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UPDATE

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New Principal Joins PLHS

A Message from Principal Bobbi Samilson

I am honored to be the new principal at Point Loma High School. Throughout San Diego, I have met many people who are proud to be Pointers. It is a testament to the long standing traditions that value community involvement and service in support of public education.



Bobbi Samilson, new principal at PLHS takes a second to pose in her office.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at the Foundation meeting in July. The design for the campus beautification project is most impressive and will do much to enhance the beauty of Point Loma. Your work is important and your contributions make a difference. The quote that hangs in my office speaks to your dedication. *Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has. (Margaret Mead)*

I value your philanthropic work and look forward to a collaborative and open relationship. It is my belief that Point Loma High School can be the premier high school in San Diego.

(Editor's note: Be sure to check out Principal Samilson's bio on p. 5)

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Co-Presidents Assume the Helm of PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association for 2004 - 2005

A Message from Radmila Fulton and Karen Tisdale

We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer! We are looking forward to an exciting year, as we move forward with the landscaping project and continue to support the students, teachers, and alumni of Point Loma High School. The Foundation is committed to supporting Point Loma High School, academically, philosophically, and through public relations. It is our vision to maintain and expand the high school's level of excellence so that it is a source of pride in the community and that generation after generation of families eagerly anticipate enrollment. This is being accomplished by:

- Assuring that all students have access and support to the most rigorous classes
- Assisting in costs for AP certification for teachers and students
- Providing scholarships
- Maintaining relationships with alumni and ensuring alumni have current knowledge of activities at the high school
- Financially supporting the physical plant
- Financially supporting educational instruction
- Financially supporting athletics
- Encouraging alumni and parental presence on campus



Co-Presidents from left: Radmila Fulton and Karen Tisdale

We have *two major goals for this year.*

First, we will be focusing our energies on the fundraising and groundbreaking of the landscape project.

Second, we hope to better organize our mailing and alumni lists, and begin creating longstanding relationships with our alumni.

We look forward to working with our board, members, and alumni!

COLLEGE NIGHT at PL

Thursday, October 14, 2004
Point Loma High School

PLHS is proud to sponsor one of the most well-attended college information events in San Diego. Take advantage of this unique opportunity to speak with college representatives from a wide variety of institutions about entrance requirements, application, housing, majors, scholarships, financial aid and campus life.

6:00 pm "Parents Who Have Survived the College Application Process" Panel Discussion in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) This popular "workshop" is full of practical information from parents of recent PLHS alums.

7:00 - 8:30 pm **College and University representatives** – Trepanier Gym. Some of the colleges attending include: Air Force Academy, Alliant University, American University, Bates College, Baylor University, Brooks Institute of Photography, Bucknell University, Carleton College, Clark University, Coast Guard Academy, Colgate University, College of Oceanering, Concordia University, Culinary Institute of America, Dartmouth, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical, Fashion Institute, Fordham, Gemological Institute, George Mason University, Grinnell College, Harvey Mudd, Haverford College, Hillsdale, Johns Hopkins, La Sierra, Lafayette College, Marquette, Middlebury College, Morehouse, Naval Academy, Northwestern University, PL Nazarene, Queens University, St. Mary's College of CA, St. Mary's Notre Dame, SD City College, SD Mesa College, SDSU, Seton Hall, Smith College, Trinity College, Tulane, UCSD, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, University of Br. Columbia, U of Colorado, U of Michigan, U of New Mexico, U of Northern Colorado, U of Oklahoma, U of Oregon, U of Portland, USD, USC, Villanova, Virginia Military Institute, Wake Forest, Whittier, Woodbury, and many more.....

New Board Begins the Work of the Foundation and Alumni Association for 2004 - 2005



Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association Board of Directors and Club Boosters

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Thanks to PLHSFAA !

