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# Normans past & present shine



# New series features grads & current students in conversation

The BHUSD has launched a new social media series that pairs current students with alumni who work in fields the students are interested in pursuing.

The series, produced in collaboration with the Cont. on p. 34



# 2025 production of "Mary Poppins" celebrates show's alumni connections

Beverly High's Performing Arts Department brought the magic of *Mary Poppins* to life in a dazzling, full-scale production that marked the school's first-ever staging of the beloved musical. The production united students from across the department, *Cont. on p. 41* 



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On Highlights' masthead Lived." It is excerpted from the following poem:

#### Salutation of the Dawn

Look to this day, For it is the very life of life. In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence;

The glory of action, The bliss of growth, The splendor of beauty, For yesterday is but a dream and

Tomorrow is only a vision; But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness,

And every tomorrow a vision of hope, Look well, therefore, to this

day.

is the phrase "Today Well

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Left to right: Noah Furie '77, Lilly Lewis '74, Josh Gross '91, Joanna Stingray '78, Candace Chen '87. Not pictured: Elyse Beardsley '76

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## President's Message - Josh Gross '91

Hello fellow Normans:

Construction at Beverly High continues. Buildings B3 and B4, which include the K.L. Peters Auditorium and the Salter Family Theater, closed for many years, will reopen in August.

For those of you who have messaged me lamenting the condition of the BHHS front lawn, please keep in mind it is currently being used for construction staging, but the plan is to return that beautiful rolling lawn to its previous configuration when the modernization process is complete. Be patient, hopefully all of this construction will be worth the wait.

We are welcoming

Superintendent Alex Cherniss back to Beverly Hills (see Q&A below). I first met Alex many years ago when he was a young math teacher at Beverly Vista. We are fortunate to have an educator of his stature leading the BHUSD.

Once again I've had the pleasure of working with Melanie Anderson on the production of this edition. Melanie previously served as editor of *Beverly Hills Weekly*.

The Alumni Association was founded by the late Board of Education member Bernice Hutter in December, 1977. Our organization has grown significantly since that time. We mail this *Alumni Highlights* to over 18,000 graduates living all

over the world. The efinancial support of graduates like you has allowed us to become the effective to be effe



Josh Gross '91

biggest contributor of alumni scholarships. Under the direction of Lilly Lewis '74, we awarded \$18,000 to several deserving graduating seniors. Previous years' graduating classes sent Normans to Stanford, Duke, Michigan and many other toprated colleges. See the many

prestigious universities our scholarship recipients are now attending on page 4.

In closing, don't forget that you graduated from the most famous high school in the country—probably the world. We need your continued 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

### BHUSD welcomes new superintendent, Dr. Alex Cherniss

Dr. Alex Chemiss is the new superintendent for the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Dr. Cherniss rose through the ranks in the BHUSD from middle school math teacher at Beverly Vista, to K-8 principal at Hawthome, to Human Resources Director and Assistant Superintendent of Business Services.

Prior to his return to Beverly Hills, Dr. Cherniss was the super-intendent of the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. Before that, he was superintendent of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District for five years. Throughout his tenure, Palos Verdes Peninsula was one of the top academic-achieving school districts in California and experienced little to no student learning gaps as measured by state testing data as a result of the pandemic.

Before leading Palos Verdes Peninsula, Dr. Cherniss was the superintendent of San Marino Unified School District and the chief financial officer for the Los Angeles County Office of Education, where he certified the budgets of 80 school districts totaling over \$14 billion.

Dr. Cherniss is a graduate of UC Santa Barbara and earned his Ed.D. degree from USC Rossier School of Education, where he has served as an adjunct professor teaching a doctoral class in school economics. He and his wife Liz, who taught special ed preschool at Horace Mann, have three young children: Finn (6th grade), Leo (4th grade) and Harper (1st grade).

Beverly Hills Weekly spoke with Dr. Cherniss in April 2025. Excerpts from that conversation follow.

# How does it feel to return to the district where your educational career began?

It feels amazing. It's so surreal. I [remember] interviewing in a portable because they had not moved back into the building at Beverly Vista since the [1994] Northridge earthquake.

I interviewed with [the late] Principal Irene Stern and Mark Frenn. It feels just like it was yesterday. I came on board, and there were just some incredible teachers there—Merle Bauer and so many fabulous educators that I learned from. I was there for two years, and then I became the assistant principal at Hawthome. I was assistant principal for two years, and then I became principal for three years.

There were so many great teachers—like Janet Lambert, Bob Bailey, Stephanie Lehrer '72, Linda Noble and Marion Harvey— that I got to meet. And incredible parents. The PTA really brought me under their arms. Jeny Melamed was very instrumental, and so was Robin Berlin. We learned so much together.

One of the biggest accomplishments during my time as assistant principal was starting the middle school sports program with BHEF. Dev Hankin '81 was the president of BHEF at the time,



Dr. Alex Cherniss

so I met with her, Mike McAllister '79, Jonathan Prince '76, Steven Fenton '88, and some others. We kind of restored what they had when they were kids growing up in Beverly Hills—so all the schools competed against each other, and it was amazing.

Then I got the opportunity to move to the district office as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. We actually went into basic aid at that time, which meant the whole funding model changed. I was able to create a district finance committee—which I understand they still have. I worked with Cont. on p. 5

# Alumni Association presents scholarships to Class of 2024

The BHHS Alumni Association presented scholarships to the following members of the Class of 2024 at the Senior Awards Night ceremony:

Rachel Cohen (Lazer-Lewis Family Scholarship)

Michaela Hassid (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)

Kiana Hayles (Tobey Cotsen '76 Scholarship)

Nayoung Kim (Michael J. Libow '81 Scholarship)

Edward Park (Diana Isaacs Sturr '78 Endowment Scholarship)

Jenna Weiss (Robert Grossman '75 Scholarship)

Top photo: Nayoung Kim '24, Michael J. Libow '81, Michaela Hassid '24

> Bottom photo: Alicia Saver Goldsmith '78, Edward Park '24, Marc Selwyn '78





### **About Our Scholarships**

The Beverly Hills High School Alumni Association was established in December, 1977 to raise funds to support scholarships for deserving Beverly graduates. The Alumni Association's Board of Directors represents graduating classes from many decades.

The BHHS Alumni Association is the largest donor of scholarships in the district, offering six scholarships at \$3,000 each. Scholarships are awarded to top students based on a number of factors including merit, academic achievement, engagement in extracurricular activ-

ities, financial need, involvement in the Beverly community and more. Recipients have been AP distinguished scholars and National Merit Scholarship finalists and admitted to selective colleges, including Ivy League institutions and top-ranked UCs. Their talents, areas of interest and academic strengths stretch across disciplines, and students are well respected by their peers.

We are excited to continue recognizing the incredible efforts of our students, and continue engaging with the alumni community.

#### Contribute online!

Visit the URL below or scan the QR code at right with your phone to submit contributions & class notes:

https://tinyurl.



# Where do our scholarship recipients go to college?

BHHS Alumni Association scholarship recipients from the classes of 2019 through 2024 have gone on to:

**American University** 

Columbia

Georgetown

**Harvey Mudd** 

Loyola Marymount University

**New York University** 

Pomona College

Rice University

San Diego State

**Santa Monica College** 

**Stanford** 

**UC Berkeley** 

**UCLA** 

**UC San Diego** 

**UC Santa Cruz** 

**University of Chicago** 

**University of Maryland** 

University of Michigan,

**Ann-Arbor** 

USC

Vanderbilt

**Washington University** 

in St. Louis

Williams College

Yale





#### Superintendent's

**Q&A** Cont. from p. 3

Mel Spitz and Herb Young to develop the committee. We had community members involved and really tried to be transparent about how the district would spend its resources.

There were some incredible board members I had a chance to work with—like Lisa Korbatov '82, Steven Fenton '88, Jake Manaster, Nooshin Meshkaty '79, Myra Demeter, Myra Lurie and Alissa Roston. It was a time to learn, a time to grow. I was here for 10 years, I learned a great deal—and I couldn't be happier to be back.

You are coming from a larger school district of 22,000 students to one with 3,000 students. What's drawing you back to Beverly Hills?

It's a small district. It's actually

half the size it was when I left—it was 6,000, and now we're down to 3,000. But what draws me back is the community. Whether you're a current parent or a former parent, if you're in Beverly Hills, the schools are the gem of the community, and everybody cares about them. That's why the city council members are always interested in what's best for the district. I got to work with people like [former Mayors] Barry Brucker '75, Lili Bosse '79, and John Mirisch '81, and they just wanted what's best for the schools. [Councilmember] Lester Friedman and his wife Simone ran the PTA Council, and so everybody had a hand in working to make this district amazing. That's why I wanted to come back. People like Lili Bosse have always been leaders—not just in the city, but in the schools. And it's very rare to see that. In most



Above left: Robert Grossman '75, Jenna Weiss '24

Above right: Rachel Cohen '24, Edward Park '24, Kiana Hayles '24

Below left: Michael J. Libow '81 (right) presents a scholarship to Michaela Hassid '24 (left)

school districts, you're a parent, and then your kids graduate, and you're not really connected to the schools anymore. I want to be here because this is the true meaning of a school community.

#### What did you learn from the late Beverly Vista principal Irene Stern?

Well, Irene Stern-her name says it all. She came from New York, and she meant business. I think what I learned most from her was the honor of working in Beverly Hills. It's an honor and a privilege, and your job is to educate the students above all else. When she came into the classroom, you knew she was looking at one thing: Are the students learning? And if they weren't, she would ask you why. That level of rigor that she taught all of us- and that she led by example—is something I take with me to work every day.

## Tell us about some of your other mentors in the BHUSD.

So, [former Superintendent] Gwen Gross hired me here. My first teaching job was actually in Ojai, and Gwen was the superintendent. She later moved to Beverly Hills [in 2000], and when I moved to Los Angeles to do my student teaching, I reached out to her. She said, "Actually, we have a Math position open." So if it weren't for Dr. Gross, I wouldn't be here.

Another mentor I had was [retired Beverly Vista English teacher] Merle Bauer—I got to observe her as a teacher, and she had this way of teaching where every student in her class was always on their A-game, attentive and listening. Because they knew she cared about them, and they knew she took her job seriously. She was just a fabulous mentor.

When I got to Hawthorne, Janet Lambert taught eighth-grade social studies, and she was very similar—soft-spoken, but every student had such respect for her because she took her profession seriously and truly cared about the students. One of my takeaways from that is we want to hire

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#### Waters '85 takes the helm at Beverly Vista Middle School



Rich Waters '85

Longtime BHUSD educator Rich Waters '85 recently concluded his first year as principal of Beverly Vista Middle School.

At BHUSD, Waters has served as an athletic assistant, playground aide, substitute teacher, school security, basketball, track, and volleyball coach and consistently since 2001, as a teacher, interim principal, and assistant principal.

"I have personally worked with Mr. Waters for over seven years and he is undoubtedly one of the most well-known and beloved leaders in our district and throughout our extended Beverly Hills community," former BHUSD Superintendent Michael Bregy said at the time of Waters' appointment to the principalship. "His care for student success transcends the gates of BVMS and carries into the future of every person he meets. Mr. Waters' deep connection to our community and his outstanding dedication to education have made him a standout member of our faculty for decades. He has consistently demonstrated a keen ability to inspire trust and enthusiasm among students and staff, fostering an environment that values collaborative learning and growth."

### Superintendent's

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teachers who really care about kids and take their profession seriously. And if we hire those kinds of teachers, then the sky's the limit.

I also got to meet some other amazing teachers district-wide, like Steve Kessler '71 and [the late] Cheryl Katz (see story p. 63)—really more than I can even name. But all of them truly cared about the students and were very much tied into the community.

# What makes Beverly Hills different from some of the other districts you have worked at?

The expectations. Parents make a lot of sacrifices to move to Beverly Hills, and the expectation is that their kids are going to get the best possible education. And if that isn't happening, then we're not doing our job. With that expectation comes a great amount of responsibility on our part to make sure that we are the best. I think we're a very good school district-but my goal is to make us the best school district in the country. And I think we can get there. There's no reason why we shouldn't with all of the community resources that make up this great city. It's not like any other school district in the country. We're a small, unified school district with amazing private industry around us and amazing community stakeholders—second-, third-, even fourth-generation—who still live in this community. There's a sense of history with our school district that you won't find anywhere else.

#### BHUSD has experienced a slight decline in its rankings in recent years. What are some ways the district should address this?

Well, that's one of my top priorities. First of all, we need to make sure that what we're teaching is aligned with what students are being assessed on. We want to ensure all of our schools are teaching a similar curriculum. We want the curriculum to be rigorous. And we want our teachers to be highly trained and highly effective in delivering it. Ultimately, we need to build a sense of pride—our students need to really want to do well, not just for themselves and their families, but because of the district they represent. It's a culture change that I think we need. And I'll be honest-I'm not going to sugarcoat it. This district has declined in academic achievement over the last eight years, on average, year after year. We are going to turn that around. And it's not going to be one little thing that does it-it's going to be a multistep approach. We need to identify the kids who aren't at grade level, understand why, and give them the extra support they need to get there.

# Your wife Liz is a former BHUSD teacher. How did you meet?

That's another reason I wanted to come back—it's a family here. My wife was a special ed preschool teacher at Horace Mann for over 15 years. We were introduced by a friend who was also a special ed preschool teacher originally. ... Some board members even went to our wedding. It all just reinforces [what I've been saying]: This is like a big family. And that's one of the main reasons I wanted to be back.

# What do you believe is the biggest challenge taking on this role?

Creating an urgency to improve what we're doing here. Sometimes it's hard to create urgency, especially in communities like ours, where a lot of the kids already think that their future is secure. These are not, for the most part, first-generation kids trying to get to college. [So the question becomes]: How do we create urgency? How do we help our kids understand that their future is very much uncertain? The work we do here to prepare them for that future will be critical to their success.

## Is there anything else you would like readers to know?

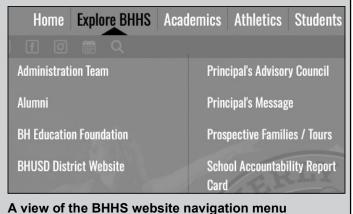
In closing, I would just say that I'm happy to be home.

#### How to connect with BHHS alumni online

#### bhhs.bhusd.org

Find the menu at the top of the screen and click on the "Explore BHHS" tab.

Then click on the "Alumni" tab, where you'll find info about upcoming reunions and past issues of Alumni Highlights.



## **Upcoming Reunions**

#### Class of 1965

Fri., Aug. 8, 2025 Fantasy Yacht, Marina del

Class rep: Candy Mannis

Schulman

candy1440@aol.com

#### Class of 1975

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025 Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club

Class rep: Cami Marcus

Stein

Contact: www. reunioncommittee.com or 661-259-5999

#### Class of 1985

Sat., Oct. 18, 2025 Bardot at the Avalon Hollywood

Tickets: www.ReunionDB.

Contact: bhhs85reunion@

gmail.com https://reuniondb.com/

reunion details/1896 BeverlyHillsHighSchool 85.pdf

#### Class of 1995

Date: Sat., Sept. 20, 2025 Place: 6100 Wilshire Blvd (and

Fairfax) PH

Class rep: Mike Hakim

310-877-0900 or 310-888-0122 WhatsApp: https://

chat.whatsapp.com/ BGY5eZQNTimH0olchtKteg

#### Class of 2015

Date: Wed., Nov. 26, 2025

Place: TBA

Class rep: Daniel Newman danielnewman997@gmail.

com

310-854-2988 RSVP Link: https:// partiful.com/e/

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#### All other classes

TBA

For current info about upcoming reunions, please visit bhhs.bhusd.org, select the "Explore BHHS" tab at the top of the page and click on "Alumni."

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## Family Ties: 2nd & 3rd generation graduates – 2024 & 2025

Members of the Classes of 2024 & 2025 who appear in these photos have parents and/or grandparents who also graduated from Beverly.

Photos courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Steven Soroudi '84, Eli Soroudi '15, Pantea Ahdout Soroudi '90, Lauren Soroudi '18, Liana Soroudi '24



Laura Hornwood Margo '87, Noah Margo '86. Solomon Margo '18, Reese Margo '24, Jax Margo '20. Reese attends the University of Oregon



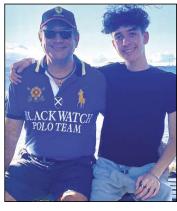
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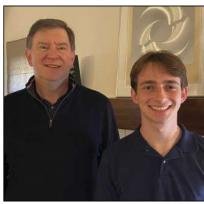
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Brandi Wright Harrison '87, Bradi Randall Seff '89, Brandon Seff '24. Harrison '24. Bradi attends NYU Tisch Drama

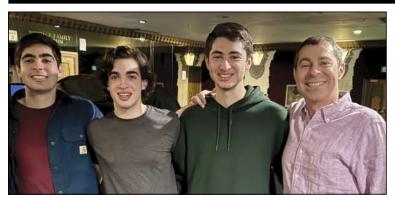


Brandon attends the University of Pennsylvania



Eva Neidleman '24, Nicole Nourmand, M.D. '90, Joshua Neidleman '21. Eva attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **Alumni Highlights**



Jake Maman '18, Benji Maman '24, Ari Maman '21, Eric Maman '88. Benji attends UC Santa Barbara



Rose Lai Kaiserman '90, Camille Kaiserman '24, Noah Kaiserman '20. Camille attends Tulane University



Karina Kruger '25, Jackie University



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Daniel Wiener '19, Ash Wiener '25, University of Oregon



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Sam Shommetoub '94, Oliver Joseph Rendon '25, Yael Chloe Nejad '25, Elizabeth the University of Miami



Emrani '25



Lorraine Shaby Eastman Adina will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison



'86, Adina Eastman '25. Retired California Chief Justice Ronald M. George '57, Charlotte George '25, Barbara Schneiderman George '61, Michael Schneiderman '67, Chris George '90, Eric George '86, Andrew George. Charlotte will attend American University

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### Farewell, Hawthorne after 110 years



Hawthorne '70 and BHHS '74 grads (left to right): Felice Dunas, Randy Sheinbein, Mason Sommers, Kim Bryan, Cary Greis, Mark Schwartz, Kenny Young, John Jameson

On May 24, 2024, BHUSD marked a poignant moment in its history with a heartfelt farewell to Hawthorne, which has closed after a 110-year chapter of educational excellence. (Today, the campus serves as the BHUSD district office and Board of Education meeting site.)

Last spring's event was a nostalgic reunion and breakfast ceremony that drew over 400 alumni.

The ceremony was held at the historic campus, beginning with a warm welcome from Hawthorne Principal Sarah Kaber, followed by a moving flag salute led by 5th graders Chloe Naimian and Nicole Partielli. The event featured speeches from notable figures including Vice President of the BHUSD Board of Education Rachelle Marcus, and former principal Dick Douglas, who personally greeted each 5th grader.

Special tributes included heartfelt poetry readings by current 5th graders and reflections from distinguished alumni such as Janis Black Warner, Damon Peykar, and Lisa Redston Kay Schwartz, who shared memories of their formative

### Hello again, El Rodeo!

The El Rodeo campus officially opened its doors to the community on Aug. 11, 2024. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony welcomed over 2,000 attendees, celebrating a new chapter for El Rodeo as an elementary school after it closed in 2019 to undergo a modernization.



El Rodeo's Class of 1974 recently toured the newly redone campus. First row, left to right: Roxanne Steinberg, Yvonne Bauer, Joanna Stingray, Alicia Goldsmith, Deb Watson, Phillip Blackman, Lisa Hackett. Second row: Allen Field, Jeff Smith, Michael Freed, Suzanne Kay, Suzi Landau, Alex Schroeder, Greg Nelson, Larry Lotwin, Aaron Schechter, Barrie Broudy, Gary Pollock, Richard Oswald. (See p. 21 for more photos from the Class of 1974's 50-year reunion.)

years at Hawthorne. The school's legacy was further celebrated through song, with the alma mater conducted by Christa Gutheinz.

Mrs. Marcus initiated a powerful demonstration where alumni stood by decade, starting from the 1960s, showing the school's historical breadth and personal histories intertwined with its legacy. Each guest received a limited edition "Honoring Hawthorne" pin as a keepsake of their connection to the school.

The day concluded with guided tours for all guests by current 5th-grade students, where attendees revisited their old stomping grounds and shared stories, culminating in a symbolic signing on the schoolyard wall to mark their presence at this unforgettable gathering.



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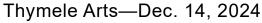
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Ron Gleason, Bonnie Singer



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#### Kraushaar '73 bids farewell to BHUSD after nearly 30 years



P a m Kraushaar was '73 has retired from the BHUcipal SD after career spanning nearly 30 years.

Kraushaar, her husband Harry '73, and their two daughters, Shelby '02 and Kimberly '05, all graduated from Beverly.

Kraushaar served as the PTA President at Horace Mann from 1992 to 1994, PTA Council President from 1998 to 2000, and Beverly High PTSA President from 2002 to 2004.

In an unusual jump to employee,

Kraushaar hired as assistant to then-prin-Dan Stepenosky, and in 2009, she became the administrative assistant to the

superintendent.

"When I got this job, it was perfect for me because I already knew so many people in the city," Kraushaar told Beverly Hills Weekly last August.

During her tenure, Kraushaar worked under several superintendents, starting with Jerry Gross, who served for a year. Dick Doug-



El Rodeo Class of '70 reunion: Gail Miller Millan, May Quigley Goodman, Simon Goodman, Shelly Davis, Michele Freshman, Robin Frank Lugar, DeeDee Dorskind, David Freshman

las then took over as the interim superintendent for another year. After that, Gary Woods became superintendent, followed by Steve Kessler, then Michael Bregy in 2016.

"I've always loved working for the school district and at the district office. I have my friends here, and I will miss them," Kraushaar said.

Kraushaar has also been active in several city roles, graduating from Team Beverly Hills, completing the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program, serving as a commissioner on the Charitable Solicitations Commission, and currently as a Human Relations commissioner.

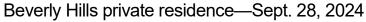
"I'm looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren. Porsche is five, and Ford is

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## El Rodeo '74



Suzi Landau Finch, Barrie Broudy, Mark Platt, Jane Berliner





Bob Cranston, Ross Lincoff, Sandy Grushow, Eric Cotsen, Lisa Hackett



Michael Apstein, Carri Kapstrom, Stacey Fields, Wendy Bierman Harte



Deb Louchheim Watson, Joanna Fields Stingray, Jami Gold, Reiko Matsumoto, Lisa Field



Allen Field, Alex Schroeder, Mike Richman, Jenette Goldstein, Mike Gottlieb



# El Rodeo '80

Private residence—Sept. 20, 2024



Mitch Bloch, Nikki Kramer Alpert, Cyndi Sarnoff Ross, Rachelle Marcus (retired faculty), Jay Fuhrman, Craig Cooper



Enola Shaked Lipaz, Gillian Marcus, Toni Kohn, Janna Frankenstein Chambers, Diane Forrest



Phil Oster, Mitch Bloch, Rick Barry, Jay Kaufman



**1988 BHHS Baseball Reunion—La Quinta, Calif., November 2024.** Top row, left to right: Rich Rogers, Michael Glazer, Michael Moore, David Bronte, Reed Aljian, Ryan Karp, Jason Goldberg, Albert Silvera. Bottom row: Steven Fenton, Andrew Berlin, Patrick Kunody, Richard Fahn. Also in attendance, but not pictured: Stevie Belkin, Jeff Roach

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#### 1940

Mary Osgood Mayor '41 Mary had another wonderful year and she is well. She says she has so much to be grateful for, especially a caring and precious family. Very few of her friends close to her age remain. She spends most of her days in her reclining chair where she can watch her neighbors in front or her lovely trees. She sends her best wishes to all on the BHHS board and wishes everyone a happy 2025! She still represents her wonderful brother. Hall of Famer Robert L. Osgood '37 and her dear sister Helen Yeoman '43.

Pierre Kern '46 Nothing new— Pierre turned 95 years young on April 2. He's in fairly good shape except for lousy balance. No more tennis.

Lester Wertheimer, FAIA '46 One never knows which will be one's last year. So, Lester says he is happy to continue being a 96-year-old architect and writing another book that will reflect his current interests.

**Oliver Berliner '47** Oliver says he hopes that lots of his classmates have reached his ripe old age of 95. For now he's put on the back burner his success as the premier world publisher of Cuban *chacha-*



Oliver Berliner '47 (left) met with his friends he lost this Cuban dictator Fidel Castro (right) past year. His biggest fear is how AI is going publication of musica cubana to affect everyone's

chas (his Los Marcianos helped P&G's Charmin's initial "bear pooping in the forest" spot become the longest-running commercial in U.S. T.V. history—13 years); but as such he managed to bring Latin America's greatest dance band to Hollywood, where one Sunday night in 1960, Cuba's inimitable Orquesta Aragón went on stage to break the Hollywood Palladium's all-time attendance record. Oliver (going on 96) doesn't take it easy, but is returning to the activities that he began while at Beverly; he has accepted a contract to create a modern pro-audio product line for the new owner of a company that was renowned when Oliver was at Beverly, whose founder has died and his business died with him about the same time as Oliver designed and donated the innovative sound system in the Swim Gym. Oliver's concept for the new "Langevin" product line will include not only incomparable products for audiences' benefit and enjoyment, but unprecedented methods of marketing them to sound system operators and broadcasters. Oliver says his next triumph will thus be in looking to the past to overcome unnecessary audio digitizing, restoring warmth and naturalness to sound reinforcement.

