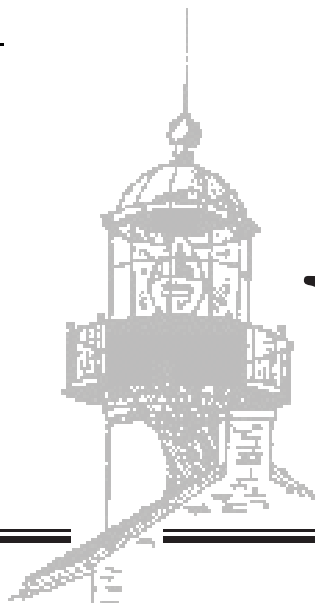


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# UPDATE

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October 2005

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## Pearls of Wisdom

### A Gala Celebration and All Class Reunion

*Geri Nielsen*

Point Loma High School, founded in 1925, will honor its 80th anniversary with a gala celebration and all-class reunion on Saturday, November 12, 2005, at the SeaWorld Pavilion. The school is the third oldest high school in San Diego. When it opened, Point Loma Junior-Senior High consisted of 426 students attending grades 7 through 12, with seven in the first graduating class of 1926. Today, Point Loma High School is a four-year school, with a student body of about 2000 in grades 9 through 12. Though the original buildings are long gone due to the 1973 state decision regarding new earthquake standards, the hilltop location remains the same, as well as the school's commitment to excellence.

Sports heroes graduating from Point Loma High School include Pointer greats Faye Baird Fraser (surfer, Class of '27), Florence Chadwick (swimmer, '36), pitchers Don Larsen ('47) and David Wells ('82), football stars Eric Allen ('83), J.J. Stokes ('92) and La'Roi Glover ('92), and sailors Malin Burnham ('45) and Dennis Conner (Class of '60). The high school has united the Peninsula community, which has come together throughout the years to support the school and raise funds for valued school improvements.

This year, a committee of parents, teachers, staff and alumni from the PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association have organized the 80th celebration and all-class reunion, "POINT LOMA HIGH SCHOOL – 80 YEARS – PEARLS OF WISDOM." Co-chaired by Laurie Hurl and Radmila Fulton, the party will honor past teachers and staff, and will include no-host cocktails, silent and live auction, dinner, dancing, dolphin show, entertainment and fireworks! Beginning at 6:30, Saturday, November 12, the evening promises to be a memorable event. The cost is \$80 per person, with proceeds dedicated to all aspects of Point Loma High School: the arts, athletics, beautification, classroom enrichment, technology, and scholarships. For tickets or more information please call 619) 224-9904 or visit our website: [www.plhsfaa.com](http://www.plhsfaa.com).

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**PLHS Homecoming Football  
Game vs. San Diego High School  
Friday, October 28, 3:00 p.m.**

**PLHS Football Field**

## PLHS Students Test New Waters

Sun, sand, surf . . . those are the images that come to mind when “San Diego” is mentioned. But, how about labs, experiments and biotechnology? With employment in the biotech and pharmaceuticals industry in San Diego rising 104% in the 1990s, with a 29% increase in the annual average wage rate during the same time frame, the biotech industry has had a significant impact on our region, not to mention the contributions to the world of medicine. To take advantage of the boundless opportunities presented by the local biotech labs, the PLHSFAA facilitated a partnership between PLHS and several renowned laboratories to create a hands-on learning experience for our students. “The internship program is very consistent with our missions of enriching student’s academic experience and connecting the high school to the community. This type of program helps motivated students obtain real-life experiences under the supervision of an industry mentor. Many of these students stay connected with their mentors and it is generally a rewarding experience for all involved”, says John Bauer, PLHS parent, Foundation board member and proponent of the program.

Initiated during the 2004-05 school year, PLHS students were selected to participate in the program over the past summer. The Foundation worked with Mr. Brian Benz, the PLHS Science Chair, to identify students exhibiting potential in the sciences and who had the maturity to be ambassadors for the high school. The students were then matched up with potential mentors and prepared for a face-to-face interview.

**Jessica Mendez** is a senior at PLHS, taking AP Music Theory, AP Physics, AP English Literature, and two classes through Mesa Community College, Political Science and Calculus. She is also active in sports, participating in field hockey, water polo and swim for the school. And, she plays the piano.

