



Alumni News

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Prez Ponderings.....

Well I cannot begin to tell all of you how proud I was to be the Alumni Association President when the students were awarded the college scholarships at Highlands! To actually see the students' reactions, and how humble and grateful they were to be given our scholarships, brought tears to my eyes. Several organizations presented scholarships that day, but HAA scholarships were the highest in value. At the next HAA meeting, the students will be presented with their checks and a honorary Highlands Alumni Association membership for each of them.

This has been an exciting year with presenting the scholarships, dancing the night away at the TWIRP dance and participating in the Memorial Day Parade, but it doesn't end there, this summer we are planning a barbeque swim party for alumni families and friends, a golf tournament and dinner, a fund-raising yard sale and car wash. So please check out the events calendar on the last page of this newsletter for more details.

I want to acknowledge and thank the Membership Committee for getting the official membership ID cards out to the members. The committee is doing a great job, and our membership just keeps on growing and growing and growing.

Last but not least, we are forming two committees. The first one is an Outreach Committee where we would be present at the student body meetings and assemblies. In addition, this committee would work with the community, lending support and ideas for the betterment of the student body at Highlands. The second committee would be made up of individuals who would work directly with the school administrators and the school district.

If you are interested in serving on either one of these committees, or have a few ideas, questions, concerns, you name it, we are interested in hearing from you, so please come to the next HAA's meeting on August 16th. They are fun and there are always great snacks on hand.

Until next time....

Sherry (Antrim) Chavez



TWIRP DANCE REVIEW

By Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper

A great time was had by all who attended this year's TWIRP Dance held at the North Highlands Veteran's of Foreign War Hall (VFW) on April 25th.

This is where the ladies came dressed like Daisy Mae and the gents like L'il Abner. Now if you don't remember those characters, then you are probably a little younger than many of us who attended Highlands in the 50's and 60's. This is also where the ladies would ask the men to dance (imagine that).



Queen Garnett Gilmore ('64)
& King Jack Leonard ('63)

There were grits and grub to eat and plenty to drink. Jack Leonard ('63) was crowned King and Garnett Gilmore ('64) was crowned Queen for the L'il Abner and Daisy Mae look-alike attire.

A special thanks goes to Alida (Gonzales) Steinbrecher and her committee for planning the affair, and to Phil Olson and Martin Chavez who played some fine old tunes that we danced to until the cows came home, or at least left the building.

See the Events Calendar on the last page

North Highlands Memorial Day Parade

By Phi Olson ('65)

The North Highlands Memorial Day Parade is one of the longest parades in the USA. This year there were over 1000 participants in the parade.

With the weather looking perfect, the alumni members started arriving at 8:00 a.m. to apply the finishing touches on our Vietnam Veterans' Wall honoring those California soldiers who lost their lives.

After applying the finishing touches on our vehicles and float, we had a wonderful time visiting with all the alumni who showed up. Many folks came by to tell us they went to Highlands High, and of course, we encouraged them to join the Association.

We took our position in the mile-long parade with Rick Murray (Class of '60) leading the way on his '57 BMW motorcycle with his wife Nida in the sidecar. We headed south down Watt

Next in line were Phil Olson ('65) and his grandson Jason towing our beautiful Vietnam Wall mounted in the center of the flatbed and decorated to the hilt. Riding on the float and singing their best were Kathy Cooper ('60), Dan Chambers ('67), Diana (DeCaries) Lansdon ('59), Ruth (Welsh) Beavers ('59), Steve Buerer ('67), Shirlene Lansdon ('63) and Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper ('66); followed by two



Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper ('66), Steve Buerer ('67), Shirlene Lansdon ('63) (killed), Diana (DeCaries) Lansdon ('59), Ruth (Welsh) Beavers ('59), Dan Chambers ('67) and Farley Cooper ('60)



Diane (Aspenson) Olson ('67), Alida (Gonzales) Steinbrecher ('67), Linda (Eastburn) Ballard ('65), Sherry (Antrim) Chaver ('65), and Narda Weber ('63)



Bob Steinbrecher ('67) and his granddaughter Melly Hernandez ('6) standing @ Emma Hernandez ('7) (daughter of Robert Hernandez ('61)) in his '57 BMW Isetta

decorated motorcycles driven by John and Laura (Elsbury) Fife ('68) and Steve ('71) and his sister Debra (last names unknown). Loreene (Sheppard) Lewis ('67) and Virginia Pitts ('67) were walking/dancing the entire time along side the float, handing out HAA fliers. These gals were dedicated and deserve a big thank you for a great job in getting the word out.

Bob Steinbrecher and two of his granddaughters were next in line in his '57 BMW Isetta. This car is always a crowd pleaser, with its door opening in front. Next was Richard Eastburn accompanied by Martin Chaver in Richard's classic '65 Corvair Convertible, followed by Jack Leonard ('63) with Garnett Gilmore ('64) waving and throwing kisses to the crowd, looking very sporty in his new Mazda Miata. Last but not least were Keith Weber ('65) in his decorated van towing a mini-float with the Red Hot Scots (our local chapter of the Red Hat Society). Riding on the float were Alida (Gonzales) Steinbrecher ('67), Diane (Aspenson) Olson ('67), Sherry (Antrim) Chaver ('65), Linda (Ballard) Eastburn ('65), and Narda Weber ('63). Congratulations to our ladies looking great with their red hats and purple flying high, and having a great time.

