



Message from Principal Mike Price



Welcome to the 2002-03 school year. This is going to be a monumental year for PLHS. In addition to our regular instructional duties, we are continuing to manage the completion of the Proposition MM modernization, renovation, and construction and will host the WASC Visiting team the week before our spring break. The staff and I are looking forward to the challenges that all of these important events create, but none are more important than the instructional program in our classrooms.

The staff and I are concentrating our professional development time on the classroom instructional program. The focus of our work involves the day-to-day answers to the following five questions:

- * Who are we teaching?
- * What are we teaching?
- * Why are we teaching the content
- * How are we teaching?
- * How do we know if the students learned?

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POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE

By Ruth Sandven, President

Thus begins my second term as President of Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association! "What???" you may ask, "doesn't she have anything better to do???"

Well, whereas I do work full time, have three children and love to sail and travel, I am no more over-committed than anyone else on our Board of Directors! Therefore, I would like to paint a picture for you of who we are, why we work so hard for Point Loma High School and why it is important for you to continue to support us with your donations and attendance at our events.



This year we are 30 boardmembers strong. In addition to welcoming back our 27 returning members, I would like to welcome our three new board members; Pat Baker, Karen Tisdale and Vikki Korporaal. We are parents, faculty, alumni, friends and community members. We are professionals, business people, stay-at-home moms and dads, retired, and laborers. Some of us have kids that are grown and have their own families, some of us have school-aged children and some of us have new babies. Some of us have no kids, just a commitment to kids and to their education. We are all volunteers.

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PLHSFAA 2002-2003 CALENDAR

September 10	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7pm, Rm 301 PLHS
September 28	PTA Kick-off Bar-B-Q
October	Membership Drive/Direct Solicitation
October	Gifts and Grants Request Solicitation
October 1	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7pm, Rm 301 PLHS
October 3	Fall Open House
October 14, 15, 17	P.L. Unplugged Auditions
November	P.L. Unplugged rehearsals
November 1	Homecoming Game/Miles of Dollars
November 2	Point Loma Cultural Fair
November 5	PLHSFAA Board Meeting
November 16	P.L. Unplugged Performance
December	No meeting - Happy Holidays!
January 7	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 301 PLHS
February 4	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 301 PLHS
March 4	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 301 PLHS
March 15	PLHSFAA Newsletter Deadline
March 22	Spring Dinner Dance/Auction
April/May	Membership Drive/Direct Solicitation
April	New Board Member Recruitment
April 1	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 301 PLHS
April	Golf Tournament
May 6	PLHSFAA Board Mtg, 7 pm, Rm 301 PLHS
June 3	Election of New Board and Officers
June	O.B. Street Fair
July	New budget and fundraising activity calendar approved at Board Meeting. Committees formed.



PLHSFAA Goes to the Fair!

by Radmila Fulton and Pat Baker



Hope you had a chance to stop by the PLHSFAA booth at the **Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook Off** on June 22. It was a great opportunity to see our display of historical pictures of the school and renderings of improvements that are now under construction. Board members helping at the booth appreciated the many alumni that stopped to talk about their memories of the school. The younger alumni were amazed at the difference in the architectural styles of the school, then and now. And all alumni and friends of the school got an opportunity to hear about our fundraising efforts for the benefit of our students, sign up for eScrip, and purchase our PLHS window stickers, note cards, and alumni T-shirts and sweatshirts.

If you missed us at the OB Fair, come by our booth at the **Point Loma Cultural Faire on Saturday, November 2**. Faire hours are 9am to 4pm, along Canon Street between Rosecrans and Shaffer in the Point Loma village area. This will be a great opportunity for the Point Loma community to see our displays and sign up for eScrip. In addition, we will be selling tickets for Point Loma Unplugged on November 16. If you wish to volunteer to help staff the booth, please call **Pat Baker** at (619) 223-9363.

Be a PLHSFAA Member!

Membership in Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is your way of showing support for your school. Whether you are a parent of a student, an alumni, friend or neighbor of PLHS, your gift and membership makes it possible to fund many enhancements at the school, both in the classrooms and in extra programs to enhance the education of the Point Loma High School students. Your support of Point Loma High School is greatly appreciated!

Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association Membership Levels

Sustaining	\$25
Maroon	\$50
Gold	\$100
Pointer	\$250
Foundation Circle	\$500
Lighthouse	\$1,000 or more

Please mail your check payable to PLHSFAA to 1220 Rosecrans St., Box 247 San Diego, CA 92101-2674

THANK YOU!



