



Alumni News

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Pres Ponderings....

Hello to all!

Just a quick 3rd quarter update letting you know that the Highlands Alumni Association is alive and well.

We have been busy these last three months doing a fundraiser yardsale at the Carmichael Elks Club, donating \$250 to Building Effective Schools Together/BEST (a Highlands' newly formed club), and presenting scholarship checks to Janal Jansma (\$1000), Brenda Perez (\$500), Abilene Delgado (\$500), and Carina Garcia (\$250). Way to go seniors!!

We have also been working behind the scenes finishing up the beautification plans for the Memorial Gardens. Still to come are benches and a plaque which will acknowledge those individuals who physically and financially supported this endeavor. A dedication ceremony will be held upon its completion.

Be sure to go by Highlands and check-out the gardens and the 32'X12' wall mural which was designed and painted by Peggy Martinez, recently retired art teacher, and the 2010-2011 8th grade art students and a few seniors. We think you'll be impressed. It is located on the cafeteria exterior wall facing the Administration Office. The Alumni Association is proud of this work and of Highlands for all their support.

We have also been working with Highlands on setting up a memorabilia room on campus to display everything from old to new that has to do with Highlands. Please see the article in this newsletter asking for your help.



Scholarship recipients with their proud families

Thank you for your support and we look forward to finishing up current projects and starting new ones, so come and be a part of the good things that the Association does. We have lots of fun activities coming up and ask that you be a part of them.

Go Highlands!!!

Phil Olson, Class of '65
HHA President

**COMING
SOON**

- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., 11:00 a.m., Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, Jan. 7
- ☆ Highlands Hogs, Wednesdays, Marie's Donuts, 8 am
- ☆ Highlands High Homecoming Game, Oct. 7, 7 pm
- ☆ North Highlands Jubilee, Freedom Park, Oct. 15, 11-3pm
- ☆ Carmichael Elks Lodge Costume Party
Carmichael Elks Lodge on Cypress, fee \$10, Oct. 29, 7-11pm
- ☆ General Meeting, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, 11:00 a.m, SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave., North Highlands
- ☆ HAA Annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, VFW Hall, 3300 U St., fee \$25, Dec. 10, 6 pm

Wahoo!!

Shirlene Lansdon, '63



1st row: DeAnna Johnson Wilson, Rita Adams Packard, Sandra Seno Leath, Sharon Ausmus Doan, Dianne Johnson Reed, Ellen Kuper Soret 2nd row: Sharon Patterson Susnara, Kay Stothart Cartile, Dawna Cody Dutra, Shirlene Lansdon, Nancy Leak Whitmire, Jeannie Collins Cochran, Patty Brace O'Boyle, Pat Johnston Edmiston, Marie Hansen Busch, Sherrille Romelsbacher Johnson, Shirley Byrd Mason 3rd row: Linda Giles Hadid, Barbara Peters Carbaugh, Cheryl Meadows Edwards, Colleen Christanson Johnson, Andi Coy Saunders

Who and what is Wahoo? Well, it's the Class of '63 gals who have been getting together for a Wahoo weekend, since they turned 60. Our 7th weekend was Sept. 23-27.

We have about 20 classmates who walk down memory lane every year. Lots of laughter, stories, walks on the beach, tidepooling, puzzles, eating good food, and party games carries us through the weekend.

Our fearless leader, Dawna Cody Dutra, herds all us chickens together for a much needed long weekend of 'girl talk'. No boys allowed! Well, pictures, phone calls, texts and emails are allowed from our menfolk; we are not NUNS... We start our journey to Bodega Bay with a lunch meeting in Sonoma, then onward to our vacation rental.

Once at our destination, 2nd grade pictures come out, yearbooks, cameras, puzzles, scrapbooks and food preparation begins. Weekend activities are scheduled, including hot tub time...and all the heartwarming noise is heard once again.

Our farthest traveled is Ellen Kuper from Paris in years past. Ellen is now 'only' in South Dakota so she makes the connecting flights to be with us. All '63 gals are invited and no excuses. We would love to have you.

Contact Dawna, me, or anyone you know in our class and we will get you the information. We schedule our next weekend a year in advance, before we leave each other.

We are renewed and ready to begin another year in our journey of this life. We take away connections, love, support, fresh ideas, belonging, collective wisdom, and most of all, shared memories.



Holiday Dinner & Dance

Don't miss this year's Holiday Party on Dec. 10, at 6:00 pm at the VFW Hall at 3300 U St. There will be lots of food, dancing and fun, all for \$25 per person. Seating is limited so get your reservation in. The reservation form is at the bottom of the Holiday Party flier which can be found on our website www.highlandshighalumni.com.

Memories

Kristine (Kouw) Mann, '65

Gals - Do you remember your first prom? Your dress, buying the right shoes and accessories? Would he get the right color corsage, would he be able to pin it on, without pricking you? Where would you go after the prom?

