



# Peace Of Mind Pacific County

## Hope Letter #9

### Seniors to Seniors

*Peace of Mind Pacific County reached out to local seniors at Golden Sands Retirement Community for their memories of high school graduation and thoughts for the Class of 2020.*



Dorothy J. Smith, Glide High, Glide, OR, 1939 graduate – I played all kinds of sports – volleyball, basketball, and baseball. It was so much fun going to other schools in Oregon by bus to compete with other students. Competition is great!

Theresa Potter, Ilwaco WA, 1943 graduate- - I worked on the annual, sang soprano in the choir, was on the drill team, was in the class play, and was an honor student. As a senior, I worked on a sign-up drive for World War II – gas, clothes, and food. I spent some time at the beach watching for planes and aircraft, and I went to USO dances at Fort Columbia and Fort Canby.

Leo Kellis, John C. Fremont HS, Los Angeles CA -1944 graduate – Won a French medal. [PS Leo has been a composer, pianist, and music teacher for many decades]



Roy Pellerin, Lake Stevens WA, 1952 graduate- - I was 4th in a class of 40 students and picked to be a speaker at graduation. My speech went great for the first 3/4 of the time. Then all of a sudden I went blank and my prompter wasn't following along with me! After a couple of minutes I apologized and started over, which went well. After the end of graduation my history teacher said that it isn't how far you fall but how far you rebound!

Carol Young, Bend OR 1965 graduate - - Hard work made my dreams come true. My dream and goal was to become a first and second grade school teacher. I taught for 27 years. Your dreams can also come true. Always do your best. I wish you well.

Alice Berkner, Wakefield MA 1954 graduate - - We got to wear our caps and gowns to school for the week before graduation. It was fun at first. But June in Massachusetts is hot and humid! The girls had to wear heels and nylons! Awful!

Like today, we were not able to have swimming or go to the movies because of infantile paralysis – polio. Sound familiar? Like then, we will find a cure or prevention. Science was my favorite subject. I became a Registered Nurse.

Betty L. Johnson, Bellingham High, WA, 1958 graduate – High school is a passage – a starting place. Hopefully it is not a high light and certainly not a low light; merely a passage. It is where you were held up or held down – but let it be a passage. You must be the author of the rest of your life. In your own heart you judge your success based on what you alone know is your intent. Be honest, be true, be faithful to your goals. Don't wait for applause, pats on the back; be true to yourself alone. Live a good life – not highly rewarded or noted. Live a true life – learn something every day.

Gerrie Buckley, Roosevelt High, Portland, OR, 1956 graduate – I was both excited and scared to be graduating. No one can tell you in words how it feels to be set loose upon the world. Whether you have college plans or working career plans, new adventures and new friends await you! Your job is to stay calm and work on positive thoughts for your future. Life will work out for your highest good. Love and blessings to you all.

Audrey Duchesneau, Richfield High, WA, 1949 – I hope better for you.

Donna Kytte, Juanita High, 1973 – The only thing I can say is to love, and hope, that things will work out OK.

Arlene Boyer. Mark Morris High School. Class of 1979 We made home made brownies in home economics. Plus paddled a canoe in swim class in the giant Olympic sized pool. Graduation dance at the Montecello Hotel in Longview Washington. I grew up to be a beach girl from those experiences.

Kathy Russell, Grant HS, Portland OR, 1977 – Graduation was bittersweet! I would miss being with my classmates on a daily basis and all the fun times we shared throughout our 4 years of high school. But I was also looking forward to my future and making plans for bigger and better experiences to come!

Edie Shire, Berkeley HS, CA, 1940 – We are all wishing each of you strength through this time. Thank you for your courage.

Marian Strong, Neah Bay HS, WA, 1941 – There is always a light at the end of the tunnel.

Rayanne Wassink, FKE, Yakima WA, 2009 graduate – There was always a lot of work and fun. We ran all over and had a lot of crazy times. But in the end we made it.



The Ilwaco High School 2020 Graduation Ceremony will be streamed live on the Ilwaco High School Facebook Page and posted to the OBSD Website following

## VIRTUAL GRADUATION

June 13th 2020

5:30 pm

<https://www.facebook.com/ilwacofishermen>

**Peace of Mind Pacific County** is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that started in early 2017. We began doing weekly **HOPE letters** with the goal of bringing positive ideas and images to our communities during a difficult time. For comments and concerns or to make a donation in support of POMPC, our mailing address is **Peace of Mind Pacific County, PO Box 708, Ocean Park WA 98640**. Thank you!

[Click here at 5:30 pm on June 13th to view graduation](https://www.facebook.com/ilwacofishermen)

*We expect a better future in a realistic way. - POMPC Principle*