2002-2003 Point Loma High School Foundation And Alumni Association Board Members Front row from left: Larry Zeiger, Vikki Korporaal, Susanne Ballantyne, Camilla Ingram, Ruth Sandven, Kim Jessop, Mary Abbey, Linda Weber, Pat Baker, Karen Tisdale. Back row from left: Bill Klees, Doug Harvey, Ann Hix, Roger Brenes, Mike Hix, Kim Gestra, Joanie Kelner, Laurie Hurl, Julie Belsha, and Leslie Bruce.

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association Board (PLHSFAA) meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in room 301 at the High School.

PLHSFAA Board of Directors 2002-'03

Officers:

Immediate Past President	Bill Klees
President	Ruth Sandven
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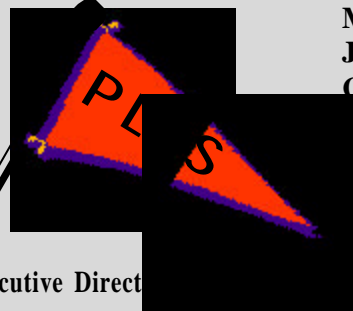
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Newsletter	Leslie Bruce

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Spring Dinner Dance Auction	Vikki Korporaal
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Cheer Booster Liaison	Linda Weber
P. L. Cultural Faire Liaison	Pat Baker
OB Street Fair/Miles of Dollars	Radmila Fulton
PLHSFAA Golf Tournament	Mike Hix

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	Mike Hastings
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	Larry Zeiger
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PLHS Landscaping Project Grows

by Doug Harvey

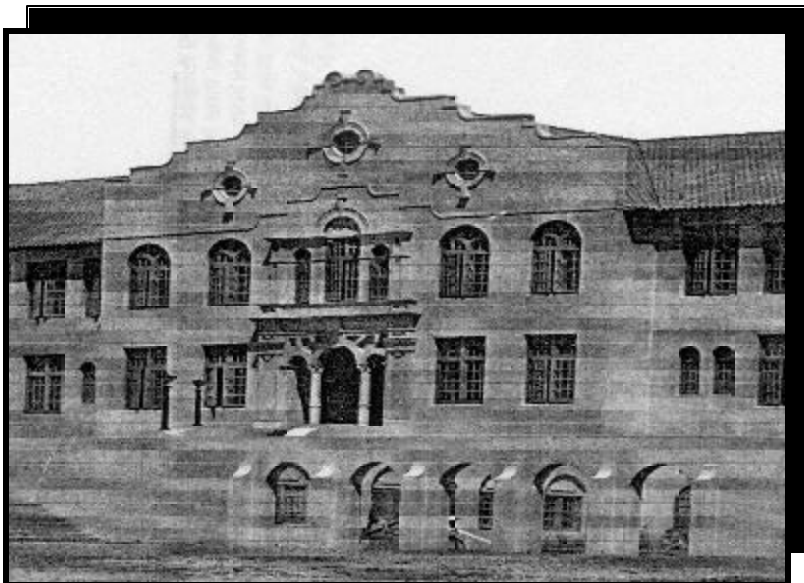


Late last year, a new subcommittee of the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association was formed. Titled the “Landscape and Site Improvement Committee,” its purpose is to beautify the campus along the length of Chatsworth Boulevard.

One of our main goals is to widen the existing sidewalk along this entire stretch of property. The current five-foot width is inadequate for such a high traffic area. In some places, enlarging the sidewalk would require the installation of a low retaining wall, which would also function as seating for students waiting for buses and rides.

Point Loma High School has evolved over many decades and consequently is not the easiest campus to negotiate, especially for those unfamiliar with the area. New directional signage will help alleviate this problem. The installation of a monument sign at the front of the school will likewise give the campus a greater sense of entry.

Another proposed improvement is the addition of a secondary entrance to the school. This would be located at the lower lunch court. Current Proposition MM construction includes a new elevator, connecting the main campus level with the cafeteria level. An entrance gate at this point would greatly facilitate student access, particularly those with disabilities.



Other improvements include:

- ✦ Expanding drop-off zones.
- ✦ Installing an irrigation system.
- ✦ Enlarging the existing front lawn.
- ✦ Overall refinement of landscape and hardscape details.

