

Perennial Parrot

The
"Our Gang"
Newsletter



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Polytechnic High School ... 1894-1972 ... San Francisco, California

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Polytechnic High School ... 1894

from Kathy (Bertsch) Compagno S'64

So there I was, late June, on the airport shuttle headed to Oakland airport for a visit to my kids in Seattle and of course, we started talking on the shuttle about the weather and I commented about my cold, rainy and windy high school years in San Francisco, and one of the ladies asked 'which high school'

Seems her mother attended Poly long ago, with the class of 1894. Her name was Charlotte Lenhart.

Charlotte's father, James, was a coachman at the St. Francis hotel, who sadly died young after which his widow moved with all the kids to Mill Valley in Marin, for more affordable and pleasanter living ... and Charlotte COMMUTED daily by a ferry boat to attend poly in the city [which at that time was downtown at Bush and Stockton].

After she graduated, she lived in Marin with her mom and siblings and worked as a music teacher [easily findable in the 1900 census with that occupation]; and eventually she married one Patrick Green, and in 1920 the Green family is living in Hollister, Calif. with several kids and also Charlotte's sister Mary Lenhart ... as a side note, Patrick Green was a grandson of one of the Donner Party.

Ms. Fay then said she had a photo of her mom's biology class at Poly ...

yep, folks, dating back to 1894, and an inside photograph, which was very rare for that time, due to the problems of lighting for photographs; attached you will find Prof Cooke's Biology Class, with Charlotte Lenhart sitting at the right front, with pen in hand.

It had already been scanned by the family, so it was easy for her to send it to me promptly; and in fact, it was waiting in my inbox when I returned two weeks later from my galivanting.

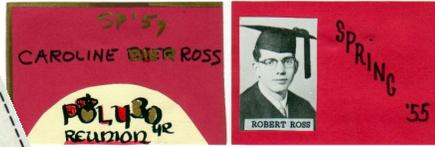
Kathy



Twenty-five Years Ago...



Bob & Carolyn (Bier) Ross
Polytechnic High School
30th Reunion
October 1984
Presidio Officers Club
San Francisco, Calif.



Here are a few of our memories from attending the 30 Year Reunion of the Class of '54 way back in 1984. It was a great reunion ... we met lots of old school friends and brought back many, many great memories. We even brought back one of the table decorations, it finally succumbed to the ages about five years ago ... we still have the little senior hat.

The 55 Year Reunion is this October 22 ~24 and we will be there ... SEE YA THERE ?

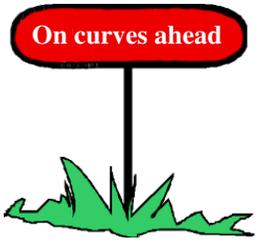


HAIL POLYTECHNIC ... LONG LIVE THY NAME

Letters to the Editor

WELL DARN! No one wrote us ... are you there???

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"Play Ball!"



by Monty Montiel

Hi Gang,

My youngest daughter (36), Monika and her dog, are living with me until she finishes her teaching contract and then moves to Arizona to join her husband, Doug, in their new home. Meanwhile my dog enjoys the company of her deaf dog who acts so much different than any dog I've ever known.

A few days ago her dog, a mix of Pit Bull, Dalmatian and who knows what else, coughed up pieces of a tennis ball it had torn apart and tried to eat. Nothing stationary is safe. Looking at the torn up ball reminded me of the balls we used to play "baseball" with in grade school in San Francisco. I'm not sure the game was played the same at every grade school but it's the game I played at Bryant School before transferring to Paul Revere.

The "batter" threw up a tennis ball with one hand and then, with a closed fist, hit the ball with his strongest hand. Hitting the ball this way provided a lot of control allowing the batter to a grounder or fly ball in any direction he chose. The action of hitting the ball was very much like the motion used when serving on the tennis court.

The game was played with people at all the normal baseball positions including pitcher and catcher to field the ball for defensive plays. The game was played at a fast pace because there weren't any walks or strike outs and anyone could play because gloves and bats were not required. Three out and the other rules applied with the mandatory arguments on close calls.

Paul Revere school went up to the eighth grade and so there was considerable difference in size between the eighth graders and the sixth graders. Naturally you could expect the older boys to "go for the fence" and "hit it out of the park" and there was one boy named Melvyn who hit a lot of homers. The smaller boys, like me in the sixth and seventh grades could be expected to hit for the open spots in the field.

Our school was built, like many schools in San Francisco, on a hill and our asphalt "fields" were on the south side on the short side of the rectangular city block. This set up provided a chance to use a little strategy while playing depending upon if you were on the east or west "field."

The batter could "aim" the ball uphill if he knew the outfielder was slow knowing that the hill slowed him down even more if he had to back up. Unlike real baseball, the less talented fielders were not always placed in the right field because a fly ball could be hit to any field. Hitting a grounder was not always a sure hit because most of the infielders were the "sure hands" guys with good, accurate arms to throw out the runners.

