

Alumni News

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PREZ'S PONDERINGS

By Kristine Kouw Mann

Did you know that we have a jewel on the south side of the Highlands' campus? No, it's not the Student Parking Lot. It's the Legacy Room, also known as the "Alumni Museum." The Legacy Room contains a lot of memorabilia, including music and athletic trophies, yearbooks, pictures of the fun times from when we went to school. But we need help in two areas.

First, we need donations from all the classes. Many of us can contribute favorite pictures, newspaper articles, certificates of achievement, sports and music uniforms, and the like. We especially want donations from those classes having reunions this year so that donations from those classes can be prominently displayed. One item that can be donated is a "memorial board" that contains the pictures of classmates who have departed.

Second, we need volunteers. Currently we have three volunteers: Ruth Beavers ('59), Diana DeCaires ('59), and Mary Cannedy ('61). If you visit the Museum on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., you will find at least one of them cleaning, setting up displays, or answering students' questions. But three is not enough; more are needed. The volunteers are like you: they have the physical challenges afflicting retirees, loved ones needing assistance, children and grandchildren wanting their time, and travel plans. That means there may be Wednesdays when the museum won't be opened. None of us wants that.

If you can help even one Wednesday a month or whenever there will be a shortage of volunteers, then e-mail Ruth Beavers at ruthew@pacbell.net.

And now another concern.

Over the years we have heard alumni say that they have already joined the Alumni Association. Unfortunately, when we checked our records, we could find neither their membership form nor a record of payment. That means that the alumnus probably joined an on-line organization. These organizations sell t-shirts, coffee mugs, and the like. From what we can tell, no money goes to the school for scholarships, for music and athletic programs, and for helping those who lag in reading skills.

The Highlands High School Alumni Association supports Highlands, especially providing scholarships and helping students in times of need. The Association has encouraged all alumni to attend Homecoming and choir concerts and has also participated in community events.

To join the official Highlands High School Alumni Association, go to www.highlandshighalumni.com, where you'll find information and the application form. Notify us if you have questions. **SCOTS FOREVER!**

DATES TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, March 30 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Twin Rivers Festival of the Arts McClellan Conference Center 5411 Luce Avenue, McClellan
Wednesday, May 17	Golf Tournament Turkey Creek Golf Course, Lincoln
Saturday, May 20	Alumni Board Meeting
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day Parade, Starts at 10 a.m.
Thursday, June 1	Last Day of School
Monday, June 12	Summer School Starts
Saturday, July 8	Alumni Board Meeting

Friday, July 20	Summer School Ends
Tuesday, August 8	First Day of School
Saturday, September 9	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, November 11	Alumni Board Meeting

If there are any changes to the above events, alumni will be notified by either e-mail or Facebook.

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 BOARD MEETINGS

March 11, 2017

1. Rita Woods ('67) will oversee the Memorial List on the Alumni website.
2. Still 2 vacancies on the Alumni Board. Are you interested in serving? If so, then e-mail President Kristine Kouw Mann at mothermann@hotmail.com.
3. Plans for the 2017 Holiday party are in the works. Many favor doing something in January because venues are easier to reserve and, because of fewer conflicts, more alumni can attend. Stay tuned.

4. There **may not** be a Memorial Day Parade this year. Sacramento area alumni will be notified via e-mail or Facebook when the final decision is made.

Reunion News

1967 - Their 50-year reunion is set for **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, at the Holiday Inn in Downtown Sacramento. This will be a joint reunion with Foothill High School. Flyer is being sent in a separate e-mail.

1982 - The class of 1982 will hold its 35-year reunion on Saturday and **Sunday, August 26 and 27, 2017**. The Saturday night festivities will be held in the Rocklin Community Center at the Johnson-Springview Park in Downtown Rocklin. A buffet dinner will be served, and a D-J will be available to provide music for dancing. The Sunday afternoon gathering will be a picnic in the Johnson-Springview Park itself. For more information, contact Sheila Lemire Ashburn at sheila.ashburn@comcast.net.

1987 – It's happening on **Saturday, April 29, 2017**, at 4 p.m., at the Cal Expo Grandstand. Contact Toni Rossi via Facebook.

1997 – Can you believe it? 20 years have passed since the class of 1997 graduated. The gathering to remember those years will take place on **Saturday, July 22, 2017**, at Fat's Catering & Banquet Facility in Old Sacramento. Tickets are \$60 per person. DJ, door prize, cash bar, photo booth, lots of fun for classmates. Contact Monique Langer, President of the Class of 1997 Reunion Planning Committee, at www.highlands1997.com or at facebook.com/groups/highlands1997.

Future Reunions

Hey, members, of the class **1962, 1972, 1977, 1987, 1992, 2002, 2007, 2012** – 2017 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 you to know a successful reunion, and we can help you with the publicity. You can send me the dates and locales of planning meetings for classmates who want to take part.

IMPORTANT: Plan a visit to the Legacy Room as part of your reunion plans. Notify me at marya195821@gmail.com if interested. We can probably arrange for a visit the Friday afternoon of your reunion weekend. Let us know if you have questions.

