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PREZ'S PONDERINGS

By Kristine Kouw Mann ('65)

Change is in the air. Summer is giving way to fall. Baseball is giving way to football. Summer vacation has given way to the school year. Oldtimers are giving way to the younger generation in the Alumni Association. Let me explain.

I have served the Alumni Association for a long time, including 4 years as its president. That's enough! We need new blood.

Kathy Cahall Cooper ('60) wants to relinquish all that she has done for us: being liaison to the Twin Rivers District, attending the meetings of the community Lunch Bunch as the representative of the Alumni Association, and overseeing the rewarding of scholarships. Others must step in to do what Kathy has done.

Do you want to volunteer at the Alumni Museum? Change is occurring there, too. Both Ruth Beavers and Diana DeCaires of the class of '59 need to step away, for personal reasons, from what they have contributed over the last several years. Mary Cannedy ('60) can't do it by herself.

So what must be done? A new generation needs to take over. You can do the math. Those who graduated in 1960, for example, are celebrating their 76th birthday this year. A lot of those alumni are dealing with one health challenge after another, including their share of aches and pains.

I don't know about you, but I would hate to see no one step up. We have dedicated countless hours to setting up the Alumni Museum so that our history is preserved. Do you want to lose that history? We have raised a lot of money for scholarships. \$3,000 a year may not be available for deserving Scots. Not good! Homecoming has generated a lot of interest in recent years. If the Alumni Association should fade into history, the Homecoming game would lose a lot of support, and none of us wants that.

So think about serving your Alma Mater. Doesn't take very much time. Just donate what you can donate, and nothing more. Such service will benefit our school and its students. So let's keep Homecoming, let's continue to save our history, and let's continue to work with our community. That way Highlands will keep on getting better.

Notify me at mothermann@hotmail.com if you have questions.

Scots Forever!

NOTES FROM RECENT ALUMNI BOARD MEETINGS

From the September 2018 Meeting.

1. Homecoming is Friday, October 5. Will work to have a supply of T-shirts and sweatshirts available for sale. (Note: Homecoming is actually the week of October 1-6, with the game on Friday night.)
2. Nominations and elections will take place for the Board. Information about the nomination process is described on the **attached form**. Contact Kathy Cahall Cooper ('60) if you have questions.
3. The scholarship form that has been used in recent years has been revised. The form will be made available to the Counseling Department at Highlands.
4. The Alumni Museum was discussed. There's concern about who's being allowed into the room outside Museum hours. A committee will meet with Highlands administration to discuss this issue.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI MUSEUM

HELP! Help is needed in the Museum. Ruth Beavers and Diana DeCaires have had to cut back on their commitment to the Museum, leaving only Mary Cannedy ('60) to serve. Not good. If you are available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, consider volunteering. If you are interested, please notify Mary Anderson at marya195821@gmail.com.

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.

Friday, October 5	Homecoming
Saturday, November 10	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, December 1	Alumni Holiday Party, Elks Lodge in Carmichael
Saturday, January 12	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, March 9	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, May 18	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, July 13	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, September 14	Alumni Board Meeting
Saturday, November 9	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:

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. 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.**

1968. – The Class of 1968 will celebrate its 50th reunion on **Saturday, September 22**. The reunion is closed to the class of 1968 and their spouses or significant others.

Swentowsky Photography will once again take pictures for a Memory Book; however, a minimum of 35 books needs to be sold in order to get the books. Picture packets will also be available, which will be sent directly to you. So Linda Salazar must have your mailing address and phone number so that pictures can be mailed to you. If you are unable to attend but want

a Memory Book, e-mail your information to Linda, and she will contact you. She will get in touch with you regarding pricing.

Information regarding the time and place for the reunion will be e-mailed in August to those who plan to attend. For more information, contact Linda at bandlhenry@sbcglobal.net. (Note: She will sign her e-mails "Linda (Salazar) Henry.")

1973. 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 The class of 1978 will hold its 40th reunion on **Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the Lions Gate Hotel at McClellan**. (NOTE: Highlands Homecoming is the night before!)



1983. 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 **Saturday, October 27, at the Holiday Inn Express on Auburn Boulevard** (between Bell and Fulton).

From 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. – members of class of '83 and their dates/spouses. Cost is \$35 for single, \$60 for couples. From 9 p.m. until midnight – members of other classes - \$15 per person. Money is due no later than **Wednesday, October 10**. Call Debbie Wharry at 916.837.2019 for more information.

2018 Golf Tournament

By Shirleen Lansdon ('63)

The Mary 16, 2018, Golf Tournament was a huge success: thanks to 85 golfers, 20 volunteers, 39 visitors, and 11 committee members.

Yes, we need to thank the Turkey Creek staff for insuring our day was a success.

Everyone gathered in the Turkey Creek Clubhouse to visit, purchase raffle tickets, register for the tournament, and eat as the hail was coming down. What dedication to a great cause of raising money for the seniors of Highlands and Foothill High Schools. Neither rain nor hail can stop a true golfer. What started as a rainy day ended with bright blue skies and a lot of happy golfers.

