



Alumni News

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Prez's Ponderings...

40 Minutes a Year is All We Ask

Like a few of you, I was disappointed that we did not have a float in the Memorial Day Parade this year. We missed out on an opportunity to honor those alumni who offered their lives for their country and for us to participate in the community. Unfortunately, no one stepped forward to oversee the project. How can we insure this doesn't happen in the future?

Easy! Just commit to giving 40 minutes a year to your Alma Mater, for these 40 minutes a year can go a long way. How? By decorating the hall for the Holiday Party or by sitting at an information table distributing membership applications at a class reunion. If you like to be outdoors, helping to maintain the Memorial Gardens on campus or working to distribute information at our booth at the North Highlands Jubilee on October 19. Or by donating blood via the blood drives at Highlands or by setting up the Alumni Museum at Highlands. There's also the 2013 Homecoming and the school's 55th anniversary, when we can use your help. I think you'll find participating rewarding and fun because you will make some new friends and renew old acquaintances while helping your Alma Mater.

In addition, we may expand our donations beyond scholarships and campus beautification. If you have any ideas, please let me know via e-mail or you can attend the next Alumni meeting on Saturday, July 13, at 11 a.m., at the SAFE Credit Union on Watt Avenue.

We all have personal responsibilities: kids and grandkids, elderly loved ones, our jobs and our communities, and our health. We understand. So for these reasons, all we're asking is for 40 minutes a year. A little goes a long way, so give what you can so that we all can help our Alma Mater.

Mary Anderson

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HAA President

Scholarships Awarded



At Highlands Awards Ceremony in May, Highlands Alumni Association awarded scholarships to three deserving graduates. The first place winner is Laura Munoz who received \$1000. She plans to attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall. The two runner ups received \$250 each, they are Jessenia Delgado who plans to attend Sierra College and Mica Allian who plans to attend UC Davis.

The Highlands Alumni Association has awarded scholarships for the past six years. Our fundraising events are geared for raising money for the scholarships each spring. We want to thank all the students who have submitted applications and encourage all seniors at Highlands to participate each year. Applications are usually distributed in January or February. If anyone knows someone who will be graduating from Highlands in 2014, please be sure to have them ask his/her counselor for an application.



Don't miss the Rock N' Roll dance party on July 13 at the Phoenix Lounge, in Citrus Heights, 6:00-10:00 PM. The well drinks and beer are under \$4.00, and the food prices are more than affordable starting with corndogs at \$1.50, salads as low as \$2.00 and a burger with fries \$5.00, and much more. And there's NO COVER charge.

Everyone is invited, but we expect a good turn-out from the '60's & '70's kids from Highlands and Foothill.

Not only will you be dancing to tunes provided by DJ Phil Olson, HHS '65, but you'll have your chance to try your skill at the pool table and compete in a little dart throwing.

PLEASE RSVP by contacting Loreene Sheppard at 916 521-5817 or email her at tomboy_1967@yahoo.com.



Swing for Scholarships

Fun, Prizes, Food, Partnerships & Donations

On May 14th, a combined effort of Foothill and Highlands alumni along with their guests had a blast and raised a total of \$4,833 for scholarships.

We had 69 golfers, 29 guests and volunteers to join in the fun under the blue skies at Turkey Creek Golf Course in Lincoln. The morning started with socializing, buying raffle tickets, putting in the "Oven Mitt Putting" contest, listening to some tunes from the past played by DJ Phil Olson, HHS '65 and eating. Golfers were out on the course by 1:00pm. trying their best drive for the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize on hole #3, which was sponsored by Mike and Gail Pearce Hargis, FHS '67.

Golfers finished up by 6:00p.m and some tried their drive in the "Marshmallow Drive" contest before going to the social and dinner, where raffle winners won and awards were given out to:

First Place winners: Jeff Loux, Benito Guajardo HHS '79, Ed Bailey HHS'60 & Jim Sherrard HHS'61
Runner Ups: Gary Garland HHS'66, Tom Garland HHS'72, Mike Motley FHS'73 & Robert Barbieri FHS'69

Mixed Foursome: Bill Haley FHS'69, Shirley Libis FHS'67, Bob Haley FHS'70 & Debbie Haley FHS'71
Women's Longest Drive: Linda Meredith Siverling HHS'66

Men's Longest Drive: Jim Hanson FHS'67.

Straightest Drive: Mary Norberg Breedlove HHS'66

Closest to the Hole: Tom Swanson HHS'60.

