



# Alumni News

Highlands Alumni Association -  
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## Quarterly Newsletter

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### Pres Ponderings...

It's already the 2nd quarter of 2012 (times moving quickly) and were off and running, with lots on the agenda. Here's a couple of our main goals. Number one, we need to raise more funds to help out with scholarships, programs and projects at Highlands. So I'm asking all of you to put your thinking caps on and come up with some fundraising ideas that we might venture into. Please send your ideas to Alida Steinbrecher at [socialsecretary@highlandshighalumni.com](mailto:socialsecretary@highlandshighalumni.com).

Number two, we're in the final completion stage of the beautification project we started two years ago at Highlands, located between the administration office and the cafeteria. Kudos go to Tom Bastion ('65) and Sandra Lansdon Cooper (HHS/FHS '66) for spearheading this project.

Don't forget to come and meet Highlands' scholarship winners on Awards Night. It is going to be held at the high school. If we have your email address you will be notified of the exact date once it is known. You just have to be there to really appreciate how special this night is for them. The Alumni is very proud of the student's achievements and to see the Association working for our students is very heartfelt and that is what we are about.

Again, I would like to mention how hard your Board of Directors is working to keep up with the demands of running the Association. I just can't believe how lucky I am to have them working with me and how proud I am of them. We will be having elections this fall and we want your support. If you would like to run for an office, let us know, or if you just want to join us at one of our events or meetings, refer to our calendar in this newsletter.

Also on the agenda, we'll be entering a float in the North Highlands Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28. We have won 2nd place for the past 3 years, and looking forward to coming in 1st place someday. So come help us build it, ride or walk behind it. It feels great to be part of this celebration. Also, we will have a yard sale at the Carmichael Elks on June 2nd. We are looking for donated items to sale, so if you have something to donate, call me at 916-412-7318.

Come see what we are all about.

Take Care everyone and hope to see you soon.

*Phil Olson,*  
President, Class of '65

### HIGHLANDS & TWIN RIVERS NEWS

by Mary Anderson '67

**All Hail to Our Highlands, especially in light of some good news on the academic front, including:**

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) awarded Highlands with a 6-year accreditation, the highest award any school can receive. Congratulations to the administration, faculty, students, parents, community groups, and the Alumni Association for their continued support.

Highlands' students finished 13th out of all Sacramento area high schools that participated in the Sacramento County Academi Decathalon in February. "Decathaletes" competed in many academic subjects, among them economics, mathematics, and social sciences. Students competed in their use of language in both a 4-minute planned speech and a 2-minute impromptu speech. Decathaletes also had 50 minutes to write an essay.

Los Rios Community College officials reported that Highlands' graduates are doing well above average. Reflects well on our school! In the meantime, many Highlands seniors have been accepted to the college of their choice.

**Eight special education students from Highlands passed the California High School Exit Exam.**

Music programs may start again at Highlands. (Hope so, anyway.) More information is to be made available in January 2013. Stay tuned.

The Twin Rivers District's "Project DREAM" is sponsoring the Third Annual College-Bound workshop. The purpose is to help students acclimate to college. Community support is needed. For more information, contact Kate Bishop-Hazarian at the District office at 916.566.1600, ext. 86014 or at [kate.bishop@twinriversusd.org](mailto:kate.bishop@twinriversusd.org).

In this 2011/2012 school year, nearly 870 students are attending Highlands. In the 2012/2013 school year, 985 students are projected to attend.

The Twin Rivers Board approved an Agreement to Establish an Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit at Highlands.



## Do you hear bagpipes?

by Steve Williams '62

The Class of '62 plans to celebrate its 50-year reunion with a party at the Lions Gate Hotel on **Saturday, August 25, 2012**. The Lions Gate Hotel is the former Officers Club at McClellan AFB. The party, begins at 6:30 pm, includes substantial hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a live band playing all your favorite rock & roll music from the 50's and 60's.

If you're coming into Sacramento from out of town or just needing a place after a great party, the Lions Gate Hotel is offering guestrooms at a special rate of \$89 plus tax – and the room rate includes a hot breakfast. The rate discount code to use by phone or online is "WEDD." The hotel's toll free number is 866-258-5651 or 916-643-6222.

The cost is \$49 per person for early bird registration (prior to July 1). The registration will be \$55 per person after June 30. If you are interested in helping to organize the 50-year reunion, please contact Steve Williams at (530) 757-2223 or [stevevms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevevms@sbcglobal.net).

The Class of '62 also welcomes anyone else who would like to help us celebrate this once in a lifetime event.

If you need a registration form go to [highlandshighalumni.com](http://highlandshighalumni.com) and click on the reunions link, find the '62 reunion and click on the word "flyer".

## Scholarship Time

Jim Warrick '67



Scholarships, scholarships, this is what we're all about, so pass the word along to any Highlands' senior letting them know it's time to apply for the Highlands High Alumni scholarship.

Students must have an overall "C" or better total high school GPA, students must enroll at either a college, university or vocational school. Applications must be submitted to the Alumni Association Scholarship Committee in care of Principal Hawthorne by May 1, 2012. Scholarship Chair Jim Warrick, class of '67, and his committee will review and select a number of students who have applied for these scholarships.



by Loreene Sheppard '67

Classmates from 1959-1969 meet at Lou's Burgers the first Saturday of each month at 12-3pm. 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.

Remember Highlands and Foothill Class of '67 is having its 45th reunion on Saturday, July 7, 2012 at the VFW Hall, 3300 U Street, Antelope.