Jessica interned at the University of California, San Diego in an immunology lab in the School of Medicine with Dr. Salvatore Albani. The lab is conducting a clinical trial for a drug to help the immune system attack rheumatoid arthritis. She assisted with a protein assay called ELISA (Enzyme-linked Immunosorbent Assays) to detect how much of a protein or antibody in these experiments is in a sample. Another project that she worked on and presented was MHC (Major Histocompatibility Complex) purification. Cells that had been grown and frozen earlier were lysed and then run through columns which were lined with different antibodies and substances that would take away the pieces of cells not want. The MHC are used in T cell capture experiments. Jessica then analyzed the MHC to determine its purity. She discovered that it took 3 to 4 million cells just to make a little over 1 mL!

Jessica found that AP Biology in her junior year helped prepare her for her internship in the immunology lab. She also read part of a college-level immunology textbook to prepare for her work. Jessica most enjoyed the opportunity to conduct some portions of the experiments on her own, and to see her results. The biggest challenge was learning the procedures and how everything works in the experi-

ments. She hopes to use her experience from this past summer to work in another lab next summer. Her internship has also sparked her interest in biophysics, the study of how cells and other parts of the body work, with a long-term goal of developing medicines.

**Becky Russell** is also a senior at Point Loma with a full load of AP and college classes. She has been playing the clarinet for six years, and serves at the Band Council President. She spends a lot of her free time organizing fundraisers and activities for the band, as well as arranging and composing music.

Becky interned at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in the Chemical Biology and Proteomics Lab of Dr. Joseph Noel. She spent most of the summer working on a long-term proteomics project that she will finish this year with a postdoctoral fellow. She also did basic lab maintenance, preparing stock solutions, doing dishes and cleaning up the massive messes that result from doing chemical synthesis, as well as working with other professionals and students on their projects.

Becky was interested in biology and chemistry after taking AP Biology and AP Chemistry at school. The organic chemistry and biochemistry work in the lab allowed her to see interdisciplinary studies at work, and helped her focus on some of her long-term educational goals. She enjoyed experimenting with new lab techniques utilizing principles learned in school, and she was able to take advantage of the wide range of materials and technologies to design experiments specifically for her project. Becky found the biggest challenge was balancing a lot of time-sensitive tasks. “I had to learn to be very organized mentally, because if I hadn’t thought the whole preparation through, I could ruin a whole reaction.”

In the short-term, Becky plans to continue working on her project and follow it through to publication, and possible return to Salk next summer. She hopes to attend a college that offers research opportunities in interdisciplinary science. Her longer-term goal is to pursue a field that combines biology, chemistry, physics and possibly engineering.

The Foundation plans to expand the opportunities for students interested in the sciences to include participation in summer workshops at institutions such as the Salk Institute for Biological Studies and The Scripps Research Institute. However, the sciences represent just a single opportunity for the PLHS students and the goal is to identify community members and alumni who can assist in the expansion of the program into other industries. “I would love to see 50 summer internships across a wide range of occupations available for our students this next summer”, said John Bauer. If you would like to participate in this program, either as a mentor or a student, please contact John at baybiotech@cox.net.

***“We make a living by what we get, we make a life with what we give.”***

*Sir Winston Churchill*

## President's Message

*Will Hage*

As President of the 2005 – 2006 Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association, I would like to, on behalf of this years Board of Directors, thank all of the alumni, faculty, parents and businesses that helped make the 2004-2005 year a profitable one. Whether you helped through a direct monetary contribution, time as a volunteer or an attendee of one of our annual events, each and every one of you made a significant impact on the future of Point Loma High School and its students.

As you look through this publication, please take the time to read about all of the exciting things that are taking place throughout the year. Most notably, you will see that Point Loma High School is celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pride and Excellence in Education! This will be an event for the ages, so make sure you get your reservations in early, you don't want to miss it!

This organization is run by dedicated volunteers consisting of parents, faculty, alumni and community members. If you wish to help, there are many ways to be involved. The easiest is through financial support. Your financial

donation may be earmarked for specific purposes. We understand that not everyone can contribute financially to our organization. We always welcome support through manpower to help with our many fundraisers which in turn will create financial strength to the organization.

Our mission is clear: to support the students and faculty of Point Loma High School and become an asset to the community of Point Loma. It is through your efforts that we can achieve our mission and goals.

