



# Alumni News

Highlands High School Alumni Association Quarterly

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## What is the Alumni Association purpose?

The Alumni Association shall promote fellowship among its members and alumni of Highlands. We shall support the activities and students of the school.

*Deryl Sullivan, Alumni Association President*

## Prez's Ponderings....

It's been 50 years in the making. This Highlands High School Alumni Association (HHSAA) was born about 50 years after the school started. When we sat around the yard last August at Phil Olson's house discussing the idea of celebrating the school's 50th anniversary someone, and I'm not even sure who it was, said we need that "alumni thing" so we can approach Grant District with our idea. BAM! Just like that this HHSAA was given birth. I used to say our child was given to us by the Polaroid method when we were only 12 years old. Well, that is how fast we got this HHSAA started. I was suckered into becoming President, and the rest of the Board Members were decided on. Then we were off and running.

We have celebrated the 2007 Holidays with a party. We have met with Grant District to begin the details of the 50th Gala Celebration. The District is pledging full support and resources to make the event a huge success. Plan to attend, September 20, 2008 at the school.

As far as the HHSAA is concerned we need more members as fast as we find alumni. Most of our membership is from the earlier classes. We need what I call the "kids", those who graduated 2-20 years ago. Let's all reach out to everyone we know who went to Highlands and encourage all to join. We want all of those who attended or worked at Highlands even if they did not graduate from Highlands.

I want to thank the Executive Board, the Board of Directors and all the Committee Members that are involved and working so hard to make this "alumni thing" grow.

'Til next time....

*Deryl Sullivan, Alumni Association President*



## 2008 Event Calendar

For more information, click on

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- ✉ **Combined General, Executive Board and Board Meeting - March 2**
- ✉ **A Twilight Golf Tournament - May 17**
- ✉ **Mr. Farias (former Don Julio Jr. High Band Teacher) 84th Birthday Celebration - TBD**
- ✉ **Multi-year class reunion hosted by classes 1963 & 1968 - September 19**
- ✉ **The Gala Event celebrating Highlands High School 50th anniversary - September 20**

*If you would like to post an event, please contact Sandra Loxton Cooper, Newsletter Editor by clicking on <http://highlandshighalumni.com/offices.shtml>*

## Name this Newsletter Contest

The fun just never ends. We are looking for a "catchy" name for this newsletter. So please submit your ideas (be nice), to the Newsletter Editor by April 29.

If you are not an alumni association member yet and would like to join, please print out this page and complete the information needed below and mail it to HIGHLANDS HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 794, North Highlands, CA 95660 along with a check for \$10 made out to the association (annual membership fee).

Current name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name when attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Class year/s (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a skill or interest you would like to share? Yes No If yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Other classmates you would like us to contact (please provide contact information): \_\_\_\_\_

## Then

Highlands High and St. Lawrence parochial schools were completed in 1958. The population was 20,000 and there were 7,600 children who attended 10 schools in the community. The community also had 3 local playgrounds and 2 parks.

The Principal was Mr. Kollenborn, Vice Principal was Mr. Figg, the Girls Counselor was Mrs. Hutchison and the Boys Counselor was Mr. Estep.

## Now



School year 2007-2008 brings a new name to Highlands High School, but the face still looks pretty much the same. It is now known as the Highlands Academy of Arts & Design and has joined forces with the former Don Julio Jr. High School. Making the Academy 7th to 12th grades. The students are taught the normal curriculum and have more arts and design electives to chose from for all grade levels.

North Highlands' population is 44,187 and 49.9% of the households have children under the age of 18 years.



## Fun Things Happen

It has really been great getting reacquainted with old high school chums and meeting new ones. In addition to kicking up our heels at meetings, we participated in the North Highlands Jubilee on Oct. 20th. Several of our members staffed the HHSAA booth and had loads of fun doing it.

We also had a great holiday party at the Red Lion Sacramento Inn on Dec. 15th. Let's just say "What we did in Vegas, stays in Vegas". In addition to that we danced, ate, were entertained by Santa and felt like kids again (up until 9:30 p.m. anyway).

## 2nd Vice President Sez.....

I'm very happy to be a part of the beginning of the HHSAA. I did not know or plan that we would be this far along after only 5 months of existence. But we are, and I'm finding out that there are lots of alumni that feel glad we are going forward as I do. I ask that you continue to support the alumni association, and if you can join a committee, please do so. I would like to invite all association members to come to our general membership meetings, as we discuss present and future activities and conduct business. It is really a lot of fun and you will have a great time. It has been a real honor to be a part of the organization and I hope the board and committees do a wonderful job for the benefit of the alumni. I hope that we are the starting point for all alumni reunions (49 classes as of now), and in the future. I want to thank all the alumni for all the positives that we've been associated with since we've formed and I'm really looking forward to seeing the alumni grow and how far we can go.

*Phil Olson, Alumni Association 2nd Vice President*

## Membership Report

We have 73 paid members. We encourage anyone who attended or worked at Highlands to join this worthwhile organization. A lot of appreciation goes out to the many members who have gotten this Association up and running, and keeping it fun in the process. So remember, this is your organization, and we're hoping you will help us keep it growing and going.

*Diana Olson, Membership Chair*

## Tid Bits

**Scholarships:** To find out about our scholarship program, please contact Jim Warrick, Scholarship Chair.

**Highlights:** Future "Alumni News" will have a column featuring one of our classmates or teachers. So please submit an individual, group or yourself by contacting Sandra Lansdon Cooper, Newsletter Editor.

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## Ask US

If you have a question, concern, suggestion, etc., click <http://highlandshighalumni.com/offices.shtml> and then click the appropriate officer/email. Such as, if your question relates to membership, then click on the Membership Chair's "email" address. If you have something that doesn't fall under a particular category, then send it to the Newsletter Editor.

Individuals will be responded to directly via email or phone. In addition, some replies may be posted in the Alumni News.

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