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Don't Forget Mark Your Calendars

For the Poly Alumni Luncheon
September 22, 2018
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THE GAMBLING ??? TRIO

Heard Bob, Carolyn (Bier) Ross and Marilyn (Fetter) Lewis went on an exciting bus tour to the great casino at Eagle Pass, Texas. Maybe Marilyn will give us the scoop.

A bus trip from Harlingen, TX, to Eagle Pass Casino was interesting for three Polyites who do not care to gamble. We were in the hopes that we would be able to walk around to other restaurants and shops, but no such luck. We arrived and received a playing card with \$40 on it and then went to a bonus machine that gave us each another \$10. You cannot cash in this card, you can play it on the machines. Being true Polyites, we sat at machines and played their money, placing our winnings on a chit that spits out of the machine when you sign off. Yours truly managed to win the exact amount of \$50. Cashed in the chit and came home with the cash. To my knowledge Bob and Carolyn did the same. Others on the trip, however, managed to win \$1900 in one case and in another three people did not return on the bus because they won so big they wanted to stay another day and said they would take a car back. We think they must have won a new car. We had a great time but would probably check the location better next time. Bob remarked that he had never seen so many Penny Slots in one place ... must have been 85% Penny Slots ... So what ever happened to the Nickle Slot machine?

Marilyn

MEANWHILE IN SONOMA ...

I myself for the love of money can't win a penny!
But in March I had two charming Poly Alumni come to Sonoma, Joan (Keegan) King and Alma (Dunsten) McDaniel. We had lunch and did a little wine tasting. But the conversation was the best of all, in remembering the good ole days at Poly and the many alumni that we new and some stories to



be untold. It was a great time in our era of growing up, no other generation will have what we had. It would be nice to hear from other Alumni and be able to tell their stories in the Perennial Parrot. You would be surprised how many of us would enjoy hearing them. Include pictures if you have them.

A Portal of the Past **Picture of a Court Fair in 1954**





We have another Poly grad,

Fred Quinn

(Special Recognition)

being inducted into the

San Francisco Prep Hall Of Fame

LET US NOT BE FORGOTTEN

LONG LIVE THY NAME

HAIL POLYTECHNIC

A listing of previous

POLYTECHNIC

Inductee's, inducted into the
San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame
are on the next page

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***POLYTECHNIC ATHLETES PREVIOUSLY INDUCTED
INTO THE
SAN FRANCISCO PREP HALL OF FAME***

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Year Inducted</i></u>		<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Year Inducted</i></u>
* <i>Coach Milt Axe</i>	<i>1983</i>		* <i>Ford Long</i>	<i>2003</i>
* <i>Les Baros</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>(SR)</i>	<i>Alice Marble</i>	<i>1984</i>
* <i>Alvin Beals</i>	<i>1986</i>		* <i>David Marcelli</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>Coach Don Bennedetti</i>			<i>Albert Marinai</i>	<i>2006</i>
* <i>Herb Blanchard</i>	<i>1988</i>		<i>Robert Moore</i>	<i>2007</i>
<i>Robert Bleggi</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>(SR)</i>	<i>Cherrie Parish Sherard</i>	<i>2004</i>
<i>Francis Ted Cano</i>	<i>2000</i>		* <i>Merril Peacock</i>	<i>1985</i>
* <i>Alex Darnes</i>	<i>1990</i>		<i>Thomas Pige</i>	<i>2008</i>
* <i>Henry Decia</i>	<i>1983</i>		* <i>James Sampson</i>	<i>1997</i>
* <i>Coach Thomas Denike</i>	<i>1986</i>		<i>(SR)</i> <i>George Seifert</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Warren Fannin</i>	<i>2003</i>		<i>Bill Simmons</i>	<i>2001</i>
* <i>Ernie Bud Filberti</i>	<i>1995</i>		* <i>Frank Sloman</i>	<i>1984</i>
<i>Michael Flemons</i>	<i>2005</i>		* <i>Robert Bob St Clair</i>	<i>1999</i>
<i>Gary Gilmore</i>	<i>1997</i>		<i>Rosevelt Taylor</i>	<i>1993</i>
* <i>Frank Hall</i>	<i>1986</i>		* <i>Coach Medford Todd</i>	
* <i>Kerry Hampton</i>	<i>2002</i>		<i>Ben Tucker</i>	<i>1995</i>
<i>Louis Hilbert</i>	<i>2009</i>		* <i>Coach Joe Verducci</i>	<i>1988</i>
* <i>Paul Hungerford</i>	<i>1984</i>		* <i>Coach James Witt</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>Arthur Jepsen</i>	<i>2004</i>		<i>Eugene Womack</i>	<i>2014</i>
* <i>Sam Johnstone</i>	<i>2005</i>		<i>Gordon young</i>	<i>1994</i>
* <i>Gary Lewis</i>	<i>2006</i>			
<i>Jack Red Lilja</i>	<i>2007</i>			

