

Alumni News

Quarterly Newsletter

Highlands Alumni Association (HAA)
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Prez's Ponderings

Here it is April already, and the Alumni Association has a lot to do.

First of all, we are looking for someone to step up to be our Legacy Room (Alumni Museum) Chair. If you are interested, you can e-mail Mary Anderson at marya195821@gmail.com or you can e-mail me at mothermann@hotmail.com.

Our 1st Vice President Kathy Cooper has graciously said "yes" to serving as chairperson for our Memorial Day Parade float. The theme this year is "All Gave Some, Some Gave All," and it will be held on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, starting at 10 a.m. The parade starts on I Street, then travels south on Watt Avenue to A Street, where the parade ends. Hope you can help us, and hope to see you along the parade route.

On an area note: Our Problem Oriented Policing (POP) conducted a 2-day "crime sweep" in the North Highlands and Foothill Farms areas and arrested 33 people. All this happened because members of both communities reported on crime in their neighborhoods. A big "thank you" goes out to the POP officers and to the residents who care for their neighborhoods.

On a related note, the neighborhood of Old Foothill Farms (across I-80 from Highlands and Foothill) recently held a special ceremony to dedicate a park bench in honor of our POP Officer Danny Oliver, who was killed in the line of duty last October. Officer Oliver was a Grant HS alumnus, and a lot of people who live in Old Foothill Farms graduated from Highlands and Foothill. So anytime you are in the neighborhood, stop by, sit, and reflect a while. The park bench faces Pioneer School. (By the way, I live in the house where I grew up, which happens to be in Old Foothill Farms.)

The Twin Rivers Facilities Master Plan Town Hall meetings will be held on May 11 and Monday, June 1. They are at three different facilities, but the meeting on June 1 will be at Highlands, in the Buchanan Room (aka, the cafeteria), from 7 to 8 p.m., to address any concerns about Highlands' facilities. If any of your offspring attend or will attend Highlands, then you should attend this meeting. Hope some of you can attend.

If you are not a member of the Alumni Association, come join us. We help the students by providing scholarships, we help the facility by improving the landscape of the school, and we help the community by participating in community events. Most of all, we have fun helping. So come join us.

2015 DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 29	Senior/Alumni Baseball Game at Highlands
Wednesday, May 13	3 rd Annual Highlands/Foothill Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 16	Alumni Board Meeting
Monday, May 25	North Highlands Memorial Day Parade
Monday, June 1	Twin Rivers Facilities Master Plan Town Hall meeting
Monday, June 8	2015 Graduation, Highlands' Bowl, 7 p.m.
Saturday, July 11	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, September 12	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, October 10	North Highlands Jubilee
Saturday, November 14	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, December 12	Alumni Holiday Party at Elks Club in Carmichael

If you want to attend any events at Highlands, go to <http://haad-trusd-ca.schoolloop.com> to learn what's happening any day or week. Maybe a baseball game would interest you or your kids or grandkids. Check it out!

Alumni Baseball Game

The Alumni Baseball Game, which is becoming a tradition for the Alumni Association, will take place on Wednesday, April 29, at 4 p.m. This is when a Highlands alumnus throws out the first pitch before Highlands' game with Rio Vista High School. He also gets to chat with today's players before the game. Highlands' baseball benefits by having at least \$25 donated from the Alumni Association. This year, the game is also special because it is the last game for the seniors; we can take the time to wish those young men well in their post-high school endeavors.

Do you know anyone who played baseball at Highlands and who can throw out the first pitch? (By the way, Phil Olson ('65) and Michael Thayer ('78) have done the honors the last 2 years.) If you do, have him notify Mary Anderson at marya195821@gmail.com by **Saturday, April 25.**

Scots 2015 Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location
August 28	Mesa Verde	Mesa Verde
September 4	Kennedy	Highlands
September 11	Mira Loma	Mira Loma
September 18	Natomas	Highlands
September 25	Rio Vista	Rio Vista
October 2	Encina	Highlands
October 9	San Juan	San Juan
October 16	Golden Sierra	Highlands
October 23	Bradshaw	Highlands
October 30	Valley Christian	Valley Christian (San Jose)

Go Scots!!!

When's Homecoming? Mary Anderson will ask Principal Hawthorne to notify her as soon as a game is selected. If you're planning a reunion in October, I know you'll want to know when the Homecoming game is so that you can plan accordingly.

Annual Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Highlands/Foothill Golf Tournament (Swing for Scholarships) takes place on Wednesday, May 13, at the Turkey Creek Golf Course in Lincoln. It is up to par with many alumni signing-up. In addition, over 20 alumni are volunteering to help the day of the tourney.

However, there is still room for more golfers. Those interested in playing golf or just hanging out having fun socializing, eating, and bidding on silent auction and raffle items can do so for a discounted rate if signed up by **Monday, April 20**. This event is open to the public so invite friends, family, and neighbors. Over the first 2 years, close to \$10,000 has been raised for scholarships. For more details, you can visit the Highlands Alumni website at www.highlandshighalumni.com.