These modifications, along with current Proposition MM construction will greatly enhance the appearance and functionality of our school, making it a source of pride for both our students and the community. PLHSF&AA has retained the services of Estrada Land Planning in this effort. Current and past committee members include **David Crawford, Doug Harvey, Ann Hix, Camilla Ingram, and Glen Vieira**. The committee would like to thank **Cary**

Sharp, a horticulturist at the Wild Animal Park, and **Mike Martin** of Occidental Landscape for their assistance in this endeavor. For more information contact **Doug Harvey** (619) 224-7157.

1st Annual Parent, Faculty, Alumni Dance Auction Planned

Proceeds to Benefit PLHS Beautification Plans

by Vikki Korporaal

On Saturday March 22, 2003 the Point Loma High School Foundation Alumni Association will be hosting the *1st Annual Parent, Faculty, Alumni Dance Auction (PFAD)*. This will be a fun filled evening of dancing, food and fundraising, benefiting the PLHS Landscape Beautification Plan. This fundraiser will not only benefit the students, faculty and school but everyone in the community as we travel Chatsworth Blvd.

We need your tax deductible auction donations, such as Arts/Ceramics, Beauty & Fitness, Door Prizes, Entertainment, Getaways, Personal Services, Restaurants, Sports, Wine, to suggest a few. Check with your employers, family, friends and neighbors. We all have something we can donate.

Remember, save the evening of March 22. Put a note on the fridge, and next year's calendar (as soon as you get one)! For further information, to help with this event, or make a donation, contact **Vikki Korporaal**, 619-226-6316, e-mail terifvik@hotmail.com or visit the PLHSFAA web page at www.PLHSFAA.com.

PFAD AUCTION DONATION FORM - MARCH 22, 2003
Point Loma High School Foundation Alumni Association - Tax I.D. # 95-3800169



Donor Name as it is to appear in program _____

BusinessName _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Contact Person if different from above: _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Description of Donation(s) _____

Value \$ _____ Brochure, Photo or other item for event display

Restrictions _____

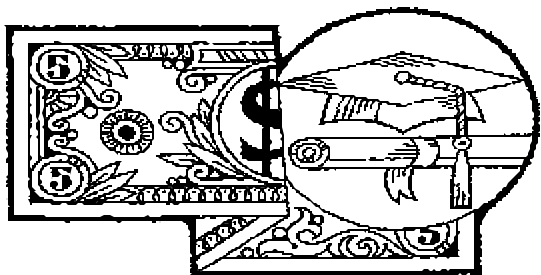
Item will be delivered/shipped on _____ Please pick up item on or after _____

Please mail or fax this form to: PLHSFAA, c/o Vikki Korporaal, 3842 Liggett Dr., San Diego, CA 92106
Tel: 619-226-6361 Fax: 619-226-0575

Foundation use only:

Gift Certificate received Y ___ N ___ Item # _____ Thank-you sent _____

___ Art/Ceramic ___ Beauty/Fitness ___ Door Prize ___ Entertainment ___ Getaway
___ Restaurant ___ Sports ___ Wine ___ Other



Enriching the PLHS Experience Gifts and Grants

by Mary Abbey

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is looking forward to another year of supporting programs that set our school apart from the rest, through the Gifts and Grants Committee. Last year, through our school families, alumni, and community friends, the foundation was able to make gifts totalling more than \$50,000 to support academic, music, performing art, sport, counseling and school spirit programs.

The foundation is especially proud of the Scholarship Fund, in which \$5000 was divided and awarded to selected graduating seniors. One of our goals for the 2002-2003 school year is to double this amount, and with your support, it can happen!

The Marching Band will be better than ever this year with the help of the new percussion instruments purchased by the foundation. And if you're a sports fan, you may notice new hurdles and a new, larger and safer regulation pole vault pit that were a gift from the foundation. In addition, the Foundation made a considerable donation toward the new turf on the field. Come check it out at one of this year's football games or track and field events.

The Performing Arts Center received \$5000 toward improvements that make it worthy of the fine drama that can be seen there such as Coffeehouse, The Zeiger Show and the many plays that go on throughout the school year.

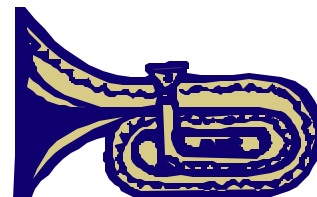
As in previous years, *The Princeton Review* and the Youth in Government programs received funding to help defray the costs to students. Perhaps your child has been or will be lucky enough to take advantage of these. These are only a few programs that the foundation has supported. With your personal pledge to ensure the future of PLHS as a premier public high school, we can accomplish even more this coming year!

