



Alumni News

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Prez Ponderings.....

It was great to see some folks I haven't seen in many years. It wasn't so great to make a fool out of myself on the golf course. The day-night golf event was a great success. There was fun for all who attended. The night golf was really a kick in the pants. Glow balls flying into ponds and trees and you could still find them in the twilight. Now I know why I don't play very well or often - I'm not very good. I have fun and that is what counts. One thing that made it fun was we could only see a glow ring around the necks of our fellow golfers, the flag stick with the glow spot on it, the glow in the cup and how all three somehow came together on each hole. Often it was not very fast. Most of the time there were glow rings walking far right or left then towards the glowing flag stick. "Oh what a night..."

The next great thing happening is the 50th Birthday Gala Celebration for Highlands. The Gala Committee is very busy planning the event. The old & new school districts are working with us to make it a huge success. Supervisor Dickinson pledged his resources to help achieve some of the more difficult things that need to be done. I can't tell you how proud and happy I am of the Alumni Association members and in particular the hard workers of the Gala Committee. In less than one year this event came from a brainstorm (or was it a hair-brain idea?), into a great community event celebrating the 50 years of Highlands. Thousands of us kids went through those doors and walked out the halls into adulthood. Most of us have enjoyed our lives because we were taught how to live good lives. It doesn't matter if you left Highlands in the spring of '59, '69, '79, '89, '99 or this last June, Highlands was an integral part of your life.

Help us celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Highlands High School. Please join the Alumni Association for just \$10 annually (enrollment application on page 5) and become part of the effort to host the Gala Celebration at Highlands football bowl, September 20th. We need you to step up to help put together the finishing touches of this Gala Celebration. We need help staffing tables at the event. Each table will have memorabilia from their graduating class. That way we can look back in time, for some it's just a longer look. Go to www.highlandshighalumni.com for more details and join us in the fun

Til Next Time

Daryl

Rah! Rah! GO Team GO



When the alumni association began we had no idea what we were about to undertake. As a pledging organization many tasks were accepted as being normal start up obligations that would be "must-do" items. Election of officers, appointing committees, establishing bank accounts, establishing a mail box for postal use, getting a website established (thanks to Rick Swan our web master), etc., and many untold selfless acts by the alumni body itself to get this all on board.

These are all normal activities when a group of people have a unified common goal. Did I say "normal"? Let me restate that! Our start-up has been anything but normal. Highlands High Alumni Association started off at a very peculiar and historic time. Not only did the school have a name change (Highlands Academy of Arts and Design) it also was about to turn 50 years old and the Grant Union School District was getting ready to change to a new district called Twin Rivers School District. We inherited all kinds of new frontiers to traverse as well as sponsor the gala community celebration come Sept. 20, 2008.

This is a biggie to say the least. Not to despair, Highlands Scots are at work and are not only getting their alumni association established, they are going to make the schools 50th birthday celebration a wonderful community event.

Lets all be proud of the Alumni Associations efforts and give support in any way we can. One alumni member from the class of '65, **Dick Stenson** sent us \$200.00 as his way of showing support. He lives in Oregon and can't be here in an on-going way, so his donation is greatly appreciated as our finances in this large start-up quest is very meager. Thank you, Dick Stenson!

We encourage other donations to assist us making this a very successful event. Please show your support by making a donation to help us accomplish this great effort.

Your monetary contribution will be a tax free donation, and you will receive an acknowledgement letter from President Daryl Sullivan for your generosity.

Please help if you can and make checks out to Highlands Alumni Association. Mail them to: H.H.S.A.A., P.O. Box 794, North Highlands, Ca 95660 .

I wish each and everyone a very heart felt thanks for all the hard work they are doing and "Let's go Scots. Rah! Rah!Rah!"

With Gratitude,
Tom Bastion, Vice President
Highlands High Alumni Association

No Rain on our Parade!

