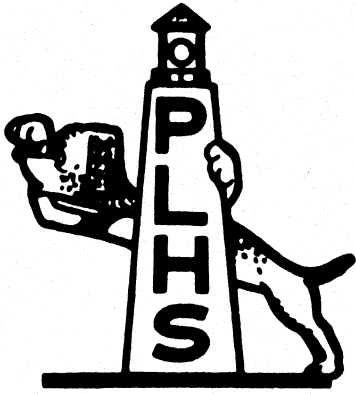


# Point Loma High School

## Alumni Association

### Newsletter



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### Presidential Points

Strong athletic teams have focused my pride in Point Loma High School this year—29-0 and a state championship is mighty impressive — but there are other things going on at PLHS too. Dr. Gauntlett's column will tell you about a number of these. One other point of interest is the progress of the PLHS Foundation, an organization that I've mentioned before. This organization, founded by parents and alumni, is a tax-exempt collector of funds to better Point Loma's college prep program. This year the Foundation has collected more than \$7,400 for PLHS and has disbursed (or soon will disburse) about \$5,700. Among the disbursements are the purchase of a video cassette recorder for the biology department and a special allotment to Mrs. Hill of the English department for the employment of a skilled reader to edit and criticize student writing. Further, the Foundation provided Dennis Donnelly, head Media librarian, with funds to begin purchasing volumes of literary criticism of works of current authors. These books, which are invaluable guides to interpretation, would not otherwise be available to the Media Center.

I am delighted with the success that the Foundation has attained. I hope that you share my pleasure and will consider the Foundation as a recipient for some of your charitable contributions.

Howard Wiggins  
President

### Homecoming

Please reserve October 19th on your calendar for the homecoming football game. The Pointers will play Mira Mesa at Ross Field. The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held after the football game. We hope you will be able to join us then.

### What's In A Name?

(Courtesy of the "Ol' Pointer")

"The Ol' Pointer" is the name of the paper published by and for the PLHS Early Grads (Classes '25-'37). In their last edition was an article entitled "How We Became The Pointers". Verna Schneider Kirkman '28 stated "Yes, I did suggest using 'The Pointer' for our school symbol. We were all so pleased with our brand new school in those first years. It seems, as I recall, a group of us upper-class students (it was a 7-12 grade school) got together one afternoon in a sort of a meeting, and started kicking our ideas around. To me, the 'Pointer', the hunting dog, seemed a great choice and I guess the others liked it too."

### Lost And Found (Hopefully)

We have a member of the Class of '49 who would like to find a '49 class ring to purchase or borrow for copying purposes. Please notify the alumni association if you have one available, preferably a boys ring.

## Reunion Information

The Early Pointer Grads held their 9th annual reunion April 14th with 201 persons attending. The Class of '34 was honored with a "The Way We Were" slide show.

The Class of '44 had a combined reunion with the Classes of '43-'45 last year so we have nothing to report for them.

The Class of '54 will be having their reunion on August 24th at the San Diego Yacht Club. Lillian Brown Frank is in charge. Her number is 222-4988.

The Class of '59 will be having their reunion August 25th from 8 until midnight at the San Diego Yacht Club. Margaret Akin Farrell is the person to call at 225-8271.

The Class of '64 will hold their reunion at the Hilton Hotel on Mission Bay Aug. 18th with a buffet dinner and dancing. They are also planning a family picnic on the beach at the Hilton Sunday the 19th.

Jackie Byrom's phone number is 287-3893

The Class of '74 reunion has been organized by David Dick. They will be gathering on Sunday Sept 2nd at Sea World at 8 P.M. David's number is 281-1581.

The Classes of '55, '65 & '75 are due for reunions in '85. We have had inquiries from several people asking about these class reunions. Pam Faber Smith '65 is interested in helping organize a reunion for her class. Anyone willing to chair or help please contact the school at 223-3121. Jim Clark '65 who lives in New Zealand has sent word he wants to attend.

