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PREZ'S PONDERINGS

By Kristine Kouw Mann

I've spent a portion of the first weekend in March watching a lot of television.

I spent some of the Saturday watching the *Mary Tyler Moore* show on one of the "oldies" channels. It was about the gal "who could turn the world on with her smile." I wish! And that "love was all around." Where? She seemed to have several dates a week. Realistic? She had, as Lou Grant told her, "spunk" and was eventually promoted to produce the Evening News, which featured the bumbling Ted Baxter. Why wasn't he fired? Maybe the *Mary Tyler Moore* show would not have been much of a show if Ted Baxter was fired. And we would have been spared those "boring parties." At least she gave parties!

The other show I watched was the Oscars. Not only the Oscars itself, but also the shows preceding The Show. Did your favorite movie win? (*Lady Bird*, being The Favorite among Sacramentans, was shut out.) Other than *Lady Bird*, I didn't have a favorite because I don't go to the movies as often as I used to, unless it is an oldie playing at the theater. Movies like *Casablanca* or *North by Northwest* - that was acting! During my days at Highlands, Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton starred in so many of the cinemas of that era, highlighted by the classic *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* Like many of my classmates, I was more interested in the Beatles in *A Hard Day's Night* and, because of it being in color, *Help!* Or the *Beach Party* movies with Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello. Memories!

What memories are being made for today's students? I hope it's not school shootings. I hope that, if any student sees or hears of a student who needs help, a reporting mechanism is in place that results in help for the troubled student. Memories.

Some alumni are making memories for today's students by sharing what "the old days" were like. ("Look at the dresses!" exclaimed a student when she saw pictures of the first Kincardine.) Can you share what your "old days" were like? Volunteer at the Alumni Museum some Wednesday to share about your days at our Alma Mater. Why not the weekend of your reunion if Wednesdays are not possible. Who knows? The kids might learn something.

Go Scots!

NOTES FROM RECENT ALUMNI BOARD MEETINGS

1. Talked about mold in the Museum. Alumni will talk with Principal Hawthorne. It's affecting the t-shirts and sweatshirts that we sell and material for the upcoming golf tournament.
2. Katie Bruner talked about supporting the Highlands baseball team. The Board decided to give \$200 for the team.

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.

Tuesday, March 20	Highlands' Choir Concert in Little Theater
Monday, March 26 thru Monday, April 2	Spring Break
Wednesday, May 16	Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 19	Alumni Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 22	Highlands' Choir Concert in Little Theater
Tuesday, May 29	Graduation at Highlands

Saturday, July 14	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, September 8	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, November 10	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, December 1	Alumni Holiday Party, Elks Lodge in Carmichael

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

NEWS FROM FHE ALUMNI MUSEUM

In January, Highlands was visited by future students, kids from the schools that feed into Highlands. The Museum was one of the stops on the “tour.”

On a recent Wednesday morning, eighth graders from F. C. Joyce School (formerly known as “Fruitvale School”) took the tour. The following occurred:

1. A student was able to find his aunt in her yearbook. (The aunt still attends Highlands.)
2. Kids were able to see the trophies Highlands earned in both music and sports. They unfortunately had to learn about a theft of trophies that occurred years ago.
3. The kids were interested in the burned-out cymbal from the fire that occurred in the Music Room in February 1978. (They thought the cymbal was a shield.)
4. Students were interested in the early days, when Highlands was surrounded by fields on the north and east sides. They were also interested in the cars.

By the way, the future Scots did not know that “Fruitvale” was once the name of their school.

Other news from the Museum include:

1. The Museum's "visitation" hours are being announced on the school's intercom.
2. Graduates from the classes of 1996 and 2017 donated T-shirts. Names of graduates from those classes are on those shirts.
3. A memorial to those who lost their lives in the military is being kept.
4. Musical instruments are available in the District warehouse. Need to increase the prospects of having a band again at Highlands.
5. Classes holding reunions are welcome to donate scrapbooks, mementos, and the like.
6. Received donations from the class of 1991.

ALUMNI GATHERINGS

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

Last Saturday – '60s and '70s graduates meet at Lou's from 11 a.m. until about 2 p.m. A few '80s alums also drop by.

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

REUNION NEWS

Future Reunions

For members of the classes of **1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013** – 2018 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.