We arrived at the review stand at approximately 11:30am. The judges gave us all a big thumbs-up, along with a loud applause. We proceeded to arrive at the North Highlands VFW Hall for complimentary hot dogs and liquid refreshments, and nervously waited to see if we made-the-grade. In the main hall, trophy's were awarded. Rick Murray and Nida won the 1st place trophy in the "motorcycle" division, and the alumni with our Red Hot Scots won 2nd place for the "other" division.

This was not only a great day to remember those love ones who have passed, but especially to remember and honor those men and women who died and served protecting our country. It was also a day that made memories for all of us who were there. So get off the couch and come out and have some fun with the HAA members! We'll be doing this again next year, and lots of other fun stuff before then, so come on out and see what its all about.

Sorry to those participants who aren't pictured here



Front left corner: Rick & Nida Murray; Sitting at table: L-R Alida (Gonzales) Steinbrecher, Linda (Ballard) and Richard Eastburn, Sherry (Antrim) Chaver. Standing L-R: Diana (DeCaries) Lansdon, Ruth (Welsh) Beavers, Shirlene Lansdon, Mary (Cassels) Chaver, Diane (Aspenson) Olson, Garnett Gilmore, Jack Leonard, Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper and Phil Olson

SCHOLARSHIPS 2009

By Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper '66

Sherry (Antrim) Chavez, Highlands Alumni Association President, presented Craig Tyler Sanders, a 2009 Highlands graduate, with a \$1000 College Scholarship during the Scholarship Award Assembly on May 20th. In addition, runner-ups Richel A. Emberga and Rosalina M. Lopez were presented with scholarships as well.

Craig was recommended by math teacher Ruth Ann Wulff. Ms. Wulff stated that Craig has risen to the occasion the entire year to understand and learn this most difficult curriculum. He not only helped fellow students to understand the curriculum, but he coached them in such a way they were able to present their problems on the blackboard.

He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout all four years of high school, and currently has a 4.40.

Craig has organized school dances, ran school rallies, been responsible for morning announcements, organized and ran fundraising events, belonged to the drama club since 2007, selected and attended a 2008 American Legions Boys State Program where he was elected the County Court Appellate Judge.

He participated in Families and Schools Together program. This program promotes growth of families and builds bridges between parents, youth, community and schools. He also assisted in beautifying a local church.

He plans on attending Sacramento State University in the Fall of 2009.



BBQ & Swim Party for Alumni and Friends

By Alida (Gonzales) Steinbrecher '67

Come one, come all to the BBQ swim party on August 15, at the Carmichael Elks Lodge.

We'll be kicking off things at 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The menu includes hamburgers for \$2.00, hot dogs for \$1.00 and sodas for \$.50.

Games will be played, so practice up on your horse shoe throwing, bocce ball, volley ball, etc.

We'll also be conducting a 50/50 raffle so bring some spare change, and don't forget your sunscreen.

Hope to see you there.



Class of '70!

By Claudia (Gonzales) Renteria '70

Is anyone out there? Our 40th year from graduating is soon approaching in 2010. I'm hoping there are others interested in planning this big event and if so, please contact Claudia (Gonzales) Renteria at (916) 752-1855 or Randy Irwin (523) 915-1972.

I know our class president and other elected officials are the "masters" in planning, advertising, etc. as they have done in the past. Please contact either of us if you are interested or know anyone who may be. If nothing else, just a little guidance showing us how to get things rolling.

If no one is interested in doing anything, then we'll just have to wave as 2010 passes and think "has it been 40 years?" and wonder what everyone is doing in their lives. Please don't let that happen.



LOU'S CORNER

By Loreene Sheppard '67

First Saturday at Lou's at 12 noon just got better. The manager has agreed for us to have a drawing there for a free meal. Rodney Harlan '67 was our first winner in June and Lynn Mann '68 was our second winner in July.

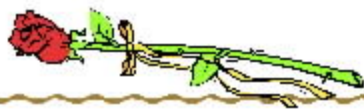
Rumor has it there will be some out-of-state '66 graduates dropping in for lunch on August 1st. So if you know anyone from that graduating you may want to come on by. More and more classmates are joining us for lunch. Why don't you be one of them.

In Memoriam Names Needed

By Sandra (Lansdon) Cooper '66

Loreene Sheppard '67 has developed a memoriam database for all graduating classes.

If you know of someone who has passed away who graduated from Highlands (or Foothill '66-'69), or have names from a class reunion "In Memoriam" board, please contact Loreene at tomboy_1967@yahoo.com.





For more and updated information, click on
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RON'S LIGHTER-SIDE

NOW THAT FOOD HAS REPLACED SEX IN MY LIFE, I CAN'T EVEN GET INTO MY OWN PANTS.

I SAW A WOMAN WEARING A SWEAT SHIRT WITH "GUESS" ON IT. SO I SAID "IMPLANTS?" SHE HIT ME.

HOW COME WE CHOOSE FROM JUST TWO PEOPLE TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT AND OVER FIFTY FOR MISS AMERICA?

AND REMEMBER: LIFE IS LIKE A ROLL OF TOILET PAPER. THE CLOSER IT GETS TO THE END, THE FASTER IT GOES

Ron Aspenson, class of '66, submitted the quotes to brighten our day.

How to be an HAA Member

Come join the fun!! Highlands Alumni Association (HAA) is looking for you. The Highlands Alumni Association was started by a small but enthusiastic group of former students in August of 2007 and has really taken off. Our association supports school activities, funds a scholarship program, assists class reunion efforts, and has several annual fund raising activities as well as social events.

Annual membership fee is only \$10.00 per member with the option of a three-year membership at \$25.00 or a five-year membership at \$40.00. The membership year runs from January through December.

For a membership application, please visit our website at <http://highlandshighalumni.com>.

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