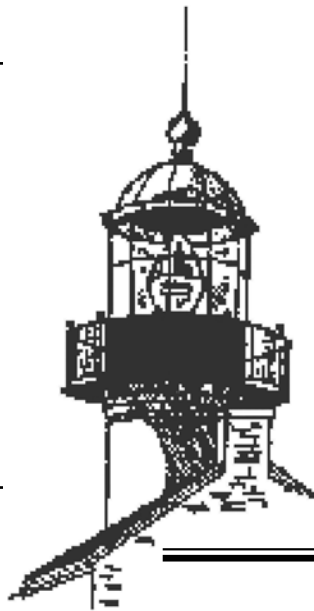

Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association



UPDATE

October 2006

First Thursdays - Held Over Second Big Year!!!

Larry Zeiger



FIRST THURSDAYS have become one of the biggest surprise hits on the Point! Alumni, teachers, and parents meet once a month on the FIRST THURSDAY of the month beginning in October for a terrific Happy Hour at some of our favorite restaurants! Last year, thanks to alumnus, Steve Horowitz (Class of '88) at Corporate Logo, over \$500 was raised for the FIRST THURSDAY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AWARD which went to graduating senior, Noe Huerta. FIRST THURSDAY T-shirts were a hot item

and quickly became the classy haute clothing "pret-a-porter" item to be wear! Additional shirts are on sale this year with money going towards a new scholarship.

More exciting news - FIRST THURSDAYS will include salutes to different academic departments on campus, as well as salutes to distinguished alumni and an occasional musical performance or two! The events begin at 4 p.m. at each location, but feel free to come early and stay late. If you decide to stay for dinner at any of the locations listed below, it is suggested that you make a reservation.

November 2 - Brigantine, Shelter Island
December 7 - Old Venice, Canon Street
January 4 - Humphrey's, Shelter Island
February 1 - Sea Level Lounge, Island Prime, Harbor Island
March 1 - Old Venice, Canon Street
April 5 - Firefly Lounge, Dana Inn, Mission Bay
May 3 - Humphrey's, Shelter Island
June 7 - Brigantine, Shelter Island

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!
FOR MORE INFO AND UPDATES GO TO
www.plhsfaa.com

Project SCAPE Breaks Ground!

Gretchen Pelletier

Thanks to the persistence and patience of several individuals – especially alumnus Mark Hill, our engineer, and Scott Molentin of Estrada Landscape Design – our plans finally made it through the city and district planning departments and, at this writing, permits were being pulled. This means that demolition and construction of a new, wider sidewalk out front and a seat wall is underway. Though we had hoped to do this over the summer, the process took longer. The Project SCAPE committee thanks Bobbie Samilson for her help in working out the re-routing of school buses during this construction period. If you typically drop off your child out front, you may want to consider alternatives such as the back of the school or behind the bleachers.

SCAPE stands for Safe, Clean, Attractive Place for Education, and this first phase is a large step in that direction. The first batch of donor bricks has been ordered and is slated for a winter installation. If you haven't purchased one and would like to get in on the next installation, please see the order form in this newsletter!

Don't Miss the Fun ~
Football Under the Lights!
PLHS 2006 Homecoming
Friday, October 21
Alumni BBQ and Game

See details on back page of
newsletter

PLHS Music Center Update

A Center of Excellence Initiative

The high school experience plays a critical role in defining students' lives and the vitality of our communities. A vibrant music program plays an important role in raising a school from standard to excellent.

For the 2006-07 school year at Point Loma, there are 110 students in the instrumental/marching band, 36 students in the choir, 24 students in the jazz band, 40 students in the color guard, and 20 students in the college-level AP music theory class. **Ten percent of the campus is directly participating in the music program** - an incredible affirmation of the power of this music program! Growth in the PLHS music program has been driven by strong feeder school programs, community support, and dynamic leadership at PLHS.

To ensure that the Point Loma High School Music Program continues to thrive and expand, the school, the foundation and San Diego City Schools have partnered to convert a now-vacant building into a state-of-the-art music center. **As of August 2006, over \$440,000 has been committed and the work has begun.** An additional \$200,000 is needed over the next 12 months to benefit the program.