Marshmallow Drive: Terry Parmenter HHS'66

Putting Contest: Teacher Bill Chambers HHS & FHS '59-'68

Check out the golf tournament picture album at http://highlandshighalumni.com/pictures/201305_golf/pages/201305_Golf_20.htm

"Visiting Time With" Column



"Visiting Time With" 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.

Visiting Time With

Diana Lancia Brandon

HHS '67



For the past two years we have celebrated Christmas in Arizona with my husband Lance's brother and sister. We would fly from Sacramento to Las Vegas and drive 2 1/2

hours to the Golden Valley in our rental car. Last year the journey took us eleven hours going and seven hours returning, due to delays and mechanical problems. So last December we decided to drive our motor home to Arizona along with our dog Taz, who rules our world. Being retired now, time was no longer an issue.

It didn't take us long to realize we were only getting 5-6 miles per gallon and with a 36 gallon tank, we were stopping often. Since Taz drinks a lot of water and has the bladder of a gnat, she loved the frequent stops. When we weren't stopped she would spend 90% of her time between my feet.

Since it was cold the the first day, we decided to stay in the motor home and play a dice game called 'Left, Right, Center' with Lance's brother and his fiancée. We had the heater going and all were toasty and comfy until it suddenly stopped blowing warm air. Via phone our mechanic in California suggested a few things to no avail. That night Lance, Taz, and I huddled in bed to keep warm. Thank goodness I bought that down comforter just before leaving California. The next day we headed to Prescott to celebrate Christmas. Prescott is at 5500 feet and was much colder than Golden Valley.

We were loaned a space heater not much bigger than a postage stamp that helped and we huddled in bed to stay warm. That night a storm hit with rain, sleet, snow and 50 mph winds. It dropped to 15 degrees. Glancing at Taz's water bowl, all seemed fine, until Taz started pacing. Quickly we discovered her water was frozen. Good grief! The spigots had icicles, the pipes were frozen, the toilet wouldn't flush, windows frozen inside and out, and the door was frozen and had to be pushed hard to open. The wheel blocks were frozen to the asphalt. We all prayed none of us would have to use the restroom.

More reality checks I learned along the way: Don't even think you can take a nap on the bed while the husband drives the motorhome. I was air born about three times! Also, about 40 miles before the next city, my husband proudly announces that this is the lowest he has let the gas tank get, about an eighth of a tank. I'm looking at him like he has three heads, trying to squelch my panic and wipe the nervous perspiration off my forehead. "Are you kidding me?!!" Luckily we came upon the only campground since starting our adventure, where there was a gas station.

Whew! Made it home safe and sound where Taz was ecstatic. The poor thing was constipated due to having very little grass in Arizona. She actually attempted backing into a shrubbery to do her business but that didn't work for her. Animal cruelty I swear!

Regardless of the cold, our trip was a pleasant adventure had by all. Oh....and the faulty heater? Not faulty at all. It was our gauge that was faulty. **We were simply out of propane!! +_)(*&^%\$#!**

Lance, Taz, and Diana





Passing



By Loreene Sheppard '67

HIGHLANDS GRADUATE	YEAR GRADUATED	PASSED
Michael E. Colburn	1978	
David Roth	1978	
Mac Terry Bassham	1962	
Carla Domiguez	1963	
Gary O. Edwards	1972	1972
Robert Slagter Jr.	1980	
Janet Knutson	1980	
Robert Bradford	1968	
Debbie Turner	1973	
Linda Smith	1960	2007
Carol Dunbar	1966	
Christina Tidwell	1963	2005
Jimmy Farrell	1969	
Jay Lowe	1967	
William R. Bill Crowder	1983	2005
James William Castner	1982	1986
Virginia Hall	1962	1982
Arnald Giddens	1958	
Bob Yates	????	
Dave Brandenburg	1970	1987
Gary Evans	1972	
Deborah Ward	1974	1997
Bobby Joseph Franco	1977	
Bill Swafford	1978	1997
John Skinner	1978	1997
Donna Jeanne Colley	1980	
David Bachmann	1980	
Dan Thomas	1974	
Leslie Carol Timmons	1980	2013
Beverly Butler	1961	
David Browning	1981	2013
Gary Trujillo	1968	1984
Rick Reeve	1971	
Robert Pugh	1971	
Dana Jon Coons	1971	
Donna Hardwick	1971	
Ronald Hodge	1971	
James Tinsley	1971	
Larragene Weisgerbe	1971	
'66-'69 FOOTHILL GRADUATE		
Ivan Condor	1968	

If you ordered a Highlands Scots sweatshirt with a bagpiper on it, it will be at Lou's on June 29 and July 6 at 11:00 AM.

