billy club. In response I turned and spit my chewing gum at the officer who had hit me. A moment later several officers grabbed me, and I heard one say, "We've got him now." I was quickly arrested for "battery on a police officer" (which I later discovered was a felony) and taken to jail in West LA. There were

about 20 protesters arrested that day, but we were all bailed out when the crowd passed the hat and collected cash donations.

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The story ends well for me. On the advice of a pro bono attorney I pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of "breach of the peace," the felony charges were dropped, and I served six months summary probation. Years later during a job interview at a prestigious environmental law firm, the head of the company and I started trading stories about the '60s and '70s, and I mentioned my arrest. He hired me, and later told me it was my arrest that had tipped the scales in my favor. He said it showed that I had "the courage of my convictions" and he felt that I would make a good addition to the company.

Anyway, thanks for the article. Brought back some interesting times.

- Rick Swirkal '70



# Alumni Highlights

## Hawthorne's new principal, Dar '02, a product of BHUSD

Michelle Halimi Dar '02 is the first-ever Hawthorne alum to lead the school as principal. Dar, who was previously an assistant principal at Beverly, first returned to BHHS in 2006 as an English and Service Learning teacher.

Alumni Highlights *caught up* with Dar in December. Excerpts from that conversation follow.

You, your siblings [Gabe Halimi '00 and Sharon Halimi Eshaghoff '98], and your husband [Amir Dar '94] all went to Hawthorne. What has it been like returning as principal?

It's been really nostalgic. ... I remember being with my friends in those hallways and learning in those classrooms. ... It was home for me for six years and it's where I was first inspired to become a teacher. They were some of the best years of my life. So it's definitely—and my siblings and my husband feel the same way it was just such a big part of our development as kids.

[What] inspired you to go into education?

When I was struggling academically, [I had teachers who]

did everything that they could to make me feel comfortable and help me be successful. I remember very distinctly in Mr. [Bob] Bailey's sixth-grade English class [when] I voiced to him ... that I wasn't able to do what the other kids were doing, he modified things for me and really helped me out. ... I knew that with his help, I could do it. I remember [thinking], "I want to help kids the way Mr. Bailey helps me."

I had another teacher at the high school, [Loren Newman], who did the same type of thing for me. ... A lot of people took me under their wing and inspired me, but those two, Mr. Bailey and Ms. Newman, did the most to inspire me to go into education.

# Have you [been able to work] with some of the teachers you had as a student?

Loren Newman and I did work together at the high school. ... [During] my first year of teaching, she helped show me how to set up my classroom and what my syllabus should look like. ... We really became colleagues over time.

Mr. Bailey unfortunately

passed away [last year] before I started working at Hawthorne. ... I saw [retired Hawthorne teacher Stephanie Lehrer recently] and she [said], "Mr. Bailey would be so proud of you if he knew that you were the principal here."

# What's different about working with the K-8 population versus high schoolers?

One second I will have a [transitional kindergarten] student in my office, who could be 4 or 5 years old, and then five minutes later, I could have an eighth grader, a 14-year-old, in my office. You hope to get to the same solution with kids who make poor choices, but you've got to talk to them differently. The way you talk to a 4-year-old [about] why that was a bad choice and what they could do differently next time is very different than [the way you would talk to] a 14-year-old. You're switching your mindset very quickly, whereas in the high school you talk to the kids the way you [would] talk to adults.

But it's fun. Working with the younger kids has been so eye opening. ... Every moment that I walk into those classes, I'm in



awe of what the teachers do.

What has been most rewarding? Really, the thank yous. ... I

think people know that I really care. I don't have my own kids yet, but I treat every kid in every situation as if it were my own kid that was sitting in front of me. ... [The teachers and staff] know that whatever they need, that's what I'm here for.

# Anything else you'd like to share?

I truly feel that I'm a product of the Beverly Hills education system and this is my way to give back. ... I learned so much about leadership and education when I was a student here, and all I wanted was to be able to provide that for other families and kids. I'm very grateful for the opportunity and I truly love what I do everyday.

### Pioneering casting director wins honorary Oscar

Lynn Stalmaster S'45 (far right) became the first casting director to receive an Oscar—at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' 8th Annual Governors Awards in November.

Stalmaster, pictured with fellow Honorary Award recipients documentarian Frederick Wiseman, film editor Anne V. Coates and actor Jackie Chan, received an Oscar statuette at the event.

Stalmaster became the first independent casting director in the mid-1950s, as Hollywood's studio

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system faded and contract actors were no longer assigned to movie roles.

Over six decades, his credit has appeared in over 180 major motion pictures, including The Thomas Crown Affair, Inherit the Wind, In the Heat of the Night, The Graduate, Fiddler on the Roof, Harold and Maude, Deliverance, Coming Home, Tootsie and The Right Stuff.

Stalmaster, a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame, discovered his interest in performing arts at Beverly, where he was involved with theater and radio.

### Lytton '92 named COO of The Jim Henson Company

Chris Lytton '92 has been named COO and executive vice president of strategy and business affairs at The Jim Henson Company. Lytton, an attorney, will oversee the company's day-to-day operations, including business affairs, distribution and con-



sumer products. According **Chris Lytton '92** to a press release, he will also explore new lines of business and joint ventures, including opportunities with China and other international markets.

"The Jim Henson Company is a leader in creating iconic content for audiences around the world," Lytton said in a statement. "The Company has a respected tradition of celebrating innovation and authentic creativity and you can feel that dynamism in the atmosphere across all its businesses and productions."

## Profiles

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Meaningful match-Beverlv Hills ups. Weekly was honored by the Beverly Hills Health and Safety Commission in September for signing up more than 250 potential donors for "Be the Match," the National Marrow Donor Program managing the largest stem cell registry worldwide. Sign up join.bethematch. at: org/bhweekly.



Left to right: Commissioners Myra Lurie and Daniel Nazarian, Chair Lisa Kay Schwartz, Board of Education member and stem cell donor Isabel Hacker, Councilmember and stem cell recipient Julian Gold, *Beverly Hills Weekly* publisher Josh Gross '91, *Beverly Hills Weekly* staff member Mathew Mokhtarzadeh '14, Commissioner Myra Demeter, *Beverly Hills Weekly* staff members Chloe Majdipour '13, Tiffany Majdipour '11 and Madelyn Pariser, and Commissioner Gary Ross '77.

## Beverly grads give Gift of Life

Natalie Sedghi Anvar '01 was inspired to sign up community members for Gift of Life, a bone marrow and blood stem cell registry, after a family member was diagnosed with Leukemia and received a lifesaving stem cell transplant from an international donor.

Anvar organized a drive at Sinai Temple by reaching out to friends and family via email and Facebook.

Personal injury lawyer David Azizi '91 and his wife Rosalin did not hesitate to register after learning about the drive.

About eight months later, Azizi got a call saying he was a match for someone in need of a stem cell transplant. He donated stem cells at the City of Hope in November in hopes of helping save the individual's life.

"It's really easy to organize these things," Anvar said. "The fact that it yielded something so incredible and people are willing to come out and help is really remarkable."

Five days prior to the donation, Azizi participated in a series of two injections per day to help increase his white blood stem cell count. The peripheral blood stem cell donation process itself took about four to six



David Azizi '91 donates lifesaving stem cells

hours. Azizi told *Beverly Hills Weekly*, after it was over he got up and drove himself to work the same day.

"The process was relatively easy," Azizi said. "People feel like it's a big deal, [but] I honestly think if more people participated in the process and did a swab, there would be a lot more lives saved."

Azizi described the process as simple. After one year, donors can meet their recipients if both parties agree.

"This may be a life changing event [for someone]," Azizi said. "Even though [I] don't know who I am donating to, it's another person. It's a human being. They deserve this chance. I feel honored to have been a match."

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

### Zakheim '67 makes generous donation to CSUN Athletics

Irv Zakheim '67 made a \$1.5 million donation to fund renovations to Matador Field, home to California State University, Northridge's baseball team, the university announced in June.

Zakheim's donation will help fund a renovated entryway to the stadium, the first of multiple projects that will modernize a complex that is more than 50 years old.

Zakheim was the starting second baseman for CSUN's 1970 Division II national championship baseball team. He played two seasons in the Chicago White Sox minor league system.

Zakheim was a 2008 inductee into the Beverly Hills Athletic Alumni Association Hall of Fame. He set school records by scoring 50 points in a basketball game and batting .520 in baseball.

Zakheim is the chairman and CEO of Zak Designs, a company he founded in 1976 while importing puka shell necklaces from the Philippines. Zak Designs has grown significantly in the years since and today the global company is one of the leading distributors of licensed



**Irv Zakheim '67** mealtime products and active lifestyle beverageware.

Zakheim received CSUN's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011, one of the highest honors from the university.

"So much of the success I've had, and the person I've become, is a direct result of playing baseball at CSUN," Zakheim said. "Coach Bob Hiegert didn't just give us the skills to become national champions, he gave us the skills to succeed in life.

"I'm so grateful for the opportunity to give back to the program and help other Matadors have the same kind of experience and develop the same kinds of skills that they can carry with them into all areas of their lives." – Steven Herbert '78

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

## Cultivating community in the Hudson Valley: Assemblymember Barrett '69

New York Assemblymember Didi Barrett '69 (D-Mid-Hudson) was first elected in March 2012 in a special election and has been re-elected three times. District 106 includes parts of Duchess and Columbia counties.

Barrett got her start in public service in Beverly Vista's student government. At Beverly, she served as ASB secretary and junior class secretary. Other activities included Highlights and Girls League.

Alumni Highlights caught up with Barrett just before Thanksgiving, when she was visiting Southern California. Excerpts from that conversation follow.

### What are some of the initiatives and priorities that you're working on at the moment?

I'm very interested in tourism, natural resources and agriculture as economic engines. I very firmly believe that the things that are the assets of the region, the things that people love about living there and love about visiting, are the same things that can be the economic drivers. We have been working on several different initiatives around agriculture, around tourism and making sure that we preserve the farmland so that it doesn't get built over and turned into shopping malls or parking lots, which is something we have to fight to do.

[We're] working [with one of our community colleges] on training the next generation of tradespeople to work on our historic properties.

We have some of the same challenges you have [in Los Angeles] around mental health and substance abuse. Those are also initiatives that I'm quite involved in.

You have been meeting with constituents on your Diner Stop Tour. What [have you] learned from meeting them?

We happen to have these great iconic diners throughout the Hudson Valley so I've made it a signature initiative to travel around my district and create a mobile office in these diners. It's one of the favorite things that we all do. We buy coffee and tea and people come and talk to us about absolutely everything. Sometimes it's just issues in the community at large that they want us to know about or want our help on. Every year we start up again and do the circuit. It makes it convenient for [constituents] to come. [My team and I] walk down the main streets of the little communities, see what's going on and get that firsthand look, and then we support a local business, which we love doing. It's a win-win-win.

[You serve as first vice chair of] the Legislative Women's Caucus. What are you working on with this committee?

All my life I've been an advocate for women and girls and this was a natural place for me to

# What drew you to [the Hudson Valley]?

I was born in New York. I think I always felt my sensibilities were fundamentally East Coast but with a West Coast overlay. I was really drawn to the beauty of it, the agricultural sector, the history. I always loved those things. It's just a very special area and I fell in love with it. Your father [Don DeWitt] served on the Beverly Hills Planning Commission in the 1970s. Did your parents' involvement in local government spark your interest in public service?

I do think of myself much more as a public servant and not as a politician at all. I think that very much was informed and shaped by [my father] playing a civic role and [his] interest in the community. That's one of the things I love about what I do. There are 20 municipalities that I represent, but there's a larger sense of community, too. Certainly when I grew up in Beverly Hills, it was much less of a global destina-

### "I always felt my sensibilities were fundamentally East Coast but with a West Coast overlay. I was really drawn to the beauty of [the Hudson Valley], the agricultural sector, the history. ... It's just a very special area and I fell in love with it."

gravitate in the legislature. This is special because it's bipartisan and it includes both houses, the Assembly and the Senate. In general the State Senate in New York has been in Republican hands and the Assembly in Democratic, so it's really an opportunity to try to find the common ground that women care about. Our focus has been to a certain extent [on] child care and making sure that the suffrage centennial is recognized throughout the state. We continue to look for areas-whether [it's] economic development or equal pay ----where the Republicans and the Democrats can share and advocate for together.

tion and more of a real community, and so his involvement in that and my enjoyment of growing up in that kind of a community definitely attracted me to both the work that I'm doing and the area [that I represent].

# [What are] some of your favorite memories of Beverly?

I certainly enjoyed being involved in student government at the high school and being actively engaged. We've been commenting during this visit with my brothers [about] some of the places that I remember that are no longer [here, like Wil Wright's ice cream parlor]. South Beverly Drive—and all of Beverly Drive—is a totally different kind of street, but that was



Didi Barrett '69

the shopping street. Rodeo Drive had a few pretty stores but that's all. It didn't have an identity of its own.

Being a Brownie and a Girl Scout—I had dinner recently with an old classmate who was visiting the East Coast and we were reminiscing about when Eleanor Roosevelt came to our scout troop way back in the day. [I have] lots of really good memories.

### What has been most surprising about serving in the New York state legislature?

It's really the way that the politics can get in the way of actually getting things done, that's been the most surprising and disappointing. But, I think that most of the people who are serving are there for the right reasons. It's a really wonderful group of people and I learn a lot, which I love, but unfortunately, as we see at all levels of government, sometimes politics really is an obstacle to effectiveness.

### What has been most rewarding [about] this experience?

The most rewarding thing has really been to be able to make a difference in the lives of my constituents and this very special place. Also, I really want to be a role model for girls growing up to understand that this is what elected officials look like and encourage girls and women to be part of the decision making.

# Profiles

# Where are they now? The Nourmand Family

Last year, Nicole, Howard and Michael Nourmand celebrated the 40th anniversary of Nourmand & Associates, the real estate boutique founded by their parents. The siblings have taken three different career paths, but all have settled in the Los Angeles area. The family still gathers weekly for Shabbat.

# NICOLE NOURMAND, MD '90

Nikki still sees her Beverly classmates regularly—along with their children—in her Beverly Hills pediatrics office.