Kenneth Bleifer '47 Another year, and at the time of writing, Kenneth says the turmoil in Washington and

the Middle East is just the focal point of all the political broadcastshe can't wait until the election is over, but who knows what controversy that will bring. Of course, it shouldn't. On a lighter scale, life just rolls along. Kenneth is grateful for all the years he has had and is saddened by all his friends he lost this fear is how AI is going to affect everyone's lives.

Selvyn Bleifer '47 Selvyn sadly lost his wife Charlene in March of 2020. He remains in their home in La Jolla which is a lovely place to live. His daughter Karen '80 visits him most weekends. He enjoys investing and following the market; horse racing is a favorite pastime for him and some of his younger close friends. He was fortunate to have never gotten Covid, but was able to isolate easily at his home. This year, he will speaking and it pains him

to watch Democracy and common decency go out the window. He says we can only hope that things take a positive turn in the next election so the U.S. can continue to recover after the pandemic. His late son Scott '82 would be shocked at what the world has become. Good luck to us all and he misses his time at BHHS!

Jack Shoemaker '47 This is Jack's effort to keep the Class of 1947 alive. God has been good to him and his wife Louise as somehow they are getting along quite well. They are saddened by the passing of their dear friend Joan Cox McKenna (see obit, p. 51). Jack had known Joan since Horace Mann and she was Jack's first girlfriend at age 15. It was a real pleasure for them communicating with her over the recent years. Jack and Louise have given up growing tomatoes and zucchinis in their green house as they are better at Costco. Their weekly excursion to Costco is great therapy as they use the shopping cart as a walker and can go all day long in the store. While Jack won't be around many more years to enjoy it, he says thankfully the country is on the right track to become greater than ever.

Chester and Beverly Firestein W'48 August 2024 saw their 74th



turn 95! He says we live in **Mary Osgood Mayor '41 (right) and** interesting times politically **her granddaughter Cassandra** 

wedding anniversary. When they graduated together from Beverly High, who could have envisioned that they would celebrate such a monumental occasion? They were just kids and now at age 94 they are part of the grateful, surviving 1% of the world population born before WWII. Chet enjoys lunch with fellow BHHS graduates (and others) with a group known as ROMEOS (Really Old Men Eating Out) and Bey, as a past president, meets with Cedars-Sinai Womens' Guild board members who are mainly so young that WWII is ancient history. Still, their high school years are among their most treasured memories and thoughts of their best friends from those exciting and fulfilling years still capture their hearts. All four of their children are El Rodeo and BHHS graduates ... and went on as undergrads at Stanford, Harvard, Brown, and UCLA, with advanced degrees at Northwestern, Johns Hopkins, and UCLA. BHHS gave them their start in both learning and friendship. They say thank you to Beverly Hills High School Normans for their enriched life.

Estelle Perloff Foster '49 Estelle says kudos and appreciation to the Alumni Association. At 92 years, Estelle's years at BHHS remain vivid and indelible. Inspiration came from attending Mr. Case's

choral group and Señor Padilla's Spanish classes, and her classmates: Marilyn Gump, Dorothy Brooks, Zena Rochefsky, Naomi Cooperman, Eddie (Crummy) Cummings, Don Wolf, Sammie Grossman, Lee Hershberg, Stan Styne, Bob King, and upper classmates Andre Previn and Lynn Stallmaster, to name a few. Estelle professionally modeled and participated in a little theater. She married, had two amazing daughters, moved, and lived in Santa Barbara for 40 years. She was honored to be recognized by the State of California and the County of Santa Barbara for a life of community service. It was a joy! She served as a human rights commissioner, VP for S.W.A.P. (Small Wilderness Area Preserve), executive director for an environmental coalition, and created a conflict resolution program for the city schools, co-founded the first Organic Festival in the U.S. She revisited the conflict resolution program and taught aspiring teachers the program at UCSB. She published a magazine in Palm Springs, did a "Healthy Living" segment on TV and radio in Palm Springs. Now, she's envisioning doing a

video. She says thank you BHHS for being a spring board to a life of adventure! She says be well and if you'd like, be in touch: P.O. Box 129, Morongo Valley, CA 92256.

B. James Lieberman '49 James says, lunch with club members and friends-all have passed away except James (see photo below)! Big loss as they were super and very successful-well, James misses them and hopes to continue in Roseville, Calif. He's still playing racquetball and jogging four days a week.

Ralph Marx '49 Ralph says he and his wife Helen are spending their free time traveling while not on the medical merry-go-round. This year it's Mexico, Canada, England and Norway.

Marlene Marks Louchheim '50 Marlene lives half of her time in Los Angeles and the other half on the Big Island of Hawaii. She is blessed to have 20 grandchildren great-grandchildren. 11 Unfortunately, she lost her beloved husband after 75 years of being together.

Barbara Sherman Topkis '50

Barbara says it's hard to believe in June it will be 75 years since their Class '50 graduated. Barbara will be 93 years old. She wonders how many of us are still around.

Joan Rubin her 90-year-old

classmates doing well. She misses seeing them at reunions.

Myrna Hyman Goldstick '51 Myrna is doing well at 91 years old! She wants to know when the next reunion or luncheon will be. 847-732-9242

Jeanne Curry Laye '51 Jeanne is still enjoying life at 91. She chatted with Art Stauffer '51 at a Stanford reunion and continues to talk with Ingrid Johansson Stegenga every week or so. Her class lost Billie Pratt Miller last June. Jeanne plays bridge, golfs and walks to stay healthy and still works doing tax returns. She traveled to England, Scotland and Wales last year and



Coakley '51 Joan Peggy '52 and Art '51 Stauffer on hopes this finds Peggy's 90th birthday

Indonesia this year. Next will be Mexico. Jeanne hopes her classmates are alive and doing well. Art Stauffer '51 & Peggy Albin Stauffer '52 Art and Peggy had great years at Beverly High and still have fond memories of those days. Peggy was a very active Alpha and Art was president of the Squires, Knights and Student Body. In addition, Art was captain of both the varsity track and football teams. Their brother-inlaw, Bill Fore, wrote the Beverly High Alma Mater and was also president of the student body. His wife, Betty Stauffer Fore, was also an Alpha and very active in student government. Wonderful school and a great start to their lives!

June Ferrer Pond '52 June is still enjoying life on Balboa Island. She wishes all her classmates a happy 90th year with their family and friends.

Loretta Isaacs Weinberg '52 daughter Loretta's recently completed a documentary about Loretta called Politics Is A Mother, Raising Hell is Part of the Job (see story, p. 39). As a graduate of BHHS and a lifelong politician, Loretta is happy to share this important achievement. It's been screened in various film festivals and perhaps the Alumni Association can have a screening out there.

Marcellina Perry Gross '53 Marcy is still seeing members of her class when possible-she hopes to make 90 next year. She's still working as a TV producer!



Remembering Argons and friends. B. James Lieberman '49 (far right) shared this photo from several years ago of his 1949 classmates (Argons and friends) who have since passed away. Left to right: Tom Van Sant, Bill Inglis, Frank Ulf, Milton Miller, Bob Morris, Carl Isaacs, Lieberman

She has three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Judith Nelson O'Beirne '53
Judith and Bill are in Coronado after 66 years married, 50 in the house they're in now. Three kids—two at Stanford—and eight grandchildren, one greatgrandchild. Main activities are snorkeling all over the world. Saludos to all.

**Peter Bentler '54** Pete, C class swimmer extraordinaire, got his PhD from Stanford and worked as a professor of psychology and statistics at UCLA from 1965 to 2020. He now lives in Seattle.

Stan King '54 Stan is still working full time at Oppenheimer & Co. They went to Maui for their annual family get together, but were saddened to see the total destruction of Lahaina. The tourism was down for the 4th of July tourists. Stan was happy to celebrate his 56th anniversary on July 1st with the entire family. He still gets together with Michael Berman, Gil Dembo, Herb Lapin, and Mike Franks. Alan Reed '54 After 40 years of commercial production, 38 years of blissful marriage to his late wife Jackie, and now 22 years and counting to his wonderful new wife Joey, Alan is enjoying life in the same house in Studio City (going on 60 years now) while traveling the world, making home movies of same, and sharing love with his blended families. Fondest wishes to all fellow classmates of the great BHHS.

**Peter S. Spencer '54** By March 2025, Peter will be celebrating his 90th birthday. Where are all the '54 class members?

**Paul Zimmerman '54** Paul is hanging out in Malibu, a widow, with lots of grand/great-grandkids. Everything considered, he's doing great.

Beverly Black Angarella '55
Beverly often thinks about how long she and her classmates have known each other. Many met in kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade. Others met in junior high and they all became good friends and went on to graduate from Beverly in 1955. They grew up together and graduated together—and have many great memories!

Warren Erbsen '55 After almost 60 years as a travel agent, Warren is still working with clients. He's traveled to Mexico, Italy, Croatia, Iceland, and Belize this past year, adding to over 100 countries. He's continuing traveling and selling travel.

Terry Feigenbaum '55 and Gail Freeman Feigenbaum '58 As they move through their senior years, Terry and Gail are moving a little slower and their memories are a little fuzzier. They continue to live in Cheviot Hills with frequent visits to see their son Eric Feigenbaum '86 and their grandchildren in



**Cheers to 56 years!** Stan King '54 (right) and his wife Dianne (left) recently celebrated 56 years of marriage

Orange County.

Joseph Friedman '55 Joseph says hi to the 1955 survivors. He's sad to see the passing of two classmates not only from Beverly but Horace Mann. Joe says hello to Ronnie Walden, a Beverly and Horace Mann classmate, along with Richie Bernstein. Joe hopes this year will be a great year for all. All is well-he had a heart surgery Aug. 5, 2024. He thinks he was better before surgery, but doctors rule. He is recovering a little slower than expected, but doing fine. His family is still good: four children, 10 grandkids, three great-grandkids. Wife Stevie is still booking cruises. He is retired and leaving Nov. 25 for three weeks on Crystal Cruise, their favorite. He would like to hear from any mates still around: JUSJOE01@GMAIL. COM.

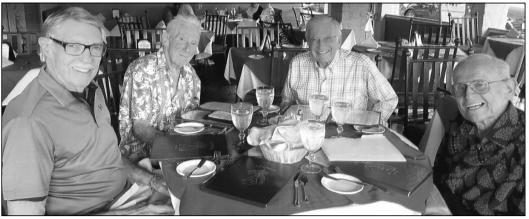
**Barry Jaffe '55** Barry and his wife Linda are still living in Napa.

Martin Krell '56 Marty and Charlene celebrated 60 years of marriage. They sold their ranch of 14 years and live in a senior secured community in Valencia.

Laurence Lesser '56 Laurence, Jo Ann Rosenberg Lesser (Laurence's sister-in-law), and Michael Burton—all BHHS Class of 1956—gathered at his home to jointly celebrate their 85th birthdays in 2023. Much happy chatter over the dinner table about their BHHS days!

Robert Patten '56 Robert had a great visit with the principal, Drew Stewart. The school has expanded facilities for the Arts and Science, and is building even more. Morale is good, students wanting to learn have lots of resources. Robert says scholarships could help them.

Fran Leipziger Schwartz '56 Fran has lived in Mendocino for 19 years. She and her late husband Roger moved to Mendocino from LA in 2005—the fulfillment of a 42-year love affair with the North Coast. Fran's activities include a writing group, community chorus and Mendocino Music Festival Chorus, their eclectic Jewish community, water aerobics, walking, book group, travel with her sister Annie '62, good times with family in Portland, Ore., and Wilmette, Ill. Fran plans to publish a novel this year—15 years in the



**Four "old" friends from the Class of 1953.** Left to right: Sam Kahn, Mike Leventhal, Tony Nesburn, Sherwyn Turbow

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Terry '55 and Gail '58 Feigenbaum

making. She also celebrated her 85th birthday in February 2024. She says she's grateful for good health, energy, and mobility, friends of many years in LA and newer friends on the Coast, living in a beautiful, healthful environment surrounded by ocean and redwoods, for our progressive caring community, which supports the arts and protects the environment. Fran says BHHS was good for her; she later returned and taught French (the FLES program foreign language in elementary schools) from 1960-1965.

Bob Bard '57 Bob's kid sister, Vicki Bard Kraus '63, passed away a few years ago from liver cancer. She was an artist living with her husband in Fort Bragg, Calif. She was a professional jeweler and very talented. Bob and his wife, Marian, live in Rio Vista, Calif. They have a son who resides with his wife and three boys in Woodland, Calif., and a daughter who resides with her husband and two boys in Sacramento. Their eldest grandson is currently enrolled at UCLA with ambitions of becoming a doctor.

**Stuart Markus** '57 Stuart lost his son Craig on Aug. 4, 2023 at age 58. Stuart has five grandchildren.

John White '57 John graduated from the University of Miami in 1962. He enlisted in the USMC as an infantry officer and commanded a rifle platoon and later a rifle company on Okinawa with the 3rd Marine Division. He spent three months afloat with the 7th fleet in the South China Sea off North

Vietnam. Following his overseas deployment, he was assigned adjutant the of Fleet Marine Force Pacific, which commanded Marine air components the Pacific. His chief of staff was future U.S. senator

and astronaut John Glenn. White left the USMC as a captain and joined the LAPD. He spent 31 years of service as a homicide detective and retired as the chief of detectives. During John's career in the LAPD, he founded and developed the CRASH program to suppress street gang murders and narcotic sales. CRASH was featured in the movie Colors with Sean Penn. He also developed Drug, Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), which is taught in most elementary schools in the United States. He was decorated by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger for the worldwide expansion of D.A.R.E in the DOD schools in 40 countries. He married his classmate, Beverly Englander '57, who was a Hollywood film actress. She appeared in many film/TV productions including The Rifleman, The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet, TV commercials, and films with Doris Day, Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Cary Grant. Their son, Matthew, is married and has a son, Caden. He lives in Nashville with his wife. Christina. Matt builds residential housing. John now spends his time with Beverly, his wife of 60 years, reading murder mysteries and drawing political cartoons. During his lifetime, he has traveled extensively throughout the United States and the world, including Europe, Asia, China and Africa.

Susan Kahn Ansen '58 Susan and John still live in Encino. Susan says life is good; they especially

like their growing family—five children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Steve Glaseman
'58 During most
of 2024, Steve
and Mary Jaynne
continued their
volunteer work
and also enjoyed
their music and
quilting and other

hobbies. But it turned out to be an unexpectedly rough year. They lost their youngest son to cancer, and two close friends also lost children. These incredibly painful events are difficult to understand and endure. But the eventual result is that they go on with the lives that remain and keep those who have passed in their hearts. They anticipate that 2025 will be a more generous year. Jack Gray Morgan '58 Jack and his wife Bonnie recently lost their oldest child, Russell Morgan (pictured below right), to Glioblastoma brain cancer. He was only 56 years old.

Stewart Roy '58 Stewart is working hard at retirement. He lives between homes in Mirage and Monrovia. He has been married to Patty for 40 years and has three kids, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Irwin "Zeke" Warsaw '58 Zeke is glad to still be healthy and active. He says it is hard to believe 2024 was the 70th anniversary of his graduation from El Rodeo, which just re-opened after a lengthy and extensive remodeling and Hawthome was closed as a school with Beverly Vista changed a while ago into a middle school (see p. 13). Zeke says the Beverly Hills educational system has changed quite dramatically over the past few years and the renovation seems never-ending with the BHHS front lawn being fenced in for at least the last five years. Zeke said their



and also enjoyed Marty Krell '56 (right) with his wife their music and Charlene

class will be notified about their next reunion as soon as the reunion committee meets sometime in 2025. He says, "Stay tuned, stay safe and stay healthy."

Dr. Melinda Ruja Dauer '59 Melinda and her husband Dr. Alan Dauer are orthodox Jews and part of Chabad Sunset Strip. They have five children, 26 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. They have been to Israel 20 times and Melinda is a MFT and art therapist and she has her doctorate in psychology. Her daughter and son-in-law have a Chabad house in Burbank. She and her husband have been married for 58 years.

Baret Fink '59 After 57 years, Baret continues with his law practice and is rewarded that both his son, Randall, and his daughter, Debbie Babb, have their own law practices. His daughter Shaney Fink is the Athletic Director at Seattle University. Among his three children, there are seven grandchildren.



Russell Morgan, the late son of Jack Gray Morgan '58

Stanley W. Levy '59 Stan writes,



a lot of bridges crossed to get to 83 years old and still finding meaning. Stan is a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame. He attended UCLA and UCLA Law School. Retired from the active practice of law, where he enjoyed a distinguished career, Stan continues to write Amicus (Friend of the Court) Briefs to the United States Supreme Court in Holocaust Confiscated Art cases. In 1963, Stan formed his congregation, B'nai Horin/ Children of Freedom and continues as their Rabbi. He was also the cofounder of three public interest law firms: Bet Tzedek, Public Counsel and Western Center on Law and Poverty. All three of these organizations continue their legacy over 50 years later. Twentyfive years ago, Stan co-founded The Academy for Jewish Religion/ California, a post-denominational rabbinical, cantorial and chaplaincy school on the campus of Loyola Marymount University. Stan and Lynda celebrated their 61st anniversary in June, 2024. Their profound joy is sharing in the

growth and participating in the lives of their three married sons and families and seven grandchildren. Lynda is a mixed media artist and continues her psychotherapy practice in West Los Angeles. It is with much gratitude to be on this ride with meaning and purpose.

Howard Rosen '59 Howard is happy that he and Carol are traveling again, after covid and being hit with Myasthenia gravis in early 2023. His MG is well managed, and they are catching up on four lost years.

Robert A. Roth '59 Robert and his wife continue to enjoy and sometimes take care of their 11-year-old grandchildren Rob and Betty. Their traveling has been much curtailed, as was everyone else's during the past several years. Robert has been flying his single engine Cessna around the area, but stopped going across the country when the pandemic hit. He hopes to do more long-distance trips soon. He's retired, for the most part, from law practice years ago, but he's still an active member of the California Bar. He's still working on his last case! They're getting their vaccinations and looking forward to eating out more and going to theaters, but still a bit apprehensive about getting close to a lot of people—so using masking in those instances. In the early 2000s Robert was building spec houses in Pacific Palisades, but all



Stanley '58 (third from left) and Lynda (fourth from left) Levy with their children and grandchildren

that stopped in 2008! Before that, he was practicing law including civil litigation and business contract drafting (his MBA finally paid off!). Robert also taught SCUBA diving and has certified about 100+ divers, but the diving around the LA area has suffered from significant environmental degradation, and it's hard to find pristine diving spots locally. So, Robert has retired from that endeavor. He's still in contact with some of his 1959 classmates. Recently, he realized how old everyone is getting! BHHS doesn't seem that long ago, but they've lost a lot of classmates. Hope the rest are healthy and happy.

Leona Walden '59 Leona lives happily on the Mendocino Coast. She continues to do volunteer work for Mendocino Rotary Club and the Mendocino Art Center. A highlight of her year was a trip to Japan with her 14-year-old grandson Jack. Leona wishes all a happy and peaceful year. She is celebrating her 24th anniversary with her partner Toby Wade.

#### 1960

Melanie Nourse Jolly Melanie went camping with family and friends north of Lovelock, Nev. The road up to the campsite was washed out in several places, but her truck made it through unscratched. After setting up the tents they cooked lunch, went for a hike and found neat rocks, and then took a nap! The next day, Melanie took out her art supplies and playing cards. Steve (her son-in-law) took his friend Chris in his quad up a steep trail along the mountain ridge. On the way back an antelope ran by them—his antler grazing Chris' arm! After dinner everyone relaxed around the fire pit and roasted marshmallows. They had three wonderful adventurous days and Melanie says she wished

everyone could have been there!

Phyllis Taub-Greenleaf '60 Phyllis is in Santa Cruz, healthy at 81 with her theme song "81 and having fun" as an improviser, a proud Jewish grandmother, "green leaf the clown," calling for an end to Netanyahu's genocidal war on Gaza! A proud Jewish grandma, working for peace, an end to racism, sexism and militarism. She supports cooperative problem solving and is beginning her memoir. Her daughters are both teachers! Her partner, an editor and magician!!

Paul Zeltzer, M.D. '60 This update forces Paul to recall his gangly, awkward self of the 1956-1960 period, a time so intense, uncomfortable, yet memorable. Paul says, socially, he always felt that he was neither "in" or "out" but suspended in between, always watching and self-critical. Looking ahead, Paul thought of becoming a dentist, marrying a local girl, having 2.3 children, and never needing to move out of the 90210 zip code. All that changed when, in his sophomore year at UCLA, his mother died of cancer. His life journey then took on another dimension that he says has been both bittersweet and rewarding. As a BHHS graduate in 1960, Paul never imagined in his adolescent turmoil that the superb education with first-class teachers and a stimulating class peer group would allow him to have such an exciting, challenging career and personal life that continues to evolve, surprise and energize him. He overachieved and says he certainly got more than he deserves. Today, it was more poignant as he attended the funeral of Linda Babbit, who painstakingly taught him how to Cha Cha Cha, Ballroom, and Swing on a memorable three Saturdays so he could join his girlfriend Melinda Mathes

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(1961) as a partner ... a small but meaningful gift. Paul and the cute third-year medical student who showed up on Paul's internship hospital ward in 1968 still practice old-fashioned medicine as child/ voung adult pain specialists in their home office in Encino. Paul says it keeps them busy three days a week, and he doesn't practice pediatric oncology anymore. For the past 30 years, Paul has spent 10 to 12 days alone in London seeing plays. This year the highlights were Sara Snook in Portrait of Dorian Gray and Guys and Dolls. Paul says it's a good life—some of vou may remember Doc Williams who taught sophomore biology and Paul complained to him that it wasn't fair that he didn't get a textbook for two weeks and was

behind. Doc's response was "life is hard ... and then you die. Get over it." There were no trigger warnings then. He was right. Trigger warnings don't prepare you for life. Paul says everyone was so fortunate to live in that time and benefit from post WWII largesse. Later generations have not been so fortunate. He says to stop texting and talk to the ones you love.

**Lynn Brody '61** Lynn is wishing everybody great health, great agility, and joy! Lynn says everyone is so lucky to still be here!

Charles Hutter '61 Charles and Collie still live in Carson City, Nevada, and summer in Watch Hill, RI. They have retired from daily operations at Click Bond Inc. but remain on the board of directors of Physical Systems Inc., now truly the parent corporation since their children Karl and Kate run Click Bond. They all find their retirement wonderful!

Guy Sandler '61 Guy has a son who is a public defender (like he was) in Stockton with a new baby girl, Poppy. His other son is doing well in the tech industry and has two kids, a boy and a girl. Healthy, happy family. Guy, as old as the rest of you, says he's been clean for 12 years and is on good terms with his separated wife.

Sherry Berk Tedeschi '61 Sherry's son, Gary '87, took her for the second time to the New Orleans Jazz Fest. The trip was sensational: they saw the Rolling Stones, Jon Batiste, Galactic, Samara Joy (the next Ella Fitzgerald), Earth, Wind & Fire, etc. Gary and his wife Denise '84 rented an Airbnb in Pacific Beach and Sherry's whole family cooked, talked and played plenty of poker (drank a little wine). Sherry's grandson, David, taught them all the different kinds of poker. He graduated college with a degree in Psychology and probably a minor in poker. Sherry's daughterin-law, Miyuki, is a champion in pickleball. She won a trophy and medals. Sherry's daughter, Denise, keeps enlightening minds and inspiring young souls ... isn't that what schoolteachers do? Her husband, Gerald, is an electrical engineer, always charging his circuits and making sure his projects do not short.

## Reflections on flight, family and fulfillment

By Peter M. Friedman '62

During my four years at BHHS I was a photographer on both the *Highlights* and *Watchtower* staff. I also played trumpet in the band and acted in the school plays. At graduation I was voted the "person most likely to be cashing food stamps!" I guess everyone was wrong!

My older sister, Alice Friedman, graduated in 1956. My younger sister, Elinor Friedman, graduated in 1969.

I enlisted in the Navy in 1963 and was discharged in 1965. In August, 1965, I entered the aviation industry in the aircraft parts manufacturing business. I have been active in the aviation industry ever since. During this time, I:

- started my own parts manufacturing company, Aircraft Metal Products Corp. in 1972 in Marina del Rey.
- acquired commercial pilot and flight instructor licenses as well as all mechanic's licenses since

1977.

