



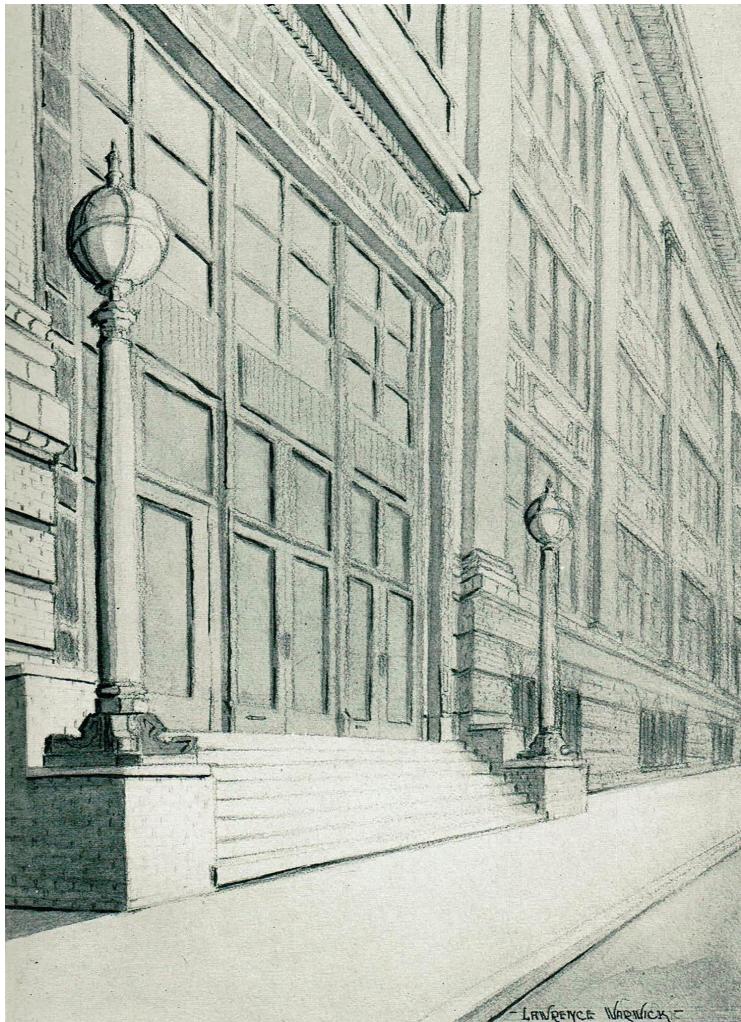
# Perennial Parrot

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

August, 2016

## The Open Door



*We came;*

And from its homely, sheltering place  
It beckoned us, welcoming each new face  
With friendly greeting, quieting all that fear  
That swelled within our hearts as we drew near

*The Open Door*

*We lingered;*

Four long years we stayed behind its safe retreat.  
That, coming and going, echoed the tramp of feet;  
Bade us good morning, bade us farewell -  
Ah, what happy tales that silent friend might tell,

*The Open Door!*

*We go;*

No longer will we laugh within these walls,  
No more our laughter'll ring in happy halls  
Of old. Yet always, Friend, you'll be at will  
A Portal of the Past, but still

*The Open Door.*

A Farewell to Polytechnic  
From the Graduating Class of Spring 1927

# Letters to the Editor

From Diana (Andrus) Bachelor, S'55

Your wonderful efforts sure are a godsend to keeping us connected. So appreciated! I'm looking forward to seeing you soon. Big Hugs!

*Editor: Looking forward to collecting HUGS!!!*



From Roy Bischoff, '54

Hello, Roy Bischoff here, class of 54, if no other commitment I will attend the luncheon. Will know tomorrow, either way I will fill out the Form. On another note, see where you had listed graduates that may be involved in a personal business, if so, after 50 years in the Food Service Industry, I am now a Food Service Purchasing Consultant, providing services to those individuals needing assistance in this arena.

You both have spent an enormous amount of work in this endeavor, you need the Academy Award.