Best regards,  
Will Hage  
President  
Class of 1993



## The Purpose of PLHSFAA

It is the mission of the Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association to develop and provide the resources for enhancing the educational environment of Point Loma High School, with a goal of building Pointer Pride for generations past, present and future.

Our goals...

1. Promoting Pointer Pride
2. Funding for school enrichment
3. Alumni networking
4. Campus capital improvements



*Principal Bobbie Samilson, Mr. Benjamin and others enjoyed the First Annual Community Mixer potluck last May, hosted by the PLHSFAA. Parents turned out from Silver Gate, Correia, Dana and other schools on the Point to meet and mingle with involved supporters of our schools.*

# Principal's Message

*Bobbie Samilson*



The school year is off to a great start. Over the summer we received word that our student achievement improved in every grade level across the board. Our staff celebrated for a moment and then started planning for continued improvement. This is an incredible community and I know working together we will achieve our mission of preparing all students for a four-year university. We are also working to improve the appearance of our campus, increase the opportunities for our students in terms of internships, and design a system of communication so parents, students, alumni and the community feel connected and committed to making Point Loma High the pride of the community.

We believe fulfilling our mission begins with a successful transition to high school. This year we implemented a Freshmen-Senior LINK program beginning with an orientation before school started. Mentoring and tutoring will continue throughout the year. Thank you to the Hervey Family Fund at The San Diego Foundation for supporting our Activity and Registration Days to prepare all students for a successful school year.

I look forward to working with the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association this year under the leadership of Will Hage. Please see the details throughout

the newsletter for the many plans and opportunities. The landscape beautification and safety project is well underway; please see how you can be part of this incredible project. Thank you so much to the community businesses including RTD Construction, Occidental Landscaping, Coastal Design and Sunset Cliffs Bobcat who have already supplied resources and time. In addition, as we prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century we could use your support with technology. Please see the box below for how you might adopt a classroom and help provide resources for technology to increase student learning.

Finally, I had such a great time with the Class of '55 at their reunion visit that it makes me more enthusiastic than ever to promote the 80<sup>th</sup> Celebration on November 12, 2005 at Sea World. I hope you will all connect with your friends and family from Point Loma High and make plans now to join the party on November 12<sup>th</sup> supporting current and future Pointers!

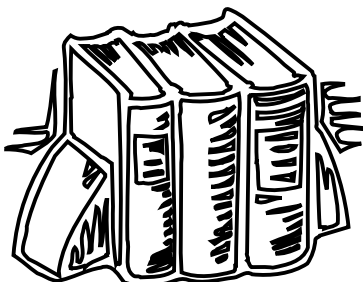
## Go Pointers!

### Create a Scholarship, and You Create a Legacy

It's been the goal and hope of PLHS faculty to send each senior off to college with a scholarship. It's wonderful to see these kids receive a gift that validates their work - no matter what the amount - and it's very much appreciated.

"I used the \$250 I got from the Lance Atkins Scholarship to help pay for my books," says Susan Pelletier, now at Arizona State University. 'I was really happy and proud to get that award in his name."

To help launch a student in college with an annual scholarship or one-time award - in your name or the name of someone you'd like to honor - please contact Head Counselor Laurie Hurl at (619) 223-3121, ext. 1132. The criteria for awarding the scholarship will be customized to your specifications.



### Adopt a PLHS Classroom (or any part)

14" Laptop	\$1487
Epson Projector	\$873
Document Camera (aka Visual Presenter)	\$999
Tax	\$260
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3619</b>

Donors at the \$4000 level will be recognized with a commemorative plaque in a classroom of their choice:

**Digital Classroom Sponsored by  
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**Point Loma High School  
80 YEARS  
“PEARLS OF WISDOM”**

A Gala Celebration and All-Class Reunion  
RECOGNIZING POINT LOMA HIGH TEACHERS AND STAFF  
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS  
**Saturday, November 12, 2005**  
**SEA WORLD PAVILION**

6:00 P.M., Silent Auction, No-host Cocktails  
7:30 to Midnight, Dinner, Dancing, Dolphin Show, Entertainment, Live Auction

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c/o Bonnie Johnson, 2440 Chatsworth Blvd., San Diego, CA 92106-2674

