



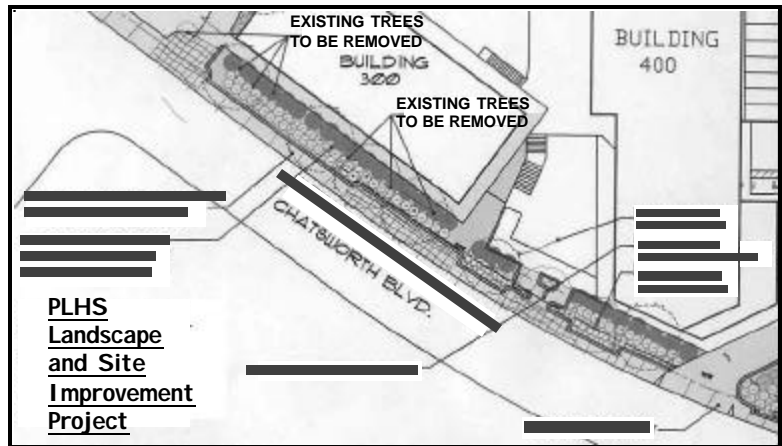
PLHS Landscape Project Blooms

By Doug Harvey

One of the PLHS Foundation and Alumni's most exciting undertakings is the current *Beautification and Site Improvement Project*. This large-scale plan will not only address aesthetic improvements to the school's Chatsworth frontage, but also make major changes to student accessibility and safety. Committee members **Ann Hix, Camilla Ingram, and Doug Harvey** have been working closely with Steve Estrada of Estrada Land Planning to make these goals a reality.

A portion of the project's blueprint is reproduced here to show some of the proposed features, including:

- A secondary entrance, located at the lunch court area.
- Widened sidewalks and expanded drop-off areas.
- A retaining/seat wall, for students waiting for buses and rides (as well as slope-control).
- A simplified selection of trees and shrubs for visual unity.
- Improved parking lot access.
- A new irrigation system.



Also in development are two new signs for the high school. A large monument sign at the main entrance to the campus (corner of Chatsworth and Zola) and a smaller sign at the base of the hill (corner of Chatsworth and Voltaire).

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These modifications, along with current Proposition MM construction will greatly enhance the appearance, practicality, and safety of Point Loma High School. All members of the PLHSF&AA are united in their enthusiasm for this important project and the positive effect it will have on our students and the community.

*Support the beautification plans
and party- all at the same time!
Attend the PLHSF&AA Dinner /
Dance on March 22! Be on a wave
some autographs, no shon'tasty
treats and dance to the Mitigators.
See pp 4-5 for details!*

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Message From the Principal **Mike Price**



A New Year and a new beginning! How many of those New Year's Resolutions have you been able to hang onto to this time? One I hope that you made and have been able to continue is your continued support of the Point Loma High Foundation and Alumni Association. As we begin a new calendar year, the event calendar through the spring offers lots of opportunities for involvement in support of the programs and students of Point Loma High School.

In these pages you will find descriptions of numerous programs, events, and opportunities that can benefit from your support and involvement. Whether it is swinging a golf club, dancing in Portuguese Hall, or helping to plan or coordinate these or other events, your support is critical.

The mission of the PLHSFAA is to provide support for those programs and events that make Point Loma High School a unique school. With the recent downturn in state finances, the school faces a large drop in district funding which will affect programs for students however, the assistance of each member and friend of the PLHSFAA becomes even more critical.

The PLHSFAA has contributed more than \$700,000 over the course of the last ten years to the programs and facilities of PLHS. New student lockers, student scholarships, outdoor lunch furniture, paint, computers, textbooks, artificial turf for Ross Field, audio-visual computer hardware, and many other classroom improvements have been funded by these contributions.

Now more than ever we need your support in the form of your paid membership, your assistance in one of the fundraising events, and/or your vocal support in the community for the Foundation and Alumni Association. It is one of the best investment strategies that you can have—investing in the young people of the now who will become the citizens of the future.

Thank you for your support and your continued consideration.