Since we played on asphalt anyone with half a brain wouldn't slide into base, however, there was always someone, with less than 50% of a normal brain who wanted to test the condition of the asphalt with their jeans and ultimately with their skin. They usually ended up in the nurse's office. Of course there were a few collisions, asphalt scrapes on hands, forearms and elbow and other injuries that happened from time to time but it was great fun.

I hope this story brings back some good memories for you. Yes, we are the generation that grew up during World War II but after the war we grew up in kinder, gentler and more simpler times. We were so lucky.

Cheers ... *Monty*



ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?





Gathering 2010

June 4-5-6, 2010 Reno, Nevada





The Stadium

Reprinted from the December 1924 Yearbook

The stadium is nearly completed, and we of Polytechnic take a personal pride in it. We take this pride not only because the stadium is just across the street from us, but also because of the part Polytechnic played in its early history.

About six years ago the surveying classes under the instruction of Mr. Mohr surveyed the nursery site and the vacant land opposite the school with the idea of a stadium in mind. Maps and plans for the proposed athletic field were drawn by the Mechanical Drawing Department under the supervision of Mr. Walker.

Various attempts were made to induce the Superintendent of the Park to relinquish the nursery site, and finally through the persistent efforts of a group of students with James Rolph III, at that time president of our student body, at the head, the land was secured.

In the spring of 1922 an advisory committee was appointed by the Park Commission, with Commissioner William F. Humphrey as chairman. This committee

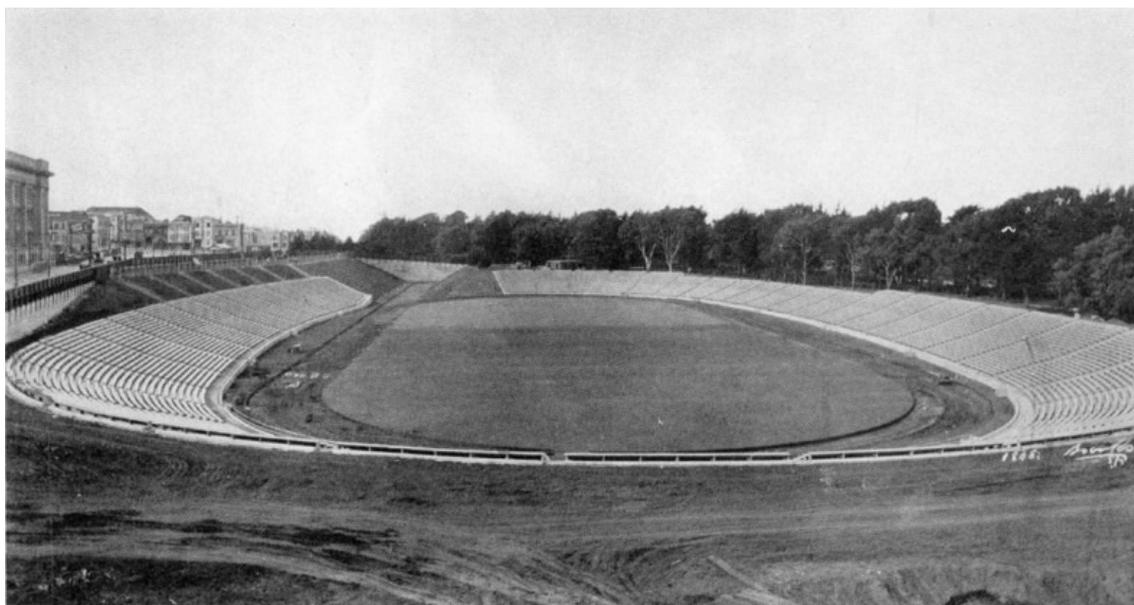
included twenty persons representing various athletic activities in San Francisco and the athletic interests of the Universities of California and Stanford. At the same time Mr. Willis Polk was appointed as architect for the work.

The first plans designed for the stadium were far too elaborate and the cost prohibitive. Other architects were asked to assist in drafting the plans and from time to time submitted sketches to the committee for approval. It was not until the spring of 1924 that the plans met with the approval of the advisory committee, the Superintendent of the Park, and members of the Park Commission. Certain architects, including Mr. Bangs and Mr. Chase from the office of Mr. J. G. Howard, together with Mr. C. F. Masten and Mr. L. W. Hurd, were appointed to get ready for bids. Contracts were awarded just before the closing of school for summer vacation. On June 19 the ground was broken. Exercises were

held in which Polytechnic participated with yells and cheers. Our band played, and James Rolph III, our former president, was one of the speakers.

It was the intention of the architects to have the stadium completed for this fall's series of football games, but because of delay in materials the work will not be finished within the specified time. Cinders for the track could not be found on the Coast, and there was some delay in the shipping of lumber.

