



Alumni News

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Prez's Ponderings....

Wow, what an event! Highlands was filled with alumni, students and families. The Gala Celebration was a wonderful event. There were over a thousand people who gathered to celebrate Highlands' 50th Birthday. All afternoon people milled through the school and filled the bowl for the evening program. I was especially humbled being the MC for the program. Many years ago I played football in the bowl, but I have never spoken to an audience in the bowl before. To have the responsibility of moving the program along is always a big challenge and this time was no exception. When things didn't go exactly as planned, I rearranged the program more than once. Hopefully, most of the audience couldn't tell what happened. That's what happens at live events. Things just happen, which make change necessary. That is life. I thank all who attended and hope you had as much fun as the Gala Committee and I did.



Pictures taken by Dan Tidwell

Here's one of many testimonials received by the committee:



I'd like to thank all the volunteers as well as the attending alumni for making Highlands High's 50th Birthday Bash a huge success. I wavered on whether to attend, and once there, I wavered on how long I'd stay, yet I held out to the end. I thoroughly enjoyed the reminiscing phase, leafing through old yearbooks - seeing what we all looked like back in 1961, as well as hooking up with folks I hadn't seen in years. Phase 2 in the bowl was extra special. Hearing the bagpipers took me back to my days at Highlands when we had our own bagpipers. Special thanks to the Fairfield bagpipers but hopefully the current powers that be will find a way to bring the bagpipers back to Highlands High. Can't forget the fireworks. Great fireworks finale!! Kudos to all involved and all who attended. Special kudos to 2 volunteers I know personally, Jeanette Null (a die-hard Giants fan) and Daryl Sullivan (it's been a long time Daryl).

Dave Coy, Class of 61



Please step forward to help make this alumni group grow and do great things. Our next general meeting is Oct. 25th. So, please attend to share your ideas, concerns and possibly volunteer to serve as an officer or committee member. Check the website under events to get the agenda, time and location for the meeting.



Join the fun and help get things done. Sometimes working on events is just like being in high school again. It keeps you young.



On another note:

We are finalizing the tax exempt status. The government (IRS) is the agency that permits the exemption. So we'll know the final status when they let us know.

Til next time..... Daryl



First Scholarship Awarded by Alumni Association

by Kathy Cooper

Daryl Sullivan, Highlands High School Alumni Association President, presented Ms. Brittney Chasten, a 2008 graduate, with the George Quan \$500 scholarship award during the 50th Anniversary Gala held September 20th, at Highlands Academy of Arts and Design.

Brittney was recommended by Fred Frailey, Head Counselor at Highlands. Mr. Frailey stated that Brittney is well-liked by her peers and respected by staff. She is able to serve herself in academics while simultaneously serving others in various programs.

She is currently enrolled at American River College with plans to transfer to New York University with a major in Kinesiology.

While at Highlands she participated in the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program all four years, she was a member of the LINK CREW who assisted freshmen to adapt to the environment of high school life. She was also an active member of the RENAISSANCE PROGRAM, which purpose is to reward the academic accomplishments of students and to encourage all students to excel.

Brittney was Junior Class President, Senior Class Vice President and a member of the leadership team. She was on the cross-country, and track and field teams where she was Captain during her senior year.

As a member of the Speech team, Brittney won a computer for her outstanding performance during her junior year. She also received the Athletic and Scholar Award in her senior year.

As a member of St. Lawrence Church, she participated in the "Feed the Homeless" program, by shopping for food for families in need, assisted in triathlon events, helped set-up booths at the Farmers' Market in Del Paso Heights and participated in youth sleep-overs at church.

The scholarship committee found Brittney to be a charming and accomplished young woman. We are pleased and honored to present BRITTNEY CHASTEN with the first \$500 scholarship award donated by George Quan.



SALE

by Sandra Lansdon Cooper

How does the Association raise money for worthwhile events?

