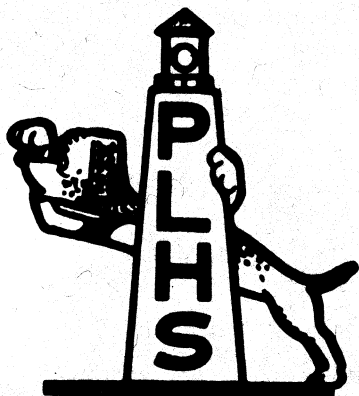


# Point Loma High School

## Alumni Association

### Newsletter



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#### Presidential Points

The Alumni Association has an active and enthusiastic Board of Directors, eager to better the organization. We're trying to lighten the load of Susie Cramer Ballantyne, who continues to "know all and do all" regarding this Association.

As you know, the Association has been, for the last couple of years, awarding grants to deserving students who are planning to attend local colleges and universities.

This year, the total value of grants to be awarded has been increased from \$800 to \$1,000. There will be two grants at \$250 each for students planning to attend two-year institutions. There will be one grant of \$500 for a student planning to attend a four-year institution. The Board members feel this is one of the best uses that can be made of the Association's funds.

We're also pleased to note the temporary A.S.B. building has been placed in the quad. The Association contributed funds to assist in purchasing this building, which will be a central gathering spot for student activities. It needs a little paint, but otherwise looks sharp!

The Association always needs volunteers. If you're interested in helping us with membership, the newsletters, Point Loma history and the like, please call the school at 223-3121 and leave your name and phone number. All help would be greatly appreciated.

Howard Wiggins, President

#### Homecoming

This year the Homecoming football game will be October 21, 1983 at Ross Field. We will play University City High School. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held immediately after the football game in the cafeteria. Please mark the date on your calendar and join us. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

#### Pointer Championships

The Pointers have excelled in sports this past year. The football team tied El Camino High School 6-6 for the 2-A Divisional Championship.

The soccer team won the 2A title.  
(and Almost)

The boys basketball team made the playoffs, and the girls basketball team got to the finals of the Southern California Division II but lost to Thousand Oaks La Reina.

#### Officers for 1982-1983

Howard Wiggins	'50	President
Ned Titlow	'42	Vice President
Sophie Kovacevich	'31	Secretary
Julie Halliday	'70	Treasurer

#### Fall '82 Issue Question

Who is considered the most famous alum?

#### Consensus Answer

Don Larsen '47 who pitched the perfect game for the Yankees in the 1956 World Series.  
(Any other thoughts?)

## Reunions

The Classes of '43, '44 & '45 are joining forces and planning their reunion for the weekend of Oct. 21st and 22nd. They will tour the school prior to the Homecoming football game, then have an evening cocktail party on board a purse seiner. They will have a dinner dance at the Kona Kai Club the night of the 22nd. For information you may call Autumn Keltner '43, home 222-7925, work 230-2144, Dorothy Anthony '44 223-7372 or Patty Hopkins '45, 223-1710. Lyle Butler '43 is in charge of the committee.

The Class of '53 will hold their reunion Sept. 17th at the Sheraton-Harbor Island Hotel. Joan Ertmer Knop is in charge. You may contact her evenings at 277-4689.

Van Braas '58 is looking for help in organizing a reunion for the Class of '58. If you are interested in helping please call him at 222-2295.

The Class of '63 will have their reunion August 13th at the Atlantis. Judi Norlander Byrom is in charge and may be reached evenings at 222-5837.

The Class of '73 will be gathering at the Sheraton-Harbor Island Hotel on August 27th for their reunion. They will also have a family picnic at Crown Point on August 28th. Rosemarie Soucy Thomas is in charge. Her number is 279-1476.

The "Early Pointer Grads" (Classes of '26 through '37) held their annual reunion on March 26th. They had over 200 again this year and honored the Class of '33. They had a special '33 party the evening before at the home of Charlotte Bassler Heuser. Several alums from as far away as Washington, Virginia and Tennessee came for the party. There was a picnic on Sunday at Spanish Landing for the heartier souls.

Remember the Classes of '54, '59, '64 & '74 are coming up for reunions in 1984. Anyone interested in chairing or working on these committees please call the Alumni Association at the school (223-3121) and leave your name and number.

## Alumni Aid Career Awareness Day

Freyda Cohen, Career Counselor has informed the Alumni Association that the Staff Career Awareness Day held in January, 1983, featuring mostly alumni speakers from the Classes of '39 through '74 was a great success.

The program was planned to expose the faculty to a broad range of business and professional representatives which would help break the academic isolation that is pervasive in the schools.

There were 16 alumni who participated. The response to Mrs. Cohen's survey following the program was very positive. Many felt it was the "best workshop", of "practical value", and "truly worthwhile". Many said they would like to have a repeat performance.