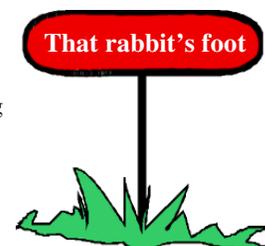
The seating capacity of the stadium is 20,000, and the entire cost, \$164,000. The football field is situated in the center and will be used in the spring for baseball as well. The quarter mile track which encircles the field is the best in the city. There are two exhibition tennis courts now under construction, which will be surrounded by bleachers. The entire grounds are enclosed by fences so that it will be possible to charge admission to the games.



All in all, the stadium is a wonderful addition to the athletic facilities of the San Francisco High Schools, and we know that every school will be proud of it and share it with satisfaction. But we also know that this great stadium is really part of the Polytechnic Spirit, and we can say from the bottom of our hearts, "Three cheers for Polytechnic's perseverance!"

Edith Trickler, Dec, '24

Editor's Note: The same day we mailed the April 2009 issue of the newsletter we received our EBAY win of the December 1924 Poly yearbook and were elated to find this article (with picture) to follow-up the reprinted article of the same title in the Spring 1921 Poly yearbook. Note to the left side of the photo ... you can see the corner of the main building but the boy's gym has not yet been built.





The Polytechnic Parrot

IN THE BEGINNING ...

The originator of the Polytechnic Parrot was James Maxwell Anderson (15 December, 1888 – 28 February, 1958) who became a playwright of great renown. Mr. Anderson taught in the English Department between 1914 and 1917. He received the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1933.

Mr. Anderson started the school paper in fall of 1916 at the newly opened Frederick Street building and perhaps facilitated the space to house the huge printing machine pictured to the right.

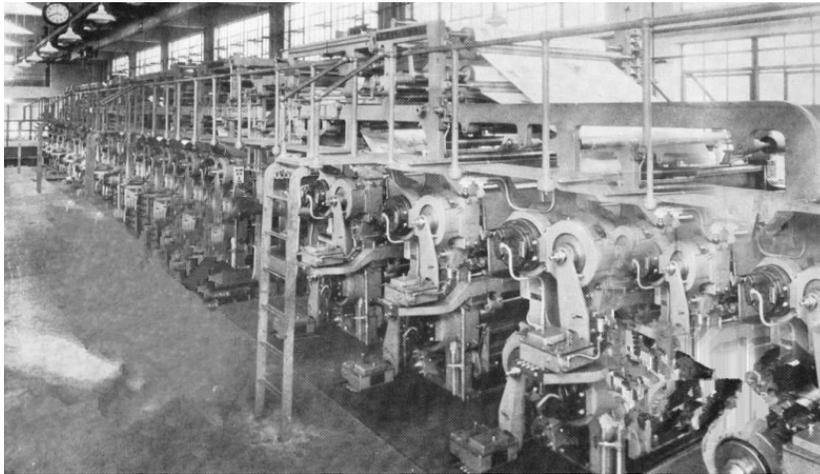


Photo from the December 1937 Yearbook

The paper was originally named the *Spark* and retained that name until 1929 when it became the *Polytechnic Parrot*. The following piece appeared in the December, 1937 issue of the yearbook:

“This semester the Parrot is of age. Started twenty-one years ago by Maxwell Anderson, Pulitzer Prize playwright, the Parrot has developed from a four-column tabloid to an eight-column metropolitan standard-sized paper. During

these years, it has steadfastly endeavored to maintain the basic principles of good journalism; to print the school news in an unbiased fashion; to foster the best interests of the school; to maintain a policy of cooperation between the

school and the home, the school and the community, the students and the faculty; to exalt the truest ideals of fair play, honesty and good sportsmanship.

This semester has brought additional journalistic honors to the Parrot; namely, first class award in the National Scholastic Press Association con-

test, and international honor rating for superior achievement in the Quill and Scroll International Awards.

The Parrot, which is published bi-weekly, has a circulation of 2,400 copies per issue.”

Editors Note: We are humbled



THE CAFETERIA

“Do you realize that in one term the Polytechnic Cafeteria sells enough hot dogs to reach from the school to the Ferry Building, and enough candy bars to reach from Polytechnic to the Cliff House? If the snails we sold were stacked on top of each other, they would reach a height about twelve times that of the school. Our Eskimo Pies would reach across the park and back again. The Cafeteria handles enough dollars each term to reach about a block, enough nickels to reach about eighteen blocks, and enough pennies to reach about twenty blocks. The reason the Cafeteria is able to do such a large business is that the food it sells is fresh, clean, and of the best quality that money can buy. Another reason is that it sells food at a very low price. A student can buy a very good lunch in the Cafeteria for twenty-five or thirty cents. Alvin Crow is the student manager this term and has charge of the employment, work,

The Polytechnic Cafeteria

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and paying of the student helpers. Miss Matthews and Miss McNab are the faculty members in charge.”