** Deceased (SR) Special Recognition*

A BIT OF POLYTECHNIC HISTORY

Poly was honored at the 2012

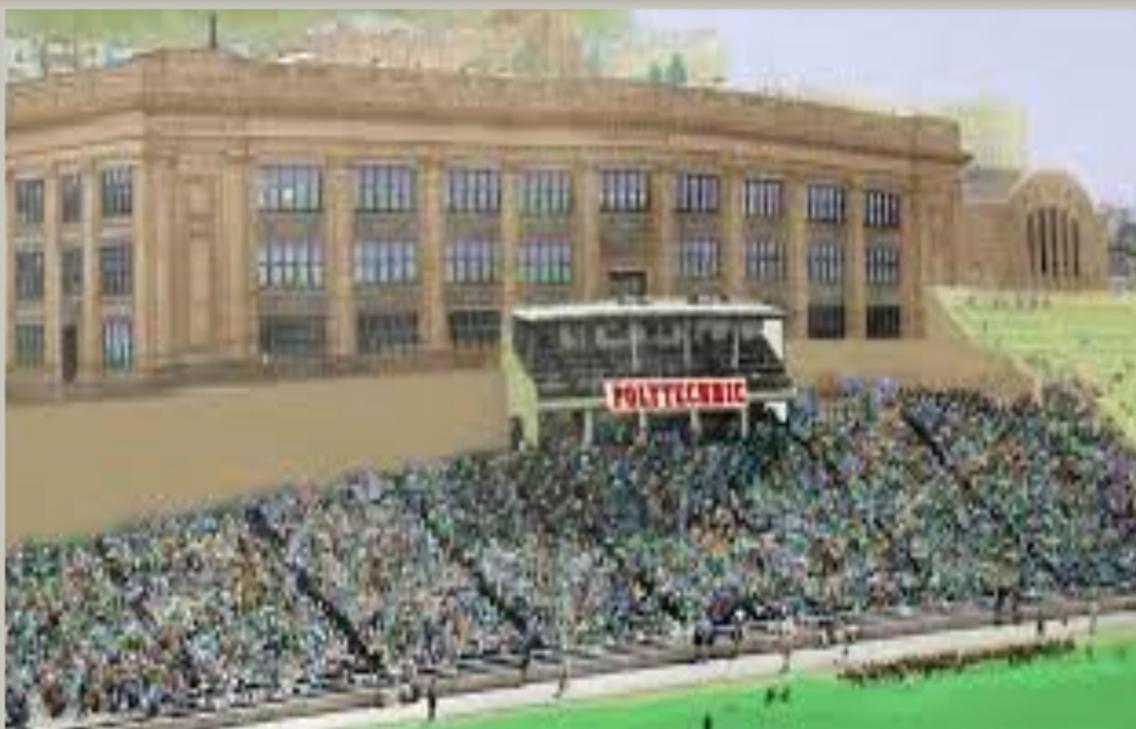
Thanksgiving Championship Game

AT KEZAR STADIUM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In following pages you will see that the first graduation was in 1883 and was formerly called

Commercial School

Previously printed in the Perennial Parrot was a 1895 graduation program stating that
It was the 12th graduation of Polytechnic
The rest is a story of the greatest school in San Francisco History





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November 22, 2012

Today the San Francisco Unified School District welcomes the loyal alumni of Polytechnic High School to the Turkey Day Football Championship Game. It is my honor to extend this welcome to such a historic school, and to such a dedicated group of our former students, faculty, and administrators.

It has been forty years since Polytechnic was closed. However, time has not erased the memories of the Institution that made us so proud for so many years.

Our Poly alumni have brought us joy over the years. Their academic contributions reflected well on us, and our country. It was Poly that produced the great Nobel Physics Laureate, Luis Alvarez, whose work as a nuclear scientist helped us win World War II.

Polytechnic also contributed to our nation's political and artistic life, giving us Caspar Weinberger, our former Secretary of Defense; three time Academy Award winning actress Janet Gaynor; and the inventors of the Looney Tunes cartoons. Closer to home, we owe Poly our former Associate Superintendent, Dr. Judith Kell.