*Editor: Tell that to the Academy Awards Committee!  
And folks can find the link to Roy's web site on the "Links"  
tab of the Perennial Parrot Newsletter.*



From Robert Quinn, S'54

Thanks folks ... wonder how many of my Spring 1954 are still kicking?

*Editor: A bunch ... Come to the Luncheon!*



the sounds of music and song



From the  
Spring  
1970  
Yearbook

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From Alan Brooks (ANA John Alan Brooks), '49

Thanks Robert for the very informative newsletter.

*Editor: You're quite welcome ... ☺*



From Joanne Jasson, '66

Thank you for doing the newsletter! I look forward to attending the luncheon! I only wish my class (66) was mentioned more. I also would like to suggest that you consider omitting #17 on the "22 Adult Wishes" list. I think that some Poly alumni may be offended by the reference to "wanting Google Maps to warn them how to avoid ghettos". When I attended Poly, it was very diverse and inclusive and it always felt like everyone was welcome.

*Editor: HEY Class of '66 ... are you listening?*



From Joy Montgomery, S'57

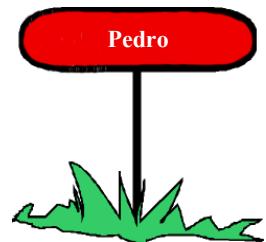
Did you know that I'm the National Alumni Chair for the Cleantech Open, the world's largest accelerator for clean technology companies? I have the fun of building a national Alumni Community, Entrepreneurs who have participated in the program over the last ten years, developing solutions for the world's most pressing problems. I'm also a Mentor and Pitch Coach for the Silicon Valley AgTech, which is an incubator for agricultural technology startups. I've even had a chance to coach Teams from Eastern Europe. It's all very gratifying.

<https://www.cleantechopen.org/> <https://www.svagtech.org/wp/>

It might be newsworthy? They're both efforts to clean up our world. It might be fun for people to think about where some volunteer hours might make a difference.

Pedro

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# Polytechnic Days Remembered

From Ron Bier S '55

Hello POLYITES

Polytechnic Days remembered provides profound memories that fill the heart and mind. The mid-fifties, for me, was perfect timing for forming long-lasting friendships and inspired reasons to have luncheons and reunions.

Crowded two deep in my 1949 Chevy coup, we would hit Playland, bowling alleys, skating rinks and park behind the zoo to dance in the sand, or whatever, plus the all-out battles with dirt clogs at Stow Lake.

There was celebrating Poly football wins for three years unbeaten at Kezar Stadium until 1955, the last game, unbelievable pain. We had parties just for the sake of it which became the norm. The 1952 Black and Red Ford with the Rebel Flag flying went over good those days. Singing as we drove around town, just as Rock Around the Clock was new and The Bandit was the theme.

Photos best reflect the mood we had then and documents the binding glue we still find ourselves celebrating and long for today. Then comes along Bob & Carolyn (Bier) Ross, who in my estimation have won the Blue Ribbon Prize for doing more to keep the Poly Sprit alive in a format that far out-shines 99% of any publication out there. What they have achieved has cemented thousands of POLYITES into a common bond. The newsletter is a masterpiece production.

Ronnie liked to call us the "BIG FOUR". He never was good at math, there were actually five of us. Photo is of a "hunting" trip one weekend in the early summer of 1955. If

I remember correctly, number 5, Bill Lund, was taking the picture.

Standing L to R:  
Bob Ross ... S'55,  
Rich Sperring ... S'55

Sitting L to R:  
Ron Bier ... S'55,  
Gordon Lewis ... F'55

Picture taker:  
Bill Lund ... S'55

I can't say more than simply THANK YOU guys, for making me feel so proud to be "one of them there" POLYITES. Yes, you deserved the 10,000 hits it got. Willing to bet the second 10,000 will happen twice as fast.

*Ron Bier*



Late December 1955 found the group having a welcome home after Basic Training in the Navy for Bill Lund. Gordon Lewis would be graduating shortly and the "BIG FOUR" would then be going into the Air Force in January of 1956.