Important expressions of gratitude have been sent to the PLHSFAA from beneficiaries of our efforts, such as the Sailing Team, the Cheer Boosters, and Teachers. Space limitations prevent us from printing them in this issue but we do want to say,

PLHSFAA Awards Grants to Enrich Pointer Educational Experience

by Pat Baker, Gifts and Grants Chair

Based on recommendations from the Gifts and Grants Committee, the PLHSFAA Board approved a second round of grants in reponse to teacher and staff request during the 2003-2004 school year. The list of approved expenditures is as follows:

Mike Price/Matt Gentile
Heidi Knapp, Cheer Advisor
Lauren Aron, English Teacher
Jerelyn Biehl, Sailing Team
Tom Hayes
Lori Hurl
Brian Macky
Vivian Love
T. Wischart
Mike Hastings, Athletic Dept.

Patio Furniture for the new quad
Cheer floor mats
TV and VCR/DVD playre for ELD students
National title competition
VCR/DVD player for geography and US History classes
Orientation dinner for new students and families
TV's and VCR/DVD players for new Math classrooms
Subscriptions to New York Times UPFRONT publication
Mammalian Anatomy of the Cat for Physiology classes
Video camera

It gives us great pleasure to provide support for the enrichment of the students' classroom and extracurricular experiences. Many thanks to the teachers and staff who submitted these wonderful ideas.

You're Welcome!

POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Wishes to express its
SINCERE THANKS
to the

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FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION OF \$1,500!
Proceeds to benefit
the PLHS band, football and landscaping project



Meet New Principal Bobbie Samilson *A Brief Biography*

Barbara Samilson, or "Bobbie", as she is known, graduated with B.A. in Biology from Denison University in Ohio and began her career in education with a teaching credential from California State University at Sacramento.

She began teaching in 1981 at Cabrillo Elementary School in Point Loma. From there she went to Stockton (now King) Elementary in San Diego and then MacDowell Elementary in Clairemont. From 1984 - 1994 Samilson worked at Jerabek Elementary in Scripps Ranch as a GATE teacher, GATE Team leader and Mentor Teacher. Thereafter she taught for six years at Wangenheim Middle School in Mira Mesa before becoming its Vice Principal.

After just a year at Wangenheim, she was selected as the new principal for Ray Kroc Middle School where she served for the next three years. During that time she served as a Mentor Principal for the Educational Leadership Development Academy at the University of San Diego.

During this past summer Samilson was awarded the title of Principal of Point Loma High School after Mike Price moved to a new position with the District.

"I'm thrilled to be here," says Samilson. "Mike Price did a great job and I look forward to continuing his tradition of excellence."

Band Alumni : *Where Art Thou?*

Band Alum Reunion Planned



A PLHS Band Alumni Reunion is being planned for Spring 2005. We are compiling a roster of PLHS Band Alumni and would appreciate any help finding our long lost members. If you, a family member, or a friend have any information please contact Friends of the Band - **Sandy Grove** (619

225-1098) or **Pat Baker** (619 223-9363) or feel free to email us at sgrove@plhsmusic.com. Thank you for your help.



The Band Boosters would like to thank the following individuals and businesses who made recent contributions to our uniform fund:

- Walter Andersen Nursery
- Myra Jo Davis
- SavMart Pharmacy - Phil Rushing
- Gary & Leslie Rose
- Timothy Pratt
- Wear Community Fund of the San Diego Foundation

PLHS CHEER BOOSTERS

The Varsity and JV cheerleaders are not only cheering our football teams to victory, but are also preparing for upcoming competitions. With 3 fabulous coaches, the teams are already putting together some great cheers and exciting stunts. The captains and coaches are also working together with the Band, choreographing cheers to go along with the pep music during the games.

The JV squad recently showed their spirit at the class of 1974 reunion, and several cheerleaders have been the highlight of birthday parties for our Jr. Cheer campers.

The booster board works hard behind the scenes on fundraising to pay for the coaches, music, and competition fees. Please join us at the games to support our teams!

GO PL!



I want to support the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association!

It's easy! Just complete this form and send it to PLHSFAA, 1220 Rosecrans #247, San Diego, CA 92106.