Point Loma BandNews Stepping Up, Stepping Out!

by Ann Hix

PLHS Band members survived the 10-day summer band camp in August, and made great progress on learning the new marching field show "Carmen." The 40-member band will take the field at half time at the September 28 Kickoff Football Game under the direction of Drum Majors **Chris Harvey** and **Dalia Cardona** to debut this new show, which they will also perform at three countywide field show competitions this fall.

The Band will be holding several fundraisers throughout the year to raise money - about \$14,000 is needed! - for program operations, including hiring professional instrument coaches, paying for transportation to competitions, and purchasing instruments, music and equipment. The next band



fundraiser will be the **PLHS Band Second Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, November 3 at 12 noon at The Auld Course in Chula Vista.** Costs are \$100 before October 11; \$125 after; and students are only \$65! For more information, contact golf pro/band parent **Ray Havens**, tournament coordinator, at 619-276-6140.

All band parents and supporters are invited to attend the PLHS Band Booster meetings, which are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the band room (room 457). The next meeting will be September 12; contact Band Booster President **Ann Hix** at 619-223-9719 for more information.



Please Note!

The PLHS Band's golf tournament is in November and the PLHS Foundation golf tournament is in April.

Contact Ray Havens (619-276-6140) about the Band's event and Mike Hix (619-223-9719) about the PLHSFAA tourney!

Golf Pro Ray Havens Presents the 2nd Annual

POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

When: Sunday, November 3, 2002, 12:00 noon

Where: The Auld Course, 525 Hunte Parkway, Chula Vista

Format: 4-person Scramble, Shotgun start

Cost: By October 11 - \$100; After October 11 - \$125; Student Rate - \$65

Includes: Golf, Carts, Range balls, Lunch and Prizes

Sponsor Packages Available:

Gold (\$750) Includes: Sign displaying name; 4 tournament slots; 4 lessons; 4 weekday rounds; 4 sleeves of balls & 4 key chains.

Silver (\$500) Includes: Sign displaying name; 4 tournament slots; 2, 2-for-1 weekday rounds; 4 sleeves of balls or 4 key chains

Copper (\$100) Includes: Sign displaying name

Mail Entry Form and Check to: Ray Havens, 4750 Kane Street, San Diego, CA 92110; e-mail rhavens@san.rr.com; phone 619-276-6140

PLHS BAND BOOSTERS Golf Tournament Entry Form

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Fax _____
_____ E-mail _____

Players Names: 1 _____ 3 _____
2 _____ 4 _____

Golf Fees: _____ \$100 (by October 10) x _____ Players = \$ _____
_____ \$125 (after October 10) x _____ Players = \$ _____
_____ \$ 65 (student rate) x _____ Players = \$ _____

Sponsor Package: ___Gold (\$750); ___Silver (\$500); ___Copper (\$100) \$ _____
For Sponsors - Display name as follows: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED* \$ _____

* Make checks payable to "PLHSFAA - Band." All proceeds benefit PLHS BAND.
Mail to Ray Havens - 4750 Kane Street, San Diego, CA 92110

ALUMS CHECK IN WITH LARRY Z.

It's always exciting to discover the outstanding accomplishments of our Point Loma alumni. What an inspiration to hear from so many of you!

1972 - **Joe Hutshing**'s Oscar Winning editing on *J.F.K.* is now considered by a poll of international film experts to be the greatest achievement in film editing in the history of motion pictures. His most recent work is the editing of Cameron Crowe's suspenseful "mind game," *Vanilla Sky*, and the Oscar nominated *Almost Famous*. Joe's original photography will be on display starting in September at a gallery in Pasadena.

1979 - **Bryan Verhoye** is a professional pianist who has appeared throughout California concert halls including the San Diego Symphony, the San Diego Master Chorale, and Point Loma Presbyterian Church as well as performing with Kenny Loggins and Mark O'Connor. When not playing piano, Bryan is playing with his new daughter!

1979 - **Tracy Kuerbis**, is a doctor of Audiology and works for the California School for the Deaf in Freemont. In her free time, she excels at competitive skydiving.

1980 - **Aaron Zigman** is the composer of score for film, *John Q.*

1980 - **Jason Scheff** continues to tour the world as lead singer, guitarist, and composer for the band, CHICAGO.

