

Alumni News

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Prez's Ponderings

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I have been so busy at work and traveling for work, that I did not really have time to think about what to write. Then recently my Boss and I were having a long conversation about our grandkids, our childhoods, old movies, just stuff. Then it hit me: Write about the conversation.

We are both the products of the 50's, graduating in the 60's, she going off to Yale and Berkley, getting married, having 2 daughters, living in England, going on digs in the summer. Her life was very different from mine, but in lots of ways the same. Oh not the college part, or the England part, or the digs part, but the married and having children part. She was elected to her position in county government; I am her Executive Assistant. I went to dental assisting college, worked in retail, met and married, had 3 boys, and after 33 years, was suddenly widowed.

As we sat there talking, we remembered playing jacks (we both still have our jacks), roller skating (I still have my skates and the all-important key), bike riding, and just playing outside (no such thing as a "playdate" back then). The first day at junior high (Don Julio for me), so different from elementary school, and the first day at Highlands, so different from junior high.

The point of this is for you to have a talk with your friends. Share with them the memories of your childhood, then pass onto your kids and grandkids the memories of those things you did when you were a kid. Get out the old photo album, show them the pictures. Tell them about the changes over the years.

I guess this article is really written for the 50's, 60's and early 70's grads of Highlands. We have seen a lot of changes, and with that, I am going to go play jacks and put on my skates.

Go Scots!!

DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 13	Highlands' Choir Performance, Little Theater or Buchanan Room (aka Cafeteria)
Saturday, November 14	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, December 5 (Note the date)	Alumni Holiday Party at Elks Club in Carmichael
Saturday, January 9	Alumni Board Meeting

Please note that all meetings of the Alumni Board are held at the SAFE Credit Union on Watt Avenue, south of Roseville Road. They start at 11 a.m.

By the way, 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!

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.

Notes from Recent Alumni Meetings

The Alumni Board was briefed about the Twin Rivers School District Facilities Management Plan as it relates to Highlands. Within the next 5 years, the District hopes to install HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning) in the J Wing, where the Little Theater, the Choir Room, and the Legacy Room (Alumni Museum) are located. Within the next 20 to 30 years, the District hopes to expand both the boys' and girls' gyms and to incorporate the technology of the times so that the students are prepared for their post-high school lives.

Please notify me (Mary Anderson) at marya195821@gmail.com if you have any questions about the Facilities Management Plan. I can then forward your questions to either Highlands or School Board officials.

Notes from Recent "Back-to-School" Night

Highlands is eligible for Federal funding for low-income schools.

Para-educators are supporting teachers so that students can get help. After-school tutoring is available.

Parents are encouraged to take part in students' educations. Computer-related programs are available to make this happen.

Let Us Remember

These are the Scots who passed away between July 1 and September 30, 2015, or whose passings we have recently learned:

Teachers

Alfred E. Andersen, who taught history at Highlands from the 1958/59 school year through 1964/65. He then went on to teach at Foothill. His funeral notice in *The Sacramento Bee* reads, in part: **Served in the Navy for two honorable years (1944 -1946). Graduated from The University of California, Berkeley in 1949. Received his teaching credential from Sacramento State University and then taught history in the Grant Unified School District for 25 years. He earned a Master's Degree from Oregon State University.**



Ruth Ann Wulff, who taught math for 25 years, the last 18 were at Highlands, until her retirement in June 2014. In her private life, she was married for 50 years to her husband John L. Wulff, and they had 4 children.

Alumni

- 1961 - Wayne Stevens
- 1966 - Richard (Rick) McCune
- 1967 - Alan Nicolaisen
- 1969 - Dennis Causing
- 1970 - Bill Flud
- 1971 - Russ Bertolino
- 1973 - Carolyn Brown, Afton Harrington
- 1974 - Tim Brand
- 1985 - Dennis Stowe
- Other - Melvin the Janitor

If you hear of the passing of any Highlands alumni, any one-time Highlands teacher or administrator, or any Highlands support staff (e.g., custodians, cooks, clerical support), then notify me (Mary Anderson) at marya195821@gmail.com. We ask that you identify the source of your information, such as a newspaper death notice, a family notice, or a notice posted by the funeral home.