"It's this beautiful thing that I'm taking care of the children of my friends," said Nikki, a pediatrician and founding partner at Premier Pediatrics Beverly Hills. "It feels like I'm giving back to the community and I get to have this great opportunity to be there for my friends and family."

Nikki still has ties to Beverly Hills schools, too. Her children, eighth-grader Joshua and fifthgrader Eva, currently attend Beverly Vista—and this fall, Joshua heads to Beverly.

By the time Nikki's family settled in her hometown, she had spent about 10 years outside of Los Angeles. "I'm actually very grateful that I left to be honest," said Nikki. "I think it helped me mature and grow up and see California and Los Angeles from a different perspective."

After spending some time in the advertising industry, she took off to Israel in pursuit of more fulfilling work. Volunteering in schools and daycare centers helped her discover her passion for working with children. The experience also re-kindled her interest in medicine.

Her next move was to Boston for pre-med studies at Harvard. Then she headed to Chicago for medical school at Northwestern. She and her husband, Jason Neidleman, returned to Southerm California for her residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and his position as a professor at University of La Verne.

Upon her return, Nikki said she was grateful to be near her family again. "When I came back here I had my kids and career kind of start all at the same time," she said. "There's no way I could have managed that feat without a very supportive family."

Reflecting on her Beverly days, Nikki said she had a fantastic high school experience. "I felt that Beverly gave me the opportunity to explore so many different subjects and interests," she said.

The highlight, she said, was singing with Madrigals and forming lifelong friendships. "Mr. [Joel] Pressman was a challenging teacher but an inspirational teacher, and he gave us the gift of music and expression."

Other Beverly faculty members who left an impression include Senora [Lucie] Hinden, Senor [Fred] Dominguez and Principal Ben Bushman. Nikki also looks back fondly on being a cheerleader and being on the drill team and swim team.

"There was such an energy and a camaraderie about the high school that I loved," she said. "I think there was also an acceptance of differences in other cultures, other ethnicities and other religions. I don't think I realized how amazing that was until I traveled to different places where there was more intolerance."

### HOWARD NOURMAND '94

If you're a fan of the HBO show *Girls*, you've seen Howard's work. Howard, an Emmy-nominated creative director, designed the show's colorful, multi-textured title sequence with his team at Grand Jeté, which specializes in motion design, animation, graphics and live-action production.

"It's rare that you get to work on something that you align with and believe in as much as I did for *Girls*," said Howard. "... I think it's highly relatable. One of the things that stands out for me about it is the oversharing, how characters let their freak flags fly. I think it was refreshing."

While color schemes and patterns used in the title sequence change from week to week, Howard's team was asked to create something extra special for the series finale, which airs later this year.

After the show wraps, Howard's working relationship with *Girls* star and creator Lena Dunham will continue. Grand Jeté designs *Lenny Letter*, the newsletter created by Dunham and *Girls* producer Jenni Konner, and recently designed the logo for *Lenny*'s new Random House imprint.

Last year, Howard created *Decades*, a video celebrating the 40th anniversary of Nourmand & Associates and the growth of



Howard, Nicole and Michael Nourmand

Los Angeles since 1976. "The real estate business has come so far and looking back at it through new lenses [was] exciting and entertaining," he said.

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Howard named his company Grand Jeté (French for "a giant leap") as a reminder of the growth that's possible when we push ourselves. He is preparing for his next big step as a producer and director, with projects in development.

"I feel like I won't get juiced in the same way that I need to be if I don't take that giant leap of faith and put myself out there ... beyond my comfort zone," he said.

Howard credits Beverly's supportive environment with providing opportunities to take risks. "It's an amazing combination for those formative years to be given access to everything—so much freedom—and also be protected," he said. "... There were people to catch me."

Dance teacher Janet Roston was an early mentor who made Howard feel respected as a young artist. "I went to the audition without preparing anything but I just went for it and committed," Howard said. "It was a very *Napoleon Dynamite* kind of thing. When somebody owns it, ... they're in the moment and there was something really good about that. The dance teacher recognized it, and I was literally the only guy in the Dance Company that year."

Howard and his wife, Molly, recently took a giant personal leap, welcoming their first child, Bijou Yael, in December.

"I feel like even though the baby is here, it hasn't gotten started yet," Howard said. "She can't talk [and] there are so many things I'm dying to do with her. One step at a time. I'm trying to hold back the excitement."

In this case, what's needed are baby steps. Giant leaps can wait.

MICHAEL NOURMAND '99

Michael's interest in real estate

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Saeed Nourmand, Myra Nourmand, Dr. Nicole Nourmand '90 and Jason Neidleman at the Israel Cancer Research Fund's 2016 Women of Action Gala, honoring Myra and Nicole

started from a young age.

"My parents would talk at the dinner table about it, and I was into it," he said. "My brother and sister would say, "Real estate, real estate ... why do we always have to talk about real estate?""

Michael, who is president of Nourmand & Associates, said he was first attracted to the social aspect of the business. He got his real estate license after graduating from Beverly and became active with the family business during his college years.

"My dad's big thing was, 'Come to the office, pay your dues. Spend some time with your mom watching how she sells. Spend some time with me watching how I handle different situations and how to talk to people," he said. "Then I started selling [during] my last year at USC."

After graduation, Michael continued selling and shadowed his father for about five years. His first two years as president presented plenty of challenges and learning opportunities—because he took over in 2008, just before the height of the financial crisis.

"I sat down and cut everything that [was] not going to completely paralyze my agents," he said. "We made a lot of smart strategic cuts and you just knew you were going to lose money and you had to ride it out. By the end of 2010, we were back in the black, not by a lot, ... [but] we were making money again."

Last year, Nourmand &

Associates celebrated its 40th anniversary with a big celebration and the premiere of *Decades*.

"It was about having a landmark and ... saying we're not just going to celebrate our history, we're also going to create our future," said Michael.

That has involved redoing the company's listing presentation and rolling out a new marketing campaign. "Our thing has always been our family name is our brand," said Michael. "There isn't any other company that can claim what we claim in terms of history in this town."

Over the years, Michael has worked alongside his business partner, Adam Sires '99, who also went to USC.

Michael recalled when he and Adam partnered up to build a car for physics class at Beverly. Although their car came in first place and they earned an A, they were docked for creativity: They built a car based on a kit they bought at the hobby store.

"That was a fun memory because we did that together, and that was us early on working together," Michael said.

Michael met his wife, Michelle Kaye Nourmand '02, at Beverly, but they didn't begin dating until college. They live with their two children in Los Angeles.

"This is just home for me," said Michael. "Even when I went to study abroad, when I got back to LA, it was like I adjusted to the time zone in a day."

## Reality check: '91 grads on Bravo Farahan '91 stars in Yours, Mine or Ours

Reza Farahan '91 stars in a new real estate show, *Yours, Mine or Ours*, which premiered on Bravo in October.

The show incites competition between prominent real estate agent Farahan and interior design expert Taylor Spellman. In every episode, the duo works toward the same goal of getting a couple who wants to move in together under the same roof.

Spellman provides remodeling ideas that will allow the clients to remain in one of their current homes, while Farahan shows the lovebirds properties they can buy together for a fresh start.

Farahan also stars on the Bravo reality TV series, *Shahs* of *Sunset*. He told *People* he's happy the new show highlights a different aspect of his life.

*"Shahs of Sunset*' is not a real estate-related show, and there is a lot of drama around it. A majority of my clients don't want to participate in



Reza Farahan '91

that, which I have to respect and understand," he said. "So, *Yours, Mine or Ours* offers some of my fans the opportunity to see me doing what I do every day and what I love."

Farahan also said he appreciates being on a show that will feature a wide range of cities, styles and price points.

"[It] represents any and every American. It could be your neighbor, it could be your relative," Farahan said. "Taylor has all these really great ideas that are going to come up that a lot of people are going to be able to use and benefit from."

### Sassoon '91 joins Real Housewives

A Beverly grad has joined The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills for its latest season, which premiered Dec. 6, 2016. Bravo has introduced Eden Sassoon '91 as the new "RHOBH Friend."

Sassoon is the daughter of the late hairstylist Vidal Sassoon. She is well known for her two businesses; EDEN by Eden Sassoon Salon in West Hollywood and a pilates studio in Beverly Hills.

The divorced mother of two also runs a nonprofit



dedicated to addressing the global water crisis. Beauty Gives Back encourages beauty industry professionals to work together to end thirst. *Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly* 

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# Darvish brothers Switch things up with subscription jewelry club

Brothers Adriel '05 and Elliott '07 Darvish took on law school and investment banking before making the switch to Switch, a jewelry subscription service they beta launched last summer. Adriel spoke to Beverly Hills Weekly in August 2016. Excerpts follow.

#### What is Switch?

Switch is a jewelry rental subscription service. ... The base plan is \$29/month for a piece of jewelry. You get to keep that piece of jewelry for as long as you want [or] exchange it as often as you want. ... We offer brands like Hermes, Chanel, Christian Dior and Jacquie Aiche. We're really the first players out there to offer these types of global, iconic brands.

We beta launched earlier this summer and the initial response has been pretty amazing. In the beta phase, the objective is really to learn as much as possible about our members—their habits, what they're gravitating towards, what they like, what they don't like—so going into our hard launch, we're rolling on all cylinders.

# You recently finished law school. Why jewelry?

I finished law school and even passed the bar exam and had an offer from a law firm. My brother [Elliott] had a really amazing, successful investment banking job. The two of us always had a dream of doing something entrepreneurial

# Honors for former *Highlights* adviser Gil Chesterton

Former Beverly journalism adviser Gil Chesterton was nationally recognized for his contributions to student journalism by the Journalism Education Association on Nov. 12 at the organization's national convention in Indianapolis.

Chesterton, longtime member of the California Scholastic Press Association's board of directors, was selected as one of 10 recipients to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

The JEA award is given to longtime advisers "for lifetime dedication to journalism education."

Chesterton advised the newspaper at Whittier High, and then oversaw the award-winning weekly newspaper, *Highlights*, at Beverly from 1969 to 2002.

Chesterton attended the CSPA journalism workshop at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as a high school student, and went on to make it a part of his professional life.

Every summer, Chesterton volunteered his time by advising workshop students as they



### **Gil Chesterton**

produced the *CSPA Reporter* newspaper, which chronicled each workshop, and also taught page design and critiqued student publications.

Chesterton, elected to the CSPA Hall of Fame in 2008, chose to retire from teaching at the workshop in 2016 but remains a valued member of CSPA's board of directors.

The JEA is a Kansas-based non-profit organization that supports student journalism nationwide.

Chesterton is retired and lives in San Jose.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Switch co-founders Adriel Darvish '05 and Elliott Darvish '07

together, and we watched our mom [Famaz Abrishami Darvish '81], who's a jewelry designer [Chains + Pearls]—which, for her, started out as a hobby after our dad passed away when we were younger—become pretty successful.

My brother and I ... became engaged with and intrigued by the business side of what she was doing and how her clients and customers were responding. We noticed that the decision of buying a piece of jewelry is one that [the customers] often wrestled with, that they went back and forth deciding whether to actually buy something. Sometimes they would deliberate—and those were the customers that could afford it. Others would fall in love with the jewelry and simply couldn't afford it.

[At Switch], our jewelry is fine jewelry, and it's expensive. At the same time, we were really inspired by all the sharing economy players that have been changing our lives, like Airbnb, Uber, and even Spotify and Netflix. So far we've been very pleased with the experience—it's been very fulfilling and exciting. **How do you choose what jewelry** 

## to feature?

We offer a highly curated collection that is first and foremost based on member feedback. We adjust our buying to that. Beyond that, we're all about taking feedback, seeing what's hot right now from stylists and fashion insiders, and then also trying to maintain a healthy balance of classics and trendier pieces so that we can have something for everyone.

# Tell us about some influential teachers [you had at Beverly].

I loved all of my Beverly teachers, but two that were especially influential were Madame [Irina] Kashper and [Loren] Newman. ... [Madame Kashper] was challenging but her passion and enthusiasm made the class fun and kept us engaged. It's so important to have that type of passion if you want to get the best out of those around you. [Loren] Newman was my ASB advisor for the three years I was part of student government. She was a mentor and friend more than anything else. I was lucky to be able go to her for advice on just about anything.

# Where do you hope Switch will be in one year?

[We hope to have] a strong and engaged user base that is excited about membership. [We hope to have] a very expansive collection. Our objective is to constantly improve and constantly grow. We don't think our job is ever done whether it's one year from now or five years from now, the objective will always be to continue improving.

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# **Alumni Highlights**

## Lieberman '95 named USD soccer coach

Louise Lieberman '95 has been hired as the University of San Diego's women's soccer coach.

"I am extremely honored and proud to represent this extraordinary program and the University of San Diego," said Lieberman. "I am eager to continue a winning tradition here at USD and to work with an elite group of student-athletes."

Lieberman spent the past eight seasons as an assistant coach at UCLA, where she helped guide the Bruins to the 2013 NCAA championship.

At Beverly, Lieberman received multiple MVP, all-Ocean League and all-Southern Section honors. She coached the Normans to a 17-7-1 record and a playoff berth in the 2001-2002 season.

As a player at UCLA, Lieberman was a second-team All-Pacific-10 Conference selection in 1995 and twice received the team's Most Inspirational Award.

Lieberman played for the Washington Freedom during the Women's United Soccer Association's inaugural 2001



Louise Lieberman '95 season, with Mia Hamm among her

teammates.

Lieberman was inducted into the Southern California Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2010.

"I have known Louise since she was a standout player at UCLA, and I knew she would one day lead her own program," said U.S. women's national team coach Jillian Ellis, who hired Lieberman in 2009 to be one of her assistant coaches at UCLA. "She is a bright and confident coach, and her leadership and personal qualities are an excellent fit for the University of San Diego."

– Steven Herbert '78

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

## Gross '79 leads Cal State LA Athletics

Daryl Gross '79 was appointed executive director for athletics at Cal State LA in July.

Gross took over for Mike Garrett, who was USC's athletic director during Gross' 14 years as a USC associate athletic director and senior associate athletic director. Gross is credited with the hiring of Pete Carroll as the Trojans football coach.