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Count me in! Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$80 each, \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) for 10 at \$800 per table, \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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- I'd like to sponsor a current or retired teachers' or staff members' table \$700.
- Contact me for sponsorship of the event or to donate auction item.
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- Enclosed is my check payable to PLHS-FAA.
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- Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Once payment and paperwork has been submitted to Laurie Hurl, digital files can be emailed to: sharon@ktua.com

**QUESTIONS:**

For questions regarding ad formats and layout, please contact Sharon Singleton at work (619 294-4477), home (619 298-6772) or via email [sharon@ktua.com](mailto:sharon@ktua.com)

## Auction Items for the 80th Celebration

One Week Stay at Mammoth - Tom & Geri Nielsen  
Point Loma Lighthouse Print - Annmade Art  
PLHS Basketball Camp - Dave Aros  
One Day Passes - Barnes Tennis Center  
Converse Packages - Greg Bergen  
Guest Passes - Birch Aquarium  
College Application Assistance - Marianne Blackmar  
Family Pack for Miniature Golf - Boomers  
Breakfast or Lunch for 2 - Broken Yolk  
Auction Basket - Cabrillo Pet Hospital  
Tickets - California Ballet  
Wine Tasting - Callaway Coastal  
Gift Certificate - Chili's  
Tickets - Christian Community Theater  
Gift Cards - Container Store  
Golf at Temeku Hills - Corky McMillan Companies  
Color and Cut - D Lux Salon  
Gift Certificate - Day Break  
Clubhouse Admission - Del Mar Thoroughbred Club  
Dinner - Edgewater Grill  
Dinner - El Torito  
One Night Stay - Elsbree House  
Wellness Consultation - Fit-X  
Wine & Cheese Basket - Christina Gorman  
Cooking Class - Great News  
Hawaiian Entertainment - Halua Hula O Leilani  
San Diego Bay Cruise - Hornblower Cruises  
Dinner at Firehouse - Jim & Laurie Hurl  
Dinner at Sally's - Hyatt  
Brunch at Lael's - Hyatt  
One Night Stay - Idyllwild Inn  
Gift Basket - In-N-Out  
Gift Certificate - Just for the Halibut  
Class Session - JW Tumbles  
Gift Certificate - Karl Strauss Brewing Co.  
Massage - Karen LaMont  
Museum Admission - Maritime Museum  
Teeth Bleaching - Scott McMahan, DDS  
Original Watercolor Painting - Jill Mollenhauer  
Museum Admission - Museum of Contemporary Art  
Two Night Stay - Pasha Corporate Housing  
Antique PLHS Charm - Gretchen & Pete Pelletier  
Gift Certificate for Services - Peninsula Vet Clinic  
Gift Certificate - People's  
Gift Certificate - Pizza Nova  
Gift Certificate - Point Loma Camera  
One Day Fishing Trip - Prowler Sportfishing  
Stationary Basket - Dennis & Cheryl Reagan  
Teeth Bleaching - Thomas Roderick, DDS  
Meal Passes - Rubio's  
Museum Admission - San Diego Aerospace Museum  
Auction Basket - San Diego County Credit Union  
Tickets - San Diego Gulls  
Museum Admission - San Diego Natural History Museum  
Brian Giles Autographed Baseball - San Diego Padres

Tickets - San Diego Repertory Theater  
Park Admission - SeaWorld  
Dine with Shamu - SeaWorld  
SeaWorld Bag & Books - SeaWorld  
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2lb. Gift Certificate - See's Candy  
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## . . . and a Special Thanks to our 80th Celebration Sponsors

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# Be a Permanent Part of PLHS with your Customized Commemorative Brick!

This year Point Loma High School celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday – imagine students for the next 80+ years seeing your name on a brick that shows you supported and cared about the future of this school.

The PLHS Commemorative Brick Program is an important fund-raiser in two ways: The bricks provide a permanent way for families past and present to proudly show their connection to this school. Second, the proceeds go directly toward our landscape renovation project, another proud legacy of this school’s supporters.

Each brick is \$100. It measures 8” x 4” and will display up to three lines, 20 characters each (including spaces and punctuation). Bricks will be displayed vertically along the seat wall in the proposed new landscape.

