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PREZ'S PONDERINGS

By Kristine Kouw Mann ('65)

During spring and summer, we have days of remembrances and days of celebrations, days when we honor a lot of people, including our very own alumni.

On **May 13**, we remember our mothers, who made sure that we were dressed properly for school and who made sure that we arrived at school on time.

On **May 19**, we remember those serving in our military on Armed Forces Day. There will be ceremonies and open houses wherever we live. If you're an alumni who's serving in the Middle East or in Middle America, thank you for your service.

On **May 28**, we remember those who offered the Supreme Sacrifice. Read below to see how some alumni will observe the day.

On **May 29**, we honor those graduating, especially those graduating from Highlands. Some of the grads will head off to college, wondering if they're going to make it. (Only normal.) Some will join the military. (A lot of alumni joined the military.) Some will go into the working world where, as we old timers can attest, they will get a real education. (We all had to learn.) Good luck to the grads, regardless of the endeavors. You, like us, are alumni. Keep in touch with us.

June 14, we honor "Old Glory" as we observe Flag Day. If you are able, fly the Flag where you live.

On **June 17**, we honor our dads, who agreed with everything that Mom said, especially about getting to school. No exceptions.

On **June 21**, at 3:07 a.m., PDT, we get to celebrate the Summer Solstice. I hope you can let the sunshine in wherever you are.

This year, **July 4 – Independence Day** – lands smack dab in the middle of the week! (That's no fun.) That's the day we get to eat hot dogs and baked beans, watch fireworks, and read the Declaration of Independence. How will you celebrate?

How will you celebrate spring and summer? Go to the movies? Swim and surf? Read a book that you should have read when you were in high school? (Some of you can buy that book on **July 7**. See below.) Whatever you decide, stay safe. Then when the kids and grandkids return to school, you can help them write that famous essay, "What I Did During My Summer Vacation."

SCOTS FOREVER!

NOTES FROM RECENT ALUMNI BOARD MEETINGS

The Alumni Association will work on increasing membership between now and December. Contact Shirlene Lansdon at <msl@directcon.net> if interested in joining or in working on a membership drive.

The Association needs to elect new officers for the 2019/2020 term. You wanna run? Of course you do. Contact Kathy Cahall Cooper at cahallb4@hotmail.com if you are interested.

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, May 29, Graduation at Highlands
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 14	Alumni Board Meeting, scholarships to be awarded.
Monday, August 20	First Day of School
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 THE ALUMNI MUSEUM

On Wednesday, May 9, Principal Darryl Hawthorne and Vice Principal Nick Seiler met with Mary Anderson ('67), Ruth Beavers ('59), Mary Cannedy ('61), and Diana DeCaires ('59) to discuss the Alumni Museum.

The problem is damage to the roof – and not mold, which was previously reported. The condition to the roof means that safety is the issue. As a result, the Twin Rivers District ordered the room closed. No one, including Highlands' administrators and Museum volunteers, are allowed to enter the Museum until further notice.

In the meantime, the District's Maintenance and Repair Department will communicate with Nick Seiler regarding possible repair work. He will then notify Mary Anderson, who will then notify the Alumni. Let's hope that, sometime during the summer, we hear some good news.

On May 23, Nick Seiler e-mailed Mary Anderson:

Finally got a response back about the Alumni room last night. District maintenance stated:

"Hello, the room is not cleared for use until the ceiling repairs can take place."

"The additional repairs will take place as soon as school ends. We are focusing our efforts on graduation preparation of the stadiums and sites, we will get to the repairs the first week of June."

Thanks for your patience, sounds like you'll be back inside in a few weeks!

Folks, I'll keep you posted.

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.

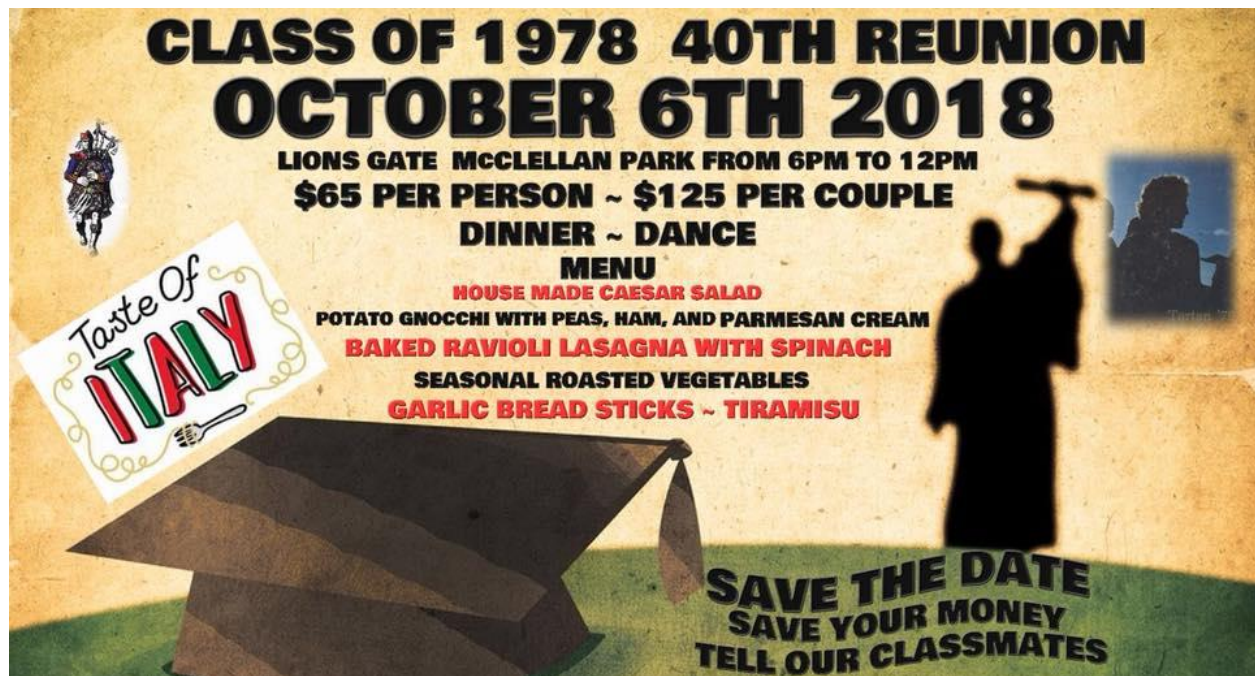
Locating Classmates. A lot of those planning reunions have difficulty locating classmates, even in this day of social media. With name changes and many relocations, classmates can be difficult to locate. If that is so, then send us a list