Well for starters, we clean out our closets, garages and maybe the neighbors garage as well. With his permission of course.

Then we hold a yard/bake sale and car wash in a public location. That's what we did to raise the funds needed for Highlands 50th Anniversary Gala.

And guess what, there's more Highlands programs that need funding, so we are back at it.

Our next yard/bake sale and car wash will be Saturday, October 11th, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the F.C. Joyce School (old Fruitvale Elementary), on Watt Ave., North Highlands.

Please come and help us out or buy a thing or two.

See you there!

Time has Flown By - We must be Having FUN!

by Phil Olson

The newly established Highlands High School Alumni Association has had an exciting first year of operation. It went very fast and was always a lot of fun, dedication and teamwork. Our first year's accomplishments included: Association formation and meetings, a Christmas party, a Golf tournament, participating in the North Highlands Jubilee, and the Memorial Day parade, a yard sale, the 50th Gala birthday celebration, awarding our first scholarship, a multi-year class reunion dinner/dance (provided by classes 1963 and 1968), lunches at Lou's, and last but not least, making new friends and re-establishing friendships from the past.

Hopefully the Association will always move forward in a benefitting direction. Our Highlands Academy students are our main goal and always will be.

We have had so much fun planning the Association's next moves, and I am excited about future gatherings/meetings and accomplishments. I ask you to be an active member of the Alumni Association. What do you have to lose? We are you, and you are us.

Thanks to the Alumni support, we will be having elections for new officers, redefining our bylaws and how to do business. I'm totally looking forward, and excited to see what the future holds.





What a NIGHT - I Hope you Were There

by Shirlene Lansdon

Our first Highlands graduating class of 59 to the Class of 2000 attended the reunion dinner dance at the Red Lion Hotel on Sept. 19, 2008. We dined outside and finalized the evening with dancing to the energetic band: Jayz Rollers. With 324 graduates including 4 teachers (Mr. Chambers, Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Woody, and Mrs. Pereyra) honoring the occasion, we celebrated with classmates who traveled from states of Alabama, Virginia, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Texas, Washington, Nevada, Southern and Northern California.

Who's Who at the Highlands Dinner Dance? Class of 63 were celebrating their 45th reunion and Class of 68, their 40th. And the alumni joining in the festivities included those who went to school together since Kindergarten, their neighbors, brothers, sisters, parents, children, cousins, teachers, students who became teachers, musicians, choir members, school clubs, drama students, athletes and long time friends and classmates all met at this party. The connections were endless.

Some were talking with their brother's best friend, visiting with the kid who lived down the street, and running into the guys who use to play basketball at Campos Verde until they dropped. Just to name a few.

So wonderful to check in at this time of our life when we are quite 'old enough'.

Where did the time go? Just look at us, we know. Life has been good to us, how do we know? We are here now with our memories in tow.

We still can mark an important milestone as evidenced by the amazing turnout. Thanks to all who came and made this so special.

Things are Happen'n at Lou's

by Jim Lewis '67

Alumni have been meeting at Lou's Hamburgers the first Saturday of every month for some time now. On this particular Saturday last summer, there was a guest bagpiper who happen to drop in ready to play. His name was Elder Abeta, from Salt Lake City where he started playing bagpipes while in high school (he's not Scottish, motif or theme). It was in fact non-curricular.

While doing work for my ward missionaries, we had an opportunity to talk and when he mentioned he played bagpipes as a hobby, I asked him if he would play for our Scots' Lou's Burger Lunch Club. He was a big "hit" at Lou's, and he seemed very pleased with that. He only had two more months of his Mission with the Mormon Church in the North Highlands area, which was really too bad, we would have enjoyed him coming back again.



more about Lou's

by Loreene Sheppard

Alumni are going to meet at Lou's at 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 17th before Highlands' Homecoming game.

Alumni from classes '67 and '68 have been meeting at Lou's since January, 2008 and it has been great! We have had as few as 15 and as many as 60 show up monthly. Other graduating classes have tried to meet at Lou's on a regular basis, but stopped going after a short time.