Membership (\$25)

- Renewal
- New

Additional Contribution

- \$25
 - \$75
 - \$100
 - \$250
 - \$500
 - Other \$ _____
- Total = \$ _____

Class of _____

Email: _____

Phone () _____

Address (if different from above) _____

Method of Payment:

- Check enclosed (payable to PLHSFAA)
- Please charge my credit card:
- VISA MasterCard

Card

#: _____

Exp. Date ____ / ____

Authorized Signature

Thank you for your tax-deductible gift.
Our Tax ID # is 95-3800169

PLHS 80th Anniversary Needs YOU!

Interested in helping with the 80th gala for PLHS? We're planning a big bash for the fall of 2005!

Come join the fun with planning the event of the year!

Contact Laurie Hurl if you'd like to join our committee.

lhurl@mail.sandi.net



News from the Counseling Department

Thank you to the Point Loma Foundation and Alumni Association and PTSA for funding the new student orientation dinner in August. The evening was a huge success!

Save Saturday, November 20, 2004 for the *Dollars for Scholars* 5K walk at USD. All money earned will go directly to PLHS senior scholarships. Let's make the Point Loma High School participation the largest of all the schools in San Diego County! To begin, simply register as a walker (<http://www.walkforeducation.org>) click on the San Diego Walk and choose the OB Dollars for Scholars or Point Loma High School as your beneficiary. The walk is a fun way for students to get some community service opportunity and/or parents, alumni, to give to PLHS students. Please contact Laurie Hurl for more information. lhurl@mail.sandi.net

POINTERS UNITE!

Reunions Abound...

by Susanne Ballantyne

Classes ending in 0 or 5 will be holding reunions in 2005. Definite plans are being made for the following:

Classes '26-'42 - Will hold their annual luncheon in October 2005.

Class '49 - Continues to have reunion luncheons 2nd Thurs. every 2 months (Jan-Mar-May-Jul-Sep-Nov) at the Bali Hai. Contact is **Dotty Thomas** at 760-431-7730

Class '50 - Tentative plans for the fall of 2005. Contact **Susanne Ballantyne** email: scb4evr@aol.com or (days) 858-277-5565.

Class '55 - Weekend of 9/9 thru 9/11/05. Friday No Host party at SDYC, Saturday at Shelter Pointe Hotel (formerly Kona Kai). Email: donald.ketchen@GAT.com, or call **Heidi Forchette** at 619-582-5080.

Class '60 - Early August at Bali Hai. Contact **Jan Pruitt-Evans** (days) at 619-222-0316.

Class of '65 - Their reunion will be Aug. 13, 2005 at Bali Hai. Email **Nancy Fritsch** at studio4360@netscape.net or call **Steve & Lori Crabtree** at 678-524-5223.

Class of '75 Katy Philyaw says they will have a reunion during the summer of '05. Call her at 858-578-7524.

Class '85 - Jill Gouveia Salvati is unable to chair this coming reunion, but has all the information from the last one. Anyone interested in organizing this reunion please contact her at 619-443-5888.

The Early Grads and the Later Grads voted to merge the 2 groups and hold one reunion at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. The name of the new group will be POINT LOMA GRADS. Contact persons: **Maddy Dibble** 619-223-9995 or **Ned Titlow** 619-222-8407.

Other classes looking for help and information: Classes of '70, '75, '80, '90, '95. Please contact **Kim Jessop** at PLHSFAA office 619-226-4509 or email: plhsfaa.com, or **Susanne Ballantyne** (days) 858-277-5565 or email: scb4evr@aol.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Class of 1947	Donald Lee Blackman
Class of 1947	Joseph M. Medina, Jr.
Class of 1949	Ann Timmons Browning
Class of 1960	Robert Gouveia

ZEIGER ALUMNI UPDATE

by Larry Zeiger

Zeiger alumni continue to make news all over the world. For instance:

If you saw the hit film, *THE NOTEBOOK* this summer, the lush romantic score was written by **Aaron Zigman** (Class of '82),