By Phil Olson

The Highlands High School Alumni Association participated in our first Memorial Day Parade. It took place on Monday, May 26th, in North Highlands. We gathered at Watt Ave and I Street at 8:00am. Next, we put decorations on the alumni vehicles and got ready for the parade which started at 10:00am. We really had a wonderful time visiting and catching-up on the latest. The Red Hot Scots (North Highlands Chapter of the Red Hat Society) and the alumni worked together to make this a memorable event. I would say that there were approximately 1000 parade participants. Tom Bastion had his White Chevy pickup filled with the Gorgeous Red Hot Scots, Bob Steinbrecher drove behind/on top of Tom in his '57 BMW Isetta (the door swings out from the front of the vehicle). And bringing up the rear, was Richard Eastburn in his '66 Corvair convertible. All of the vehicles were decorated to the hilt and looking parade ready. We started off on Watt Ave. going South at about 10:15am. As we were going along the parade route, we were handing out Gala fliers, and introducing the new Alumni Association to the community. We arrived at the viewing stand near the end of the parade near A Street at about 11:20am. It was nice to see one of the judges was one of our very own alumni, Keith Weber ('65) and the President of the North Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Of course, that has nothing to do with how we were judged as participants in the parade, I'm sure.

Anyway, we drove to the VFW on U Street between 32nd St. and 34th St. There were free hot dogs and sodas available to all in attendance, and open to the public. There was an awards program giving out trophies to the participants that won in their individual class. So here it is, second place trophy went to the Red Hot Scots in the Classic program of the parade. Congratulations to Sherry Chavez ('65), Narda Weber ('63), Alida Steinbrecher ('67), Linda Eastburn ('65), Georgia Bastion ('65), and Diane Olson ('67). Notice, in the picture the two trophies the Red Hots Scots are holding (top photo). Now what is the second trophy they are holding? Well, the alumni won 3rd place trophy for the classic portion of the program. Needless to say, all the alumni were very pleased to have won these trophies. As it turned out, the VFW post commander, Tom Lucero, an alumni of the class of 1963 was giving out the awards.

Next year, we are hoping to get more alumni involved and maybe even win a 1st place trophy.

Thanks to all for making this parade a great happening for us.

All-Year Dinner/Dance Class Reunion

By Shirlene Lansdon

The reunion committee has met and the music, food and decorations, and photographer have been chosen. Class of 63 and 68 are working on this party together and inviting all classmates who attended or graduated from Highlands. We have people coming from California (of course), Utah, Alabama, Virginia, Oregon, Arizona, and France; so there is big competition for the 'farthest traveled' prize. Even a few teachers will be here. Hooray!

We have 55 paid classmates so far, 30 from class of 63, and 25 from other classes. Keep those checks coming in. We have heard from many others who plan on attending, they just haven't registered yet.

All-year reunions are great fun, wonderful to see siblings and long time friends from our own graduating class and other classes too.

Do you remember: Who talked to you in the hall, walking back and forth to school, meeting in the lunch room, gym,

band practice, senior square, and all those people who helped you through some very awkward, growing, and fun times. Time has leveled the playing field and we are all grateful just to be here to share this time together.

Talk to your friends and make this your meeting place, the party to attend. You won't be disappointed as we are all looking forward to seeing you. Unfortunately, most of us have lost some of our classmates by now, so let's take advantage of this time to be with each other, and remember those wonderful memories of the past.

The attire is summer dressy, or California cool for those warm summer nights.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Detail information and a registration form are located on page 5 of this newsletter. So please take a moment to read it and register now. If you plan to sleep over at the Red Lion Inn, you may want to make reservations now while space is available.



Tom Bastion moved a little too slow.... His last words were, "the parade must go on" and it did.

Photos taken by Sherry Chavez & Oregon Bastion



Twilight Golf Tournament

By Terry Parmeter

The 1st Annual Alumni Golf Tournament was held at Bradshaw Ranch on the 17th of May. We had the course all to ourselves, with unlimited play to all participants. Several golfers played up to 36 holes. The tournament was a scramble format for 18 holes. Nine during daylight, then a break for dinner, and the final nine was played using 'Glo Balls' after dark.