From the December 1924 Journal





A Day at Yosemite

With Joyce (Porter) Lindquist

Part 1

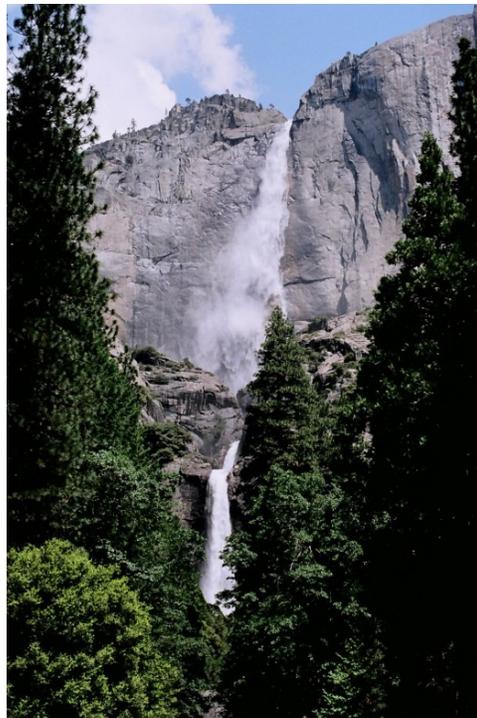
Jan, my sister, and I went to Yosemite for the day yesterday (Monday, June 8th). We had a great time. Took 3 1/2 hours to get there. When we got to the part where (on 120) you can either go straight to Tuolumne Meadows or turn right to the valley ... well, when we turned to go to the valley, we noticed several cars parked and many people on the side of the road looking down into the meadow ... **THERE WAS A BEAR!!!!** Yep, we stopped and took at least 1000 pictures of it!!! He didn't really cooperate ...



got a lot of his backside!!! He was a "known" as he was wearing a collar on his neck. Stopped at Cascade Falls on the way down ...

boy were they full!!! Then we went to the observation view place on 41, but that was a big fat disappointment. It was too hazy and overcast, so Bridalveil Falls was in shadow. And when we went down to Bridalveil Falls, you needed an umbrella to get anywhere near it. Some people did, but Jan and I passed on the free shower!!! We did use the free bathroom!! What a hoot!! You knew where it was very easily ... just follow your nose!!!

We then went on and I got smart and parked at the House Keeping units!!!! Near a shuttle stop and bathroom!! And if we had time we were going to sit by the river and read our books! JOKE!! Plus, I knew parking would be BAD at Curry Village. Anyway, we took the shuttle around to Yosemite Falls. What a treat that was!! On the way up the path a BOBCAT passed not 6 feet in front of us!!!! Couldn't get my camera fixed fast enough to get a pict of it!! DARN!! The Falls were awesome!!! They were FULL, FULL, FULL!!! Another 1000 picts were taken!!! We then went on to Yosemite Lodge and walked around



there. Had to visit the gift shop. Then to the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria for lunch. Exciting ... Jan had a hotdog and I had a hamburger!!! I really wanted to eat at the Curry Village Cafeteria, but it was getting late and they would be closing before we got there. Anyway, it worked out well as we sat by the bank of windows and enjoyed the view. There were some picnic tables outside with umbrellas over them ... some blue jays had built a nest on the "spokes" of the umbrella. Yep ... more picts. It didn't scare the mom away fortunately, as there were babies in the nest.



Then, we went to Curry Village and moseyed around there. Then took the shuttle again ... boy, it is surprising how fast time flies when you are having fun!!! Didn't go to Mirror Lake ... didn't feel like the 1 mile walk, but from the sounds of it, Mirror Lake is a lake and not a meadow like it has been in the past. Next time, I'll check it out!

We also saw several deer ... what a treat!!! But the bobcat and bear, and full falls were the tops!!

We left the valley about 4:00 when the rains came. Not a lot, but it was time to go. Went out 140 and that was interesting. Saw the rock slide that they had had a few years back. **WHAT A SLIDE IT WAS!!!** I don't see how they are ever going to get it cleaned up ... there is more rock just waiting for them to TRY and make a dent in it!!!

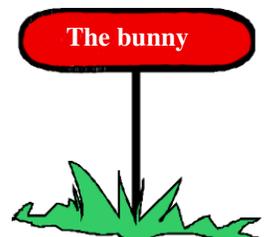
Yosemite was green and lush ... out of the valley is dry and brown. Or, are we Californians supposed to call it "Golden"?

When we first got to Yosemite I was surprised how few people were there ... they must have been hiding somewhere as by the time we left, it was crowded!!!! I'll look forward to go again!!! Even for a day is better than nothing!

Hugs ...

Joyce

Is Joyce done ...
NOT!!!
Part 2 on the
next page ...



A Day at Yosemite

With Joyce (Porter) Lindquist

Part 2

Well, just had to go to Yosemite again!!!! Just me this time as my sister didn't like the altitude the last time ... She is leery after having a small stroke 2 years ago.