And there were always "Spontaneous" parties. You see, Ron Bier is an "VSP" VERY Spontaneous Person!

Why, we even allowed people from Balboa to attend our parties ...

*GOD only knows what's next!*



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# Poet Red Shuttleworth

Polytechnic High School, Class of Spring 1963

RED SHUTTLEWORTH was born in San Francisco and received his education at City College of San Francisco (AA), San Francisco State University (BA in Speech and MA in Creative Writing: Poetry) where he worked with Kay Boyle and William Dickey, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas (MFA in Theatre: Playwriting) where he was mentored by Jerry L Crawford, Julie Jensen, and Davey Marlin-Jones.

Shuttleworth's poems have appeared in numerous journals, including Chattahoochee Review, Concho River Review, Ontario Review, Prairie Schooner, Rattle, and Southwest Review. He has published many chapbooks, including All These Bullets (Logan House Press) and Western Movie (Signpost Press). A full length collection of Shuttleworth's poems, Western Settings (University of Nevada Press, 2000) received the first Spur Award in Western Poetry from Western Writers of America in 2001. True West, in its October 2004 issue, named Shuttleworth "Best Living Cowboy Poet."

Shuttleworth's plays have been developed/presented-produced widely, including at University of Nebraska — Kearney, Sundance Playwrights Lab, The Sun Valley Festival of New Western Drama, and the Tony Award-winning Utah Shakespearean Festival. He is the editor of Lucky 13 (University of Nevada Press, 1995), an anthology of plays about Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

His most recent book is a collection of poetry entitled We Drove All Night (Finishing Line Press, 2011).

Currently living in the Columbia Basin in Washington, he has taught at many schools, including Southeast Community College — Fairbury (where he edited Nebraska Review before donating the magazine name to the University of Nebraska at Omaha) and Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska (where, along with Larry Holland and Barbara Schmitz, he edited The Elkhorn Review and co-founded the Nebraska Poetry Festival).

Shuttleworth has also published screeds/journalism/op-ed pieces in Artforum, Boxing Illustrated, Elysian Fields, Foreign Affairs, and The Ring.



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For  
Outstanding  
Poetry Book  
  
National Cowboy  
&  
Western Heritage  
Museum

Rich Eishenbaum has been in touch with Red over the years since Poly and shares this note from Red ...



Dear Rich,

After the awards ceremony, late that last night in Oklahoma City, there was a small-group, private concert in a back room at the hotel with Michael Martin Murphey and other singer-songwriters. My son Luke and I were there. Luke smiled, said to me, *We are so lucky to be in the room.* Yes.

Back in 1962-63, at Poly, one morning before home room, I put a chair atop a table in the library, and I got up and sat the chair backwards and made it rock and buck and I whooped and hollered about being the next *Stony Burke*, a bronc-stomper, a John f\*\*\*in' Wayne sort of Wyatt Earp character .... And the indulgent, sweet lady librarian came over and indicated that I was going a bit far that morning. I had that long ago morning in mind when I snapped a photo of my son, Luke, drinking beside John Wayne's granddaughter, Anita Swift (who runs a cancer institute).



How extraordinary that my son would have this experience in an Oklahoma City 4-star hotel bar after his dad received the highest award you can get in Western culture.

Be well, Rich. Thrive.

Your old Poly High School pal,

Red

Red Shuttleworth on the web:

<http://www.redshuttleworth.com/>

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Red at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum with Buck Taylor who played "Newly O'Brien" on 176 episodes of Gunsmoke.



Back home by golly





# The Adventures of Bill & Joan

From Bill "Cannon Ball" & Joan (Carson) Cannon ... S'55



Well guys. Here we are, 2016, and as of Jan. 28 Joan and I have been here in Sonora, California for four years.

But let us go back to Aug. 14, 2014. Our oldest grandson (his wife actually) presented us with a great granddaughter, Sarah Grace Sills. Now we move on to 2015 and Mother's day May 10<sup>th</sup>, when number two grandson (his wife) presented us with great granddaughter, Haily Conroy Sills.