1980 - **Ray Brandes**, former teacher at Point Loma High, is now teaching at the School of Creative and Performing Arts. His latest CD is *The Rise and Fall of Ray Brandes* for SNAP Records. His music group had a very successful tour last year throughout Spain and also played at Joshua Tree and Gram Fest.

1981 - **Cynthia Beckman** - corporate executive, music artist. Independent marketing consultant in medical and consumer marketing. As a recording artist, she received the award for New Artist of the Year with World Vision for helping underprivileged children.

1982 - **Kevin Boyles** is the current art director for the *New York Times*.

1982 - **Glen Fisher** is currently teaching a jazz class at Point Loma High and performing weekly at Croce's Jazz Club in the Gaslamp.

by Larry Zeiger

1982 - **Sanford Roberts**, an Air Force Ophthalmologist, lives in San Antonio with four beautiful children and his lovely wife Rosa.

1982- **Deonne Kahler** - singer, songwriter, living in San Francisco - her songs are heard on radio, television, and most recently in the film, *The Rookie*. She is currently a freelance writer working on two books - one on self-defense, the other an American Travelogue.

1987 - **Erik Fleming** most recently co-producer and co-directed the TV series for FOX, *Meet the Marks*.

1987 - **Halle Stanford** is co-producing, writing, and co-directing the new children's series, *Animal Jam*, which will soon appear on the Learning Channel.

1987 - **Chris Brinker** produces films in Hollywood, California. His most recent films are *Boondock Saints* starring Wilem Defoe and *Borough of Kings* starring Philip Bosco.

1987 - **Loren Lones** is designing and producing eProfessional Development programs/video for teachers as well as designing training programs for a wireless technology company and online counselor for the Gemological Institute.

1988 - **Jenny Wilson** is the west coast correspondent for *In Style* magazine and reports on fashion and entertainment and attends all the film premieres and parties with the stars.

1988 - **Devin Price** most recently wrote and starred in *Bionic* as part of *Solos in Harmony VI* at the Blue Sphere Alliance in Hollywood. She has also performed in such plays as *Cabbala*, *California Schemin'*, *Hunger*, and *SMAC* (she is the playwright) at such theaters as the Improv and the Beverly Hills Playhouse.

1988 - **Guy Lia** works at Columbia Tristar in Television Development

1988 - **Randall Rosa**, the winner of several Cleo Awards and awards for special effects is the Supervisor of Animation for the legendary Stan Winston of Digital Domain.

1992 - **Breehn Burns**, a successful artist and animator, created the animated film, *Beyond Grandpa* for the

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Spike and Mike Festival of Animation. He also worked in New York on Bill Cosby's animated *Little Bill* series, and is currently the cartoonist/creator of the *Gloom Cookie* comic book series.

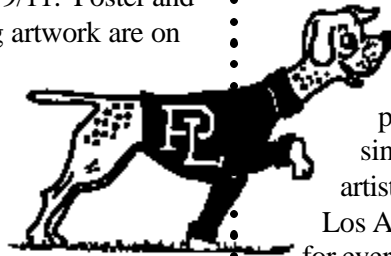
1995 - **Spencer Moses** has starred in twelve plays at San Diego State University, his most recent being *Betty's Summer Vacation*, *Anything Goes*, and the powerful *Bent*.

1995 - **Ariz Slali** is working on his doctorate in Audiology.

1995 - **Rob Wood** is Assistant Coach in football at Point Loma High and is currently completing his teaching credential in Mathematics.

1995 - **Billy Le Dent**, a graduate of UCLA film and theater, has completed his oil painting, *America: Defender of Liberty* inspired by events of 9/11. Poster and lithographs of the powerful and moving artwork are on sale throughout the country.

If you'd like to be included in the next *PLHSFAA Update*, send information about yourself to LZeiger@aol.com and don't forget to include your year of graduation! Best wishes to all and congratulations on your accomplishments!



A scholarship fund has been formed in memory of Tommy Simon, a junior who passed away on August 29, 2002. Tommy was on the wrestling and track teams, and was a magnet student. Anyone wishing to contribute can make donations to PLHS via Laurie Hurl, PLHS Counseling Dept.

