

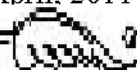
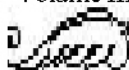


# Alumni News

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## Prez Ponderings....

The Association had a great first Quarter this year. I

would like to thank all of you for your support. We have a good nucleus to work with because our officers are dedicated to work hard on your behalf. Our board is first class and they are working hard for you. In addition, there are several fellow classmates who are not board members who have donated their time and energy for the good of the Association. We have served the North Highlands' community well, and have created a working relationship with the



Phil Olson, '65,  
President

Twin Rivers School District (school district for Highlands). I'm asking all of you to stay close and participate if you can, we need your support.

We are finishing up with the Highlands' beautification project started by Tom Bastion, class of 1965. This project is located directly across from the office where Coach Gilbert's memorial is. It is a nice addition to the school and all the Alumni are proud of this feat. The Alumni along with Principal Darryl Hawthorne (also a Highlands' graduate), a few students and volunteers from Americorp put their blood and a whole lot of sweat in getting this area planted.

Sandra Lansdon Cooper, class of 1966 (HHS/FHS), is overseeing the mural planned for the exterior North wall of the cafeteria which overlooks the garden area. The mural design was created by the art students and will be painted by the fall of 2011. There are also plans for two concrete benches. This project is for all of us Alumni, students, faculty, staff and parents to enjoy, so if you have a chance, stop by your old school and take a peek. We expect the spring-time to be the best time to visit with everything in bloom. Once everything is complete, we'll have a dedication ceremony, so keep checking the events calendar.

## Webpage Help Needed

We are in the process of making our webpage more user-friendly and informative. Your suggestions are important to us and would be greatly appreciated. With your help and assistance we will continue to thrive and do well for our school. Please let us know how we can improve our website by contacting Phil Olson at 916 412-7318. Keep up the good and see you all soon.

## Scholarship Time

By Jim Warrick '67



Scholarships, scholarships, this is what we're all about, and we have three of them totaling over \$2000 to be awarded to deserving students on Highlands High Awards Night. Scholarship Chair Jim Warrick, class of '67, and his committee will review and select a number of students who have applied for these scholarships. All applications are due in by April 15.

## Phony Baloney Association

By Sandra Lansdon Cooper '66

There's a impersonator out there who poses as the Highlands High Alumni Association. They have infiltrated the Highlands High webpage and have reached out to our classmates as the real McCoy. BEWARE! They are not us. They fund nothing for Highlands. They are a money-making organization that is causing good groups like ours a lot of frustration. Please note there's a tell-tell sign on the other guy's newsletter that states they are NOT affiliated with Highlands High School.



## Let the Parade Begin!

Do you know that the North Highland's Memorial Day Parade is the longest Memorial Day Parade on the West Coast, and you have a chance to be in it. You're invited to join us. Come to a meeting and give us your ideas, help us build the float, and be in the parade. Just give Phil Olson a call at 916 412-7318.



## COMING SOON

- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., April 2, May 7, June 4, at 12 noon
- ☆ Project Dream Fundraiser, Aerospace Museum, North Highlands, April 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- ☆ General Meeting, May 14, 11:00 a.m., SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave., North Highlands
- ☆ Awards Night, Highlands High, TBD
- ☆ Memorial Day Parade - May 30, 8:00 a.m., Watt Ave., North Highlands
- ☆ Yard and Bake Sale, Saturday June 11, 8a-1p., location TBD
- ☆ North Highlands' Jubilee, October, TBD
- ☆ HAA Annual Christmas Party, December 10, North Highlands VFW Hall

*\*To be determined*



## A PLACE FOR MEMORIES

By Kris Kouw Mann '65

Remember when you danced to the Bill Rase orchestra or the thrill of the football game? The slam of your locker door as you hurried to 2nd period or struggled with your locker when you tried to open it. The pep rallies before the big game, the talent show, the run to Senior Square by the Junior class on the last day of school—**WE are now the Senior Class**—-. The sock hops, dancing to the Jukebox in the Buchanan Room, ahhh.....the memories.

The Alumni Association is in the process of obtaining a room at Highlands to use as a museum. It will be similar to the one at Grant High School. Over the summer months we hope to secure a room and begin planning, designing and building display cases, etc. We welcome any suggestions, and if you have any memorabilia, we'll take that too.

If you have memories you would like to share of your days at Highlands, please contact Kristine Mann, Alumni Historian, at the Highlands Alumni Association website: [highlandshighalumni.com](http://highlandshighalumni.com).

**SCOTS FOREVER**



By Loreene Sheppard '67

There are a bunch of biker (as in Harleys/Hogs) guys, gathering at Lou's the first Saturday of every month around noon. They are mostly from classes of '59-'69.

Currently they are planning a trip to Sonora sometime in April or May. If you are interested in joining them, come by Lou's on April 2, around noon where they'll be planning their road trip.

If you have a free meal coming at Lou's you need to use it or lose it.

If you are a newbie, Highland's classmates meet up at Lou's at noon the first Saturday of the month. So if you have a chance, come join us!

If you have any questions, email Loreene at a tomboy\_1967@yahoo.com. or call 916-521-5817.

## TIDBITS

By Mary Anderson '67

Twin Rivers has had a 27% reduction in suspensions and a 45% reduction in expulsions. The District has incorporated a number of programs to address this issue.

About 75% of Highlands' students are eligible for a free lunch, while another 8% are eligible for a reduced-price lunch.

Over 20% of students at Highlands are Limited English Proficient; as a result, close to \$114,000 has been allocated to Highlands to help these students. The State has compensated to the tune of \$147,000 for this endeavor. Nearly 76% of Highlands' attendees are low-income students.

Dennis Weaver, Guidance Technician at Highlands, was recognized as one of two Sacramento County "Classified Employees of the Year." Classified employees are neither teachers nor administrators.

Are you doing anything on Saturday, April 9, 2011, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.? If not, why not consider attending the Project DREAM fundraiser at the Aerospace Museum. Proceeds provide funding for the students in the Twin Rivers Districts for arts, sports, and field trips – programs that were available to so many of us back in our school days. It's \$45 per person at the door. For more information contact Debra Thorne at 916.566.1600 (x50905) or [debra.thorne@twinriversusd.org](mailto:debra.thorne@twinriversusd.org)





## Treasury Report

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A little silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a killer jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started." Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?" The little silver haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster." Her neighbor decides to go over and help with the puzzle. She lets him in and shows him where she has the puzzle spread all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says, "First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then," he said with a deep sigh .....

"Let's put all the Corn Flakes

back in the box."

*Ron Aspenson, class of '66*



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