The Alumni Association would like to add their thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile activity.

## Contest Winner

Point Loma High School students learned a profitable lesson at last November's election. A contest financed by two businessmen called "Voter Turn-On '82" awarded the school \$10,000 for best overall campaign and \$8,000 first prize. The schools were judged according to their activity in the political process and number of people contacted and encouraged to vote in the general election.

## Tribute to Hugh Simpson

The students at Pt. Loma will dedicate the new A.S.B. building to Hugh Simpson and his three children Kendall, Shelley and Burke who were killed Dec. 25, 1982, in a crash as he attempted to land his aircraft at the family Mesa Grande ranch.

Hugh began teaching at Pt. Loma in 1957. Since 1976 he was the primary teacher for the health and driver education program.

Hugh will be remembered for his many contributions to the school and the community, his pursuit of excellence and zest for life.

## In Memorium

Anderson Mason Class of '33  
Faye Emerson Class of '36 (Jan)  
Yvonne Burdette Pengl Class of '36  
John Welch Class of '42  
Mickey Shanahan Class of '48  
Joanne Dixon Denby Class of '52  
William S. Boswell Class of '59  
Kendall Simpson Class of '76  
Shelley Simpson Class of '78  
Burke M. Simpson Class of '81

Rhoda MacDougal, former English teacher, died at age 95 in December, 1982.

Hugh Simpson, teacher for 25 years, died in December, 1982.

## Gift Idea!

If you have a family member or friend who is graduating this June, why not give them a Life Membership to the Alumni Association?

Just fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return it to the school. Please note if you would like the membership card sent to you or the person named.

## Moved?

One of our more difficult tasks is keeping track of you who move. We would appreciate it if you would keep us posted by mailing us your change of address. Thanks.

## Et Cetera

Mike Smith, Class of '58 was recently named Sports Director for KGTV here in San Diego. Our best wishes go to Mike for this well deserved position.

Amelia Kirk-Brooks, Class of '51 sends greetings from Mertone, Alabama, where she operates a Bed 'N' Breakfast Inn.

Gene A. Wiggins, Class of '48 was named President of the San Diego Better Business Bureau.

The Board of Directors welcomes Betty Plaister Gay, Class of '32 as its newest member. We're looking forward to having her join us.

## ANNUAL MEMBER REMINDER

Does your address label have a red line on it? If it does, that means your membership expires May 31st. Please fill out the application at the bottom of this page and send in your dues to the address listed below.

Better still, why not raise your membership to a Lifetime membership, then we won't have to 'bug' you next year, and the alumni information will come to you automatically every year.

New Address ( )

New Membership ( )

Renewal of Membership ( )

Dues: \$20.00 Lifetime member

\$3.00 Annual member

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Maiden)

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip

Sent to: Point Loma High School Alumni Association

2335 Chatsworth Blvd.

- San Diego, CA 92106

## Principal's Message

Dear Alumni: It is often said that in our society the only unchangeable characteristic is change itself. This is certainly true at Point Loma High School. Those of you who graduated before 1976 see many new buildings and physical surroundings. But the most important part of a school is not mortar and stone; it is the curriculum, teachers and students. In those areas we have had many changes and challenges. I would like to review a few of them.

**Add Ninth Grade:** On April 12, 1983, the Bd. of Education approved the closing of Dana Jr. High, created a new consolidated 7th-8th grade school at Collier Jr. High and added the 9th grade to Pt. Loma. We are busy planning the necessary physical changes, curriculum modifications and personnel acquisitions that will result in the continuation and improvement of the high quality instructional program at Pt. Loma.

**Eligibility Requires 2.0:** Beginning with the 1983-84 school year, academic and citizenship grades must average 2.0 in order for students to be eligible for participation in interscholastic and curricular activities. The requirement applies to all sports, A.S.B. positions, class officers, club presidents, cheerleaders, drill team, and music, choral, speech or drama activities which are adjudicated.

## Principal's Message Continued

**Minimum Competencies & Course Standards:** The district is developing course standards in all required courses. Students will not receive a passing grade until standards are met. Higher competency standards in reading, writing and mathematics are being increased in order to improve student achievement.

**Adopt-a-School:** At a time when financial stability and public support for public education seems to be lessening, we are fortunate to have outstanding community and parent commitment to Pt. Loma High. The Alumni Association led by Howard Wiggins this year is a fine example. Our P.T.A. with Mrs. Tommi Adelizzi, Pres., has been terrific also in its support of our school. Many service clubs and businesses in our area have done many wonderful things for students. We have been officially adopted by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and the Pt. Loma Rotary Club is currently considering adopting us also.

With the enthusiasm found in our community, the outstanding faculty, challenging curriculum and greatest student body anywhere, you can see why this principal is delighted to be at your alma mater.

James F. Gauntlett, Ed.D.

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