Most of the success to emailing and calling classmates to remind them.

The word must be getting out, because other graduating classes come in from out of town and last Saturday we had two people from Foothill High join us. We've even met 'kids' from other Sacramento schools.

Did you know that a classmates mother worked from 1958 to 1989 at Lou's? Her mom probably had some really good stories to share.

Remember, you don't have to be from classes '67 and '68. We would love for you to join us on the first Saturday of every month at 12:00 noon, rain or shine.

Reporting on Treasury Report



Gala Financials

New memberships	\$ 250
Gala fundraising	<u>1,910</u>
Sub-total	\$ 2,254
Gala expenses	<u>-1,564</u>
Net-total	\$ 690

I used to have a handle on life,
but it broke.

My husband and I divorced over
religious differences. He
thought he was God and I didn't.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

sent in by Ron Aspenson

Who's Who/Offices

to contact via email click on

highlandshighalumni.com/offices.shtml

President

Daryl Sullivan, HHS 1965

Vice President

Tom Bastion, HHS 1965

2nd Vice President

Phil Olson, HHS 1965

Secretary

Shirlene Lansdon, HHS 1963

Treasurer

Juanita Pardun, HHS 1962

Membership Chair

Diane Aspenson Olson, HHS 1967

Newsletter

**Sandy Lansdon Cooper, HHS/FHS
1966**

Webmaster

Rick Swan, HHS 1965

Historian

Kristine Koe Mann, HHS 1965

Scholarship Chair

Jim Warrick, HHS-1967

Social Chair

Alicia Lerma Enos, HHS - 1972

Other inquiries **Sandra Lansdon Cooper**



2008 Event Calendar

For additional information, visit our website at
<http://www.highlandshighalumni.com>

- ☛ Combination yard/bake sales and car wash - October 11th, setup at 7a.m. and sale 8 - 1 p.m.
 It will be held at F.C. Joyce Elementary School (old Fruitvale Elementary) on Watt Ave. So mark your calendars, and bring by anything you would like to give the Alumni for the yard sale. Call us for large items and we will pick them up at (916) 412-7318. Also, come by and say hello and see what's up.
- ☛ Highlands Academy of Arts and Design Homecoming, Friday, October 17th,
 6:00 p.m., varsity game 8:00 p.m.
 We will have an Alumni table set up for new membership and sell T-shirts, pins and more. Come and join us, watch the football game and have some fun.
- ☛ Dinner at Lou's - Let's meet and eat before Highlands Homecoming, Friday, October 17th at 4:30 pm
- ☛ North Highlands Jubilee, Saturday, October 18th
 The Alumni will have a booth there and would like you to stop in and say hello. Last year there were over 3,000 in attendance. It is a lot of fun and bring the kids, there is a lot to do. It is at F.C. Joyce Elementary School, North Highlands Community Center on Watt Ave.
- ☛ HHSAA General Membership meeting, Saturday, Oct 25th, 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 This meeting will at 5026 Don Julio Blvd. (northeast corner of Don Julio and Elkhorn Blvd.). This will be an important meeting to discuss on-going Alumni activities and events. We would also like to welcome any new members. We are always looking for fresh ideas and help to get the work done. The meeting will be a pot luck and be sure to bring your favorite drink. We will eat throughout the meeting.
- ☛ Lunches at Lou's November 1st and December 6th, at noon
- ☛ HHSAA Christmas Party - TBD

Highlands High School Alumni Association Membership Form

If you are not an alumni association member yet and would like to join, please fill in the information needed below and mail it to Highlands High Alumni Association, P.O. Box 794, N. Highlands, CA 95660 along with a check for \$10 made out to the association (annual membership fee).

Current name _____ Last Name in School _____

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 on back of form):

Is it OK to use it to notify you of upcoming events, such as class reunions and Alumni Association events?
 Yes No