For more information, or to pledge your support, contact John C. Bauer at 619 269-8514 or email: bauerjc@plhsfaa.com.



PLHS parents, staff and students get the wood shop ready for conversion to the Music Center

PLHS Lighthouse Ready to Shine

Bill Mayfield, PLHS '50 and his team of volunteers proudly rolled out the latest addition to the school football field at halftime at the Varsity game on Saturday, September 9. In the very near future, this eight-foot tall lighthouse will be mounted on the southwest wall of the gymnasium, adjacent to the edge of the scoreboard. When the Pointers score a touchdown, the lighthouse will flash its light, with fog horns and fleet sirens sounding in celebration.

The lighthouse is painted light yellow, with maroon trim. It is a replica of the Fenwick Lighthouse in Delaware.

A special thank you to the volunteers who helped bring this project to fruition:

Lyle W. Butler, Class of '43
Coach Bennie Edens
James M. Hall, Class of '51
Dennis Kuhn
Michael M. Lorch, Class of '54
Michael A. Morton, Class of '61
Derrell Musick
Geroge Sinks
Carol Mayfield

Tax deductible donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to PLHSFAA, 1220 Rosecrans Street, Box 247, San Diego, CA 92106-2674, Attn: Lighthouse Project.



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.

PLHS Featured Alumni

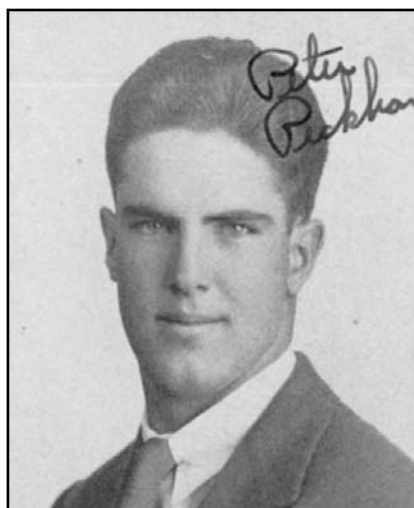
As a new feature of the PLHSFAA Newsletter, we will be highlighting some of the outstanding accomplishments and contributions our distinguished alumni have made over the years. The first alumni to be featured is a gentleman who passed away in June 2006, Mr. Peter Peckham.

People generally fall into two categories, those who speak loudly and often of their accomplishments, and those who lead by their quiet example. Point Loma, and all of San Diego, was fortunate to have someone in the latter category, a person whose dedication to his family, his friends, his community, his interests and his business ventures set the standard high for all those who follow in his footsteps.

Peter Peckham was a third generation San Diegan, born in 1926. As a 1944 graduate of Point Loma High School, Peter was captain of the football team, and lettered in baseball, basketball and track. Following high school, he enlisted in the Navy, serving in World War II aboard the aircraft carrier Casablanca. Peter then attended Stanford University, earning a bachelor's degree in business. He met his future wife, Nancy McCune in 1949, and they married in 1951.

After learning the fundamentals of the real estate brokerage business, Peter founded Investcal Realty, where he owned and managed industrial parks and retail centers throughout California. He was involved in the management of the Julian Lodge, the Catamaran, and Half Moon Inn. In 1990, he was a partner in a group of investors who bought the Padres from Joan Kroc, and who sold to John Moores in 1994.

As a competitive yachtsman, Peter started sailing at the San Diego Yacht Club as a teen. He won three world-class championships in 32-foot Pacific Coast Class boats, with his last title earned in 1992. He sailed in a 5.5-meter Olympic Trials competition, and was a former president of the Columbia 4.4 Meter Racing Association, and the P.C. Class Racing Association.



*Peter Peckham,
PLHS Class of 1944*

With his many talents, it is the quiet investment of time, energy and funds from Peter and his family that has had the most far-reaching effects on our community. Point Loma High School and the PLHSFAA have been direct beneficiaries of Peter's philanthropy. The school is enormously proud of the synthetic turf football field, and students line up early at M.A.D days in August to lay claim to a locker in Peckham Hall, the row of lockers adjacent to Room 301. Other beneficiaries recognized by the Peckham family include Children's Hospital and Health Center, Volcan Mountain Preserve, the San Diego Foundation, the San Diego Zoo, Liberty Station, and the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum.