All bricks will feature names and, if you like, class years. Following are three examples from supporters who have already purchased bricks:

*James M. Lee '34*

*Reed-Dittrich Family  
Jessica '04 and Mark '06*

*Patrish Butler '74  
Liz Seman '05  
Katie Seman '07*

Please consider a gift of a brick – your permanent way to support Point Loma High School! Because this is a comprehensive improvement campaign, bricks will be installed in the future – we appreciate your support of PLHS’s long-range plans!

**Please make checks payable to PLHSFAA and mail to: PLHSFAA, 1220 Rosecrans Street, Box 247, San Diego, CA 92106-2647**

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**PLHS Commemorative Brick**  
**One - three lines of copy, up to 20 characters per line:**

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# Alumni . . . Homecoming is for you!

Join us immediately following the Homecoming game on Friday, October 28 in Room 301 on the PLHS Campus for a casual meet and greet.

- Snacks
- Other Alumni to reconnect with.
- Display of great old PLHS Memorabilia.....the highlight of this event.....View:
  - Old Yearbooks
  - Pictures
  - Cheer uniforms
  - Newspaper articles
  - Memories of PLHS

Hear about our plans to reach out to Alumni this year.

The FAA is required to hold their annual meeting after the Homecoming game. Rather than do a lot of meeting talk, this event gives us an excuse to get together with our Alumni friends and reminisce about PLHS. Bring your friends, family, and classmates and remember those great times at PLHS!

Questions? Contact Kim at kimj@plhsfaa.com or 619 226-4509.

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## Reunions

### 2005 REUNIONS

**Classes of 26-42** - October 21, 2005, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Tom Ham's Lighthouse

**Class of 1950** - October 15, 2005, 6:00 p.m. at Southwest Yacht Club. Contact Susanne Ballantyne at 858-277-5565 (days)

### 2006 REUNIONS

**Class of 1946** - No contact as of this date

**Class of 1951** - October 7, 2006 at Bali Hai. Contact Joanne Greenwell Hewitt at 619-222-7861

**Class of 1956** - October 14, 2006 at Hall of Champions, Balboa Park. There will be a mixer on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> and a picnic on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Gale Kitsemble at 858-274-3989

**Class of 1961** - Anyone interested in chairing or helping with this class may contact Kim Jessop at PLHSFAA 619-226-4509 or em: kimj@plhsfaa.com

**Class of 1966** - No contact as of this date. Anyone interested please contact Kim Jessop at PLHSFAA 619-226-4509 or em: kimj@plhsfaa.com

**Class of 1971** - No contact as of this date

**Class of 1976** - If interested in helping with this reunion please contact Stacy Scarborough at 619-287-5033 for time and place of next meeting

**Class of 1981** - In planning stages for a casual no host event. Contact is Karen Tisdale at em: Tisdale04@cox.net

**Class of 1986** - August 12, 2006 at Bali Hai with a mixer on Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at SDYC and a picnic on Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact is Kathy Wright Johnson at 619-225-1905 or em: katherinew-johnson@yahoo.com

**Class of 1991** - Anyone interested please contact Kim Jessop at PLHSFAA 619-226-4509 or em: kimj@plhsfaa.com

**Class of 1996** - August 19, 2006 at The Bristol Hotel. Contact is Kim Parker Matranga at 619-471-6029 or em: plreunion96@yahoo.com

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## Check us out!

Check out the new improved [www.plhsfaa.com](http://www.plhsfaa.com) website! More info, updates and information. Check out the class lists and find your name under your PLHS class year. Send us your bio and picture and we will post it next to your name on the website.

### Help us get this exciting new project up and running!

Sign up to receive the newsletter and other FAA info by Email.....Send your current email address, name and class year to [tooffice@plhsfaa.com](mailto:tooffice@plhsfaa.com)

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## Class of '55 Tours PLHS - You Can, Too!

In early September, the Class of '55 planned a full reunion weekend of activities, including a tour of the campus on Saturday afternoon, before their party. With Principal Bobbie Samilson and Counselor Laurie Hurl on hand to answer questions and open buildings, and a rousing football game to watch afterwards, it was a great afternoon for about 40 alumni. If your class is interested in a tour, please contact V.P. of Alumni Susanne Ballantyne at (619) 222-8631 or email Susanne at [Scb4Evr@aol.com](mailto:Scb4Evr@aol.com).

