



Alumni News

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Prez's Ponderings...

Happy New Year to all the members of the Highlands Alumni Association. I hope all of you come to know a lot of blessings as you meet the challenges that a new year can bring.

We accomplished a lot in 2012. We increased our membership, awarded scholarships, held fundraisers, and added the final touches to the Memorial Garden. A dedication for the Garden was held in October, when we acknowledged the Alumni members, the Highlands' staff, students, and the community members involved.

We are looking forward to a productive 2013 at Highlands. What can we do?

- Maybe continue to beautify Highlands, if that's what we members want and if it's financially feasible.
- Maybe get the Alumni Museum established so we don't lose any more of our history.
- Maybe help with getting the music back on campus, though it may only be an after-school activity.
- Maybe strengthen our relationship with the students by tutoring and mentoring so they can prepare for post-high school academics and for life.

Let us know what you think about the above, and if you have any ideas or suggestions, we'd love to hear from you.

To help finance our 2013 endeavors, we'll have yard sales, parties, a golf tournament (see "Golf" on page 2), etc. So keep checking our website and the events calendar in our newsletter.

These are exciting, yet challenging, times for us and for our Alma Mater. I'll keep you posted on all these activities in future "Prez's Ponderings."

Let's all work together to support the Alumni Association as it meets the challenges that 2013 will bring for us and for our Alma Mater. A year from now, I hope to report on the blessings that we have received. Happy New Year!

Mary Anderson

Mary Anderson
HAA President

Music to our Ears

Did you know that Highlands no longer has a music program? Would you like to help them get an after-school program started by donating to this cause? Money is always appreciated, but we're also interested in hearing your ideas or maybe you know someone who has an instrument or two to donate.

HAA is anxiously waiting to assist them in this program, so let us know if you are on board as well.

This endeavor is a huge challenge, but we believe with a lot of hard work and research, it can happen. On that note (pun intended), we'll keep you posted via the web and newsletter.

Phil Bids Farewell as Prez



I would like to thank all of you for making Highlands High Alumni Association successful this year. We are doing great things for the students and for the high school. It has been great being part of all this. We can always use more help if you are willing, so come and take part in our fun organization. The work we do is appreciated by the students, staff, faculty, the community, the district, and other alumni.

It has been a great honor to serve as president for the Alumni Association these past two years as well as a privilege to serve with other alumni, the board members, Highlands and affiliates.

I really appreciate all that the Board of Directors has done the past two years and working with them. My wife Diane and I are looking forward to serving on the Board of Directors for the next two years. Thanks everyone for all the support and Happy New Year.-----

Phil Olson

Class of '65
Former HAA President



Tutors Needed

Tutors are needed in all subjects, but especially in English and math. One to two times per week is all that is needed. Students need help to prepare for finals at the end of the semester. If your math and English are too rusty, then mentoring opportunities are a possibility. For more information call Veronica Matos at (916) 566-3465 ext. 66149 or veronica.matos@twinriversusd.org.



Highlands and Foothill alumni are putting on a golf tournament to raise money for scholarships for Highlands and Foothill students. Most of these students are from low income families.

We're hoping to have some great prizes, and a whole lot of fun, so come join us and reconnect with old classmates and make some new friends. Feel free to invite your family and friends.

If you don't golf, come anyway to cheer the golfers on, have some fun, food and maybe win a raffle prize or two.

When: Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 11:00 a.m.
Where: Turkey Creek, 1525 Hwy 193, Lincoln, CA
Cost: \$99 prior to April 1st, after April 1st \$110 includes lunch, golf fees and banquet dinner
Food Only: \$35 prior to April 1st, after April 1st \$40

A registration form will be emailed out in February giving you more details. If you are interested in getting a registration form email Sandra Cooper at sandracooper1966@yahoo.com.

Highlands High School Yearbooks on CD

Don't forget we still have Highlands High yearbooks for \$15 each. We still do not have 1991 but we have 1959 – 2008. The order blank is also on the website. Someone said we could use their yearbook to make a CD but I cannot find her email. If that was you or you have a 1991 yearbook we could use please contact me at: pellsbury67@comcast.net

Visiting Time

Rick Moysh

Class of '66



I am now living in Manti, Utah where I have been working for three years for the State of Utah in Medicaid and food stamp eligibility. I have retired several times but since my wife can't retire until the end of the school year from her counselor

job at the Blackfoot School District, she told me that I had to keep working until then. During this time we have been apart except for getting together once a month. We have been married for 43 years and I guess this must be one reason we're still together. It's pretty exciting when we do.

My two oldest boys live in Manti where they teach and coach wrestling at Gunnison High School. They let me get involved in helping them and we have had a lot of fun. They are in the process of turning a very poor program around and thus far have been very successful. It has been fun working with them and believe it or not, they even listen to me sometimes.

