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Prez's Ponderings

By Kristine Kouw Mann

Summer is here!! Time for vacations or staycations, camping trips, and family and school reunions, swimming, baseball games, or celebrating our Nation's Birthday with a day of barbecues, homemade ice cream, and fireworks. Oh the ooohs and aaahs of the kids as they watch the bursts of fireworks going off in the night sky. This year, for Californians, it is our fourth year of drought, so please be careful with your summer celebrations.

I invite all Highlands Alumni to join the Alumni Association. Dues are \$10.00 a year or \$25 for 3 years. As an Alumni Association, we are committed to the students, the faculty, the staff, and the community. Every year since the beginning of our Association, we have provided scholarships to deserving seniors, and we have improved the school grounds with a mural and the Memorial Garden. During the 2014/15 school year, we helped needy kids by providing a cap and gown to a graduating senior, prom tickets, and dental assistance to a student needing dental work. We hold meetings every other month, participate at homecoming, celebrate the Holidays, and participate in the Memorial Day Parade. A golf tournament is held annually, with alumni from both Foothill and Highlands, to raise money for the scholarship funds of both schools. So come join us.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. Go Scots!

Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Highlands/Foothill Golf Tournament, which was held on Wednesday, May 13, at the Turkey Creek Golf Course in Lincoln, was a big success. For Highlands, over \$3,000 was raised for the scholarship fund. Congratulations and thank you for all who worked so hard to make this tournament a success. Plus a big thank you to all who participated, for you are the big winners. See you next year.

2015 DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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| Thursday, August 20 | First Day of School |
| Saturday, September 12 | Alumni Board Meeting |
| Friday, October 9 | Homecoming (vs Encina) |
| 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 volleyball game or a choir performance would interest you or your kids or grandkids. Check it out!

Class Reunions***Class of 1965's 50-Year Reunion***

By Kristine Kouw Mann

The Class of 1965 held its reunion on Saturday, June 13, exactly 50 years and 3 days since graduation. June 10, 1965, was the day 535 seniors walked down the ramp and onto the football field to receive their diplomas. The Class of 1965 is the largest graduating class in Highlands' history – and will likely remain that way.

The reunion was held at the Lions Gate Hotel. The Hawaiian-themed dinner/dance was a celebration opened to all graduates. Attendees renewed old friendships, made new friends, and had a great time. Phil Olson served as the evening's DJ. The "Sugar Shack" was turned into the "Surf Shack." Good times. It really is hard to believe it has been 50 years, especially when someone like Harry Schmidt still looks just like his yearbook picture. (Really, Harry, you have NOT changed in 50 years.)

A big "Thank You" goes out to the committee members: Sherry Antrim and her husband Martin Chavez, Diane Aspenson and Phil Olson, Linda Ballard Eastburn, Phyllis Chapman Kellogg, Cindy Hammersly and Daryl Sullivan, Kathy Hedrick Casper, and Kathy Weber Fowler. Thank You to all who did a great job.



Folks having a good time at the Class of '65 reunion. Do you recognize anyone?

Upcoming Class Reunions

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

1. The class of **1985** will hold its 30-year reunion the weekend of August 8 and 9. **On Saturday, August 8, at 6:30 p.m.**, the group will meet at the Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan Park. Then on **Sunday, August 9, at noon**, the festivities continue at Gibson Ranch (Area 2C). For more information, contact Lynna Miller at lynnahood@yahoo.com.
2. The class of 1970 will hold its **45-year** reunion on **Saturday, September 26, from 6 to 11 p.m.** Cost is a \$40 per person. Contact Scherry Branson Atwell at mrsatwell@comcast.net for more information or check the class's Facebook page <Highlands Class of 70>. Committee members are looking forward to seeing their former classmates.

3. The class of **1960** will hold its **55-year** reunion on **Saturday, October 10**, at the **Lions Gate Hotel** at McClellan Park. The fun starts at 5 p.m. Dinner choices include chicken, tri-tip, and vegetarian. You can e-mail Jeanette Null Laprezioso at jlapre@comcast.net. Reservations are required by **August 30**.

Legacy Room (aka Alumni Museum)

Some work has been done on the Legacy Room. Mary Anderson ('67), Mike Denson ('72), and the '59ers (Ruth Beavers Welch, Diana DeCaires Lansdon, and Marilyn Inman Pronesti) have been organizing the room.

So far, a music room has been established; there the many awards that Highlands won in music alone will be on display. Pictures and certificates will also be displayed.

We want to display awards for academic and athletic achievement. A lot of the trophies and certificates have, unfortunately, been lost. If you won an award or were presented a certificate and want to donate the symbol of your achievement, you are welcome to do so. Just e-mail Mary Anderson for more information at marya195821@gmail.com.