- acquired a master's degree in Aviation Safety Management in 1981.
- consulted to the FBI, DOD, and National Geographic on bogus aircraft parts.
- consulted to the Senate Oversight Committee (1994-1995) on bogus aircraft parts.
- served as Technical Advisor on numerous "sting" operations against aviation parts crooks.
- published numerous articles on aviation in *Plane & Pilot* and *AMT* magazines.
- started Friedman Aviation Enterprises in 2003 to service the Navy and Marines on the C9 aircraft program.
- was awarded the FAA's Charles Taylor 50-Year Master Mechanic award in 2016.
- was awarded the FAA's Orville Wright 50-Year Pilot award in November 2024.

I have three terrific children: David is a commercial jet Captain; Stephanie is the manager of a Sonoma winery; and Brian works



Peter Friedman '62 (right), with Rose (left). Friedman lectures frequently on Napoleon

for NASDAQ as an account manager in San Francisco. We all live in the Bay Area close to each other. My son, David, has two sons and a daughter. I have been with a lovely lady, Rose, for 17 years and hope to continue if she can put up with me!

For fun, I lecture frequently on Napoleon. I have an extensive collection of original Napoleonic documents. Additionally, I am a Law Enforcement and DOJ CCW firearm instructor, which keeps me busy. I was a Reserve Deputy for Los Angeles and San Bernardino Sheriff's offices. (<u>FriedmanFirearmsTraining</u>. <u>com</u>)

The past 62 years since I graduated have been filled with everything a full life should be, both good and not so good. Fortunately, I have been blessed with excellent health and have been able to pass my FAA flight physical each year to continue flying—a true love in my life beside my family of course!

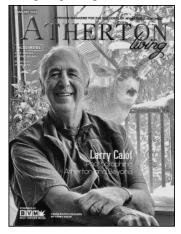
Sherry's granddaughter, Jennifer, graduated with an AA degree and a degree in Culinary Arts. She is revving up the engines as she has a passion for riding motorcycles. Sherry and her husband love hearing about her escapades, but cannot wait for when she is ready for a car. Their granddaughter, Kylie, is graduating high school and sent out her applications for college. She is planning to major in Environmental Studies. She plays saxophone and is involved in basketball. Bob and Sherry are having a thrilling year. They got a 2nd diploma in CERT, are gym rats and dedicated to fitness. Bob keeps pumping iron and breaking the stereotypes. They are still involved with their city, Marines and their families. They lost Phil Savenick '69, president of the Historical Society. He was a brilliant producer and TV historian. He is deeply missed for all his passion, creativity and kindness (see obit, p. 59).

Jerry Abraham '62 Jerry says that since 2022, several dozen classmates have been enjoying friendships with each other on the bi-weekly Zoom calls led by their perennial class president, Rich Reinis. Jeffrey hopes more will participate.

Lloyd "Butch" Barton '62 Lloyd is becoming an "octogenarian" this year! Yikes! New bionic hip and triumphant return to the pickleball courts. Lloyd is living on the Gulf; six grandsons and one great-granddaughter are keeping him challenged! Many adventures planned this year ... rented a 2024 lemon yellow convertible Mustang for a drive to Key West celebrating his and Karen's 59th wedding anniversary—he says what a ride! Lloyd invites everyone to come visit and dip a toe in the healing waters of the

Larry Calof '62 Larry says after 30 years practicing law, he found

his artistic side in landscape and wildlife photography. *Atherton Living* magazine published a nice



article about his photography in its January 2024 issue. Larry continues to explore new locations and techniques. He exhibits in galleries in Menlo Park, Calif. and Park City, Utah.

Michael Dicker '62 In May of 2022 after 37 years of teaching, Michael retired from his position as Professor of Bassoon at Illinois State University and his wife, Judith, also retired from 30 years of work as Oboe professor at Illinois State University. They are still actively involved in teaching and playing. Their daughters, Erica and Talia, reside in New York City where Erica performs as a violinist and Talia as a cellist. Judith and Michael were married in 1971. They have one grand-dog and two grand-parakeets. Judith and Michael continue to travel and enjoy attending concerts.

Gay Hubbard Durward '63 Gay hopes this finds everyone well, especially in this turbulent era. She finds her peace in her husband, her sons, her grandkids, nature, her friends, her art and music, all of which continue to be strong forces in her life. While she is not a huge fan of social media, Gay says it has allowed her to reconnect with some treasured friends from the past and stay connected with others throughout the world. It also

brought some sad news with the passing of two more of the 1963 Madrigals—Greg Finley from their group and Terry Costa from the Hawaii group. Gay has been remembering all these wonderful Hawaii moments, as she had the privilege of singing Mozart's Requiem at the Old Church in Honolulu this past summer. It brought back wonderful memories of the Madrigal concert exchange tours. Gay recently had the joy of reuniting with Dianna Childs Ruggiero '64, her alto compatriot from Madrigals. She had not seen her since the 1980s-what fun they had catching up. They are both still very much living musical lives and are a great example of the kind of camaraderie music creates!

Eric Snow '63 Eric and his wife Marguerite celebrated their 55th anniversary this year with a nice Caribbean cruise. They have a son with two grandsons and a daughter with two granddaughters. They all live close and visit often. Eric is fully retired with 38 years of military service. Eric and his wife enjoy traveling. Next trip is Hawaii in January.

Jane Lipson Stiglitz '63 Jane is happy to still be here and able to bond with her two granddaughters, 9 and 10 years old. They traveled to Alaska this summer (with their parents too). Jane is a part of their lives 3 to 4 times a week. She is still in contact with many of her classmates: Vicki Hoffman Shapiro, Elinor Martin Bartman, Margie Kassel, Cindy Gold, Bob Perlberg and Bob Levy. Jeffrey Pawlin and Reuben Snipper started a list service for the class prior to their 40th reunion, which is still active 22 years later—it has been an interesting way to keep up with the people she grew up with. Pattie Mosler Earlix '64 Pattie is so happy she could attend her 60th reunion and see so many wonderful classmates thriving

(see photos, p. 14).

Leland Faust '64 Leland guesses he remains a kid at heart. Did one triathlon in 2024—second oldest of about 400 in the race. He did manage to beat a bunch of the "youngsters." His wife Susan completed her 40th year as the children's book editor for the San Francisco Chronicle. Their daughter-in-law, Blye, produced a top-rated documentary for Amazon Prime: Shiny Happy People. This is an expose of the Duggar family of 19 children of reality TV fame. Check it out, said her truly unbiased fatherin-law. Also, go to Substack to view the blog of his son Jeremy, an emergency room physician. "Inside Medicine" keeps folks up to date on the developments in the medical field.

Marty Nislick '64 Marty says hi to Class of '64 and says to be on the lookout for an 80th birthday party celebration in 2026. He said he has never written a sentence like that before! Marty hopes all are well and continue to enjoy life. Norman strong!

Daniel Yergin '64 Daniel is very happy to report that after decades, his book, *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money & Power*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, has been released in a new edition with a new epilogue. It is also finally out as an audio book and he had a great time recording it. Although his book is comprehensive, the BHHS oil well did not make it into the story.

Shari Arnold Brooks '66 Shari and her hubby, Jeff, are happily semi-retired in Prescott, Ariz. They enjoy their three dogs immensely (one 11-year-old poodle/schnauzer rescue and two 15-month-old Shih Tzu littermates). They are very active in their synagogue and Shari teaches Mahiong there.

**Ronald Friedman '66** All is great with the Friedman family. They now have six grandchildren

## **Alumni Highlights**

ranging in age from 14 to 4 months old. Ronald's firm, Marcum, was sold to CBIZ as of Nov. 1, 2024, and the good news is that he continues to work. He's now doing more expert witness testimony and that is a lot of fun.

Ronald Block Betten '67 Ronald has been very blessed in life. He and his wife moved to Las Vegas to be close to their grandson. They live in Southern Highland Country Club, and Ronald says it is as green as Brentwood even in the summer. His assistant and partners are at Raymond James above Ocean Prime Beverly Hills, which he visits once or twice a month for business. Ronald is hoping to assist with the 60-year reunion in 2027! He says see you all soon.

Gregg Booth '67 Gregg writes in with his 30-second update: He competed in the Newport triathlon in November 2022 (ran the 5k in 7:30 per mile / 25:15 for 3.1 miles). He came down with cancer in August 2023. He beat cancer Feb. 15, 2024. He met a girl and moved to Hawaii in August 2024. Christopher Ennis '67 and Joan Buck Ennis '67 Chris and Joan recently celebrated 53 years of marriage. Though both are retired, Joan still writes fiction and facilitates writing and reading groups in Northfield, Minn. Chris still publishes articles in mathematics journals. They have two sons: David, a professor of physics at Auburn University, and Gregory, a youth minister at a local church. In addition, Chris and Joan have four grandchildren ranging in ages from 8 to 16 years.

Joan Goldstein '67 Joan says life in Los Gatos is wonderful. Beautiful city to retire to. Joan's daughter Rachel and grandkids are right down the street. Joan is looking forward to her 75th birthday in Kauai. She traveled with the family to Australia and New Zealand in March. They want to go back—great people, great coffee and beautiful scenery. Jill Katz Hirschman '67 Jill is fortunate to have made lifelong friends. To her, this is one of life's greatest gifts.

Francine Baker '68 Francine is glad to be a part of the BHHS Alumni Association. She knows it was special to grow up in Beverly Hills and attend BHHS. Her class has made a great effort in staying connected with their reunion, mini reunions, and their website. When Francine got married in 1975 she left the LA area and moved not too far away to Claremont, where she and her husband Bill have been living for close to 50 years. They have enjoyed living in a smaller, quieter town where they were able to get involved with community boards and volunteer activities. They have a daughter Rachael, who is married, has two children, and lives in Massachusetts. Bill and Francine are retired and enjoy traveling, working out, and spending time with friends and their adorable dog.

Al Goodman '68 Al writes that Connie Dolgin Rawlins '68 hosted him and their classmate Debby Lapidus '68 at her home for a delicious photo above right).

home for a delicious dinner (see photo above right). These three all live in La Jolla and have been getting together with their spouses and friends since the 50-year reunion in 2018. On occasion Tony Mohr '65 and Miles Corwin '68 have joined in the fun.

**Ruth Bassman Schriebman '68** Ruth is still working in her therapy practice and enjoying time with family and friends.

Howard Fisher '69 Howard says there is nothing like grandchildren—he's very fortunate that his two grandchildren live just 5 miles away and he gets to be with them all the time! Still going to work every day as a business and tax lawyer, and in his spare time Howard is the treasurer of Beverly Hills.

Marnee Phillps Foldoe '69 Marnee has embarked on the next chapter of her life. She is excited to become a grandmother for the first time in the spring. She has been

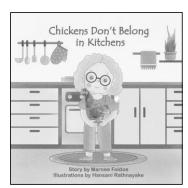


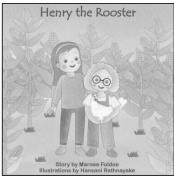
classmate Debby Connie Dolgin Rawlins '68, Al Lapidus '68 at her Goodman '68, Debby Lapidus '68

enjoying camping (solo and in a group) and hiking in the Las Vegas vicinity. She was fortunate that Lynn Mayer Smith '69 visited her and she visited Linda Glasser '69. Attending her 55th reunion was even better than she anticipated. She said it was good to connect with old friends. She wishes she had been able to talk with more of her classmates. Marnee still delights in volunteering at McKee Ranch where she takes care of the chickens. Her biggest and proudest accomplishment since Fall 2024 has been publishing three children's books on Amazon-21 Life Lessons from Chickens, Chickens Don't Belong in Kitchens, and Henry the Rooster. Another chicken book, Tilly the Talker, will be published soon and others are in the "incubation" period. She finds writing to be fun and fulfilling.

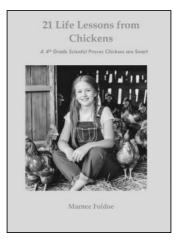
Alan Harris '69 Alan is enjoying the beach life between Kauai and Carlsbad!

Lynn Mayer Smith '69 Lynn continues to volunteer with Furry Friends Pet Assisted Therapy Services. She still enjoys her sweepstakes hobby. She says to contact her to know more. She enjoyed visiting Brian Grad and his wife Marle and Marnee Phillips Foldoe, both Class of '69, on two travel adventures. Lynn keeps in communication with many of her wonderful friends from the classes of '69 and '68. They know who they are.





Marnee Phillips Foldoe '69 has published three children's books since Fall 2024, with more coming soon



### 1970

Robert Higginbotham '71 Robert is retired and enjoying life. Hope and Arnold Anisgarten '72 Hope and Arnold have been celebrating their collective 70th birthdays and say it has been a special time for all and let's keep going!

Stuart Seiff '72 Stuart says it's fun to read about friends from the past and he's so sorry to have missed the reunion. He heard it was a blast. Time moves on but he's still having fun and finding new challenges. Stuart says work, sailing, travel, and diving occupy much of his time. He and Marilou now have three grandsons, so more fun. Marilou continues living the marine biologist's dream of managing the Marine Science Institute for over 20 years. Stuart continues his practice of oculofacial plastic surgery and he has two wonderful associates as he looks to slow down a bit over the next few years. But he has new adventures in drug development and government affairs, as well as surgical mission trips to Ukraine. It only seems to get better!

**David Berkowitz '73** In 2008, David moved from California to Iowa because of his job. Even though he retired in January of 2021, he decided to stay in Iowa. His interests include his two pet cats, chess and doing speeches at his Toastmasters Club.

Clifford Cutler '73 Clifford's son Geoffrey and his wife Alexa gave them one of life's treasures: Sloane Jett Cutler, born Aug. 21, 2024. This is Clifford's first granddaughter. He just spent three days with Mark Silverstein and Mark Ukra at Del Mar Racetrack. They all won! They've known each other since they were 6. Clifford says hi to everyone.

**Diana Berman Murphy '73**Diana wrote this note one year after her class celebrated its 50th reunion (see photo)! Sending much love and her best to everyone!

Jeffrey Lea '74 Jeffrey can't believe it is 50 years since graduation. He and his wife are retired. They have two adult children and four grandchildren and they are all doing well. Jeffrey says life is good.

Thomas Louchheim '75 Thomas retired and became rabbi emeritus of Kol Ami Synagogue in Tucson, as of July 2023. He officiated at the wedding of his fourth child, Benny, to Tessa Minardi in Saratoga Springs, New York, on Sept. 15, 2024.

Jennifer Malvin '75 Jennifer is very grateful for her family and friends, and to have concluded a career devoted to music and education. She is now pursuing a future in writing. Always looking both back and forward, she so enjoyed their Hawthome reunion at Factor's Deli and looks forward to traveling to sights unseen in the year to come. Israel, Sinai Temple, and the Jewish community remain her constant interests.

Elizabeth Schwartz Sax '75



Elizabeth went to UC Irvine after graduating f r o m Beverly. Her career after college has always been in Marketing

Communications in Fortune 100 companies and, just before retiring, in the non-profit sector. From the industry to medical manufacturing to senior living, her goal has always been to improve people's lives through her work. Her and her late husband's proudest achievement is their two independent and successful children who are ambitious and community-oriented. When Elizabeth is not visiting her kids, she is involved in her community civically, spiritually athletically. She can hit a mean pickleball serve and swoosh down the ski mountain, while at home she enjoys gardening entertaining. Over the years she has connected with a few fellow "Normans" but unfortunately was not able to attend the 50th reunion. She hopes to connect with more old friends through "Class Notes" without having to wait until the 75th reunion (saxhouse1@gmail. com).

Elyse Rothstein Beardsley '76 After 38 years, Elyse sold her locksmith company in El Segundo. She loved owning her company but said now is the time to travel with her husband in their motorhome. They hope to travel across the U.S. and see this great country. She now has

seven grandkids and two greatgrandkids. Elyse still talks to many wonderful friends from Horace Mann.

Mark Feldman '76 After 43 years of living in the Bay Area, Mark has moved down to La Quinta and is enjoying the start of his retirement.

P.K. Fields Reich (ER '72) P.K. says while she didn't formally graduate from Beverly, her deep ties to the community have made it feel like her alma mater. Her sister Kathy Fields Lander graduated in 1964, and P.K.'s first husband Scott Zimmerman (her children's father) in 1976. Both of Scott's parents-Joyce Winter and Paul Zimmerman—are BHHS alumni and still active in the community. The tradition continued with P.K.'s youngest son Montgomery Zimmerman '08. P.K.'s own educational roots in Beverly Hills include years at El Rodeo and freshman summer studies at BHHS. In her professional life, P.K. founded ElderSense.com in Arizona—a platform similar to Yelp but specifically designed for seniors, case managers, and social workers. The service allowed users to locate and connect directly with vetted senior services including living facilities, memory care specialists, hospice/palliative care providers, physicians, home care services, and estate attorneys-all without going through impersonal call centers. We operated on an advertising business model, which unfortunately proved vulnerable during the pandemic. When our client service providers redirected their marketing budgets toward essential PPE equipment during COVID, we faced significant business challenges. Today, P.K. leverages her Beverly Hills background and 15 years of expertise in senior care to personally assist families in navigating senior resources. Her work combines direct services with



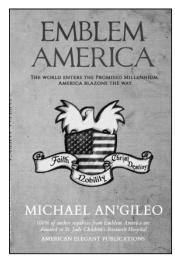
Diana Berman Murphy '73 shared this photo from her 50th reunion in 2023



Tom Louchheim '75 (center) officiated at the wedding of his fourth child, Benny, to Tessa Minardi last year

referrals to trusted colleagues she has collaborated with throughout her career. This word-of-mouth approach allows her to continue her mission of connecting seniors with quality care resources while maintaining the personal touch that has always defined her work. Please visit www.eldersense.com for more info.

Michael (Vanoff) An'gileo '77 Michael says his book, Emblem America, is now being sold through the Harvard University Bookstore. It's also available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble booksellers online. Emblem America marks a historic page in the fulfillment of America's Noble Destiny. Michael is reaching out to the hearts of millions to share the prophetic signs and wonders regarding the



nation's sparkling future and the details of an epochal shift for governments everywhere-a promised Global Renaissance. Never has a book been written that so succinctly details America's

current place on God's Royal Timeline and the 7th Millennium threshold alluded to in the Christian Bible and echoed in the Jewish Talmud. America's future is far brighter than anyone could possibly imagine. The book can be purchased at https://shop.harvard. com/book/9781729730935

Michael Collins '78 Michael



grew up in Beverly Hills and was active in the high school's Performing A r t s Department, focusing on production

lighting and set design. After some college, he adopted his mother's maiden name and built a career in entertainment, ultimately working as a TV casting director. Over 30 years ago, he made a shift to real estate and is now a top Realtor with Coldwell Banker on Canon Drive-close to his childhood home. Michael, known for his charitable nature, lives with his husband of 23 years, Daniel, and their two rescue dogs. Their home in West Hollywood was designed as a studio/gallery for their art collection, reflecting his commitment to the arts. To reconnect, visit www.

MichaelCollins.com or call 310-413-1100.

Lance Jensen '78 Lance is currently in his 21st year of serving on the bench as a Superior Court Judge in Orange County, Calif. For the last 16 years, he has been assigned to a dedicated trial court where he presides over serious and violent felony cases. Retirement is on the horizon, but Lance doesn't know how far out. He and his wife recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and enjoy visits with their two grown children. They have a vacation home in Idaho where Lance enjoys skiing, hiking, and boating to name a few activities. Locally, he enjoys running, working out, and horseback riding. He has been blessed in so many ways, including but not limited to the time he spent and memories he created at BHHS. He wishes everyone happiness and good health.

Ron M. Aryel '79 Ron says, the Albee Aryel Foundation's Fellowship Program is now called Every Mind Matters, and you can find it at www. everymindmattersnv.org. first non-traditional fellow, Paula Juarez, has come aboard. She is a full-time employee and attends the University of Nevada at night. She is majoring in finance. Every Mind Matters is fundraising for

#### 2nd generation grads Cont. from p. 9



AJ Smiler '25, Kimberly Klausner, M.D. '86, Jessica Smiler '22. AJ will attend Carnegie Mellon University



Presley Frankel 25 **UC Berkeley** 



Jena Goodman Frankel Josh Omidi '21, Michelle Omidi Keyvani '12, Sophia '89. Presley will attend Omidi '25, Ella Barkhordarfard Omidi '90. Sophia will attend University Of Miami



**Go Normans!** Michael J. Libow '81 poses with the BHHS mascot

2025 and they need your help. If you can help, go to the website and donate. Ron's fellows thank you.

Steve Sloan '79 Steve and Melissa continue to spend their retirement shuttling between San Francisco and Los Angeles. In San Francisco, Steve has connected with other 1979 alums including Wendye Robbins, Meyla Ruwin, and Jim Gerber, as well as 1980 alum Amy (Barbash) Sahn. In LA, Steve continues to hang out with his long-time wingmen Joel

Amsterdam and Russell Friend. Steve and Melissa are avid hikers and have walked/hiked several thousand miles in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area, over the past five-plus years. Steve continues to be obsessed with Liverpool Football Club, which occupies his thoughts about 90% of the time.

#### 1980

Liz Claman '81 Liz is so proud of the accomplishments of the stellar Class of '81: LA District Attorney Nathan Hochman, star realtor Michael Libow, Bloomberg iournalist Eric Coleman, investor Peter Schiff, life coach Treva Brandon, CA DOJ Attorney Louis Karlin, BH Mayor John Mirisch, producer-writer Gregg Sherman, Liberty Global CEO Mike Fries, star lawyers Mike Shokrian and Dion Cominos ... the list goes on! Something was in the water fountain at Beverly! Go Class of '81!

**Ellen Moshein Federoff '81** Ellen is still living the island life of Maui. She continues to race outrigger canoes and is the director of the

with his long-time wingmen Joel canoes and is the director of the

Dianna Mannheim Sternberg '94 (far left) and Deborah Harris '92 (far right) recently joined the board of WIZO California. They are pictured with fellow newly elected board members Laura Stein and Sheila Mirharooni as they welcomed guests to a sold-out Jan. 20 screening of the documentary Beyond October 7th in Beverly Hills. Sternberg noted the screening "was made even more special by the presence of Israeli director Jasmine Kainy, who joined us for a thoughtful Q&A session. ... The event was a deeply meaningful and touching experience, as attendees came together to reflect, share, and support one another during this difficult time."

Kihei Charter High School.

Andrea Alenick Norman '81
Andrea has a new business,
TwigsnThings.com. On Instagram:
@AndreaNorman1880. Her
18-year-old twins, Noah and Alex,
will be graduating from high school
in June and will be going to Cal
State University. She hopes alums
will shop from her site.

Michele Sapper '81 Michele says May 1, 2024 was 40 years since a drunk driver changed her life! She'd love to connect—michelespeaks. com.

Greg Segall '81 Greg says all is well here in Philadelphia after 22 years. He's still active in business and politics. Kids are all grown and doing well too. Greg says the last reunion was a nice evening—perhaps there will be a 45th in 2026?

John Newby '82 John has five grandkids; only one wears pants. He is an officer in the Navy Seals. John's last grandkid was a student at Washington State University. When John hummed a few bars of his Beverly fight song, his granddaughter was quite impressed, as the "Fight, Fight for Beverly High" is the same melody as her Wash State's song. And the colors of the two schools are both orange and white. John wonders how the two schools "got together"?

**Jason Barry '86** Jason has spent the past 28 years working as a news reporter/anchor at CBS-5 and 3-TV in Phoenix. All that time doing the Norman News at BHHS



clearly paid off. Jason was just promoted to weekend news anchor. In 2024, Jason was inducted into the Rocky Mountain

Emmy Silver Circle Society, which recognizes excellence in journalism over the past 25 years. Along with his longtime contributions to the community, Jason enjoys life in Arizona with his wife Karen and son Josh. He's not planning to retire any time soon.

Noah Margo '86 Noah concluded his third term on the BHUSD Board of Education. With 13 years of service, Noah is tied for the second longest-serving board member in BHUSD history. His future plans include traveling, writing, touring with his band, The Tokens, and pondering a run for state office in the future. He enthusiastically thanks his wife, Laura Hornwood Margo '87, for supporting him through everything! (See story, p. 40.)

#### 1990

David Fleming '91 David is owner of themilesguy.com helping people travel using their frequent flyer miles and credit card points. Many of his clients are his Beverly classmates.

# **Conversations**BHHS Alumni Cont. from p. 1

Association and

BHHS Broadcast Production students, aims to foster connections between students and former graduates through conversations centered on shared career paths.

Each episode features a student and an alum discussing professional experiences and advice. The videos are scheduled to premiere on BHUSD's official social media platforms.

The first installment features Beverly High student Gunnar Walmsley and Antonia Carlotta '06, a film historian and a great-niece of Universal Studios co-founder Carl Laemmle.

"By spotlighting shared passions across generations, this series captures what makes BHUSD truly exceptional, students who dream big and alumni who've paved the way," said

#### '58 grad who spent BHHS career on the bench recalls Coach's act of atonement



**Coach Steve Miletich** 

We are at North Torrance and losing by 15 points at halftime. They were the doormat of the league.

We went into the locker room and waited a couple of minutes for Tich. He came in with a scowl, didn't say a word, took a metal chair, and threw it through the window. The crash and the resulting silence were deafening. I can still hear it today.

