



Alumni News

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Pres Ponderings...

Here we are at the end of the 3rd quarter of the year. We have been busy getting the Memorial Gardens at Highlands High completed along with scheduling scholarship awards, yard sales and taking care of other business. It has really been busy, but I want to tell you something: it's been lots of fun. Taking care of business and making it fun is really what it is all about.

With the above said, I'm asking you to step up and join us. We are in the nomination process and looking for volunteers to carry on our fun, but important work. We are the foremost organization for the school and students. It is that simple, no one else is doing that for us. We put money into our students and our school. All our offices are open and waiting for you to run for the office, whether it's an officer or a Board of Directors seat, and of course we need direction to carry on. Our officers are: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, three member Board of Directors, seven Board of Directors at Large. As you can see there would be 15 members comprising the Board of Directors so we need lots of help.

We've had great fun with the Alumni Association so far this year, and with your help we will finish the year on a positive note. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and hopefully you will be at our Christmas Party scheduled for Dec. 1st. As we get closer to the party, there will be more detailed information posted on our website, so please be sure to check it out.

Take care all and see you soon.

Phil Olson
Class of '65
HAA President



Kris Kouw Mann '65 and Phil Olson '65 admiring the newest additions to the Memorial Gardens



Meet our Scholarship Winners



Kevin Tran, Natalie Quinonez and Eduardo Garcia

It's official, our scholarship awards winners received their scholarship checks at a special ceremonial Alumni Association meeting on July 14th.

Our first place winner, Kevin Tran, received \$1000.00 and our second place were Natalie Quinonez and Eduardo Garcia each received \$250.00 each.

Election Time

Are you interested joining a great group of people, having fun, reconnecting with your classmates, and contributing to a better tomorrow for our Highlands' kids? Or do you know someone who is? If so, complete the nomination form, which can be downloaded from the Highlands Alumni website, highlandshighalumn.com, then send it to HAA, P.O.Box 794, North Highlands, CA 95660.

The 2012 Nominations for Board Members are opened through October 31. The term of office for all positions is January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014.

A Big THANK YOU!

by Sandra Lansdon Cooper FHS/HHS '66

A great big thank you goes to Linda Ellsbury Olson, class of '66, for donating military uniforms to the Alumni Association for the Memorial Day Parades and other patriotic events and activities. The association will make these uniforms available upon request to the North Highlands/Antelope VFW Post.

The Association plans to display and store these uniforms in their History Museum which will be located on Campus, 2013. This is one way we can honor and remember those classmates who served in the military.

To identify the various military uniforms and accessories, Linda made a reference book as well. She has toured and set up many women's military displays and is available to anyone who needs information.

She can be contacted at minnielo5@eaglecom.net.



She and her husband, Dennis, are very active and hold offices in Wakefield, KS VFW Post. They also sell military surplus and are very knowledgeable on most military items.

When asked why she does this, her reply is "This is my way of helping and sharing". And we are grateful for that.

Building Effective Schools Together (B.E.S.T.)

Club Mission: B.E.S.T. Club aims to promote positive school culture, help the community, & FUNdraise to support student-incentives and the HHS Spirit Store.

Club Responsibilities: All B.E.S.T. Club members are required to attend (at least 90%) of club meetings, community and FUNdraising events.

Club Projects: FUNdraising (car washes, food days, phone calls to local community members/businesses), community clean-up, recycling, blood-drives, mural support, staff-appreciation, and many more.....

Club Benefits: All students who are actively involved will receive a "Certificate of Completion" for club participation (great for college applications!) and the opportunity to have a letter of recommendation written by club organizer.



Meeting President Bush

by Robert Baca '66

When I accepted an invitation to attend President Bush's Wounded Warrior Decorated Combat Veteran's Golf Tournament in September, I really just started knocking the ball around, not ready to play at all. But I didn't want to miss out on the event, so I figure I would go as an obscure duffer lost in the crowd and possibly hit a bucket of balls at the driving range.

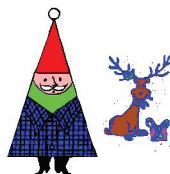
After a couple of hours, I was about to leave and decided to get something to drink near the 1st tee where a crowd was gathering. As I approached the crowd, I noticed a gallery of men and the secret service. Well you guessed it, there he was, President Bush.

He spotted me standing about 5-6 ft away taking pictures of him and others. When he recognized my Special Forces hat and shirt, he yelled to me and the secret service agent, "Hey get that Green Beret up here, I want to meet him"!