"Our goals will include graduating our student athletes while providing them a championship experience that will help them become leaders who make an impact on society. They will carry on in the tradition of alumni such as the great Billie Jean King," Gross said, referring to the legendary tennis star.

Gross was Syracuse University's athletic director from 2005 to 2015 when he



Daryl Gross '79

resigned following an NCAA investigation that revealed rules violations by the university's men's basketball team.

Gross then became a Syracuse University vice president and special assistant to the chancellor and an adjunct professor in the David B. Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics.

-Steven Herbert '78

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

## Normans Tee Off in Palm Springs



Back row (left to right): Billy Harris, Robbie Seiden '76, Brad Turell '75, Maurice Hill '72, Robert Adler '76. Middle row: Eric Suter '72, Emery Hill '74, Rey Sison '76, Steve Barouh '76. Front row: Keith Farrell '72, Mike Suter '75, Jeff Sklar '76, Robert Koenig '75

Sixteen golfers gathered in Palm Springs for some friendly competition at the BHHS Alumni 2016 Golf Tournament on Aug. 20. Event organizer Michael Suter '75 called the event a success because "it brought Normans together for new fun times and everyone [wanted] to do it again."

Rey Sison '76 was the champion, Robbie Seiden '76 finished in second place and Eric Suter '72 finished in third place. Suter was also honored for longest drive. Jeff Sklar '76 finished with the fewest putts.

Additional alumni supporters included Craig Fazekas '76 and Jason Newman '69.

### Balian '92, exec VP, excels at FX

'92 has Gina Balian been named executive president of series vice development for FX Networks and FX Productions. Previously executive vice president of limited series, Balian adds overseeing development of drama and comedy series to her duties.

Balian, who began at FX in 2012, played a major role in developing *The People* v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story, winner of nine Emmys and two Golden Globe awards. According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, Balian had the idea to pursue O.J. Simpson as the subject of American Crime Story.

She also developed Emmy-winner *Fargo* and is developing the *X-Men* series



Gina Balian '92

*Legion* from *Fargo* writer Noah Hawley.

In related Norman news, David Schwimmer '84 received an Emmy nomination for outstanding supporting actor in a limited series or a movie for his role as Robert Kardashian in *The People v. O.J. Simpson.* The show received a total of 22 Emmy nominations.

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# Mayorkas '77 reflects on role in Obama administration

Alejandro Mayorkas '77 served in the Obama Administration for three years as deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Beverly Hills Weekly interviewed Mayorkas in early 2017.

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### Tell us about your responsibilities [as deputy secretary of Homeland Security].

The deputy secretary is the No. 2 person who is traditionally regarded as the chief operating officer of the department, making sure that it runs effectively and efficiently while also becoming very involved in certain policy issues. Some of the policy issues that I was very involved in—the counterterrorism portfolio, cybersecurity, some immigration matters—really ran the gamut. There are quite a number of agencies that comprise the Department of Homeland Security. There are about 22 agencies and offices ranging from FEMA, to TSA, to Customs and Border Protection.

# Describe your experience as the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles during the 1990s.

From a political perspective, I would say that the most challenging time was during the Rampart Scandal involving the Los Ange-

### Reminiscing with Richard Dreyfuss '65

Throughout my years, I have been fortunate enough to make a comfortable living in the film and television world as a writer, producer and director.

While producing and directing a two-hour History Channel special, I found myself sitting across from my former Beverly High classmate, Richard Dreyfuss '65.

Throughout my career I have done hundreds of celebrity-driven interviews, but none as entertaining as this one.

As the cameras were being set and the lights and audio tracks adjusted, Richard and I began reminiscing about our days at Beverly High. Although we really didn't travel in much of the same circles back then. we did share some friends and classmates such as Rob Reiner. Albert (Einstein) Brooks and numerous others. My guess is that it had been almost five decades since we walked the grounds at Beverly, but within seconds, those years were wiped away with a plethora of stories and laughs.

"Do you remember so-andso...?" "Remember when [the] dean, [Steve] Miletich, would raid the boys bathrooms while



Michael S. Emerson '65 on 'Smoke Patrol'?" "Were you there when...?" "Remember the Fay brothers and the noontime entertainment they provided onlookers with their almost daily fist fights?"

After what seemed to be only moments, 45 minutes had passed and my cameraman tapped me on the shoulder to remind me of our production schedule. Reluctantly, I got down to business and Richard provided me and our audiences with an on-camera, behind-the-scenes, spellbinding accounting of his years as one of Hollywood's most respected Oscar-winning performers.

-Michael S. Emerson '65

les Police Department. I think you may recall that there was a great deal of tension between the police department and the district attorney's office. We tried to bring those very important elements of law enforcement together and really focus on the investigation, the claims of misconduct, and adhere to the facts and the law.

Prior to your role as deputy secretary, you were director of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, where you led a workforce of 18,000 individuals throughout more than 250 offices worldwide and oversaw a \$3 billion annual budget. How do you describe your leadership style?

On one hand, I'm very hands on. I work extremely hard on the details. On the other hand, I believe I empower people by recognizing and rewarding talent. Rewarding talent means increasing responsibilities and opportunities. What were some of the major changes the Department of Homeland Security went through during Obama's administration?

From an organizational perspective, Secretary [Jeh] Johnson developed a marquee initiative we called the "Unity of Effort." The department is very large and [we] bring together different agencies and offices with different cultures and histories [so it is important that] we're not eliminating those. Quite the contrary actually, we're making sure those cultures continue.

Coordinating, communicating and uniting the energies of those different departments and offices toward a common goal were critical undertakings during the last term.

### Tell us about your family.

They're mostly based in D.C. Our two daughters are 16 and 11.



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Alejandro Mayorkas '77

The junior in high school has a very rigorous academic program. She's going to Georgetown Day School. She's a wonderful person and student, so the ability to travel is limited. We try to come out during the summer and sometimes for the holidays because my siblings are all here in Los Angeles, my two brothers and sister. Our daughters' cousins are here and they miss them very much.

# Who were some of your most influential teachers at Beverly?

I had great history teachers, like Mr. [Herb] Dodge. Ms. [Kathy] Layton was an extraordinary math teacher. I didn't fare very well in the class, but my sister who preceded me did. I had a lot of fun and really enjoyed studying French with Monsieur [Jacques] Poletti. I adored our tennis coaches. Hal Seiling was our first coach and then Susan Stevens was our coach in the last couple years. [Playing for the tennis team] was the highlight of high school.

You're currently practicing law in Washington, D.C. Do you have any plans to return to Beverly Hills?

I will be sharing my time as a lawyer on the East Coast, as well as here in Los Angeles. So I'll be increasingly present in Southern California.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

Watch Mayorkas on *Beverly Hills View*, hosted by Alumni Association President Josh Gross '91

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# **Alumni Highlights**

# '90s grads lead California school districts

MATT WAYNE, Ed.D. '91 Interim superintendent, Havward Unified School District

Matt Wayne may be new to the role of superintendent, but he's no stranger to Hayward Unified School District. "I'm really excited to continue in the district [and] be able to provide leadership in all areas of the organization," said Wayne, who spent the previous four years as HUSD's assistant superintendent of educational services. "... Our focus is making sure that our kids graduate college- and career-ready and proud to be 'Made in Hayward.""

He saw graduation rates begin to rise in his previous role. "Over the last five years our high school graduation rate has gone from 68% to 83% and our African American graduation rate went from 58% to 84%," he said. "We still have a long



Dr. Matt Wayne '91

ways to go but we have had some success, so I'm glad to build on that."

Wayne, who swam and played water polo at Beverly, discovered he enjoyed working with kids while teaching youth swim lessons.

He said the critical thinking required in Stewart Horowitz's AP European History class inspired him to become a rhetoric major at UC Berkeley, where he received his B.A., and later his doctorate.

An honors English assignment that involved comparing and contrasting Stephen King and Edgar Allan Poe inspired him to include Poe in an American Short Stories unit he taught to middle schoolers on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

Wayne began his career in New York after studying at Columbia's Teachers College. "By teaching in New York City, [I saw] how incredibly fortunate I was to go to Beverly and all the resources that I had," Wayne said. "I became committed to trying to provide those kinds of experiences for students at schools that didn't have the same type of resources."

He began his administrative career as an assistant principal and later principal at Dover Elementary in San Pablo.

### JOSHUA ARNOLD, Ed.D. '96 Superintendent, Culver City Unified School District

Joshua Arnold's experiences at Beverly inspired him to pursue a career in education. "It's really that simple," he told *Alumni Highlights*.

Arnold, who is in his first year as superintendent of Culver City Unified School District, started out as an English teacher—just three years after graduating from Beverly. He remembers visiting his former English teachers, Maryann Baum and Roberta Beatty, and asking them for advice. "They were the first people that let me know that [I didn't have to teach] the way that I was taught," he said.

Arnold said their classes were the best he's ever taken—better than his courses at UCLA, Harvard and USC. "They taught me how to think and communicate and defend and opine for myself in ways that ended up being the most important skills that I ever learned in my life," he said.

Other influential figures included English teachers Bill Hiatt and Opal Stevens, counselor Marlene Mish, Coach Carter Paysinger, physics teacher Dan Stepenosky, and Beverly Vista math teacher Ira Moskow. Today, he considers Stepenosky, who's superintendent at Las Virgenes Unified School



Dr. Joshua Arnold '96

District, a colleague. (See Stepenosky's engagement story on p. 64)

Arnold said he's energized "to be in a community as diverse as this and also as willing and interested in trying new things and seeing where that gets you."

His goals include providing 100% A–G access. "That means that all students graduate having the ability to go on to successful four-year college careers," he said. "We also believe in dedicated career technical education, so that students who are interested can receive industry certification upon graduation from high school."

He was previously assistant superintendent of educational services in the Los Alamitos Unified School District in Orange County. He has also been a principal and assistant principal.



**The Beverly lunch bunch.** A group of vintage friends from the classes of 1947 and 1946 meet for lunch once or twice a year. The group pictured above gathered July 25 at El Adobe de Capistrano. Back row, left to right: Bill Manning, Hilde Carsten Koessler, Joan Jaffe Lewis, Jean Bailey Archer, Joe McCarthy, Joanne Rice Killam. Front row: Don Wolf, Jim Edwards, Beejay Winslow Brown, Joan Cox McKenna



Kudos for Dr. Mermel. Medical staff of Rhode Island Hospital honored Leonard Mermel, DO, ScM '74 with the 2016 Milton Hamolsky Outstanding Physician Award. Mermel, an internationally noted expert in infectious diseases and infection control, is the medical director of the hospital's Department of Epidemiology & Infection Control, a professor of medicine at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and adjunct clinical professor in the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. The award honors doctors who have made exceptional contributions to patient care and leadership.

## **Snapshots**



A time-honored Beverly tradition. BHHS students made their annual trip to Albion Street Elementary on Dec. 2 for the Christmas Program organized by Service Learning. Barry Gibbons '17 (pictured above) dressed up as Santa Claus and passed out gifts to the students. Ken Goldman '60 wrote to *Beverly Hills Weekly* in response to the above photo: "It doesn't seem possible that 57 years ago in 1959, as part of that BHHS tradition, I was that Santa at Albion. And then 31 years later in 1990, my daughter Amy [Goldman Hoffman '91] was Mrs. Santa at Albion. Just [an] example of our small but wonderful and caring community."



Lawyers and judges in harmony. The nonprofit LA Lawyers Philharmonic, which is comprised of lawyers, judges, law students and legal staff, presented its 7th Annual Concert Extraordinaire at Disney Hall on June 18. Founder-conductor Gary S. Greene (far left) presented Richard M. Sherman '45 (third from right) with the June Lockhart Humanitarian Award ("Junie"). The orchestra and its chorus, Legal Voices, performed many of the Sherman Brothers iconic songs and raised funds for those who cannot afford legal services. For the finale, Sherman conducted "It's a Small World." Greene and Sherman are pictured with (left to right) Lori Greene Gordon '73, concert producer Debra Greene Kaiser '01, Natalie Gordon '13 and Victoria Gordon '11.



**Second-gen hoop stars at the tip-off.** Sons of NBA legends Metta World Peace (Ron Artest III '17 of Beverly – left) and Shaquille O'Neal (Shareef O'Neal of Crossroads – right) faced off at the Swim-Gym on Jan. 24. The Normans beat the Roadrunners, 50-47, with a buzzer beater three-point basket. *Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly* 



**Class of '78 shows Halloween spirit.** Left to right: Dianna Isaacs Sturr, Joanna Fields Stingray, Debbie Klein Marcus, Marc Selwyn



**Sculptures at an exhibition.** Internationally acclaimed sculptor Charlie Kaplan, a past student of Beverly Hills Adult School, presented a month-long exhibition of his hand-carved marble sculptures last fall at Museo Gigi Guadagnucci in Massa, Italy. A 1969 clay sculpture class at Beverly Hills Adult School for \$5/semester marked the beginning of Kaplan's formal artistic training. After working with clay and later wax, he realized he was most interested in sculpting that involved carving. Kaplan splits his time between Los Angeles and Pietrasanta in Tuscany.

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# El Rodeo Class of '76



Craig Isaacs, Todd Mann Amateau, Brian Fields, Ted Kraines, Derek Graham, Ron Canyon, Mike Shanfield



Tarzana—Sept. 24, 2016

Susan Stoller Dobbins, Andrea Nelson Kopald, Nancy Lushing Greenstein, Nancy Mott Sunkin



Back row (left to right): Wendy Carson Turk, Charles Barnes, Yvette Silvera, Lou Holtz, Ted Kraines, Gregg Ledergerber, Maren Bergum Neufeld, Steve Glusker, Derek Graham, Vince Uzelac, Howard Pitch, Michael Shanfeld, Joanne Prince Bolduc, Jeff Goldstein, Emily Schwimmer, Nancy Lushing Greenstein, Brian Fields. Middle row: Susan Gass, Susan Stoller Dobbins, Paul Segal, Patti Koenig, Andrea Nelson Kopald, Scott Forman, Nancy Mott Sunkin, Deedy Dizon Sklarew. Front row: Felice Epstein Gross, Mika Yoneyama, Karyn Weiss, Beverly Solomon Cook, Craig Isaacs, Laurie Romano-Sasson, Howard Gussman, Keri Frankenstein



Hawthorne pals forever. Hawthorne's Class of '86 gathered for a mini reunion in early December.

