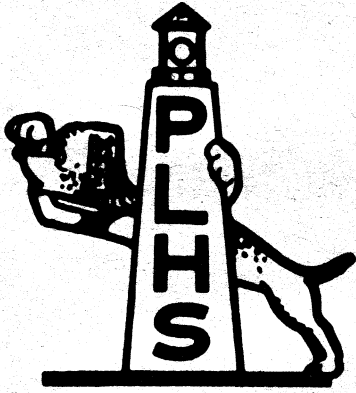


# Point Loma High School

## Alumni Association

### Newsletter



## SPRING 1985

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### Presidential Points

Your Alumni Association is alive and well. Membership has increased by over 100 members this year. We now have over 1,000 lifetime members and 130 annual members. Many of the classes have held on or will be holding their reunions. Our association is pleased to assist them in their planning and organization. Our scholastic grants will be awarded again this year in the name of the Alumni Association. We will give one \$750 to a graduating student who will go to a local four year college or university. Two \$300 scholastic grants will go to graduating seniors going to local two year colleges.

The Board wishes to recognize the good work our past President Howard Wiggins did in his tenure as President. Also we'd like to express our appreciation to Susanne Cramer Ballantine, our membership chairperson. She is always there helping classes organize their reunions, updating membership records, maintaining contact with Pt. Loma High School, and writing and putting out our newsletter. (If anyone would like to take over this semi-annual job please contact Susie. she'll be more than happy to retire from newslettering.) We appreciate her devoted service.

Ned Titlow '42

President

### Homecoming

It may seem like a long way until the Fall, but we would like you to circle October 25th on your calendar as that will be the homecoming football game and annual alumni meeting immediately following the game. The Pointers will play Patrick Henry at Ross Field. Please plan on joining us.

### Pointers CIF Champs Again

The girls' basketball team journeyed to Oakland again for the state championship and came away with its second win in a row. This year they played Wilson High School from San Francisco. The final score was 53-48 which was one of the closer scores of their season. Coach Lee Trepanier will be looking forward to next season as all of his players will be returning.

### Retirement Information

This spring the faculty and staff will honor Freyda Cohen, Career Counselor, and Albert Decker, math teacher, who are retiring. Taking leave of absences will be Ted Becker, special ed teacher and Karen de Laurier, french teacher.

"You know you're getting older when you know all the answers but nobody asks you the questions."

## Reunion Information

The Classes of '26 through '37 held their annual reunion March 30th at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. This year they honored the Class of '35 golden anniversary with Fielder Lutes as Master of Ceremonies. The most surprised attendee was Faye Baird Fraser '27 who was honored for her tireless effort in keeping this group together. They presented her with a trophy clock and a bouquet of yellow roses, thanking her for "the memories". Dave Austin, former science teacher came from Boise, Idaho.

The Classes of '49, '50, '51 will hold a joint reunion October 26th at the Atlantis Restaurant on Mission Bay. They are also planning on getting together for the Homecoming football game on Oct. 25th, and a beach party on Oct. 27th. For information Class of '49 may contact Charlotte Lester 223-0756, Class of '50 Susanne Ballantyne 222-8631, and Class of '51 Joanne Hanna 265-0710.

The Class of '55 will have their reunion the weekend of September 13th-15th. There will be a Reacquaintance Social at the San Diego Yacht Club the evening of Sep. 13th. The reunion will be at the Hanalei Hotel with a 6:30 cocktail hour followed by a 7:30 dinner on Sep. 14th. On Sunday Sep. 15th they will have a picnic at Crown Point. For information call Bob Lindsay 442-5458.

The Class of '60 will hold their reunion on Aug. 3rd at the Kona Kai Club. Nancy Ascher is the contact for this class. Her phone number is 443-7574.

The Class of '65 will gather at the Islandia on Aug. 10th for a Buffet dinner. Their contact is Sylvia Ramos at 222-5396.

The Class of '75 will meet on Aug. 17th on the Berkeley with a picnic the next day at Crown Point. For information you can call Katy Blair at 578-7524.

The following classes are due for reunions in 1986: '46, '56, '61, '66, '76. If there is anyone who is willing to chair or help with these reunions please contact the Alumni Association at 223-3121.

## Missing Persons

The Alumni Association would like to keep their address list as up-to-date as possible. We occasionally get our newsletters returned with "unforwardable address" and are unable to locate. The following is a list of members we cannot find:

'32 Evelyn Atkinson Brown  
'47 James S. Jensen  
'49 Patrick Harratty  
'58 Sally Brown Weaver  
'59 Fred Fogel  
'60 Wm. G. Carlson  
'62 Ronald W. Fletcher  
'65 Robert L. Cuevas  
'66 Wm. B. Settles  
'68 Constance Godoun Pixley  
'69 Christine Carter Erickson  
'69 Susan Warrens Millburn  
'71 Meryl Getline  
'72 Edward M. Stanton

Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please call the Alumni Association at 223-3121 or write to 2335 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego, CA 92106. Many thanks.

## Talents and Triumphs

In the Fall Newsletter we mentioned that two Pointer alums were members of the Sun Harbor Chorus. We received a letter from Stan Christman '56 who stated he is also a member of the barbershop chorus. He currently is teaching English at PLHS and has 2 sons attending.

Doris Dippollet Stockman '46 lives in the San Bernardino-Riverside area and is interested in knowing if there are any P.L. grads living in her area. Her phone number is 714 886-3751.