We came out in the second half and blistered them, winning by 20

**Kraushaar '73** Cont. two." Kraushaar from p. 20

said, adding that she plans on volunteering at Porsche's school. She also looks forward to traveling and spontaneously booked her first trip to Amsterdam with her daughter, Kimberly.

"I could have never done that before. She travels for work and has to go to Amsterdam, and we've always talked about meeting up and spending some time there. Now, I can do that. So, I'm looking forward to a little bit of travel," she added.

Colby Gilardian '24, BHUSD Communications Media Specialist. "It's about seeing yourself in someone who once walked your same halls."

Alumni interested in being featured are invited to email <u>alumni@bhusd.org</u> to get involved.

points.

There was a code of silence. Nobody said anything about the incident during the bus ride or back at school. I'm not sure whether we were afraid to say something or it was out of respect for the iron man's military reputation.

While I lettered in varsity basketball at BHHS, I was always a second stringer, even though in practice I outplayed Burt Rosenberg, the first-string forward. My actual playing time was limited to the last few minutes when the game was already decided. I complained to Coach Tich but to no avail. He wouldn't budge.

I went to Claremont Men's College and played Freshman ball, averaging 22 points a game. The upperclassmen's team had a 6'7" forward who broke his ankle and was out for the season. Their coach called me to his office and asked if I wanted to move up to take his place. I agreed on the condition that I would start because I wasn't going to ride the bench like in high school.

We played in the Pasadena City College tournament against Whittier College. I scored 30 points that night. Everything just seemed to go in.

The referee was Steve Miletich.

He acted like he didn't know me. He called a two-shot foul on a Whittier player. I knew it was only a one shotter because I was not in the act of shooting.

When Coach gave me the ball, he whispered to me, "That's for not playing you in high school."

It made my suffering worthwhile for years to come. And when I saw Coach at SCGA golfing events, we would laugh about it. It was our little secret.

The Coach had a steel heart. I loved that man. We are all better off because of him. I still have a fond memory of him to this day.

- Mark Slotkin '58

## Happy 95th, Mr. Jacobson!



Retired Beverly Vista teacher Heinz Jacobson and Stephanie Lehrer '72

My 3rd grade teacher still means the world to me. The photo above was taken on Mr. Heinz Jacobson's 94th birthday at Marino Ristorante in 2023. He's now 95 years young!

I've heard it said that a good teacher teaches the "3 Rs." But, a great teacher touches our human feelings.

When I first met Mr. Jacobson I was a shy, little 8-year-old girl. I didn't realize it then—but he would become a major

life. My mom had just become a single mom. She was having a very hard time. Mom was left to manage her three little girls alone. I had a difficult time, too. I was experiencing stress and loss. In 1963, there were just a few "broken homes" in our neighborhood. I suffered with sadness and anxiety attacks.

influence in my

And, as if by magic, my world shifted for the good. Mr. Jacobson was there every weekday. He was present and available. He was handsome and smelled good and always wore a tie. He was fun and funny. I don't think I ever laughed as hard as I did in his classroom on the 2nd floor of Beverly Vista.

I know my life would have been different if I didn't have him in my life at that very moment. My mom would speak about him and his kindness many times—for he helped her, as well. Having her eldest daughter happy was everything. I would skip to her car after school with a smile and giggle while I would recount stories of our day in his class.

Fourteen years later, in 1977, I became a teacher. Miraculously, I was assigned to Beverly Vista in a 2nd-floor classroom directly across the hall from Mr. Jacobson! I'll never forget when he asked me to call him "Heinz"! It felt odd at first but I managed.

Those years were full of laughter. We would laugh until tears streamed down our faces. Heinz also showed me how to respectfully speak up for myself to the administrators that took advantage of teachers. He told me, "They need us more than we need them."

Heinz taught me many life lessons:

\*Know your worth.

\*Remember who your friends are and be loyal.

\*Most importantly, always see the humor in life and LAUGH!

I thank him for all he's done for me and many others. From being his student, to colleague, and now a friend.

- Stephanie Lehrer '72

# Nan Morris Corman S'49 reflects on nearly 90 years in Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills Weekly interviewed Corman in June 2024.

## You have lived in Beverly Hills for 90 years. Tell us about that.

When I was nine years old, my grandparents, parents, and I moved out here from New York. I attended Hawthorne and Beverly High, then UCLA. My grandfather, Sam Morris, along with Sam Warner, founded Warner Brothers. My father, Buddy Morris, started the Warner Brothers Music Company and later founded Edwin H. Morris and Company, which became the largest music publishing company in the world, producing Broadway shows like Hello, Dolly! and Mame. When he died, Paul McCartney bought the company and now owns everything my father had.

My grandfather was Jewish and married a Quaker named Linda Chandler. I was named Nan Chandler Morris. Since she was a Ouaker, she wanted their children to be brought up Episcopalian, and my father never considered himself anything but Episcopalian. I have two younger sisters. Ellen [Morris Hines '51], the next oldest after me, regularly attended the Episcopal Church, but I stopped going when I was 16. After my parents divorced, my mother decided that my little sister would go to temple, so [my family is a religious mixture].

I married Gene Corman S'44, who was an agent at MCA. It's a very funny story. My father had tickets to the Warner Brothers film called *A Star Is Born* with Judy Garland, but he didn't want to use them, so he gave them to me. He [suggested] I get a date and go to the premiere. I was supposed to go with an attorney I was dating, but he called from New York the night before and said he couldn't make it. I didn't know what to do, so I went to the MCA building. Mort Viner '49, whom I had gone to school

with and who was just starting as an agent, worked there. I asked him if he could go with me but he couldn't and he said to go and ask Gene Corman. I said I couldn't do that because I didn't know him and he took me by the hand across the hall and introduced us, and Gene agreed to go with me, even though he was dating Felicia Farr at the time.

We went to the premiere together, started dating afterward, and eventually got engaged and married. Gene always teased me, saying that I asked him out for the first time.

I was Episcopalian, and Gene was Catholic. When we wanted to have children, Gene said to me that I had to go to the Good Shepherd Church in Beverly Hills and attend nine weeks of instruction and sign papers agreeing to raise our children Catholic. I [agreed], and we had two sons, Todd '75 and Craig '77.

We had built a modern home in Bel Air in 1962, right after getting married. However, the fire came and took part of the house. Gene and I decided to move back to Beverly Hills.

Todd went on to film school at USC and joined the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. I was very involved, serving as Mothers Club President for the fraternity and later when he went on to cinema school, I became President of Cinema Circulus. Todd went on to direct television and married an actress, Jennifer Runyon. They have been married for over 30 years.

Craig went to Stanford and then to the University of Michigan Law School. Craig, who became a lawyer, married Karen, she was leaving a firm as he was joining it. They, too, have been married for a long time. [Editor's note: Craig currently serves on the Beverly Hills City Council.]

Gene founded New World Pictures with his [late] brother,

#### Roger S'43. Tell us about that.

Gene and Rogerworked together on two or three films when Gene was the agent. He was handling big names like Fred MacMurray and Joan Crawford, making great deals for everyone. After a year or two, Gene decided that because he was making so many deals he was going to do something for himself. So, he and Roger had just started out and they did two or three smaller films together.

Gene decided he wanted to pursue larger films and went on to make over 30 films for major companies like MGM, Universal, and Paramount.

[Editor's note: Roger Corman passed away in 2024. See p. 52.]

# Gene worked on several films in Israel, including *The Big Red One*. Tell us about that.

Gene made three films in Israel, including *The Big Red One*, which he filmed on the Gaza Strip when it was nothing but sand.

The Big Red One was the first one he did in [Israel]. It was summertime and Gene went ahead to start preparations, and I flew over later with the children.

We stayed in a little town called Herzliya, above Tel Aviv. As we drove up, our driver pointed out soldiers in front of the hotel. It turned out that Palestinians had come down and attempted to enter Tel Aviv, and the army was there arresting them. It was the scariest thing to come to a country with your children and see this, but after that, nothing ever fazed me. I loved every bit of Israel. We made wonderful friends and saw every part of the country we could.

#### Tell us about your time on the Beverly Hills Fine Arts Commission.

We have a major art collection and bought a condo in New York 25 years ago at the Museum Tower, right above the Museum of Modern Art. Since Gene was often filming in Europe and we frequently stopped off in New York,



Nan Morris Corman S'49 and the late Gene Corman S'44

we made friends with many of the artists whose works we own today. Gene automatically joined the Art Commission, and I followed after him. I loved being on it, felt it was important, and enjoyed it because I knew about art, and everyone on the commission did as well.

When Gene was on the commission, we became very friendly with Pierre Levai of Marlborough Gallery in New York, which represented artists like Fernando Botero. Botero was having a big show in New York with gigantic pieces of art, mostly six to 10 feet tall figures. Gene asked Pierre if he could bring some of these pieces to Beverly Hills to line up along Santa Monica Boulevard. Pierre said yes, and Gene paid for the shipping of about 10 of these massive pieces.

Gene then asked Pierre if he would offer Beverly Hills a deal on one of those pieces. Pierre agreed, but Beverly Hills turned it down, which was incredibly [disappointing] because it was a valuable piece that should have been bought.

## How has the city changed over the years?

When I was growing up, Beverly Hills was a nice, small kind of village. It was the same when the boys were growing up. The children would walk into Beverly Hills and visit the ten-cent store, the Toy Menagerie, Cont. on p. 38

# '24 grad launched music career at BHHS Music Industry Center

Louis McKinlay '24, an artistsongwriter who goes by Looster, had a busy year, releasing six singles in 2024. He capped the year with his single, "Falling in Love," and is currently working with producer Nathan Horowitz '26 on his first full-length album.

"[This song] showcases my most emotional and compelling work to date," says McKinlay, who cites Logic, Billie Eilish, J. Cole, and Coldplay as influences and creates music featuring alternative beats and deeply personal storytelling. So far, he has focused largely on rap, but his debut album will explore a variety of genres.

"I'm exploring personal growth, mental health, and identity—really trying to make something that hits on an emotional level but still delivers sonically," he said of his upcoming album.

McKinlay credits Beverly's Music Industry Center (MIC) for teaching him everything he knows about music production and performance—and for launching his collaboration with Horowitz, who McKinlay describes as "an emerging talent honing his craft" at the MIC.

Their creative process typically involves starting with an instrumental—either something Horowitz has produced or a sample McKinlay has found. "[I] build the lyrics and song around that," McKinlay said. "I dig deep on most cuts to convey a deep and impactful lyrical focus."

"Nathan will take all my ideas and make it into a fully fleshed-out song through further production and mixing," he added.

Established in 2019 with a generous donation by Michael J. Libow '81, the MIC offers state-of-the-art facilities, including a professional music production lab, recording booth, and creative studio equipped with the latest instruments and technology. Under the guidance of dedicated



Nathan Horowitz '26 (left) and Louis McKinlay '24 (right) are collaborating to produce McKinlay's debut album

instructors, students receive hands-on experience in audio engineering, mixing, and the music industry, preparing them for successful careers in music.

The Beverly Hills community has nurtured Looster's music career in other ways. His first live performance took place in March 2023 at the inaugural Festival Beverly Hills, a city event celebrating cultural diversity and local talent that was supported by then-Mayor Lili Bosse '79 and other city officials. (See p. 44 for a

Q&A with Beverly Hills Arts and Culture Commission Chair Karla Gordy Bristol '82, who organized the event.)

McKinlay cited this opportunity as a defining moment of his early music career.

"It felt awesome to [have my first live show] in the town I live in," McKinlay shared. "I hope to do more stuff like it in the future."

For more info on Looster and his music, visit his YouTube channel or stream his latest releases on all major platforms.





'81 grads take office. At left: Nathan Hochman '81 (center) took the oath of office as Los Angeles County District Attorney on Dec. 3, 2024, after defeating incumbent George Gascón in the November election. Hochman was sworn in by former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (left), with Hochman's wife Vivienne Vella by his side. Hochman is a former federal proscutor, U.S. Assistant Attorney General, and L.A. Ethics Commission president.

Above: In April 2025, John Mirisch '81 (left) was sworn in as Beverly Hills Vice Mayor by his classmates, Hochman (far right) and Steve Katz '81 (center), Los Angeles County Chief Deputy DA. Mirisch has served on the Beverly Hills City Council since 2009

#### '66 grad, a later-in-life children's book author, encourages overcoming fears

#### By Stephanie Wildman '66 Courtesy of Nob Hill Gazette

I grew up afraid of the water. My parents couldn't swim. They were afraid and instilled that fear in me, telling me stories of children who drowned. A more sensible way to protect me would have been teaching me how to swim. My fear undermined my self-confidence. Books gave me respite from my parents' anxieties and from my own, so I always wanted to be a writer. Books took me to faraway places where I met differentalbeit imaginary—people and had adventures. In fourth grade I created a pen name—Katherine Grayson. In my Southern California high school, as a school-paper editor, I continued the flirtation with my love of writing, but fear had made me risk-averse when it came to pursuing my dream. I began a career as a legal educator with a secure salary.

I still couldn't swim.

At age 26 I volunteered for the United Farm Workers union in Merced, where the heat was so intense that the legal team visited the local pool every day after work. Even I ventured into the water. A young lifeguard saw me hanging onto the side of the pool, and she worked with me that summer until I could swim one lap. I returned to

my career as a legal educator with a new identity—swimmer.

I kept swimming laps as I returned to law teaching at various Northern California universities. When I retired at age 69, I wondered who I was now that I wasn't a professor anymore. I missed my schedule and my students.

Then I saw an announcement about a class in crafting books for children. I felt excited but apprehensive. Writing for children was a truly new idea. Were those the stories I wanted to tell? I wondered if I could be a student again when I was used to running the class. I didn't know the answers, but I signed up.

I was the oldest person in the room, but it was a relief not being in charge. I took to my newest identity-student. We had been assigned to come to class with a book idea. My proposal involved grandparents and grandchildren, including one chapter about fear of water. My teacher pronounced, "It's a picture book!"

I was skeptical. I am no artist. I found out that picture book writers who are not author/illustrators rarely meet the illustrator. A writer-only author doesn't submit a picture book with illustrations already done because the publisher selects the illustrator.

Corman S'49 Cont. from p. 36 other wonderful places. I never worried about the boys going anywhere; it was just something that all the children in Beverly Hills did.

I remember Willie Brien '75, one of the former mayors. Willie and Todd grew up together. When they were three years old, they would go to each other's houses through the alley behind our homes. It was just that kind of place. Willie and Todd are still friends today. which is so nice and rare.

[The city] started growing,

and it's no longer Beverly Hills. It's turned into a big city, and it's overdone. Today, it's not the same anymore, and it's very sad.

The traffic is terrible, and the parking is even worse. The subway should never have gone through Wilshire Boulevard; it would have been better on [another route].

I was happy growing up in Beverly Hills. I loved it. People were friendly, and everyone knew each other. It was a really nice city to grow up in.



Treasure Hunt

I had no excuse; I had to face my fears and doubts. I cared about this narrative. My own fear of water had led to my spending a lot of time around pools, through my children's swimming careers. I had taken them to learn to swim at an early age so they would not grow up afraid as I had. My daughter became an award-winning swim coach, and my son swam for Team USA in the 2008 Olympics, winning a gold medal.

Yet childhood drowning remains an epidemic, the secondleading cause of unintentional childhood death, especially in communities of color. Years of segregationist practices limited access to pools, creating a nonswimming culture in those communities. Maybe there was a story in my idea about a child who is afraid to put his face in the water and his grandmother who is afraid of a yoga pose that takes her upside

I rewrote and polished for two vears after that class. After what seemed like an eternity, but what apparently passes for lightning speed in the publishing world, Lawley Publishing sent an email acceptance for Brave in the Water. Along the publishing journey of that book I met a community of writers across genres at the Writers Grotto in San Francisco and

writers focused on kidlit through the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. The real gifts, beyond these friendships and the sense of belonging, came with photos sent by appreciative young readers, like the girl holding the published book with the heartshaped bookmark she had made for it. Their feedback enabled me to feel the endless possibilities in every day.

I'm still risk-averse, but I have changed through the act of creating each new book, five of them now. And I have a new identity-storyteller. Might you have a new identity, hiding behind your own fears, that brings endless possibilities?

Stephanie Wildman's most recent children's books are Ghost Writer (co-authored with Cecilia Populus-Eudave) and Miri's Moving Day (co-authored with Adam Ryan Chang). Her next book, Story Power!, co-authored with her grandson Simon Wildman Chung, comes out this fall.

Wildman became a professor emerita after serving as the John A. and Elizabeth H. Sutro Chair at Santa Clara Law, where she directed the school's Center for Social Justice and Public Service.

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Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

#### '78 grad's band wins Big Law's Battle of the Bands

Lawyer/drummer Pierre Weiner '78 played in a Battle of the Bands of Big Law Firms, for Law Rocks, in front of a sold out audience at The Roxy on Sunset on March 20, 2025. His band, Baker

& the McKenzies, named after their law firm, Baker McKenzie LLP, won the competition.

Law Rocks provides underprivileged children with musical instruments, lessons and





Top photo: Pierre Weiner '78 playing drums with his band; Bottom photo: Weiner (center) and his bandmates with their Law Rocks award

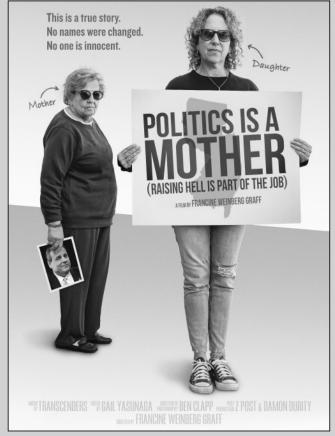
#### '73 grad inducted into Steinway Hall of Fame



Peter Kairoff
'73 was recently
inducted into the
Steinway and Sons
Hall of Fame at a
ceremony in New
York City. A concert pianist and
recording artist, he
is also Professor
of Music at Wake
Forest University,
where he has taught
since 1988.

training. In addition, Baker & the McKenzies designated Violence Intervention Program (providing financial assistance to battered women and children) as its charity beneficiary, and in one evening raised over \$140,000. The entire weekend of playing broke Law Rocks' record and raised over \$480,000 for charity.

# Documentary highlights '52 grad's role in uncovering N.J.'s Bridgegate scandal



#### Loretta Isaacs Weinberg '52 (left) is the subject of *Politics Is A Mother*, a documentary directed by her daughter Francine Weinberg Graff (right)

Loretta Isaacs Weinberg '52, former majority leader of the New Jersey state senate, is the subject of a new documentary directed by her daughter Francine Weinberg Graff called *Politics Is A Mother, Raising Hell is Part of the Job*.

The film tells the story of how Weinberg, known as "the feisty grandma," uncovered New Jersey's Bridgegate scandal, which ultimately led to the downfall of then-Gov. Chris Christie.

The film's description notes,

"Told through the unique lens of a mother-daughter story, *Politics Is A Mother* reveals how the political is always personal—and how an 'adorable' grandmother became one of the most fearless and consequential politicians of our time."

Politics Is A Mother premiered at the Montclair Film Festival and garnered awards at the Teaneck Film Festival—both in New Jersey.

To view the trailer, visit <a href="https://vimeo.com/1069427886">https://vimeo.com/1069427886</a>

#### Margo '86 concludes 13 years of service on BH school board

Noah Margo '86 recently concluded 13 years of service on the Beverly Hills Unified School District Board of Education. In a December 2024 Q&A with Beverly Hills Weekly, Margo discussed his school board career, which began in 2011 after he was elected as a write-in candidate.

He discussed highlights and challenges such as reconfiguring the school district to include a dedicated middle school, moving instruction online during COVID, pursuing litigation over subway construction near the high school, and responding to the effects of declining enrollment.

Asked how things have improved in 13 years, Margo said, "These students' opportunities, both academically and co-curricular, have vastly improved. Especially since the

reconfiguration in 2019 and 2020."

"We have a strong administration that supports student success and learning first," he added. "We have amazing new facilities that have come on board and continue to come on board. That does help, even if it might seem superficial, but there's a sense of spirit, togetherness, and unity when people love where they go to school."

Reconfiguration led to the opening of Beverly Vista as a dedicated middle school for grades 6 through 8.

"I think it was a success. I think it was necessary," Margo said.
"... The academic opportunities for our middle schoolers—and technically the athletic opportunities as well—have improved more than anyone could

have imagined."

Asked if he had advice for new board members, Margo advised coming in without an agenda and avoiding trying to solve the school district's "everyday issues."

"Learning happens on the school sites. Everything good that happens in our district happens in the classroom, involving students and teachers," he said. "We, as board members, need to get out of the way and make sure they have the space and resources to do their jobs—to educate our students and help them succeed. That's our job: ensuring everyone has what they need to succeed."

Margo said being on the school board helped him develop "thick skin."

"They say that being a school board member is the hardest elected official position in the



Noah Margo '86

country. It's quite thankless and time-consuming," he said. "If you start out popular, there will be times when you become everybody's least favorite person ... but I wouldn't trade it for anything. It has been an invaluable experience in my life, giving back to a school district that I absolutely loved being part of. Some of the best years of my life were spent at my school. ... I did a lot of what I could to give back to what this district gave me and how it has helped me move forward in life."

Margo told the *Weekly* he was considering running for state office in the future.

"I'm going to take some time off, research it, and try to figure out what might fit or not. But I feel that my years dealing with a local school district, which answers to the state, have taught me a lot about how things work—and don't work—and I think I can lend my skills to an office up north as well." he said.

"I also want to acknowledge that I couldn't have done any of this without the support of my wife, Laura [Hornwood Margo '87], and my kids, who had to go through most of their public school years with me on the school board," Margo said. "So, a big shoutout to Laura and my kids [Solomon Margo '18, Jax Margo '20 and Reese Margo '24]."

(See p. 8 for Reese's family graduation photo.)

#### '05 grad initiates scholarship opportunities for Horace Mann students

Orthodontist Jonathan Shouhed '05 has been working with the Horace Mann administration to enrich the lives of students. This has ranged from donating a Yamaha Clavinova digital piano to creating scholarship opportunities for graduating fifth graders.

"We have selected a



Jonathan Shouhed '05

number of programs that provide maximum impact in providing our students experiences and opportunities that will generate momentum in their lives to be all they can be," Shouhed said.

The piano is valued at \$2,500.

"It has been close to 20 years without a donation of this magnitude to the music department," Shouhed added. "We hope to support the music and arts programs on a yearly basis and have begun discussing how to make maximum impact for the art program next year."

Shouhed's company, West LA Orthodontics, has also started a yearly scholarship opportunity for three graduating fifth graders at Horace Mann as a pilot project, with all the elementary schools of Beverly Hills possibly participating in the future. The parameters of the scholarship are to submit a form of media, which may be written, picture,

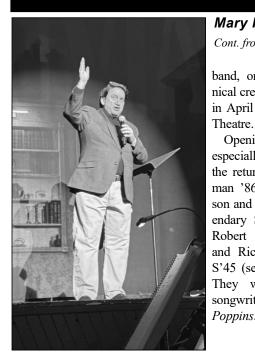
video or song, so that the student can explain how they plan to use science and technology to change the world.

The scholarship prize can be used for any scholastic endeavor including summer camps, cultural enrichment programs or extracurricular activities.

West LA Orthodontics is also working towards a five-year sponsorship for the science fair in an effort to inspire students to be creative through the use of science and technology.

"The goal is to engage students in thinking about their futures, use their critical thinking skills to solve problems and help students conceptualize how they can use their power to help others," Shouhed said. "We hope to uplift tomorrow's leaders and give them the inspiration needed to reach for their dreams."

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



#### Mary Poppins

Cont. from p. 1 including theater, band, orchestra, and technical crew. It was presented in April 2025 at the Saban

Opening night was made especially memorable with the return of Robbie Sherman '86 (pictured at left), son and nephew of the legendary Sherman Brothers, Robert B. Sherman S'43 and Richard M. Sherman S'45 (see obituary, p. 51). They were the original songwriters behind *Mary Poppins*.

# '25 grad heads to topnotch musical theater program vanced. the

Bradyn Prisand '25, who played the title character in BHHS's 2025 production of *Mary Poppins*, is attending the University of Michigan. She is pursuing a BFA in Musical Theatre at one of the most selective and celebrated programs in the country, with an acceptance rate of under 1%.

Bradyn spent her entire K–12 journey in BHUSD, beginning at Beverly Vista and continuing through Beverly High. On the BHHS stage, she brought unforgettable energy to productions such as *Mean Girls*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, and many more. She played key roles in Dance Production Ad-

vanced, the Capstone Theatre class, and Madrigals Choir, and earned recognition in regional competi-



tions and national showcases.

"Bradyn is a true force of talent and perseverance," said Principal Drew Stewart. "Her dedication to her craft and her ability to connect with audiences and peers alike is extraordinary. We are all cheering her on as she takes this next big step at the University of Michigan."

#### Marks family marches toward future without Type 1 Diabetes



Lori Shaw Marks '90, Jonah Marks and Tony Marks '89 in 2025

Every year, the Marks Family Marchers, a team led by Lori Shaw Marks '90 and Anthony (Tony) Marks '89 and their sons Jonah and Jacob, hits the track to raise money to support Breakthrough T1D, an organization dedicated to treating, preventing and curing Type 1 diabetes.