Left to right: Geoff Goodman, Tina Pomerance, Alanna Dayan, Rose Kaiserman, Sherly Daneshgar, Kelly Prather, Paul Hackner, Sergio Siderman, Shahriyar Shayan

## **Snapshots**

### Class of '53 - Aug. 10, 2016



Gloria Blitsten Lushing, Carol Kraus Provisor, Barbara Shields Klabin, Barbara Lozabnick Kolod, Lois Siegel Fields, Sally Rosenberg Kirshner, Joan Manishor Kay



Front: Marilyn Dunn Ross. Back, left to right: Sue Horwits Brody, Harriet Salzberg Lieban Bonn, Rusty Silverstein Berkus, Carolyn Press Richards, Lenny Kelton, Mickey Crost Rotter, Judy Weisz Carroll, Faye Nuell Mayo Twenty-two classmates gathered for a luncheon, where attendees were delighted to see one another and also humbled by the fact most had turned 80 years old and were present to enjoy the event.



Luncheon coordinators Barbara Lee Kozberg and Judy Weisz Carroll



Marcellina Perry Gross, Vicki Behrstock Reynolds, Gloria Blitsten Lushing



**Rising star.** Ora Kohan '16 placed first runner-up in the Miss Newport Coast Teen pageant in August 2016.

Men of '53 gather 'round the grill. Every fall since 2000 a group of guys from the Class of '53 have convened for a barbecue with all the fixings washed down with the proper liquid, hosted and cooked by Mike "Grey-("RedDog" now Dog") Leventhal. This year, Don Ellis brought back old memories with a slide show of Ditch Day 1953. Over the years, a surprise "mystery guest" or two appear from such faraway places as Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Alaska, Mexico, Carmel and San Francisco.

–Don Alschuler '53



Front row, left to right: Walt Dougher, Mike Leventhal, Dick Goldsmith. Second Row: Sherwin Turbow, Lee Wertheimer, Tony Nesburn, Don Alschuler. Back row: Tony Nast, Don Ellis, Mel Lebe, David Kelton

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**Hooray for Handstand.** Tiffany Hakimianpour '09 won the FounderMade Future of Wellness Challenge on Oct. 23 for the creation of her fitness app Handstand, which enables users to book personal trainers on demand. Hakimianpour participated in the *Shark Tank*-style competition and pitched against other L.A. entrepreneurs and businesses, including Niyama and Somadome.

# **Class of '68**



Adrianne Conflenti, Gayle Bowman



Ellen Bloom, Carl Switzky



Bonnie Kabat, Bob Friedman, Geri-Ann Galanti



'74 grads celebrate The Maple Counseling Center. TMCC, a nonprofit dedicated to providing low-cost comprehensive mental health services to those in need, honored Drew Pinsky MD, FACP, also known as "Dr. Drew" (third from right), Mason A. Sommers, PhD '74, and Harold Young, LCSW, at the 42nd Annual Maple Ball in Beverly Hills in October 2016. Actresses Jane Lynch, from *Glee*, and Kate Flannery, from *The Office*, performed selections from their live show *See Jane Sing* with the Tony Guerrero Trio, while KABC Radio Host, Mike Catherwood, hosted the evening. Left to right: President Elect John Jameson '74, Board Member Joyce Levine, CEO Marcy Kaplan, Pinsky, Ball Chair Azie Bolour Afari, Board Member Gail Millan '74



**Salute to '81 grad after France attack.** The Beverly Hills City Council honored Greg Krentzman '81, survivor of the 2016 Nice terrorist attack, on Feb. 7. Krentzman was vacationing with his family in Nice, when a truck drove into a crowd on Bastille Day, killing 80 people and injuring hundreds. Krentzman's wife, Sophie, called out her husband's name to alert him that a truck was barreling through the crowd, ultimately saving his life. Left to right: Mayor John Mirisch '81, Vice Mayor Nancy Krasne, Councilmember Kathy Reims, Lola Krentzman, Councilmember Julian Gold, Sophie Krentzman, Greg Krentzman, Sandy Krentzman. – Watch Alumni Association President Josh Gross '91 interview Krentzman on "Beverly Hills View": www.vimeo.com/204584601

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#### Virginia Foster Chisholm '30



passed away June 27, 2016 at age 104. For 72 years, she lived in her San Diego home, which was built by her fatherin-law. She was

an old-fashioned lady who fit the total role of wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed participating in the Pacific Beach Garden Club, working her precinct during elections and attending Pacific Beach Historical Society meetings. Her favorite activities were her daily walks (2 to 3 miles in the morning, well into her 90s), and reading the newspaper or a good book (Gone with the Wind was her favorite book). Virginia enjoyed spending time with family, especially celebrating birthdays and holidays. She often talked about her days at Beverly, particularly the fact that she was a member of the first graduating class that had completed all three years. She said she walked to school with Will Rogers Jr. and kept in touch with two of her best girlfriends, Jean and Mirabee, until their passing. She still had her orange and white felt freshman cap with the Normans felt mascot emblem. She was preceded in death by her husband John W. Chisholm. The people who knew Virginia could not believe she lived 104 years and never flew in an airplane, never had a microwave, garbage disposal, computer or cell phone. She was known as grandma Dede by her grandkids, who didn't



David Bunin '39 on a road trip to Mexico Living, where she following honorable discharge from the Navy enjoyed bridge,

understand why she hung her wash on a clothes line when she had a dryer. At her celebration of life there were people who remember her from the time they were in elementary school because of the birthday and Halloween parties she planned for the neighborhood children.

Loy W. Christner '36 passed away Jan. 7, 2015. His daughter, Judith Christner Peterson, said reading *Alumni Highlights* was a highlight for Loy in his later years.

Barbara Spaulding Van Alstine '36 passed away Feb. 22, 2016 in Long Beach. On Dec. 7, 1941, soon after graduating from UCLA with a degree in economics, Barbara was at a USO dance when a handsome soldier in the U.S. Army named Ray E. Van Alstine asked her to dance. The two became inseparable from that moment on. Ray and their relationship survived the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the couple married at Camp Claiborne, La. the following November. They continued to dance throughout their marriage, belonging to several dance clubs. They were married 62 years when Ray passed in 2004. Throughout her life, Barbara was an active volunteer. She sang in the choir at Lakewood First United Methodist Church for more than 50 years, logged more than 1,300 hours at a local veterans hospital, acted as district and unit president of the United Methodist Women, served on the board of the Methodist Hospital. and functioned as president of the Madison Elementary Parent Teacher Association. Barbara also

> was an active member of the PEO and served as a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority for more than 50 years. For the last six years of her life, Barbara lived at Sunrise Senior Living, where she

bingo and other activities. Barbara is survived by her children Toby Van Alstine Hurley and Susan Van Alstine, and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two sisters and brother.

Bette Jean Corrick Volk '38 passed away March 7, 2016 surrounded by family at her home in Pasadena. After graduating from Beverly, she attended UCLA. She met her husband, Kenneth Q. Volk, Jr., on Valentine's Day on a tennis court. It was a match that endured 52 years. They were married June 28, 1944 before Ken shipped out to the war in the Pacific. Ken was a founding partner of Public virtually Storage, inventing the modern mini-warehouse business and creating one of the most successful corporations in America. Ken passed away in 1996. She is survived by her sister Patricia Corrick Houser '41: her children, Carolyn "CeCe" Corrick Volk Horne, Virginia Elizabeth "Betsy" Volk Terrazas (Joe), Laurie Louise Volk and Kenneth O. Volk. III (Tricia); nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Following her husband's passing, the family endowed a research chair in his honor at the USC Department of Neurology for Alzheimer's Research. Bette was an active supporter of The Luminaires of The Doheny Eye Institute and The Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Mary Jane Goldbloom Zukin passed away April 10, 2016. Mary Jane met her husband, Paul Zukin, at UCLA, where she earned a bachelor's degree in dietetics. They were married 59 years, until Paul's passing in 2002. After graduation, Mary Jane worked at Bethlehem Steel to support the war effort. She was devoted to her family and her artistic pursuits in photography, painting and jewelry making. She founded and was the first president of the Eilat chapter of Beverly Hills Hadassah. In 1972 she co-authored their best-selling fundraising cookbook, From Noodles to Strudels. At age 50, Mary Jane



continued her e d u c a t i o n, receiving an MS in home economics and food science from CSU Northridge.

She taught

home economics at the junior high and high school levels in Los Angeles and served as a nutritional consultant for the Los Angeles County Health Department. After relocating to the Bay Area, she worked as a nutritionist for senior citizen programs and the Oakland-Berkeley Headstart, and as a hospital dietitian. She co-authored ORT Cooks Around the World, her second fundraising cookbook with recipes from over 50 countries. In later years Mary Jane was active in Kol Hadash, which celebrates and supports Humanistic Judaism. She is survived by her children, Barbara, Jim and Dimitri; nine grandchildren; and seven greatgrandchildren.

David Bunin '39 passed away Jan. 29, 2015. He served in the Navy during WWII, attended Montana-School of Mines and was president of Erbun Fabrics Corp. He was a proud father, grandfather, award-winning amateur photographer, competitive boat racer, auto enthusiast, diver and fabric designer, along with many other interests. He always spoke fondly of his time at Beverly. Survivors include his children. Jonathan Bunin, Peter (Zoe) Bunin and Kevin (Nancy) Bunin; grandson Max Bunin; stepdaughter Amy Eller; stepgrandson Joseph Verchota; and his first wife Patricia Bunin. He was preceded in death by his wife Sue Bunin.

**Robert Shipp '39** passed away Sept. 13, 2013 with his wife and son at his bedside. After graduating from USC in 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant and served as a quartermaster in American Samoa during World War II. Returning home in 1946, he became the president, then

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## Longtime Beverly Principal Ben Bushman

Ben Bushman, who served as Beverly's principal from 1990 to 2003, passed away Nov. 13 in Long Beach. He was 76.

A graduate of the University of Utah, Bushman was first hired by the BHUSD in 1965 as a PE teacher and football coach. During his career, he served in a variety of roles including athletic director, director of student activities and assistant principal before becoming principal in 1990. He retired in 2003 after 38 years of service in Beverly Hills.

After his retirement, he was honored by the Athletic Alumni Association in 2008.

BHUSD Superintendent Steve Kessler '71 first knew Bushman as his football coach.

"It was my honor to know Ben Bushman as first my football coach and then as a teacher and principal of Beverly High," Kessler said. "Mr. Bushman was loved and respected by one and all. I will always remember Mr. Bushman as a gifted educator and a wonderful person who did great things for our students and the community of Beverly Hills."

Las Virgenes Superintendent Dan Stepenosky, who succeeded Bushman as Beverly High principal, said Bushman led by forging consensus.

chairman, of Sweetener Products Company in Vernon. He enjoyed golf (though he would tell everyone he was just lousy at it) and loved going to the track, handicapping the horses, placing his bets, and watching the races. Robert and Nan cruised annually. He was a member of the Los Angeles Country Club for over 50 years and Thunderbird Country Club in Rancho Mirage. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Verlene Shipp, and sons Craig and Dean. Survivors include his wife. Nan Aune, son Bob Jr. (Janet), daughter-in-law Wanda Shipp, six grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

"Working for Ben was never working for Ben, you worked with Ben," Stepenosky said. "You always felt like he was by your side, had your back. There was no job or task he would not do, however small or large. He was always the first to show up and last to leave. He was 'Captain Norman Nation.' He needed a cape. He had so much energy and vitality.

"I learned so much about leadership from him, maybe more from him than anyone. He was a walking leadership class. He had the biggest heart, was always open to other ideas and no one worked harder."

Former BHUSD Superintendent Dick Douglas worked with Bushman for almost 34 years, first as coaches and later as principals.

"Ben was an outstanding teacher and a great coach," Douglas said. "More importantly, he was an outstanding human being. If [something] needed to be done he did it himself. He would help set up before events and clean up after. He always stepped in wherever he was needed. He absolutely loved Beverly Hills. He was a one-of-a-kind individual and really represented as one of the remarkable principals."

Another former BHUSD superintendent. Sol Levine.

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remembered Bushman's total dedication to students and his exemplary educational leadership.

"There was no task or endeavor that Ben did not give his full commitment to," Levine wrote in a letter to Beverly Hills Weekly. "I could write volumes about the many students he helped and nurtured. He built a legacy that will long be remembered by the many lives he touched. In the many years we worked together, I came to admire and respect all that he had done for the Beverly Hills community."

Chuck Kloes, retired assistant principal and social studies teacher. called Bushman a treasure.

"His principalship was strong, compassionate, and consistent in his beliefs when it came to working with students, teachers and parents," Kloes wrote in a letter to Beverly Hills Weekly. "In 1965 I joined [Bushman], Dick Keelor and Gerry Carpenter to coach varsity football. Within three years our staff and dedicated players won a league championship and made the CIF Playoffs. Regardless of his role he was a dynamic leader and team player."

Bushman is survived by his wife Kelly, son Scott Bushman '85 and daughters Danielle Rubin, Dana Reed, and Julie Libbey, as well as daughter-in-law Loren Newman.



Ben Bushman

who teaches at Beverly; sons-inlaw Aric Rubin and Lane Reed; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Dec. 3 in Beverly's cafeteria. Speakers included Steve Kessler '71, Stephen Macht, Tanis Harris, Rick Munitz, Sol Levine, Julie Goler, Dan Stepenosky, Chuck Kloes, Dick Douglas, Richard Keelor and Scott Bushman '85.