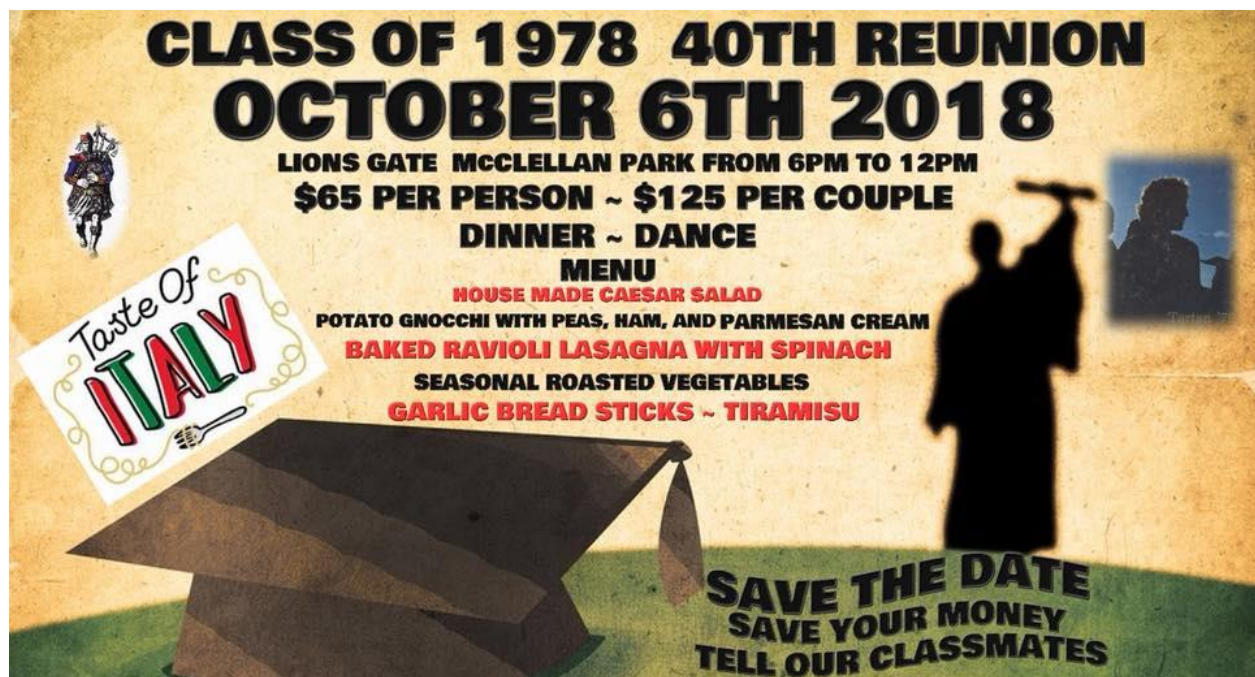
The Alumni Association wants you to know a successful reunion, and we can help you with the publicity.

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.

1963 Reunion. **Saturday, September 22.**

1973 Reunion. The class of 1973 will meet for its 45th reunion on **Saturday, October 20, at the Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan.** Dinner and Dancing will be the order of the evening. For more information, e-mail Linda Konkle at <lwhite@scoe.net>.

1978 Reunion. The class of 1978 will hold its 40th reunion on **Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan.**



1983 Reunion. Did you graduate in 1983? If so, there's great news for you. Your class will re-unite for the 35th anniversary of your graduation on a Saturday evening in June. Call Debbie Wharry at 916.837.2019.

Locating Classmates. A lot of those planning reunions have difficulty locating classmates, even in this day of social media. With name changes and many relocations, classmates can be difficult to locate. If that is so, then send us a list of those classmates several months before the reunion. We'll publish those names in the Newsletter. There's a chance that a family friend or a distant relative can provide the information you need. Let me know if you have questions by e-mailing me at marya195821@gmail.com.

In the meantime, here's a list from the class of '63:

Sandra AUSTIN Kannad	Nancy BANG
Augusta BARRICKLOW Gilbert	Wayne BARTON
James BERG	Marie BERNOSKY Klarich
Amy BOULTER Rodgers	Allen BRAUNE
Thomas BUSSEY	Tom CARR
Robert CHAMBERLAIN	Ladd COMSTOCK
Harold CROY	Sandra DENNISON
Linda FARRIS	Richard FRANK
Willaim GAGLIANO	Violet GAPERO
Woody GILBERT	Cheryl GROTTTS Buman
Philip HAGBERG	Richard HAGEL
Shirley HOY	Richard HUGHES
Daryl HUMPHREY	Judd JACOBBER
Norman JONES	Kathleen KELLY
Gene LEDFORD	Bonnie MALLETT Worthington
David McALISTER	David McGEE
Patricia McREYNOLDS Fields	Gary MITCHELL
Raymond MITCHELL	Cheryl MOORE
William MORRIS	Timothy PELL
Mary Sue PERCY McKay	Sue POLLOCK Lewis
Mary QUINN Palmer	Chris REILLY
Donald ROSEBERRY	Jess ROW
Ronald RUSHING	Michael RUSSELL
Frances SANCHEZ	Glenda SCHULTZ
Jacqueline SHEETS	Shirley SIMPSON
Susan SPEARS	Maureen STEVENS Dunn
Bob STOMBAUGH	Marilee TANNER Reed
Jim TAYLOR	Suzanne VAN REIN Doane
Carol WINN Chapman	Darrell WORTHINGTON.

If you know whereabouts of any of these alumni, then e-mail Shirleen Lansdon at maryshirlene15@gmail.com.

From the class of '78 comes:

Debbie BEAL	Ann BENTON	Jose BONNER
Kim BURKE	Sue CARTER	Sherry CAUM
Rain CLINE	Kim COOPER	Sheryl DAVIS
Pat DOYLE	Annalee DUDLEY	Jayson DURHAM
Ramon GEWERTH	Tom & Tony GOMEZ	David GONZALES

If you know the whereabouts of any of these '78ers, then notify Michael Thayer at mthayerfam@aol.com. (Probably more in May.)

