



Alumni News

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Pres Ponderings....

Wow, what a busy and productive 2nd Quarter we have had this Spring. The first event was the presentation of four scholarships to students at Highlands totaling \$2,250, followed by the Highlands Memorial Garden's mural being completed. Next the alumni members got together and had a great time building a float for the North Highlands Memorial Day Parade. Further information about these events is located in their separate articles.

A big thank you goes to those alumni members who attended the meetings, who worked behind the scenes and participated to make these events not only happen, but made them successful.

I would also like to thank those who couldn't physically help, but paid their membership dues. Without these funds we wouldn't have the means to raise money for scholarships and other school projects.

With your continued support, we will be able to keep providing for Highlands High students and the school. Please attend our meetings and share your ideas with us. Not only would it be greatly appreciated, I believe you would find it very self-rewarding. Oh, did I mention we always have free food at these meetings? So check the calendar of events in this issue or on our website for the next meeting dates and times.

Again, thanks to all and I hope the second half of the 2011 is as good as the first. See you soon.

Phil Olson, Class of '65
HHA President



College Scholarships for Highlands' Students

One of the most important duties the Highlands High Alumni Association has is giving scholarships to qualified students, and with your financial support, we presented four scholarships this past spring. Our scholarship committee reviewed each student's application, which included a letter from a sponsoring teacher, the student's academic achievement record, and a report showing their school and community involvement.

Our first place award went to Janal Jansma for \$1,000. Our second place winners were Brenda Perez and Carina Garcia, they both received \$500. Our third place winner, Abilene Delgado, was awarded \$250.

These bright students will be our guest of honor at our July 23, general meeting to be held at SAFE Credit Union, 4636 Watt Ave., at 11:00 a.m. So stop by the meeting to congratulate these students and stay awhile and get acquainted with some old classmates and make some new friends.



Beautification Project *almost there*

Nice things are happening at Highlands. A year ago, Tom Bastion class of '65 came up with an idea to turn an area across from

Highlands' administration office from dismal and dangerous that had dying large oak trees, to a place that is pretty and pleasant. This area is now called the Memorial Garden. Currently it only honors Couch Don Gilbert who died in a tragic car accident in the '80's. In the future, the Garden will honor others as well.

The latest addition to the Garden is the mural designed by Peggy Martinez's 8th grade class and a few senior students. The project was chaired by alumni member Sandra Lansdon Cooper, class of HHS/FHS '66 and supported by Vice Principal Heather Westerman.

The association will finish off the Garden with the installation of two beautiful benches and a recognition plaque.



**COMING
SOON**

- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., July 2, August 6, September 3, etc. at 12p
- ☆ Highlands Hogs (motorcycles), every Wednesday, 8 a.m., Marie Doughnuts, Watt Ave., North Highlands
- ☆ General Meetings, July 23 and August 16, 11:00 a.m., SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave., North Highlands
- ☆ Grant Alumni Association is sponsoring an organ concert for Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m., Grant High School (see pg. 3)
- ☆ Alumni Association Yardsale at the Elks Lodge, Cypress Ave., Sept. 10, 9-4p
- ☆ North Highlands' Jubilee, October, *TBD
- ☆ HAA Annual Christmas Party, December 10, North Highlands VFW Hall

* To be determined

Memorial Day Parade

I'm proud to say that the Highlands' Alumni Association float placed 2nd in the North Highlands Memorial Day Parade this year. The VFW set the theme "The Greatest Generation", which referred to the World War II generation.

Our float was a replica of the USS Arizona Memorial, with water under it and an American flag waving high above. We had alumni members Garnett Gilmore Volkens, '64, playing a WWII female military personnel, her father, William Gilmore who wore his original Navy uniform from WWII, Eveline Small Stanhope, '66, a Red Cross nurse, Diane Aspenson Olson, '67, Rosie the Riveter and Greg Lugas, '67, an Army paratrooper. In addition, Pearl Harbor under-attack photos accessorized the float.

The float was beautiful and with servicemen and women aboard it, it was very moving and patriotic. It was fun seeing the spectators and "meeting" the community as we drove down Watt Ave.

We also had a WWII vintage Jeep decked out in Army paint owned and driven by Jim Swanson, '64 and passenger Sam Smith, '65. Both men were very handsome in their military uniforms. Also we had a vintage 1963 Ford Falcon Convertible and a 1940's military motorcycle with a side car. I'm telling you, it was something to see.

All those classmates who pitched in to build the float, be in the parade, and joined in the VFW after-party had a great time. Many thanks and a job well done goes to all who participated.



The Alumni Association is looking for any Highlands High School alumni who has school memorabilia they would like to donate to the Association's Museum which will be opening on campus this year. If you have anything to donate please contact Kristine Mann at www.highlandshighalumni.com. Go SCOTS!!!!

TIDBITS

what's happening in the district

By Mary Anderson '67

The Grant Alumni Association is sponsoring an organ concert for Sunday, July 24, at 2 p.m., at Grant. A silent movie with organ recital is the backdrop. Cost is \$8 advanced, \$10 at the door.

Highlands' students have improved in the California High School Exit Exam in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

Enrollment is increasing throughout the Twin Rivers District, especially at Highlands, which is nice to see. School officials are supporting the students and their families, especially families where both English and another language are spoken. Highlands' officials are employing different methods to deal with troubled students, making them feel welcomed when they come to class. We hope that more good news is down the road.

How well do you remember the historical events that occurred when you were in high school? The Cuban Missile Crisis, the Civil Rights struggles and achievements, Watergate, the Reagan Revolution, the first Gulf War – just to name a few. Highlands may incorporate a “living history” program where former students can share their memories and how these events shaped their lives, both in high school and afterwards. More details to come.



This T-shirt is the real deal. We are aware there is another Highlands Alumni Association who is NOT affiliated with Highlands, they do nothing for Highlands or its students. They are also selling T-shirts, do NOT buy anything from them, please.

All profits earned by our association goes directly to help Highlands and the students.

For t-shirt sales:

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By Loreene Sheppard '67

Highlands High classes of 1959-1969 are meeting at Lou's Burgers the first Saturday of every month at 11 AM. If your not part of these classes, come anyway and meet some new folks, or encourage your classmates to start coming. It's a good way to catch up, have fun and eat good grub.

A drawing for a free meal the following month always takes place.

Help us decorate Lou's walls with your favorite Highlands' photo. Several classmates from '50's and '60's have already adorn some of the walls with theirs, but there's still lots of room. It is advised to frame a copy of your photo and plan to bring whatever you need to hang it. Lou's is not responsible for any thefts or damages to these pictures.

I wanted to mention my friends, the Highlands Hogs(motorcycle guys and gals) meet at Marie's Donuts every Wednesday at 8 a.m. They are planning a trip to Arizona. Don't hesitate to join them.



Yard Sale - We Need Your Help

The Association is having a yard sale at the Carmichael Elks Lodge on September 10 from 9-4 p.m.

For the association to continue the good deeds and scholarship program, it is crucial that these types of fundraisers are well supported by Highlands alumni and the community.

So please come out and visit our booth, you may possibly find a treasure that you cannot live without.

If you have any new or gently used items to donate to the yard sale please contact Phil Olson through our association's website www.highlandshighalumni.com.

Thank You

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40 years of marriage..

A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' .

The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.

So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!...the husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story:

Men who are ungrateful should remember fairies are female.....



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