

December 2024

GHS Museum Newsletter

An Amazing Summer and Fall of Reunions

Wow! We have had an amazing number of alumni, retirees, and community members visit us recently. Here are a few group photos from recent reunions.

September 7th, 2024 GHS Retirees



Left to right:

First Row: Win Dean, Yolanda Lopez, Sharon Galvin Davis, Debbie Amerling, Sandy LaPlant, Shelby Miller, Denise Rodriguez Bates

Second Row: Jim Hatcher, Roger Karnopp, Bruce Davidson, Karen Spilger, Sue Emerson, Candace Aguirre, Jeni Mendell, Judi Fenn Patterson, JoAnne Husson, Suzanne Geba, Anna Lipski, Theresa Kemper, Carlos Ortiz

Back Row: Chris Morrissey, Rob Ridgway, Connie Baer, Bill Ashman, Doug Hausmann, Ed Basilio

Not Pictured: Robin Luby, Bill Gray, Sue Phillips, Jeni Mendell, Jeff Meredith



Class of 1962's 80th Birthday Reunion



Class of 1964's 60th Reunion



Class of 1967's 75th Birthday Reunion

Foothillers We Have Lost

(Visit our website's alumni pages for more staff and alumni remembrances at <https://www.foothillermuseum.com/alumni-pages>. Please share any updates that you have with us.)

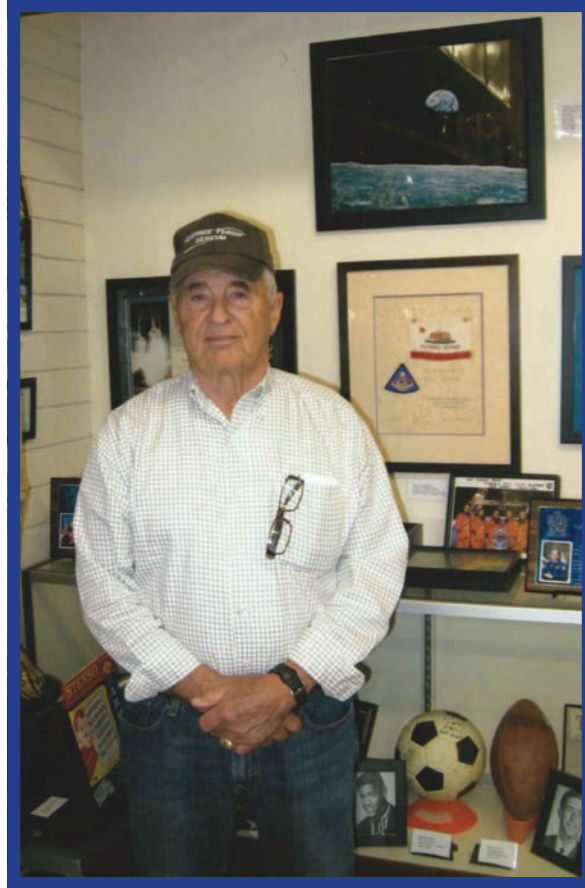
Passing of Spanish teacher Bob Miller
GHS September 1960-July 1978

We received this sad news from retired Spanish teacher Yolanda Lopez:
“Retired Art teacher Carol Lockwood has asked me to share with you the passing of Bob Miller. Bob taught Spanish at GHS for several years and was my master teacher in the spring of 1974.

He lived in Reno, Nevada, where he passed away on September 12, 2024 at the age of 92. On December 12, Bob would have been 93. His wife Joan Orrelle (who taught Art at GHS) and daughter Kathleen, were at his side when he passed.”

Connie and Lynn both had Bob for Spanish II. In her junior year, Connie remembers that in 1963, Bob was instrumental in Grossmont's participation in Operation Amigo, a program that created great excitement on campus.

Visit our website for photos of Bob and Operation Amigo.



2013 Bill Anders

On June 7, 2024, while flying his plane off the coast of Washington, Bill's plane crashed. Now, we celebrate his life.

