PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We have completed the transition to new leadership team for the Burlingame High School Alumni Association. I have had the extreme pleasure and privilege of serving on the Alumni Board the past 5 years under Mike McQueen and our recent Co-Presidents Terry Naylor ’59 and Judy Falk Chiasson ’59 who have headed up the BHSAA for the last 3 years. A lot of changes were undertaken over those last 3 years.

I along with the entire BHSAA Board and Alumni want to personally thank Terry and Judy for their dedication, support and creativity in implementing the changes listed below.

Under Terry and Judy’s leadership the Alumni Association has:
- Created our “dedicated” website: http://burlingamealumni.org
- Started a Facebook group – https://www.facebook.com/groups/141196412431848/.
- Expanded our Panther Postscripts newsletter. It’s now available in PDF format to read, print and download from our website.
- Increased our membership throughout the USA and internationally
- Offered BHS Alumni Apparel for sale at local events and on our website.
- Honored graduating seniors with Alumni Scholarships.
- Selected outstanding Alumni for our Alumni of the Year Award.
- Added to the expanding list of our Athletic Hall of Fame.
- Recognized a BHS Classified Employee of the Year.
- Sponsored deserving representatives to Boys and Girls State
- Created a Reunion Guide for classes as a template for their reunions.
- Recruited new board members and volunteers to the Alumni team.

But now they are ready to move on – Judy will continue to work on the growth and monitoring of our website, Terry will take on her former role as Secretary to the Board. The leadership for 2016-2017 is in great hands with the continuing involvement of these Board Members:

President - Rusty Knudsen ’74
VP / Treasurer - Jeff Tateosian ’74
Secretary - Terry Naylor ’59
Advisor - Dennis Zell ’90
Historian - Linda Vickery McLaughlin ’67
Reunion Chairs - Laura Hesselgren ’75 and Jan Privitera ’75
Panther Postscripts - Rusty Knudsen ’74 and Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen ’74
Alumni Apparel Sales - Len Lubrano ’64
Athletic Hall of Fame – Rusty Knudsen, Dave Steil ’74, Len Lubrano ’64
Photographer – Dianne Knudsen ’74
Website Mgr.-Judy Falk Chiasson ’59
Spokesperson - Peter Cleaveland ’58
Corresponding Sec -Connie Mills ’59
Hospitality – Arlene Borelli Hipsher ’53

We are all looking forward to a most exciting year ahead, working with newly appointed BHS Principal Paul Belzer and implementing new ideas, goals and leadership!

Get to Know Principal
Paul Belzer

The new school year brought changes in staffing, including a new principal. I am pleased to welcome Principal Paul Belzer to Burlingame High School! For the past ten years, Mr. Belzer has served as Principal of Mills High School, one of our sister schools in our district. After receiving his Bachelor of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Master of Arts in Education from San Francisco State, he began his career as an English teacher at West High School in the Kern High School District and at Half Moon Bay High School. Outside the classroom, he served as a varsity soccer coach.

He then went on to accept an Assistant Principal position at Half Moon Bay High School and Capuchino High School. A resident of San Mateo, he and his wife have two children, both of whom attend Aragon High School this year. He enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing, camping, and hiking. With his knowledge of our district, he will be a strong advocate for our students and staff.

Go Panthers!
Our Alumnus of the year, graduated from Burlingame High School in 1972 where he not only excelled as a student but also in sports basketball and baseball.

He is a member of the BHS Sports Hall of Fame where he and his father are the only father son duo to win this award.

He pursued teaching as a career and started coaching basketball in 1988.

He coached basketball at BHS for 4 years in the 90's before moving to a private school in Los Altos called Pinewood School. He's been there ever since and has won 6 State Championships with the Pinewood Panthers Girls Varsity Basketball team.

In 2014, Cal-Hi Sports named him California's Coach of the Year.