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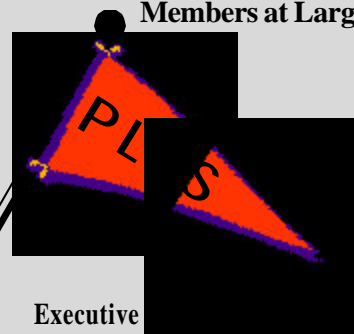
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Executive

2003 - A Look Ahead!

by Ruth Sandven, President

Leaping in to 2003 the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association resolves to be more active than ever! Our momentum is strong and our mission is clear. As public schools face huge budget cuts we realize that our Foundation and Alumni fund raising efforts are more critical than ever. We continue to pledge support to Point Loma High School academic programs and campus facility so that our high school students will get the education that will best prepare them for their future in a place of which they will remain proud.

Thank you and welcome to our new PLHSFAA members who joined us through our fall membership campaign. It is through membership and ongoing donations that most of our funds are raised. We appreciate our current and long standing members who included us in their end-of-the-year gift giving. It is because of your generosity that we are able to fund some very exciting programs, projects and scholarships this year! If you know of someone who would like to be a member of PLHSFAA please contact our office by phone or email!

In addition to traditional fundraising, like our fall and spring membership/solicitation campaign, we also sponsor community events through out the year to further strengthen the relationship of the community and the high school. I hope you had the pleasure of attending *Point Loma Unplugged* at the Correia Junior High School Auditorium last November! *Point Loma Unplugged* is our annual, amateur talent show that for the second year in a row, raised \$7,000 for the fine and performing arts at PLHS! This year was especially fun as we had performers not only from Point Loma High School, but also from Dana Middle School and Correia Junior High School. Also performing were extremely talented alumni and community members as well as VERY talented teachers and administrators from PLHS!

March 22nd brings **FLORIBUNDA!** Save the date for another opportunity to support PLHSFAA with an evening of music, dancing, desserts, friends and a fabulous auction! Come prepared to enjoy yourself and to bid high on auction items ranging



from art, weekend get-aways, day sailing, car washes, gift certificates and more! Invite your friends and send your reservations in NOW!! All proceeds from **FLORIBUNDA!** will go towards the landscape beautification and safety project in front of PLHS on Chatsworth Blvd. Please see the front page article de-

scribing this project in more detail by Doug Harvey.

Also back by popular demand this April is the **PLHSFAA Annual Golf Tournament**. Coordinated by our very own PLHSFAA pro, **Mike Hix**, we will be looking for foursomes to play in our scramble tournament. Contact Mike through the Foundation office if you would like to play, help coordinate or be a sponsor.

January is the time of the year when the Board of Directors for PLHSFAA gets to do what they love most; distribute money for gifts and grants! All fall, grant requests have been pouring in from teachers, departments, administrators and committee members. So far we have received over eight thousand dollars worth of requests from athletics programs, five thousand dollars of requests for science programs, grant requests for twelve thousand dollars from the music program and twenty five hundred dollars in requests from the library. In addition to this we have the landscaping project to support and then our traditional gifting of college scholarships, Princeton Review, and Youth in Government. Each request is individually considered, alternative funding sources are explored and every effort is taken to try and meet all needs. This is what our work is all about. You can see why we need your continual support!

Join our board or one of our committees!

Spring is the time of year when we recruit new board members for the following school year. Attend one of our meetings and see if there is a position you would like to fill. **Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in room 301 at PLHS.** The new board will be voted in next June. Become active in our school community. Work with teachers, administrators, coaches and the parents of your son or daughter's friends! Your involvement will demonstrate to your student, just how important their education is.

FLORIBUNDA!

Rock the Night Away!

by Vikki Korporaal

This Spring's dance auction on March 22 is not to be missed! As a highlight, some of the auction items are Condos in Maui and Mammoth! Private sailing parties, Padre tickets, Gym memberships, tennis, car care, brunches, and more! This is going to be a fun casual affair with snacks, deserts, no-host bar and dancing to the Mitigators. Be sure to get your reservation in early before it sells out. Look for the invitation on the next page!

Funds raised from the Dinner/Dance will benefit the *Beautification and Site Improvement Project* described on the front page.

Of course, if you would like to donate an auction item contact **Vikki Korporaal** at terifvik@hotmail.com. *See you there!*

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

Cheer Team Active and Eager, Boosters Report

By Linda Weber

Fall semester was an exciting time for the PLHS cheerleaders, as both JV and Varsity squads cheered for winning football teams this season! Varsity cheerleaders had the honor of cheering at playoff games, as well. JV and Varsity squads boosted school spirit and wowed the crowds with their stunt routines at lunchtime pep rallies and game half-time performances. The cheerleaders also roused fans of wrestling, water polo and alumni basketball.