SECOND ANNUAL ZEIGER FILM/MUSICAL THEATER L.A. REUNION

Due to the success of last year's terrific L.A. Reunion of Larry Zeiger's Musical Theater and Film students, a second event is being planned by **Billy LeDent** (Class of '95), **Erik Fleming** (Class of '87), and **Devin Price** (Class of '88) to be held this year at Miyagi's Restaurant at 9225 Sunset Blvd at 6:30pm on Thursday, December 5. All alumni are invited to attend.

Last year's Reunion, organized by film director and writer, Erik Fleming, and stage actress and writer, Devin Price, held at Tahiti Restaurant in Hollywood was attended by Point Loma alumni - many of whom are writers, directors, producers, actors, artists, composers, singers, animators, and special effect artists for film, television and theater in the Los Angeles area. It was an exciting night for everyone to get together and do some networking. The event was so successful that everyone agreed that they wanted to make it an annual L.A. event.

If you plan to attend or if you have any questions, please R.S.V.P. for the December 5th event no later than November 30 to one of the following:

Larry Zeiger at LZeiger@aol.com

Billy LeDent at XtheStageX@aol.com

Erik Fleming at efeming@cinenet.net

Looking forward to seeing you all at the second star-studded event!

PLHSFAA Working for ALUMNI

by Susanne Ballantyne

PLHSFAA recently signed a contract with Harris Publishing Company to publish an alumni directory by mid-year 2004. We would like it to be as accurate as possible. HPC will be contacting all alums and we would appreciate it if you could furnish them with updated information. This will be most helpful to the foundation and for reunions. We would appreciate your cooperation.

PLHSFAA is looking for someone who would be interested in putting together the history of PLHS in word and pictures. Many pictures, scrapbooks and other information is available, but we need someone to put it all together. Think of it as your contribution to the community! Contact **Susanne Ballantyne** at 858-277-5565 (days) or 619-222-8631 (eves).

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These are five very important questions in the lives of our staff and the education of our students. Our program needs to keep pace with the demands of the information age into which we will graduate our seniors. I am confident that we will be able to meet the challenges for all of our students.

The support of the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is essential to the success of the instructional program. Your continued support through fundraising, volunteerism, and encouragement to our staff members and students is especially appreciated. As we look forward to the challenges this year I know that I will be counting on your support. It is very gratifying to look around the campus and into the classrooms and see the difference that your involvement has made in the learning and campus environment for students and staff.

It is wonderful to be back at Point Loma for my seventh year. Of the past twenty-seven years I can confidently state that my time at Point Loma has been the most rewarding and satisfying professional experience. Thank you for being a supportive Foundation and Alumni Association. I hope that you can make the time to visit the campus and see the work of our staff and students.

Michael Price
Principal

P L H S F A A

Attention PLHS Fans, now you can walk the talk - in style! New PLHS gear will soon be available through the school website! Check out www.plhsfaa.com and invest in some Pointer style. Expect to find:

- ◆ T-shirts - white for \$10 or maroon for \$15
- ◆ Sweatshirts - \$35 plus shipping
- ◆ Warm-Up suits – maroon and white with lighthouse logo for \$75 (jacket and pant offered in separate sizes)
- ◆ Collared button-down shirts - natural or denim long sleeve for \$30 or short sleeve for \$29;
- ◆ Polo shirts - solid maroon for \$23 or maroon with tri-colored collar for \$33.



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President Ruth Sandven's message, continued from page 1

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is the umbrella organization for all adult fundraising and alumni activities on campus. We raise money to support the academic programs that set PLHS apart from other high schools and there are several significant programs that are unique to PLHS. We raise money to support the physical plant. We are the group that installed student lockers, picnic tables and benches and curtains for the Performing Arts Center. We also raise money to support programs on campus that encourage school spirit and a sense that students really count and really belong here. Last year we granted \$5,000 for college-scholarships. Ultimately our goal is to strengthen the reputation of PLHS as a premiere public high school and an important place in our community. We all believe it is possible to achieve an excellent education in a public high school.

We are a fun-loving bunch and we love to give away money to worthy causes! Last year we made significant contributions to Point Loma High School (please see Mary Abbey's article on gifts and grants) and, of course, we have some lofty fundraising goals again this year.

In addition to our traditional giving, our signature project for this year (and perhaps the next!) is to landscape the front of PLHS along Chatsworth Blvd. This is a major endeavor and requires a major commitment of time and money. We want the entrance to the school to be welcoming to students and to make the statement that PLHS is an important and respected place. New landscaping, after the Proposition MM construction is finished, will beautify the entire Point Loma community!