In lieu of flowers, Bushman's family is setting up the Ben Bushman Memorial Scholarship Fund for a Beverly student-athlete who exemplifies the qualities that Ben modeled: hard work, action over words, commitment to the team and teammates, and compassion for fellow students. Donations can be made at: gofundme.com/ben-bushmanmemorial-scholarship.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

Nadine Jennie Acker '40, of Los passed Feb. 1. WWII interrupted studies at UCLA when she joined the WAVES in

1943 and served over two years in Honolulu. After resuming her studies, she received her B.A. and teaching credential in 1949. She then invested a few years teaching elementary school for LAUSD. In 1951, Nadine married George Mark Acker (founder of Aberdeen Company & Cable TV Supply Co.). They loved to travel. Nadine

was active at Bel Air Presbyterian Church, serving in numerous ways. She especially enjoyed attending summer family camp. She was also involved in numerous philanthropic causes including LARC Foundation, National Charity League, ARCS Foundation and Freedom Foundation. Her husband George preceded her in death in 2002. She is survived by her brother, Jack L. Phillips; children, Paul (& Carol) Acker, Mary Acker, Robert (& Kathleen) Acker, Karen (& John) Husman and John (& Lisa) Acker; along with eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dr. Gloria Viola Engel '40 passed away at her home in Century City on Oct. 29, 2016. After graduating from Beverly, Gloria matriculated at UCLA. In 1943, she married her partner in life, Dr. Benjamin Engel. They were married for 71 years, until his death in 2014. World War II, her marriage and motherhood interrupted Gloria's academic career, but she returned to UCLA in 1956. She completed her B.A. degree in psychology in 1959, her M.A. in psychology in 1962, and her PhD in sociology in 1968. She subsequently joined the faculty at USC, holding the title of associate clinical professor in the Department

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of Family Medicine, School of Medicine until her retirement in 1987. Gloria and Ben's frequent international travels led to their purchasing a home in Paris, where they spent each spring and fall together for 20 years. This allowed Gloria to pursue her passions of art and fashion with vigor. The couple spent each spring and autumn in New York City, but each year they

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always returned to their roots in Los Angeles. After Ben's passing, Gloria moved to Los Angeles, where she spent her final years. She is survived by her son, Gary.

Lionel (Butch) LeBel S'40 passed away from brain tumor complications on Nov. 1, 2015, with both of his children holding his hands. After graduating from Beverly, he attended UCLA where

# Mellinkoff W'37 led UCLA medical school to national prominence

Dr. Sherman Mellinkoff W'37 steered UCLA's medical school through an era of extraordinary growth from 1962 to 1986. The former dean and BHHS Hall of Fame member passed away July 17, 2016.

"Sherm Mellinkoff served the UCLA School of Medicine as dean for nearly a quarter centuryan incredible feat compared to the average five-year term of a U.S. medical school dean," Dr. John Mazziotta, vice chancellor of UCLA Health Sciences and CEO of UCLA Health. said in a statement. "Thanks to his brilliant vision and extraordinary leadership, UCLA quickly gained a national reputation for outstanding medical education and groundbreaking research."

During Mellinkoff's tenure, the medical school—at the time still a young institution—expanded from its inaugural class of 28 students in 1951 to include 1,500 interns, residents and fellows, nearly 200 master's and doctoral candidates, and 3,000 alumni. The faculty quadrupled to 1,200 full-time members. Seven of them were elected to the National Academy of Sciences, and UCLA scientists made major discoveries in tissue typing, organ transplantation and neuroscience.

The school's budget grew from \$15 million to more than \$180 million and the school established multiple organ transplant programs, a comprehensive cancer center and one of the first federally funded facilities for



**Dr. Sherman Mellinkoff W'37** positron emission tomography (PET) research. Mellinkoff also founded an MD/PhD training program supported by the National Institutes of Health.

Mellinkoff, Beverly's student body president, became interested in medicine his senior year while taking a biology class taught by a local doctor. He went on to Stanford for undergrad studies and medical school. During his training, a nurse named June O'Connell caught his eye. They married in 1944 and had three children.

He served for two years in the U.S. Army medical corps. He did his residency at Johns Hopkins University, his fellowship at University of Pennsylvania, and then returned to Johns Hopkins as chief resident. He first joined UCLA's faculty in 1953, just two years after the medical school opened.

After his retirement, Mellinkoff traveled for a year before returning to teach medicine at UCLA as the first recipient of a \$1 million endowed professorship privately funded in his name.

He is survived by two children, Albert and Sherri Mellinkoff.

Compiled with info courtesy of UCLA

he studied pre-law and won an ROTC commission in the U.S. Army. While attending infantry training prior to shipping overseas, he answered the call for volunteers in the United States Army Air Force. At that time the USAAF needed navigators more than pilots. so he was assigned to navigator training. (It is of note that he and his infantry classmates paid their dues in both the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge.) After receiving combat crew training in the B-17 bomber, Butch was assigned to the Eighth Air Force at Framlingham, England, where he participated in a campaign called Operation Chowhound, wherein B-17s that normally flew at 30,000 feet were flown at 300 feet in order to accurately drop food and supplies into occupied Holland. WWII ended shortly thereafter and Butch went on to finish his law degree at Stanford. His first career step was to serve as a prosecutor for the city of Beverly Hills. He went on to join a law firm in Santa Monica. Eventually, he and another colleague formed their own firm in Santa Monica where Butch practiced law until retiring at approximately age 85. He was preceded in death by his wife Alice Hall LeBel. He is survived by his son Bruce LeBel, his daughter Toni LeBel Patterson, four grandchildren, and his brother Jim LeBel S'44.

Jane Alice Barber Keenev '41 passed away Dec. 15, 2015 at her home in Madison, Ind. with her daughters by her side. She attended Woodbury College in Los Angeles. During high school she worked for the Valley Times newspaper as a linotype machine operator and at the Swatch House. She later worked for MGM Studios and with Pearl Hyde as a typist and secretary for the extras in the movies. Jane resided in Portland, Ore. for a time and worked as a secretary and supervisor at Jantzen Knitting Mills, where she met her husband. She moved to Fort Wayne, Ind. in 1953 and in 1955 opened Barbers

Foundation and Lingerie and operated it until she retired in 1996. Jane was a member of the Fort Wayne Pilot Club, the TNT Club, the Unity Church and had attended the Christian Science in Auburn. In 1998 she moved to Madison to be near her family. Jane was an avid reader, loved her dogs, and enjoyed boating on Lake James and Lake Wawasee, dancing, tennis and taking walks along the Ohio River. She is survived by her daughters, Cherie Rike and Karen Keeney; five grandchildren; and four greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Doris M. Hand. Jack H.T. Prentice S'41 passed



away May 22, 2016. Jack, younger brother of Doris and Robert, attended Beverly Vista and Beverly. Jack later joined

the Navy as a pilot. A gifted artist and designer, he designed Beverly's War Memorial. He built it with Bob Jones S'41, who did the research that identified the many former Normans who gave their lives in service to our country. After the war he worked as a production clerk at MGM and met his wife. Lois Marion Haymond. They married in 1947 and settled in Manhattan Beach. They had two daughters, Patricia and Jan. Jack apprenticed at two jewelry firms in L.A., Brock and Co. and Donovan & Seamans. In 1958, the family moved to Rolling Hills and he opened his own jewelry store in Palos Verdes Estates. He continued in the Navy Reserves testing new planes and serving in numerous operations until he retired in 1965 at the rank of commander. Retiring from his jewelry business in 1980, he and Lois moved to Balboa Island, Surrey, England, and finally Carmel. He was active in the Monterey chapter of QB's and coowned a 1941 Stearman. Many friends and family feature in his flight logs.

Evelyn Lowis Schiess '41 passed

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Feb. 9. away 2016. After graduating from Beverly, completed she training her at UCSF and pursued a career

in nursing. She retired as a school nurse with LAUSD. Evelvn married Ernest Schiess in 1981 and spent her retirement years proudly campaigning and showing her beloved Norwegian Elkhounds through the NEASC and PSNEA. An avid outdoorswoman, Evelyn joined the Gindelwald Ski Club in 1951 and enjoyed skiing well into her 70s.

Robert Iverson '43 passed away at



Pacific his Palisades home on June 16, 2016. At Beverly, he distinguished himself as a track and football

athlete. As a sophomore, he won the CIF 660 championship and set a school and CIF record. While plaving tailback for the Norman football squad—weighing in at 135 pounds-Bob received the "Toughest Player Pound for Pound" award from his peers. Bob was a member and president of the Knights and received the Knight's Cup at graduation. He was also a member and president of the Norman Letterman. When Bob graduated he was named an Ephebian, a high honor. At age 18, Iverson enlisted in the Marine Corps Air Division, flying Corsair aircraft as a carrier pilot, where he developed a lifelong love of flying. After World War II he enrolled at Stanford as an undergraduate and went on to receive his M.D. there. While at Stanford, he met the love of his life, Marilyn "Marlie" Bowker W'42, on a blind date. They were married in 1950. Bob accepted an internship at Harbor General Hospital in Los Angeles, and did his residency at UCLA where he earned the coveted position of chief resident. Bob went on to specialize in psychiatry and in 1958 opened the first psychiatric practice in Pacific Palisades. He served his patients for almost 50 years before retiring in 2006. In addition to treating patients, Bob was dedicated to improving the nature of the doctor-patient relationship. At USC's School of Medicine he lectured medical students on the importance of empathy and active listening, as well as placing patients' concerns in the context of their underlying social and economic experiences. Bob remained an avid athlete as a runner, skier, tennis player, golfer and biker, until orthopedic problems eventually grounded him. He is survived by his son Eric; daughter Ellen; three grandchildren; and his wife of 66 years, Marlie. He was predeceased by his sister Bonnie Iverson W'41.

John Struchen '43 passed away

Feb. 13, 2016. He graduated USC and went on to teach in LA city schools. married Dorothy



They celebrated 54 years of marriage before her death in 2000. He joined the Army Air Force in 1943 and remained in the reserves after the war. In 1950 he was recalled because of the Korean War and flew 69 missions. Since he enjoyed flying, he remained in the Air Force for 25 years and retired in 1968. He flew for five corporations before fully retiring in 1988. He was an avid golfer and moved from Balboa Island to Palm Desert so he could golf every day. In 2001, he moved to San Clemente to be closer to his daughters. He was active with the Presbyterian Church wherever he lived. and San Clemente Presbyterian was his last home church. He was also an active member of many civic clubs. He is survived by his sister, Maeann Struchen Garty S'45; his two daughters, Cathy Estanislau and Christine McMichael; his five

### Edelman, influential county supervisor

Edmund D. "Ed" Edelman S'48, former Los Angeles County supervisor and Los Angeles city councilmember, passed away Sept. 12, 2016.

Edelman, a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame, spent 20 years on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. According to the LA Times, he advocated for establishing a county AIDS Program, a children's dependency court, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and reforming the Department of Children's Services. He also supported conservation efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains.

"Ed Edelman's pioneering advocacy-for abused and neglected children, people in the grip of homelessness, those who suffered from HIV/AIDS in the early days of the epidemic-set a high bar for how elected leaders in Los Angeles should work on behalf of the most vulnerable among us," Mayor Eric Garcetti said in a statement. "His commitment to expanding L.A.'s transportation system changed our thinking about how Angelenos get around, and his emphasis on the arts helped open minds and hearts here and around the world."

After Beverly, Edelman served in the Navy before attending UCLA, where he earned a

grandchildren; and a greatgranddaughter.

Llovd Crisfield '44, a resident of the South Bay for 58 years, passed away Nov. 20, 2010 at his home in Redondo Beach. After graduation from Beverly, he served a short stint in the Air Force and then became a jewelry salesman for a Connecticut firm. He traveled extensively as he covered the 11 western states and Hawaii. He married Elyse Baxter in 1951 and after their third child, he founded his own business, Crislu Corporation, in El Segundo. He was semi retired and spent most of his free time playing golf and enjoying sunsets in his convertible. He is



Ed Edelman S'48 bachelor's and a law degree. He was first elected to the Los

Angeles City Council in 1965. He ran successfully for a seat on the county Board of Supervisors after nine years on the city council.

"County government in my opinion is probably one of the least responsive, probably one of the most corrupt of any level of government existing in the state of California, or indeed throughout this country," Edelman told the LA Times in 1974. "... It's going to be a long, tough campaign because we're running against the Establishment."

In 1995, he joined the RAND Corporation as a senior fellow. He was also an amateur cellist.

Edelman is survived by his wife, Mari Mayer Edelman; two children, Erica and Emily; and four grandchildren.

survived by his wife, Elyse; their six children; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

David Gill S'44 passed away Aug. 1, 2016. Dave attended Beverly Vista and Beverly, where he was an outstanding member of the track and field team for four years. As a member of the varsity he placed high in the Bay League finals in the broad jump and high jump. Dave was also a member of the Norman Letterman and was president his senior year. He served in the armed forces in World War II and then entered USC. After college, Dave entered the motion picture industry and was employed as a film editor.

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Prior to that, Dave and his best friend, Chuck Black S'44, pooled their money together (\$1,200) and spent six months traveling the world. Dave's family owned Gill's Ice Cream at the Farmers Market at Third and Fairfax. Dave leaves behind his son; his sister, Mary Jo S'42; and his brother, Bob S'42. He was preceded in death by his brother, John, who graduated from Beverly in the mid-'30s. For years Dave and Stan Zimmelman W'43 met at the Farmers Market for breakfast almost on a daily basis. Several years ago, Bob Fox W'46 joined Dave and Stan and the twosome became a threesome.

Joyce West Green '44 passed away Jan. 22. She graduated from Beverly at age 16. She went on to graduate from Stanford, where she met the love of her life, Jack Green. They were married in 1949. Their only son, Neal, was born in 1951. Jovce was ahead of her time as a



working mother and was an office manager for a group of allergists before starting her own medical billing business, Medi-Sec. Inc.

Early in her career, Dr. Donald L. Morton, head of UCLA's Division of Surgical Oncology, became her client. Jovce gradually transitioned to Dr. Morton's business office manager and her son Neal took over the day to day management of Medi-Sec. Tragically her husband was diagnosed and died of cancer in 1989 while a patient of Dr. Morton. As the business office manager, Joyce had the honor of being introduced to John Wayne and his family, which ultimately led to her connection to the John Wayne Cancer Center. She helped facilitate the move to

### **Recollections of Coach Craig**

Longtime El Rodeo coach Robert Craig passed away Feb. 29, 2016. Here, former students share their favorite memories of Coach Craig:

I was not a sports kid at all, hated PE, so what I remember is his patience. No matter I didn't like it, and didn't really even try, he was always offering me some new sport or exercise to consider that he thought I might like. And he would tell me what my strengths were in that area: "You're strong for your size," or "You're wiry, which is good for this." I am happy to say I did discover a love of sports and athletic competition in my early 20s, and I think he helped to keep that door open. That was the lesson I learned from this great teacher.