Hope to see you at the tournament!

Notes from Alumni Meeting of March 14, 2015

1. Graduation is just around the corner, and with that, the Alumni Association is preparing to award scholarships. As was done last year, the Alumni Association will award \$3,000 in scholarships. All Highlands seniors are encouraged to apply, including those who plan to attend a trade school.
2. Graduates from Foothill High school may start their own Alumni Association. In the meantime, a gala is being planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the school's opening. More details to follow.
3. "All Gave Some, and Some Gave All" is the theme of this year's Memorial Day Parade in North Highlands. As we've done in previous years, we alumni will participate. If you have any good ideas for a float or anything else, then notify Kathy Cahall Cooper, the chairperson of this event, at kathycooper43@yahoo.com. Looking forward to hearing from you. (By the way, you do have a good idea for a float, don't you?)
4. The 2015 Holiday Party will be held at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael. The festivities will take place on Saturday, December 12, in the evening. More information forthcoming.
5. Have you always wanted a Highlands Alumni t-shirt? Well, you can have one for free if you purchase a 5-year membership to the Alumni Association. You can purchase a 5-year membership at the gatherings at Lou's or at the Golf Tournament. You can also print out the membership application from the Alumni website at www.highlandshighalumni.com, and then mail it in. Simple. Looking forward to having you join us.
6. Do you like history? Do you know the importance of preserving history? If so, then we need you. The Alumni Association needs someone to oversee the Legacy Room (aka The Alumni Museum). If you're interested, then e-mail President Kristine Kouw Mann at mothermann@hotmail.com or Mary Anderson at marya195821@gmail.com.

Class Reunions

Here is some class reunion information that may interest you, your friends, or members of your family:

1. The class of **1960** will hold its **55-year** reunion on **Saturday, October 10**, at the **Lions Gate Hotel** at McClellan Park. Contact **Jeanette Null Laprezioso** at jlapre@comcast.net for more information.

2. The class of **1965** will hold its **50-year** reunion on **Saturday, June 13**, at the **Lions Gate Hotel** at McClellan Park. Members of all classes are invited. Dinner will be a Hawaiian Luau, costing only \$50. Dancing to Los Hombres (featuring Martin Chavez and '65er Phil Olson). For more information, contact Diane Aspenson Olson at 916.595.7318 or e-mail her at rodeo04@sbcglobal.net.
3. What are you doing on **Friday night, June 19**? If you're a member of the class of **1975**, then you are invited to attend your **40-year reunion**, to be held at the **Haggin Oaks Golf Course** (Fulton Avenue and I-80), Sacramento. Members of all classes are invited to attend. There will be a Buffet Dinner and dancing. The cost is \$65 per person or \$120 per couple if you pay by June 1. If you pay at the door, the cost is \$75 per person; no discount for couples. Contact **Donna Tullos-Salah** at <highlandsscot@yahoo.com>.
4. The class of **1980** will hold its 35-year reunion on **Friday, May 29, and Saturday, May 30**.
 - a. On Friday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. until closing, there will be a no-host evening mixer at the Brookside Restaurant and Bar, 9819 Horn Road, Sacramento. Casual dress.
 - b. On Saturday, May 30, from 11:00 a.m. until sunset, there will be a Potluck Picnic at Freedom Park, 3200 Freedom Park Drive, McClellan (next to the Aerospace Museum). Lunch to be served from noon to until 2 p.m. The reunion committee will provide roast pork, fried chicken, mac & cheese, baked beans, potato and pasta salads, and rolls, plus dessert, sodas, and bottled water. Please bring side dishes and appetizers to share.

Contact Margaret Neuhauser-Johns at <mcjohns@comcast.net if you have questions.

Do you know whom to contact to get information about reunions for the classes of 1970, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2010? We want to hear from them. Those alumni are welcome to post reunion information on the website at www.highlandshighalumni.com.

Legacy Room (aka Alumni Museum)

Some work has been done on the Legacy Room. Recently, Mary Anderson ('67), Mike Denson ('72), and Shirlene Lansdon ('62) cleaned display cases and repaired trophies. The trophies are mostly music trophies from the '80s and '90s. We will ask where other trophies for academic, athletic, and music competitions may be.

On Wednesday, April 1, Mary Anderson ('67), Ruth Beavers Welsh ('59), Marilyn Inman Pronesti ('59), and Irma Lerma Barbosa ('67) gathered to brainstorm ideas. Among the ideas discussed was meeting with Principal Hawthorne to see in what ways Highlands itself can help us, including having help from some students. We'll see. The group also decided to work on the Room every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to about 3 p.m. We will check into how vacation times will be handled.

The Legacy Room is for all who graduated, and not just for a few classes. Let's all do what we can for this interesting project, and let's all encourage others to participate.