A beautiful day!! Clear and sunny. At first it was cool and a few goose bumps showed up but it was sooo nice. Drove down into the valley and parked at Curry Village. Ate breakfast at Curry Village (next time I'll bring Mac Donald's!!!) ... breakfast served to fill a void but wasn't worth the price. Afterwards, I saw a hang glider sailing over the cliffs ... I hadn't seen them in zillions of years!! Liked to have broke my neck staring up at it!!!

Took the shuttle up to Mirror Lake and moseyed up the 1 mile to the lake. I was surprised that there was still some water and that sand and brush hadn't taken over the whole area. So peaceful there. The only thing moving was squirrels and birds ... oh ... and gnats!!! Lots of people rode bikes up to the lake ... I had to walk!!



OK ...

exercise is good for you!!

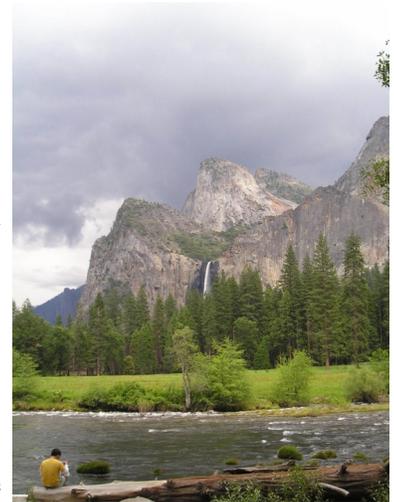
Later I drove the car up to the "high" country ... up to Tioga Pass. It was magnificent!! Had to stop sooo many times to take pict's and enjoy the view. How trees can grow up between all that rock is amazing. I drove with my windows down and enjoyed the sounds of "country". Later though, I

couldn't hear out of my left ear because of road sounds!!!

The temperature in the valley was 82 but in the high country it was a wonderful 72!!! The

devil chased me home though as in Big Oak Flat it was 88 and in Oakdale it was 97!! Yep, I had to close the windows and turn on the AC.

I had planned on going back down into the valley to sit by the river in my camp rocking chair and enjoy the peace ... But it started getting late and I had a 3 1/2 hour drive back home. Guess I'll have to save that for next time. Some people might think I'm nuts for going up and back in one day ... but, you gotta do what you gotta do. And it is sooooo worth it. 'Course, I could just take my chair and sit out at Martinez marina ... much closer (5 mile) and I'll probably do that sometime soon, but Yosemite is a winner every time.



Alas, didn't see a bear, nor a bob cat ... NOT EVEN A DEER this time!! Wait ... I did see one dear ... I looked in the mirror!!!!

Hugs ...

Joyce



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**The older we get,
 the fewer things
 seem worth waiting
 in line for.**

P A S S W O R D

What is a password? It's a word, or combination of letters and numbers, that is used as a **KEY** to keep you secure either on your own computer or on the Internet. Most of you use simple passwords that can be broken (Hacked) easily. Like the name of your pet. "Fido". All your neighbors know your pets name. Or your mother's maiden name. "Jones" or "Scardino" ... sorry – but too many people know her name. Using "**simple**" passwords give you **NO** security! Remember – you use "Passwords" to gain entrance to various web sites on the Internet – like your Bank Account. Keep your information secure by using a password that is difficult to break.

The **BEST** password? The hardest to break? Uses letters and numbers like **ABCD1234** or **A1B2C3D4**. Note using eight characters – or more. You can also add characters like - ! @ # \$ % ^ & * to increase security even further. This is also recommended by most security firms and the web sites you are a member of. Letters and numbers, in combination – make it very difficult to break (hack) and use in your place. Hacking into your personal data. And – well ... that's the whole idea – make it next to impossible for someone to decode (hack) your password and do damage to you *and your life*.

What letters and numbers to use? Something that looking at your basic information – won't give away! Don't use the initials of your name or those of your spouse or kids. Don't use numbers from your Social Security number or home address or birth date. **Think about it!** You may even want to create different passwords for different **TYPES** of security. One for your home computer system. One for your bank. One for the average Internet Web Site you sign into. So the password you use on ClassMates.com cannot be used to gain entry into your bank account. **AND – DO NOT** keep a copy of your password on your computer!

Additional Resources:

- <http://www.moonsoftware.com/pwagent.asp> - Not FREE
- <http://www.folder-password-expert.com/> - **How To** Password Your Files, Hard Drive
- <http://accessmanager.co.uk/> - **FREE**
- <http://www.password-protect-software.com/> - Not FREE
- <http://www.toplang.com/> - Not FREE

The above article is from the Galileo on-line newsletter *The Lions Pride*, editor Phil Kaiser. It is poster on the web every Saturday morning at the following web site:
http://galileohs50s.homestead.com/The_Lions_Pride.html

Don't expect to do a ten minute read of this newsletter as there is substantial material on many subjects besides news of Galileo High School ... we think Phil must be glued to his computer keyboard to produce a newsletter this extensive on a weekly basis.

