

Newsletter - May 2023

Pasadena High School Alumni Association

The Ties that Cannot Be Broken

Graduation ceremony and grad night festivities. Friends bound together through 12 years of school are being dispersed: to work, college, military service, marriage, and making a home. Visiting the PHS campus one day, walking through the once busy hallways, you find that your locker combination no longer works. A strange feeling of longing and remembering tugs at your heart. Once a year, the Homecoming Game at the Rose Bowl. Looking for familiar faces. The joy of brief reconnections. "Let's have lunch some time." Tasks and commitments press you through the days ahead.

Tenth Reunion: the inner fire of remembrance flames up with energy and discovery. Hard to sleep that night. Reading the PHS Alumni Newsletter: notable alums from the past, news about the vibrant activities and remarkable accomplishments of current students. We transcend over 100 years of graduating classes. More than dusty, sentimental memories, as alums we are a synergy of interconnections. Together we can help bring out the best of the current students and celebrate the great blessing of being a Pasadena High School Bulldog, ties that cannot be broken. Please affirm your Bulldog identity by joining the PHS Alumni Association.



News from PHS Alumni Association Board Meeting

Here are the news/notes from the May 6, 2023 Pasadena High School Alumni Association meeting.

- Introduced to the new Pasadena High School football Coach, Dilan Clark. Question and answer session with Coach Clark.
- Tournament of Roses Foundation Grant discussed
- Alumni Association has volunteered to clean the showcase shelving in the Tom Hamilton Gym
- Next meeting is Saturday, June 10, 2023 11:00 am in the Pasadena High School Library





Join the Pasadena High School Alumni Association

The first steps of your participation in the synergy of PHS Alums is to join the Alumni Association. We all have had different high school experiences and each one of us can remember a teacher or activity that was a highlight of our PHS experience. Grateful for those students, teachers and activities you enjoyed, consider joining the PHS Alumni Association. It all begins at www.phsalumni.org.



Advanced Dance Students Perform at City Hall

Earlier this month a group of Pasadena High School Advanced Dance students were at City Hall performing for the [Pasadena Educational Foundation](#) Celebrating our Schools event honoring Dr. Elizabeth Pomeroy and to celebrate shared accomplishments that make PUSD special. It is always wonderful to see our students out in the community. You continue to make us proud!



Pasadena Mayor Speaks to Pasadena High School Students

A big Bulldog shout-out to Pasadena High School graduate, Mayor Victor M. Gordo for stopping by and speaking to our BSU students. Thank you for taking your time to speak to the students. It's always a pleasure to have our alumni give back to current Bulldog students.

Notable Pasadena High School Alum: Dr. John C. Trever, Class of 1934, The Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls

The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient Jewish manuscripts that were first discovered in 1946 at the Qumran Caves on the shore of the Dead Sea. They were composed from the 3rd century BCE to the 1st century CE. This is considered one of the most important archaeological finds of modern times, because they include the oldest surviving manuscripts of entire books of the Jewish scriptures. PHS Alum Dr. John C. Trever was a Biblical scholar and archaeologist who was instrumental in identifying the scrolls as authentic.