Erik Fleming (Class of '87) has a new film to be released this fall on DVD, a comedy called *TYRONE*;

Eric Welsh (Class of '82) is a corporate lawyer in New York City;

David Krintzman (Class of '87) is an entertainment lawyer in Los Angeles and one of the executive producers of the hit film, *THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT*;

Jason Scheff (Class of '82), the lead singer/guitarist of *CHICAGO* is currently touring the world with *EARTH, WIND, AND FIRE* and receiving rave reviews;

Shawn Loescher (Class of '91) was our instrumental music teacher last year at Point Loma High and can be seen on weekends performing at Lunaria's Jazz Club and Restaurant in Beverly Hills;

Chris Brinker (Class of '88) is currently producing the sequel to *BOONDOCK SAINTS* entitled *ALL SAINTS DAY* and was recently interviewed on World News Radio;

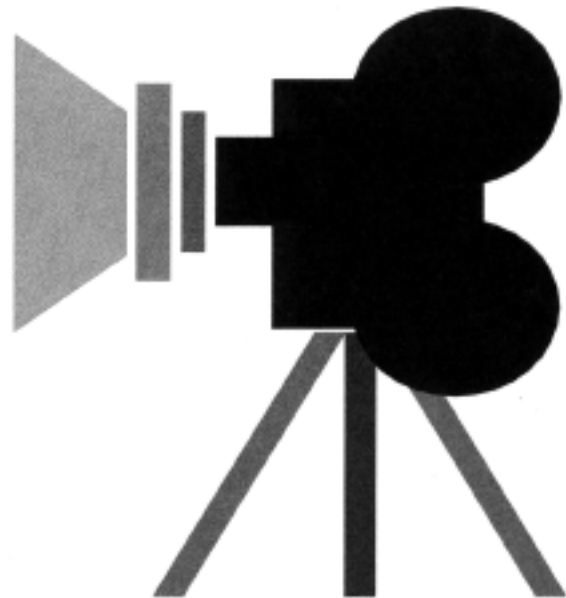
Chris Brinker, **Michael Quintana** (Class of '88), **Paul Randolph** (Class of '85), **Tina Randolph** (Class of '87), **Carlos DeLeon** (Class of '98), and **Ramsey Green** (Class of '97) were all on the Board of Directors of the Imperial Beach International Film Festival;

Ramsey Green (Class of '98) is Field Director in Iowa for the John Kerry Campaign;

Paul Randolph ('85) is a psychologist at Scripps Hospital in Hillcrest and currently running for Board of Education in San Ysidro; His wife, **Tina** ('87) is a curriculum writer in language arts for South Bay School District;

Michael Quintana ('88) owns the Mantel Company on Morena Blvd; his brother **Julian Quintana** ('86) is an award-winning artist;

Chris Hoolihan (Class of '88) is a veterinarian and star of many musicals including *FOOTLOOSE* and *ANNIE* (in November he will play Daddy Warbucks and his daughter has been cast as Annie) at the Star Theatre in Oceanside;



Jenny Wilson (Class of '88) is the editor of *IN STYLE Magazine*;

Breehn Burns and **Jason Johnson** (Class of '93) sold their comic book series to MTV;

Walker McBride (Class of '94) produced the feature film, *ONE SHOT* which was well-received at the Imperial Beach Film Festival this year.

It was great seeing so many alumni this year at the 28th *Gotta Sing Gotta Dance* production.

On closing night nearly 200 alumni attended the alumni party at Old Venice where **Sally Harris** ('84) and **Tom Toomey** ('82) and others entertained the crowd with their rendition of "*Shakin' the Blues Away*" complete with choreography from the '84 show!

Gotta Sing Gotta Dance Alumni are the BEST!



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Annual Meeting & Alumni Gathering

Friday, October 22, 2004
Immediately following the Varsity Homecoming Game
(game begins at 3:00p.m.)
PLHS Room 301

Please join us for refreshments and a look at what the Foundation has in store
for the coming year. All members and alumni are welcome!