- Michael Apstein '78

What I remember about Coach Craig is after the annual race to Sunset and back (in fifth grade, I think), which I won in a sprint to the finish with Jeffrey March,



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effort. First **Robert Craig** time I can remember being called out for something other than misbehavior. -Eric Cotsen '78

He was a good man. Memories from sixth grade [include] learning how to set the volleyball and his asking me to show how to do it and saying, "Now, Mike, don't embarrass me," followed with that Coach Craig smile. And attending his summer camp in Utah where the bats would divebomb you when you walked to the bathroom building in the dark! All good memories of Coach Craig. It was especially great spending time with him as a fellow adult at our reunions-he lived up to my image of him as a kid.

-Mike Richman '78

St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica where it became the John Wayne Cancer Institute. She soon transitioned to the development and chartable aspects of medicine. Her long career in development included positions with not only JWCI, but also the Cancer Support Community and the California Oncology Research Institute headed by Dr. Anton Bilchik. Joyce was honored multiple times, receiving the JWCI Auxiliary Ellen Cooperman "Angel" Award, the JWCI Auxiliary "Duke" Award, the NBC4 Life Connected Award and the CSC Wellness Award. Her commitment to helping others grew out of her personal experience having contracted polio at age 26. Joyce took great pleasure in her son and daughter-in-law, Neal and Pamela, and her grandsons.

Bill Campbell '45 passed away Nov. 24, 2016 in Santa Monica. After two years in the U.S. Army during World War II, he started his librarian career with degrees from UCLA and Berkeley. He eventually retired as manager of the Technical Document Center at Hughes Aircraft Co., where he worked for 26 years. His interests included



folk and Scottish country dancing and becoming a horticulturist with his wife Judv. was He fluent in Spanish and

had a passion for and extensive knowledge of American and English history. He served as a Getty docent for 15 years. Bill brought laughter, wordplay and light to everyone he touched.

Earl Rogers '45, a third-generation Californian, passed away Dec. 18, 2015. As an engineering graduate of Northrop Aeronautical Institute and UCLA, he was involved in the design and construction of highways for the California Department of Transportation. A prolific writer, he has seven published books to his credit, along with countless articles. Earl was a lieutenant commander and flew P2V Neptune Submarine Hunter aircraft. Following his naval career, Earl continued his love of flying for more than half a century. He was a founding member of the California Chapter of the Flying Midshipmen and a longtime member of the Aircraft Owners and

### 32nd Annual End-of-the-Year/Bob Craig Memorial Hike



Every year, a group of current and retired BHUSD faculty, staff and friends gather for an annual end-of-the-year hike. Last June, the group hiked in memory of its founding member, Bob Craig, by taking a charter from Ventura to Santa Cruz Island, which is part of Channel Islands National Park. Bob had suggested the location for the next trek two weeks before he passed away. Fellow hikers shared stories and anecdotes about Coach Craig on a grassy bluff overlooking the ocean.

Left to right: Barry Garratt, Barbara Rubin, Timothy Fives, Alli Jason-Fives, Bruce Gilbert, Silvia Schablowski, Chuck Rubin, Itzik Pripstein, Kerry Mazor, Marlene Bruce, Joanie Garratt, Karen Bovarsky, Marlene Morris, Lee Morris, Laura Revness, Brenda Colfer. Not pictured: Mary Ann Jordan, Max Jordan

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Pilots Association, and Sacramento Valley Pilots Association. He was also a founding member of Greenhaven Lutheran Church and recently was project manager of the newest editions of the church buildings. He was passionate about hiking and conquered every major peak in California. Earl leaves behind his wife Dixie, son Larry Rogers, daughter Marcy (Mel) Melliza, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and sister Fran Rogers Callan '44.

Bette Cooper Scott S'45 passed away Feb. 9, 2017. At Beverly she was one of the leaders of the pom pom girls. She went on to graduate from USC. Bette was



an enthusiastic member of many organizations while living in Los

Angeles, including the Junior League, Assistance League, Las Floristas, Les Amies and the Bel Air Garden Club. She spent

summers sailing and waterskiing at Lake Arrowhead, where she was a lifelong member of the Yacht Club and where she met her husband, Edward Hofert Scott. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Edward; her three sons Scott (Robin), Mark (Shelly) and Bart (Leigh Ann); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. and

A tribute to Bob Craig and Steve Fisher

In July 2013, Steve and Bob rolled into Elko, Nev. They went to the Western Folklife Center (headquarters for the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering), [and] said they were looking for a friend [who] lives with a poet.

I got a call saying, "Lisa, there are a couple of fellas here looking for you. Should I give them your number?"

in Lamoille Canyon,

in the Ruby Mountains (our backyard), and rain was in the forecast. I insisted they come spend the night at the ranch.

They came out and stayed a night at our home, ate dinner at my table. I was so pleased to have them over and express my gratitude for all they both had taught me. I was so pleased to introduce them to Waddie. They sat on the front porch and listened to him tell stories and cowboy poetry for many hours. We met up a couple days later for a Basque meal. They were kind



We were reconnected Front: Steve Fisher (left), Bob by phone. They were Craig (right). Back: Waddie Mitchon their way to camp ell, Lisa Hackett '78

> enough to say Waddie's stories and watching the Rubies turn their namesake was the highlight of their trip, a memory that would stay with them a long time.

> It was then, too, that Steve told me how blessed he was with great health insurance that allowed him to fight a then-11 or so year battle with leukemia. He was best friends and sat with Jim Quider the day Jim passed. He and Bob traveled extensively together (their wives weren't into their HARDY adventures) and were best friends for 50 years.

-Lisa Hackett '78

She was preceded in death by her brothers Don Cooper S'44 and Bruce Cooper.

Robert (Bob) N. Ewing S'46 passed away Oct. 9, 2016. He attended Beverly Vista and Beverly, where he was an excellent athlete and leader. His senior year he lettered in football, baseball, and track and field. His class voted him "Most Popular" and "Best Looking." He was also president of the Knights, the boys honorary society, and a member of the Norman Letterman. It was also at Beverly where the lovely blonde. Amy Lee Hart S'46, first caught his eye. Bob attended the University of Arizona. After his football career

ended due to injury, he excelled in track and became president of his fraternity. Bob earned his B.S. in civil engineering in 1951. He joined the



U.S. Air Force and was stationed in London as a 1st Lieutenant. In 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Amy. Bob founded and owned Robert N. Ewing General Contractor, Inc., which continues as an employee stock ownership company today. Many of those who worked for him went on to run their own successful companies. As an avid Thunderbird, he served as

## El Rodeo Principal Fisher '60 passes

Former Rodeo El principal Steve Fisher '60 passed away March 14, 2016.

In 1966.

Fisher returned to the BHUSD as a teacher at El Rodeo, where he taught for 20 years. He became assistant principal at Horace Mann in 1986. He returned to El Rodeo four years later, leading the school as principal until his retirement in 2004.

"Steve and I were great friends for 50 years," said former BHUSD Superintendent Dick Douglas. "We both served as history teachers, assistant principals and principals during

our long tenure in district. the Steve was a Beverly Hills institution. The community was his life. He savored minute every of his experience in Beverly Hills and sought out every bit of information about the district his retirement. touched the lives of

students, parents countless and teachers. His smile, sense of humor and intellect will be missed by all."

Fisher battled leukemia for 15 years and died of complications from pneumonia. He is survived by his wife Shahla Zand Fisher; his son Chris Fisher '85; his daughter Cindy Leong; his stepchildren Susie and Hank Guttman; his brother Gary; his five grandchildren Ryan, Dylan, Bryan, Kyle and Alyssa; and Shahla's sister Shahin Zand and her daughter Arya.

More than 200 people attended Fisher's memorial service at the Beverly Hilton, during which several former colleagues paid tribute to the beloved educator.



Steve Fisher's colleagues Susie Walduring lach, Dick Douglas and Vivian Minor,  ${\rm He}$  with Fisher's wife Shahla Zand Fisher at Fisher's memorial in April 2016

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Big Chief in 1972 and remained an active "Life Bird." He was also involved with the Goldwater Institute and the University of Arizona Foundation. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and tennis and remained a passionate golfer who was proud of his nine holes in one. Bob was preceded in death by his sister, Laurel Ewing Allen S'45. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Amy Lee Ewing; children, Robert Hart Ewing, Leslie Abney Ewing and Katie Ewing (Neil) Worden; five grandchildren; and his sister, Janet Ewing Mays S'50.

Kendall West Knight '46 passed away Nov. 8, 2015 with his family by his side. For 58 years, he made

Gross S'49, top Hollywood manager

Edgar F. Gross S'49, retired entertainment industry manager and award-winning executive producer, passed away Oct. 16, 2016, surrounded by his family.

During his 50-year career, Gross represented prominent writer-directors, actors and musicians. According to The Hollywood Reporter, he also served as executive producer on four films directed by his client John Boorman. Gross earned a Golden Globe for one of those films, Hope and Glory (1987).

He attended UC Berkeley (Phi Beta Kappa), and graduated from UCLA and Harvard Law School.

As a lawyer in California he clerked for the State Supreme became Court, partner at Winthrop, Erlich and Gross, ultimately working for I.H. Prinzmettle, and began working with Alfred Hitchcock and Gary Cooper.

Eventually, he formed a law firm with his former Harvard Law School classmate and brother-in-law Bob Eisenstein. At the behest of their celebrity clients, they added "business management" to their legal services, forming International Business Management, one of the preeminent business management firms in the entertainment industry.



### Edgar Gross S'49

Gross was a golfer, tennis player, swimmer and fitness enthusiast. Most of all, he loved traveling with friends and family. He was an avid reader and lifelong student, attending classes at UCLA Extension until age 85.

Gross and his wife Marcy, an executive producer of TV movies, were married for 62 years, and were great patrons of the arts in Los Angeles. They endowed major grants to Harvard Law School, founding a professorial chair. They also established a grant for Alzheimer's research at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and were significant donors to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica.

Gross is survived by his wife, Marcellina Perry Gross '53; his children, Sheryl (Jonathan Sokoloff), Nicholas and Matthew (Hedi Gross): and seven grandchildren.

### (Joe); and five grandchildren.

Jim Edwards S'47 passed away Jan. 4, 2017. He graduated from Beverly Vista and Beverly, where he was a two-year letterman in baseball and a member of the Norman Letterman. He was also a member of the Tuscans, a boys Hi-Y Club. The Tuscans remained friends throughout their adult years. After high school, Jim was in the U.S. Air Force and later graduated from the University of Arizona. He spent his career at Standard Oil. He is survived by his wife, Karen.

Lillian Portnoy '48 passed away Oct. 24, 2016. After graduating from Beverly, she received a bachelor's degree in sociology from USC. A creative spirit, she enjoyed singing, playing piano and painting. She pursued an acting career in New York while attending business trade school, and later had her own production company, Pembroke Films. A longtime resident of Beverly Hills, she owned a home that was originally part of silent film star Buster Keaton's estate. According to the LA Times, many stars visited her home, including Sean Connery and Elvis.

Jo-Ann Webb Merrill '49 passed away Sept. 9, 2015 under hospice care. Jo-Ann graduated with a teaching degree from USC, where she met her husband Harry Merrill. "Josie" was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and maintained close friendships with her sisters for over 60 years. She taught elementary school in the San Fernando Valley where she also joined the Simple Stitch group and maintained friendships within that circle. The Merrills and daughter, Michele, eventually moved to Orange County where Jo-Ann pursued activities, among them The Spyglass Hill Garden Club, voters polling service and a Gelson's Market coffee group. She thrived in many occupations including teacher, caregiver/mentor, and invitation/event advisor at Newport Stationers. She enjoyed extensive world travel, numerous pets, family history preservation and many

lasting friendships. She was also a proud cancer survivor. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, and her daughter, Michele Salinas. She is survived by her brother, Herb; her son-in-law; and a grandson.

Franklin E. Ulf III S'49 passed away Oct. 20, 2016. Frank moved with his parents to Beverly Hills at age 12. They joined his mother's family, who lived within blocks of each other. His uncle, Dr. James K. Stewart, founded the first Presbyterian church in Beverly Hills, Beverly Vista Presbyterian Church. It was in this church that he met his wife, Betsy Roberts Ulf S'49. They were both 12 years old. They lived only a block away from each other and their parents were close friends. Their lives became connected through their church and carried them through their Beverly and college days. (Their pictures are on the Hall of Fame wall at Beverly.) Frank's deep sense of public service started with his leadership skills in high school, where he was elected student body president (Betsy was student body vice president). Frank was also a four-year letterman in baseball and a member of the Knights, Norman Letterman and other activities. He went on to Pomona College and later served on the Board of Trustees for over 20 years, as well as the Board of the Claremont University Consortium. When Betsy and Frank were 16 years old, they were poster kids who helped raise money to build the first YMCA in Beverly Hills. Frank served for more than 20 years as a director of the Metropolitan Los Angeles YMCA and was recently honored with the Golden Book Awardthe highest honor the Y bestows. Frank and Betsy shared 63 years of everything. In 1962, they moved to San Marino where they raised their daughter, Bonnie, and son, Brian. They moved to Pasadena in 1978. In 1982, Frank became president of the Los Angeles 5 Rotary Club. He lived Rotary's motto, "Service above self." Until his death, Frank



his home in Newport Beach, where

he pursued a career in the fishing

and boating community. Ken was

an avid fisherman, past president

of the Tuna Club of Avalon and

Yacht Club. He а great chili and loved playing the bugle, skiing, painting, and a 5 o'clock scotch. Preceded in death by his

wife Beverly Boyle Knight, he is survived by his wife Diane Barrett Knight; children Tracey Moneta-Stearman (Jim), Kendall West Knight Jr. and Victoria Allsopp

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continued to serve on the f o l l o w i n g boards: The Autry Museum of the American West; vice chairman of

The Music Center; the California Science Center; the USC Marshall School of Business; and past chairman of the Ralph M. Parsons Foundation. He was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson and served four years as a commissioner of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. He was also successful in the financial business world. After three years in the Navy, Frank earned his MBA at USC. He founded two financial advisory American firms: Investment Counseling Co. & Summit Mgt. Co, which was purchased in 1988 by US Trust of New York. Frank was named chairman/CEO of its West Coast offices. In 2004, Frank started Covington Capital Mgt., where he recently was named chairman emeritus. Frank was a proud member of The Los Angeles Country Club, the California Club, Jonathan Club, San Gabriel Country Club and The Reserve in Indian Wells. In his early 20s, he became an elder in the Presbyterian Church. He served many terms as a trustee and elder at the San Marino Community Church. He is survived by his wife, his children and seven grandchildren.