## Got a Local Business?

We want to paint the town maroon and gold this fall to build community pride for our high school. We'll send students out to your business to paint your storefront windows maroon and gold with a brilliant:

## GO PLHS Pointers!

design for free! If you choose to make a small donation, it will go to the student programs your painters are involved in. (Paint donations are also appreciated!) Please contact Gretchen Pelletier at (619 223-5227 or gpelletier@ucsd.edu.



## Wanted: PLHS Alumni Skills!

Your education helped get you where you are today, and now your skills are golden to your alma mater. We are looking for volunteers (alumni, current families, community members) for specific projects on campus. Some are very quick and easy, some are longer term. If you'd like more information, contact the following people:

- Civil Engineer for our landscape project; contact Cammie Ingram, 223-9335
- Grant Researcher for various projects; contact Pat Fitzmorris, 223-3769
- Carpenter for helping build a lighthouse beacon on the field; contact Gretchen Pelletier, 223-5227
- Carpenter for designing and building trophy cases; contact Gretchen Pelletier, 223-5227
- Professional Tree Trimming for landscape cleanup; contact Doug Harvey, 224-7157
- Outdoor Signage Painter; contact Gretchen Pelletier, 223-5227

*Is your Membership up to date? If not, this could be your last Update newsletter from the FAA!  
How to know for sure? Check the label on this newsletter.....next to your name there will be an expiration notation:  
EXP or 2004 means expired more than a year ago. Please use the enclosed form to send in your renewal!  
LT = Lifetime Member. Your additional contributions are welcome and will be put to good use benefiting PLHS.  
LTS are Lifetime Members who keep on giving....THANK YOU for your continued support!  
2005 = Membership expired in June of 2005. Please renew for this year.  
2006 means you are a Member in good standing until the end of this school year.*

### YES, I'd like to support Point Loma High School through PLHSFAA programs!

Your donation helps the **Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association** continue its mission to raise funds for school improvements, scholarships, and programs.

It's easy to register and contribute. Payment can be made by check, cash or Credit Card.

- Complete this form and send it with your donation to:  
PLHSFAA 1220 Rosecrans St. #247, San Diego, CA 92106
- Log on to **www.plhsfaa.com** for more info.

*Please print clearly:*

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## Larry Zeiger's Dazzling Alumni 2006 Update

Point Loma Alumni continue to make great contributions in many fields. **Halle Stanford** ('87) was the feature story in the July issue of FAST COMPANY entitled, "Pursue the Creative Spirit." Halle is head of Children's Television at the Jim Henson Company in Hollywood. **Chris Brinker** ('88) was hobnobbing with former Vice President Al Gore, giving him suggestions for programming on his new network. The **Quintana Brothers** including **Michael** ('88), **Julian** ('86) and **Robert** ('89) are involved in business and arts. The Mantel Company on Rosecrans which is run by the Quintanas is filled with incredible fireplace mantels and magnificent oil paintings by Julian (I have one hanging in my house), and Robert continues to create and perform music.

Speaking of music, **Jason Scheff** ('80) the lead singer for CHICAGO performed in San Diego to a packed audience this September in the incredible concert with BLOOD SWEAT AND TEARS. **Glen Fisher** ('82) wows audiences at First Friday at Tower Two - and all of Point Loma gets in the act with student musicians performing everything from the Doors to the Beatles! Glen can also be seen at Paradise Point Resort at the Barefoot Bar and Grille on weekends and at Tapanade in La Jolla. **Mark Fisher** ('80) performs everywhere in town including Paradise Point and Old Venice. Both Mark and Glen's bands will be performing at the 80th anniversary of Point Loma. **Bryan Verhoye** ('79) performed with Glen and David Zedaker at the Red Brick Church to an overflow crowd at the summer concert series. **Shawn Loesher** ('91) married **Theresa Caporale** ('94) and composed all original music for the wedding ceremony. Guests were given complimentary CD's of the score for the wedding! Shawn continues to play saxophone throughout San Diego and Los Angeles like no one I know and is currently developing an incredible state of the arts music program for Madison High School.

