



POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FALL '97

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 1997-98 edition of Point Loma High School. I don't believe there has ever been a time in recent history when the face of education in San Diego is changing so rapidly. This year we will be implementing standards in all core courses, Visual and Performing Arts, and Applied Learning as well as looking at a state wide test to measure the academic achievement of our students. We have new and stricter graduation requirements, additional courses for students to take, and the promise of an accountability system that will help schools improve student achievement. Our students will be facing challenges which will prepare them for life, career options and a lifestyle that will remain foreign to us.

Our students continue to demonstrate improved achievement. Grade point averages have increased over the last several semesters and coupled with rising standardized test scores (every grade in every sub-test showed gains last year) and rising SAT scores (Verbal scores increased 12 points and Math remained steady), demonstrate that our students are serious about their education and work hard to achieve student and personal goals.

In the final issue of this newsletter last year I shared a dream with you about a scholarship fund that I would like to build over time for our students and their continuing education. This year I will be working with you to make the beginning of that dream a reality. We need to ensure that our students will be able to continue in their education and become contributing, literate members of our society. I look forward to seeing you on campus this year as we share and work together for the betterment of all of our former and current students.

Michael M. Price
Principal

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Presidential Points

Classes have begun, and with it a new beginning for our school. The locker program is in full swing with new lockers being installed, new paint on the walls and a fresh feeling in the hallways. The gym has had a facelift, with a beautiful mural of Point Loma, new skylights and a gleaming floor. Please make it a point to stop by and see these new additions.

Homecoming plans are well underway. It will be a full day with numerous activities being planned. One of the highlights will be the dedication/ribbon cutting of the lockers and Point Loma Pavers. After the game, the Brigantine (**Mike Morton '61**) on Shelter Island has been gracious enough to honor Happy Hour food prices all night long for Point Loma Alumni. Please join us! I look forward to seeing all of you on October 10th.

Thank you for your continued support of Point Loma High School and the Alumni Association. If you would like to get involved with the Alumni Association, please feel free to contact me, or any Board member, we would love to have you join us!

Susan Person '79
President

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AFTER HOMECOMING ALUMNI GATHERING

**THE BRIGANTINE
SHELTER ISLAND**

7:30 p.m.

October 10

Drinks, appetizers, great people!

BE THERE!

For more information, call **Susan Person** at
222-7873

Sports Update

As many of you may already know, Lois Craig, who has been at Point Loma High School for over 25 years, has been named the school's Athletic Director. Bennie Edens is doing well, and, despite some health problems, still coaching the football team.

With homecoming occurring so early in the year, the football season has just barely begun, so there is no team sports news quite yet. There is some general sports news that the Athletics Department would like for the Alumni to know about.

Funds raised from the 70th birthday has been used to renovate the gymnasium. Recently completed is a beautiful mural inside the gym. Please come by sometime and admire it.

Also, the S.O.S. (Save Our Sports) group are selling discounted tickets to the Buick Open Golf Tournament. Tickets are \$10 each, and *every penny goes to the sport of your choice at Point Loma High School*. Tickets may be purchased from either Lois or Bennie. Call the school, 223-3121, for more information.

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HOMECOMING
October 10, 1997
vs. Patrick Henry High School
3 p.m.
Ross Field

**Annual Meeting immediately
following game,
Room 301**

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THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Gold Circle Donation and Maroon Circle Donation provide funds to aid the school in providing an enhanced learning environment and to provide scholarships to graduating seniors with need, talent and goals. The donation levels are:

Gold Circle **\$100**

Maroon Circle **\$ 35**

In appreciation of your annual donation, the Alumni Association will send you a custom PLHS Alumni T-shirt for becoming a Maroon Circle member. Gold Circle members receive the T-shirt and a hat with PLHS logo. To become a Maroon or Gold Circle member, fill out the form in this newsletter and send, along with your check, to the PLHS Alumni Association today, or contact **Mary Silvera Azevedo '61**, at 223-3821. **THANKS!**

CLASS REUNION INFORMATION

Classes of 26-37 - Hold their reunion honoring the 60th and 70th, April 3rd, 1998, Tom Ham's Lighthouse. **Jack Kelly** and **Jack Watson** co-chairs. Contact **Dorothy Rock** at 274-1580 for information.