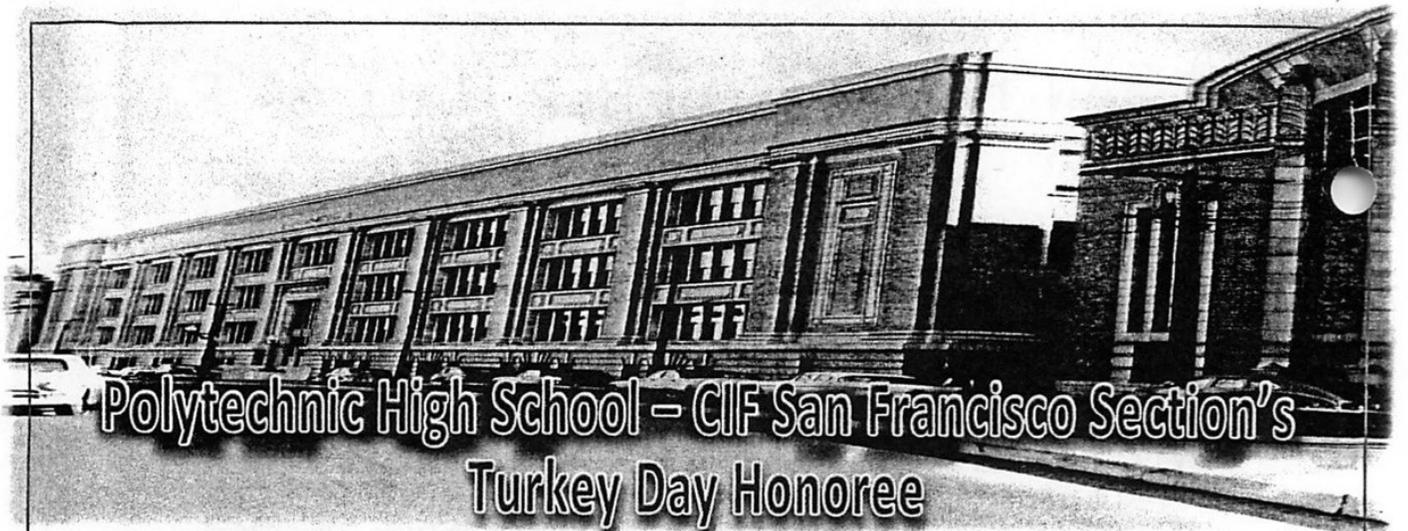
When we welcome Polytechnic High's alumni to Kezar, we are welcoming you home. Kezar and Poly will be forever linked as Kezar was Poly's home field from the date of its inception until its closure. And while we no longer see the Poly building, "the great lady in granite", which was torn down in the late 1980s, the contributions from its alumni continue to resonate throughout our city and our country.

Of course, when we think of Poly we think of Turkey Day. From the countless battles with your archrival Lowell to the 15 football championships, we remember you. We are proud to play today's game on Kezar's St. Clair football field, which is named after the great NFL Hall of Famer and Poly grad, Bob St. Clair. Finally, SFUSD holds a special place in its heart for the great Poly coaches, including Milt Axt, Joe Verducci, Jim Witt, and Paul Hungerford.

This is your day. We will always remember you, Poly. We thank you, and we thank Ray Monteroso and the Polytechnic alumni for keeping the memories alive.

Thanks and Best Regards,

Richard Carranza, Superintendent
San Francisco Unified School District



Polytechnic High School - CIF San Francisco Section's Turkey Day Honoree

The CIF San Francisco Section is proud to honor Polytechnic High School - our eternal champion and friend - and the founder of Turkey Day.

We know that Turkey Day started with Polytechnic - affectionately known as Poly. It was Poly's rivalry game against Lowell. Yet, time has obscured just how Poly started. Some would say that Lowell was part of Poly. Some would say that Poly was part of Lowell. However it all started, Lowell vs. Poly became the greatest rivalry in AAA Athletic history, spanning a 60 year period that saw the AAA go from a rugby league to an American football league.

Yes, in the beginning Lowell and Poly were together at the old (and we do mean old) Boys' High School back in 1865. In 1883, the commercial department of Boys' High moved from the Boys' High campus on Powell Street near Clay to Bush and Stockton (the former site of Girls' High School). Ultimately, Boys' High School became Lowell and Commercial High School became Polytechnic High School (interestingly, the Polytechnic commercial department was later moved to its own site, becoming Commerce High - the building still stands at 135 Van Ness even though Commerce closed long ago).

The first principal of Poly was Walter Bush. Early famous graduates included Paul Terry, the Looney Toons creator, and a proud member of the class of 1895. Cartoonists Tad Dorgan and Herb Igoe also graduated from Poly that year. These famous



**Principal
James Addicott**

cartoonists always paid public homage to Maria Van Vleck, the excellent freehand drawing teacher in those days of yore.

The original Poly campus was ultimately destroyed in the Great 1906 Earthquake. Times were different then. The sum total of the replacement cost of Poly's equipment was \$15,000. Armed with this princely sum, Poly eventually completed a move to its Frederick and Carl Street location in 1915.