Dinner was catered by JR's Texas Bar-B-Que and included Beef Brisket; Pork Shoulder; Chicken; Potato salad; Cole Slaw; Texas Chili Beans; and Corn Bread.

The final results were:

1st		
Tim Cowan, Terry Parmeter Don and Leslie Parsons	22 / 24	46
2nd		
Tom Bastion, Phil Olson Gary Owens, Daryl Sullivan, and Linda Welchel	28 / 27	55
3rd		
Bob and Sam Smith, Jim Stephens, and Jim Swanson	25 / 30	55
4th		
Dave Develey, Michael Mearlon Craig Rolfe, and Larry Shee	32 / 32	64



Swinger Phil Olson, class of '65, teeing off

Photo by Sherry Chavez

If you are interested in helping out with the next golf tournament or just want to get out there and hit that ball, let Terry know by dropping him a line the old fashion way. His address is: 938 Brierglen Way, Sacramento, CA 95834 or send an email to Sandra Lansdon Cooper, Newsletter Editor and she'll let him know.

He's also interested in knowing where you would like to have the next tournament held, or what format you prefer, or possibly there may be a favorite contest you like, i.e. "closest to pin", "longest drive", "highest number sand traps", etc.



2008 Event Calendar

For details and updated information, click on <http://highlandshighalumni.com/events.shtml> or check-out the last page of this newsletter

- ◆ **General Meeting** - To Be Announced
- ◆ **HHS Saturday Lunches at Lou's** - July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6
- ◆ **HHSAA Gala Meetings** - July 17 & 19, August 21 & September 21
- ◆ **All-year class reunion hosted by classes 1963 & 1968** - September 19
- ◆ **The Gala Event celebrating Highlands High School 50th anniversary** - September 20
- ◆ **After Gala Event Hospitality** - September 20

If you would like to post an event, please contact Sandra Lansdon Cooper, Newsletter Editor by clicking on <http://highlandshighalumni.com/offices.shtml>

Reporting on Treasury Report

By Juanita Pardon



AUGUST THRU DECEMBER 2007

Membership dues received \$630.00, individual, business contributions \$226.63, and \$97.30 from the Christmas Party Fundraiser. We purchased a web site domain for \$142.50 (covers two years), a PO Box for \$58.00, and supplies for the banking (checks etc.). Net at the end of the year was \$559.86.

JAN THRU JUNE 23, 2008

In the first half of this year, we received \$140.00 in membership dues and \$615.00 in donations from individuals and business. The Golf Tournament lost \$230.26. We bought a banner for the Gala event and printed flyers for the Gala event for total expenses of \$419.06. We have a net of \$105.68 for this period.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

There is \$365.00 in the separately maintained Scholarship Fund.

Who's Who/Offices

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President

Daryl Sullivan, HHS 1965

Vice President

Tom Baston, HHS 1965

2nd Vice President

Phil Olson, HHS 1965

Secretary

Shirlene Lansden, HHS 1963

Treasurer

Juanita Pardon, HHS 1962

Membership Chair

Diane Aspensen Olson, HHS 1967

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Sandy Lansden Cooper,
HHS/PHS 1966

Webmaster

Rick Swan, HHS 1965

Historian

Kristine Roe Mann, HHS 1965

Scholarship Chair

Jim Warrick, HHS-1967

Social Chair

Abeia Lerma Enos, HHS - 1972

Other inquiries Sandra Lansden
Cooper



By Sandra Lansden Cooper

Actually we really don't want to hear from folks from outer space with greenish/bluish pointy ears, but we are interested in what you have to say.

We are hoping to have standard columns in this little newsletter to make it more fun and interesting, but we can't do it without you. These columns require input from our readers and members, so please if you have any information to share, questions to ask, suggestions to give or possibly a photo or two, don't hesitate, drop me a line through the website link by clicking on the email address shown in the "Who's Who/Offices" on the left side of this page.