Classes of '38-'42 - Lunch at Tom Ham's Lighthouse October 17, 1997. Call **Maddy Mehus**, 582-0520.

Class of '48 - **Joan Jefferson Reynolds** at 223-7313 and **Maggie Mason Hamlin** at 223-3316, are taking calls from anyone interested in chairing or wanting to help with their Big 50 next year.

Class of '52 - Holding their 45th reunion at the Kona Kai Club, on Friday, September 26th at 6p.m. **Don Harrington** will be M.C. for the evening with songs and cheers lead by the song and cheerleaders of the class. **Mary Bresler** will

entertain at the keyboard during cocktail hour while vintage cars from the collection of classmember **Nick Fintzelberg** will also be on display. Music will be provided by **Lou Repaci's** Starliters band. On Saturday, the festivities will continue with a tour of PLHS at 9 a.m., followed by a BYO picnic at Bahia Hotel bayside lawn from 1-4 p.m. For more information call **Genie** at 748-7260 or **Kay** at 224-5273.

Class of '67 - Great Reunions is doing this one. Call 1-800-655-7971. Friday night October 17th, Dinner Dance at Kona Kai,

Class of '72 - A reunion planning session will take place at Nati's in OB on Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m. The hope is to have a cocktail party in February of '98. Call **Jan Percival** at 452-8958 for more information. Of course, all are invited to attend the Point Loma 2000 Celebration honoring classmate **Joe Hutshing** on November 1st. Call **Jeanie Graham Estrada**, 223-3332, for more information.

Class of '78 - **Beth Hickey Hildebrand** is taking calls for this reunion. Her number is 451-3406.

Class of '88 - Planning is underway for a late summer, early fall reunion in 1998. If you would like to participate on the reunion committee, please call **Liesl Johnson-Mestre** at 297-7575 or **Chris Hoolihan** at (703) 644-4226. Also check out our **Reunion Home Page** on the World Wide Web at www.dunraven.com/~plhs for news, announcements, pictures, bios, etc.

Still looking for people to come forward and get the ball rolling for the **Classes of '53, '58, '63, '68, and '73**. Contact **Susanne Ballantyne** 277-5565 days or 222-8631 evenings with information on upcoming reunions. Successful reunions can only happen with lots of help from volunteers like YOU!

POINT LOMA 2000

Our school has been blessed by many wonderful Alumni, parents and community members who care enough to roll up their sleeves and get involved in making PLHS the best it can be. There are many, many ways to do this, and the Point Loma 2000 committee would love to have YOU join in.

The **POINTER COMMEMORATIVE PAVER** program is now coming to fruition. Our groundbreaking ceremony will take place on **Homecoming Day, Friday, October 10.** Festivities will begin at **11:30 a.m. in Room 301.** Those who have purchased pavers will be notified by mail, but all are welcome. The deadline to purchase pavers has been extended to the end of October, allowing more people to get into the inaugural group of paver owners. Many people have gone in together to purchase a paver, whether they are family members or friends, memorializing their school days. Some of the orders have been very creative! The 4"x8" **Pointer Paver** (3 lines of text with 12 characters per line) is \$50. The 8"x8" **Maroon Paver** (6 lines of text with 12 characters per line) is \$95. The 8"x16" **Golden Paver** (6 lines of text with 24 characters per line) is \$200. Contact **Jeanie Graham Estrada**, 223-3332 for order forms, or if you have any questions