By 1913, James Edwin Addicott began his 26 year reign as principal. By 1919, Poly won its first rugby championship, a precursor to its future football glory.

These early Poly teams had some talented players, including Bert Shoemaker (1911), and Walter Lister (1917), who later played baseball for the Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League. Major League Baseball Hall of Famer George 'High Pockets' Kelly also attended Poly until he joined a semi-pro baseball team. By 1915, he was playing for the New York Giants. Poly won San Francisco's baseball championship in 1900, and won six titles between 1916 and 1922.

Poly had some talented women, too. Kathryn Hulme (1918) went on to become a famous author.



Girls' Sports in 1919 included tennis, baseball, swimming and four teams of basketball. "Poly's sixteen-year-old teenager Olga Chapital (1922) braved a choppy Bay and won the annual race swimming across the Golden Gate" from Seal Rocks to Marin. Laura Gainor (1923) became famous as Janet Gaynor. In 1928, she was the first winner of an Academy Award for Best Actress; she eventually won three Oscars.

Poly people helped to build Kezar. James Rolph III (1922), son of San Francisco Mayor Sunny Jim Rolph, led a campaign for the construction of a high school sports stadium while he was still a Poly student. With his father's support, and the help of a bequest to the city by the Kezar family, Kezar Stadium was built in 1924-25 on the site of Golden Gate Park's nursery and stable yard, across the street from Poly. Kezar was used by other schools, but was always considered Poly's home field. Kezar also became the traditional site of the annual Big Game against Lowell. By 1928, that Lowell vs. Poly Big Game would draw over 50,000 fans to Kezar. Indeed, until 1943, Turkey Day was always reserved for the Lowell vs. Poly Big Game.

The list of Poly greats runs decades, and includes: Caspar Weinberger (1933), President Ronald Reagan's Secretary of Defense; Alice Marble (1931), the great tennis player; Ernie Filiberti, the outstanding prep football player who became a legendary basketball official; Bob St. Clair (1948), the NFL Hall of Famer whom Kezar's St. Clair Football Field is named after; George Seifert (1958), Super Bowl winning former 49ers' coach; Henry King (1963), who went on to play for the New York Jets; and Luis Alvarez, a Nobel Physics Laureate who helped develop the first nuclear weapon and flew on the research plane accompanying the Enola Gay (yes, our nation turned to Poly, not Lowell, when it needed a rocket scientist).

Poly greats also gave back to our youth, as evidenced by: Gordon Young (1952), a record setting Poly running back who went on to play for Stanford

and serve as a high school principal and Commissioner of the Peninsula Athletic League; Ernie Feibusch (1942), who became a legendary teacher and soccer coach at Lowell High School; Fred Quinn (1951), a Poly track and cross country man who later went on to become an outstanding high school coach and the Commissioner of the AAA Athletic League in 2001; Dr. Judith Kell (1958), former SFUSD Assistant Superintendent who also spent years developing new teachers and administrators at Notre Dame Belmont and SF State; Nathaniel Brooks, the first African-American SFUSD high school principal; Tom Martinez (1962), who coached JC football, softball and basketball at CSM, mentored NFL QB Tom Brady, and became the winningest coach in California JC history; and Dennis Westry (1971), one of the last Poly quarterbacks, who has become an excellent SFUSD student adviser.

Of course, we cannot ignore the glue that holds Polytechnic together four decades after she closed her doors for the final time. Nor can we forget Poly's greatest legend.

The glue that still binds Poly is Ray Monteroso (1956). Ray was an outstanding quarterback, but his greatest service has been as an alumnus. Ray is the guiding force behind the Polytechnic Athletic Association. He does not stand alone. Bob (1955) and Carolyn Bier Ross (1957) run the www.perennialparrot.com website, and Jeanette Butler (1969) runs the <http://www.maxie24.com/hailpoly/HailPoly/index.html> (which you can access at hailpoly.com or www.hailpoly.com). Kathy Bertsch Compagno (1964) serves as resident historian. They are the living links to generations of Poly alumni, and repositories of vast amounts of Poly information, updates, and lore.

Poly's greatest legend, of course, is the great Milt Axt. Milt (1925) attended Poly, and played on the football team from 1923 - 1925. However, Milt Axt's destiny was to become "Coach Axt", arguably, the greatest coach in San Francisco history. Coach Axt won two titles at Petaluma High to begin his coaching career. He then came to Poly in 1942.

Coach Axt led Poly to the 1944 championship. This 1944 squad featured four Division I football players: QB Duke Marlowe, halfbacks Merrill Peacock and Jack Feycock, and fullback Harry Fromm. How good was this

backfield? Good enough to keep Bob Hagler (1946), who went on to play football and basketball at St. Mary's College, on the bench. Not to worry, though. Hagler started and played well the rest of his high school and college career.