Our goal in fundraising is to make contributing easy and fun for all of our supporters and to create ways for people not directly involved with the FAA to feel part of our organization. We have something for everyone no matter what your time constraints or financial budget! We are a membership organization, so renew your membership this year. If you can contribute at a higher level, please do so. Register your grocery store club card to PLHS. Escript is a very easy way for us to receive additional monies and doesn't cost the contributor one cent! Attend the Homecoming Game and participate in Miles of Dollars. We accept donations one dollar at a time! Lend your talents to Point Loma Unplugged our annual family variety show as a performer or as a member of the audience. Eat, drink and be merry at our spring dinner dance fundraiser. If

you have an auction item to donate, let us know now! Play golf? Watch for our annual spring golf tournament.

We welcome your cards and letters. We want to get to know you as you get to know our work. Visit our web site at www.plhsfaa.com or visit our office on campus. Who are we? We are just like you.

ESCRIP IS EASY!

PLHS Wins Every Time You Buy!

by Julie Belsha



Have *you* registered? It only takes a minute and it costs you **nothing!** All you have to do is register your grocery store Club Card, gasoline credit card or other credit cards that you normally use when you shop. From then on, every time you use your card, your purchases are registered and the escript program sends the Point Loma Foundation and Alumni Association a percentage of your purchases every month. You'll be giving to your school without even having to think about it!

Anyone can enroll - grandparents, friends, aunts and uncles, anyone who shops and wants to contribute to Point Loma High School.

If you are new to PLHS and your card was registered with a prior school please take a moment to re-register to Point Loma.

There are many ways to register. Simply pick up the phone and dial **1-800-592-0942**, and give them the Point Loma High School **ID# 138376810**.

You can register and review the entire program online at www.escripinc.com. If you have any questions or would like us to register for you please call **Julie Belsha** 224-8848.

Cheer Team Benefits from Boosters

By Linda Weber

Summer practices are over, fall sports are underway, and the PLHS Cheerleaders are out in force to cheer the Pointers to victory! Fans can look forward to seeing cheerleaders at all JV and Varsity football games, JV and Varsity basketball games, pep rallies, cheer competitions and other selected sports events throughout the school year.

Cheerleaders for the 2002-2003 school year were chosen following try-outs last April. Twenty Varsity members and 23 Junior Varsity members make up the PLHS Cheer Team. All will participate in cheering for games and pep rallies. Ten Varsity and all JV squad members have chosen to participate in competitive cheer in addition to their cheerleading duties. During the past spring under the direction of Cheer Advisor **Donna Gramm-Gonsalvas**, the new cheerleaders raised money for uniforms and summer cheer camp. Thanks to Principal **Mike Price**, school funds were used to purchase warm-ups, bags and poms for the team - - items which will belong to the school and be re-used each year.

Both the cheerleaders and the Cheer Team Boosters had a busy summer. The Boosters took over the coordination of team activities in the absence of an advisor. Thanks to countless hours donated by Boosters, new coaches were hired, uniforms were ordered and distributed, cheerleaders attended cheer camp, and fundraisers brought in much-needed cash. A week-long Junior Cheer Camp for girls raised \$2500 for the team. Car washes raised an additional \$1000. These monies, along with fees and donations, will be spent on coaching and cheer competition fees. The cheerleaders also gave back to their

community and school by raising \$700 for Children's Hospital, and by performing at the PLHS Class of '82 Reunion dinner.

With the opening of the school year, new teacher **Heidi Knapp** has assumed the role of Cheer Advisor and Vice Principal **Bob Van Sant** will be providing general oversight of the program.

The SD Unified School District recently determined that competitive cheer, a sport where cheerleaders

perform complicated stunts and dances before judges, cannot be supported with District funds. Therefore, the Cheer Team Booster Board will continue to oversee coaching and competitive cheer.

Fall fundraisers are planned to cover the costs of this expensive sport. Cheerleaders will be selling See's candy, Dudley's bread and Marie Calendar pies, wrapping gifts at Christmas time, and sending out direct solicitation letters.

The Cheer Team Boosters organization is open to parents/guardians of

cheerleaders, PLHS alumni, and interested community members. Anyone who would like to participate may contact Booster president **Linda Weber** (619) 226-7726, lindaw@sdhc.org. Tax deductible donations to the Cheer Team may be sent to Cheer Team Boosters, c/o **Susan Hinrichs**, Executive Director, PLHSFAA at PLHS (checks should be made out to PLHSFAA - Cheer Team Boosters).