NEWS FROM THE TWIN RIVERS SCHOOL DISTRICT

At a meeting in January, the Board of Trustees recognized two Visual Art students from Highlands (**Samantha Long** and **Chloe Lynn**) for their achievement in the 2016 California State Fair Student Showcase and competition. In addition, another student (**Valentina Castellanos**) was recognized for placing first in the 2016 America's Clay Fest - Student Division. Congratulations to all three Highlands students.

Let Us Remember

These are the Scots who passed away between January 1 and February 28, 2017, or whose passing we have recently learned:

- 1959 John McMichael
- 1960 Doug Bockus
- 1965 Martin (Marty) Reddington
- 1967 David Martin, Ammon Oyler, Rose Marie Surface
- 1968 James Clawson
- 1973 Jimmie Hill
- 1975 Michael J. McGreavy

If you hear of the passing of any Highlands alumni, any Highlands teacher or administrator, or any Highlands support staff (e.g., custodians, cooks, clerical support), then notify me (Mary Anderson) at marya195821@gmail.com and Rita Woods at rita.jens.2010@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.

So many of us have lost loved ones: parents and grandparents, brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles and cousins, children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Some Scots have also dealt with the pain of losing a spouse.

A few years ago, Jim Heinze ('67) lost his wife, Linda Ferrari ('69), to cancer. He shared her illness on social media. He recently wrote a poem to share the pain that is ongoing. May this poem bring you some solace if you recently lost someone you love.

I Know What It's Like
By Jim Heinze ('67)

I know what it's like

I know what it's like to go to bed that first night. I know what it's like to wake up that first morning and expect to see her. I know what it's like to do that day after day, night after night, over and over again.

I know what it's like.

I know what it's like to think that she's just in the other room or away at the store. I know what it's like to know that she won't be coming home. I know what it's like to have a thought and turn to share it.

I know what it's like.

I know what it's like to have friends who try to understand what I'm going through and not quite get it. I know what it's like to be different now, not the same, changed.

I know what it's like.

I know what it's like to feel lost, out of place, the odd one out I know what it's like to feel the pain of separation and loneliness, I know what it's like to hear the quietness of the voice that once flooded my being. To not get that phone call or text

I know what it's like.

I know what it's like to miss the embrace, the touch, walking together while holding hands.

I know what it's like.

*I know what it's like to cling to hope, to search and find the hand of God
I know what it's like to cry out to Him and have Him answer and to feel the
confidence that all will be good. I know what it's like to trust Him and not
have to understand the why. I know what it's like to walk through the valley
of the shadow of death.*

I know what it's like

Thank you, Jim.

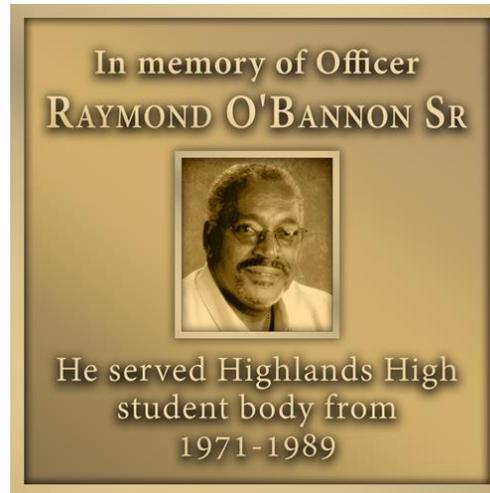
2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

If you're not doing anything on **Wednesday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m.**, then why not consider playing golf. The annual golf tournament is taking place at the Turkey Creek Golf Course in Lincoln. As usual, all proceeds go to the scholarship funds for both Foothill and Highlands' graduates. More information is being sent under a separate e-mail. See you then.

2017 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Alumni Association will once again participate in the annual North Highlands Memorial Day Parade. As we get closer to Memorial Day, we will ask for ideas and volunteers. Stay tuned. NOTE: If the parade is cancelled, then Sacramento area alumni will be notified.

Officer O'Bannon Honored



On Friday, November 18, 2016, several Highlands alumni and many guests gathered in the Buchanan Room (the cafeteria) at Highlands to honor the memory of the late Officer Raymond O'Bannon, who served Highlands' students and staff from 1971 until 1989. Members of Officer O'Bannon's family, including his spouse, also attended the ceremony.

Chaplain Linda Talley ('76) opened the ceremony with a prayer. William Crenshaw (a Community Resource Officer and Counselor at Highlands), Roy Desmangles Jr. ('75), and Joseph C Jones Jr. ('76) shared stories with the audiences about their experiences with Officer O'Bannon. A plaque (shown above) and a \$500 scholarship (shown below) were donated in his honor.

A big "thank you" to Highlands' Administration and to the Alumni Association for making this event possible.



Roy Desmangles, William Crenshaw, and Joe Jones.



The \$500 check for a scholarship.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

If you want to submit an item for *Alumni News*, you are welcome to do so. Share with your fellow alumni what is going on in your world. Whatever it is, notify your fellow alumni so that we may partake in your joy, or even your sorrow with the loss of a job or a home or with the loss of a fellow Scot. News articles needed by **Friday, May 12, 2107**. You are welcome to submit photos with your articles.