LOCKERS FOR SCHOLARS - Also debuting on Homecoming Day, we will have a gala unveiling of our **new lockers!** Thanks to many wonderful people, not only did we raise enough money to commit to purchase brand new lockers for our students, volunteers gave up several weekends in the summer to pull out the old lockers and prepare and paint the hallways. Many students also showed up to work, for which we are very grateful, indeed. Contribution levels are still available, as we still need to raise the remaining amount. To "purchase" an individual locker, the donation is \$50. To "purchase" at the **Pointer Level** (10

lockers) is \$500. A special wall placard will be placed in the hallway recognizing your support. To "purchase" at the **Maroon Level** (20 lockers) is \$1,000. You will be named on a special wall placard and plaque on each locker. The **Golden Level** (100 lockers) is \$5,000, with a prominent sign over lockers, locker plaques and a Golden Paver commemorative brick. There are only six hallways with lockers. You may purchase one in the name of your family, organization, company or Class from \$13,600 to \$22,600. Special recognition to **Pete Peckham '44**, for purchasing a hallway in the name of his family. Additional recognition will be reflected in a Golden Paver commemorative brick and a permanent display recognizing major donors. Alumni **Malin Burnham** has spearheaded this effort. His fellow alumni **Lockers for Scholars Committee** members include **Dan Larsen, Steve Cushman, Gene Trepte, Byron Wear, Pete Peckham, John Rebello, Mike Lorch, Lyle Butler, Janet Moore, Art Fischer, Gordon Gerson** and many more community members. For more information, contact **Annamarie Bernard** at 224-5111.

POINT LOMA 2000 CELEBRATION will be held in the Ocean View Room at the Submarine Base on the tip of Point Loma, **Saturday, November 1st.** Our Alumni President, **Susan Person ('79)**, is the event chair. The theme for this year's event is **A LITTLE NIGHT MAGIC.** The highlight of the evening will be honoring our Celebrity Graduates. This year, we honor:

- **Steven Correia, class of 1966,** internationally known for his glass artistry. He is also very involved with the success of his namesake, Correia Junior High School, here on the Point.
- **Joe Hutshing, class of 1972,** two-time Academy Award winning film editor for *JFK* and *Born on the Fourth of July*, among many other film credits.

- **Suzy Spafford, class of 1963**, founder, president and creative genius behind Suzy's Zoo Greeting Cards. Suzy has been a constant supporter of PLHS and is on the Advisory Board of Point Loma 2000.

Over 100 volunteers are needed for the day of the race. Contact **Al Clarke** at 226-7426 for more information, to volunteer or to help sponsor/promote the event.

Please show your support for these Alumni and the school by attending this year's gala event. There will be dining, dancing and a wonderful silent auction, so mark your calendar NOW. Call **Susan** at 222-7873, for more information.

The Point Loma 2000 annual race, known as the **Point Loma Scenic Run/Walk** is coming up on Sunday, November 9th. The 8K race will go out Catalina to the Old Lighthouse while the 5K will start at the lighthouse. We expect greater participation from students and parents this year, as the event will be held during the school year.

IN MEMORIAM

Mildred Conard - Teacher/Counselor
Ruth Varney Held - Teacher
Edward X Madruga - attended '32
John W. Wilhoit, Jr. '38
Margaret Heryet Duncan '39
Thomas O. Scripps, Jr. '42
Margaret Crawford Fernley '45
Jerry Howell '49
Tom Tobin '51
Donald F. McLean, Jr. '52
Paul Cannon Gresham '52
Michael G. Lang '66

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Lyons is looking for **Richard K. Miller '43**. If anyone knows how to get in touch with him, please call **Jim** at 619-487-4972.

Susan Felker Miller '59, who lives in Litchfield Park, Arizona, was the grand-prize winner in the Pick Up the Pace Recipe Contest, sponsored by Pace Foods. Her winning entry was Singapore Chicken and Black Bean Salad. Way to go Susan!

Proving that Pointers are all over the world, we are in receipt of a lifetime membership for **Fiona Campbell Henderson '68**, from **Leah Pearce Pack '49**. What makes it interesting is that **Fiona** has lived in Scotland since 1967! Welcome to the Alumni Association, **Fiona**. Send us a letter to let us know how you are!

The Early Grads of Point Loma extend an invitation to the **Classes of '38 and '39** to join them for their yearly reunion, October 17th, at Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Harbor Island. Contact **Ned Titlow**, Later Grads, P.O. Box 7276, San Diego, CA 92167-0276.