Let Us Remember

Passings from January 1, 2015 to March 31, 2015

Teacher – Bob Spindler

1959 – Peter Huckleberry

1967 –Henry (Hank) Skaja

1969 – James (Jim) Postak

1970 – James Polen, Owen Michael (Mike) Stewart

1971 – Terry Fitzgerald

2006 – Thomas Massie

Prior Passings, But Only Recently Learned – James (Jim) Bergland*, Michael (Mike) Bergland (67), Patricia (Patty) Blakey*, Riccho Blakey*, Sheila Blakey ('74), Victoria Blakey ('72), Dennis Causing – aka "Titus Crowe" ('69), Brent Hart ('69). (*Graduation date not known.)

Prior Passings, Class of '81 - Scott Arnott, Viclie Billote, Megan Blakely, David Browning, LeRoy Crews, Kelly Filbert, George Dean Flick, Nadine Hatfield, Walter Johnson, Antonio Polite, Tony Poute, Tracy Rogers, Stephanie Simpson, Taniko Smalls, Steven Walden, Kim Woods, and Charles Zahlke

Other – George Quan Jr., who donated to the Alumni Scholarship fund in the early years. According to the funeral notice in the January 23, 2015, edition of *The Sacramento Bee*, Mr. Quan played an active role in developing North Highlands during the post-war years. We have a lot to be grateful for.

Please notify us if you hear of the passing of someone who attended or who graduated from Highlands or who served on Highlands' staff. You can e-mail me at <marya195821@gmail.com>. You are also welcome to compose a short tribute to someone who meant a lot to you.

Alumni Gatherings

Do you want to meet with your fellow classmates throughout the year? Here are the times when you can do so:

First Saturday – The classes of '59 to '69 meet at Lou's Drive-In, on Watt Avenue, north of Don Julio Boulevard, from 11 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

Third Friday – The classes of '59 to '69 meet for lunch at Mimi's on Alta-Arden, between Howe and Ethan, at 11:30 a.m.

Last Saturday – '70s folks meet at Lou's, from 11 a.m. until about 2 p.m.

Are there any other groups meeting regularly? If so, then notify Mary Anderson at marya195821@gmail.com.

Highlands High All-Class Reunion Cruise/ Fundraiser

Monique Massey Jefferson, class of '98 and a travel consultant, sent me the attached article. Some of you may have read this on Facebook. (By the way, this event is not endorsed by the Alumni Association.)

Because we have lost so many Scots from all classes, I thought it would be a great idea for an All-Class Reunion and Fundraiser for our alma mater. I am a graduate of the class of 1998. My mother, Deborah Massey- Muse, is a class of 1974. My uncle, Vincent Massey, is class of 1969. And my two deceased uncles are Alan Massey (class of 1973) and Raymond Massey (class of 1984). They all told me great stories growing up of their adventures in high school and the awesome times they had at their class reunions. Since I graduated, our class has not gotten together, but we have lost classmates.

Carnival Cruise Lines has a fundraiser option that will give \$5/day/ person paid to the school. This cruise to Baja, Mexico, will give all Scots a chance to reconnect and have fun. But more importantly, it will give much-needed funds to the school that helped mold us into the people we have become. Because of the families and funding, I initiated the cruise in January. Because of the response, we must now move more quickly to get the deposits in.

There are two dates we have blocked off for our group. The first is a 4-day cruise (Booking No. 5SoFH6) leaving out of Los Angeles on **July 20** for Baja (Mexico) on the *Carnival Inspiration*. The second is a 3-day cruise leaving out of Los Angeles on **July 30** for Baja (Mexico) on the *Carnival Imagination*.

If you are interested in this All-Class Reunion and Fundraiser, you can call me (Monique) at 1.256.288.8562. I (Monique) can e-mail you information on the itinerary, costs, and passport requirements. Hope to hear from you soon.

Touching Article

I recently received the following note from Richard Moysh ('66), in which he details his fight with cancer. I hope his note inspires you to deal with whatever challenges you may be facing.

Hi, Mary. I hope I am not too late. I just thought I would let everyone know that I spent most of 2014 fighting a broken back in 3 places, and when they did the X-rays, they found bone marrow cancer. They told me it was real bad; 94% of my bone marrow was full of cancer and the doctors did not give me much of a chance. We started chemo treatments in July (twice per week), with hopes of getting into the bone marrow transplant program in September. Well, I got in and started, lost my hair, got REALLY sick, and thought I was going to die. For 14 days it was very bad, but after 14 days, I made it and started getting better. At Thanksgiving they ran a whole battery of tests, and I was declared "cancer free." Thanks to my Heavenly Father and the prayers of my family and friends. It was made official at the end of January after 60 days and another round of tests. I am now just trying to recover my strength, which they tell me could take as long as a year. I went from 250 pounds to 175 pounds. I'm back to 185 pounds and holding. Life could not be any better. Just thought I would let people know miracles do happen.

And I bet "miracles" have happened to others. Share so that others can have hope.

Next Edition

The next edition of *Alumni News* is scheduled to be published around July 10. If you have any news, such as reunion planning, passings, opening a new business, etc., then send it in by **July 1**. E-mail me at marya195821@gmail.com if you have questions or concerns.