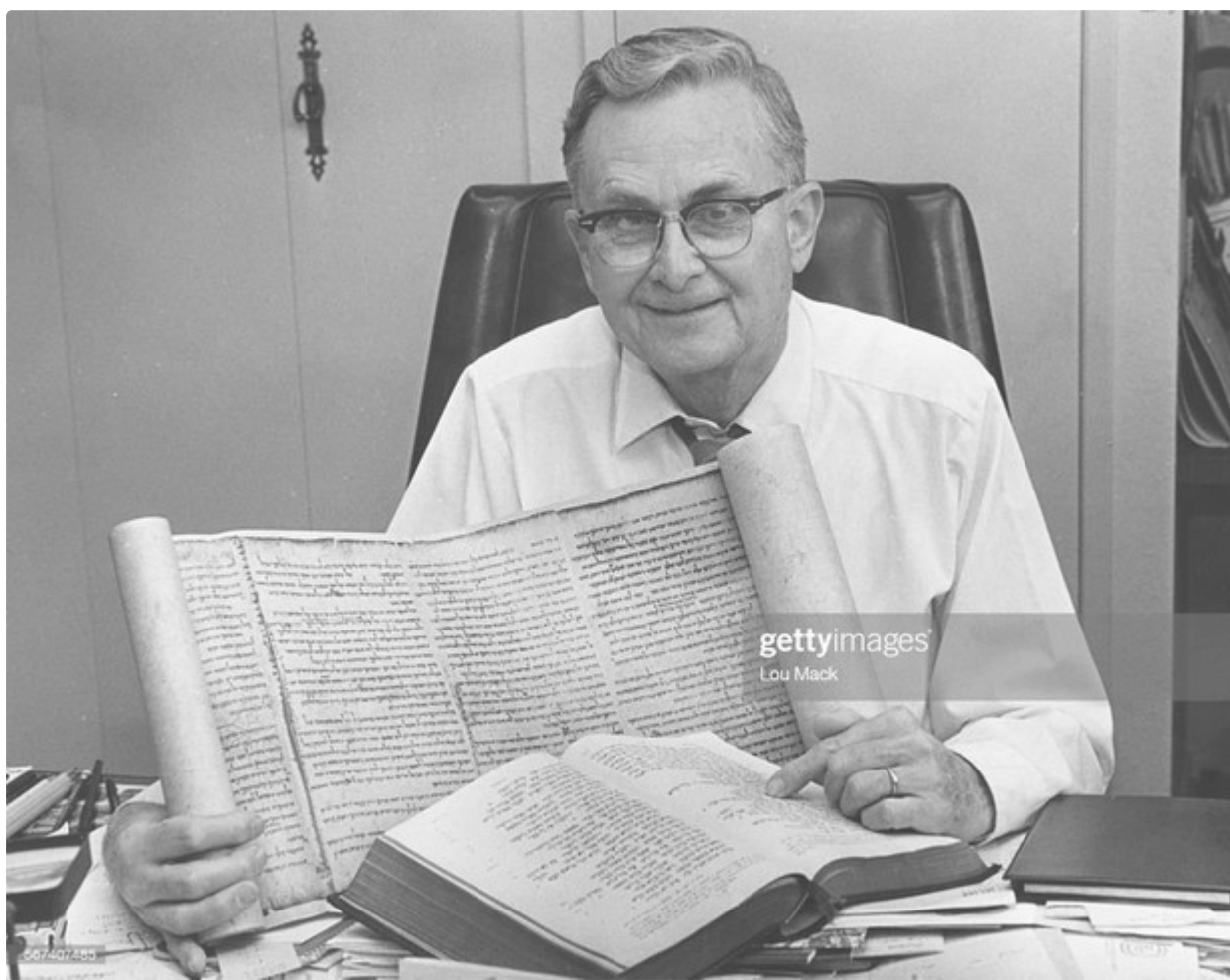
In the Spring of 1948, Dr. Trever was interim head of the American Schools of Oriental Research in Jerusalem. He was contacted by an Orthodox bishop to authenticate three scrolls that were found by Bedouin shepherds in a cave by the Dead Sea. Dr. Trever received his Ph.D from Yale University. His expertise was in ancient semantic languages and the Book of Isaiah. When he received the scrolls, he carefully unfolded them on a long, wooden table. His eyes fell on the handwritten words and he recognized the Book of Isaiah and that what he was looking at was much older than any other texts of Isaiah that existed. He had a feeling that he would not see these scrolls again, so he rigged up a

camera on the ceiling and made color photographs of all the scrolls that he had. War soon broke out and he had to leave suddenly.

Over the years, the scrolls have passed through several hands and are now in a museum in Israel. But they have oxidized and are difficult to read. The color photographs taken by Dr. Trever are the best resource for study of these scrolls as they are vivid and clear.

His is the author of "The Untold Story of Qumran" and "The Dead Sea Scrolls: A Personal Account." Dr. Trever taught at several colleges and the Claremont School of Theology, where he founded the Dead Sea Scrolls Institute. Dr. Trever passed away in 2006 at his home in Lake Forest, CA.

The photo below is Dr. John C. Trevor with Scroll of Isaiah. Credit Los Angeles Times



Pasadena High School Alumni Association Receives Tournament of Roses Foundation Grant

In February the Pasadena High School Alumni Association applied for a 2023 grant from the Tournament of Roses Foundation. On May 24th Rick Dones, Alumni Association President and Dr. Mathew Kodama, Pasadena High School Principal attended the Tournament of Roses Foundation Grant Awards Reception. At the reception the Alumni Association was awarded one of the 2023 Foundation Grants.



The \$15,000 grant will be used to enhance an area in the Harriet Hammond Library and Media Center, making it more user-friendly for classes, study space, reading nooks, tutoring and other educational

activities.