Anyone interested in taking over the "Old Pointer Newsletter", please contact **George Burrows** at 760-745-2347.

PLHS is on the Internet! Look for us through the **San Diego City Schools web site**. We need someone to enter the Alumni Association information on it. Interested? Contact **Mike Price** at 223-3121.

New Address **New Membership** **Renewal of Membership**

Dues Enclosed: \$25 Lifetime Member \$5 Annual Member

\$35 Annual-Maroon Circle Donation **\$100 Annual Gold Circle Donation**

Name _____ Class _____
 First (Maiden) Last
 Address _____

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 Phone () _____

Send to: Point Loma High School Alumni Association
 2335 Chatsworth Blvd.
 San Diego, CA 92106-1699

MISSING PERSONS

Kudos to all those who helped us find about 16 from our last list. Unfortunately, the post office keeps sending us more with each newsletter mailing. As you can see, we have many missing Pointer alums - and these are only the members of the Association. If you know the whereabouts of any of these, please let us know. It costs the Association \$.32 each time someone moves and they forward the new address. How about your spending \$.20 for a postcard, or fill out the form here and let us know when you move. Pointers are a very mobile group! Thanks for all your help. Susanne @ 222-8631.

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| 43 Robert J. Clough | 63 Thomas D. Jennings | 82 Edward L. Walters |
| 45 Nancy Snapp Hauth | 65 Roni Kelly Almon | 82 Christa Franklin Evashko |
| 46 Robert E. Burns | 65 Carolee Mastorakos Scoortis | 82 Darren J. Robb |
| 47 Larry W. Buser | 65 Richard P. Fiske | 82 Deborah Lasting |
| 49 Juanita Myers Qualin | 65 Diane Reed Elliott | 83 Steven P. Grahn |
| 49 Richard J. Morss | 65 Maria Medeiros Morgan | 83 Steven M. Horowitz |
| 56 James M. Boeh | 66 Glenn Bornsen | 84 Sandy Tartre Liarkos |
| 57 Mary Ann Bates Balistrieri | 66 John T. Cleator | 84 Lillian Gonzales |
| 57 Harvey A. Borman | 66 Sim B. Richards, III | 84 Reynald Corella |
| 58 Paul O. Vance, III | 68 Douglas R. Dunn | 85 Helene Greenspan |
| 58 Bruce M. Clayton | 68 Pamela Wilhoit Potts | 85 Deborah Helsper |
| 59 Ruth Chambers | 69 Milton L. Crandall | 85 Kurt Weiermannn |
| 59 Lloyd B. Hartvigsen | 69 Judson Bowden | 85 Nathan T. Ellzey |
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| 59 Robert B. Karrow | 69 Leslie Michaud Jenkins | 85 Kimberly Ima |
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| 60 Terri Ferguson | 69 Stephen H. Waterman, MD | 87 Rachel Meske |
| 61 James N. Clark | 69 Kathryn Lazar Sinnes | 87 Steven W. Benkner |
| 62 Scott Allen | 69 Debra Moore Thompson | 87 Miguel D. Fuentes |
| 62 Ronald W. Fletcher | 71 Lawrence Adkinson | 87 Kelly Boone Parfelow |
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| 63 Jade Cameron Rango | 72 Cathleen Pena Davies | 88 Robert E. Dixon |
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| | 80 Jane Rees | 92 Erica Luranc |
| | 80 Kay Kelly | 92 Damaris Padilla |
| | 81 Charles C. Mau | 93 Tiffani Daniels |

**Notice of Annual Meeting of Members of
Point Loma High School
Alumni Association
A California Non-profit Corporation**

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Point Loma High School Alumni Association will be held in Room 301 of Point Loma High School, at the address of 2335 Chatsworth Boulevard, San Diego, California, immediately following the homecoming football game (approximately 5:00 p.m.) on October 10, 1997, for the purpose of considering and acting on the following matters:

- (1) Election of Directors. The nominees of the Nominating Committee are:

Susan Person	Class of '79
Jeanie Graham Estrada	Class of '72
Jim Bradley	Class of '77
- (2) To consider and act upon such matters that may properly come before the meeting.

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