Howard E. Mason, Jr. '50 passed away peacefully at his home in Belmont on May 28, 2016. He proudly served in the US Army as part of the Signal Corps. Howard earned a degree in business from Menlo College in 1957 and attended Golden Gate University to prepare for the CPA exam. He also earned his MBA at San Francisco State. Howard was married to Catherine Dewey Mason from 1959 until her death in 1995. They moved to Belmont in 1960 to raise their family. Howard was actively involved with the bond measure that purchased Twin Pines Park in 1972 and was a member of the Belmont City Finance Commission from 1978-1995. In 1995 Howard was elected Belmont city treasurer and served two terms. He was recognized as the William Ralston Citizen of the Year by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce in 1995 and by Menlo College in 1999 for his longtime service to their Alumni Association. More recently, Howard enjoyed the Road Runner's Square Dancing organization. Career highlights included helping to found Bank America Real Estate Investments as their CFO in 1970. Howard helped the company go public as BRE Properties (recently acquired by Essex) and Howard retired in 1996. In 2000 Howard joined the Doelger Trust in Daly City. He believed his career came full circle from working for the Doelger Company in the 1960s to caring for the Doelger legacy today. He was always proud to have graduated from Beverly and had a wonderful time at his 65th reunion. Howard is survived by his children, Doug and Annie, and two grandchildren.

Stephen Horrell '51 passed away Feb. 23, 2016. He was senior class president at Beverly. According to the San Diego Union-Tribune, he was well-known and widely respected in the San Diego sports community. He served on many boards and committees, including the San Diego Super Bowls, Holiday Bowls, Greater San Diego Sports Association, Hall of Champions and the Century Club. He also served on the United States Golf Association's executive committee and was involved with many local and regional golf organizations. According to the Union-Tribune, Steve eventually became co-general manager and ran Singing Hills Golf Resort with co-GM Jerry Hollingsworth for more than 40 years. His father founded the course with several other families in 1956. Survivors include his wife, Linda; daughters, Ann Glaus, Kim Milocco and Lori Brooks; sisters Virginia

Rookus and Ittie Cutting; and five grandchildren.

Eric Von Preisler '55, nee Leon Hanief, passed away while on vacation in Hawaii due to end stage renal failure. He had recently moved to Eugene, Ore. After graduating from Beverly, Eric served honorably in both the US Navy and the US Air Force. He was a UCLA graduate and had three teaching degrees. At Beverly, his teacher Salvatore Occhipinti, who taught social studies and history, gave Eric his lifelong direction. Eric was a social studies and history teacher for 28 years at Belmont High in Los Angeles. He felt that teaching in an inner city school made the best use of his talents.

### Lt. Gov. and Rep. Ed Reinecke W'42

Howard "Ed" Reinecke W 42, former California lieutenant governor and congressman, passed away Dec. 24, 2016 in Laguna Hills. He served in Congress from 1965 to 1969, representing a district in the San Fernando Valley. He was appointed lieutenant governor in 1969 and served alongside Gov. Ronald Reagan until 1974.

He served on the House Interior Committee and as lieutenant governor, "championed coastal protection, worked to boost aerospace employment and pushed for reforms in the University of California system," according to the *LA Times*.

In 1974, Reinecke launched a bid for the governor's mansion, but his campaign hit a major obstacle when he became the target of an investigation by Watergate special prosecutor Leon Jaworski. According to the *LA Times*, "he was indicted for allegedly lying about conversations with Richard Nixon's attorney general, John Mitchell, about an offer from a telecommunications company to underwrite the 1972 Republican National Convention."

Eventually, he was convicted of perjury. He continued his campaign, but lost the Republican primary and Gov. Jerry Brown was ultimately elected. Eventually, Reinecke resigned as lieutenant governor. His conviction was overturned on procedural grounds the following year.

Reinecke remained politically engaged. His family played "an integral role in building the California Republican Party,"



Ed Reinecke W'42 according to Republican Party of Orange County Chairman Fred M. Whitaker. He served as chairman of the state party in the 1980s and his son, Tom, served as second vice chairman of the Republican Party of Orange County from the early to mid 1990s. Reinecke regularly attended the Aliso Viejo Republican Women's meetings and hosted their past two annual fundraisers at his Lake Forest home.

In 2004, Reinecke and his wife, Jean, shared a private moment with Reagan's casket before the public was permitted to enter, according to the *LA Times*.

He served in the Navy during World War II. He later earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Cal Tech and founded an irrigation manufacturing company, Febco, with his siblings Fred, Bill and Charlotte.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Harger and Mimi Weyrick; two sons, Mark and Tom; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife.

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Leonard Sager '56 passed away March 19, 2016. He and his partner, David, were together for 38 years.

Paul David Muchnic, MD '58, an orthopedic surgeon, passed away Sept. 24, 2016 in Los Angeles. When his own health began to fail more than a decade ago, Paul coped with a series of spinal afflictions, making creative use of his mechanical skills to remain selfsufficient. But the good doctor, who never smoked, was no match for the lung cancer that metastasized to his brain and eventually took his life. At Beverly, Paul distinguished himself as a track star. He moved on to Pomona College, where he prepared for medical school, joined the track team as a quarterfreshman, he met his wife. Suzanne Ely Muchnic, a student at nearby Scripps College who became an art writer. They were married in 1963. Paul became Dr. Paul D. Muchnic in 1966, when he received his MD degree from Baylor College of Medicine. Back in Los Angeles, he completed a rotating internship at UCLA and an orthopedic residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Two years of military service took him to Utah, where he learned to ski and joined the local ski patrol while running the orthopedic department of the hospital at Hill Air Force Base. In 1973, he went into private orthopedic practice in Los Angeles for two years, followed by three years as assistant chief of orthopedic surgery at Valley Medical Center in Fresno. In 1978, he found his professional home at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, West Los Angeles. Chief of orthopedic surgery for 13 of his 21 years there, he specialized in hip and knee replacement surgery, amputation surgery and rehabilitation. As a

miler and graduated in 1962. As a

medical volunteer. Paul was the attending physician in charge of the amputee clinic at Harbor-UCLA for three decades. After his retirement from Kaiser in 1999, he devoted considerable time and energy to volunteer work in distant places. In 2001 he made the first of several trips to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where he contributed to a teaching program for local physicians-intraining. Also a car aficionado, he was a volunteer docent at the Petersen Automotive Museum. Paul is survived by his wife. He was preceded in death by his sister, Linda Muchnic Polesky '54.

Marilyn Lee Fidler '60 passed

away in San Luis Obispo on Sept. 14, 2016. Marilyn graduated from UCLA with a B.A. in English literature and

Fairfield University with an M.A. in American studies. Marilvn enjoyed a long career in marketing

and communications, working at noted agencies in New York and Connecticut. After moving back to California, she was a real estate agent, grant writer, English tutor, and in recent years, worked with the Opera San Luis Obispo and the San Luis Obispo Jazz Festival. Her love of art and travel never faded. Survivors include her sister Dennie Fidler '65.

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John Kahan '63 passed away May 12, 2016. He moved to Santa Barbara with his wife Gail and two daughters in the late '80s. He had a successful business and had been retired more than 10 years at the time of his death. Survivors include his brother James Kahan '61.

Steve Lakin Sharpe '64 passed



away May 22, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. A graduate of Arizona State University, Steve was the youngest real

## Carrie Fisher, Star Wars icon, screenwriter, author

Carrie Fisher, best known for her role as Princess Leia in Star Wars, passed away Dec. 27, 2016 after suffering a heart attack on a flight. A would-be member of the Class of 1974, she attended Beverly until her acting career took off. One of her early roles was in the Broadway musical, Irene, which starred her mother, Debbie Reynolds. (Reynolds passed away Dec. 28, one day after Fisher's death.)

In addition to the Star Wars movies, Fisher's film and TV credits include When Harry Met Sally, Sex and the City and The Big Bang Theory.

Fisher wrote openly about her struggles with bipolar disorder and substance abuse, addressing the topics in her novel Postcards From the Edge (which was adapted to film), her one-woman show Wishful



Carrie Fisher is pictured (back row, fourth from left) with her Girl Scout troop, led by her mother Debbie Reynolds (far right). The troop visited the Fox lot in the late 1960s, when Omar Sharif (pictured back) was filming Che! Also pictured: Judy Lovitz, Laurie Linden, Linda Corbin, Terry Hyman, Susan Schumer, Michele Rosenroth, Jolene Cherry, Julie Hofstein, Lisa Feldman, Liz Schroeder, Andrea Wasserman, Bonnie Smigel, Cathy Avchen, Wendy Coleman, Laura Prince, Denise Winner

Drinking, and her memoir The Princess Diarist. She is survived by her daugh-

ter Billie Lourd, brother Todd Fisher '76, and half sisters Joely Fisher '85 and Tricia Fisher '86. he founded R.S.V.P. Realty in 1973. The business prospered for more than 40 years. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Jody; sister, Anita Aratow '60: his children. Melissa Kell and Greg Sharpe; and his four grandsons. He loved his days at Beverly and was happy to have a reunion with some of his friends in 2012.

estate broker in Arizona at the time

Wendy Berman Plaster '65, co-



founder of Signature Homes and co-chair of Nevada Ballet Theatre, passed away July 30, 2016, at her Las

Vegas home surrounded by family. She received a degree in Russian literature from UC Berkeley (1969) and was awarded a teaching credential from USC. After teaching seventh grade in California, Wendy moved to Las Vegas with her husband Richard in

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1973. They founded Signature Homes in 1978. Wendy led marketing and interior design efforts for many years. She continued to design models with energy and excitement through the end of her life. Over the years, Wendy devoted time and resources to numerous charities, including the Meadows School, where she served on the Board of Trustees for 14 years. She worked to advance the city's cultural life by serving as cochair of Nevada Ballet Theatre and as a founding board member of the Las Vegas Philharmonic. She also served on the regional board of Planned Parenthood while supporting Nathan Adelson Hospice, HELP of Southern Nevada, Women's Philanthropy, the Rape Crisis Center, Domestic Crisis shelter, Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow and the Discovery Children's Museum. Wendy was preceded in death by her sister, Hilary Berman. In October 2015, she and Richard celebrated their 40th anniversary with their sons, Brian (Maggie) and Morgan; their daughter, Jillian (Ian); her sister, Mari (Roy); and her brother, Steven. She is also survived by three grandchildren.

### Richard George Burleigh '66



passed away peacefully in his sleep at his Soulsbyville, Calif. home on Jan. 1, 2016. He was well known as the

founding owner of Fire on the Mountain Productions, a business that produces craft fairs and music festivals and has drawn hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Mother Lode for more than four decades. Burleigh moved to Tuolumne County in the early 1970s and opened Fire on the Mountain Stained Glass Studio in Twain Harte. There he designed and built art-glass windows for a growing business and housing market. He started his first Christmas Crafts Festival at the Mother Lode

Fairgrounds in 1975, as an additional means of selling his stained glass, and started the Twain Harte Summer Arts and Crafts Festival the following year. He soon found that he preferred the high volume of this human contact to the quiet confines of his glass studio. Once he began working full time on the festivals, Richard and his wife and partner Corinne Grandstaff added the Sonora Blues Festival and fairs in Auburn. Modesto and Sacramento to their resumes. As their children grew, Fire on the Mountain Productions became a family-run business. Richard was a founding member of the Tuolumne County Arts Council and an early supporter of the Strawberry Music Festival. He is survived by his wife Corinne, his daughter Kailee Burleigh, his stepson Christopher Grandstaff, stepdaughter Sarah and her husband Eli Loughmiller, Rebecca Stange, and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert '68 and R. Dennis.

Lee Keiter Miller '69 passed away



June 28, 2016 after a long, hardfought tug-of-war with cancer. Lee her formative years at Beverly (where she met her

husband and love of her life, Steve Miller '69), University of Denver,



Honoring Matthew Blake Wallens '88. Beverly Hills Fire Chief Ralph Mundell presented a flag to the family of Wallens at the City of Beverly Hills' ceremony marking the 15th anniversary of 9/11. Wallens, who was a senior vice president at Cantor Fitzgerald, perished in the Sept. 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center.

UCLA and Pepperdine. She worked as a mommy-and-me instructor and elementary school teacher before finding her true calling as the founder and owner of CalWest Educators Placement, which matched teachers with independent schools in Southern California and beyond. Lee played a part in placing thousands of teachers in the state. For the past three years she specialized in doing searches for heads of schools and other senior school leaders. Meanwhile, she was also an extraordinary mother to Jeff, Brian and David Miller, along with dozens of their friends who considered her a "second mom." She opened her house to anyone and organized outings and trips for

friends, with no diagnosis ever stopping her from being a relentless ball of energy. In just the past few years, she visited Jamaica, Cuba, Europe, Panama, Mexico, Hawaii and many more destinations, played games with family, had adventures and reunited with longlost friends. Only Lee could have arranged to have her manicure done after being checked into the hospital! Along with her husband and sons, she is survived by her mother Constance Keiter; her sister Kathy Hakim '71; her brother Ken Keiter '73 and his wife Nancy; and her brothers- and sisters-in-law Marc and Cindy Miller and Marla and Steve Goldberg.

Michael Schweitzer '70 passed away May 26, 2016 due to

History teacher begueaths \$200,000 to BHUSD

Longtime Beverly history teacher Salvatore Occhipinti left \$200,000 to the Beverly Hills Unified School District after his death. He taught at Beverly for 35 years before retiring in 1985.