So I moved up and chatted with him for a few minutes and expressed my appreciation for putting this event on. We exchanged a few more words and he turned to his aide and said "Make sure Rob is invited next year and on my foursome!". Then we parted ways.

That's about it. It was a memorable event to meet the President..

Holiday Dinner & Dance



Don't miss this year's Holiday Party on Dec. 1st, at the VFW Hall at 3300 U St. There will be lots of food, dancing and fun. Details are still be worked out, so please visit our website in November for more information.



HIGHLANDS' HAPPENING

by Mary Anderson '67

1. Highlands will have a "student leadership teacher" who will oversee school activities.
2. The Building Effective Schools Together (B.E.S.T.) group will help conduct three or more blood drives during the school year. The first drive was held on September 18. Alumni can help by donating blood or doing whatever is needed.
3. Students want to bring back a "harvest festival". Information booths staffed by various campus groups will be set-up on Scotland Yard. The Alumni Association may be invited to participate.
4. Highlands' Homecoming will take place in October. The Alumni Association has been invited to participate.
5. Students will prepare for the Academic Decathlon. Alumni members may be asked to help the group via academic coaching.
6. Motivational speakers may be welcomed to address:
 - a. groups like Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID),
 - b. those enrolled in English as a Second Language (ESL), and
 - c. those who overcame barriers to academic achievements.
7. Highlands' students participate in a pre-holiday canned food drive that will benefit local food closets. The North Highlands Food Bank is housed at the St. Lawrence Church.
8. There's interest in the history of the school, including the initial set-up of the traditions. Members of the classes of '59, '60, and '61 have been contacted to help in this project
9. The Alumni Association and the Administration are working together to have HHS fight song "On to Victory" posted on the school's web site. Does anyone have the music to go with the words?



by Loreene Sheppard '67

Classmates from 1959-1969 meet at Lou's Burgers the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. And now we have the classes of 1970-79 meeting the last Saturday of the month.

There's always a drawing for a free meal for the following month.

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



MEMBERSHIP

by Mary Anderson '67

Let's give a warm welcome to those who have joined or re-joined the Alumni Association since July 1, 2012:

David Belmore 1962	Roy Cameron 1977
Jill Clark 1967	James Cutchlow 1965
Henry (Hank) DeVasher 1963	John Fox 1977
Eduardo Garcia 2012	Dona Godwin 1966
Toni Gonzales 1979	Jared Hawkins 1967
Joseph Jones 1976	Jack Leonard 1963
Barbara Peters 1963	Penny Pike 1967
Virginia (Jinny) Pitts 1967	Bob Smith 1962
Ronald VanSant 1962	

Again, a warm welcome, and we hope all can join us in as many Alumni functions as you can.

By the way, we have 147 members as of this writing. Let's work on getting even more members. A lot of great things are happening at our Alma Mater.

If you have any ideas about how we can reach alumni, especially in this age of social media, notify Mary Anderson at marya195821@sbcglobal.net.

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COMING SOON

- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., 11-3 pm., Nov. 3, Dec. 1
- ☆ Last Saturday Lunch at Lou's for classes of 1970-79, Watt Ave., 11-3 pm., Oct. 27, Nov. 24, Dec. 29
- ☆ Highlands Hogs, Wednesdays, Maries Donuts, 8 a.m.
- ☆ Homecoming football game, Oct. 5, Highlands
- ☆ North Highlands Jubilee, Oct. 20, Freedom Park, North Highlands, contact Jim Warrick at jdwarwick@lanset.com
- ☆ Class of '72 40-year reunion at Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan, contact Arleen DeGregorio at lady.megan.hamilton@yahoo.com
- ☆ HAA General Meeting 11:00 a.m. Nov. 10, Dec. TBA, 11:00 a.m. at North Highlands SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave.
- ☆ Golf Tournament, Spring 2013, Location TBA, contact Sandra Lansdon Cooper at sandracooper1966@yahoo.com

More events and reunion Details at www.highlandshighalumni.com under the reunion & event links.



FUNNY BONE

Did I read that sign correctly?

TOILET OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW
 IN A LAUNDROMAT: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE
 REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT
 IN A LONDON DEPARTMENT STORE: BARGAIN BASEMENT
 UPSTAIRS
 IN AN OFFICE: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP
 LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER
 STEPS WILL BE TAKEN
 IN AN OFFICE: AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE
 TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD
 OUTSIDE A SECONDHAND SHOP: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING -
 BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE
 ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?



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