We'll start at Lou's Burgers from 11-2 pm and from 5-11 pm at the VFW Hall. The music will begin shortly after 5p, so bring your socks and get ready to boogie. We will have a no host bar, snacks, & food.

The cost is \$10 per person. For a registration form go to [highlandshighalumni.com](http://highlandshighalumni.com) website, click on reunion and find the '67 reunion and click on the word "flyer".

## COMING SOON

- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., 11-3 pm., Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, June 2, July 7
- ☆ Highlands Hogs, Wednesdays, Maries Donuts, 8 a.m.
- ☆ HAA General Meeting 11:00 a.m. May 19 & July 14, 11:00 a.m. at NH SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave.
- ☆ Memorial Day Parade, May 28, for more info. call Phil at 916 412-7318
- ☆ Yard Sale at Carmichael Elks Club, June 2, call Phil for details at 916 412-7318
- ☆ Highlands/Foothill Class Reunion for classes '65, '66 and '67. Lion's Gate Hotel, June 23, check the reunion website: [highlandsfoothillclassreunion.com](http://highlandsfoothillclassreunion.com)
- ☆ Highlands class of '67, 45th reunion at Antelope (NH) VFW Hall, July 7, go to the reunion page, this website
- ☆ Highlands 50th Class Reunion for Class of '62, August 25, 2012, more info on this page

## **The Highlands High Alumni Association Website:**

Have you looked at the [www.highlandshighalumni.com](http://www.highlandshighalumni.com) website lately? There have been a lot of updates in the past year. I would like to ask you to go into the website and **update your personal information** so we can have the most up-to-date information including but not limited to: years at Highlands/Foothill, Name at Highlands, name now, email address, home address city/state, phone, date of birth, gender, marital status, spouse, children, grandchildren, military branch and years enlisted, occupation, favorite quote, hobbies, latest news. I will put in your Senior Picture from the yearbook (if you have one) that way people can remember what you looked like at Highlands/Foothill, and you can add 2 more pictures or we can help you with it.

### **We send out emails**

letting you know about what is happening with the Alumni



Association and when we get information on reunions and/or activities that classes are having we can send you the information so you can attend. Send us your reunion information ASAP.

## **Memorial Board**



We now have over 800 names on our Memorial Board. We need help from anyone who can confirm the passing of a former student at Highlands/Foothill High School. If you have a copy of an obituary from the newspaper or a memorial service with or without a picture that you can share with us please email them to: [pellsbury67@comcast.net](mailto:pellsbury67@comcast.net)

Thank You, PeggyAnn Ellsbury  
Colclasure '67 assistant webmaster



Check out the Reunions and Events links on the website to see what is happening!

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

1959 - 1990 and 1992 - 2008

from cover to cover the whole yearbook

contact: Clifford Colclasure 1966 & PeggyAnn Ellsbury Colclasure 1967

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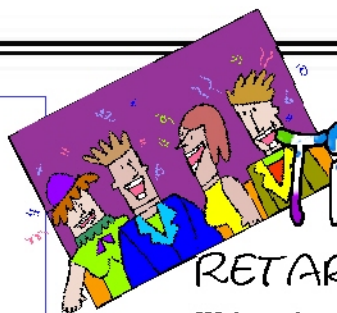
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## TICKLE RONE

### RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

*Written by a third grader, on what his grandparents do.*

AFTER CHRISTMAS, A TEACHER ASKED HER YOUNG PUPILS HOW THEY SPENT THEIR HOLIDAY AWAY FROM SCHOOL. ONE CHILD WROTE THE FOLLOWING:

WE ALWAYS USED TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS WITH GRANDMA AND GRANDPA. THEY USED TO LIVE IN A BIG BRICK HOUSE, BUT GRANDPA GOT RETARDED AND THEY MOVED TO ARIZONA

NOW THEY LIVE IN A TIN BOX AND HAVE ROCKS PAINTED GREEN TO LOOK LIKE GRASS. THEY RIDE AROUND ON THEIR BICYCLES, AND WEAR NAME TAGS, BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE ANYMORE. THEY GO TO A BUILDING CALLED A WRECK CENTER, BUT THEY MUST HAVE GOT IT FIXED BECAUSE IT IS ALL OKAY NOW, THEY DO EXERCISES THERE, BUT THEY DON'T DO THEM VERY WELL. THERE IS A SWIMMING POOL TOO, BUT THEY ALL JUMP UP AND DOWN IN IT WITH HATS ON.

AT THEIR GATE, THERE IS A DOLL HOUSE WITH A LITTLE OLD MAN SITTING IN IT. HE WATCHES ALL DAY SO NOBODY CAN ESCAPE. SOMETIMES THEY SNEAK OUT, AND GO CRUISING IN THEIR GOLF CARTS.

NOBODY THERE COOKS, THEY JUST EAT OUT. AND, THEY EAT THE SAME THING EVERY NIGHT - EARLY BIRDS. SOME OF THE PEOPLE CAN'T GET OUT PAST THE MAN IN THE DOLL HOUSE. THE ONES WHO DO GET OUT, BRING FOOD BACK TO THE WRECKED CENTER FOR POT LUCK.

MY GRANDMA SAYS THAT GRANDPA WORKED ALL HIS LIFE TO EARN HIS RETARDMENT AND, SAYS I SHOULD WORK HARD SO I CAN BE RETARDED SOMEDAY TOO. WHEN I EARN MY RETARDMENT, I WANT TO BE THE MAN IN THE DOLL HOUSE. THEN I WILL LET PEOPLE OUT, SO THEY CAN VISIT THEIR GRANDCHILDREN.



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