The purpose of the Pasadena High School Alumni Association is to foster connections among Pasadena High School alumni, current students, faculty, staff and administrators. Our goals include supporting the school through fundraising, community service and promoting that bulldog school spirit.

The Tournament of Roses Foundation was created in 1983 to receive and manage contributions from the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, its members, donors, friends, sponsors and public supporters. The focus of the Foundation is to positively impact the Pasadena area community with charitable giving, volunteerism and community involvement.

This year, 24 organizations in the San Gabriel Valley received grant awards totaling more than \$240,000. This year's grants will support new and ongoing programs which benefit children, teens, adults and seniors in our communities. To see a list of all the recipients, visit the Tournament of Roses Foundation [website](#).

A huge Bulldog shout-out to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation. Your support is greatly appreciated!

The photo below is courtesy of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Foundation.



Turkey Tussle - Wednesday, October 25th

The Turkey Tussle is the annual homecoming tradition between Pasadena High School and cross-town rival John Muir High School. This tradition began in 1947 when the game was played between Pasadena Community College and John Muir Junior College. These two schools played until 1953. In

1954 the annual rivalry was played between what is now Pasadena High School and John Muir High School. This game is the highlight of the football season.

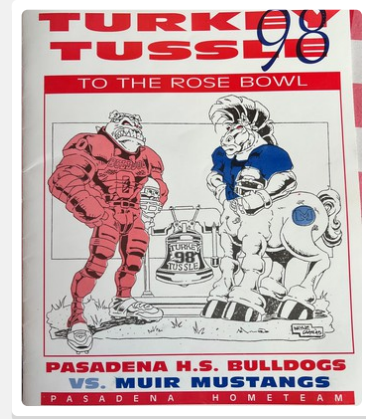
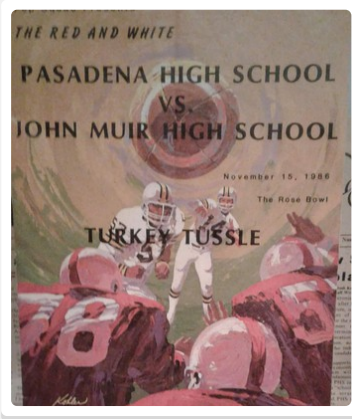
Possession of the Victory Bell is the prize for the winning school. Pasadena High School has been in possession of the Victory Bell since 2020. We hope you will join current Bulldog students and alumni for this year's Turkey Tussle scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, 2023. The complete football season schedule should be available next month.

The Victory Bell is a long-standing tradition between these two schools and came as a gift from the Santa Fe Railroad presented in 1955 at the Turkey Tussle pep rally. Scott Fitzwater, Student Body President at the time and Jim Shelton, then Senior Class Vice-President, were instrumental in gaining the bell. Jim Shelton told his father, Raymond Shelton, of their idea and Raymond Shelton, General Manager for Santa Fe in Los Angeles at the time, was able to get the bell for PHS. The bell formerly rang from the top of an old steam locomotive.

The bell was intended to be used, as it still is, as a perpetual trophy to rotate between John Muir High School and Pasadena High School, being kept for the year by the team that wins the homecoming game. One of the highlights for the winning team is to rush to the end zone, celebrating their win by ringing the Victory Bell.

In June 2005, the John Muir High School campus was burglarized and the Victory Bell was stolen. On February 7, 2006 the Victory Bell was found near a road in the Angeles National Forest.





Class Reunions

Looking to see if your class has a reunion coming up? Check the Alumni section of the Pasadena High School website www.pusd.us/phs or our website at www.phsalumni.org.

Reunions are being planned for the classes listed below.

Class of 1963 - October 6 - October 8, 2023. For more information go to their Facebook page [PHS63Reunion](https://www.facebook.com/PHS63Reunion)

Class of 1971 (Belated 50th) - September 23, 2023 pasadenahs71.com

Class of 1973 - 50th Reunion - Saturday, October 28, 2023 Clearman's Galley ("The Boat") For questions email phsbulldogs1973@gmail.com

Class of 1975 - 48th Graduation Anniversary Mixer - Friday, November 10, 2023 at the Brookside Golf Club Patio Restaurant. For more information go to their [Facebook](#) page

Class of 1983 - September 2, 2023 [Facebook](#)

Class of 1993 - June 24, 2023

Please email reunion information to Liz (Karl) Champion '72 championelizabeth@hotmail.com



Pasadena High School (Pasadena, California)
Class of '73 - 50th Class Reunion

MEET, GREET & EAT!