The war interrupted the Coach Axt, Poly relationship. The great Coach served at Lowell, Washington, and Lincoln, stepping in to fill District gaps during the war. Poly replaced him with another legend, Joe Verducci, who coached Poly to the 1946 and '47 championships before leaving to coach college football. Verducci coached the great 1947 team, featuring Bob St. Clair on the line, and Dave Marcelli in the backfield.

Coach Axt returned in 1948, leading Poly to the 1948 and 1949 championships. Poly had four-peated, a feat never accomplished before and not to be duplicated until the mighty Lincoln teams of 2005 - 2008, coached by Phil Ferrigno. Of course, Coach Axt wasn't finished. His Poly teams dominated the AAA. They didn't five-peat, but they didn't lose a league game from the middle of the 1949 season until 1954, and Coach Axt coached champion teams in 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, and 1959. Willie Jones, Gordy Young, Art Jepsen, Jim Sampson, Ron Henderson, Warren Fannin, Jerald James, Nick Poppin, and outstanding QB Frank Hall were amongst the driving forces on the great teams of the late '40s through the mid-'50s.

The 1959 team was Poly's last football champion, and, unlike its predecessors, this team was a decided underdog with three regular season losses. Somehow, the gutsy running back Gary Lewis led the upset over the Lowell Cardinals - a fitting conclusion to the great rivalry. Lewis later went on to play in the NFL. One of Lewis's teammates, tackle Al Marinai (1958), later survived the tragic 1960 plane crash that killed 22 people, including 16 Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo football players.

The great Poly vs. Lowell rivalry lingered on until Poly closed in 1972, but the forces that led to Poly's closure, and Lowell's move from its Masonic Street campus were well under way. For Lowell, a new life on the West side of town was in store on Lowell's current Eucalyptus Street campus. For Poly, it was the long walk to closure, a 13 year stroll through the turmoil of the 1960s and early '70s, the problems of an old, deteriorating physical plant, and

- while the Poly alumni are too nice to say it, it must be said - the problems of the San Francisco Unified School District, which valued Lowell and moved her West, but did not see similar value to Poly.

And so, our most dedicated alumni group was divorced from the District, but not from each other. Their school is no more, but they are strong. Poly concluded the Lowell vs. Poly football rivalry with a 33-26-3 record. Since Poly no longer exists, Lowell will never catch up. Even today, Poly's 15 football titles leaves them second to Galileo's 16, and Galileo only passed them in 2009 after Poly spotted them a 37 year advantage. But, who knows, Poly may regain its throne. SFUSD athletic records only go back to 1924. Poly has information that predates that. Poly may get a retroactive boost, but that is a story for another day.

Poly, of course, was more than the victor in the Lowell vs. Poly football rivalry. Poly produced sterling alumni, who served our City, private businesses, and the government with distinction. Poly men from the greatest generation fought with distinction in the Great War. A number of Poly women went on to have most distinguished careers.

We think of football when we think of Poly. But, Poly had success in other sports, too. Coach Axt, for instance, coached the 1957 baseball champions. Poly ultimately won nine baseball titles. Indeed, Poly baseball four-peated before the football team had won a single title, winning from 1919-1922. Poly baseball continued winning well after the football team's last title, bringing home the 1968 title.

Poly's success extended to basketball. The powerful basketball teams of the late 1950s three-peated from 1957-59. This team was coached by Jim Witt, and its floor leader was Bill Simmons, who also played baseball. The 1957 team won the California Tournament of Champions (TOC) defeating Encinal 54-44 behind Simmons's 18 points. The 1958 team lost 43-42 to Berkeley in the TOC semifinals despite a 16 point performance by Maurice James. Poly's John Lewis made the All Tournament team. Interestingly, Poly's coach Jim Witt was so respected that he officiated some of the Tournament games despite being Poly's coach. Other TOC officials included two of San Francisco's finest: Pete Pontacq and Erv Delman. They weren't Poly men, but all schools were touched by Pete and Erv, and most

Poly athletes will immediately recognize these names.

Poly's women were not to be forgotten. In this pre-Title IX era, women still performed with distinction. The Poly girls won Metro Girls' Fencing titles in 1966 and 1967. Poly's girls beat Clayton Valley High of Concord in the finals, decades before girls fenced for AAA titles.