Bill was on the historic Apollo 8 flight. When we opened the first Museum in 2008, Bill mailed us a copy of the iconic photo "Earthrise" that he took while circling the moon. He signed the photo in honor of our opening. "Earthrise" became a symbol of the environmental movement and led to the first Earth Day on April 22, 1970.

Five years later, in 2013, Bill visited the museum. In the above photo, Bill is standing in front of our 3 astronauts' display. His Apollo 8 memorabilia is to the right of him: in January 1969 at a school assembly, Bill presented to Grossmont a California flag and the Apollo 8 patch he carried on board the flight along with the signatures of all three of the crew members: Frank Borman, James Lovell, and Bill Anders and a note "To Grossmont High School."

In 2018, Bill shared with us this reflection on his historic experiences in space: "The message of my iconic "Earthrise" picture is sinking in more and more. In short, it's ironic that Apollo 8 came to explore the moon, but what we really discovered was the earth---small, beautiful, fragile, physically and astronomically insignificant yet humankind's home that we need to take better care of."

Email us at gghsmuseum@guhsd.net if you'd like to read the entire *LM Courier* column we wrote in 2018 to honor the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 8 flight and "Earthrise".

"Earthrise" Connections
Jeopardy

On *Jeopardy*, November 14, 2024, there was a question about Bill Anders, asking the contestants the name of the iconic photo "Earthrise". All of them missed it, but we know, don't we?

People throughout the world were "glued to their TV sets" during their Apollo 8 flight and listened with wonder to the astronauts' Christmas Eve broadcast. After their return from their mission on December 27th, 1968, being the first men to leave Earth's gravity and to circle the moon, President Johnson mailed a copy of Earthrise to every world leader. Its impact was the impetus for the environmental movement.

Commemorative "Earthrise" Photo

The impact of the photo on Foothillers is evident in an email we received from alumnus Dr. Wm. Randy Jungman, Class of 1970, who shared with us that he has had a photo of "Earthrise" for 54 years.

"I had that photo in my parents' home when it was first released and available to the public. I moved it from a prominent location at home to a prominent location in my expanded "college suite". I have loved it and have felt how special it was that Bill Anders graduated from GHS." Don't we all?

Campus Murals

As you know, we are fundraising for campus murals: one to celebrate the achievements of our 3 astronauts:

Bill Anders, Class of 1951, Apollo 8 Astronaut and photographer of the iconic 1968 photograph "Earthrise"

Ellen Ochoa, Class of 1975, Space Shuttle Astronaut and former Johnson Space Center Director

Rick Sturckow, Class of 1978, Space Shuttle Astronaut and Flight Commander

We are also designing a second mural to honor two women who volunteered during WWII to be Women Air Force Service Pilots, women who flew bombers to be sent to Europe from the West Coast to the East Coast from 1942-1944 (WASPs):

Jean Landis, Class of 1936

and Frances Coughlin, Class of 1938

(To learn more about the achievements of these 5 amazing Foothillers, visit our website at foothillermuseum.com and browse our Hall of Honor inductees' plaques and photos.)

We thank those we have donated already to the murals: Dottie Emerson, Class of 1971; Shelby Miller, retired Principal Assistant; Jean Landis Trust, Class of 1936, its second donation; Jim Spackman, Class of 1958; Bill Ashman, retired GHS Counselor and Principal.

Foothiller Memorabilia

Since our first GHS Museum opened in 2008, alumni and retirees have donated amazing Foothiller memorabilia to the GHS Museum; these items enrich our displays and capture “times gone by”.

This past summer, we emailed our alumni asking for their financial support to purchase 4 new small front loading showcases to replace 4 that were rear loading showcases. In less than two days, all 4 were fully funded. (We donated the old rear loading showcases to the Motor Transport Museum of Campo!)