**Breehn Burns** and **Jason Johnson** ('93) were a real sensation at San Diego's COMIC-CON with their sequel to the worldwide hit animated film, HERE COMES DR. TRAN -several of their animated films can be seen on the new show, HAPPY TREE FRIENDS AND FRIENDS on cable TV. **Joel McGinty** (2000), who works locally at FOX and **Brian Ruark** (2000), who has his own photography studio traveled to Honduras this summer to do a documentary about the impoverished children who live sadly in a city dump. Joel and Brian are currently raising money to help these people and make the public aware of this tragic situation through charitable donations. When their film is complete, we hope to have a special screening for the public at Point Loma High. **Spencer Moses** ('93) starred in Des MacAnuff's world premiere musical PALM BEACH - THE SCREWBALL MUSICAL at the La Jolla Playhouse and is currently playing the lead in PUMP BOYS AND DINETTES at Lamb's Theater. **Sarah Price** was seen in early September on the soap, GUIDING LIGHT. **Gia Kersulis** ('97) is performing in operas throughout the United States and will be doing a special performance in Mexico in November. **Matt Harrington** ('98) performed the lead in Kafka's THE TRIAL in La Jolla this past year.

Alumni continue to make a difference throughout the world. **Paul Randolph** ('85), psychologist at Scripps won the election for Board of Education in San Ysidro. Paul is also counseling victims of Hurricane Katrina. **Kyle McManus** ('88) traveled to Sri Lanka to help out a family who had their property completely destroyed by the Tsunami. **Ben Hueso** ('87) is currently running for City Council in San Diego. **Ramsey Green** ('97) is working on his graduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and has a research grant dealing with urban issues at the University. He also has authored several articles for the Voice of San Diego, local newspapers and KPBS. **Armin Afsahi** ('85) recently accepted a position in development at Georgetown University, but will continue to be a consultant at UCSD and sit on PLHSFAA's Advisory Board.

**Scarlet Keys** ('84) is a professor of music at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and performs her music in clubs throughout New England. **Michael Ford** ('91) is a Character Technology Supervisor at Sony Imageworks. His new projects include the animated film, OPEN SEASON (to be released in 2006) and SURFS UP which will be released in 2007. (His book on 3D animation is a text in my film class). **Randall Rosa** ('88) was Digital Effects director of THE FANTASTIC FOUR. Oscar and Emmy Award winner, **Joe Hutshing** ('72), who is a frequent guest speaker in my class, edited the suspenseful thriller, SKELETON KEY which is currently in movie theaters throughout the world (the ending took me by surprise!). It was also great fun to be at the engagement party of **Jason Sweeney** ('91) who is now a successful San Diego attorney.

As for younger alumni, **Brian Bonus** (2003) and **Eri Hawkins** (2003) were both accepted for their junior year into the film major at UCLA - less than 30 new students from around the world are accepted into this prestigious program each year. **Josh Lizarraga** (2005) was the only high school student in the Pacific Southwest to receive a regional Emmy Award Scholarship for his outstanding work in animation. His film was one of two high school films screened at the largest showcase of short film in the world - the Los Angeles Short Film Festival at the ArLight Cinema in Hollywood.

**Rick Schuiteman** ('89) and **John Frederich** of Sea World are instrumental in organizing the 80th Anniversary Party at the Sea World Pavilion. They have been extremely helpful and filled with great ideas for the event! Finally, **Joe Allen** ('84) is a physician who works across the street from where I live. Those of you who are his patients should ask him to sing the blues - he was a star singer in my show in '84 and he's very good!!!

If you'd like to be included in the next Zeiger Star Alumni column, please contact me at LZeiger@aol.com. Send year of graduation and what you are up to! Coming soon www.ZeigerAlumni.com in development by **Carlos DeLeon** (97) and **Shawn Loescher!**

## Baseball Boosters - Up at Bat!

The baseball boosters have been going strong all summer, raising funds at the OB Street Fair and the Del Mar Fair, selling snacks at summer school, and most recently, our first "Cool Breeze Classic" Labor Day baseball tournament, which was a great success!! We hosted 6 teams from around the county at our, FINALLY FINISHED, Dana field!!

We started the school year at 30% of our fundraising goal for the year. We are also selling "PLHS Pointer" rubber "Livestrong" style bracelets throughout the school year at various events. Look for them to show your Pointer Pride!!

Our next scheduled fundraiser will be running a concession booth for the Padres vs. Dodgers on Friday 9/30 and Saturday 10/1 at Petco Park. With the help of our parents and players, we are hoping that this will bring us half way to our fund raising goal.