Then in September we went to San Juan Bautista (Ca.) and helped Lou Bamberger celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> "B" day.

On to October 29, 2015. Joan and I celebrated 60 years married. Yes that's **sixty** years. Time has a way of passing when you're not watching.

Now we can move back to 2016. No snow yet just a lot of rain that we need so badly.

Well, time has past since I started this letter and there have been a lot more deer coming around now that "the tree" has a lot of leaves for the deer to munch on. I just saw a TV show on PBS about the white tailed deer up in the North East and the Florida Keys. It was quite interesting. Maybe some day I'll be able to get a little closer to "my" deer than I have in the past. It seems that deer have better eye sight at night than in the day light and that explains why they just stand there and look at you from as little as eight feet away. Yes, that is as close as they have been to me. They are beautiful animals and I love it when they come by to visit.

Since starting this letter, Lou and his RV group stopped by and we went to lunch and then to a play at the local theater. "Church basement ladies" was a very good play, be sure to see it if your local theater puts it on.



Ken Kremer mentioned in the last issue of the newsletter that his father had gone to Polytechnic. Guess what. My mother also went to Polytechnic. She graduated in 1926 and I have her senior hat somewhere. The hat is pillbox shaped like the guy in the Phillip Morris ads wore (you do remember those ads don't you?). A lot of things are still missing (misplaced) from the move.

I was told that when we graduated from the eighth grade we had to go to the nearest school to our home, but because we had gone to a parochial school we could go to any school in the city. Well, I lived on Crescent Ave right between Balboa and Mission and did not want to go to either school and because my mother had gone to "POLY", I wanted to go there also. Good choice right.

Guess what? It is now July 4, 2016 here in Sonora, California. If you got through all that rambling, thank you for reading this far.

I know, I'm just rambling on again but since I started this letter a lot more has happened. This last June 3, 2016 number one grandson (his wife) presented the family with a great grandson. Our family is getting bigger fast.

Just a side note, we now have a large family of turkeys roaming through the neighborhood. At last count there were fourteen young ones with mom and dad keeping watch. They don't seem to be bothered by humans as they just look at you and keep on going or stopping to have something to eat. Well, I have said a lot and not much so I'll sign off and Joan and I will see some of you in the near future.

*Bill & Joan*

**From the Spring 1932 POLY Journal**



After the sun has set,  
Drowned in the far off sea,  
Before the lamps are lit,  
A messenger comes to me.  
He travels oft in the twilight,



A passing lonely breeze,  
Soft shining in the twilight,  
And lingering in the trees —  
Scarce breathing in the twilight.  
Scarce stirring the aspen leaves.



After the lamps are lit,  
Before the stars arise,  
Off flies my ghostly messenger,  
Adrift in darkened skies.

Jack Moxom, Class of '32



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# Family-owned deli marks 30 years of excellence

## Emil Sr. & Doris (Costa, Poly F' 56) Colombo

From the Pacifica Tribune / April 20, 2016

By Jean Bartlett  
Features Correspondent

If you can get into Colombo's Delicatessen early enough so that they have not officially opened you are going to see brothers Nick & Joe Colombo and/or their dad Brian: making/baking Colombo's famous breads ... sourdough, Dutch crunch, sweet French, marble rye, wheat, white, light rye, focaccia; or putting together the homemade salads which include potato egg, calamari, chicken, tuna, coleslaw, orzo and shrimp; or creating meatballs, meatloaves and sauces.

Then there are the hams, roast beefs and roasted turkeys cooked daily, all of which are sliced fresh as customers order. "We don't pre-slice", said Brian. "We slice everything fresh. That is part of the quality and the service that we have to offer."

Located in Manor Plaza, Colombo's Delicatessen opened in 1986. It was the dream of Emil Sr. & Doris Colombo to own and run an authentic Italian delicatessen in the city they have called home since 1964.