The 2025 Breakthrough T1D Walk, held March 15 at the Rose Bowl, was the family's 15th walk and 15th year of involvement with Breakthrough T1D (formerly known as JDRF, and before that, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), since Jonah was di-

agnosed with diabetes at age 6 in 2010

"It was a beautiful, sunny day, perfect for celebrating our fundraising success," Lori said. "Our team ended up raising just over \$11,000 which was a huge accomplishment considering the unique challenges of this year."

After 15 years, the Marks Family Marchers is approaching the \$300,000 fundraising mark as a single-family team, combined with Tony's law firm, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner, LLP.

Jonah, who recently finished his junior year at UC Santa Cruz,



Dr. Nicole Nourmand '90, Lori Shaw Marks '90 and Elizabeth Clavin Cohn '90 in 2024

surprised his family by showing up at the walk. He had recently been in Washington, D.C. meeting with legislators as part of the Breakthrough T1D Young Adult Advocacy Council leadership team.

"I am happy to report that the Special Diabetes Program was granted a six-month extension/renewal by Congress as a result of the dedication of advocates like Jonah," Lori said.

Tony serves as the community board president for the Los Angeles Chapter. Lori has volunteered on the planning committee for the walk for the past 12 years and mentors newly diagnosed families.

"Over the years we have found it incredibly important and rewarding to share about our journey with this terrible disease and what we are doing to work towards a future without it," Lori says.

Numerous former Normans have supported the walk. In 2024 and 2025, Beverly alumni participants included Lori's sister Lisa Shaw Whitman '85, her aunt Barbara Evans Segal '62, Jamison Newlander '88, Dr. Nicole Nourmand '90, and Elizabeth Clavin Cohn '90.

#### After the Palisades Fire, Beverly grads reflect on losses and hold on to memories

For many in Los Angeles, the year began tragically due to the catastrophic wildfires in Pacific Palisades and Altadena.

Beverly grads were among those who lost their homes, including Pepper Salter Edmiston '63 and Ed Massey '81.



Times.

Edmiston was featured in a New York Times piece about items evacuees took with them as they fled their homes.

Pepper Edmiston
Salter spoke about
Edmiston '63 her cookie
jar collection,
which she started after giving
birth to her seventh child. "I
started buying cookie jars because
they were like babies and I could
carry them around," she told the

The collection grew to more than 250, but only two survived. Both were shaped like small children and had been left on shelving outside, allowing one of Edmiston's sons to retrieve them from the already burning house.

She spoke of the grief her

family has felt losing the house, along with their connection to her late son David, who at age 35 took "his last breath in that house," after suffering from cancer.

When she spoke with the *Times*, she said displaying the surviving cookie jars in her temporary home in Santa Monica made her smile.

"How could I not? That was the thing about cookie jars—they made everyone happy," she told the *Times*.

In 2023, Edmiston hosted her 60-year reunion at her Palisades home.

Artist Ed Massey wrote an essay for *The Hollywood Reporter* about his unique, art-filled home that was designed by architect Eric Owen Moss and located on the El Medio Bluffs above Palisades High School's football stadium.

"Our family, my wife, Dawn, daughter, Georgi and son, Felix, acquired the house in 2010 from the Moss Family and infused it with vibrant, candy-colored palettes to play off the architectural structure, turning it into a joy-filled, and inviting creative space full of energy, warmth and love,"

Massev wrote in *THR*.

Known as 708 House, Massey's family home stood out to passersby for its vibrant exterior, which included a sand volleyball court, colorful solarand adults in hospitals, schools, eldercare facilities and social services programs.

"A vast assortment of my ideas, projects, patents, and creations including many Portraits of Hope

#### "While the fire took our home, it could not burn away ideas, dreams, determination, or hope."

#### -- Ed Massey '81 via The Hollywood Reporter

powered lanterns created by Massey and, parked out front, two yellow NYC taxicabs decorated with whimsical flowers.

"When daylight faded and night would fall, the magic of the solar lanterns would come to life. Within minutes of sunset, each night, the tree would illuminate magnificently and could be seen by residents, visitors and tourists from great distances across the Palisades," Massey wrote.

The taxis came from a project Massey created through Portraits of Hope (POH), the Santa Monica-based arts nonprofit he founded with his brother Bernie Massey '77. POH provides arts education and creative therapy and encourages civic engagement by creating large-scale public art pieces with the help of children

project concepts and social service endeavors were sparked from that home base," Massey wrote.

He noted the house contained hundreds of original artworks and custom-designed furniture pieces and household items—bodies of work created by all four family members and instantly wiped out by the fire.

Miraculously, Massey observed, some solar-powered lanterns survived and continued to light up at night.

Like Edmiston said of her cookie jars, Massey said his home continues to make him smile—and even feel hopeful as his family plans to rebuild.

"While the fire took our home, it could not burn away ideas, dreams, determination, or hope," he wrote.

#### Beverly grads and retired BHHS teacher host citywide literary event



Left to right: Retired BHUSD faculty Julie Goler, Beverly Hills Human Relations Commissioner Noelle Freeman Batista, Chair Laura Hornwood Margo '87, Vice Chair Rose Lai Kaiserman '90, Commissioner Vared Nisim, author Georgia Hunter

The Beverly Hills Human Relations Commission hosted a community-wide literary event centered around best-selling author Georgia Hunter's book, *We Were the Lucky Ones*, on Sept. 15, 2024 at El Rodeo. The author discussion was moderated by Julie Goler, a book group facilitator who taught at BHHS for 30 years.

"At the school level, all advanced placement and honors students from ninth to 12th grade have read the book, so that's hundreds of students. We're also hoping to involve their parents, grandparents, and general community members." Goler said before the event.

We Were the Lucky Ones tells the remarkable, harrowing story of how one Jewish family survived the Holocaust.

**Carlson** Cont. from back page Beverly Hills ever since.

You have chaired the World Language department for 21 years. What made you want to teach foreign language?

I've always loved languages. I grew up surrounded by them—my mother was a French teacher, and my father was a history teacher, so I came from a family of educators. I lived with my French grandparents, who also lived with my parents and me, so we only spoke French at home.

Ever since I was a child, I wanted to be a teacher. My love for languages began with French, and over the years, I've tried to learn others as well.

The only group I haven't taught is adults. At the school for gifted kids, my youngest students were preschoolers, and I taught all the way up through high school. I also taught at Compton High School for four years, which was a very different experience. In New York, I was just starting out as a teacher in a suburban school. I have had all these teaching situations. That kind of experience really adds what you bring to a classroom and being able to reach as many kids as possible.

The chairmanship was something that just happened—I was voted into that position, which was a great experience. At the end of my career, I've [stepped down from that role], although I'm still teaching full time. I have five classes and teach four levels of French. I've taught all levels and I just love it. I've lasted so long in teaching because I love it so much. I turned 70 this year, and most teachers retire well before that, but the only reason I've stayed is because I [genuinely] love what I do.

Teaching, traveling, and languages have been the passions of my life.

Did volunteering at such a global event impact your perspective on teaching French to non-native speakers?

Absolutely. Teaching any lan-

guage, especially French, is all about connecting with kids and [helping] them [understand] the relevance of learning another language. The humanities, and language in particular, [often raise questions like], 'Why should I learn a language?' Since human spirit, in every aspect. The goals the athletes had and getting to the goal of achieving them was truly inspiring. [Another big takeaway was the support people gave to one another.] There was [also] a sense of camaraderie [among the volun-

# "[My biggest takeaway from the Olympics] was the strength of the human spirit. ... The overall feeling was joyful and inspiring."

I've been teaching languages for so many years, it's been a matter of convincing kids that it is important.

I have to explain that learning any language—not just French—changes the way you think. It opens up your world and has positive correlations with other things, like music and math, which are also symbolic languages. We find that students who excel in one of these areas tend to do well in the others because they use the same part of the brain.

In my AP classes, we spend a lot of time comparing and contrasting different countries and ways of life, which has an impact. That's why I'm currently developing a unit about the Olympics for all of my classes at different levels. It's not just a language thing; it's also about culture.

Working with athletes who have various disabilities was life-changing. The courage and talent of these athletes were absolutely amazing. Paris put a huge emphasis on inclusivity and diversity, which was [reflected] in every way.

These athletes competed against each other, often from countries that don't always get along, yet they were able to [work together] in unity, respect, and dignity. I think, especially for our kids in Beverly Hills, they have a certain worldview. So, exposing them to this international aspect—the cooperation, the hard work, is really important.

# What's the biggest takeaway from your experience volunteering at the Paris Olympics?

It was really the strength of the

teers], and that was also inspiring.

The overall feeling was joyful and inspiring. I'm really looking forward to the possibility of getting involved in the 2028 Olympics [in

Los Angeles] as well.

The Paris Olympics was probably one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. It was absolutely amazing.

Carlson announced her retirement in 2025. "Retiring this year from Beverly High is also marking the end of my 50-year teaching career. It is undoubtedly bittersweet... I will greatly miss my students, my colleagues, and the Beverly Hills community but am also excited about my adventures to come. 'Merci!' to all of you, and as always 'Vive le français!'"

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

## Bosse '79 honored at CA Assembly on Holocaust Remembrance Day



Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher, former U.S. Congressmember Alan Lowenthal, former Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse '79, Assemblymember Rick Zbur, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas

Assemblymember Rick Zbur (*D-Los Angeles*) presented former Beverly Hills Mayor Lili Bosse '79 with a Yom HaShoah Honoree Commendation on May 3, 2024. Bosse is the descendant of Rose Orenstein Toren, a Holocaust survivor.

"I feel overwhelmed to be the honoree recipient by Assemblymember Rick Zbur in Sacramento's Capitol with the California Jewish Caucus for Holocaust Remembrance Day," Bosse said. "As a daughter of an Auschwitz survivor, this year more than ever, this recognition deeply pierced my soul. As the

world feels surreal and eerily familiar as we hear 'Go Back to Poland' and 'Final Solution' on college campuses, antisemitism is in a state of emergency to which I never imagined I'd experience in my lifetime. Holocaust Remembrance Day is sacred. I am grateful to those who are using their voices to drown out the darkness and spread light. We are resilient and will persevere. I am forever grateful to Assemblymember Zbur for honoring me, my family and all the ancestors before me. I will never stop speaking out. Ever."

#### Bristol '82 champions the arts in Beverly Hills and beyond



Karla Gordy Bristol '82

Beverly Hills Weekly interviewed Bristol in July 2024 about her role as chair of the Beverly Hills Arts and Culture Commission, her career and family, and more.

## Tell us about growing up in Beverly Hills.

I moved here when I was five years old. My family was in the music entertainment industry, and we moved for the business. We actually moved north of Sunset to a gorgeous estate, my aunt's house. Then I grew up on Maple Drive. I went to Beverly Vista and then Beverly High, where I had a good time. I was in the Advanced Dance Theater Group in high school, so the arts were a big part of my life.

# What made you want to serve on the Arts and Culture Commission?

I lived in Atlanta for a while when I was married, and got very involved in the political realm. I [connected] with everyone from the mayor to city councilmembers to Congress members. [Although] I was primarily involved on the entertainment end, I attended many [political] events, including the Congressional Black Caucus. I enjoyed having a voice and impacting the community positively.

I worked on an awards show for Turner Broadcasting called the Trumpet Awards as a talent coordinator for three years. This [experience] was another extension of my [upbringing] in the arts. I found a new [passion] for creating events, productions, and shows that bring joy to people. Throughout my career, whether modeling as a kid, dancing in music videos, or producing events, my goal has always been to make people happy and [spread positivity].

I wanted to focus on what I excelled at, especially in the city I grew up in. I had already been involved in several other events. I was on the [Beverly Hills] Centennial Committee, where I [chaired] the official Centennial documentary project. This led to other projects, including the "100 Stories" series. I had also participated in the city's 75th anniversary celebrations in high school. I danced in that. Even at Beverly Vista, I was featured in the police department's bicycle safety film.

... I believe [we should all give] back, which is why I've been involved in various charitable organizations, such as the Ava's Heart Foundation, Make Music Day Foundation, Motown Museum, West Coast Advisory Committee, and the Little Miss African-American Beauty Pageant.

All these things embody the arts and celebrate youth. ... When I interviewed for the Arts and Culture Commission, I emphasized my experience in music, performance arts, [media arts, and more]. I [expressed my] vision of creating a big music festival to engage families and youth, and thought I would love doing this. I really enjoy this space; it's embedded in my DNA.

## [Tell us about Festival Beverly Hills.]

This festival includes music performances and dance, which are [both my world]. There are also arts activities and activities for the youth, whom I love to engage.

All these elements for the festival was a [shared] vision. When I joined the commission, [former Chair Liliana Filipovic] had already started, and it turned out we both wanted a music festival.

Festival Beverly Hills is now in its second year. [In 2023], the City Council asked us to start small, so we began at the farmers market. This year [2024], we're expanding to an outdoor music festival at Beverly Gardens by the Lily Pond, spanning two blocks with three stages. I expect it to grow every year, becoming a destination event and the word expanding to neighboring cities and beyond.

I just filmed an episode for it on Beverly Hills TV. I have been a TV host there since 2017, and I also produce and direct my segments.

# You come from the Gordy family, who are very well known in the music industry. What made you want to pursue real estate?

My family, of course, founded Motown Records. My uncle [Berry] founded it along with his sisters and my grandparents. My mother, Iris Gordy, worked as Vice President, and my father, Johnny Bristol, was a songwriter and producer there. It was truly a family business, with even those not directly related becoming part of the Motown family. I worked there for a while, but I got tired of being connected to that and wanted to do my own thing.

So, I decided to enter real estate. I started in residential real estate and later moved into commercial, working with high-profile clients such as athletes, entertainers, singers, managers, and agents. My first clients included the comedian Sinbad and his wife, Johnny Gill of New Edition, and the NBA player Spud Webb.

Helping people with significant parts of their lives, like where



Morgan Ashley '13, Kiarra Michaux '10, Karla Gordy Bristol '82, Iris Gordy

they were going to live, was very [fulfilling] for me.

I got divorced right after giving birth to my second child, raising my two young kids alone in Atlanta, without my family [there]. Coming from a family of strong women, who were responsible for Motown's history, I learned to [get things done]. [Besides real estate], I took on entertainment, dancing in music videos, and choreographing shows both in the States and Jamaica. I [also] currently own one-third of [my dad's] music catalog with my two half-siblings. Tell us about your family.

I have a very supportive family and a great friend base. My daughters, Morgan '13 and Kiarra '10, both graduated from Beverly Vista and Beverly High. Morgan was in a girl singing group for two years, and they were offered two record contracts. They even performed for Katherine Jackson, Michael Jackson's mother, at a festival in Gary, Indiana. They did very well but I, knowing the industry and being a protective "mama bear," [recommended she not move forward with those] contracts. Morgan did some acting, appeared on BET television, and worked on other projects and side shows. Her passion is theater, and she wants to produce a horror film. She hasn't given up on that dream,

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Cont. from earned a psychology p. 44 degree from Loyola Marymount University.

My other daughter is in San Diego, where she owns her own esthetician business. As a single mom, I'm incredibly proud of my daughters. Single motherhood is challenging, and it took a village of supportive family members. I've poured everything into my children and am proud of their achievements.

My mom [Iris] is doing well and still lives in [Beverly Hills]. She's still involved in music and serves on the boards of wonderful charitable organizations like the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, helping artists in need.

#### Macht '83 honored by Camp Gilboa, which empowers young leaders

Last October, Julie Macht '83 was honored by Camp Gilboa for her 45 years of dedication to the Habonim Dror summer camp, which serves campers from throughout the western United States.

"This camp and its community have been close to my heart for all these years," Macht told *Beverly Hills Weekly* in the fall of 2024. "It's an incredible Jewish camp experience."

Macht grew up attending the camp in Idyllwild, continuing a tradition of attending Jewish summer camp that began with her mother.

Macht and her husband David Beenhouwer sent all four of their children—Eliza '14, Ruby '16, Isaiah '19, and Otto '20 Beenhouwer—to the camp.

"I've been involved as a mom, and then, I got more involved on the board as a volunteer," Macht says. "I was head of their marketing activities and built their website. As I became more active, they said, 'Julie, you grew up in Beverly Hills, and you're comfortable in many different circles in Los Angeles. You've been involved in the Jewish community in various ways. Would you be our development director?""

Macht, who did not have fundraising experience, attended rigorous training and quickly became an effective fundraiser. About 10 years ago, she led the effort to purchase Camp Gilboa's new site in Big Bear.

"I was responsible for all of the marketing and a lot of the fund-



Julie Macht '83, Eliza Beenhouwer '14, Otto Beenhouwer '20, Isaiah Beenhouwer '19, Ruby Beenhouwer '16, David Beenhouwer

raising, together with a strong team of alumni and their executive leadership," says Macht. "I worked closely with the executive director at that time, and together, the lay and professional staff raised over \$2.5 million to purchase the Big Bear camp."

Macht became the camp's national development director, and later, she served as Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills' development director for four years.

She served as Camp Gilboa's board president from 2018 to 2022 and continues to serve on the executive committee, along with her husband David, a scientist-physician who guided the camp's Covid response.

"This is a total family affair for us," Macht says.

Macht admires the camp's commitment to empowering young Jewish leaders.

"Camp Gilboa is [primarily] youth-led," she says. "My son, Isaiah, was 23 when he served as camp director, making all the hiring and staffing decisions,

[managing] the camp's budget, and supervising a staff of over 40 counselors. He was responsible for programming and learned how to work with the board and [represent] the camp in interviews. The camp builds leadership skills early on by having the kids and the young counselors do everything at the camp, [such as] cooking, cleaning, maintaining the site, and [running programs]."

Macht was honored Oct. 19, 2024 at Stories Under the Sukkah, a Moth-style storytelling event fundraiser.

"This event is my chance to bring together all the relationships I've [cultivated] in Los Angeles, and share something deeply meaningful to me," Macht said before the event.

"The camp powers out incredible Jewish leaders, and I would love for people to see how funny, vibrant, and intelligent these kids are, which is largely due to the community they've grown up in and the responsibility they've been given," she added.

Overall, I come from a family that believes in helping people. My grandfather was the same way; he was a vice president at Motown, a professional bowler, and one of the first Black professional bowlers in Michigan. He was inducted into the Professional Bowling Association and was quite the rock star in his day.

My mother and I have been producing an event for 13 years called Friends of Fuller Gordy Strike Fest. It's a music extravaganza where we bowl, have a concert stage with well-known singers, including Motown artists, and enjoy a big dinner and silent auction. This year marks the 65th anniversary of Motown, and it's a big deal.

In October 2022, I produced a Motown show at the Wallis, which sold out in three weeks. [It] was a success, and my uncle Berry loved it.

## What are some goals you have as chair?

I want to see us grow longterm installations in Beverly Hills that the community can engage with. One of my most passionate projects, which I presented in 2020, is an arts and culture space that highlights love and kindness ... with sculptures, signage, benches, arches, beautiful flowers, vibrant colors, and a small water feature.

I'm also involved with the CTE Advisory Committee for Beverly High, [where Career Education Coordinator | Cindy Dubin '80 has a great program. She is very passionate about youth education and providing them opportunities within the community. I love being a bridge for the youth, and I was able to get them to participate in our first festival with their own stage, where Beverly High musicians performed, most for the very first time (see Louis McKinlay '24 profile on p. 37). Things like that make me emotionally full and bring immense joy to my heart.

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly

#### Journalism, named in honor of '95 grad's BHHS Highlights career, wins Preakness Stakes

A racehorse named Journalism grabbed headlines during this year's Triple Crown racescrossing the finish line first at the 150th Preakness Stakes (May 14) and second at both the Kentucky Derby (May 3) and Belmont Stakes (June 7).

Journalism, who's owned by Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners, a partnership founded by Aron Wellman '95, was the only horse

to compete in all three Triple Crown events, and he had been favored to win all three.

Journalism gained press attention not only for his performance, but also for his intriguing name.

"In this day and age, when the truth and responsible journalism is so critical to our society here in the United States of America, I think the name has grabbed more people

than it might have otherwise in the past," Wellman told LAist before the Kentucky Derby.

Wellman told the media he chose the name to honor his time as a BHHS Highlights sports editor, and to honor the horse's mother, Mopotism, by choosing a name with the suffix, "-ism."

Wellman discovered his passion thoroughbred racing through 24—when he at the 2025 Preakness Stakes graduated from Southwestern Law School—he spent summers working for trainers, eventually becoming an assistant trainer.

While practicing law, Wellman formed racing partnerships that proved to be successful, and in 2011, he founded Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners.



as a kid. From ages 8 Aron Wellman '95 with Journalism

He told LAist that Eclipse's weekly newsletters have given him an outlet for his journalism skills.

"I've been accused a time or two of sounding and acting like a disgruntled sports writer," he said. "I embrace that with open arms, and hopefully it all bodes well for Journalism the horse."

#### In rookie pro hockey season, '18 grad helps her team defend its championship title

**By Steven Herbert '78** 

On May 26, the Minnesota Frost claimed its second-straight championship title-and remains Professional Women's Hockey League's only champion after two seasons of play. Among the players celebrating their 2025 Walter Cup victory was rookie Dominique Petrie '18.

Petrie was one of 42 players selected in the PWHL draft in June 2024. She was selected 27th overall by the Minnesota Frost, based in Saint Paul.

During the regular season, Petrie scored three goals and made seven assists in 18 games. According to the website *Hockey* Wilderness, Petrie missed about two months of play due to an upper-body injury.

She played in seven of eight playoff games, including three of the four championship series games against the Ottawa Charge. All four championship games went into overtime (including one that went to triple OT) and were decided 2-1.

Prior to the draft, the sports news website The Athletic ranked Petrie as the draft's 27th-best prospect following interviews with several coaches, general managers and agents from the PWHL and the NCAA. "Petrie has been a goto player, when healthy, at both Harvard and Clarkson," Hailey



**Dominique Petrie '18** 

Salvian and Scott Wheeler wrote.

"She was also a top player growing up with USA Hockey, appearing in three U18 worlds and playing boys AAA hockey in California until her freshman year at Harvard.

"Petrie took some time to get her feet under her this season after missing the 2022-23 season due to injury, but as time went on, she was an X-factor for the Golden Knights, most notably scoring the game-winning goal in the fourth overtime against Minnesota to send Clarkson to the Frozen Four.

"Petrie is a strong player down the middle of the ice and solid on both sides of the puck. She's at her best when she's using her size and strength around the net. Embracing a power-forward role in the PWHL could help differentiate Petrie from a deep draft class."

Courtesy of Beverly Hills Weekly



Celebrating Cedars-Sinai Women's Guild. Women's Guild Cedars-Sinai held its annual luncheon at the Beverly Hills Hotel on May 1 and honored Toni Howard '61 (second from left) and Wendy Goldberg '57 (second from right). They are pictured with Deborah Klein, Samuel L. Jackson and Diane Lane. The Women's Guild is a nonprofit volunteer organization that has been supporting innovation in healthcare at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center since 1957.





**1950s fun with friends.** Fern Victor Seizer '52 shared photos of friends at the beach (above left) and at a sleepover (above right). Above left, left to right: Carol Sorkin, Nancy Janis, Fern Victor, Arline Kabrin, Joan Rader, Diane Hanelman, unknown, Rita Kaufman. Above right: high school friends at a sleepover



**Stingray, meet stingray.** Joanna Fields Stingray '78 (second from left) and her classmates Deborah Louchheim Watson '78 (far left), Debby Klein '78 (second from right), and Alicia Saver Goldsmith '78 (far right) had a close encounter with a stingray in Grand Cayman in February



Weiss '03 celebrates 10 years at TEBH. Cantor Lizzie Weiss '03 (center) celebrated her 10th anniversary at Temple Emanuel Beverly Hills with a fundraising gala, "From Broadway to the Bima," on May 13, 2024. She is pictured above receiving a blessing from her family, which includes her triplet siblings Ryan Weiss '03 and Sara Weiss Hass '03 (who serves as cantor at Leo Baeck Temple). The triplets performed together during the gala, which was hosted by Seth Rudetsky of Broadway Sirius Radio and featured special guests Ana Gasteyer, Jelani Remy and Arielle Jacobs



Alumni honored for business excellence. Karla Gordy Bristol '82 (far left), Jenny Okhovat '07 (second from left), and Franny Rennie (second from right) were recognized by Beverly High for the 2024 CTE award honoring outstanding business and community partners in April 2024. They are pictured with Assistant Superintendent Dustin Seemann



Los Angeles Lawyers Philharmonic and Legal Voices turn 15. Led by longtime Beverly Hills resident Gary S. Greene (left), the ensemble of lawyers and judges celebrated its 15th Anniversary at Walt Disney Concert Hall on June 22, 2024. The concert, featuring classical favorites and Broadway musical numbers, raised funds to provide legal services to those who cannot afford them and legal scholarships for those in need. The performance was dedicated to the memory of legendary songwriter Richard M. Sherman S'45 (see obit, p. 51). Greene presented Executive Director Debra Marisa Kaiser '01 (right) with the 2024 June Lockhart Humanitarian Award from the LA Lawyers Philharmonic

#### **Obituaries**

**Rosalyn Bloom Snyder '40** passed away peacefully on April 1, 2024, two months short of her



102nd birthday. Roz's early years with her parents and sisters,

Mae and Celia, were spent in the West Adams district of L.A. Later, the family moved to Beverly Hills. Roz was a graduate of Horace Mann and Beverly. After attending a few years at UCLA, where she met her future husband, George E. Bloom, she worked in the Music Dept. of 20th Century-Fox Studios. Roz and George married in 1943 and lived their life in Beverly Hills and the Westside of Los Angeles until George's death in 2004. Roz was an active volunteer in many charities across Los Angeles. She

enjoyed playing tennis and bridge with numerous friends. She was active socially at the Del Rey Yacht Club for many years. In 2006, Roz married a dear family friend, Harold W. ("Hal") Snyder. They had many happy years together enjoying Hal's children and grandchildren until Hal's death in 2013. Roz's survivors include her son, Kenneth Bloom, and her daughter, Ellen Bloom Underhill '70, and son-in-law, Larry Underhill.