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we raised \$11,636.31 for Highlands and Foothill scholarships. This was a record year for our tournament raising money.

I am sure there were other records set for birdies, pars, bogeys, longest drives, and putts. We have a lot of fun putting this together, and it is so rewarding to see everyone together having fun and catching up with teachers, classmates, long-time friends, and acquaintances. Golfing is not required to come out to catch up with us.

This is such a special event, and we want more people to join us next year. Our goal is to get more golfers, more volunteers, and more visitors. Please join us to make our 2019 goal.

Let Us Remember

These are the Scots who passed away between July 1, and August 31, 2018, or whose passing we have recently learned.

1961	Olga Martinez
1965	Jim Morris
1969	Steven Heflin
1972	George Barnes, Sally Skaggs
1973	Michael Allen
1974	Michelle Duchene, Danny Hutchinson
1975	Carl Coaxum
1977	Gene Hightree
1978	Jesse Morgan
1979	Daniel Brewer
1982	Esther Alire, Lynette (Lynn) Bettz
1984	Wendy Jeffery
1988	Cheryl Apple
1992	Gina Brown

Please Note: 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.

DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS

1. Mary Anderson plans to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, September 29**, in Sacramento. She has donated money in memory of her mother and her mother's younger brother and sister, all who died from Alzheimer's/Dementia. She hopes that a cure is found for a cousin, who is dealing with the disease. How about you.?

2. Rick Murray ('60) is involved with Gentlemans Ride, a group that raises money for men's mental health and prostate cancer. To raise funds, members of the group will ride their "vintage" motorcycles from Fair Oaks to West Sacramento on **Sunday, September 30**. For more information, go to www.gentlemansride.com.
3. In October, the kids at Highlands will conduct a "sock drive" for the less fortunate in North Highlands. More information will be sent via e-mail and Facebook.
4. In November, the kids at Highlands will be partaking in KCRA's "Kids Can Food Drive." Cans collected will be donated to food pantries in North Highlands. Again, more information will be sent via e-mail and Facebook.

FUN STUFF

What I Did On My Summer Vacation



Hollyhocks and Toothpicks

by Rita Chinn, Class of 1960

My early childhood was lived in Dayton, Ohio, southwest of Wright-Patterson AFB. The Bonfig family lived on Meridian Street and my family on Gilbert Avenue, and our friends on the side streets of Huffman Avenue and Davis Street. Oh how I wish my dearest childhood friends were alive to help me write our stories. Following my family's move to California, my "besties" and I stayed in touch through visits, letters, and phone calls. Dear Frannie passed in 2005 and her sister Dorothy in 2014.

The alley between our houses was our playground. Many an hour was spent by the neighborhood kids in the alley that coursed behind the backyards of our childhood homes. Favored group games included "Mother May I" and "Hide-and-Seek" (or "Hide-and-Go-Seek"). We weren't above dumpster diving, even before we knew what dumpster diving was. A favored target was the garbage can of one of the ladies on Huffman Avenue. She was a little woman, so her shoes and dresses made perfect dress-up outfits for us girls. When the hollyhocks bloomed alongside our neighbor's garage, we girls (and some boys) would pick the blooms and buds to make flower dolls using toothpicks to hold the dolls together.

This alley between our homes was our playground mostly, and sometimes, but not often ... it was our battleground ... and rocks would fly.

TRAVELIN' AROUND THE COUNTRY

By Edgar Bailey, Class of 1960

My wife Mandy and I celebrated our 5th wedding anniversary in May with a 2-week trip.

The first week we spent in New York City. We especially enjoyed the Times Square area atmosphere, Broadway shows *Wicked* and *Phantom of the Opera*, and the view from the Empire State Building. A bicycle rickshaw ride cutting back and forth through traffic is as thrilling as an amusement ride. The hustling subway crowds are completely different from the meandering street strollers. The number of police on the streets armed with military guns is also a shocking change from the 1960s.

The second week we spent in Washington D.C. We visited museums (too many to list) and the park outside the White House, but those museums wore us out pretty quickly.

Because of bad weather, we had to sit in the airliner on the tarmac for 3 hours at the start of our flight home from Washington, D.C. No fun.

In June we went to Rexburg, Idaho, for a week. It was interesting to talk with some people who had lost their homes when the Teton Dam collapsed back in 1976. While there, we attended a grandson's wedding.

In July we took two of my grandsons to explore the Capital Reef in south-central Utah and the Canyonlands area of southeastern Utah. One of the boys got hurt in a fall, and ended up spending 5 days on crutches. He had some small fractures in both feet, but in the Bailey tradition, he just toughed it out with some ace bandage wraps.