Poly also was our dominant cross country school. They had the most titles at the time of their closure. They also had Ben Tucker, the superlative runner who won the 1960 CIF State Cross Country championship, and won the mile at the 1960 CIF state track meet. Tucker later overcame substantial racial discrimination, persevering as a member of San Jose State's historic NCAA cross country champions of 1962 and 1963. In a racially charged era, Tucker played a key role on the first integrated NCAA championship cross country championship team. San Jose State's historic tale can be found at this link:

<http://www.ncaa.org/wps/wcm/connect/public/ncaa/champion+features/San+Jose+States+historic+feet>

Additionally, Poly produced four individual golf champions, won three of the first four AAA boys' soccer championships, and produced a number of our early swim champions.

The Poly track team was also a force. Their ten track championships led the AAA at the time the school was closed. Among their great runners were, of course, Ben Tucker (1960). Ben is joined by the outstanding AAA hurdling champ Tom Piggee (1960); the 1960 CIF State discus champ Alex Darnes (1960); and the last great Poly champion, Kerry Hampton (1969), the CIF State 120 High Hurdles champ in 1968.

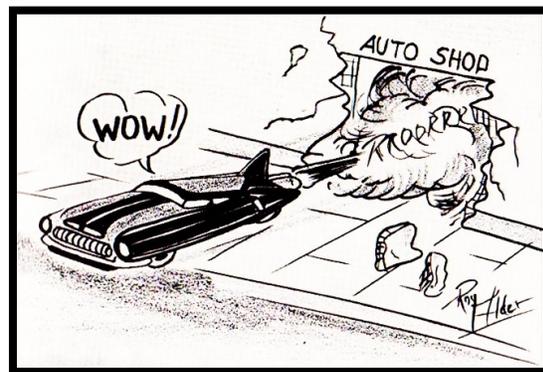
Polytechnic High School closed its doors in June, 1972 after almost a century of producing leaders, scholars, public servants, and scores of great athletes. As befits a school that was founded for manual training, Poly has also produced many of the plumbers, engineers, electricians, and mechanics who built and maintained our City. Poly has left us (or more accurately, SFUSD left them), but they are literally still here. Forty years after its closure, Poly is one of the largest and most active alumni associations. The ties that bind them together are

strong. The ties that bind them to SFUSD Athletics are even stronger.

It is now our obligation to ensure that 40 years from now, we will still remember that there was a Poly. They are a prominent presence in our record books. Their building, the "Great Lady in Granite", has been replaced by condos. Their fabled Kezar Stadium is now a shadow of her former self, reduced from a 60,000 seat monolith to an intimate 10,000 seat park. But still, Poly will live on in memory, in faded news clippings, and perhaps someday in some yet to be constructed edifice which will provide a physical memory of that which once was.

Poly High School is our 2012 Turkey Day Honoree, and we honor them because they honored us for almost a century, and then they continued to honor us by standing together, bonded, forty years after their school was closed - while their neighboring schools (Lowell and SI) continued to live on in new locations with brand new buildings. The Poly alumni have never been bitter. They have never uttered a negative word. Instead, they have honored us all by showing that the high school experience binds us years after it ends. Polytechnic High School is, and forever shall be, our Perennial Parrots, our greatest of friends, and our greatest of champions.

**Information taken from the
2012 Thanksgiving day program*



Where did all those hot rods go
From the
Auto shop
Anyone have pictures?
Send them to: rainshyll@gmail.com
They will appear in the Perennial Parrot



Alumni Association News And Contact Information

The Polytechnic Alumni Association

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NOTE: New address and email information.

Former addresses are no longer being forwarded.

The Officer positions have changed because Jeanette Butler has moved to Chicago, resigning as President but remaining active as a Director. Jeanette is also the manager for Poly's Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112790235417885/> and the website www.HailPoly.com.

During Jeanette Butler's presidency she managed our very successful 2017 luncheon and presided over the lively program she planned for us.

Sheila Waldron Class of 67, resigned from the board, citing an increased volume in her business. Sheila deserves thanks for securing 501(c)3 non-profit status for our organization, converting our accounting system to professional standards, and managing reservations for our 2017 luncheon.

**The Board would welcome new director candidates & committee volunteers,
send info to: www.PolyAlumniAssoc@gmail.com**

ANNUAL LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 22, 2018 at PATIO ESPANOL

Mark your calendars and spread the word

Our Polytechnic Alumni Association 4th Annual Luncheon will be Saturday, September 22, at Patio Espanol Restaurant, 2850 Alemany Blvd., San Francisco. The PAA is holding the ticket price at \$50, unchanged from 2017.

Invitations will be sent by email, postal mail and on the Polytechnic Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112790235417885/>

If you've changed email or mail addresses in the last year, or did not receive your 2017 invitation, please send your contact information to:

Www.PolyAlumniAssoc@gmail.com

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Still working on your 2017 taxes? Remember that membership, donations, and volunteer expenses to Polytechnic Alumni Association may be deductible.