#### Elinor Lewis Kaufman '42



p a s s e d away June 26, 2024 at age 99. She was born in Manhattan and had two brothers, A r t h u r

Lewis '34 (Evelyn, sons Jim, Peter) and Burton Lewis '34. Her father was involved in the film industry,

producing in the 1920s, so the family moved to Beverly Hills. She attended UCLA and married Harry A. Kaufman on Aug. 19, 1945. Elinor and Harry (who passed away in 1994) had two children Daniel (Megan) and David (who passed away in 2022), four grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren. They traveled the world and had a place in Honokowai, Maui where they loved to spend time and enjoy life. Elinor's passions included gourmet cooking, which she taught and passed on all the way to her greatgrandchildren. She loved tennis, bowling, friendly games of poker, blackjack, and socializing. She was the oldest living member of Leo Baeck Temple at the time of her passing. She enjoyed being a docent at the Skirball Cultural Center. She spent her last 13 years at Belmont Village of Westwood.

**Stan Zimmelman '43**, star athlete and prankster of Beverly Hills,

passed away May 27, 2024, at age 99. At Horace Mann, Stan's knack for trouble and mischief flourished. However, a beautiful sense of justice and empathy also thrived as he championed the cause of the underdog—eschewing all bullying. His deep sense of caring is further evidenced by noting that Stan



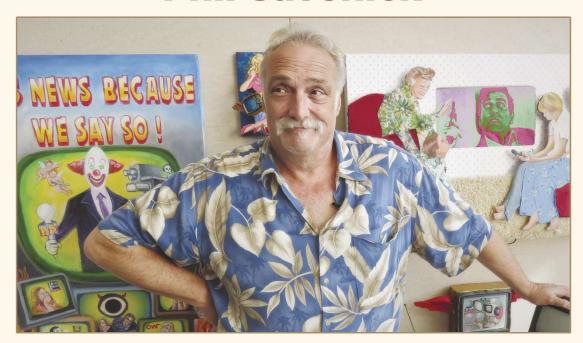
raised and trained homing pigeons throughout middle and high school! By the time Stan entered

Beverly

High, he had gotten even better at trouble, fighting, and—sports. Stan demonstrated outstanding athletic skills, lettering and excelling for three years in football, basketball and track. However, his athleticism could not keep him away from "reform school." He was in trouble

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# **Phil Savenick**



On June 20th, 2024, Phil Savenick ('69), president of The Beverly Hills Historical Society, passed away at St. John's Hospital. He is survived by his mother, Rose Norton, and his life partner, Suzanne Hertfelder.

Phil's dedication to preserving and sharing the history of the city where he grew up was unparalleled; from his entertaining and informative walking tours to the documentaries he produced including the feature-length centennial celebration "Beverly Hills: 100 Years, 100 Stories."

But Phil was more than a world-class historian. He was also a talented writer, producer, director, and artist. He created some of television's most-acclaimed documentaries about TV and its history. His company, TV Is OK Productions, stayed on the forefront of media innovation. And an exhibit of his one-of-a-kind Televisionary Art is on display at the MZTV Museum in Toronto.









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all through school and often got his friends in trouble, too. Ultimately, everyone was shocked when, in his senior year, he was kicked out of Beverly and finished at LA High School. After graduation, Stan enlisted into the Army Air Force to fight during WWII. Amidst his adventurous life, he married and later divorced June Almaleh. They had two children, Joe and Patricia. Post-war, Stan earned a Kinesiology degree from UCLA, defying all expectations and, again, to the amazement of his friends, he became a teacher and assistant principal. After he retired from teaching, he joined the family jewelry business where he met and married Karen. Together they shared 38 years of animal rescues, love, and Stan's unapologetic joy of smoking. Stan lived boldly and defiantly by the motto he had adopted as a young man: "It's my life, I lived it, I loved it, criticism be damned!" This was his guiding light and seems to accurately represent him. Stan's survivors include his wife Karen, his son Joe and daughter-in-law Luella.

Aaron Eshman '45, known affec-



tionately as Bunny, passed a way March 26, 2024, in Santa

Monica. Aaron was the first inductee in the U.S. Navy in California under President Harry Truman in April 1945, serving as editor of his base newspaper in Coronado. He attended UCLA and UC Berkeley, where he was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. After military service and graduation, Aaron joined a small Los Angeles brokerage firm, Stern, Frank, Meyer and Fox in 1951. In the 1960s, Aaron was made a partner, then in 1968 became chief executive and chairman. During his leadership at Stern, Frank, the firm became a regional powerhouse. Aaron eventually joined Morgan Stanley, retiring in 2019 at the age of 91. "If you don't do what you love," he said to his colleagues at his retirement party, "find something else to do." While serving a devoted list of clients that included actors, directors, senators

and CEOs, Aaron helped shape the industry to serve average investors and entrepreneurs. In 1971, he helped establish the Southern California branch of the Minority Enterprise Small Business Investment Corporation, setting up a fund that provided \$7.5 million per year to minority-owned start-ups. He served on the Board of Governors of the American Stock Exchange as well as serving as Treasurer of the SIA, the Securities Industry Association, where he helped set the framework for what eventually became today's fully integrated national markets system. Philanthropy was central to Aaron's life. He started volunteering at Cedars Sinai Hospital at age 14 and went on to serve on the hospital board and remained active on the Board of Governors his entire life. Aaron launched the in-house comedy channel at Cedars, procuring the rights to their shows directly from famous comedians. During his last hospitalization at Cedars, Aaron laughed watching the shows on the channel he created. He was an active supporter of L.A.'s Jewish and cultural institutions, among them Skirball Cultural Center, Julia Ann Singer Center, Nashuva and the Jewish Federation. Aaron had a large circle of loving and devoted friends, including at Hillcrest Country Club, where he served as president. He was an average golfer and an excellent friend. But family was the core of Aaron's life and happiness. He met his wife Sari Etta Vogel when she attended a ZBT fraternity party for New Year's Eve, 1946. Five years later they married, and remained together and deeply in love for 72 years. To their three children, six grandchildren and their spouses, Aaron was a source of wisdom and great humor, and a model of hard work, integrity, civic involvement and, above all, kindness. In addition to his wife, Sari, Aaron is survived by his children Dr. Lisa Eshman and Jeff Thayer, Mark and Jill Eshman, Rob Eshman and Rabbi Naomi Levy, as well as his grandchildren.

Carol Herrick Jauregui '46 passed away May 31, 2024. Carol was born in Denver. Her family moved to the Los Angeles area in 1929, living in South Pasadena, Santa Monica and Beverly Hills.

## Jim '43 and June '47 Nelson enjoyed 73-year marriage

James Nelson '43 passed away March 20, 2025, three days shy of his 100th birthday, at his home with his family at his side. He has been reunited with his wife, June Oakford Nelson '47, who passed away in November 2023. June and Jim's love for one another was celebrated across 73 years of marriage. Their affection was evident in their playful eye contact and banter. Their consideration for one another illustrated a partnership of respect, trust and admiration.

Jim Nelson was born in Los Angeles and his career as a CalTrans engineer contributed to the growth of this region. Jim was a varsity athlete at Beverly, and in 1943 he was sent to Army boot camp instead of his graduation ceremony. He served in the Army Air Corps in Europe and survived a harrowing crash during a mission

over Italy. He and his B25 crewmates reconvened at many events in the ensuing decades. Jim also maintained lifelong friendships with buddies from his youth, attending USC sporting events, playing tennis, hiking and road-tripping.

For 94 years, June Nelson graced the lives of friends and



family with her kindness and happiness. At Beverly, she swam with the Aquabelles. Her chief loves were her husband, Jim, and her children, Diane and Tim; her grandchildren; and her crafts of quilting and doll-making. June's beautiful smile, warmth and humility welcomed family and neighbors into her home, and she



June Oakford Nelson '47 and Jim Nelson '43 on their wedding day (left) and more recently (right)

took a sincere interest in the lives of everyone in her orbit. As "Rosie" the Girl Scout leader for 10 years, she gamely led her troops on camping trips and more genteel adventures.

Jim and June Nelson left a legacy of kindness, faithfulness, love and joy that will sustain their family forever.



C a r o l spent two years at the University of Redlands where she met her husband, Sherman Pierce (died

Jan. 1990). The couple had five children. After moving to Covina, she graduated from Cal State LA with a B.A. and later an M.A. in education. She taught 5th and 6th grades from 1964 to 1984 for Charter Oak Unified School District. In 1974 she met her second husband, John Jauregui, and welcomed three stepchildren. In 1985 the couple moved to San Luis Obispo, and Carol worked for the California Conservation Corps and the San Luis Obispo County Jail, teaching GED preparation,





Above left: The Cleveland sisters (left to right: Jean, Martha, George Ann) long ago. Above right: The sisters (left to right: Martha, George Ann, Jean) more recently

Jean Cleveland Thacher '42 passed away in Florida in 2023 at age 99, and her sister, George Ann Cleveland Hicks '47, passed away in Southern California in May, 2024, at age 94. They are survived by their sister, Martha Cleveland Abbey '44.

basic education and English as a second language. She became a reading specialist and for 10 years had her own business teaching dyslexics. Before leaving SLO, the CCC named a classroom building in her honor. She worked 17 years as a volunteer for the San Luis Obispo Literacy Council and in

2000 was named voluntary literacy tutor of the year for the state. When John died in 2001, Carol moved to Sacramento to be with her large family. She then worked for Folsom Cordova Adult School, teaching GED preparation and high school diploma preparation. After retiring in 2011, she spent time

exercising at the gym, gardening, cooking, sewing, knitting, reading and studying Spanish (40 years). Being an only child with no first cousins, she was glad to have a large wonderful family. Her survivors include her five children, Rosalind Pierce (husband Martin Melicharek), Marilvn Pierce Johnson (John), Allan Herrick Pierce (Helene), Norman Judson Pierce (Sharon) and Gwen Pierce; three stepchildren; 13 grandchildren, and 17 greatgrandchildren.

Joan Cox McKenna '47 passed away April 2, 2024. She was born in Norton, Kansas. The family moved to California in 1941 where she and her sister, Bonnie Cox Brauel-Butler '44, attended Beverly and UCLA. It was at college that Joan met and married J. Richard McKenna, with whom she shared 57 years. They raised five children in Los Angeles and Oregon before settling in San Diego in 1984. Widowed in 2007, Joan spent the last seven years at Merrill Gardens where she continued an active social life. Her survivors include her sons, Michael (Marlene), and Scott (Lori); daughters, Sandi, Kim (Alan), and Janice (Steve); 13 grandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren.

Charles Bradford Jeffries '49 has passed away. He loved his high school memories.

Richard L. Morrill, PhD, '51,

#### Richard Sherman S'45, legendary songwriter

Legendary songwriter Richard M. Sherman S'45 passed away May 25, 2024 at age 95. Sherman and his late brother, Robert B. Sherman S'43, were best known for writing "It's a Small World" and the scores of *Mary Poppins*, *The Jungle Book* and *Winnie The Pooh*.

According to Walt Disney Company, Richard Sherman's career spanned 65 years, during which he earned nine Oscar nominations (winning two for *Mary Poppins*), won three Grammys, and received 24 gold and platinum albums.

"Richard Sherman was the embodiment of what it means to be a Disney Legend, creating along with his brother Robert the beloved classics that have become a cherished part of the soundtrack of our lives," said Bob Iger, CEO of The Walt Disney Company.

According to Walt Disney Company, Richard majored in music at Bard College. He was drafted into the Army and served as conductor for the Army band and glee club from 1953 to 1955.

In 1951, country singer Gene Autry became the first artist to record a Sherman Brothers song, "Money Can Buy Anything (But Love)." According to the *New York Times*, their first hit was "Tall Paul," released in 1959 and recorded by former Mousketeer Annette Funicello.

That connection led to them meeting Walt Disney and ultimately becoming staff songwriters for Disney Studios, where they wrote hundreds of songs for 27 films, 24 TV productions, and Disney theme parks.

After leaving Disney Studios, the brothers worked on films including Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968), Snoopy Come Home (1972), Charlotte's Web (1973), The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1973), Huckleberry Finn (1974), and The Slipper and the Rose (1976).

The brothers were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame and received the National Medal of the Arts.



Richard M. Sherman S'45

They are also members of the BHHS Hall of Fame and the city of Beverly Hills held a 90th birthday celebration for Richard Sherman in 2018, during which he received a key to the city. That same year, Disney Studios named a sound-stage, Sherman Brothers Stage.

Richard's survivors include his wife of 66 years, Elizabeth; son Gregory '81; daughter Victoria Wolf and son-in-law Doug Wolf; daughter Lynda Rothstein; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.





Joan Cox McKenna '47

Professor Emeritus of Geography at the University of Washington (UW), passed away March 28, 2024. When he was 7, his family moved from Los Angeles to Honolulu because his father worked for the Army Corps of Engineers. The family lived on Hickam Field, and on Dec. 7, 1941, they witnessed the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After the war, the family returned to California. Dick earned his B.A. in Geography from Dartmouth College and his master's degree and PhD from UW. According to an obituary published by UW's Geography

Department, "Dick was part of a group of geographers who sought to transform the discipline from an idiographic regional tradition to a modern, mature spatial science."

After earning his PhD in 1959,



Dick was an assistant professor at Northwestern University and a postdoctoral researcher at University of Lund in

Sweden. By 1961, he had returned to UW as an assistant professor and remained there for the rest of his career, until 1997. From 1973 to 1983, he chaired the Geography Department. According to UW, "he was a founder of the Institute of Environmental Studies at UW

and the first director of the Ph.D. program in Urban Design and Planning. He held appointments in Health Sciences, the Center for Demography and Ecology, and the Graduate School of Public Affairs." According to UW, Dick "was appointed as Special Master to the Federal District Court in Seattle to redraw Washington state legislative and congressional electoral districts in 1972. This led to work in major Supreme Court cases on political gerrymandering, and with the U.S. Justice Department on redistricting in Mississippi." He was tapped for other special projects, including drawing maps for the Seattle

#### Roger Corman S'43, honorary Oscar-winning producer

Roger Corman S'43, a highly influential producer and honorary Oscar winner with an eye for great talent, passed away May 9, 2024 at his Santa Monica home, surrounded by his family.

According to Variety, he was affectionately called the "king of B movies" because he "specialized in fast-paced, low-budget genre movies-horror, action, science fiction, even some family fare—and his company became a work-in-training ground for a wide variety of major talents, from actors like [Jack] Nicholson (Little Shop of Horrors) and [Robert] De Niro (Boxcar Bertha) to directors like Francis Ford Coppola (Dementia 13) and [Martin] Scorsese (Boxcar Bertha)."

In 2009, he received an honorary Oscar for his "unparalleled ability to nurture aspiring filmmakers by providing an environment that no film school could match," the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said.

Following Corman's death, both Scorsese and Ron Howard spoke about Corman giving them their first directing opportunities.

"He set the guidelines, and then he gave me tremendous freedom within those guidelines. In essence, he taught me how to actually make movies," Scorsese said. "If I hadn't worked with Roger, I wouldn't have known how to make *Mean Streets* or, when it comes right down to it, any of the pictures that followed. It was the same for many, many other filmmakers of my generation. I admired Roger, I loved him, I loved the pictures he directed (especially the Poe adaptations) and the spirit of his filmmaking."

Howard called Corman a "great movie maker and mentor."

During his long career, Corman directed more than 50 films and produced more than 300. He acted in pictures directed by his mentees, including *The Godfather Part II*, *The Silence of the Lambs*, *Philadelphia* and *Apollo 13*.

As a director, his most loved films included *Little Shop of Hor-* rors and a series of Edgar Allan Poe adaptations, including *The Masque of the Red Death*.

According to *Variety*, "Over almost half a century, he took over the B-movie market, which had largely disappeared in the wake of television, and kept it alive almost single-handedly (along with Sam Arkoff of American Intl. Pictures, who financed most of Corman's early directing/producing efforts). Well into his nineties, he was pro-

ducing Bs for \$5 million and under and rolling them out for video and television release."

Fans of *The Fast*and the Furious
can thank Corman
for inspiring the
franchise's title.
According to Variety, producer Neal
Moritz came across

a 1955 Corman-produced film by that title and Moritz and Corman struck a deal allowing Moritz to use the title for the blockbuster series, which began in 2001.

Originally from Detroit, Roger moved to Los Angeles in 1940 with his parents and brother, Gene S'44, and attended Beverly High, where the brothers are members of the Hall of Fame. They both went to Stanford, where Roger majored in engineering.

According to *Variety*, Roger served in World War II and studied literature at Oxford before graduating from Stanford. He began his film industry career as a messenger at 20th Century Fox.

Gene, who passed away in 2020, also had a successful Hollywood career, starting as an agent and later becoming an Emmy-winning



Gene S'44 and Roger S'43 Corman at the BHHS Hall of Fame ceremony in 2011

producer. The brothers worked together early in their careers before pursuing their own projects. (See p. 36 for an interview with Gene's wife, Nan Morris Corman S'49.)

Roger is survived by his wife Julie and his daughters Catherine and Mary, who described him as "generous, open-hearted and kind to all those who knew him"; and his nephews Todd Corman '75 and Beverly Hills City Councilmember Craig Corman '77.

"A devoted and selfless father, he was deeply loved by his daughters," his family said. "His films were revolutionary and iconoclastic, and captured the spirit of an age. When asked how he would like to be remembered, he said, 'I was a filmmaker, just that.""

School District to desegregate schools (1987-1989) and drawing proposed City Council districts for what turned out to be a successful ballot initiative to shift Seattle from an all at-large Council to a mostly district-based one (2012-2013). Dick was a member of Students for a Democratic Society, and the UW Student Peace Union. From 1960 to 1964, he worked with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE); his chapter chartered a bus to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) for the 1964 March on Washington. His family remembers him as a loving husband and father of three. He loved being outdoors, and enjoyed hiking with his friends, gardening, walking, and talking with neighbors. For years, he would walk the mile-anda-half to and from UW, because he preferred the exercise to driving. He loved jigsaw puzzles, math puzzles, and reading (especially mystery novels). He collected maps, bird carvings, and glass art. He passed his love of cooking and some of his recipes to his children. He was a member of the University Unitarian Church in Seattle, and sang in the choir. He loved music, especially classical, jazz, and opera. He played the piano and the ukelele. He was preceded in death by his older sister, Gloria Morrill Schultz, and is survived by his wife Joanne and his children Lee (wife Dannielle), Andrew, and Jean (husband David).

Jim Morrow '51 Jim passed away Aug. 7, 2024, at Ivy Park in Culver City. Jim was born in Los Angeles. At BHHS, he was Student Body President, 1950-1951. He graduated with a B.S. in 1956 from UCLA, where he was a Kappa Sigma and a Life Member of the Alumni Association. Following college, he served in the Army stationed at Lenggries, Germany. He traveled to more than 100 countries in the world and was a docent at the Getty Center for 20 years. He was preceded in death by his brother Dennis '47. He leaves three nieces.

Herbert Rice '51, of Boynton



Beach, Fla., passed away peacefully on May 30, 2024, surrounded by his loving f a m i 1 y . Herbert grew up in

Providence, RI and moved to Beverly Hills to finish high school before a brief time in college. He served his country honorably in the Air Force during the Korean War. Herbert pursued a successful career in the swimming pool industry, owning and operating ABC Pools as a business in Miami/Dade County for 40 years until his retirement in 1996. Herbert was a devoted husband of over 60 years to his late wife Barbara who passed away in 2022. He is survived by his children Jonathan and Gary, his daughters-in-law Rebecca and Debbie, and his eight grandchildren. Herbert's warmth, wisdom, and unwavering love for his family will be deeply missed.

**Donald E. "Don" Rowson '51** passed away Jan. 8, 2024. An aerosol industry leader, he was president & CEO of Industrial Hydrocarbons, Inc. and Founding President of the Western Aerosol Information Bureau. After Beverly,



he served in the U.S. Army in Europe from 1953–1954. He went on to earn a B.A. in Marketing & Finance from Claremont

McKenna College in 1958. During his college years, he worked as an oilfield roustabout in Santa Paula and later worked as the Beverly Hills Water & Power Co. plant operator. In 1956, he started working for Suburban Gas and rose to Southern California Regional Manager. In 1966, he founded Industrial Hydrocarbons, Inc. as a subsidiary of Suburban Gas Co.

#### Boeck '46 enjoyed a lifetime of practicing medicine and music

William Charles Boeck, Jr. '46 passed away peacefully at home on March 3, 2024. He will be remembered for his beautiful smile, gentle eyes, caring heart, delightful sense of humor, outstanding medical accomplishments, musical talents and civic engagement.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Sandy Boeck; his children Bill, Tim, and Katherine; his four grandchildren; and his great-granddaughter.

Bill was the youngest of three children. His sisters, Mary Kathryn and Joan Boeck Sullivan, preceded him in death. He attended Hawthorne and Beverly High, finishing high school in three years and enrolled at Stanford, majoring in premed.

After graduation, he attended Stanford Medical School. He and another student were given the unique opportunity to spend their last two years at Harvard Medical School.

Bill sang in various All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beverly Hills, choirs in his youth. He played clarinet, saxophone and bassoon at Beverly. He sang with the Stanford University Choir for three years as an undergraduate and sang folk songs playing ukulele and guitar. During his first year in medical school, Bill participated in the freshmen chorus for the "Spring Sing" competition, and they won first place. That second year in Stanford Medical School in San Francisco, Bill brought to the sophomore class two spirituals, and they won first place in the Spring Sing again! Bill enjoyed the "Nu Sigma Nu Quartet" in San Francisco, which was his first exposure to real barbershop singing.

At Harvard Medical School,

Bill had two roommates who liked to sing, so they organized a quartet.

Bill interned at Los Angeles County General Hospital. The following year he joined three other doctors, including a Stanford fraternity brother, at Harbor General Hospital. They sang barbershop every chance they could.

He was in residency for two and a half years, then he served in the Navy active duty as Medical Officer on *Columbus*, a heavy cruiser, in the Pacific for two years. He returned to Harbor General to complete a residency in general surgery and then went to Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles for his orthopaedic surgery residency.

Afterwards, Bill joined an orthopaedic practice in Beverly Hills. He joined a vocal quartet, which along with about two dozen





William Boeck, Jr., M.D. '46

others, wanted to bring the old Santa Monica Chorus back to life. They agreed to start a new chapter in 1974. Bill became director of the Oceanaires in 1988 and had a dual membership in the Oceanaires and the Masters of Harmony from 1988–2010. He won six gold medals with the Masters of Harmony.

He became an active member of Westwood Rotary Club in 1982, joined Santa Monica Rotary Club in 2001, and then with his wife, Sandy, joined the Wilshire Rotary Club in 2011 and remained active until 2023.

Within four years, he bought the company, operating as a family corporation. Eventually, company grew to 30 employees. Don consulted in areas including air quality, manufacturing and production design, and safety. For more than 35 years, he took on the role of expert witness in industry defense. He presented seminars internationally and received numerous awards for his leadership and achievements in the aerosol industry, including the British Aerosol Manufacturers' Association's (BAMA) Award for Social Responsibility in 2009 and the National Aerosol Association's (NAA) Champions of the Industry Award in 2011 (presented to Don and his wife). He is survived by his wife, Sharon, four children, five grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

John Richard Sill '51, a retired naval aviator, Fallbrook avocado grower, and certified public accountant, passed away June 30, 2024 at his home in Provo, Utah. John attended Horace Mann and Beverly before entering Stanford University on an ROTC scholarship

where he majored in Economics. After college, John joined the Navy



and spent 20 years serving his country, from 1956 to 1975. He spoke fondly of several tours of duty: b e i n g stationed on

the USS Enterprise early in his career, as well as reconnaissance missions during the Vietnam War, and serving as the commanding officer for VW-1 and VQ-1, typhoon tracking squadrons based on Guam. After John retired from the Navy, he earned an MBA from San Diego State University, paving the way for a second career in tax accounting and financial management at Diehl Evans and Co. in Escondido. Upon his second career retirement, he settled in Minden, Nev. John enjoyed sailing, scuba diving, motorcycle riding, flying Cessnas and Bonanzas, and visiting as many new countries as he could. John was highly observant, with a sense of humor as dry as his nightly gin martini. In retirement, he dedicated himself to supporting causes he believed would promote national security and the common good. John's frequent admonition to "straighten up and fly right" perfectly captured his approach to life. He is survived by his wife Carole Sill, his two daughters Ruth Anne Cochran and Stephanie Jean Sill, and one grandson.