In August we stayed home. I worked and played golf. My goal is to beat Hal Carlile ('60) in golf at least one time in the next 2 years. I probably can't do it, but they say to set your goals high. (I had to laugh when Mary Anderson asked me, "Who's Hal Carlile?" I told her, he is one of the best all-around athletes ever to graduate from Highlands.) Editor's note: I asked for the benefit of many of you readers. (chuckle, chuckle)

By the end of the year, I should have 19 Grandkids and 5 Great Grandkids. Best wishes to everyone from the Baileys. And best wishes to the Baileys from the Alumni Association.

To Chewelah and Olympia

By Mary Anderson ('67)

For several years, my long-time friend Jimmy Young (Highlands/Foothill '66) had been inviting me to visit him and his wife Kathy in their humble abode in Chewelah, Washington, about 45 miles north of Spokane. I had a good time.

My first day started with Jimmy picking me up at the Spokane airport. The plane was over 30 minutes late, but no big deal. When Jimmy came to find me at the pick-up area, I was at one end of the terminal while he was at the other. We connected 20 minutes later. He eventually took me out to eat at a great hamburger joint before we arrived at his home in the "suburbs" of Chewelah.

The next day (a Sunday), I spent the entire day with Jimmy's wife. She and I started the day at church, then took a drive through eastern Washington's Colville National Forest. We also wound our way through the Clark Fork River Valley in northern Idaho, where we visited the town of Sandpoint, which is, in part, an artists' colony, where I purchased a tile. What a beautiful day for a beautiful drive.

The next day, Jimmy took me on a drive to the town of Republic, 75 miles northwest of Chewelah, where there was a lot of prospecting in the early 20th Century. We visited a museum, overseen by a lady who takes care of the town's history. I purchased a small vial of citrine crystals. Then we ate lunch before we drove through a beautiful forest. The highlight was taking a ferry ride across Franklin Roosevelt Lake, for I was reminded of all the ferry rides many Sacramentans had to take across the Sacramento River before the bridges were built. Those were the days!

The days with Jimmy and Kathy were highlighted by taking a long drive with Kathy and a family friend to Dry Falls, about 75 miles south of the Grand Coulee Dam. (Jimmy wasn't able to come with us.) But we first stopped at an antique store, where I bought 2 books on baseball, including *Dynasty: The New York Yankees 1949-1964*. Then the drive to Dry Falls, where the National Park Service operates a stop that caters to those who want to learn more about the great flood caused by Glacial Lake Missoula some 20,000 years ago. After visiting Dry Falls, we drove to see how the Great Flood carved beautiful canyons southwest of Dry Falls. Beautiful indeed. I hated to leave that place.

But leaving that beautiful place was a must because I planned to visit my brother Dennis Anderson ('74) and his family. Jimmy drove me to the Spokane Airport so that I could board my flight to Seattle. Believe it or not, the plane was on time, both coming and going. I met Dennis at the Seattle airport, then drove to Safeco Field to see the Giants beat the Mariners. That didn't happen, but what the heck. Safeco Field is a beautiful ballpark, and I encourage all baseball fans to see it. After the game, Dennis had to battle both parking lot traffic, then Seattle's rush hour traffic. We wisely stopped for Vietnamese food in the town of Federal Way. We finally arrived at Dennis's home in Lacey, Washington, around 8 p.m.

I enjoyed visiting my brother and his wife Lynette. We visited Washington's capitol and drove through the complex of state buildings common to every state capital. We then visited the farmers' market, where we picked up a few items for dinner. We also visited the coffee roasters, for I had to buy some coffee for me and my cats' sitter. I fell in love with a beautiful coffee cup, so I had to buy it, too.

Later that day, we had a family barbecue. My nephew Scott and his wife Stefani brought their 3 children with them, including their 12-day-old son. I got to hold him a lot, and when not holding him, I read to their son and daughter. A good time was had by all.

The next day Dennis and I took a walk around a nature preserve and saw some of the beautiful marshland that makes the Puget Sound area a must place to visit. Before my visit came to an end, Dennis, Lynette, and I traveled to Portland, Oregon, where we visited Fort Vancouver National Park, right on the north side of the Columbia River. The Fort is a must place to visit if you're interested in the trade and military history of the Pacific Northwest, which I enjoyed learning about.

What is the "must place" for you to visit? Whatever it is, maybe a friend from Highlands or a family member lives near there. If so, plan to visit, then when you return, tell us all about it.

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 **Friday, November 2**. You are welcome to submit photos with your articles. Send your items to me at marya195821@gmail.com or via Facebook.

FOLLOW-UP

In the last newsletter, I wrote an article about Dan (Zuk) Callnon and his interest in music. Below is a picture of one of the "garage" or "junk" bands that played in North Highlands back in the late '60s and early '70s. Grateful to Dan for sharing this photo with us.



Pictured from left to right - Dave Swital (vocals), Scott Hubbard (keys), Jim Baudendistel (vocals & lead guitar), Stan Chambers (vocals & rhythm guitar), and Dan (Zuk) Callnon (drums). All the band members, except Jim Baudendistel, graduated from Highlands; Jim graduated from Jesuit.