Eager to support their school, PLHS cheerleaders took on several service projects. At the Homecoming game they roamed the stands to sell "Mile of Bucks" markers to raise money for PLHSFAA. At the Pt. Loma Unplugged talent show in November they greeted and entertained the arriving audience in the courtyard before the show. Over the next two months the cheerleaders will be gathering items for their "car care" gift baskets to be auctioned off at PLHSFAA's Floribunda Fundraiser in March.

In addition to their full schedule of cheering at winter sports events, the cheerleaders are spending many hours preparing for their own competitions. Competitive cheer, a sport where cheerleaders perform complicated stunts and dance routines before judges, is

offered as an independent club activity at PLHS. As such, it does not receive financial support from the school. The Cheer Team Boosters oversee competitive cheer and coordinate fundraising efforts to pay for coaches, competitions and related expenses. Booster fundraisers this fall included solicitation letters to the community and gift wrapping at Mervyn's and Target over winter break.

PLHS JV and Varsity Cheer Team members will participate in competitions throughout Southern California from January through March. Their ultimate goal is to qualify for and compete in USA Spirit Nationals in Anaheim, as they did last year. This three-day event brings together the "best of the west" cheer teams for the most challenging competitive opportunity in our region. (If you saw the movie "Bring It On", you'll get the picture!)

The Cheer Team Boosters organization is open to parents/guardians of cheerleaders, PLHS alumni, and interested community members. Questions may be directed to Cheer Team Booster president **Linda Weber** (619) 226-7726, lindaw@sdhc.org. Tax deductible donations to the Cheer Team may be sent to Cheer Team Boosters at PLHS (payable to PLHSFAA - Cheer Team Boosters). **The PLHS cheerleaders and the Cheer Team Boosters extend their appreciation to the businesses, friends and family members who have already sent in contributions. Thank you!**

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Our annual spring dance fundraiser
Benefiting the Pt Loma High School Landscape Project

Saturday March 22, 2003

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Featuring
Light Snacks Desserts Silent Auction and Dancing to the Mitigators

Portuguese SES Hall
2818 Avenida De Portugal
Point Loma

Attire - Floral

Please RSVP by March 1, 2003 by returning the form below to:

PLHSF & AA
c/o V. Korporaal
3842 Liggett Dr
San Diego 92106

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- ___ Will attend (names) _____
At \$40.00 per guest
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(Tax ID # 95-3800169)
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- ___ Please bill \$ _____ to Visa _____ M/C _____

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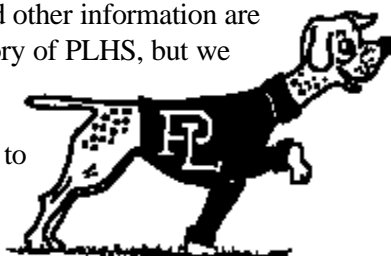
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Alumni News

by Susanne Ballantyne

Alumni Directory Update - Harris Publishing Company has been hired by PLHSFAA to publish an alumni directory by mid-year 2004. In order to make it as accurate as possible HPC is contacting all alums for updated information. We thank you for your cooperation in this effort. The new directory will be most helpful to the foundation, for reunions and for those of you eager to find classmates from "the good old days at PL."

PLHSFAA is looking for a Hero! Many pictures, scrapbooks and other information are available on the history of PLHS, but we need a noble soul to put them all together. Think of it as adding to your own part in PLHS history! Noble souls and heroes, please call **Susanne Ballantyne** at 858-277-5565 (days) or 619-222-8631 (eves).



Pointers Unite!

By Susanne Ballantyne

The classes ending in 3 or 8 will be having their reunions in 2003. If you or anyone you know would like to get involved please contact **Susanne Ballantyne** at (days) 858-277-5565 or (eves) 619-222-8631. We have not heard from the Classes of 1943, 1948, 1973, 1978 or 1993. The following are in the planning stages:

- Class of 1953 - Weekend of Sept 20th. Call **Jerry Eggleston** at 858-273-5170.
- Class of 1958 - **Pete Morrow** is the contact. Email him at 2morrrows@cox.net
- Class of 1963 - Weekend of July 25th-27th. Call **Ingrid Nielsen** at 858-874-1971 or email grammygring@aol.com.
- Class of 1968 - **Kari Nielsen Martone** would like help. Email knielsen@san.rr.com.
- Class of 1983: Contact **Wendy Turk-Laver** at 619-593-6027 or email wendylaver@cox.net.
- Class of 1988-**Chris Houlihan** would like to know if '88 would like a 15 yr. reunion. If interested please email him at hoolidvm@aol.com.