Our thanks to donors Dave McKie, Class of 1962; Deanna Brady Sampson, Class of 1965; the Shaieb Family: Betty Jo Shaieb, Class of 1952, Mark Shaieb, Class of 1980, Dora and Dona Shaieb, Class of 1982; and the Zumwalt Family: Barbara Zumwalt, Class of 1975, Jim Zumwalt, Class of 1974, Fran Zumwalt, Class of 1972, and Sue Sharpe, Class of 1954.

During the summer, we received amazing memorabilia belonging to Leon Farnsworth, Class of 1928, from his daughter Lois Farnsworth Rattray. Leon was a classmate of future GHS Principal Walter Barnett and P.E. Teacher and Coach Laurie Head. Included in the other treasures, too many to name here, were a GUHS blue and gold pennant and its purchase receipt for \$1 (a lot in 1928) and Leon’s felt baseball cap along with three wide 1924 and 1927 student body photos, which are now professionally framed for display. To see all that Lois donated, visit the donor pages on our website at foothillermuseum.com.



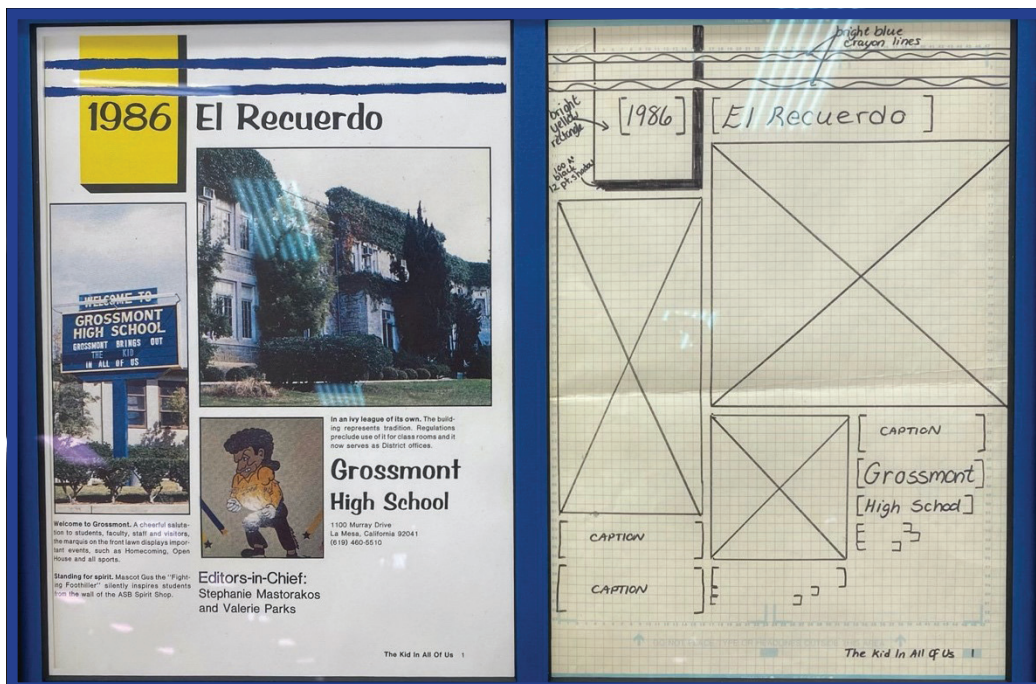
Lois with Leon’s GUHS hat and pennant in front of 1920s large showcase and beside classmate Coach Laurie Head’s 1928 Letterman’s Sweater

1986 Yearbook Donation

Recently the co-editors of the yearbook visited the museum and shared their idea to create a framed collage of the title page and its proof which they still had. The proof is testament to how labor intensive both the yearbooks and the newspapers were before computers, involving countless hours of time, effort, and commitment. Their creation is now on the shelf above their class's yearbooks.