Emil Sr. grew up cooking with his French grandfather and his Italian grandmother, and it was his mother Mae's homemade creations - gnocchi, ravioli, homemade sauces, lasagna and more - that founded the family's first food business in the late 1950s. When Francesca's Deli, which formerly occupied the Manor site, went up for sale in 1986, the dream became a reality. "All of us got this business going, my parents, my brother, my sister and me" Brian said.

On April 30, 2016 Colombo's celebrated its 30th anniversary with an Italian band, various vendors on hand and the New York founded Boar's Head Co having a booth offering a sampling of their award winning delicatessen products.

Although no longer active behind the counter, Brian says of his parents, "My mom does all the paperwork and my dad likes to come in and check up on us".

Over the years, many family members have joined in the Colombo workforce ... Brian's wife Monica came on board in 1994, Emil Jr's wife Kathy joined in 2000. Brian and Monica's sons Nick and Joe are there daily, and Brian and Monica's nephew



Colombo family members David Maciel, Brian, Nick, Doris, Emil Sr. and Joe.  
Not pictured: Emil Jr. & Kathy Colombo and Monica Colombo

David Maciel has added his magic touch to the business for the past four years, which includes helping them with the catering end and creating specialty sandwiches.

Colombo's, which also carries various select food products from Italy, has customers from all over the Bay Area and beyond. Recently, two women visiting from Boston ordered the shop's Boston Grinder sandwich and made it the recipient of a real Bean-town seal of approval.

One local customer, author and KSFO radio host Brian Sussman, plugs it on air as a top deli stop. Colombo's is definitely popular. During peak hours expect a wait. But it's worth waiting for.

"We realize that not even our children's children can ever consider closing this place," Brian laughed.

*EDITOR: Thanks to Judy Truchon for sending us this article.  
Sorry the photo is so poor but that's the best I could do from a newspaper clipping ..... AND NOW I'M HUNGRY!*

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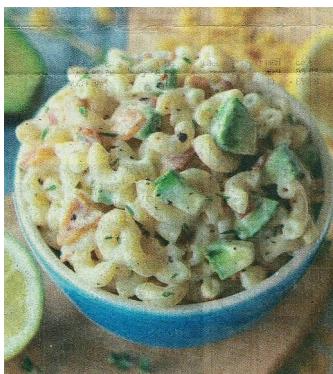
**DON'T FORGET!**

The 2nd Annual Poly  
Alumni Association  
Luncheon  
is this coming  
October 22nd.





Where the elite meet to eat



#### INGREDIENTS:

12 ounces elbow pasta  
5 slices bacon, diced  
2 avocados, halved, seeded, peeled & diced  
Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste  
2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves for garnish

## Bacon & Avocado Macaroni Salad

#### FOR THE LEMON THYME DRESSING:

3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice  
1 1/2 tablespoons lemon zest  
1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves  
Kosher salt & freshly ground black pepper to taste  
1/3 cup olive oil

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

To make the dressing combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, lemon zest, sugar and thyme in the bowl of a food processor; season with salt and pepper to taste.

With the motor running, add the olive oil in a slow stream until emulsified; set aside.

In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta according to package instructions; drain well.

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about six to eight minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate.

In a large bowl, combine pasta, bacon, avocado, lemon thyme dressing, salt and pepper to taste.

Serve immediately, garnished with thyme.

*EDITOR: And a tall, cool glass of iced tea!*



## Polytechnic HS Honored At City HS Baseball Championship

On May 5th of this year, the baseball teams of Lowell and Balboa High Schools arrived on the diamond at Lewis Landing Field to do battle for the San Francisco High School Baseball Championship.

Art Lidstrom (Spring '57), being an avid city high school sports fan, was asked to honor Polytechnic High School by

being the Guest Pitcher and throwing the Ceremonial First Pitch of the game.



In reality, Art threw two "First" pitches ... the first he lobbed and it made a hop to the plate. The second, however, was a perfect strike followed by Don Collins, Commissioner of Athletics at SFUSD, remarking to Art afterwards, "Art, I didn't know you still had an arm!"