In 2015, He was inducted into the Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame along with other notable inductees that year, former 1984 Olympic Gold Medal winners in wrestling, Brothers Dave and Mark Schultz and MLB Commissioner and 1984 USA Olympic organizer, Peter Ueberroth.

Burlingame High School is proud to announce The 2016 Alumnus of the Year,

Doc Scheppler ‘72

Will Lambson - Will has made the most of his time at BHS. As a dedicated student, an athlete and a leader, he is currently very involved in Baseball, playing on the varsity team. He’s played varsity baseball all four years at BHS, along with varsity football, where he was Lineman of the Year in 2013 and won the Coaches Award in Fall, 2015. http://burlingamealumni.org/Will_Lambson_2016_Scholarship_Recipient

Ilana Parness - Ilana’s family has resided in the Burlingame community for decades, including her grandparents, her uncle, and both of her parents. Her father, Alan Parness, graduated from BHS in 1982. Her sister, Sabrina, received a BHSAA scholarship in 2014. Family experiences motivated Ilana to actively participate in Relay for Life to support people with cancer. http://burlingamealumni.org/Ilan a_Parness_2016_Scholarship

Sarah Shaffer - While attending Burlingame High School, Sarah has created her own private swim lesson business, been a camp counselor, a lifeguard and a swim instructor at BAC. Her mother, Pamela Kleebauer Shaffer, graduated from BHS in 1988, and her sister, Haley, received an Alumni Scholarship when she graduated in 2015. Sarah founded the Burlingame Triathlon Club, was involved in SIA, Advanced Leadership, Service Commission and was the Fundraising Commissioner. http://burlingamealumni.org/2016_Scholarship_Sarah_Shaffer

Anna Isabella Utrata - Three generations of Anna’s family have attended BHS. Anna’s great-grandfather and her grandmother, Linda Nicolaides Merrifield, Class of 1954, graduated from Burlingame High School. Anna started high school at Burlingame, transferred to the Fusion Academy for her sophomore and junior years, and returned as a senior to graduate from BHS. http://burlingamealumni.org/Anna_Isabella_Utrata_2016_Scholarship

We have made the move to an “Official” BHS Alumni Website, which is where you will get the newsletters, reunion information and all things assigned to Burlingame High School. Don’t be fooled or confused with other sites like Classmates.com or AlumniClass.com. By their own admission, they are not affiliated with BHS. Please follow your
alumni and school activity on the only sanctioned Website dedicated to Burlingame High School Alumni. If it doesn’t say, “Official Website Of The Burlingame High School Alumni Association”, then it isn’t. You will find us on the website listed below at http://burlingamealumni.org/ Please sign in and register on the BHS Alumni site today, it looks like the picture below.

Past Alumni Newsletters (called Panther Postscripts) can also be found online as well as Hall of Fame inductees, Alumnus of the Year, In-Memory of alumni and soon the Photo Gallery section. We also have a new Reunion Guide that gives many ideas and suggestions, including a timeline if your class is just starting to plan its reunion. Find more under Reunion Section on page 3.

**BHS ALUMNI APPAREL**

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

**Different Tee Shirts, Black baseball Hats**

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

**BHS Alumni – Lifetime Members**

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

BHS would like to acknowledge the Newest Lifetime BHSAA Members: Eileen Cairns ’76, Carla Demas Farris ’74, Valerie Fick ’58, Elizabeth (Betsy) Fowle ’60, Margaret Giuntoli ’58, Roger Graham ’67, Louise Marie Hall ’62, Tracy Hazlett Scheck ’84, Micki McCloskey Kell ’73, Dianne Ragozzino Knudsen ’74, Sue Kell Peletta ’74, Richard Sherrod ’73, Jeff Tateosian ’74 and Steven Taylor ’63.

**WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF BHS.**

To become a BHSAA Life Time Member, log onto our web site http://burlingamealumni.org/form.php?form_id=8 and sign up today.

**BHS Sports Hall of Fame**

The Hall of Fame will be in November this year. We have a solid group of Nominee’s that would make all Panther’s proud.