PLHSFAA 2003

January 7	PLHSFAA Meeting
February 4	PLHSFAA Meeting
March 4	PLHSFAA Meeting
March 15	PLHSFAA Newsletter Deadline
March 22	Spring Dinner Dance/Auction
April 1	PLHSFAA Meeting
April 28	Golf Tournament
April	New Board Member Recruitment
April/May	Membership Drive/Direct Solicitation
May 6	PLHSFAA Meeting
June 3	Election of New Board and Officers
June	O.B. Street Fair
July	New Budget approval and Fundraising Calendar approved at Board Meeting. New Committees meet over the summer.



Mike Hix is at it again, organizing another great golf tournament to benefit the PLHSFAA. This year's event, organized by Mike, Roger Brenes, and Bill Klees, will be held on the afternoon of April 28 at the Riverwalk course in Mission Valley. To get involved call the PLFAA office at 226-4509. Mark your calendars!

IN MEMORIAM

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William T. Fitzgerald, Jr.	Class of 1962
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ESCRIP Nets Big Bucks for PLHS

by Julie Belsha

Escrip, that effortless fundraiser that brings in money for the school is humming along, having netted \$35,000 to PLHS since its inception. Since June of this year, more than \$10,00 has been raised - just from supporters buying the things they normally buy!

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 escrip program sends the Point Loma Foundation and Alumni Association a percentage of your purchases every month. You give to the 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**. Or, you can register and review the entire program, including participating retailers, online at

www.escripinc.com.

If you have any questions or would like us to register for you please call **Julie Belsha** at 224-8848.



Point Loma Unplugged

2002 Crackles with Energy

by Kim Jessop

The second annual PLHSFAA-sponsored *Point Loma Unplugged* talent show was another resounding success. Thirty acts ranging from bluegrass to Hawaiian Dance provided something for everyone. In the process, \$6,300 was raised for support of the arts at Point Loma High.

This year's theme, "generating our own energy", played off a Gilligan's Island (stranded without any electricity) theme and Principal **Mike Price** helped by pedaling our power source, a stationary bicycle, between acts. MC **Mike Hix** pulled the show together with his lively banter, and stage manager **Sandra Kersulis** made sure that there was little down time between performances. **Tracey and David Smedley** coordinated sound and lighting with help from Correia's tech advisor **Michael Amoroso**.

Many wonderful performers entertained us, but the highlight(s) of the evening were the PLHS staff in a very special fashion show (who can ever forget **Mr. Richard** and **Ms. Hurl** dressed as their worst nightmares?) choreographed by **Larry Zeiger**; and Algebra teacher/Coach **John Gunther** singing Rawhide on horseback while tending to his herd of unruly cattle.

Point Loma is full of hidden talent and *Unplugged* is

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Pointer Football Ends Great Season

by Thomas Cannady

The Point Loma varsity football team had a great season this year. The team made it to the playoff quarter finals. They showed what they're made of, making this year the likely start of many winning seasons.

The team gave all the fans many reasons to cheer. The defense was nothing short of wonderful with many shutouts. The offense came through in many games by out-scoring their opponents and looking like the winners they are. The team embodied pointer pride, showing what teamwork can accomplish.

The Point Loma High School Football Booster Club is proud to represent the team. We have many projects on the board that we hope will enhance the football playing experience. We are working with Coach Mike Hastings and his great staff to provide upgrades to the scoreboard and the sound system. We are also in the process of purchasing a new sled for the team.

The Booster Club thanks the players, coaching staff and the fans for making this year one for the books. We look forward to supporting the team in the coming years and to many great seasons like this one. Good luck next year and keep up the good work!

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.



Check
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OUT!

PLHS Pursues Charter Conversion

By Gene Bier

PLHS is moving forward with a proposal to convert to a charter school. The state budget crisis will, no doubt, affect our progress, and conversion, if it does happen, may not take place until the 2004 – 2005 school year.

Charter information and PLHS's charter documents have been/will be distributed through our PTSA and PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association, through our cluster schools' PTAs and Foundations, and via e-mailings among community members. PLHS charter conversion information and documents are now posted on our school website: <http://www2.sandi.net/ptloma>. Nothing has yet been set in final form and information sharing with parents and the community is still in the early stages.