Check out the Baseball Boosters website at [www.plhs-baseball.org](http://www.plhs-baseball.org).

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## PLHS Vanguard Band Booster News!!!

Come out to support the PLHS Vanguard Band at the following events:

10/22 Tournament at Scripps Ranch High School

10/29 Tournament at Mt. Carmel High School

11/5 Tournament at Mira Mesa High School

11/12 PLHS 80th Celebration "Pearls of Wisdom" gala celebration at Sea World

12/3 North Park and Ocean Beach Holiday Parades

12/14 Winter Concert in the PAC, 7 pm

Of course, you will also see the Band at all home football games, and our Pep Band will travel to support our team at away games.

And Watch for our Band Booster events coming next year:

JAN--Golf Tournament

APRIL--2nd Annual Crescendo Fundraiser. This year we will honor Larry Zeiger for his support of music education.

For more information, please call Diana Antonini at 225-7598.

## PLHSFAA receives a \$25,000 donation to the Landscape Redevelopment Project

Alumna Ann Russell White, class of 1979, and her husband Phil, learned of the PLHSFAA's Landscape Redevelopment project ([www.plhsfaa.com](http://www.plhsfaa.com)) while visiting the PLHS booth at the Ocean Beach Street Fair!

*"My grandparents came to Point Loma in 1927 and my mother, aunts, uncle, cousins and sister all graduated from PLHS. My husband and I decided that in addition to supporting education in other communities of San Diego, it was important to support our own high schools and to give back to the institutions that made it possible for us to get into great universities and to build productive, exciting lives."*

-Ann (Russell '79) White

A special thank you to the Phil and Ann White Fund for their generous donation to the PLHS Landscape Redevelopment Project.



*After years of planning, the school's long awaited landscape improvement project will begin with the installation of a new monument sign this November. Based on the mission-style architecture of Point Loma High's original buildings, the sign will be part of this year's celebration of 80 years of Pointer pride. Pictured are Principal Barbara Samilson and some of the volunteers who helped with preparing the site for the new sign."*

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**2006 Hollywood Party for Zeiger Alumni & Friends**

The 2006 annual party of Zeiger Alumni and friends will be held on Saturday night, December 3, 2005 at a terrific soon-to-be -announced location in Los Angeles. If you'd like to attend, please contact Larry Zeiger at [LZeiger@aol.com](mailto:LZeiger@aol.com), and I will make sure you receive an e-mail announcement as to the time and location.

Last year's party at the AVALON HOTEL in Beverly Hills was a terrific affair attended by nearly 50 producers, writers, directors, actors, artists, and their friends and I'm certain everyone is looking forward to this event as well.

**First Thursdays - A Smash Hit!**

FIRST THURSDAYS of every month is a great time for Point Loma alumni, staff and friends to meet at a San Diego restaurant after work for fun, friends, and great food! The first FIRST THURSDAY took place in September at Baleen's Restaurant at Paradise Point Resort on Mission Bay and was attended by several alumni, staff and friends. Shauna Aguirre, general manager of Baleen's and a PL alumna had a spectacular table of exotic tropical fruits and a huge cheese display amidst the tropical gardens on the bay. We all stayed for the sunset which was spectacular.

The next FIRST THURSDAY will take place at the new Island Prime Restaurant (Deborah Scott is the chef and Jeff Pitroff, our host) on Thursday, October 6 at 4:30 pm. Island Prime is located on Harbor Island and is receiving rave reviews by restaurant critics.

Upcoming First Thursdays will take place at Old Venice, the Brigantine, and many more terrific spots for alumni and friends to unwind and socialize. For additional information, please check the Foundation/Alumni website at [www.plhsfaa.com](http://www.plhsfaa.com) or contact Larry Zeiger at [LZeiger@aol.com](mailto:LZeiger@aol.com).

Will Hage, our fearless president (Class of '93) has designed a very cool PLHS Alumni FIRST THURSDAY shirt, which can be ordered at each event for only \$15.00 with \$5.00 of every shirt going to an Alumni Scholarship fund. Steve Horowitz (Class of '88), owner of Corporate Logo will be printing the shirts. Don't miss these great opportunities to socialize and enjoy great food and a glass of wine -good for the heart!



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