Be sure your lists are current. We don't necessarily want to have names of those who have gone to the Hereafter.

DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS

On February 10 and February 17, Sherreta Lane ('73) participated with the Sacramento River Cats volunteer group, Cats Care. On Saturday, February 10, groups from several volunteer organizations (including Cats Care) provided donated food and clothing to the homeless at the Dream Center in Downtown Sacramento. Sherreta and others visited the Center that day and helped them sort through clothing to find useful items. Lunches were also provided as well as other items (toiletries, pet items, linens, etc.). The Dream Center provides food and clothing monthly to the homeless as well as providing ministry to them.

Sherreta was also part of a group from Cats Care who volunteered for the Girl Scouts mega cookie drop on February 17. Volunteers greeted those who arrived to pick up cookies for the troops, ensured those picking up cookies had the correct troop orders, helped troop representatives identify and then load the cookies based on the troop orders. The cookie drop took place at Raley Field. Thankfully the weather was good that day because there were thousands of cases of cookies to be picked up. Thank you, Sherreta.

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Every Sunday at Caesar Chavez Park (formerly Plaza Park) in Downtown Sacramento, Tracey Millington ('80) is part of a group that feeds, clothes, and provides toiletries to the homeless who inhabit there. About 80% of

the homeless are men, so the group sorely needs donations of men's clothing. Also, monetary donations are needed so plates, napkins, and utensils can be purchased. Those who give their time every Sunday are volunteers who care about others. If you have questions, [phone Tracey at 916.628.3052](tel:916.628.3052).

LET US REMEMBER

These are the Scots who passed away between December 1, 2017, and February 28, 2018, or whose passing we have recently learned.

1962	Marge Welsh
1963	Linda Giles
1966	Ron Aspenson, Kathy Brace, Bill Gilbert
1971	Nancy Patterson, Mark Williams
1972	Jim Shropshire
1973	Terry Marcom
1975	Martha Latzen
1977	Joe Bomanski, Pamela Dumas, Art Poole
1978	Michael Allen
1980	Inu James Freitas
1981	Max Veal
1989	Mike Rossi
1992	Bradley Bulla

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.

Ronald Aspenson was a good friend to me and my family. He was so thoughtful and compassionate and always, always had a big smile on his face!!! I loved giving those long wet kisses when we would greet each other. So many great talks on the beach in Waikiki and many great times on his front porch. I am so thankful the Good Lord put him on the bumpy road we call "Life."

Rest in Peace my dear, dear friend. Now you will be singing with "Da Beach Boys" from Waikiki (Manuwai and Barry) and all the other great ones. But now you can dance!!! Much love to your sister Diane (Aspenson - '67) and her husband Phil (Olson - '65). You couldn't ask for a better family. Love you, Buddy.

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

SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

By the Tournament Committee

We're back - and we're planning the Sixth Annual Highlands/Foothill Charity Golf Tournament (aka: Swing for Scholarships) at Turkey Creek Golf Club in Lincoln, to raise money for academic and vocational scholarships for graduating seniors at both Highlands and Foothill. Since 2012, we have raised over \$29,000, all of which went for scholarships. (See detailed information on the form being e-mailed separately.) If you are already signed up but haven't received a confirmation form, please e-mail sandracooper1966@yahoo.com.

You don't have to golf to attend. So come join the fun, cheer your favorite team on, stay for the food, win a raffle or a silent auction prize. Sign up now; we're ready to get the "ball rolling"!

At the tournament we will have a "Memorial" poster on display with the names of folks who loved to golf but who are no longer with us. So if you have a loved one who loved to golf, send Shirlene an e-mail to the address shown below so we can add the name to the poster. It can be a friend, a relative, a neighbor, a teacher, etc.

In addition, we're always looking for volunteers to work the tournament, so if you are interested, please contact Shirlene Lansdon at maryshirlene15@gmail.com.

If we get 100+ golfers, Turkey Creek will give each golfer a free round of golf good from May 17, 2018, to May 16, 2019. Some restrictions apply.

We hope to see you there.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

You doing anything Memorial Day weekend, especially the Monday? If you're not doing anything, you're encouraged to attend the "2nd Annual William L. Gilmore North Highlands Memorial Day Parade." The parade has many of the features that the Veterans of Foreign Wars had in the parade for 50 years. If you want more information, if you want to volunteer along the parade route, or if you want to donate, then e-mail Garnett Gilmore ('64) at memparade@gmail.com. See you on Memorial Day.

HOLIDAY PARTY 2018

I know, it's only March, but it's never too early to talk about the 2018 Holiday Party. It will be Saturday, December 1, at the Elks Lodge in Carmichael. We'll have dinner and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus, so we all need to be "good" between now and December. Will keep you up-to-date as we get closer to December 1.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

If you want to submit an item for *Alumni News*, you are welcome to do so. Remember that this is your newsletter. This newsletter is by, for, and about you and your classmates.

So I hope to hear from you by **Monday, May 7, 2018**. You are welcome to submit photos with your articles. Send your items to me at marya195821@gmail.com or via Facebook messenger.