Toward the end of his career. his curriculum focused on teaching Modern Civilization. His course also hosted the infamous "Culture Vulture."

Mavor John Mirisch '81 had Occhipinti for tenth grade European History and remembers him as one of his favorite teachers.

"Culture Vulture' became legendary at [the high school]," Mirisch said. "It was [an activity] that reminded us history is about much more than just dates and names. I'm blown away by the donation. I think it shows, not only did he make an impression on his students, but there was a mutual affection. It is one of the qualities that makes our city and our [schools] so special."

News of Occhipinti's endowment Ken prompted

Goldman '60 to write to Beverlv Hills Weekly: "Salvatore



Occhipinti ... was one of the formative teachers in my

high school, college and postgrad education. He challenged us and made us think. He had a lasting effect on me and many. many others of his students. I will always be grateful to him."

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

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cardiovascular disease. He was a retired attorney, a graduate of UCLA Law School, an accomplished musician, and an enthusiastic expert on computers, film and audio/video technics.

Lori Rosenthal Shepherd '73 passed away Sept. 3, 2016. Lori was the middle child of a family



A Sept. 3, 2016. Lori Idle child of a family of five kids. She had the best of both worlds. Two big sisters (Dale and Lynn) who tried to be role models, and a younger

brother and sister (Jay and Dana) who made sure she had one foot in the sandbox. The family moved to Beverly Hills when Lori was only 5. She attended El Rodeo, where her oldest sister also taught kindergarten, and then Beverly. But Lori was not college bound like most of her classmates. She made a few left turns, had a few marriages that didn't work out, and didn't know what she wanted to do when she grew up. She tried on a few jobs, but nothing was the perfect fit until she became a court reporter. That was the career that spanned her entire adult life until she took early retirement in 2008. It was during those years and beyond that she matured into her own skin and became a role model and a leader. She was a wonderful mother to her proudest accomplishments, her two sons, Blake and Ty Belshe. It was also a time when she became very health conscious. She didn't

### Whitcomb '48, Dear Meg advice columnist

Margaret Whittle Whitcomb '48 (aka "Dear Meg") of Pawling, N.Y. passed away in her home on Oct. 1, 2016 surrounded by her family. She was a published author, syndicated columnist and politico.

Whitcomb began her writing career as the society and general news reporter at Beverly. She attended the University of Colorado at Boulder and lived in Paris and Rome before landing in New York. There she worked for *Life* magazine and the United Nations as an international affairs correspondent. She also was a press briefing officer for President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1973, Meg added "Dear" to her name when she convinced Rupert Murdoch to add a weekly advice column to his first U.S. publication, *The Star*. The audience for her unconventional advice grew rapidly, and the nationally syndicated column was read by more than 15 million readers who turned to her daily column for guidance, humor and support. She later became editor-in-chief at *50 Plus Magazine* for several years. Her advice reached the airwaves when she hosted a



**Meg Whittle Whitcomb '48** late night talk radio show with WNBC followed by weekly television spots with Regis Philbin. She also authored three books in the self-help category.

In retirement, Whitcomb volunteered with the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage and the Living Desert Museum and the College of the Desert, both in Palm Desert.

Dear Meg is survived by her children, stepchildren and grandchildren: Michael, Lindsay (husband Bob, her children Nathan and Heather), Bruce (wife Brenda, his son Max), Glenny (husband Jerry, children Julian, Miles and Maya); Mary (husband John, daughter Emily); and Arthur Jr. (wife Gail). Meg was preceded in death by her husband Arthur Whitcomb and two brothers, Harold "Hal" Whittle, Jr. and Alex Whittle. eat anything that wasn't healthy, she exercised daily, played her beautiful piano, learned to play the violin and the guitar, took Spanish and French classes at Saddleback College, traveled to destinations including Italy (twice), France and Alaska. She had a comfortable relationship with her longtime boyfriend, Norman Aprati.

John Shepard Levy '74, of Los

Gatos, passed away Aug. 3, 2016. Born on St. Paddy's Day in 1956, John was destined to marry his wife, Paddy O'Regan. She and the



three kids that he proudly parented, (Rvan, Shauna and Siobhan Wynne) adored him. John and his twin brother, Robert Levy '74, were born in Beverly Hills back in the days of riding Stingray bikes to the hardware store on Rodeo Drive. There, they spent their childhood under the roof of their parents, with their sister Karen Lipsky '72. John attended college at UCLA and law school at Whittier Law School. He worked for business affairs in the entertainment industry for close to 30 years. In addition to John's love of his home, Los Angeles, John relished living in the Santa Cruz Mountains, his final residence. He loved the outdoors, hiking locally and out of state. John was a family man, immensely enjoying the company of his immediate and extended family any chance he got. Beth Hersh Goldsmith '75 passed away Nov. 29, 2015. She dedicated her life to the service of others, fighting for the freedom of Soviet Jews, working to end cults, serving as the executive director of both the Athritis Foundation and Concern Foundation, and serving as the founding executive director at the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Gordon; son Noah; daughter Aliza; and brother Andrew (Sydell). Wendi Cherry '79 passed away Dec. 28, 2016, following a battle

with multiple system atrophy (MSA). Her family has shared her story with the Translational Genomics Research Institute to raise awareness and support research for MSA, a rare progressive neurological disease that impacts daily activities gradually and eventually leads to death: "As a wife, mother, chef, family therapist and school counselor, Wendi led a very productive life. [She] always sent beautifully handwritten notes of thanks, birthday and anniversary greetings, and recipes to her family and friends. It was when she noticed her handwriting getting smaller that she knew something wasn't right. Wendi was always meticulous in

her appearance and when she was not able to shampoo and style her own hair she pushed her doctors for



answers. She was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease at age 49. Her symptoms progressed despite treatment. After many tests, changes in medications, second, third and fourth opinions, Wendi was diagnosed with MSA at the age of 53. Wendi was determined to make the most of her time and chose to only share this news with her family. She was determined not to let MSA impact the one thing that meant the most to her-her relationships. It was through her family and friends that she found her strength and her peace."

### Lauren Dorfman-Boroumand

**'03** passed away Oct. 11, 2016, following a five-month battle with adrenal cancer. She is survived by her husband,



Amir Boroumand, and her parents, Risa and Dan Buben.

### Faculty / Staff

**Dolores Fitchman,** longtime El Rodeo vice principal, passed

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away Feb. 7, 2017. Growing up in Hollywood where her dad worked for several of the major movie studios, she



starred with Shirley Temple in many of her movies such as On the Good Ship Lollipop. Dolores had her SAG card for many years. She was rediscovered by a director at the age of 16. Dolores tried acting school but she wanted a college education. After graduating from UCLA with bachelor's and master's degrees, she began her teaching career in Lynwood. She later taught in Long Beach and finally ended up in Beverly Hills. Dolores dedicated her life to the education of children as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal and then principal. She led El Rodeo to become a California Distinguished School. After 30 years, she retired to pursue another interest dear to her heart-the welfare of animals. She was active as a docent for many years at the Santa Barbara Zoo, where she also served on the Board of Directors and was recognized as Woman of the Year. She also served on the Board of Directors for the National Police Dog Foundation and was a benefactor to numerous animal groups and zoos. She was an active member of the Oxnard Shores community, serving on the neighborhood council. Dolores is survived by her next of kin, Letty Lou Thornton.

her Los Angeles home on Dec. 8, 2016, due to pancreatic cancer. She was 92. Over her 62 years as an educator, she had a beneficial effect on thousands of students and co-workers. She attended Santa Monica High, graduating in 1941, and the University of Redlands.

graduating in 1944. She taught third through sixth grades in the Santa Monica Unified School District for five years. After



her children reached school age, she returned to teaching in 1959at El Rodeo. For several years she taught all subjects at the sixth grade level and then spent the remainder of her career teaching seventh and eighth grade mathematics. After retiring in 1988, she continued a vigorous schedule of substitute teaching, tutoring and mentoring students, and volunteer work at El Rodeo until just a few weeks before her death. She loved to travel, visiting six continents and most of our National Parks. She had a special love for Yosemite, leading many school senior class trips. Even after her diagnosis she went to Croatia last summer, and to the Utah national parks with her son in October. She loved music and attended many concerts and operas. Survivors include her son, Richard; her daughter-inlaw, Rachel; and granddaughter, Rebeca. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold; her son, James; and her daughter, Kathryn.

### Patricia Melniker, longtime El Rodeo teacher, passed away in

# In Memoríam

There was limited or no information provided regarding the Normans listed who have passed away: Joseph Santley '35 Marjorie Craddock Elliott '39 Philip Shean '39 Robert Howell '41 Hal Tamblin '43 Patricia Keene Wilcox '44 Rex Shudde '47 James Westmore '48 Phillip S. Glasgow '55 Ian Staton Lapin '57 James Ansen '61 Roxanna Adams Auer '67 Bill Wedel '69 Cara Connery '84 Rob Pehrson '90 Katherine Beradino '91 Natalie Korngute Hall '11 Frank Memmer (Ret. faculty) Bonnie Miller (Ret. faculty) Ruth Kaskey (Ret. El Rodeo fac.)

### Former El Rodeo teacher Bill Porter

Bill Porter passed away peacefully on Nov. 10 surrounded by his family, including his wife of 38 years, Sandra Porter; his two daughters, Kelly Porter and Tracy Robinson; his granddaughter, Jocelyn Robinson; and his sonin-law Mark Sanchez. He is also survived by granddaughters Ariella Robinson and Anjalena Sanchez.

In 1961, Porter joined the faculty at El Rodeo. He taught both the elementary and middle school grades there until he retired in 1988.

Porter was also an adventurer, an athlete, an artist and a craftsman. Born in 1930, he grew up in what he called the "Golden Age" of the San Fernando Valley. Porter went to Van Nuys High where he ran varsity track. After graduating high school, he volunteered into the US Army and served in the Korean War. Porter ran track for the Army in Colorado after returning from Korea. Porter went on to Valley College, which is known today as CSU Northridge.

Many students, up until his death, continued to visit Porter, who told loving and colorful stories of his teaching career.

BHUSD Superintendent Steve

Kessler '71 remembers Porter as the teacher who inspired his own career in education. " M r . Porter began



teaching at El Rodeo in 1961 and as my 5th grade teacher in 1963 was the teacher who motivated me in becoming a teacher." Kessler said. "He and I kept our relationship up throughout the years and it was Mr. Porter who helped me secure a teaching position in the BHUSD. He [was one of] the mentors I would turn to for advice during my years as a teacher and administrator in the district. I, along with many other students throughout the years, was so fortunate to have Mr. Porter as [my] teacher."

Porter fondly remembered his time as a counselor at Circle K Ranch in Colorado. Porter recruited many a youth from the Beverly Hills area to attend this summer camp and consequently gave them all lifetime memories of magical, wild, horseback riding summers.

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cellent field trips. One was a rock and mineral collecting trip during the planetary geology unit. I still have the opalite and opals I collected at our last stop! One was to Solar One to examine photovoltaic cells and a couple of times we went to see the space shuttle land at Edwards Air Force Base. Freshman year we got together at 5 a.m. in front of the school to look at a grand syzygy, which is when the planets all line up, apparently a rare event.

Senior year, one other lab technician and myself, along with Mr. Seidel, tried many times to see a rocket launch, even taking a small airplane to get to the Air Force base (which I seem to recall was Vandenberg Air Force Base) where it was to launch. It was a NASA record for scrubs (13 field attempts!) and we never got to see it launch in the end.

As a lab technician, we ran a planetarium show during my junior year. I can't remember the name of the show but it started with the line, "The universe doesn't end with a whimper, it begins with one," and we blasted the strobe light to set the mood. The show was about chimpanzees trying to write the entire works of Shakespeare randomly. We used slides, lasers and of course the stars. To be honest it was kind of a confusing show, but people enjoyed coming into the planetarium and we enjoyed the opportunity to run the planetarium.

Thanks for doing a piece on the planetarium. It was a valuable asset to have at a high school. We were super lucky to have had the experience.

### – Eliza Rayner '85

I don't think memories of the planetarium would be complete without mention of David Seidel '77. He was part of many planetarium shows in the 1970s. He went on to work at Griffith Planetarium and is now at JPL.

I always enjoyed the shows at the planetarium and have a special

## Remember the 1982 OINGO BOINGO concerts at the Swim Gym?



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place for Pink Floyd's *Dark Side of the Moon* after it was the main music for one planetarium show. – *Hal Schloss '77* 

I made plans to meet my then-girlfriend, Sharon [Reynolds], at Beverly to go out shopping together on March 31, 1999. I had been working on these plans for almost one year in advance! I asked her to meet me at the planetarium so that I could show her something "new and cool." Of course, she did not sound too enthusiastic about this on the cell phone, but being the trooper that she was, she agreed to meet me at the planetarium to see what this new, cool thing was.

In the planetarium at Beverly, there were speakers embedded in the dome and three slide projectors that displayed images on the dome, which together, created quite the visual and auditory experience. For almost one year in advance, I had been taking pictures of our life together—our families, our church, various things we had done together and my students. I had to use special slide film to take the pictures so that they could be displayed in the planetarium.

As soon as Sharon arrived, I started the music and the slide projector. The song that was playing



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Dan and Sharon Stepenosky

was "We Are One," by Kiss. Interspersed throughout the slideshow, there were images of the students holding up poster board that said, "We Are One." These images played at the appropriate times when these lyrics came up in the chorus. The funny part was that when we were taking the pictures, I did not tell any of the students what the slideshow was about because I was afraid they would share with everybody in the world! One of the students said, "Hey, Mr. Step, why doesn't it say, 'We Are Number One?"" and of course, I only laughed and smiled because it wasn't about them, it was about them being a special part of my proposal to my future wife.

So I played the song, showed the slides, and at the very end, I got down on one knee in the planetarium, on that Blue Moon, March 31, 1999, and asked Sharon to marry me. And the rest is history!

We were married on June 10, 2000, at Saint Monica Catholic Church. Approximately 30 students came to our wedding, and one year later, a number of students from Madrigals actually sang and recorded the song, "We are One" for our one-year anniversary.

– Dr. Dan Stepenosky Superintendent, Las Virgenes Unified School District Former BHHS principal and physics teacher