Maxine Mirisch Siegel '52 passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 5, 2024. She loved her family very much and was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She will be remembered for her vivacious personality and sense of style. She is survived by her husband of 67 years Jerome, sons Ted '78 and Mark, daughter Amy (husband Doug), grandchildren Logan and Jodie Beth Siegel '05 (husband Joe), two great-granddaughters, brother Robert Mirisch '56, and great-nephews John Mirisch '81 and Richard Mirisch '84.

Andre Rosowsky '53 passed away May 8, 2025. He was born in Lille, France, and spent the first six years of his life in Paris until, in 1942, the occupying Germans instigated



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of their imminent arrest, and arranged for their only child to go into hiding with non-Jewish friends. Although his parents and many other members of his family were killed in Auschwitz, Andre survived the war and emigrated to the United States to be raised by an aunt and uncle in California. He studied chemistry at UC Berkeley, earned his PhD at the University of Rochester, and completed his post-doctoral studies at Harvard. In 1962. Andre married Erlene, and they had three children-David Rosowsky, Lisa Rosowsky, and Jessica (Rosowsky) Smith. Andre spent an impressive 47 years as a pharmaceutical and medicinal research chemist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, producing more than 300 publications and holding 18 patents. Brilliant and humble, with a dry wit, he devoted the latter years of his career mentoring younger scientists in grant-writing, and spent many hours after retirement keeping up with the latest developments in medicinal chemistry. In addition to his loving wife and children, Andre leaves his six adored grandchildren.

Ruth Simon '54 passed away in



2023. Ruth was born in Chicago and moved to Los Angeles as a small child. She graduated f r o m UCLA, then

from UC Berkeley's law school.

#### Alan Sieroty '48, former state senator

Former California state legislator Alan Sieroty '48 passed away March 16, 2024. He served as an assemblymember from 1967 to 1977 and as a state senator from 1977 to 1982.

During his time in the Assembly, Sieroty co-authored legislation that led to the establishment of the California Coastal Commission.

"One of the things that brought Alan incredible pleasure was being at the beach ... and seeing people enjoy the beach and knowing that he had a little small place in creating those open spaces," Evan Kaizer, president and CEO of the Sieroty Co., told the *LA Times*.

The *LA Times* reported that the state legislature named a beach at Tomales Bay State Park for

Sieroty when he retired from public office. He is a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame.

Kaizer told the *LA Times* Sieroty was the author of more than 100 bills and described him as a "brilliant legislator in a time when you could actually work across the aisle to get things done."

Sieroty was a graduate of Stanford and USC Gould School of Law, where he and his classmate Allen Neiman endowed a lecture series focused on civil liberties. That series, which launched in 2012, continues today.

Sieroty served on the boards of nonprofits, including the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California and the Venice Family Clinic. According to USC Gould School of Law, he was a



#### Alan Sieroty '48 in 2018 at the USC Gould School of Law lecture series he founded

founder of the Progressive Jewish Alliance.

Sieroty was chairman of the Sieroty Co., which was founded by his grandfather Adolph in the late 19th century as the Eastern Columbia apparel company and later became a real estate firm.

Survivors include his sister Beth Meltzer '50, nieces and a nephew.

She worked for many years as an attorney in the Cal State system and then in the office of the campus counsel at UCLA, where she oversaw the return of the "Duke of Alcantara" Stradivarius violin and the establishment of the Hammer Museum. She was a lifelong patron of the arts, particularly enjoying opera and classical music, and was a voracious reader and supporter of libraries, funding a Library Prize for undergraduate research at UCLA.

Trena Bayer Greitzer '55, a beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and philanthropist, passed away Jan. 5, 2025. Trena enrolled at UCLA to study Art History. It was there, on the steps outside of Royce Hall on a spring day in 1955, that she met the love of her life, Stanley Greitzer. Trena and Stanley married in Los Angeles in 1956. Together, they raised their two children. Ron Bonnie. instilling commitment to hard work, strong values, a deep pride in their Jewish heritage, and a dedication to family. Trena contributed to philanthropic causes across the Jewish community, arts, healthcare, and beyond. She served as the Chair of the Los Angeles United Jewish Fund Women's Division, a National and Executive Board Member of the United Jewish Appeal Women's Division, and a member of the Executive Board of



The Jewish Federation of Los Angeles. Trena was also honored as "Woman of the Year" by the Jewish he wish

Home for the Aging, where she also sat on the Executive Board. She founded and served as President of the Hope for Hearing Service Group at UCLA, and was a Crusade Chairperson for the American Cancer Society in Beverly Hills. Additionally, Trena volunteered as a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) for 12 years and was a Vice President and an honorary lifetime member of the Beverly Hills PTA Council. Trena is survived by a loving network of friends from her various

communities, including Beverly Hills, Newport Beach, Mammoth Mountain, Tamarisk Country Club. and Hillcrest Country Club. She is survived by her sister, Loraine Bayer Sinskey '57, and her family; the extended Bayer family; her sister-in-law, Carole Katz, and her family; her son, Ron, and daughterin-law, Carolyn; her daughter, Bonnie, and son-in-law, Jonathan; five grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren. Trena was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Stanley, in 2021. Trena leaves a legacy of love, generosity, and community service.

#### Judy Stamler Heyman '55 passed



a w a y peacefully in her Highland Park home surrounded by her family on Jan. 27,

2024. Judy was married to the love of her life, Jay S. Heyman, for 66 years. She is survived by her husband; daughter Jennifer; son Alan; granddaughter; and sister Susan (Ron) Tansky. Judy graduated with a B.A. from Northwestern and a master's in Urban Planning from UIC. After working in urban planning for Lake County, Ill. she was appointed Chairperson of the Lake County Planning Commission. She later served on and became Chairperson of the Highland Park Plan Commission. An avid reader, Judy loved mysteries and politics. Judy also loved all kinds of art. She became a prolific sculptor and her works can be found in homes from coast to coast. Her love for bright colors was reflected in both her wardrobe and her passion for gardening as a longtime member of the North Shore Garden Club. She and Jay loved to travel and her favorite trips were to Italy. She adored theater and music and was active with Steppenwolf Theatre, Theatre, Northlight Ravinia Festival, the Chicago Symphony, and the Lyric Opera.

Soni Smith Wright '55 passed



away Nov.
4, 2024.
She had remained connected with her beloved BHHS and various fellow classmates.

and attended and been involved with recent reunions.

Richard Ferman '56 passed away in November, 2024. Survivors who are Beverly graduates include his sister Virginia Ferman Morris '60, daughters Mara '87 and Diana '90, and nieces Susie Morris Haber '91 and niece Cindy Morris '94.

**Peter Huntsman '56** passed away in April, 2024 after a long battle with Parkinson's disease.

John Edmund Melnik '59 passed away peacefully on Aug. 18, 2024 surrounded by his wife Judith, his two sons Robert '86 and Gary '87, and their beloved angel Verna. As a fifth-generation Californian,

#### Richard Chamberlain '52, king of the miniseries

Actor Richard Chamberlain '52, who first charmed audiences as the title character in the hit TV show *Dr. Kildare*, passed away March 29, 2025.

From 1961 to 1966, Chamberlain starred in *Dr. Kildare*. In the early 1980s, he starred in hugely popular miniseries, *Shogun* and *The Thorn Birds*.

He won Golden Globes for those three programs and was nominated for Emmys for his performances in both miniseries.

According to the *BBC*, Chamberlain began pursuing acting at Pomona College and felt he had found his calling, which was interrupted when he was drafted to serve in the Army

in Korea.

Upon his return to Los Angeles, Chamberlain took acting and voice lessons and found an agent, the *New York Times* reported

After *Dr. Kildare*, Chamberlain moved to England, where he appeared in stage productions including Birmingham Rep's *Hamlet*, and garnered "surprisingly good" reviews, according to *Variety*.

Over the years, he starred in a few films, but found his greatest success in television. He also appeared onstage in musical theater productions.

In 2003, he published his memoir and gained a great deal of media coverage because it was the first time that he acknowledged publicly that he was gay.

"After his formal coming out, Mr. Chamberlain appeared to delight in portraying characters who were gay or played with gender stereotypes," the *New York Times* reported, noting that he had already appeared on *The Drew Carey Show* in full drag as a female character.

According to the *New York Times*, Chamberlain began living in Hawaii in 1990 and he began painting again and showing his art.

According to the *New York Times*, he is survived by producer, writer, and actor Martin Rabbett, his companion of more than 30 years.

Melnik was born and raised in Beverly Hills where he spent his whole life. He was a devout USC Trojan. After attending USC for his undergraduate degree, he obtained his CPA and went to law school at Southwestern Law School and obtained his J.D. John had a passion for sports, especially baseball and spent almost 35 volunteering, coaching and managing the Beverly Hills baseball leagues. When he retired from coaching, he was honored for his service to the community by being named a commissioner of Parks and Recreation. John was loved by all the families and children he coached over the years and the influence he made on their lives will be missed dearly.

David S. Gingold '60 has passed away. David



away. David grew up in Trousdale Estates. At age 31 he purchased his home on Roxbury Drive,

where he resided until his passing. David graduated USC and law school but remained an independent insurance agent for 31 years. His antiques- and art-filled office was on Wilshire Boulevard and Palm Drive. He retired while in his fifties and devoted his life to being a community activist and fierce advocate and source of strength for civil rights and property rights for the residents of Beverly Hills. David attended city council and commission meetings non-stop and could always be seen sitting in the front row waiting to be the voice of the residents. As a wise and brilliant one-man army, he fought for many original projects amid adversaries. You might be aware of the handicap parking space and crosswalk in front of the Beverly Hills Post Office on Third Street and Maple Drive. It took David two years to finally get approval for it. People would see David on the street and tell him, "Thank you—you are my hero."

Jeffrey S. Stevens, M.D. '60 passed away Sept. 24, 2024 at home, surrounded by his loving

family, after a long battle with lymphoma. Jeff's intellect,



supportive nature, and principled character shaped a remarkable professional career and personal life. While Jeff

was publicly admired as a brilliant physician, wonderful mentor, and gregarious neighbor, he was even more devoted as a husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Wendy Lane Stevens; his son, Jacob Stevens (Danarae); two granddaughters; and his sister, Judy Schwartz (Terry Marre). Born in Newark, N.J., Jeff moved to Southern California as a child when his father was hired as a Hollywood writer. Jeff founded the Beverly High chess club, was an avid bridge player, and went on weeks-long camping expeditions with his friends on the John Muir Trail. While at UCLA, he joined the crew team. Having started piano at age five with support from his grandmother, he earned a living by playing jazz gigs while attending Stanford University School of Medicine. After his internship, he served as Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service. where he was a General Medical Officer at the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas. He then completed residencies and board certifications in diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine. Jeff married Linda Boverman and moved to Portland in 1975. working as Chief of Nuclear Medicine at Portland Adventist Medical Center. He took full advantage of the Pacific Northwest as an avid cyclist, tennis player, and skier. Jeff coached his son's sports teams, and the two regularly spent full days playing racquetball, basketball, badminton, billiards, and tennis. In 1989, he was recruited by Oregon Health and Science University, where he led the design and construction of a new Division of Nuclear Medicine, serving as its Chief and contributing to its national influence. He retired in 2020 as Emeritus Associate Professor. Jeff published numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles and book chapters and also served on several OHSU committees. He received the prestigious Western Pioneer Award from the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging, recognizing his decades of service and lifelong positive impact. A Radiology Department Teacher of the Year, he took great pride in the success of his former residents in both private practice and academics. During more than 20 years at the helm of the division, his nuclear medicine residents had a 100 percent program completion rate and a 100 percent pass rate on the American Board of Nuclear Medicine Certification exam on the first attempt with no performances below the 80th percentile. His former students and colleagues remember how he not only opened

# Remembering a love story that blossomed at Beverly

In last year's *Alumni Highlights*, the cover headline read: "It all began at Beverly." And so it was, in 1955, Ann Spellman '59 and Tom Moore '58 fell in love—just 69 years ago. Their love remained all these years; however, Ann sadly passed away on July 29, 2023.

Ann lived a full life following in her mother's footsteps as a dedicated teacher for 38 years. Ann found total joy and satisfaction in her career. Ann was a prolific reader (50+ books a year) and was a brilliant writer.

Ann was a wonderful and loving mother. She leaves four adult children, two stepchildren, 14 grandchildren, and two greatgrandchildren, not to mention a grieving Tom. She also leaves her older brother Steve Spellman '56.

Ann and Tom traveled the world and learned new things together, just as they did at BHHS way back then.

Photos: Ann Spellman Moore '59 and Tom Moore '58 in earlier and more recent years





doors to advance their careers but that his knack for giving advice also helped them grow as people. Jeff traveled extensively, visiting five continents. He learned French during a year at a Swiss boarding high school, then visited France regularly, where he enjoyed the cuisine and wine. He studied Spanish to better communicate during visits to his son's diplomatic postings in South America. He was an avid science fiction reader and taught himself to speed-read so he could consume multiple books a day. Jeff's passion for jazz piano continued throughout his life. He recorded several albums and became a skilled guitarist and singer. He remained a competitive tennis player as a senior, winning numerous Multnomah Athletic Club tournaments. He enjoyed traveling and sharing gourmet meals with his wife, golfing with his family, and taking his miniature poodle Remy for walks in the neighborhood.

**Harve J. Schiffman '61**, an Upland resident, passed away Aug.

6, 2024. He was known for his passion for bicycling, enjoying



nature, and his skill for capturing the essence of life's fleeting moments as an a m a t e u r photographer. H a r v e g r a d u a t e d

from UCLA with a B.S. in Zoology in 1965. Thereafter, he worked for the LA County Department of Public Health from 1965-1968. He enrolled in Loyola Law School, earning his J.D. in 1971. Harve was admitted to the CA Bar in January 1972 and practiced law for more than 50 years. He was in private practice in San Francisco until 1974, when he was hired by the San Bernardino County Public Defenders. He remained there until 1985 then went back to private practice serving the Inland Empire. He opened the Euclid Law Center with his partner and wife, Therese M. Zartman, with whom he practiced until his retirement in 2022. His survivors include his wife Therese, his daughter Ericka, one granddaughter, and two great-granddaughters. Harve's brother Ronald and sister Kathy preceded him in death.

Jim Krasne '62 passed away March 20, 2025. Survivors include his wife, former Beverly Hills Mayor Nancy Krasne, sons Kevin

Krasne '89 and David Krasne, and their families.

#### Joyce Borinstein Steers '62



passed away peacefully on Nov. 25, 2024 at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, three days after celebrating her 80th

birthday with family and friends. At Beverly, Joyce worked on the school newspaper. After earning



John Melnik '59 and George Schenck '59, pictured above at their class reunion in 2013, both passed away last year

degrees from the University of Arizona and UCLA, she became a special education teacher in the Los Angeles inner city. She actively volunteered with Santa Monica PTAs, played a key role in the district's music showcase, Stairway of the Stars, for eight years, and inspired young people with her work at the UCLA Ocean Discovery Center. Joyce had an enduring passion for learning and developed many skills in her lifetime. She successfully ran her own handmade craft and specialty food business, became an expert at gardening, a gourmet cook, and a devoted Pilates practitioner. She was an avid reader and student of current affairs. Above all, Joyce was dedicated to her family. For 50 years she created a loving, supportive family life for her husband Nick, son Benjamin, and daughter Julianne. She baked elaborate birthday cakes and created her own versions of holiday celebrations. Family traditions arose: Desserts must be chocolate. Clothing, flowers, walls, cars, anything possible: Purple. The family visited all seven continents. The world was her classroom. She designed each trip to see, do, and learn as much as possible. Relaxing around the hotel pool was never an option. Joyce will be remembered for her keen interest in people's lives and her positive approach to each day. This was never more apparent than during her three-year battle with cancer. With strength

#### Schenck '59, former NCIS showrunner

George Schenck '59, a former *NCIS* showrunner, executive producer and writer, passed away peacefully at his Brentwood home on Aug. 3, 2024.

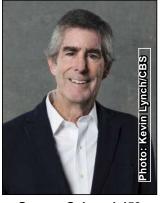
According to *The Wrap*, Schenck was involved with the major hit TV show (which continues today) from its first season in 2003 until his retirement in 2018. Along with his longtime writing/producing partner Frank Cardea, he became co-showrunner in 2016. He became an executive producer starting with Season 9 and had written more than 40 episodes of *NCIS* by his retirement, *Variety* reported.

"The professionalism and tenacity of George and Frank changed the face of the show," NCIS star/producer Mark Harmon said in a statement. "I'm so appreciative of the team and teamwork they both represented."

Schenck came from an industry family. His father Aubrey Schenck was an independent producer and his great uncles, Nicholas and Joseph Schenck, led MGM and 20th Century Fox, *The Wrap* reported.

Schenck went to USC, where he earned a screenwriting degree and a graduate degree as a member of the first class of the Film School's writers' program, *Deadline* noted. Then he served in the Navy.

According to *Deadline*, Schenck initially wrote for the silver screen before beginning his 40-year partnership with Cardea. The duo collaborated on numerous TV series, including *Fantasy Island* (1981), *Crazy Like a Fox* (1984), *Bring 'Em Back Alive* (1982), and



George Schenck '59

Pros and Cons (1991).

Also according to *Deadline*, Schenck served as a mentor to many aspiring TV writers.

He was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Virginia Schenck, who died in 2023. His survivors include their two sons Kirk and Jeff, daughtersin-law Allison and Natalie, and their five grandchildren.

and grace, she agreed to countless treatments, endured each discomfort, and did every single thing her doctors told her to. She never gave up—she was smiling until the end. She was preceded in death by her sister, Anne Borinstein Weinstock, and is survived by her husband Nick, son Benjamin, daughter Julianne, and brother Lloyd Borinstein '64.

Duke David Molner '63 passed away suddenly in the early morning of Dec. 31, 2023 after several years of illnesses including atrial fibrillation, pulmonary hypertension, and COPD. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Joanne Herz Molner. Duke will be missed by Joanne's family and his many friends. Duke had a special talent of remembering everyone's birthdays.

**Lorraine M. Fox '66** has passed away. She was a first-class person and psychologist.

Elise Sinay Spilker '66 passed away May 22, 2025, after battling ovarian cancer for nearly seven years. She accepted her death with the same grace that defined her life. She was born and raised in Los



Angeles, where she also made lifelong friends, married, and raised her two daughters, Audrey '91 and Joanna.

Sadly, her first husband, Andrew, passed while she was very young. She went on to marry William F. Sater with whom she happily shared nearly half of her life. Her extraordinary kindness and warmth were felt by all who knew her. She leaves behind her husband William, daughters Audrey '91 (Dror Ambar) and Joanna, sister Nancy (Howard Sunkin), and a throng of younger generations who love her as Auntie Lisie.

**Simon Langer '70** has passed away. Survivors include his wife June Whyte Langer '70.

**Judith Sharon Deutsch '72** passed away peacefully on Aug.

30, 2024. Judy was an active community member, enjoying tea



at the Huntington Library & Gardens, attending local the ater performances, participating in the enterprocess.

Renaissance Faire, kayaking in the ocean, and tending her space at the Mar Vista Community Garden. She lived a life full of passion and joy, sharing it with everyone she knew. Judy earned a degree in Art History from UCLA and a master's in Education Leadership and Administration from William & Mary. Between her degrees, she spent five years at the Getty Museum as a conservator of ancient art. Judy discovered her talent for fundraising at William & Mary, writing a successful NEA grant proposal for the college's museum. This sparked a lifelong career in fundraising, where she ran major donor programs for the

American Diabetes Association, The Southwest Museum, UCLA Medical Sciences—raising over \$7 million in a single year—the City Hope, California State Northridge College of Science and Mathematics, and MS Society, among other worthy organizations. Judy also taught others the art of asking. In retirement, Judy served on several local boards of directors, taught cooking classes and hosted teas. She was an avid collector of kitchen goods and delighting in creating lovely meals and setting beautiful tables for her friends. She was also a staunch supporter of Israel throughout her life having spent time on a kibbutz in the Golan Heights in her youth. Judy enjoyed art, reading, classic movies, everything Disney, writing to her pen pals across the globe and remembering everyone's birthday with a special card. Judy was a loving family member, deeply missing her sister Lynne '73 and her parents, who preceded her in death, and staying close to her nephew Reed Deutsch-Sondak and

#### Schirn '59 became LADA's historian after 40-year career as prosecutor

Robert Schirn '59 passed away at home peacefully and surrounded by family on April 12, 2025. His wife of 56 years, Zanda, passed away in 2022.

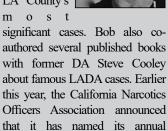
Bob was born to Jewish refugee parents, Otto and Yvonne, on a ship in the High Seas. Otto had just obtained his release from a French internment camp and the couple fled to Lisbon where they boarded one of the last passenger ships leaving Europe during World War II. Otto was the only member of his family to survive the Holocaust.

The Schirn family settled in Los Angeles in 1945 and grew to include Bob's siblings, Vivian '60 and Danny '66 (deceased in 2018). At Beverly, Bob was an honors student and earned All-League recognition in football and baseball.

Bob received a B.A. from Princeton University in 1963 (Political Science) and a J.D. from the UCLA School of Law in 1966, when he also joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office. During his 40 years in the office, Bob prosecuted more than 60 felony jury trials with a 90% conviction rate. He assisted with the prosecution of Sirhan Sirhan following the assassination of Robert Kennedy. Bob contributed to the search warrants on the Charles Manson and OJ Simpson cases. He served as the longest standing Head Deputy in the history of the office and capably supervised several prominent units. He wrote the State of California's first search warrant and wiretap manuals. Both works are still considered the leading legal authority on the topics, many years after their original publication.

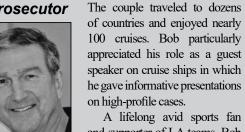
Following his retirement, Bob became the LADA of fice historian. He meticulously chronicled LA County's

Bob.



Prosecutor of the Year Award after

Bob's greatest joy came from his devotion and commitment to his family. In 1965, he married the love of his life, Zanda (Frailich), after being set up on a blind date.



A lifelong avid sports fan and supporter of LA teams, Bob participated for decades on elite level slow pitch softball teams and competed in the Senior Softball World Series. His other hobbies included trivia, word games and telling silly jokes.

Bob never missed a performance or sporting event involving his sons, Brian (Megan), also a Head Deputy LADA, and Jason (Lorelle), a real estate investor, or that of his five granddaughters. His relentless optimism and unconditional support served as his family's foundation.

brother-in-law Douglas Sondak, despite their distance on the East Coast.

Coast.

Michelle Mindlin '72 passed



away April 9, 2 0 2 3 . Michelle received her BFA in Theater Arts from Boston University and returned to Los

Angeles to pursue an acting career. She soon began directing, discovering her love for it as well as writing. Directing also helped Michelle find the love of her life, Denise McCanles. After 25 years together, Michelle and Denise were married in September 2014. Michelle had a smile that lit up a building, a contagious laugh, and a sharp, quick wit. Her intelligence, organizational skills, logic, and compassion were enviable. Michelle was articulate and generous with her love, time, knowledge, and patience. A fierce sports fan, especially football and basketball, she loved UCLA and was a champion for the WBNA. An avid Sparks fan, Michelle held season tickets until she was no longer able to attend the games. She passed on her love of sports to her nieces. Michelle worked at Disney for nine years, first in their Animation Communications department, transferring eventually to their newly forming Theatrical division. The Lion King and Aida are just a couple of the stage productions she helped develop. After leaving Disney, Michelle worked as Company Manager on Menopause the Musical at the Coronet Theatre. This was one of her most favorite adventures. Michelle's survivors include her wife, Denise, and her two cats, Turk and Django, her little sister, Ilya, big sister, Myeba, nieces, nephews, and half-siblings.

Jana Winters Young '72 passed

away April 13, 2024. Jana attended Palms Jr. High then Hamilton High through her junior year. In 1971, the Winters moved to Beverly Hills



where Jana completed her senior year at Beverly and met the love of her life, Jeffrey Young '72. Jana became a d e n t a l

hygienist, practiced for a while, then briefly moved to Honolulu where she sold real estate. Jeffrey and Jana married in 1984 in Santa Barbara. Their children Jared, Jason, and Alyssa soon followed. Jana taught Iyengar Yoga and loved to cook, travel, and walk her poodles. Jana was vivacious and had a bubbly personality, beautiful red hair, playful sense of humor, adventurous spirit, and colorful fashion choices. She loved her family and friends and was very

generous with them. If you wanted something done everyone knew Jana was the person who would make it happen. Jana had a soft spot for those in need or anyone who was just plain lonely and needed a sympathetic ear. Jana is survived by her husband Jeffrey, sons Jared (Shira) and Jason (Devin), daughter Alvssa (Dan). and three grandchildren; her mother Barbara Winters: and her brother Dr. Robert Winters (Laurie). Jana was preceded in death by her father Nathan Winters and her sister Elissa Dalkey.