You are welcome to honor someone who meant something to you with a paragraph or two. That will mean a lot to the person's family, friends, and classmates.

A L U M N I H O L I D A Y P A R T Y

What are you doing on Saturday night, December 5? Well, you're going to the Highlands High Alumni Holiday Party. And you're even going to bring some of your friends from your days at Highlands. That's what you're doing on Saturday, December 5.

The festivities start at 4 p.m., with a "meet and greet." Then at 6 p.m., dinner will be served. The dinner will feature turkey, yams, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and coffee or tea. The dinner is followed by dancing, with music provided by Hombres.

There will be a silent auction and drawings for raffle prizes starting at 8 p.m. Proceeds from the Silent Auction and the raffles will go to the Highlands Alumni Scholarship Fund. The party will last until 11 p.m.

The party will be held in the Ballroom of the Carmichael Elks, 5631 Cypress Avenue, Carmichael, a few blocks west of Manzanita.

The cost to attend the Holiday Party is \$25 per person. If you have any questions, contact Chairperson Jim Warrick at jdwarrick@lanset.com.



Make your check payable to the "Highlands High Alumni Association", then mail this form, along with your check, to:

Highlands High Alumni Association
Attention 2015 Holiday Party
P.O. Box 794
North Highlands, CA 95660-0794

Name _____

Phone No. () _____

E-Mail: _____

Total number attending _____ x \$25 = _____

Legacy Room News

Do you like to decorate? Do you like to arrange and re-arrange the pictures on the wall? Do you like history? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, then there’s an opportunity for you to decorate and to re-arrange pictures in the Legacy Room (Alumni Museum).

The opportunity is to offer good ideas on how to make the Legacy Room a place that both alumni and students want to visit. Every Wednesday morning, several Alumni gather to work in the Room. So far they have arranged trophies, set up displays on shelves and in cases, and have come up with exciting ideas on how classes can set up displays for themselves. And we need good ideas from you and your fellow Highlands’ alumni.



Samples of the displays in the Legacy Museum. Pictures on the left are of all of the principals at Highlands; picture on the right is a poster that shows Highlands’ success in football. Pictures by Michael Denson ('72).

On display now is a layout of pictures from the class of '59. Why not come in to see the display so that you can develop a display for your class. What are some of the highlights from your years at Highlands that you want to display? What would your kids and grandkids like to see? How can today’s students benefit from what the students who went before them experienced? Bring your kids and grandkids with you when you visit the Museum, for it’s their generations that we want to serve.

Some of you may be wondering if the Museum will be open during the Holiday Season. I will check on that as we get closer, and I will send an e-mail. In the meantime, drop on by. The Museum is located next to the Little Theater, between the cafeteria and the student parking lot. Also, before you visit the Museum, be sure to sign in at the office. See you soon.

By the way, a special thanks to those who contributed their memories and to the families of those whom we’ve lost who gave us their treasure.

Reunions

Before we start talking about next year's reunions, let's show some pictures from reunions held this past year.

Class of 1970 – 45 years



Recognize anyone from the class of 1970?

1985 – 30 years

The lady on the right, Lynna Miller, traveled all the way from Virginia. Glad to meet her.

Future Reunions

If you are a member of the class of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, or 2011 – then 2016 is your reunion year. You can have your reunion news posted on the Alumni website at www.highlandshighalumni.com or you can send the information to me at marya195821@gmail.com. The Alumni Association wants for you to know a successful reunion, and we can help you with the publicity.

Items for Newsletter

If you want to submit an item for *Alumni News*, you are welcome to do so. Retiring? Opening a new business? Changing careers? Overseeing important charity work? Named “Employee of the Year”? Whatever it is, notify your fellow alumni so that we may partake in your joy. News articles needed by Thursday, December 31. (Right!) You are welcome to submit photos with your articles.

Have a Happy Holiday Season!