Lee Grissom '60 is the Chief of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and is trying to keep the image of San Diego as America's Finest uppermost in people's minds.

Claudia Vorce Fuller '66 didn't know we existed until her sister Cindy sent her a copy of our newsletter. She lives on Whidby Island in Washington and is working at the local Social Service Center. Some of her spare time is spent coaching a youth soccer team.

Jane Rees '80 writes from Florence, Oregon that she graduated from Oregon State University in Technical Photojournalism and is working for the Siuslaw News in Florence.

## Principal's Message

Dear Alumni: The 1984-85 school year has been exciting and productive at Point Loma High. A positive report of our progress in addressing the recommendations of the 1981 Accreditation Report has been submitted this April to the Assistant Superintendent of Area 1.

The faculty and senior students are to be congratulated for the results of the 12th grade Survey of Basic Skills test administered Dec. 1984 in the California Assessment Program. Our students continue to rank above the district and state mean scores in reading, writing, spelling and mathematics. We are honored also in that our school, as a part of a state incentive program, will be receiving a significant sum of money because of an improvement of our scores over last year.

Last spring, and again this spring, the Pt. Loma Rotary Club is sponsoring a PLHS teacher recognition program. Three of our teachers are recognized for their outstanding contributions to education and youth. Appreciation is clearly expressed also through a significant monetary award.

We are also excited that after almost two years of planning and work, \$40,000 has been raised to build the "Melinda Roberts Walkway to Freedom." The P.T.A., faculty, staff, students, student organizations, parents, community groups, and various individuals contributed time and money to make this dream a reality. Special recognition is afforded Richard Miller of the Hope Consulting Group and Jim Still of Nielson Construction Company for the benevolent bid to construct the elevated walkway. The PLHS Alumni Association and reunion committees contributed a significant amount of money to this worthy project. Our students and staff appreciate your involvement in the current affairs of your alma mater.

We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our student athletes. A special note must be made of the accomplishments of our girls' basketball team coached by Lee Trepanier. For the second consecutive year, they are the California State Champions. PLHS is honored to be the only San Diego County School to achieve a state championship in any sports event.

## Bennie Edens Honored

On April 24th 300 people, many former students, parents of former students, faculty and friends gathered at Tom Ham's Lighthouse to honor Bennie Edens for his over 35 years of coaching and teaching at Pt. Loma High School. Two members of the '49 championship football team were in attendance: Nelson Olf and Buddy Lewis, both from Oregon. Bob Buckman came from Tennessee for the event. There were several proclamations given to Bennie: a congratulatory letter from President Ronald Reagan, a congressional proclamation from Bill Lowery '65 and San Diego City councilman Bill Cleator '45 presented a city proclamation. Bill and Bennie played football together at San Diego State College.

## Officers 1984-1985

Ned Titlow '42  
Rick Leary '63  
Danice Diemoz '64  
Julie Halliday '70

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer

## Thought for the Day

"Our lives are overburdened, and living often seems to us a terrible complicated affair. The problems of the world are so incredibly complex and we see that there are no simple answers. The complexity always leaves us with a feeling of helplessness and powerlessness. And still, amazingly enough, we go on, day by day, always half subconsciously yearning for something simpler, something more meaningful.

If such a thing as living life fully interests you - than it's up to you to learn about it and live it."

Quoted from "The Simple Life" by Joan Atwater.

(Principal's message continued)

We continue to be enriched by the support provided by the Alumni Association. The scholarships you provide are appreciated by deserving students. Congratulations are extended to Ned Titlow '42, President, and all of you for a great year.

Most sincerely,

James Gauntlett

## Director Profiles

We like to feature several directors when we get new ones on the board. This past October we added 2 new directors, Lois Allen Crawford '33 and Danice Gillespie Niemoz '64, recycled one of our original directors, Bill Pugh '50 and extended the tenure of Ned Titlow '42 and Rick Leary '63.

We tried to get some information from Lois Crawford, but she says she is publicity shy. We do know she's a great gardener, has a beautiful touch with floral decorating and likes to travel.

Danice Niemoz, better known as Dani is a native San Diegan having attended Loma Portal Grammar School, Dana Junior High School and of course, PLHS. She has been a legal secretary since 1965 and for the past 16 years has worked for PLHS alum Don Harrington. She enjoys gardening, likes to play golf and still enjoys the beach which is probably why she still lives in Ocean Beach. She has worked on several reunion committees and this led to her being asked to join the Board of Directors where she was elected Secretary. (Such originality!)

## In Memorium

Ben Burnham  
Estelle Kidwell Wickham  
Richard Clardy  
Harry Folsom  
Stewart Fraser  
Marie Neiswender  
Thomas Donnelly  
Roger K. Oglesbee  
Paul L. Callahan  
Nancy Fox Crume  
Patricia Thomas Boughton  
James E. Grill  
Clair R. Seely

Class of '27  
Class of '30  
Class of '31  
Class of '31  
Class of '35  
Class of '35  
Class of '38  
Class of '40  
Class of '41  
Class of '51  
Class of '60  
Class of '65  
Former Teacher

## Annual Membership Renewals

Many of our annual memberships expire May 31st. If there is a red line under your graduate year on the address label your membership expires. We would like to invite you to join us as a lifetime member for only \$20.00, but if you can't do that please join us for another year at \$3.00. Please fill out the bottom of this page and send to: Point Loma High School Alumni Association, 2335 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego, CA 92106. We appreciate your interest and hope to continue to be of service to you for many years to come.

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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