TRUE OR FALSE

We all get a lot of emails warning of terrible things that will happen to us if we open this or that or don't forward something to as many people as possible in the next ## seconds. Want to know if it's for real ... go to one or more of these sites for the real scoop:

- Fact Check ... www.factcheck.org
- Scam Busters ... www.scambusters.org
- Truth or Fiction ... www.truthorfiction.com
- Snopes ... www.snopes.com
- Hoax-Slayer ... www.hoax-slayer.com
- Urban Legends ... <http://urbanlegends.about.com/>
- Hoax Search Engine ... <http://www.hoaxkill.com/index2.html>

ON-LINE NEWSLETTERS

Your spouse didn't attend Poly or Galileo High Schools? Not to worry. There are information/newsletter on-line sites for just about all of the San Francisco high schools. Just go to our web site at www.perennialparrot.com, click on the "Links" tab and scroll down and you will find a section of links to those "OTHER" high schools.

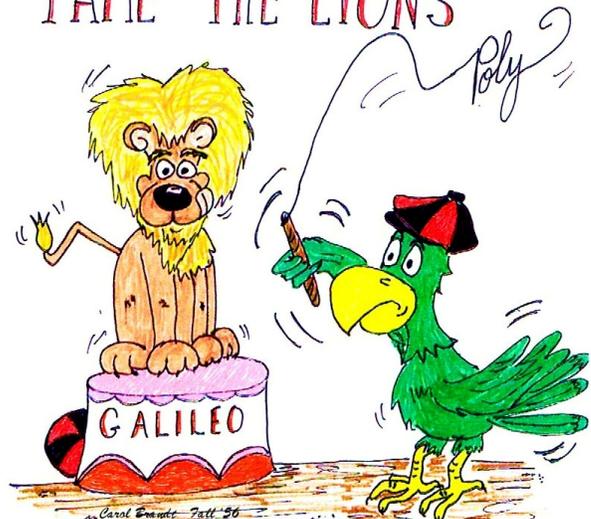


Got some time to kill? Try this web site for some laughs ...

<http://upchucky.com>



TAME THE LIONS





Remembering Poly's Alumni

We have had several people suggest that we post the names of deceased Polyites. We do not intend to post full obituaries as they can become excessive in length but will note if an Athletic Hall of Fame inductee or well known personality, etc. We do ask that if you are a daily reader of the obituary columns that you watch for and email us with any Polyites listed there-in. Please include Name (Maiden for the ladies), Poly Class year (Spring or Fall if known) Birth and Passing dates and if they were someone of note as specified above.

Although we will not back-track, we do have about 165 pages of obituaries sent to us by Kathy Compagno and will be more than happy to look for any names you might be curious about ... let us know.

Thanks ... *The Perennial Parrot Staff*

The following Polyites have passed since our April 2009 newsletter:

Frank Joseph Howard, Sr.
October 10, 1921—April 10, 2009
Class of 1939

- Patrick Brennan
1946—April 18, 2009
Class of Fall 1963
Undeafated Sophomore Football Team 1961
- Alfred Ollagnier
June 13, 1913—May 29, 2009
Class of 1931
Participated in the Liberation of Paris in WWII
- Homer Sterios
May 23, 1923—June 8, 2009
Class of 1941
Well know artist and sculptor
- James Michael Lustenberger
July 20, 1941—June 8, 2009
Class of 1959
Poly Athletic Hall of Fame
Member 1958 Championship football team
- Cesare De Martini, Jr.
July 11, 1929—June 30, 2009
Class of Fall 1948
Member of 1946,47 & 48 Championship football teams
- Hebert Leland Walkup, Jr.
April 19-1923—May 20, 2009
Class of 1941
- Lidsey Daniel Snell
1912—May 20, 2009
Class of 1912

May the Parrot be with them on their journey



Renewing Memories

There are three class reunions coming up this October ... a perfect opportunity to meet-up with those old classmates and remember the good times at Poly. For info go to our web site at www.perennialparrot.com ... "Links" tab ...



- Poly Athletic Association
August 22
Reg Deadline Aug 10
- Class of `69 .. 40 YR
October 10
- Class of `59 ... 50 YR
October 10
- Class of `54 ... 55 YR
October 22 ~ 24

Photo is from the Spring 1954 Yearbook

Club Listing Changes

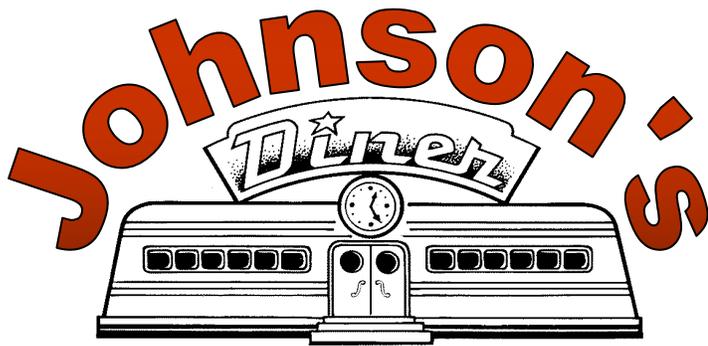
For those not getting the newsletter on CD, EMAIL or here are a few changes for you to make on your hard copy of the Club Listing ... These changes are already incorporated in the Club Listing on the CD / EMAIL subscriptions.