We also have three daughters who live in Logan and 11 grandchildren and one on the way this April.

I am going to transfer to Logan, Utah in the Fall where we just bought a town home. Yes, the daughters won out over where we would live when Janet retires. Hopefully I can stop moving around and we can spend some quality time together. However, I may not retire then because I do like what I am doing, most days.

My address now is 146 W 400 N Manti, Utah 84642 my phone number is 208-680-2770 and my email is rmoysh@yahoo.co. I would love to hear from some of my old classmates.

Visiting Time Column

"Visiting Time" column is for any alumni who would like to submit an article. It can be their life story, their adventures, something about their family, something funny or strange, etc. The only restriction is that it cannot be offensive or discriminating in any way. Send your articles via email to sandracooper1966@yahoo.com.



In Memoriam

If you want to know if someone you knew at Highlands has passed away go to www.highlandshighalumni.com and you will see a list of over 960 alumni that we have been notified about. They are listed by year but you can go in the search box and put them by their first or last names. If you see someone on the list that has not passed away or if you know of someone who has passed away that we do not have, please let me know as soon as possible at pellsbury67@comcast.net. We also have 11 who were "Killed In Action" (KIA) in Vietnam and we are asking if anyone knows of alumni who have been KIA since then to also contact me. Thanks to everyone who has helped us with getting information/obituary/program from the service or from a family member to confirm the information.

Thank You,

PeggyAnn Ellsbury '67 Colclasure



Recent Passings

Jim Lewis: Class of '67. Passed away December 20, 2012. Service and potluck will be Saturday, January 5th at 5pm at the VFW Hall in North Highlands.

Alida Gonzales Steinbrecher: Class of '67. Passed away December 27, 2012. Service will be Sat. January 12th at 2pm at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael. See more information at: <http://www.alidasteinbrechermemorial.com>

Joe Kichor: Class of '68. Passed away on January 1, 2013. Service will be at St. Lawrence, North Highlands, date unknown.

MEMBERSHIP



As of late December, we have close to 180 members. Let's give a warm welcome to those who joined us for the first time since October 1, 2012:

Lynette Anderson – 1966	Casey Guerra – 1992
Victor Hicks – 1974	Susie Davis – 1971
Cary Landry – 1960	Vivian Davis – 1962
Monica Richardson – 1992	Bill Gilbert – 1966



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 Marie's Donuts.

Alida and Jim Will be Missed

by Sandra Lansdon Cooper HHS/FHS '66

Normally I don't get personal, but I'm making an exception to say just a few words for two friends who recently passed away, Jim Lewis and Alida Gonzales Steinbrecher. They both were instrumental in getting the Alumni Association up and running.

I met them at Phil and Diane Olson's home in 2007 when we teamed-up to do the 50th Year Anniversary for Highlands. They were like family from the beginning. They participated in every Alumni Association activity from building floats to hanging garland for the Christmas parties to feeding the volunteers and planting flowers at the Memorial Garden site.

They both fought very courageously against their illnesses right up to the very end.

I miss them both dearly and pray that their families are able to cope with their losses and for them to remember the love and the wonderful memories they all shared.

Tidbits

Here's your chance to help in the community. It'll make you feel good and you'll meet some new friends, so check Highlands and HAA websites periodically to see what is going on. Recently alumni, students and staff participated in blood drives and "Coats for Kids".

The Memorial Garden is now done, but we believe there's more beautification on campus that can be accomplished. If you have suggestions or want to help, contact Mary Anderson at president@highlandshigh.com.

Who's Who/Offices

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- ☆ HAA General Meeting 11:00 a.m. Jan. 12, March 9, May 11, 11 AM at North Highlands SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave.
- ☆ First Saturday Lunch at Lou's, Watt Ave., 11-3 pm., Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6
- ☆ Last Saturday Lunch at Lou's on Watt Ave., 11-3 pm., Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 30, April 27
- ☆ Highlands Hogs, Wednesdays, Maries Donuts, 8 a.m.
- ☆ Class of '72 40-year reunion at Lions Gate Hotel, April 26 & 27, contact Arleen DeGregorio at ladymeghanhamilton@yahoo.com
- ☆ Golf Tournament, May 14, 2013, Turkey Creek, Lincoln, CA contact Sandra Lansdon Cooper at sandracooper1966@yahoo.com
- ☆ Class of '63 50-year reunion at Lions Gate Hotel, McClellan Park, Sept. 21, contact Jack Leonard at ldevinci59@yahoo.com

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



FUNNY ONE

PARAPROSDOKIANS...are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. *Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
2. *The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.*
3. *Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
4. *If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
5. *We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.*
6. *War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
7. *Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*
8. *They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.*
9. *To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
10. *Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.*
11. *I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.*
12. *In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'*



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