OH ..... the finale score of the game;

Lowell 6

Balboa 4

*EDITOR: For a look back at Polytechnics' baseball history, don't miss the next page from the F56/S57 Year Book*

## FOREWARD FROM THE 1931 POLY JOURNAL

You have read of singing seamen and their black, pirate craft, with its flag, the Jolly Roger, flung aloft both fore and aft; and the Cyclops, Polyphemus, with the pines behind his ears; and the monstrous bird, the Phoenix, filling all their hearts with fears. We are not the singing seamen, though our craft is partly black, with its flag, the Poly, floating to the breezes as we tack; all our hearts are light and joyous as we view the black and red; all the birds between the covers, "Poly, straight ahead!"



VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM

ROW I: Herb Meyer, Mgr., Ed Cota, George Heath, Mike Warnock, Len Guerrero, Claude Woolwine, John Toliver, Coach Milt Axt. ROW II: Wayne Marino, Al LeMire, Steve Ferrera, Will Robinson, Bill Simmons, Donald Ingmire, Marco Benassini.

## PARROTS TAKE BASEBALL CROWN FOR FIRST TIME IN 26 YEARS

For the first time since 1931 the Polytechnic varsity baseball team won the AAA crown. Coach Milt Axt's Parrots came through in the last game of the finals against St. Ignatius to win 1-0 with Bill Simmons pitching. Al LeMire and Bill Simmons were named on the All-City team by the local papers. Ed Cota, George Heath, and Steve Ferrera made honorable mention. The regular season ended in a six-way tie for first place, and in the semi-final contest it was Poly vs. Galileo and Lincoln vs. St. Ignatius. The Parrots and Wildcats triumphed and met in the finals at Seals Stadium. Poly won the first game 5-3, lost the second 6-3, and came back to win the Crown, 1-0.



### SEASON SCOREBOARD

Poly 2 - St. Ignatius 3  
 Poly 6 - Mission 4  
 Poly 8 - Sacred Heart 2  
 Poly 4 - Galileo 5  
 Poly 4 - Balboa 3  
 Poly 4 - Washington 2  
 Poly 2 - Lowell 1  
 Poly 2 - Lincoln 3

**SEMI-FINALS**  
 Poly 1 - Galileo 0  
 Poly 10 - Galileo 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Poly 5 - St. Ignatius 3  
 Poly 3 - St. Ignatius 6  
 Poly 1 - St. Ignatius 0

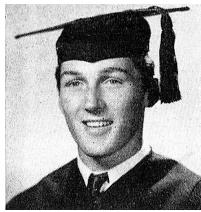


BILL SIMMONS  
All-City Pitcher



# In Remembrance Of Our Classmates Who Have Passed Before Us .....

Charles "Jack" Joseph Klebora 79  
Class of Fall 1953  
04/01/1936 ~ 01/18/2016



Daryl Berliner  
Class of Fall 1956  
??/?/???? ~ 06/25/2016



Donald Dowdell  
Class of Spring 1953  
??/?/???? ~ 04/16/2016



Robert Joseph Flynn 95  
Class of 1940  
05/04/1921 ~ 06/05/2016

John Drocco  
Class of Fall 1946



Henry "Hank" M. James 99  
Class of Fall 1934  
12/18/2016 ~ 05/04/2016

Larry Passmore 76  
Class of Spring 1958  
01/21/1940 ~ 03/18/2016



Harry Fromm 87  
Class of Spring 1946  
05/24/1928 ~ 03/23/2016

Arthur Gibbs (Ivonne Gibbs)  
Class of 19??  
??/?/???? ~ 04/28/2016

Kenneth "Jack" McGarvey  
Class of 1956  
??/?/???? ~ 06/05/2016

Roger Dale Pullma  
Class of 1965

Patricia (Jornson) O'Sullivan  
Class of 1964

Pauline Grande  
Class of 1957

Claudia Brown  
Class of 1967

Richard Pogre 64  
Class of 1964  
??/?/???? ~ 05/15/2016

 May the Parrot be with them on their journey 

## The Garden of Peace

I wander through the garden,  
And think the fairies there,  
For here are spidery laces,  
And a dainty moth in air.