The following represents this year’s class: A Football and Softball Coach who has won several championships. A 2x CCS winning Baseball Coach. A couple of Varsity Football players who went on to play for D1 schools. A record breaking and CCS winning Girls Softball Team. A highly decorated women’s Tennis player. A men’s Baseball player who was drafted several times by MLB and played D1 Football. The recipients will be highlighted in the next newsletter edition.

**BHS Alumni Reunions Coming This Fall**

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

We urge you to visit if you haven’t recently, especially if your BHS class is having a reunion in the upcoming year. 2017 will represent reunion possibilities for the following BHS classes:

- 5 year for 2012 10 year for 2007
- 15 year for 2002 20 year for 1997
- 25 year for 1992 30 year for 1987
- 35 year for 1982 40 year for 1977
- 45 year for 1972 50 year for 1967
- 55 year for 1962 60 year for 1957
- 65 year for 1952 70 year for 1947
- 75 year for 1942 80 year for 1937

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

Classes of 1957, 1967, 1968, & 1992 are planning a reunion this year! Check the reunion page at burlingamealumni.org for further details as they are provided to us!
IN MEMORIAM

Marshall Umpleby (Teacher)......10/16
John Rando (Teacher)............12/16
Kathryn McIntosh '35.............1/16
Gordon Sidney Covel '39.......7/16
Sidney H Cantwell '40...........9/15
Bill Bardet '41....................7/16
John “Jack” Grant Frey '45.....2/16
Agnes Costa Harman '45........3/16
Marcella “Mickey” Eppinger Fleming '45..........7/15
David Carr '49....................1/16
Leonard Cohn '53................1/16
Eric Sterner '53...................12/16
Denise Clorinda Figone '56....6/11
Arnold Lambbrook '56..........N/A
Richard Carlson '59.............12/15
Jonathan Wisnom '63............12/15
Mike Tuckman '72..............N/A
James “Jimmy” Levi Hutchinson Jr. '73..............2/16
Patti McElroy '80.................1/15
Robert Glennon '93.............1/16
Ryan Osberg '95..................1/16
Dawn Marie Lopez '82...........2016

The family’s goal is to provide a $1000 annual scholarship to a BHS student with superior writing skills. With a nest egg of $10,000 they can fund this honorary scholarship for a decade, perhaps longer. If you have other questions, please email: amyump@gmail.com

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Don Rones '34 just celebrated his 100th birthday in October 2016 and he told us, “Hi-There is little to say after the great article last year. I am no longer playing golf due to a bad hip. We just live a normal life: dinner at the Elks twice a week etc. Going to have a new hip next month. Just living day to day and enjoying life. It is great hearing from the alumni association. Sincerely, Don.”

And we love hearing from you Don. Happy Belated Birthday by the way. 100 years old was never better. You are an inspiration.

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Ann Christiansen Dorst ’47 I graduated in 1947 and am 87 yrs. old, and I love to catch up on my fellow grads. Did you know that our group (an average of 10-12) still meet every 3 months for lunch at the Burlingame golf course?—thanks to Pat and Cliff Donley. No walkers yet!!! We may even have a 70th reunion!

Ann, we’re here to help. Check in with our reunion committee. By the way, my Mom, Nancy “Baldwin” Knudsen graduated in 1948 and I’m sure would love to catch up with you young ladies.

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Class of 1957 is planning a reunion this year! Check the reunion page at burlingamealumni.org for further details as they are provided to us!