The day of the prom arrives, you are busy getting ready, getting your hair just right, your nails, your makeup. Will you keep him waiting? The doorbell rings -- it's him. He looks very handsome in his white tux. Your mom helps him pin the corsage on you, it is beautiful and it smells wonderful. Off you go.

You arrive at the prom, the lights are low and the music is playing (for some of us, it is a live band or orchestra). You dance, you have your picture taken, you laugh and talk with friends -- a night to remember, a wonderful night.

After the dance you go to a nice restaurant and then -- the evening is over. You're home, he walks you to your front door, lingers, fumbles and then kisses you goodnight. You go to your room and get ready for bed. You remove your corsage and put it in between the pages of a large book, you put the dance card in your scrapebook, you write about your evening in your diary, you turn off the lights and slip into bed, to dream the wonderful time you had.

If all of this brings back memories, then come join us at our General Meetings and join the Association. In addition, contact me at www.highlandshighalumni.com if you have any memorabilia you would like to donate.

We are hoping to have a Memorabilia Room (history museum) at Highlands soon. So your memories would be on display at the school -- happy wonderful memories.

Scots Forever!!!

TIDBITS

Alumni Memberships

By Mary Anderson '67

The Membership Committee has met several times, with Mary Anderson ('67) serving as chair and Alida Gonzales Steinbrecher ('67) and Kathy Cahall Cooper ('60) serving as members.

Our committee needs more members who have graduated from other years to join us in our endeavor. We're looking for enthusiastic alumni who have ideas or suggestions on how to get classmates interested in joining the Alumni Association. We feel part of the problem is that so many alumni don't know we exist. To become more visible we have set-up tables at recent reunions to get the word out.

If your class is having a reunion and has not been contacted by the Membership Committee member, then email me at marya195821@yahoo.com.

Please remember that the Committee does not want to "crash" the party. It only wants to set up a small table and be available to answer questions about the Association so we, in turn, can help out our school. In fact, at least 3 new members have joined as the result of our attending a class reunion. These new members are Wyatt Larson, class of '81, who joined at the '81 reunion, and Leo Baustian, class of '75 and his wife Linda DuBourdieu, class of '76, who joined at the '76 class reunion. A special welcome to them and all other new members.



Highlands High School Yearbook on CD's For Sale \$15.00 each

1959 - 1990 and 1992 - 2008

from cover to cover the
whole yearbook

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www.highlandshighalumni.com



LOU'S CORNER

By Loreene Sheppard '67

Classmates from 1959-1969 meet at Lou's Burgers the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. There's always a drawing for a free meal for the following month.

Lou's asked us to decorate their inside dining area walls, so if you have any pictures, newspaper clippings, etc., for 59-69, make a copy of it and stick it in a cheap frame and bring it on down. Oh, make sure to bring a hammer and nails or screw driver and screws, your choice.

Plans are in the making for classes from 59-69 to get together at 5:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall on one of these Saturdays. More information in the coming months.

Just to let you know, the Highlands Hogs (friends of Lou's) meet every Wednesday at 8 a.m. at Marie's Donuts.



Highlands High Memorial Board

We have added many names to our Memorial Board in the past years. If you have not visited our Memorial Board lately please do so. We depend on alumni, family members, and The Sacramento Bee to give us the information on those who have passed away. We would appreciate it if you would notify us with names, class, date passed, city and state, next of kin, and any other information such as a newspaper articles or programs from a service of alumni who have passed away so we can get it on the website.

If you go to the website and click on "newest additions" it will tell you who has been added to the Memorial Board, Membership, or people who have registered to the website. If they have passed on and we know the year it will show it on that page. Please visit our website at : www.highlandshighalumni.com

Thank you,

PeggyAnn Ellsbury Colclasure '67

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Words of wisdom from Will Rogers, one of the greatest political sages

1. Never squat while wearing spurs. 2. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
3. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. 4. There are two theories to arguing with a woman - neither works. 5. Always drink upstream from the herd.
6. Never miss a good chance to shut up. 7. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it. 8. Good judgement comes from experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment. 9. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there. 10. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back. 11. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

**The moral: When you're full of bull
keep your mouth shut.**

Highlands High '67 Reunions

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If you have a change of address, email or phone number please contact me so we can notify you of coming events.

If you know of an alumni of HHS who has passed away let me know so we can put it on the website: www.highlandshighalumni.com
or contact: pellsbury67@comcast.net

Contact People Needed

We need an alumni from each class as a contact on our website! We have contacts for classes '59, '63-'69, 71, 78, 79 & 84.

If a contact person for your class is not listed, volunteer yourself or ask someone who may be interested in volunteering and write to: webmaster@highlandshighalumni.com with school year, name and email.

Do not volunteer someone else. If they cannot write an email, they are not qualified to be your class contact. We want to make our website a place where alumni can come and get updated and accurate information about what the association and classmates are doing.