The museum displays will be geared to the classes having reunions because members of those classes will be in town. They can also bring the memorabilia they want to donate to the Legacy Room. We **may** open for a short while on a Friday so that out-of-towners can visit their old high school.

We need a computer and someone who is familiar with organizing data. If you know of a Scot who qualifies, please notify us.

During the summer, the Room is open from 9 a.m. until noon. During the bulk of the school year, the Room is open from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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, including encourage others to participate.

Let Us Remember

These are Scots who passed away before July 1, 2015, or whose passings we have recently learned:

1961 - Jerry Hunt, Daniel Sullivan

1964 - Deborah Sue Akin

1965 - John Grainger

1970 - Jeff Currier

1972 - Cynthia Price, Calvin Putnam

1973 - Linda Baker

1974 - Dan Shumate

1975 - Dawn Anderson, Mavis Collier, Tommy Dalton, David Guajardo, Charles Kostel, Marla Knudsen, Douglas Morton, Thomas Alan Posehn, Albert Roderick, Mary Tyler, Denise Wright

1976 – Steve Kanakas

1977 – Carol Mangum

1978 - Terri Lee Matson, Joseph Poole

1979 – Gary Schjei

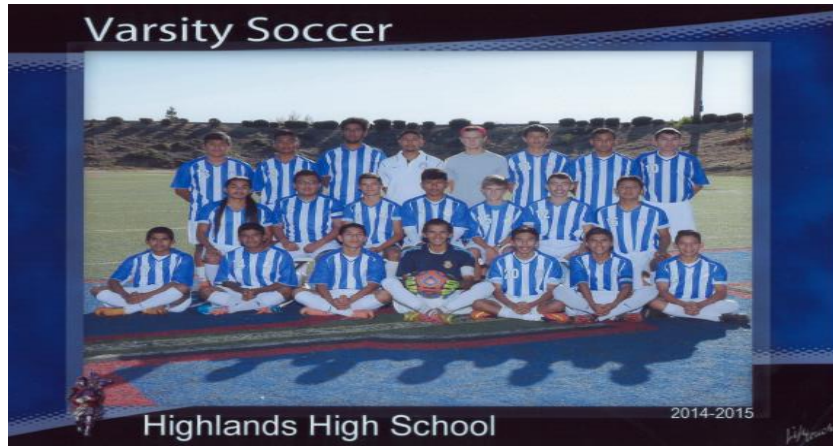
1984 – Roxanne Lanham

Terri Lee Matson Romer (Class of 1978). Born November 15, 1959, and left us on June 10, 2015. Survived by two children (Sonya and Pete Matson) and three adopted children (Francine, Daniel, and Tony). Also survived by 15 grandchildren. She lived a great life, touching many hearts and always going the extra mile for others. (Written by a fellow classmate.)

Corrections from the April 2015 Newsletter –

1. Peter Huckleberry was listed as class of 1959; he graduated in 1960. He also did not pass in 2015.
2. Leroy Crews was a member of the class of 1960 and not 1981.

News from Highlands



The Highlands High School boys' soccer team had a great season this year. The team advanced to the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Section championship game against No. 1 ranked Capital Christian. Unfortunately, the Scots lost a fiercely contested game 2-1 but were still able to claim a well-deserved second place!



Highlands High School was able to host its first year of choir performances in a long time. Students and staff [and Alumni] are excited to see the choir program come back to the Highlands community. The choirs gave performances and were a nice representation for the start of the Highlands High School music program. It is nice to have a music program on the campus again, which is off to a great start. Highlands is looking forward to many more performances.



This year Highlands paired up with both Zion Lutheran Church & Shriners Children's Hospital to help support those affected by the Ebola outbreak in Africa and to help support children who are hospitalized due to chronic health conditions. Throughout the school year, the Highlands Associated Student Body (ASB) organized both a supplies drive and a toy drive to try to support people going through difficulties, showcasing students' interest to make a difference both in the local community as well as over the entire world.



With a starting record of 13-2 and a championship in the Coach T Tournament, the Highlands High School varsity girls' basketball team had one of its best seasons in years.

Highlands is looking forward to next year's season, for the team had mostly underclassmen who will return for the 2015/16 school year.

Alumni Baseball Game

The Alumni Baseball Game took place on April 29. This is when alumnus Greg Ausmus ('68) threw out the first pitch before Highlands' game with Rio Vista High School. Highlands' baseball benefitted by having a donation from the Alumni Association. This year, the game was also special because it was the last game for the seniors. Seniors from both teams were recognized before the game. Thank you, Greg. By the way, Highlands lost 15-6 (ouch!!!). They finished with a 2-13 record. But let's look on the bright side: a lot of freshmen will be on the team next year.



One of the freshmen is Chad Bruner, who is seen posing with Greg Ausmus ('68).



Here Greg Ausmus ('68) throws out the first pitch in Highlands' game with Rio Vista.