1986 Yearbook Co-Editors in Chief
Stephanie Mastorakos and Valerie Parks Wagner

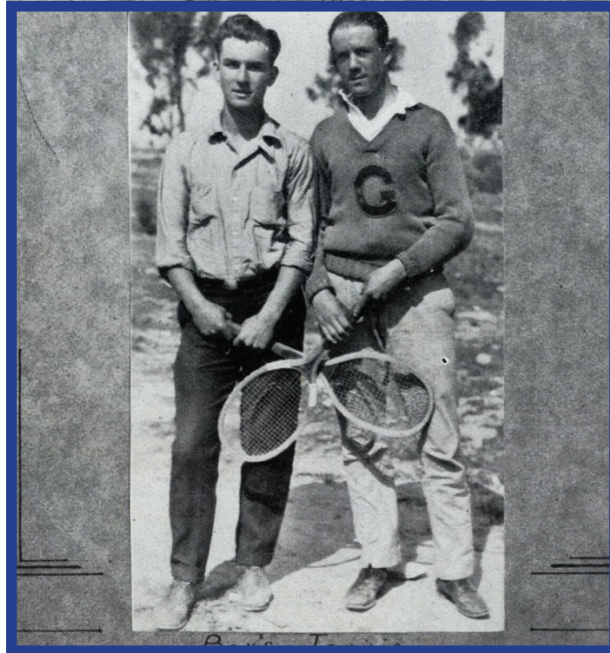


How Yearbooks Were Designed before Computers

Boys Tennis, Anyone?

Jeff Abbott, parent of tennis player Kent Abbott, Class of 2018, has spent the last 5 months researching the history of GHS Boys Tennis program. Jeff has been contacting players and coaches and using the museum resources. Jeff is a fixture in the museum every Friday and on Saturdays when we are open.

Please email us at ghsmuseum@guhsd.net if you would like to share your memories with Jeff or email Jeff directly at jeffabbott0@gmail.com or phone him at 619-933-6630.



1924 *El Recuerdo* Boys Tennis



Ron Reed, Class of 1968, Points to His 1968
CIF Tennis Championship Letter and Pins he donated

We Welcome Your Continual Support

We welcome donations to fund the two campus murals mentioned earlier as well as donations to fund the GHS Museum website: foothillermuseum.com. Our website celebrates countless aspects of Foothiller life, past and present.

Other ways to support the museum are to purchase our memorabilia. Visit our Store pages at foothillermuseum.com, where you can purchase a piece of our history, including holiday commemorative ornaments, vocal and instrumental music CDs, and football and school life DVDs, a book or booklet, or even a magnet.

To make a financial donation online, visit our website at foothillersmuseum.com and use the gold donate button (please email us at ghsmuseum@guhsd.net to share the cause you are supporting) or mail a check payable to GHS Educational Foundation

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Final Thoughts

Whew! What an amazing year! Despite our reservations about its smaller size, the 2024 Museum has evolved into a dramatic display of Foothiller memorabilia and memories. Many alumni who visit spend hours looking and leave saying, “I need to come back”.

As always, we are thankful for our wonderful volunteer Jerry Botts, Class of 1970, for his support and his many Facebook posts that enable us to connect more immediately with many of you. Also, Alumni Director, Paul Miller, living on the East Coast, is part of all we do in the museum.

We wish all of you a joyful holiday! We hope to see you soon at the GHS Museum!

Connie and Lynn

Winter 2025 GHS Museum Hours
Create Your Own Museum Moment!
Saturdays from 10-1

January 25th, February 22nd, March 15th

OR Fridays by prior appointment when school is in session; email us or call to schedule an appointment.

You will need to check in at the front school office.

Contact: ghsmuseum@guhsd.net or call 619-668-6140

Website: foothillermuseum.com



**August 2024 Seniors Kicker Dylan Gary and Quarterback Thomas Donovan
Holding the 1947 Metropolitan League Football Trophy**



**December 2024 Jeri Beesley and Josephine Miller Huston,
Share Their Class of 1952 Memories**