Our tax ID is 814851384

2016 LUNCHEON PHOTOS LINK; 2017 SNAPSHOTS WELCOME

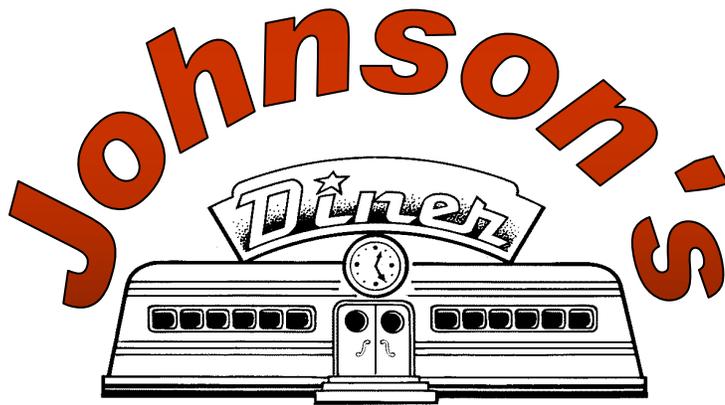
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If you have photos to share from the 2017 luncheon, please email small batches to:

Www.PolyAlumniAssoc@gmail.com

or write to arrange sending large batches



Where the elite meet to eat those famous fries



Best Banana Bread

Mexican Pizza

BANANA BREAD

Ingredients

2 cups whole wheat flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
3/4 cup honey
2 eggs, beaten
3 mashed overripe bananas

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. In a separate bowl, mix together applesauce and honey. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Stir banana mixture into flour mixture; stir just to moisten. Pour batter into prepared loaf pan.

Bake in preheated oven for 60 to 65 minutes, until a toothpick inserted into center of the loaf comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack.

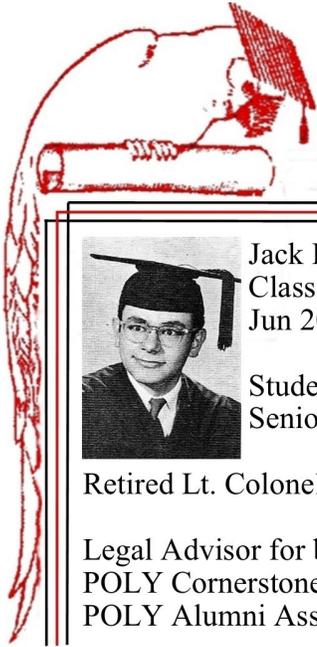
MEXICAN PIZZA

Ingredients:

1/2 lb. ground beef or ground turkey
1/2 TBSP taco seasoning
1/4-1/2 cup re fried beans
1/4-1/2 cup salsa (jarred or homemade)
1/4-1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese (or your desired flavor)
2- 4in flour tortillas
Your choice of toppings, ex: tomatoes, green onions, olives

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Brown ground beef in skillet.
Add in taco seasoning.
Drain if needed.
Spray baking sheet with non stick cooking spray.
Lay one tortilla on sheet.
Spread with beans, then with meat. Cover with second tortilla. Bake for 10 minutes.
Remove from oven.
Spread top tortilla with salsa, then, top with cheese and desired toppings.
Bake an additional 5-10 minutes or until cheese is melted completely.
Cool slightly before cutting.



In Remembrance Of Our Classmates Who Have Passed Before Us



Jack Bonanno 79
Class of Spring 1956
Jun 20, 1938 ~ Dec 24, 2017

Student Body President Fall 1955
Senior Class President

Retired Lt. Colonel US Army

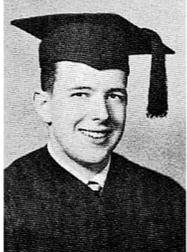
Legal Advisor for both the
POLY Cornerstone Project and the
POLY Alumni Association



Donna (Elsenpeter) Burns 80
Class of Spring 1955
Sep 23, 1937 ~ Mar 13, 2018



Daima Okhade 66
(Betty Louise Kelly)
Class of 1969
Dec 4, 1951 ~ Mar 4, 2018



Keneth "Ken" Kremer 80
Class of Spring 1955
Jun 11, 1937 ~ Dec 20, 2017

Senior Class President



William Gerecke 93
Class of Spring 1941
Jul 2, 1924 ~ Nov 29, 2017



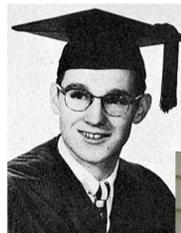
Ruth Ida (Stenmark) Hall Hanly 92
Class of Fall 1942
Apr 28, 1925 ~ Feb 26, 2018