Also, if you know of any HHS and/or FHS classes '66-'69 who have passed or have any information of alumni who died serving in the military, regardless of rank, please contact me at tomboy_1967@yahoo.com.

TIDBITS Alumni Memberships

By Juanita Pardun HHS '62

Let's hear a big "hip, hip, hooray" for our new members, who are:

Benito Guajardo '79, 1 year

Chris (Pasteris) Creech '67, 3 years

Melanie Greco '73, 1 year

Ken Knutson '67, 3 year

Linda (Davis) Miller '60, 5 years & scholarship donation

Rodney (Motley) Mitchell '65, 1 year

Susan (Samaniego) Points '69, 1 year

Membership is up. We now have 139, new and renewing members. In review of the applications and the lists, we found the addresses, phone numbers, and emails do not always match. So if you know you have changed your contact information since joining HAA, please contact me at haasunshine@comcast.net or Jim Warrick, 2ndVicePresident@HighlandsHighAlumni.com.

In April we ordered "hoodies" with Highlands' logo on them for alumni who lived out-of-state. When we received these items we attempted to notify those who ordered them with no avail. If you happen to be one of these folks who ordered, please notify me.

These hoodies were not pre-paid and since HAA is left "holding the bag" or should I say shirt, we will not be taking unpaid orders in the future. We still have an inventory of t-shirts. We are willing to order other shirt styles such as polos and hoodies, but they must be pre-paid.

With permission from the reunion committees, we set-up a table at class reunions, selling shirts and distributing membership forms. If anyone is interested in assisting or would like to have a table at their event, please contact me.



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**COMING
SOON**

- ☆ HAA General Meeting 11:00 a.m. July 13, Sept. 14 & Nov. 9, at North Highlands SAFE Credit Union, Watt Ave.
- ☆ First Saturday Lunch for classes '59-'69 at Lou's, Watt Ave., 11-3 pm
- ☆ Last Saturday Lunch at Lou's for classes '70 and beyond on Watt Ave., 11-3 pm
- ☆ Highlands Hogs, Wednesdays, Maries Donuts, 8 a.m.
- ☆ Rock N Roll Dance Party, July 13, 6-10pm., Phoenix Lounge, 5948 Auburn Blvd., Citrus Heights, no cover, food available to purchase
- ☆ 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



FUNNY ONE

PERKS OF REACHING 50 OR BEING OVER 60
AND HEADING TOWARDS 70!

1. KIDNAPPERS ARE NOT VERY INTERESTED IN YOU.
2. IN A HOSTAGE SITUATION YOU ARE LIKELY TO BE RELEASED FIRST.
3. NO ONE EXPECTS YOU TO RUN -- ANYWHERE.
4. PEOPLE CALL AT 9 PM AND ASK, "DID I WAKE YOU?"
5. PEOPLE NO LONGER VIEW YOU AS A HYPOCHONDRIAC.
6. THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO LEARN THE HARD WAY.
7. THINGS YOU BUY NOW WON'T WEAR OUT.
8. YOU CAN EAT SUPPER AT 5 PM
9. YOU CAN LIVE WITHOUT SEX BUT NOT YOUR GLASSES.
10. YOU GET INTO HEATED ARGUMENTS ABOUT PENSION PLANS.
11. YOU NO LONGER THINK OF SPEED LIMITS AS A CHALLENGE.
12. YOU QUIT TRYING TO HOLD YOUR STOMACH IN NO MATTER WHO WALKS INTO THE ROOM.
13. YOU SING ALONG WITH ELEVATOR MUSIC.

14. YOUR EYES WON'T GET MUCH WORSE.
15. YOUR INVESTMENT IN HEALTH INSURANCE IS FINALLY BEGINNING TO PAY OFF.
16. YOUR JOINTS ARE MORE ACCURATE METEOROLOGISTS THAN THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE.
17. YOUR SECRETS ARE SAFE WITH YOUR FRIENDS BECAUSE THEY CAN'T REMEMBER THEM EITHER.
18. YOUR SUPPLY OF BRAIN CELLS IS FINALLY DOWN TO MANAGEABLE SIZE.
19. YOU CAN'T REMEMBER WHO SENT YOU THIS LIST.
20. AND YOU NOTICE THESE ARE ALL IN BIG PRINT FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

FORWARD THIS TO EVERYONE YOU CAN REMEMBER RIGHT NOW! NEVER, TAKE A SLEEPING PILL AND A LAXATIVE ON THE SAME NIGHT!

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Sweat Shirt Sales**

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