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Where: Clearman's Galley - "The Boat"
(next to Northwoods Inn)
7215 N. Rosemead Blvd.
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Time: 4:00pm until...

Your Reunion Committee is excited to see you - it's been a while! This one-day event will let us catch up, laugh it up & love on/with each other. *The only cost is that you will pay for your meal & beverages.*

If you need hotel accommodations, please reach out to Catherine at catherine.a@travelstors.com

Please continue to send all questions to:
PHSBUILLDOG631973@GMAIL.COM

Reunion Planning Committee:
Catherine Addy (Elsamark), Floreia Berry (Smith), Alon Mendrala, Gene Lewin & Sheila Washington (Weasley)

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THE FUN AT OUR MILESTONE 60TH YEAR REUNION

Date: October 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2023

DROP-IN MIXER

Friday: October 6th, from 6:00 - 11:00 PM.
Location: Pasadena Courtyard Marriott
180 N. Fair Oaks, Pasadena, CA 91103
No charge. Cash Bar/food

RECEPTION + DINNER + DANCING

Saturday: October 7th, from 6:00 - 11:00 PM.
Location: The Scot Pavilion at the Pasadena Senior Center, 85 E. Holly Street, Pasadena, CA 91103 (Corner of N. Raymond Avenue and Holly Street)
Featuring: Appetizers, Buffet-style Dinner, Live DJ, Dancing, Photo Booth, and complimentary digital Memory Book. Printed Memory Books also available.

PICNIC + TOUR OF PHS

Sunday: October 8th, from 12:00 - 3:00 PM.
Location: Pasadena High School
Bring your own lunch. More details to come.

Join Our Facebook Group
Pasadena High School Class of 1963
[Facebook.com/groups/PHS60thReunion](https://www.facebook.com/groups/PHS60thReunion)

RSVP and Ticket Purchase:
Each ticket includes admission, appetizers, dinner, music, dancing and a digital Memory Book. Early Purchase Special \$89 per person (list 30 tickets only). Tickets will not be available at the door.
\$99 per person after. Early Purchase tickets are sold. Cash bar will not be available at the Friday mixer and Saturday dinner.

Purchase Tickets Safely Online:

- Go to ReunionPH.com
- Click on the yellow "Find me" link at the bottom of the homepage. Or on mobile devices, use the "touch here for tickets" button.
- Type your last name/maiden name and first name if needed.
- Click on your record and follow the prompts.

Please update your bio information.
Even if you are not attending, it's easy and go to ReunionPH.com. Click on "find me" at the bottom, then click on your photo to tell us about yourself, family, interests, jobs, etc. if we have your email address you will receive a FREE digital Memory Book after the event.

Any Questions?
Contact: Reunion Committee
PHS60thReunion@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing you. Your reunion planning committee: Richard Diaz, Carol De Tou, Mary Lou Fontaine, Helen Furbush-Sorensen, Melinda Howell, Richard Jacks, Brad Kamulis, Jim Kern.

30TH REUNION

ARE YOU JOINING US FOR OUR 30TH REUNION? DETAILS ARE BELOW

DATE: JUNE 24, 2023
TIME: 6P - 10P
PLACE: MIJARES MEXICAN RESTAURANT
145 PALMETTO DR.
PASADENA, CA 91105

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- FOOD
- DANCING
- PHOTO BOOTH
- FUN

TICKET PRICES:

- \$70
- 2 FOR \$120
- \$85 AT THE DOOR

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!
*** TICKETS SALES BEGIN 3/24 ***

Social Media Links

Listed below are a few Pasadena High School social media links that might interest you.

Pasadena High School Alumni Association

[Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Twitter](#) @PasHSAlumniAssc

[Instagram](#) @pasadenahsalumniassoc

Pasadena High School

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[Twitter](#) @PasHSBulldogs

[Instagram](#) pasadenahsbulldogs

Pasadena High School Bulldog Band Centennial

[Facebook](#)

Pasadena High School Football Boosters

[Facebook](#)

Pasadena High School Aquatics

[Facebook](#)

Pasadena High School Sports

[Twitter](#) @Pasadenahs



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We are a nonprofit organization 501(c)(3) focused on helping the students and staff at Pasadena High School make our former alma mater into a great learning experience. We organize fundraisers, award scholarships and hold community-building events.

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