Two people from the Class of '66 from other continents are interested in attending their reunions in '86. Tim Payne writes from Tasmania that he wants to come, and Peter Aue from Germany.

Tammy Prince Golden '75 has contacted the alumni association and offered to help with a reunion.

If you would like to help please leave a message at the school and your call will be answered. 223-3121.

## Principal's Message

Dear Alumni:

The Freshman Class is back on the Point Loma High School campus again. The 1983-84 school year brought some interesting challenges by the addition of 600 students, 30 staff members and 14 new bungalows. I am happy to report that the ninth graders appear to be effectively integrated into the life of our school.

The school year 1983-84 also marks the year that Coach Trepanier and our girl's basketball team brought the state championship to Point Loma High School. It is the only high school athletic team (boys or girls) from San Diego County to have won a C.I.F. state championship.

I am grateful to the Point Loma High School Alumni Association under the leadership this year of Mr. Howard Wiggins for its continued support of our school and students. The association is again providing \$1,000 this year for scholarship grants to deserving students.

It also has been wonderful to receive contributions from individual alumnus and from reunion classes to the Walkway to Freedom project. Through the initial efforts of Miss Melinda Roberts, a junior who suffers with rheumatoid arthritis, we are raising funds to build an elevated walkway that would connect the second floors of the 300 and 400 buildings. Hope Consultant group has contributed the architectural plans. We have raised about \$10,000 so far but will need four times that amount. We solicit your help in this worthy project. Contributions can be made out to Point Loma High School where we have set up a trust account for these funds. If any of you are building contractors and could contribute some part of the construction of the facility, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Best wishes to you all.

James F. Gauntlett, Ed. D.

Principal

## You Know You're Getting Older When...

The favorite part of your newspaper is 25 years ago today.

Membership

Please check your address label to see if there is a red mark above your name. If there is that means it is time to renew your annual dues. Please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and mail it along with your check to the school. We don't want you to miss out on anything that might be of interest to you.

We do urge all annual members to raise their membership to lifetime status.

Moved?

Please remember the alumni association when you move. Our list of unknown addresses keeps growing.

Et Cetera

Myron Insko '35 keeps the alumni association informed with his Christmas letter. They are still in Pine Grove, California.

David Worden '60 has recently been named Captain of the Western Division of the San Diego Police Department. Congratulations.

We have three judges who are grads of PLHS serving in San Diego County. They are Gordon Thompson '47, Mack Lovett '49 and Larry Irving '52.

In Memorium

- Sam Fodor                      Class of '30
- Henry J. Albrecht            Class of '31
- Robert W. Gardner         Class of '39
- Gene Wiggins                Class of '48
- R. Haste Garland            Class of '49

Director Profiles

Howard Wiggins '50

After leaving PLHS I attended University of California Berkeley, graduating in 1960 with a law degree. Since then I have practiced law in downtown San Diego, specializing in probate and estate planning. My wife Barbara and I have three daughters, two in college and one soon to be a sophomore at Crawford High School. My principal hobbies are athletics (running, cycling and swimming), music (choir singing and classical guitar), and intellectual stuff (reading and trivia gathering). I also wish there were more time and money available for travel!

Sophe Kovac Kovacevich '31

Sophe is a lifelong resident of San Diego. She graduated from Fremont Elementary, Point Loma High and Kellsey-Jenney Business College. God willing (she says) she and her husband will be celebrating their 48th Wedding anniversary. They have two children, Mary Ann PLHS '56, Stanford '60 and Martin PLHS '60, SDSU '65. Her first love is traveling. They spent most of '66 and '67 touring through every country in Europe, joined by friends on several occasions. Her hobbies are gourmet cooking, classical music and indulging in her three grandchildren.

Retirement Information

Three teachers will be retiring this spring from Point Loma High School. They are Marion Nelson, math teacher, Marie Huff '64 art teacher and Bob Fung social studies teacher.

New Address ( )                      New Membership ( )                      Renewal of Membership ( )

Dues: \$20.00 Lifetime member  
\$ 3.00 Annual member

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street                                      City                                      State                                      Zip

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