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2949 Fairview Drive
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Where the elite meet to eat

5 Minute Chocolate Mug Cake

- 4 tablespoons flour
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 3 tablespoons chocolate chips (optional)
- a small splash of vanilla extract
- 1 LARGE coffee mug

Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well.
 Add the egg and mix thoroughly.
 Pour in the milk and oil and mix well.
 Add the chocolate chips (if using) and vanilla extract and mix again.
 Put your mug in the microwave and cook for 3 minutes at 1000 watts (high).
 The cake will rise over the top of the mug.

BUT ... DON'T BE ALARMED!

Allow to cool a little and tip out onto a plate if desired.
 EAT!!! This can serve two if you want to feel slightly more virtuous.

And why is this the most dangerous cake recipe in the world? Because now we are only 5 minutes away from chocolate cake at any time of the day or night!

Our THANKS to Joyce (Porter) Lindquist for this tasty tummy teaser.

OK ... where did Carolyn hide my mug ??????????????????

Were you paying attention ???

**At five minutes and six seconds after 4AM on the
8th of July this year, the time and date were
04:05:06 07/08/09**

Melodious Memories

From Monty Montiel

- 1955 -

Hi Gang

I was watching a program on cars and discovered that it was 1955 when Chevy came out with their V8. Of course '55 was the year that Ford came out with the Thunderbird and I think it was Mr. Sutherland who bought a light blue one which he parked in front of the school. Little did we know then that this car would end up being one of the classics and would cost as much today as a house in California.

1. Rock Around The Clock: Bill Haley & the Comets
2. Ballad of Davy Crocket: Bill Hayes
3. Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White: Perez Prado
4. Melody of Love: Billy Vaughn
5. Yellow Rose of Texas: Mitch Miller
6. Ain't That a Shame: Pat Boone
7. Sincerely: The McGuire Sisters
8. Unchained Melody: Les Baxter
9. The Crazy Otto: Johnny Maddox & the Mythmasters
10. Mr. Sandman: The Chordettes

Enjoy and Sing Along ...

Editors Note: Saying the Chevy V8 came out in 1954 isn't exactly wrong as the 1955 model year cars were introduced in September of 1954 ... I know, that's stretching a point.



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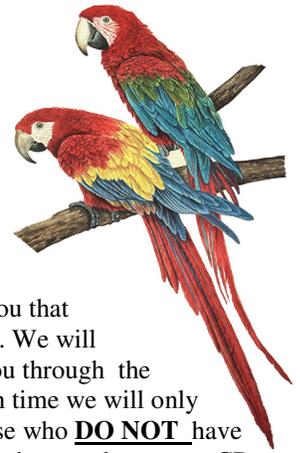
The Association needs everyone's help to keep it running. A \$5.00 donation is appropriate. Any donation more than \$5.00 is encouraged and will be greatly appreciated. Those who wish to remain on the mailing list are asked to send a minimum donation of \$2.00. It is a US tax-exempt organization (Tax-Exempt #75-3208016).

Please help support this association. Last year over 500 cards were sent to Polyites who were ill or suffered a death in the family. Class reunion? They have over 4,000 names in the database to share with your class.

*The Perennial Parrot staff supports the
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Kibbles And Bits And Pieces

from Bob & Carolyn (Bier) Ross
The Perennial Parrot Staff



We are getting this issue out a little early because on August 5th it's "Hit the road, Jack" debark on a 6,200 round trip visiting friends and family and cumulating with the 55 year reunion of the Class of 1954 down in Redwood City, CA on Oct 22-23-24. The original trip was about 4,800 miles but you know how it goes ... well, would really like to see this relative and that friend and on top of that so-and-so called and said they would love to see us if we were in the area ... add another 1,200 miles ... hey, it's just GAS!!!

Speaking of GAS ... there's a item circulating around the net that we have received from several folks that is very interesting and worth reading ...

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1911>

I don't usually say this but you might pass this one around.



Boy are we disappointed ... no one wrote any "Letters to the Editor" for this issue. Let's see, I think the saying is "I Double Dog Dare Ya!"

And on top of that we are out of Monty Montiel stories! EGADS! Actually, we are out of stories completely so don't know what will be in the December issue ... may just be Poly history.