Nevra Fatma Shapiro '73 passed



away Jan.
16, 2025
after a courageous battle with metastatic b r e a s t c a n c e r.
Nevra was born in Coronado.

She formed a special bond with her younger sister Meyla and spent summers in Turkey, instilling in her a love of heritage and adventure. Nevra married Steve, the love of her life, in 1985. They built a life in Santa Monica filled with shared dreams, family, and meaningful experiences. Together, explored the world, creating cherished memories with their children, Derek and Kayla, who will remember her boundless enthusiasm and support. A UCLA graduate, Nevra was a lifelong learner, volunteer, and friend to many. She excelled as a VP of market research before building her own major marketing business. Later in life, Nevra reinforced her roots, partnering with her sister to bring hand-crafted jewelry from Istanbul to the U.S. Nevra leaves a legacy of strength, compassion and joy. Her survivors include her husband, Steve; children, Derek (Filipa) and Kayla; and sister, Meyla.

#### Phil Savenick '69, award-winning filmmaker and champion of BH history

Phil Savenick '69, longtime writer, producer, and documentarian, passed away June 21, 2024.

Savenick, who was the president of the Beverly Hills Historical Society (see p. 49) and a lifelong resident of the city, graduated from UCLA, earning a degree in Cinema and Television Arts.

During 35 years as a producer and documentarian, Savenick contributed to specials such as *TV Revolution* and *Inside TV Land*.

He received recognition with three Emmy nominations, including as co-producer of Donald Duck's 50th Birthday and Great Moments in Disney Animation, and for editing the 75th Annual Academy Awards. His production of the Emmywinning 20 Years of Comedy on HBO earned him a CableAce Award for Best Comedy Special



in 1996.
Additionally,
h i s
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received

accolades such as the Cine "Golden Eagle" award, a Film Advisory Board award, and the Western Writers "Spur" award.

He produced *The Stars Who* Saved Our City, which focused on the 100th anniversary of the campaign waged by eight of the most famous Beverly Hills residents to prevent the city from being swallowed into Los Angeles.

Friends took to Facebook to remember Savenick.

"Phil loved our city and was willing to share his knowledge of our past with anyone, anywhere, anytime," former Cultural Heritage Commissioner Noah Furie '77 wrote. "His face was full of life and love when he talked about all things Beverly Hills."

"I always loved his photos and letting us know about the rich history of our community," Human Relations Commissioner Rose Lai Kaiserman '90 said.

"Your love for our community was boundless. You gifted us with the Beverly Hills Historical Society, our Centennial Documentary, and treasured history of Beverly Hills with dear Robbie Anderson and many others. Your vision and passion for Beverly Hills will always be cherished," then-Vice Mayor Sharona Nazarian said. "We will honor his memory and ensure his legacy continues to inspire us all."

Survivors include his mother, Rose Norton. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, former Beverly Hills Mayor Ben Norton.



Mitchell
B. Wolfson
'73 passed
away Feb.
6, 2023 from
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graduated with a Political Science degree from California State University, East Bay (Hayward). He had a successful career in the computer software field working for National Semiconductor, Microsoft Corporation and IBM. His hobbies included hiking, biking and traveling the world and he was an avid Ham Radio operator. He is survived by his wife Antonia, his sons Michael and Benjamin, and

three grandchildren.

Michael
David
Strathearn
'74 passed
away March
3, 2025.
Michael was
born in Los
Angeles and



lived in Simi Valley during his childhood. He attended schools in Simi Valley and Woodland Hills through grade 9, and Beverly High (grades 10–12), where he was on the football and wrestling teams. Mike went to UCLA, where he graduated with a B.S. in BioChemistry (1974–1978), and with a Ph.D. in Molecular

#### Coach Keelor, retired BHHS football coach & athletic director, and national physical education leader



Richard
O. Keelor,
Ph.D., retired
BHHS football coach
and athletic director,
passed away
July 22, 2024
at age 87.

Coach Keelor grew up in the South Bay, attending Redondo Beach High. He held bachelor's and master's degrees in health, Physical Education, and Recreation from California State Long Beach, where he was Athlete of the Year in 1959, captain of the intercollegiate football team, and won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Wrestling Championship in 1960. He was signed by the Los Angeles Rams in 1961 as a 240-pound offensive guard. He also played for the Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers.

After his time in the NFL, Coach Keelor was recruited to be the line coach at Long Beach Poly High School and went on to coach football and wrestling and later became the athletic director of his beloved Beverly High. In 2010 he was the first to be honored with the Beverly Hills High School Athletic Alumni's Polaris Award for his lasting contribution to the school's championship athletic program. He loved his "Beverly Boys" and was still in contact with many of them until his death. He had a distinguished 10-year career as a public-school physical educator, was voted

High School Football Coach of the Year by the *Los Angeles Times* and was honored as California Athletic Director of the Year.

One of America's leading health and fitness authorities, Richard served at all levels of the health promotion and physical fitness profession. In 1972, he was personally selected by Astronaut James Lovell of Apollo 13 fame to serve as Director of Program Development for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS). He served this presidential agency over a 10-year period under four administrations.

He received numerous awards that reflected his passion and commitment to "Shape Up America," including the PCPFS Council's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. That award honored his 50 years in creating change in health promotion and physical fitness. His unwavering commitment to promoting fitness and wellness shaped the lives of many, from young athletes to seasoned professionals.

Following his government service, Richard joined the Campbell Soup Co. as president of its National Institute for Health/Fitness and general manager of a new Campbell's business unit. He led the development and implementation of the Campbell's employee health/fitness program, which now has had more than 40 years of success, and he shaped up the Campbell Soup kids, too.

He was CEO of Health Designs International, a company specializing in developing and implementing science-based health and fitness educational systems, and equipment for schools, business, industry, and government agencies, and building healthy communities and organizations.

As co-founder of Be Active America, he served as one of the lead faculty in advocacy training workshops provided to educators, recreational professionals, and to business, industry and government officials. He was also the primary consultant in developing Be Active North Carolina, the first statewide initiative to promote grassroots physical activity advocacy.

Richard's greatest love was his children and his grandchildren. He instilled in them his love for personal wellness and the importance of being active and living life to the fullest.

Richard found his soulmate in Carolyn Keelor, and they married in 2000. Together, they built a life filled with the love of the Lord, laughter, and shared adventures.

Richard's interest in personal well-being led him to incorporate meditation as a fundamental health skill to empower groups and individuals to achieve emotional balance and spiritual awareness. Richard donated his brain for research to the Boston University Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) Center. The purpose of this research is to help understand the long-term effects of head trauma and brain injuries and to help protect future generations of athletes, military veterans and others exposed to head trauma.

Richard will be remembered for teaching values of integrity, character, courage, sacrifice, self-discipline, kindness, committing to causes greater than oneself, and relentlessly pursuing a healthier, happier life for all. As one of the Beverly Boys, George Kimball '69, wrote:

Friends had warned him that Beverly Hills would be a 'coach's graveyard,' but the coach was never one to walk away from challenges. Instead, he embraced them, recruited some superb coaches ... all of whom shared his integrity, and his insistence upon excellence. But there were other, more important goings on beneath the surface—matters of the heart invisible on game days. Coach Keelor knew that coaching meant much more than game plans, chalk talks, Friday evenings, or Saturday morning film sessions.

All of us recall lessons learned about character, courage, sacrifice, discipline, teamwork and the other attributes that separate men from boys. Most of us would also tell ... that whatever we have accomplished in life we owe in large part, to lessons learned long ago, on practice fields, on wrestling mats or in the weight room, from this exceptional man who in turbulent times, the 1960s, touched many of us profoundly, to our lasting benefit. He gave us the opportunity to find out who and what we might become. More than anything else, he taught us to be men.

Biology in 1983. He did a postdoc at University of Illinois (Champaign-Urbana) in molecular biology. He went on to work at UC San Francisco. He then taught at UCLA (Biology) and later at Santa Monica College for about 35 years. He retired at 65. Mike also helped run a family business which owned and managed apartment buildings. Mike is survived by his daughter Sachielle (Zamprioli) and his identical twin Gary '74.

**Sharon Klein '75** passed away Feb. 12, 2024. She spent most of her adult life in a wheelchair and managed to live life to its fullest. She is survived by her sister Vicki Ann Klein Martini '73.

Eric Yang '77 passed away unexpectedly on March 10, 2024.



Eric lived in Simi Valley for the past 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Kristen, and daughters, Lexi and Marissa.

Philip A. Tillman '79 passed away Aug. 24, 2024 from post-Covid pneumonia. Phil graduated with a master's degree in public administration from USC. He had a successful career in the redevelopment and real estate fields working for the cities of Carson, Inglewood and Bell



Gardens a mong others. His interests included going to baseball games, plane spotting,

tracking the weather, architecture and traveling the world. Phil was preceded in death by his brother Timothy.

Shalini Gupta Bridges '97, who attended El Rodeo from Kindergarten through 6th grade before graduating from Harvard-Westlake in 1997, passed away March 11, 2024. She is survived by her parents, her son Benjamin Bridges, her brother Sameer Gupta (HW'99, who also attended El Rodeo), and family members around the world. Shalini strongly believed in holistic healing, the power of crystals, and her poetry expressed true inner feelings, including her inner demons which took her away. Everything in life for her was intense, especially her love for her son, Benjamin, and her friendships.

Michael Doyle '04 passed away May 13, 2024 in New York City. He had been working for Masterworks in its art acquisition department.

Kalen Keyth Dinwiddie '13

passed away Feb. 18, 2022. He is survived by his mother, Lisa Harvey '86 (Beverly Vista '82), and his many friends and family members, all of whom are left to cherish his memory. A loving son, brother, grandson, cousin, partner, and teammate, Kalen brought his infectious vibrant energy into everyone's lives. His uncanny ability to fill a room with laughter will be deeply missed by



Sharon Klein '75 and Vicki Ann Klein Martini '73

Kalen Keyth Dinwiddie '13

those who love him. He always put family first, and his protective nature was felt by all. Kalen excelled in sports throughout his years in school at Horace Mann and Beverly. A member of Beverly's basketball (freshman, JV) and football (varsity) teams, Kalen is remembered by his friends and teammates for his knowledgeability, wit, and warm spirit. From a young age, he could recite just about any sports-related statistic and answer any question posed to him about a team or player. While his life was cut short, Kalen will be remembered for the positive impact he had on the lives he touched, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of those who love him.

## Retired Faculty Gerald Lee Carpenter passed



away Jan. 29, 2024 at age 94. Born in Newton, Iowa, a town he a l w a y s loved, he was the son

of Cecil and Linda (Olson) Carpenter; brother of Harold, Cecil and Elmeda; husband to Dorothy Gale (Bascom) Carpenter for 72+ years; father to Larry (Joy Kitamori) Carpenter, Cathy (Mike) Wignall, and Barbara (Benedict) Bussman; grandpa of six; and great-grampa of nine. His rolodex provides a picture of his

#### Herbert Dodge, who started Beverly's AP History program

Herbert Dodge passed away peacefully in his Los Angeles home on June 20, 2024, surrounded by family. He was 94.

Herbert was born in Lafayette, Indiana. Following graduation from Sebring High, he attended college in Boston and Los Angeles obtaining bachelor's and master's degrees in Education, Theology and History. He later obtained a PhD in history from Carnegie Mellon University.

Herbert served in the Army's 87th Airborne Division in Germany where he met and married his first wife, Erika Miehle. After living briefly in Michigan, they

relocated to Los Angeles where Herbert began teaching at Beverly High in 1962. There, Herbert started the AP History program and taught AP American and European History from 1962 to 1988. He also taught scores of students to drive through Beverly's driving training program

After retiring from BHHS, Herbert was principal at a small private school in the San Fernando Valley and lastly at the Army Navy Academy in Oceanside.

After 43 years of marriage, Herbert's wife Erika passed away in 2000 and Herbert remarried to Ingeburg Schneider in 2006. After 16 years of marriage to Ingeburg, she passed away in 2021.

Herbert

was an amazing teacher, scholar, mentor, husband, father and friend. His brave and calm demeanor is remembered by many.

Herbert is survived by his four children, Karl, Herbert, Karen (Madi) and Susan, along with 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren (and counting).

vast extended family of friends from around the world that he remained in touch with to the very end. As a teacher/coach/role model and mentor, he influenced thousands of high school students in Macquoketa High School, Iowa; Lake Park High School, Ill.; and Beverly High. Gerald and Dorothy traveled the world. Gerald found beauty in every place he lived and visited and he brought out the beauty and the best

in everyone he met along the way. If he hadn't become a teacher, he could have been a comedian—the consummate joker and prankster, he had the ability to make people laugh without making fun of anyone or anything. He was kind, loving and caring. He was an avid golfer, with two holes in one on his record. And he loved fishing streams, rivers, lakes and oceans with friends.

Jack Norman Gifford, who



taught at Beverly from 1970–1977, passed away Oct. 11, 2024 at age 91. He had been living in Los Angeles.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife Jane Gifford and their children Lynn Gifford '80 and Mike Gifford '81, all of whom were members of the BHHS faculty. His survivors include his granddaughter Rose Gifford '19.

Dee Richards, who taught physical education at Hawthorne for many years, passed away in May 2024, shortly before her 85th birthday. Survivors include her son Chris. Her former colleague Stephanie Lehrer '72 said, "I personally will miss her way of creating a special space at Hawthorne for laughter and love. Life was never boring in her

#### Sol Levine, retired BHHS principal & BHUSD superintendent

Retired BHUSD Superintendent Sol Levine passed away July 30, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Born in Brooklyn, Levine was the youngest of three children and shared an especially close bond with his brother Jack. A true Brooklyn boy, Levine attended PS 109, Thomas Jefferson High School, and Brooklyn College, where his passion for education and community leadership took root in 1953.

Levine quickly rose through the teaching ranks, becoming a department chair and then one of the youngest principals in the New York City school system at John Dewey High School. His reputation as an educator and leader grew nationally, leading to his selection as the principal of Beverly High in 1977.

In 1990, Levine was appointed Assistant Superintendent for a year, which led to his appointment as Superintendent in 1990. He retired in 1998.

Reflecting on Levine's impact, former Beverly Hills Mayor Mark Egerman said, "A great educator has passed away. Sol dedicated his life to the students he so dearly loved. He knew that education was the key to future success and worked tirelessly to ensure that every

young woman and man in our District received the best possible education. I am honored to have worked with him as a member of the Board of Education. He will be missed."

Councilmember John Mirisch '81 was a student when Levine was the principal.

"For us Beverly students, Sol Levine was literally a legend in his own time. I not only have fond memories of my time at Beverly, but also of the man himself. It was my great honor to have introduced the Class of '81 Hello Day skit as Sol Levine, using his signature cadences and some of his favorite words like 'splendiferous.' We won't see his like again. May his memory forever be a blessing," Mirisch said.

Former Board of Education member Lillian Raffel remembered Levine as an effective superintendent.

"Working with Sol Levine when I was on the school board was a privilege and a delight. He was one of the most honorable, caring, and respectful people I have met. He was generous with his advice and counsel and was exceedingly tactful when he thought you were wrong. He was a brilliant educator and the author of several scholarly books. He understood teachers and students. Sol had an excellent sense of humor, dry though it was. He also was a good storyteller.

I loved to hear about his time playing the trumpet with his band and his experience in Yiddish Theater in New York. Sol loved the school district and the city. Most of all he loved his friends, his beautiful wife, Marilyn, and his family. I was honored to be called his friend," Raffel said.

He is survived by his wife of over 60 years, Marilyn, children and grandchildren. His life was a testament to the power of education, community, and family.



**Sol Levine** 

## Supt. Levine believed every 8th grader should study Shakespeare

In 1995, when I became the Subject Area Specialist for the Middle School English Department, Mr. Levine visited with me at Beverly Vista. While we were discussing curriculum related issues, he asked me whether our English curriculum targeted the high, middle or low achieving students.

My "middle level" response was met with a slow, negative shaking of his head. "No Merle! We must provide the students of BHUSD with an academically enriched curriculum. Our students must be challenged academically!"

He then proceeded to ask me why Shakespeare was not being taught at the 8th grade level. Nervously, I responded by telling him that the general consensus was that Shakespeare would be too challenging for our present student population. Somehow I do not believe that he heard my concerned voice, as he confidently instructed me to move forward with the incorporation of Shakespeare into the Middle School English Curriculum and the immediate purchase of the prescribed text for every 8th grade student in the District.

It is thanks to this dynamic superintendent that every incoming freshman at BHHS had already made an in-depth study of Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*:

Based on this kind of leadership, I am reminded of a quote by Mark Anthony from *The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*:

Here was a Caesar.

When comes such another?

 Merle Bauer, Retired Beverly Vista English teacher presence. Those that loved her will just have to go on without her brightness and light. But, if you knew Dee, you'll never forget how she shined."

Philip Wenker, a former Beverly High assistant principal, was killed April 6, 2025 in a multivehicle crash on Highway 101 in Ventura. He was 58. Wenker was riding a motorcycle. He began his tenure as an assistant principal at Beverly High in 2016. During the 2019–2020 school year, he continued in this role, working under then-Principal Mark Mead and alongside then-Assistant Principal Drew Stewart. In 2021, Wenker moved into the position of Student Services Coordinator.

Thanks to Don Rosen '82 for calling our attention to some of these obituaries.

#### Katz honored with plaque at Horace Mann



The late Cheryl Katz, beloved middle school math teacher at Horace Mann, was honored with a tree

plaque dedication ceremony at the school in May 2024.

This tribute was made through the Beverly Hills Education Foundation (BHEF) by Stuart and Ellen Masters, Katz's brother and sister-in law. Katz was an educator for 44 years and spent 39 years teaching at Horace Mann beginning in 1975. Katz was Horace Mann's inaugural Apple Awardee in 1986-87.

"Mrs. Katz is considered a legendary educator by all students who had the opportunity to be in her classes," said Tina Wiener, BHEF President. "Her patience, knowledge, and wisdom allowed students to see math beyond numbers and find meaning in applying math to the real world."

Katz, who didn't have children of her own, took time and interest in each of her students, making each feel valued and capable. Her classroom was a lively learning environment with math projects and dozens of student-made posters hanging on the walls.

After battling several illnesses, Katz passed away Jan. 8, 2023 at her home in Corona Del Mar.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are aware of a number of websites claiming to be Beverly High alumni sites, but they are not affiliated with the Beverly Hills High School Alumni Association or Beverly Hills High School.

Please note our official website, <u>www.bhhsalumni.</u> org, our official email address, <u>BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com</u>, and <u>bhhs.bhusd.org</u>, where you can find reunion information.

Some alumni have inquired why we send out so many letters. Please note we have two mailings per year; one is *Alumni Highlights* and the second is a

letter mailed late in the year in which we request class notes and contributions. That's it.

Any other sites (especially www.bhhsalumni.com and www.alumniclass.com) are not affiliated with the Alumni Association or the high school. If you provide those websites with any information, we will not receive it. Some of these sites request fees to join.

Again, please note our official email and web site, **BHHSAlumni@yahoo.com** and **www.bhhsalumni.org**, and **bhhs.bhusd.org**, where you can find information about reunions.

#### Dr. Joan Love Allemand, outstanding arts educator

Dr. Joan Love Allemand, retired Beverly High art teacher and BHUSD director of arts education, passed away peacefully at her home in Los Angeles on May 21, 2025, at age 94. A woman of intellect with a vibrant, generous spirit, Joan lived a life deeply rooted in education, art, and connection.

Raised in Chicago Heights, Ill., Joan graduated from Bloom High School in 1949 and was later inducted into their Hall of Fame for her significant contributions to art education. Joan went on to DePauw University, where she graduated with a B.A. in 1953, and UCLA, where she earned an M.A. in 1963 and a Ph.D. in 1974.

Joan spent many impactful years as an art educator and administrator in Beverly Hills, and stayed in close contact with many of her former students and colleagues.

Her accolades include awards for Supervision and Administration Division Regional (Pacific) in 1986, National Supervision/Administration Art Educator in 1987, and California Outstanding Art Educator in 1988, all given by the National Art Education Association. Additionally, awarded by the California Art Education Association she was given the Douc Langur Award in 1985 & 1986, the Outstanding Visual Art Su-





Dr. Joan Love Allemand

pervisor/Administrator in 1986, and the Award of Merit in 1992.

Also in 1988, Joan worked as a consultant to help design, develop and implement the federal Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program, which helped K-12th grade students and their educators, families, and communities learn about waterfowl and wetlands conservation.

Joan is survived by her sister Carole (Dave) Rittmiller; four nieces; six great-nieces and nephews; and her cat Jolie. She was preceded in death by her husband Denis Allemand and brother Kenneth Love.

She cherished her wide circle of friends. She shared an especially close friendship with Rio (Frank) Morse whom she'd known for 45 years and was with her daily in the days preceding her death.

Joan will be remembered as a playful hostess, a devoted cat lover, a curious and brave world traveler, a passionate art enthusiast, and above all, a cherished friend and mentor to many.

## In Memoriam

There was limited or no information provided regarding the Normans listed who have passed away:

Michi Fujimoto Machida '34 Donald Eisenberg '49 Paul David Korb '50 John Wiggins '51 Terry Leeds '64 Edward Herman Enquist '68 Leah Johnson '75 Steve B. Taylor '80 Paul Karl '82 Dean Styne '92 Casey Leigh Thinnes '94 Brian Mullins Beverly Hills High School Alumni Assoc. Beverly Hills High School 241 S. Moreno Dr. Beverly Hills, CA 90212

### Inside the Paris Olympics

Q&A: BHHS French teacher Corinne Carlson discusses her role as a volunteer at the 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games



BHHS French teacher Corinne Carlson

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Tell us about volunteering at both the 2024 Paris Olympics and the Paralympics.

I started the process almost a year ago, around September or October [2023]. I applied, and it was a huge process. They came back and offered me two positions, both as team leaders. I was in charge of groups of people in both [roles]. I had to take an unpaid leave of absence, but to me, it was completely worth it because of the connection.

First of all, I'm a French teacher. I've been teaching for a long time—this is my 50th year of teaching, and 34 of those years [have been] in the BHUSD. My mother was French, and I spoke French as my first language. Most of my relatives are in France, so I felt a special connection. I've also always been interested in anything international. I'm bilingual in English and French, and I speak some Spanish. My

master's degree is in International Relations, so I've always been [drawn] to international ideas. I later learned that 300,000 people had applied and only 45,000 were accepted. It was kind of cool knowing that.

For the regular Olympics, I was a team leader in Spectator Services, stationed where the opening ceremonies took place, Champions Park. It was a huge area with stands that could seat 16,000 people. Twice a day, we would welcome the athletes who had won medals, and it was like a big party all day long, with singing, dancing, and

[excitement]. Our job was to help the spectators, answer their questions, and contribute to the vibe of the place.

For the Paralympics, I was a team leader in Protocol and was stationed at the tennis stadium, which is where the French Open is held. Our job in Protocol was to greet and help VIPs and dignitaries who [attended] the wheelchair tennis events. We had [high-profile visitors], including the Queen of Spain, the Duke of York, and the Princess of the Netherlands. They came to support their countries, which was really cool, and of course, they brought their entourages with them.

Paris was also celebrating 100

years since it last hosted the Olympics. What attracted me the most was not just that it was in Paris, which I love, but also the global aspect of the whole experience. So, in a nutshell, that's how [I got involved.]

You have been in the BHUSD since 1990, and at BHHS since 1997. Tell us about your teaching career.

I started my teaching career in New York. I also taught at Compton High School. After I got married, we moved to Colorado, where I taught at a school for gifted kids in Denver. Eventually, we moved back to Los Angeles and I've been in *Cont. on p. 43* 

#### Forever stamp honors Betty White '39

The U.S. Postal Service is celebrating the life of Betty White '39 with a new stamp featuring the actress and comedian. A first-day-of-issue event took place on March 27, 2025 at the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, where White had been an advocate, donor and trustee.

"Betty White was an American treasure," said Amber McReynolds, chairwoman of the USPS Board of Governors. "With this stamp, we honor and remember the beloved 'First Lady of Television' and the enduring mark she left on our American culture."

The stamp's colorful, bubbly design aimed to capture White's sparkling personality. A pawprint-shaped earring represents her love of animals.

The stamp illustration was created digitally and is based on a photograph taken by Kwaku Alston in 2010. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by Dale Stephanos, who attended the



first-day-of-issue ceremony.

White, a member of the BHHS Hall of Fame, had a career spanning more than six decades, and received five Primetime Emmy Awards, three Screen Actors Guild Awards, and a Grammy Award, among other honors. She was also recognized for her work in animal welfare.

She passed away Dec. 31, 2021, just 17 days before her 100th birthday.