Robert Arthur Wertsch 99
Class of Fall 1935
1918 ~ Dec 9, 2017



Karl Armin Griepenburg 79
Class of Spring 1956
Feb 16, 1938 ~ Jan 12, 2018



Roy Tulee 79
Class of Spring 1956
Jul 12, 1938 ~ Jan 10, 2018

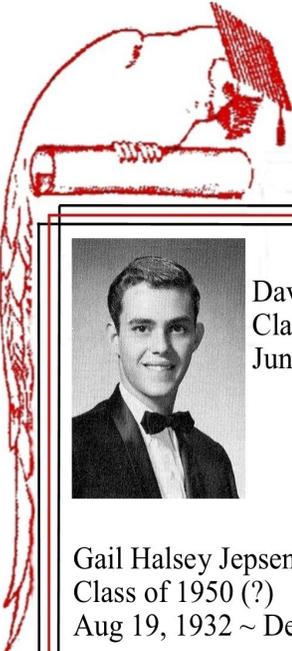


Billie (Chuck) Rooker 83
Class of 1952
Sep 13, 1934 ~ Feb 5, 2018



May the Parrot be with them on their journey





In Remembrance Of Our Classmates Who Have Passed Before Us



David Wilson 69
Class of Spring 1963
Jun 5, 1944 ~ Oct 24, 2013



Arlene Francis (Brown) Hensley 77
Class of 1958 (See Note)
Sep 20, 1940 ~ Dec 29, 2017

NOTE: Attended POLY, transferred to Lincoln where she graduated.

Gail Halsey Jepsen 85
Class of 1950 (?)
Aug 19, 1932 ~ Dec 18, 2017

Fannie (Chuck) Chinn 88
Class of 1937
Feb 1, 1920 ~ Feb 24, 2018

***May the Parrot be with
them on their journey***



Randi Lee (Dement) Brown 74
Class of Spring 1963
Dec 10, 1944 ! Jan 1, 2018



Sarah Lys 'Sharon' Martin 16
Class of Spring 1958
Jan 29, 1940 ~ Apr 3, 1956

Photo from the
Spring 1955 Yearbook



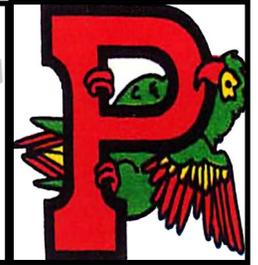
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Class of Spring 1955

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Bottom: Noto, Marlene; Martin, Sharron; Barthomew, Loretta; Prine, Karen; Roukey, Peggy.
Top: Canterbury, Alan; Edwards, Richard; Cunningham, George; Louie, Andy.

I have written a 2,400 word piece called "Memories" which will be published in Redwood Writers Anthology May 2018 and available in June 2018. It is a fact based fictionalized account of my first visit to a rural cemetery where a 16 year old Poly girl is buried. Sharon would have been in the class of Spring 1958. She died in Colusa a few days after Easter 1956 as a result of an auto crash. For me, it was a very painful experience to go to her grave site. Sharon is the girl I took to my Senior Prom. The story explains my relationship to Sharon and her family. I changed all the names; I am Rod the 1st person narrator of the story. If anyone is interested in reading "Memories," let me know and I will send it to you by email attachment ... Contact Bob Ross, Web Master for the Perennial Parrot Newsletter web site, for my email address.



Kibble And Bits And Pieces



**Do you think
He went to
Lowell?**

**My memory's
not as sharp
as it used to
be.. Also,**

**My memory's
not as sharp
as it used to
be.**

**It's scary when you start making the
same noises As your coffee maker.**

**Know
how to
prevent
sagging?
Just eat
till the
wrinkles
fill out.**

**These days about half
the stuff in my shop-
ping cart says,
'For fast relief'.**

**I very quietly confided to my best
friend that I was having an affair.
She turned to me and asked, "Are
you having it catered?"
And that, my friend, is the sad defi-
nition of "OLD".**

Texas Joke

A weary traveler walked into a hotel bar and asked for a beer, when he got his beer it was so large a glass, he said to the bartender I asked for a beer not this large, the bartender said down here we do everything big! Well after a few beers and feeling no pain, asked where the bathroom was? The bartender said down the hall last door on the right. Well the tipsy traveler staggered down the hall and went to enter the bathroom he fell backwards into the pool. Panicking he yelled out I know you do everything big down here but please don't flush it!

***Remember This Thought!
Every Day Is A New Day, When You Get Out Of Bed !
Be Thankful***

Remember Slow Food ?

'Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up, I informed him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'at Home," I explained!

'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, never wore jeans, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck. Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer.

I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 12.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. And there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 19 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called 'pizza pie.' When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home. But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers--my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6 AM every morning.

On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they burst out laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?