What does charter conversion mean?

If PLHS converts to a charter school, the main change will be that the school will become a partner with its sponsor district, SDUSD, and will function independently of most district policies and programs. It will be governed by its own Charter Board. The PLHS Charter Board will set policies, approve curriculum and courses, oversee and approve budgets and fiscal policy, and generally return virtually all governance of the school to the school itself. It will function within the bounds of state law, but will have flexibility with certain sections of the state Education Code granted to all charter schools. If it is granted a charter, PLHS will continue to be a comprehensive high school with a variety of special programs rather than a specialized school like High Tech High.

The decision to convert a public school to a charter school is made by the tenured teachers and counselors staff. A charter proposal supported by 50 percent of this permanent staff can then be submitted to the district's governing board for consideration. More than 90% of the eligible staff signed the PLHS charter petition submitted to the district. In addition, surveys of ineligible staff reflect an equally overwhelming support for charter conversion. The near unanimity of the staff to the charter conversion far exceeds the support achieved for charter conversion of any other public high school in the state.

Everyone has a role to play and a voice in this process. The staff members who do the "voting," still need the support of the entire PLHS staff, the PTSA, the PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association, the parents of PLHS students, past, present and future, and the entire Point Loma community.

This is a community school matter, not a citywide one. We can bring our work to a successful conclusion only by keeping our conversations, at this time, in the Point Loma Community, not in the media. We have successfully avoided the acrimony detailed in the media about our schools and school district leaders during the November electioneering, and we'd like to keep our focus on our goal: to seek, find and implement an option for PLHS that will best enable the school to educate our kids.

If you are concerned that you have not heard about our work and progress, please understand that we carefully considered the when and how of our communication with our staff, the district, the immediate community of current PLHS students and parents, and the Point Loma community. Throughout this process, we have shown respect to the members of the Board of Education and the Superintendent and have kept both informed.

If you have comments, questions or concerns, please direct them to me, the PLHS IGC Charter Committee Chairman, Gene Bier (ebier@mail.sandi.net or call PLHS (619) 223-3121 ext. 218).

Gene Bier is father of 3 future Pointers; Lead Petitioner, PLHS Charter; PLHS IGC (Site Governance Council) Charter Committee Chairman; PLHS IGC Member; PLHS Instructional Leadership Council Teacher Representative, Point Loma Cluster Committee; PLHS Peer Coach/Staff Developer; PLHS BTSA (Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment) Provider; and PLHS Teacher of the Year for 2001.

committed to bringing the community out to see it!

If you missed all the fun this year you will not want to miss it again! There are several ways to be part of ***Unplugged*** next year:

1. Come join our wacky committee as we set a theme and make plans for next year's show. Contact Kim at 226-1517 or email plunplugged@hotmail.com

2. Watch for audition applications around mid-September if you want to be in the show. All acts must fill out an audition reservation form and perform an audition in mid-October.

3. Get your tickets early - ticket sales begin around November 1.

For more information visit the PLHSFAA website.

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PL Foundation Helps Make Dreams Come True

Approves Over \$25,000 in Grants for School Programs

By Mary Abbey

Over the last 4 months, the PLHSFAA Gifts and Grants Committee has been accepting requests, and at the Foundation meeting on January 7th, the board voted to fund those programs that set PLHS apart and that needed our support. More than \$25,000 in grants were approved by the Board.

As in past years, the Foundation will continue to supplement the *Princeton Review* and the Youth & Government program. The PLHS scholarship fund will give financial aid to deserving, college bound seniors, and our school counselors will be attending an annual conference to keep them up to date. The golf, field hockey, swim and water polo teams will all be receiving funding, as well as our cheer squad and sailing team (the latter being ranked #2 in the nation, by the way!).

The science department is excited about getting a new video projector, and the physics department will be able to participate in the electric car challenge, which was a hit last year. The small gym will have new basketball boards and rims, and the Industrial Arts class will be able to replace the 50 year old clamps that are no longer usable. Funds were also dedicated to the landscape project that will beautify the front of our school, and the Fine Art programs will benefit from the proceeds of the "Unplugged" show.

It is with your financial support that the Foundation is able to do all these wonderful things. There were other requests that we were not able to gift at this time, but with your participation in the upcoming spring fundraisers, we are hoping that we can make other wishes come true.

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.