Thanks for your interest!





Football Team Revels on New Turf

by Ron Cunningham

The new playing turf at Point Loma High got its first work-out in mid-September. The team started practicing on the new Sprinturf surface the week before. The new turf has been a long time coming, but will undoubtedly be worth it.

Everyone involved in this project should be proud of the showcase venue that has been built for our students. This state of the art playing surface should provide a more cost effective and safer environment than the worn out grass and mud holes of old. At a cost of more than \$640,000, it should last over 10 years. The PLHS Football Booster Club raised over \$256,000 toward the project with San Diego City Schools financing the balance.

This does not happen without the help of a lot of people. Over 273 donors responded during a difficult economic time for our community and country. \$210,000 came from 25 donors alone. We cannot thank them enough. In this year's football program you will see a complete listing of all who contributed to the project. A special thank-you goes to **Byron Wear** for the support from City Council District 2.

In addition, thanks go to **Henry and Peggy Julicher** from **Sprinturf**, **La'Roi Glover**, **Malin Burnham**, **Peter Peckham**, **J.J. Stokes**, the **Peninsula Women's Soccer League**, the **San Diego Coastal Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading Association**, the **Cushman Family Trust**, **Corky McMillin Companies**, and the **Point Loma Association**. The **Point Loma Optimists** were especially generous. Our campus organizations came through as well, including the **PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association**, the **PTSA**, and **ASB**.

Many people pounded a lot of pavement to get those donations. **Jason and Terry Treiber**, **Mike and Ann Hix**, **Bill Klees**, **Pete Wheeler**, **Paul Hartley**, and **Coach Hastings and Coach Aros**. Through **John DeBeck**, we got the School Board support to push the project forward through the school district.

Our inaugural members in the PLHS Football Booster Club advanced and completed the project. A special thank-you goes out to **Pete Navarro**, **Elizabeth Nixon**, **Kathe Nielsen**, **Cyndi Passwaters** and **Sharon Clark**. I hope you all give this year's President, **Tom Cannady**, the support you gave me.

Let's all get out and support our Pointer football, soccer and track teams. Come and see our new logo in the middle of the field and show your Pointer Pride. A final thanks to all (undoubtedly I forgot somebody). Enjoy!

Mile of \$\$\$\$ is Back!

by Radmila Fulton

Whaddaya get when you lay dollar bills end-to-end for one mile? A heck of a lot of cash for our kids' school! ** Join us for the amazing **Mile of Bucks** at the Varsity Homecoming Game at the PLHS field on November 1. Come to the game, donate your dollars, and watch as the Pointer Bucks (very phony facsimiles of your donations) make their way around the track. All proceeds support the work of the PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association whose goal is to support PLHS in maintaining educational excellence for its student body and future generations of students.

** Hint: 1 mile = 5,280'; \$1.00 bill = 6 inches

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Second Annual Point Loma Talent Show in the Works!

Got talent? Wannabe rock stars and stage performers are encouraged to get their acts together for the second annual ***Point Loma Unplugged*** talent show on November 16.

Organized by the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association, the event utilizes the talents of students, parents, alumni and the community to raise much-needed funds for the high school.

Last year's inaugural ***Unplugged*** was a huge success with something for every taste. There was bluegrass music, humorous family vocals, blues guitar, magic, dance, skits by elected officials, and the Point Loma High School song "sung" in rap. Last year's funds went to the PLHS Performing Arts Center.

This year's organizing committee promises a great - and shorter - show with new talent, some returning favorites, and some surprises. They look forward to auditions by more families, community groups, local firefighters and lifeguards, and teachers and staff from Point Loma schools.

Individuals and groups with an act who are looking for 5 minutes of fame are invited to audition for the show. Acts should be 3-5 minutes in length and acoustic instruments are preferred. Audition reservation forms are available on the PLHSFAA website www.plhsfaa.com, at local coffee shops and libraries, at the high school, and by emailing plunplugged@hotmail.com. All acts must audition. Audition reservation forms are due by October 3.

For those who want to be involved without the possibility of stage-fright, come help backstage or work on the planning committee. To volunteer contact Kim at plunplugged@hotmail.com or by phone at 226-1517. Reserve tickets by email at plhsf@point-loma.net or call or visit the PLHSFAA office after November 1.

Visit the Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association website! www.plhsfaa.com