The blossoms, lovely heads nodding,  
Converse in tones sweet and low,  
And the Hours linger o'er them  
As if they are loth to go.

Winds softly croon their lilt-song,  
And I wish that Time might cease,  
And I live on forever,  
In this wonderful garden of peace.

Ciwa Griffiths, Class of '32

# Kibbles And Bits And Pieces

from Bob (S'55) & Carolyn (Bier, S'57) Ross  
The Perennial Parrot Staff



Good afternoon from the WARMTH of deep South Texas. Been hovering 98 to 99 degrees, and occasionally the 100 to 102 mark the past couple of weeks. That's on the thermometer ... the "FEEL LIKE" temps in the upper Rio Grande Valley have hit the 116 degree point a few times this past week. But relief, at least for us, is close at hand as we depart August 18th for the cooler temps of the Colorado mountains reroute to the SF Bay Area.



AND, speaking of the SF Bay Area ... here are a couple of Facebook links and a You Tube link that you should enjoy. They are full of photos and videos:

The first is called "San Francisco Pictures"

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=san%20francisco%20pictures>

The second is "Golden Gate Bridge"

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=golden%20gate%20bridge>

And a third is a You Tube link for a video documentary on the building of the Golden Gate Bridge ... Interesting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FKU1PTyHtbM>



OK ... it's just over two months away. Have you sent in your registration for the 2nd Annual Poly Alumni Association Luncheon? NO? Well get on the stick because the deadline for registration is rapidly approaching and NO tickets will be sold at the door.

**Registration DEADLINE is September 15th**

And this reminder ... If you move, change telephone number or email address ... PLEASE, notify the Association or myself as I am the keeper of the Association database. If your info in the database is wrong, you won't get Association information or this newsletter. We try to keep it up-to-date but every time a notice or newsletter is sent, either by email or snail mail, we get returns of bad emails or snail mail addresses. So PLEASE, help us keep you informed of your Association info and activities.

## A Think To Thought On

What's the most fattening thing you can put in your banana split?  
Your spoon!

Our CONGRATS to the family at Colombo's Deli for 30 years of "Feeding folks fine foods" for all those years. I think I put on ten pounds just typing the article into the newsletter. Hope some of you will get by the Deli and congratulate Emil Sr. and Doris and Family. Just remember that if you happen to put on a couple of pounds while doing it, don't say I didn't warn you.



Joanne Jasson wanted to know why there wasn't more about the Class of '66. Well, if folks don't send us info/stories/photos nothing gets into the newsletter. And that goes for ALL CLASSES. With a few skips, we have either actual or scanned yearbooks from Spring '60 all the way back to Spring 1919. After the Spring '60 yearbook we only have 2 scanned ( A F62/S63 and a F70/S71) and 1 actual yearbook (F69/S70) so there is just about nothing from the 60s for us to put into the newsletter unless it is sent to us. We would love to hear from you 60s folks and share your memories of Poly and the City during your time there. By going on the website ([www.perennialparrot.com/](http://www.perennialparrot.com/)) and looking at past issues of the newsletter you can see what type of material we accept ... looking forward to hearing from Ya'll.



Well, looks like "Another day, another dollar" ... or is that 50 cents? Actually, when we leave the Rio Grande Valley in a few days we will experience "Sticker Shock" and discover that our dollar really is worth only 50 cents.

Makes no difference as we will be in a "Go West Old Man" mode and looking forward to seeing folks at the 2nd Annual Poly Association Luncheon on October 22nd.

Ya'll do like the Motel 6 fella and

**"Keep the light on for us"**

**HAIL POLY!**



*Bob & Carolyn*



**May The Parrot Be With You**

# Murgatroyd .....

I don't know about you, but these words and phrases are very familiar to me – and are actually non-existent now!!! Maybe some of you are too young to have heard them??? But in Lock Haven – we used them and understood the "m".