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.

1963 Reunion. If you graduated from Highlands in 1963, then mark **Saturday, September 22**, on your calendar. On that day, you will celebrate the 55th anniversary of your graduation. The festivities begin at 4 p.m., with a no-host bar, then a BBQ at 5 p.m. For more information, see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

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.

DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS

Don Edd (class of 1973) donated property in River Pines (Amador County), California. The people in River Pines needed to expand their City park, so Don donated his property to increase the park size and to replace the water drinking system and drainage to and from the park. A plaque will be supplied and set on a stanchion in the Edd family's honor. If you want to do something similar for your community, you should probably contact your local parks department or your city or county government.

Let Us Remember

These are the Scots who passed away between March 1 and April 30, 2018, or whose passing we have recently learned.

1963	Ken Cornelius
1964	Elwood Bourtayre
1965	Ron Grantski
1966	Roland Mungia
1967	Christopher Heilaman
1969	Pamela Ratcliff
1971	Frank Clifford Adams
1981	Ron Allen
1985	Michael Allen, Kim Martin
1986	Lisa Pierce

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 family, friends, and classmates of the deceased.

SCHOLARSHIP TIME AGAIN

By Kathy Cahall Cooper ('60)

The Highlands High Alumni Association has once again awarded scholarships to graduating seniors at Highlands High School's Awards Night ceremony on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Five applicants successfully completed all requirements and were presented Certificates of Accomplishment by the Alumni Association scholarship committee.

The students will receive their checks on Saturday, July 14, at a reception in their honor at the Highlands Alumni Association bi-monthly meeting. Their families are invited to attend to celebrate their graduate's accomplishments and future goals.

This year's winners, the amounts awarded and their schools of intent are:

Michelle Morales	\$1,000	CSU Sacramento
Leslie Otento Barron	\$ 800	UC Davis
Kavar Scott	\$ 500	CSU San Jose
Romeo Anderson	\$ 350	UC Santa Cruz
Rosalia Garcia	\$ 350	Not named

MEMORIAL DAY

PARADE CANCELLED, PER GARNETT GILMORE ('64). Others will organize the parade for next year. We wish them well. We'll keep you posted on all the developments. Thanks to Loreene Sheppard for organizing a bunch of alumni who were willing to walk Watt Avenue.

A NEW AUTHOR

What are you doing on **Saturday, July 7, at 6 p.m.**? If you have nothing planned, then why don't you visit the Barnes & Noble bookstore at 280 Palladio Parkway in Folsom. There you will find our very own TrINETTE Marquis (class of '89) signing her first book, *Engaging Data: Smart Strategies for School Communication*. Sales of her book, or any book, wine, or food at the Folsom Barnes & Nobles' location that night will help fund Project DREAM, the educational foundation for the Twin Rivers Unified School District. Money from the foundation supports field trips, college visits, and other enrichment activities.

If you have questions or need more information, then e-mail TrINETTE at trinette@schoolprpro.com.

See you on July 7. (By the way, you can purchase that Dickens' novel you should have read when you were in high school!)

ASK THE SCHOOL OFFICIAL

What are the plans for Highlands this summer? Summer school will be held at Highlands.

NEWS ON THE MUSIC FRONT

Steps have been taken to bring back a band to Highlands. For one thing, the instruments are available at the District warehouse. Next, those interested in the teaching positions have been interviewed.

Does this mean that, next season, a band will march up and down the field before a game and during halftime? Who knows? Among the challenges that Highlands faces are the lack of “feeder schools,” schools such as Campos Verdes and Don Julio, where students first developed their music skills. (Some of you remember.) That means many students won’t be developing their music skills until at least Ninth Grade (Freshman Year).

We’ll keep you posted on any developments. In the meantime, keep your fingers crossed.

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 **Tuesday, July 10**. You are welcome to submit photos with your articles. Send your items to me at marya195821@gmail.com or via Facebook.