PLHSFAA pays tribute to Peter Peckham and the positive impact he has had on the community.

Reunion Events

Classes of 26-45

October 6th, 11:30-3:00 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse
Into at FAA office, 619 226-4509

Class of '51

October 7th at Bali Hai restaurant
Contact Joanne Hewitt 619 222-7861

Class of '56

October 14th at San Diego Hall of Champions
Contact Gale Getz Kitsemble 858 274-3989

Class of '57

Sept. 16-17, 2007
Contact redrhino@cox.net or bob.web@plhsfaa.com

Class of '82

Contact Kelly LaRosa 619 251-4830
email: plhs1982@plhsfaa.com

Class of '87

Contact Laurie Warren Varga 760 438-8274
email: circusvarga@yahoo.com

Classes of '91 and '92

Combined. August 11, 2007
Contact Corine at champton@brunoskorheim.com

Class of '97

Contact Jenn McCullough Viora 619 890-8000 bviora@hotmail.com or Jon Robell 619 549-9344

Classmates, update your contact information at www.plhsfaa.com so your reunion chair can find you! Reunion Chairs send us your information so we can post it on the website and put it in the newsletter!

Email FAAoffice@plhsfaa.com for more info.

Meet the 2006-07 PLHSFAA Board of Directors

John S Baker, President

John wears many professional hats, including physicist, PR practitioner, consultant, entrepreneur, and publisher. He grew up in Wisconsin and hates shoveling snow, making San Diego an ideal location for John and his wife, Pat, also a PLHSFAA Board Member. John and Pat's son David is a 2006 graduate of PLHS and is currently studying theater and music business at Cal State Chico.

John is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis) and he did graduate work in Physics at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. He had a 20-year Navy career as carrier pilot and Public Affairs Officer, including duty as the Head of the Navy News Bureau in the Pentagon, as PR Director for all naval aviation activities from the Mississippi to Mombassa, and as Director of the Navy's long-range PR planning department.

After retiring from the Navy, John joined Jaguar's international racing team as Head of Marketing and Public Relations. He was also a Vice President of Public Relations for Porsche's North American activities. He was a member of a teaching team for a graduate level university course in small business management, as well as a consultant to various independent racing teams and drivers. John was the head of the PR Department for a marketing firm serving west coast hi-tech clients, and the publisher of the Source-Book directories. He is currently retired.

John's past community involvement included serving as a board member for Point Loma 2000, and as the Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Development Committee for San Diego Second Chance. John's outside activities include: sailing, writing magazine articles, producing stage shows (non-Equity community theatres), and investing in start-up hi-tech businesses.

Nancy Steinhart, Recording Secretary

Nancy Steinhart has worked for San Diego Unified School District as an English teacher and school counselor for many years. She is a high school counselor at University City High School, and previously worked at Clairemont and Kearny High Schools.

Although born in Ohio, Nancy grew up in the Los Angeles area, and attended UCLA for three years. She then transferred to the University of Missouri, where she graduated and attended graduate school, earning a Masters degree in education, and began her career.

Nancy lives in the Ocean Beach/Point Loma area with her daughter, who is a freshman at PLHS. Much of their lives revolve around softball, tennis, enjoying the outdoors, reading, and the family dogs.

Having served in various capacities in various organizations at Silver Gate Elementary, Dana Middle, and Correia Middle, Nancy is looking forward to becoming involved in the Point Loma High School community.

Clint Roberts, PLHS '68, Treasurer

Clint is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a degree in Economics and a graduate degree in Business Administration from the Wharton Graduate School. He is a licensed certified public accountant (inactive) and has worked in public accounting, as well as served as the controller for several local businesses. His background has been in real estate, venture capital and financial analysis.

He is currently a private investor and lives with his wife, Sara, and sons, Eric (15) and Alec (12), in the Sunset Cliffs area. Sara, also a CPA, was the treasurer for the Sunset View Foundation and currently serves as treasurer for the Dana Instrumental Music Association.