Columns I would like to see routinely are shown below. If you have an idea for a column not mentioned here, let me know that as well.

The "Quarterly Highlight": This column would run a story on an Alumni or Alumna group whom may be doing something interesting or unusual. Possibly someone is playing professional sports or is a movie actor or artist. You get the idea, so please submit an article or two to me. If not an article, maybe just the facts and a name with contact information.

The "Ask Us" column: Sort of like an Ann Landers column except not so personable. I can't take care of my own life, little lone anyone elses. Just looking for questions or suggestions from folks interested in what the Alumni Association is doing or is willing to do.

The "Event Calendar": This calendar is for all sorts of events associated with Highlands High (Foothill and Rio Linda too, for classes back in the early-mid '60's. So if you are planning a reunion or big softball game, picnic, etc., let me know and I'll post it.

Sponsors: If you are looking for space to run an advertisement for your business, contact me. We are hoping to establish a back page or two for business cards to full-page ads. We currently don't have a price list available, but if you are interested, let me know and the HHSAA Board can create one pretty quickly.



I signed up for an exercise class and was told to wear loose-fitting clothing. If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing, I wouldn't have signed up in the first place! submitted by Ron Aspensen

If you are not an alumni association member yet and would like to join, please fill in the information needed below and mail it to Highlands High Alumni Association, P.O. Box 794, N. Highlands, CA 95660 along with a check for \$10 made out to the association (annual membership fee)

Current name _____ Last Name in School _____

Class Year/s (if applicable) _____ Mailing address: _____

Home Phone number _____ Email address: _____

Do you have a skill or interest you would like to share Yes No If Yes _____

Other classmates you would like us to contact (please provide contact information) _____

Is it OK to use it to notify you of upcoming events, such as class reunions and Alumni Association events? Yes No

Highlands High School Upcoming Events

All Class Dinner Dance, Friday, September 19, at the Red Lion, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815 from 6:00 p.m. to closing

Buffet dinner, live/DJ entertainment, all the dancing your feet will allow and a whole lot of fun. Red Lion is offering alumni/guests sleeping rooms at a discounted rate of \$69 plus tax per room. To receive this special discount, contact the Red Lion directly at (916) 922-8041. Make sure to mention you are attending one of the Highlands High functions mentioned on this page.

Class of '67 attendees are requested to contact Loreene Sheppard at (916) 521-5817.

50th Anniversary Gala Community Event (Free Admission), Saturday, September 20, at Highlands Academy of Arts & Design (Highlands High)

Proposed tentative Schedule:

3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Open campus walk-through
 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. This is the time to check-out memorabilia
 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Scheduled program (to be finalized)
 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. Finale/fireworks

Local vendors will sell food and liquid refreshments throughout the event. For more information, visit Highlands High School Alumni Association website at www.highlandshighalumni.com or contact Phillip Olson, at pg0111@sbcglobal.net. To get a general alumni headcount, please fill-out the form below and send it to Shirlene Lansdon (address shown below).

After Gala Social, Saturday 20, 9:30 p.m. to closing, Red Lion, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815

If you didn't get a chance to attend the dinner dance, nor did you have time to visit with classmates at the Gala, well here's your chance to catch-up with old classmates and make new friends. Hearty appetizers provided and a no host bar.

All Events Registration Form

Please check event/s you plan to attend:

- All Class Reunion, 9/19, 6:00 p.m., \$40 pp before 8/18, after 8/18 \$45, and \$50 at the door
 Gala Event, 9/20, 3-9:30 p.m., FREE ADMISSION
 After Gala Social, 9/20, 9:30 p.m., \$10 pp to cover hearty appetizers. No host bar provided.

To register, fill out the form and make your check payable to Shirlene Lansdon. Send it to Shirlene at 3117 Cambridge Road, Cameron Park, CA 95682.

Name: _____ Name when attended: _____

Name of High School (FHS, HHS or RLH) & Last Class Year: _____

Name of guest/s (if guest attended one of the 3 schools, provide info on back): _____

Mailing address: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____