Ray Sterner ’58 wrote to let us know his brother Eric Sterner ’53 passed away on 12/4/16 from cancer

William J. Wheeler ’59 passed away on 7/3/15. Classmate Judy Chiasson tells us: Bill attended Washington Elementary School and Burlingame Intermediate School. He began BHS with the class of 1959, but when he was a sophomore, both of his parents died, and without other relatives to support him, he experienced some very difficult years. Bill graduated from high school and began working immediately to support his young family. He found a profession in plastic manufacturing, namely injection molding of plastics. He worked in Minnesota and
Missouri, but returned to California to finish the last 25 years of his career at Raychem Corporation in Menlo Park. Bill passed away, after a brief illness, on July 3, 2015. He lived in San Jose and is survived by his wife, Maurine Wheeler, his daughter Cheryl Blankenbaker, and four grandchildren.

**60’s**

**Class of 1967** is planning a reunion this year! Check the reunion page at burlingamealumni.org for further details as they are provided to us!

**Taylor Kelly class of ’68** “Looking at all the pictures on Facebook was a great blast from the past. You all look so great and I can’t wait for our 50th. We live in San Carlos and part time in Hawaii. Life’s been good and I’ve got a feeling the rest of our lives will be the BEST OF OUR LIVES. See you soon. My name was Lee Masterson and now it’s Taylor Lee Kelly.”

**Jere Rae-Mansfield ’68** says: Class of 1968, to stay in touch with alumni and find out more about reunions, please join this Official Page/Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/48030122405/

**Bob ‘Cully’ Cullinen class of ’68** on Facebook back in November 27, 2015

“It’s been almost 30 years since the Indian Head Band had a reunion at Route 66 (October, 1986) in Burlingame. We invited everybody that had a vague memory of us. Check out the video on Facebook under Burlingame High School Class of 1968 of Backdoor Man. Rich Bulotti filmed the crowd which included Nadine, Duncan, Jose, Karen, Mike and many more band members include: Pete Charles, Steve Seligman, Mike Butler, Ed Valentine, Bob Cullinen, & Linda Persike.”

**Dona Bretherick** writes: “Age is dimming my memories. I attended BHS in the 60’s, but none of the folks mentioned seem familiar. Somewhere in a storage locker there are probably BHS yearbooks, altho can't be sure. BHS seem very far away. My years at UCB are much clearer. If anyone remembers my BHS class & would like to let me know, just send me an e-mail. d.bretherick@yahoo.com. What was interesting was the current map as I can remember the map of BHS when I was there. Dona”

**Carole Washburn ’69** and her husband drove to Lincoln, CA to see Carole’s high school friend Delores (Dee) Cotton was there. Dona”

**Mathews ’69** after 20 years of not seeing one another. Dee lives in Lincoln with her husband Bud. Carole and her husband Verne live in Shelton, WA, and Green Valley, AZ. They had the best time ever together! See the picture of the two of them below.

**70’s**

**Anastasia (Vasey) Mandrussov ’78**. Tells us: “I married at age 24 and have 3 grown daughters. My eldest delivered her first child in October; so my husband and I are Grandparents for the first time! I am an Occupational Therapist working for the past 14 years in mental rehabilitation. I work on the forensic unit at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital. Outside of work I love doing anything outdoors: hiking, camping, skiing, swimming and observing animals, rivers, oceans and trees. I still keep in touch with a few friends from high school days. I have great memories of hanging in the sunny "hot spot" with my friends in the schoolyard and cruising around looking for the good parties on the weekends! Of course trying to better my brain skills was important to me too ;). I liked writing in English classes and I loved Geometry with Mr. Fielder and Algebra with Mr. McCord who was also my cross-country running coach. High School was overall a good experience for me with so many good memories. I feel grateful I attended BHS and grew up in beautiful Burlingame”

**80’s**

**Tim Knudsen ’81** is the Head football & Head softball coach at Maple Lake High School in Minnesota. Tim is counting the days until the lady Irish invade Burlingame, California for spring training! Tim has made the trip 4 times now over the past 8 years. His softball team looks forward to this trip, as most of them have never been to California. Of course one of the first stops is the ocean. They also get a chance for a day in San Francisco and they take in a softball game at Stanford. Tim invites his Alumni friends to come watch them play their Scrimmages on March 27th @ Saint Ignatius 4pm March 28th @ San Mateo 4pm March 29th @ Woodside 4pm

**BHS Panthers Playing Maple Lake, MN**

**90’s**

**Class of 1992** is planning a reunion this year! Check the reunion page at burlingamealumni.org for further details as they are provided to us!