We would like to express our thanks to J.C. Jordan, Kathy (Bertsch) Compagno, and to the Poly Research group that has formed around them. This is a marvelous group of folks who respond quickly when questions regarding Poly history or alumni come in their direction. The material they uncover is amazing ... the front page of this issue is an example. J.C. is the webmaster for the www.hailpoly.com website ... that's how most of the "strangers" find them and the *Perennial Parrot* web site. And yearbooks ... several of the folks, including us, have acquired quite a large collection of Poly yearbooks (journals) dating as far back as Spring of 1914. Things were QUITE different back then. If you have a Poly/alumni related question or just want to get into the "Information Loop", drop Kathy an email at (kcompagno@hotmail.com) and the group will keep you informed.



SUBSCRIPTION CHANGES

This is an **EARLY** notice for all of you that receive this newsletter as a hard copy. We will continue to mail the hard copies to you through the December 2010 issue. At that point in time we will only renew hard copy subscriptions to those who **DO NOT** have a computer. We will continue to offer the newsletter on a CD as the ink required to produce a CD is limited to a few work-sheets and is a mili-fraction of the cost to print a hardcopy. We do recommend the CD for those using dial-up to access the internet and get their email. We do project that the CD subscription rate will increase to \$8 do to rising postage and materials cost. REMEMBER ... "FREE IS GOOD" and getting the newsletter via the website or by email is FREE.

We are sorry to have to make this move but expenses still outweigh subscription input and we can no longer afford to cover the overage caused by increasing ink and postage costs. We sincerely thank those who have donated funds to help with our expenses but even that does not come anywhere near to even breaking even primarily due to ink and postage rising expenses.

Our THANKS to all for your continued support of our newsletter endeavor over the past 20 years ... see ya in the "CLOUDS" ... In case you haven't heard that is the new reference to the internet.



OK, as we said, we depart home on August 5th for three months. Will be at Gordon & Marilyn Lewis's up in Sonoma, CA from September 13th through October 24th. ALL the campgrounds that we will be staying at for the trip have WIFI so we will remain in contact. PLEASE ... we need stories/articles/photos for the next issue (Hello Monty) and getting them via email wherever we are on the road is not a problem. Don't belong to "Our Gang"? Not a problem ... just include your name (Maiden if a lady) and class year.

Hope to see some of you at the 55 year reunion on October 23-24

LOVE ALL YA'LL ...

A Think To Thought On ...

☺☺☺ Definition of Old ☹☹☹
I very quietly confided to my friend that
I was having an affair.
She turned to me and asked,
"Are you having it catered?"
And that, my friends, is the definition of "OLD."



Bob & Carolyn



May The Parrot Be With You

Funny, yet sad...54 years ago....

Comments made in the year 1955! That's only 54 years ago!



'I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20.00.

'Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$2,000.00 will only buy a used one.

'If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous.

'Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter.

'If they raise the minimum wage to \$1.00, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store.

'When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage.

'I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying DAMN in GONE WITH THE WIND, it seems every new movie has either HELL or DAMN in it.

'I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas.

'Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the President.

'I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric .. They are even making electric typewriters now.

'It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet.

'It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work.

'I'm afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business.

'Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to Congress.

'The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on.

'There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend, it costs nearly \$15.00 a night to stay in a hotel.

'No one can afford to be sick anymore, at \$35.00 a day in the hospital it's too rich for my blood.

'If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it.'

*Know any friends who would get a kick out of these, pass this on!
Be sure and send it to your kids and grandkids too!!*



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We invite all Polyites and faculty, who attended or taught at Poly to our

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION LUNCHEON.

It is on Saturday, August 22, 2009. I want to encourage all Hall of Fame Inductees to attend. Guests are welcome.

Date: Saturday, August 22, 2009

Place: Patio Espanol Hall
2850 Alemany Blvd. (About a mile south of Geneva)
San Francisco, CA

Time: 11:30 AM ... Social Hour, 1PM ... Lunch

Menu: Salad, Entrée (Choice of Beef, Chicken, or Pasta Primavera)
With Wine, Coffee, Milk or Tea and Dessert.

Cost: \$38.00 per person. **Reservation deadline is August 10th, 2009.** Absolutely no tickets sold at the door. Tickets will be mailed out ten days prior to luncheon. No refunds.

Guests: Include name of guest, and, if from Poly, the year graduated. If not from Poly, the high school they attended.

Note 1 ... Faculty, many athletes and cheerleaders will be inducted into the Polytechnic Hall of Fame.

Note 2 ... If extra space for wheelchair is needed, let us know.

All tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Please help us by making your reservations as soon as possible. Fill out form; check off proper line for choice of entrée. Make check payable to POLY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION and mail to:

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If you cannot attend, please fill out form and send it back to us so we can verify your current address and we'll send it to your Class Reunion Committee.

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_____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Telephone: () _____ **Year Graduated:** _____

Guests: _____

_____ Sorry, cannot attend but keep me on the mailing list for next year.