Clint is a past board member for the San Diego Natural History Museum, where he served as treasurer, and has served in various capacities with other local charitable organizations. He has intermittently served on the board for PLHSFAA and its predecessor entity, PL 2000 since 1999.



More on the Board . . .

Karen Moore Tisdale, PLHS '81, Alumni Director

Karen is a third generation San Diegan and 1981 graduate of PLHS, where she met her husband Steve. Their daughter Elise is a 2006 PLHS graduate and is attending the American University in Washington, D.C., studying business. Son Kyle is a sophomore at PLHS, and interested in oceanography and water polo.

Karen has a B.A. in English Literature from UCSD (1985) and is currently working part-time for Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, as well as bookkeeping for three other clients.

She has held a number of positions on school foundation boards since her children were in preschool. Her involvement at PLHS includes the 80th anniversary celebration and the 2006 Kick-Off committee. She is also involved in the Children's Hospital Auxiliary.

Karen enjoys entertaining, camping, bodysurfing, reading, and relaxing with friends and family, and hopes to take up the piano again soon.

Debbie Davis Clauson '79, Booster Director

Debbie and her husband Don have two daughters. Jenna is a 2005 PLHS grad, coach of the PLHS JV Cheer team, and a student at SDSU. Megan is a junior at PLHS and a member of the Varsity Cheer team. Not to be left out of the PLHS family, Don coaches the PLHS JV softball team, and has come to accept that his daughters are cheerleaders, not softball players. As a 1979 graduate of PLHS, Debbie played golf, basketball and soccer.

Debbie graduated from SDSU with B.A. in Economics and M.S. in Taxation. She worked as a CPA for 15 year, and has served as Director of Children's Ministries at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church. She has also taught karate.

Debbie's community involvement has included MADCAPS, a Sunday School volunteer, and PLHS Cheer Booster.

Theresa Bagg, Communications Director

Theresa and her husband Kevin have two daughters. Claire is a freshman at PLHS, and Catherine is an eighth grader at High Tech Middle School. The family came to San Diego five years ago from San Francisco by way of Seattle, and have never looked back.

Theresa has a Master's degree in International Relations from Boston University. She did her undergraduate work at Universite de Strasbourg in France. She currently works in the non-profit sector, assisting organizations working for the greater good. She is the Development Director for La Maestra Community Health Centers, serves on several non-profit boards and is an active community volunteer.

Having grown up in the Pacific Northwest, Theresa is an avid gardener and enjoys sailing. She is a writer, loves food, wine and intellectual banter.

Pat Baker, Fund Development/Events Director

Pat Baker is a graduate of Goucher College in Towson, MD, with a B.A. in Mathematics. She worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, D.C. and then in the private sector as Vice President of Science Management Corporation. Pat also worked as a management consultant writing employee and operations manuals for small businesses. Most recently, she worked on the San Diego staff of a Congressional Representative.

In addition to her involvement on the PLHS Foundation board, Pat has been a volunteer on the Point Loma Concert Series, PLHS Band Boosters, La Playa Trail Association, Peninsula Area Traffic Task Force and Sports Arena Area Ad-Hoc Committee for City Council District 2, and Point Loma Association.

Pat and John's son, David, was a member of the PLHS Vanguard Band and Conservative Students Club, and he served as Technical Director of many drama and musical productions. David was awarded a black belt in karate and trained to be a member of the sail and maintenance crew at the San Diego Maritime Museum.

Leslie Ann Rose, Gifts/Grants Director

Leslie is a 3rd generation native of San Diego, married to Gary L. Rose, D.V.M. Gary and Leslie have two children, Graydon and Melissa, and Gary has a daughter, Stephanie, from a previous marriage.

Leslie attended Patrick Henry High School, 1975, earning a B.A. from Pomona College, 1979 - Political Science; and a J.D. from University of San Diego, School of Law, 1982. In high school and college, Leslie was on the swim team and involved with a variety of clubs. Leslie has been an attorney at Appellate Defenders, Inc. since 1986.