**00’s**

**Class 00’s**, We’d love to hear from you.
This year’s Alumni Golf Tournament was held at San Mateo’s Poplar Creek Muni on Friday May 6th. BHS Alumni spanning 1957-2014 played a scramble format. The weather was light drizzle but that didn’t stop the alumni from enjoying another fun round of golf.

Alumni of all experience levels assaulted the links at Poplar Creek. Everyone enjoyed a great experience with low pressure and laughter & stories to last another year. We all survived Derek Barton’s Pabst Blue Ribbon pants, which were a welcome change from the fiery orange and black he wore last year.

Please contact me as we usually plan on 48 players. But something tells me this year may bring more. We’ll need 80 to go for a shotgun start, which would be the goal. So please get back to me a.s.a.p. Rusty Knudsen email address is BHSALumni74@gmail.com

Last year Team Winners; Darrell McCool ’75, Dan McLinden ’75, Ed Ferguson and Steve McLinden won the overall (pictured below)
To the victors go the spoils

Bill Nagle & Roger Graham survive the round

Rusty and Dianne Knudsen. Dianne takes all the pictures for both the golf and baseball events. Many Thanks Dianne!

This year’s Alumni Baseball Game was held at Washington Park on Saturday May 7th. BHS Alumni spanning 1957-2014 came to play and re-connect with past teammates and classmates.

In a throwback nod to our youthful days, the event was of course (age appropriate) “Over-the-line” as the players are getting to old to round the bases. But as everyone attested, this format suited everyone perfectly and all had a “ball”

Come on out and “PLAY BALL!” Players of all experience levels are welcome and are promised a great experience. The old timers game is low key, low pressure and virtually a glorified softball game. But what other event allows you to hit a hardball on the diamond and run 90’ bases. Everyone has a great time and enjoys the camaraderie and friendships re-established at this event. Coaches Bob Milano, John DeVos, Terry Christman and Rich Scuitto have graced this event
and always look forward to attending and sharing stories with fellow players.

Please contact me with your intent to play. We’re looking to hold two games this year again. The first game with the “older” Alumni is a low-key baseball game followed by the younger alumni in a more competitive format. So please get back to me a.s.a.p., so I can start setting up the teams and venue Rusty Knudsen my email address is as follows, BHSALumni74@gmail.com the games are usually followed by dinner, venue for 2017 event is still first weekend in May.
This aerial view shows the upgrades BHS has gone through over the years. It is a campus we can all be proud of. At your next reunion, be sure to schedule a tour of the campus updates.

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

**BHS Alumni Association**

**2017 Meeting Schedule**

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Leonard “Len” Lubrano ’64, David Steil ’74, Laura Hesselgren ’75, Jan Privitera ’75

Attention: We are updating our files. Please let us know your email address. Send to Judy Falk Chiasson
c/o BHS Alumni Association, 1 Mangini Way, Burlingame, CA 94010 or email
info@burlingamealumni.org

BHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

☐ For membership dues: $15 per alum per year.
☐ For Life Membership: $100 per alum.

☐ For the BHSAA programs (tax deductible).
☐ For the BHSAA scholarships (tax deductible).
☐ For the BHSAA Athletic Hall of Fame (tax deductible).
☐ For the Mike McQueen scholarship fund (tax deductible).
☐ For a donation “In Honor of /In Memory of…” please attach note (tax deductible).

☐ PLEASE UPDATE MY EMAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS.
☐ Please mail the Panther Postscripts to the following BHS alum
(name and address attached).

Sign up and pay online at burlingamealumni.org  Today’s Date____________________

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Maiden Name ______________________ Your BHS Class Year __________

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