**Murgatroyd** ... Remember that term???

Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word *Murgatroyd*?

Lost Words from our childhood:

Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really! The other day a not so elderly (65) lady said something to her son about driving a jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" OMG (new) phrase! He never heard of the word *jalopy*!

She knew she was old but not that old ...

Well, I hope you are *Hunky Dory* after you read this and chuckle...



by Richard Lederer

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included *Don't touch that dial*, *Carbon copy*, *You sound like a broken record* and *Hung out to dry*.

Back in the olden days we had a lot of *moxie*. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to *straighten up and fly right*. *Heavens to Betsy!* *Gee whillikers!* *Jumping Jehoshaphat!* *Holy moley!*

We were *in like Flynn* and *living the life of Riley*, and even *a regular guy* couldn't accuse us of being a *knucklehead*, a *nincompoop* or a *pill. Not for all the tea in China!*

Back in the olden days, life used to be *swell*, but when's the last time anything was *swell*?

*Swell* has gone the way of *beehives, pageboys* and the *D.A.*; of *spats, knickers, fedoras, bobbiesoxders, poodle skirts, saddle shoes* and *pedal pushers*.

*Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here*, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, *Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!*, or, *This is a fine kettle of fish!* We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind. We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those phrases gone?

Long gone are these tidbits:

*The milkman did it ... Hey! It's your nickel' ... 'Don't forget to pull the chain' ... 'Knee high to a grasshopper'... Well, 'Fiddlesticks'! ... Going like sixty ... I'll see you in the funny papers ... 'Don't take any wooden nickels ... AND..... 'Heavens to Murgatroyd'!*

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than *Carter's little liver pills*.

This can be disturbing stuff. We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeful times.

For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age.

We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their stuff upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging .....

*See ya later, alligator!*

***that's all folks!!***

# Polytechnic Alumni Association



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon

Come and celebrate the 1950's

We invite all Poly Alumni and Faculty to the Alumni's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday, October 22, 2016. We encourage your attendance. Your support will help in funding scholarships to deserving Students in the San Francisco Unified School District. Lets keep this luncheon going for years to come.

**DATE:** Saturday, October 22, 2016

**PLACE:** United Irish Cultural Center  
2700 45<sup>th</sup> Ave (at Sloat Blvd), San Francisco, CA 94116

**TIME:** Doors open - 11am; Social - 12:30pm; Opening Ceremony/Lunch - 1pm

**MENU:** Entrée, Salad, Dessert, with Wine, and Coffee or Tea

**COST:** \$50 per person, no refunds after reservation deadline of September 15, 2016  
Absolutely no tickets sold at the door. There is limited seating and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please include the name of guest, if from Poly, year of graduation. All dues paying members will have reservation preference for the luncheon.

*Note: As of June 30, 2016 the Life-Time membership will no longer be offered. Paid Life-Time Members will be grandfathered in and will not be required to pay the yearly dues. Please help us by joining The Alumni Association with a yearly renewal fee of \$25 or a Life Time membership (before June 30, 2016) of \$100.*

*If you desire, include the dues with your luncheon reservation.*

*Tickets will be mailed 10 days prior to the luncheon.*

*Parking can be difficult, carpool if possible.*

**NOTE:** The Center is ADA Accessible – there is an elevator available at the back of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor.  
If extra space for a wheelchair is needed, or you have additional questions please contact:

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Make checks payable to: Polytechnic Alumni Association and mail to:

**Polytechnic Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 263**  
**Novato CA 94948**

*If you cannot attend please complete the form and return so we can keep your address current.*

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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Attending Luncheon: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$50 = \_\_\_\_\_ (includes tax and tip)

Lunch Selection: Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Membership: \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ (Thru 2017)

Life Time Membership (Life Time offer ends June 30, 2016): \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni/Faculty Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate/Taught Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Maiden Name if Poly Grad \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOTE: Email addresses will only be used in conjunction with Poly Alumni, Reunion, and Event Committees.**

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