Leslie began her community involvement as a room mom for her preschool children at Warren Walker School, and continued to volunteer at Sunset View Elementary, Dana Middle School, Correia Junior High, Warren Walker Middle School, and PLHS. Leslie is Programs Chair for the PLHS PTSA for 2006-07.

Additional community involvement includes Cub Scouts, Sunday School at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, Thursday Club, Peninsula Youth Softball Association and MADCAPS.

And More Board Members . . .

Lisa Hamlin Vieira, PLHS '74, Membership Director

Lisa graduated from Point Loma High in 1974, the alma mater of her parents. She was on the gymnastics team and sang in the choir. After graduating with a B.S. in Business Administration from San Diego State in 1978, Lisa worked in the insurance business until 1985.

Lisa and her husband, Glen, have four daughters: Beth, Anne, Kathy, and Marisa. Their three older daughters are PLHS graduates, and Marisa is a PLHS freshman. Beth graduated from SDSU in 2005 and Anne and Kathy are current SDSU students.

Lisa's interests include travel, reading, knitting, music, spending time with friends and family, and watching her daughters compete in various sporting events. Beth holds the girls' pole vault record at PLHS and continued her vaulting at SDSU. Anne has been on the cross country teams of both PLHS and SDSU. Kathy loves field hockey and was a 4-year varsity player on Point Loma's new team. Marisa plays softball, soccer, and field hockey.

Lisa's involvement in the community is extensive. She has been involved in the Loma Portal PTA, Dana Association, MADCAPS, and La Playa Unit of the Children's Hospital Auxiliary, as well as working as a volunteer in classrooms and libraries. She served on the Point Loma Cluster Coordinating Council, and is active at the San Diego Yacht Club. Lisa is currently working on the committee of the Catalina Island Conservancy Ball, and was co-chair of last year's Charity Ball, raising funds for Children's Hospital.

John C. Bauer, Director At Large

John has more than 25 years of broad-based executive management experience within the life science arena; encompassing strategic planning, business development, product development and marketing, sales, research and development, operations, and global distribution. Currently, John is an independent consultant doing business as Bay BioTech. John established Bay BioTech in 1999, and assists corporations with strategy formulation and implementation.

John holds a B.S. in biology, an M.S. in molecular genetics, an Executive MBA degree, has published numerous peer-reviewed papers, and has been awarded four U.S. patents.

John and his wife Sheila have three children, Matthew (17 years), Nicholas (13 years) and Annelise (9 years). Matthew is a senior at PLHS and Nicholas and Annelise attend Warren Walker. All three children enjoy playing music, reading, participating in sports activities, and focusing on their academics. The Bauers enjoy traveling and camping (talk to John about sinking the rental car in a crocodile infested African river), a twelve year absence of a working television, deep sea fishing and time with the family.

Kim Melhorn Jessop, PLHS '73, Executive Director


Kim is a graduate of the PLHS Class of 1973. She is a third generation San Diegan who attended Silver Gate Elementary and Dana. After two years at UCSD as a psychology major she switched career plans and in 1976 earned a Dental Hygiene degree. She has had extensive training in how to work with and organize philanthropic groups through her involvement in Junior League of San Diego and has served on boards and committees supporting Children's Hospital Charity Ball, the Reuben Fleet Science Center, and Scripps Aquarium.

Kim was married to fourth generation San Diegan, and fellow PL grad, Jim Jessop ('70) for 24 years, and now divorced, they remain good friends and caring (PROUD) parents of three more Pointer alums! Andrew '00, a UC Berkeley graduate, works as an acoustical engineer in the Bay Area with plans to attend grad school at Purdue next year. Bryan '04 is a junior at Northwestern University studying Industrial Engineering. Carter '05 is a sophomore at UC Berkeley, plays in the Cal Marching Band, and studies Earth and Planetary Science with an eye toward law.

Kim stays hands-on with students by leading educational tours with World Expeditions and can be found several weeks each spring on the streets of Boston, New York, Philly, DC and in the battlefields of Gettysburg with a herd of 100+ 8th graders following along, or in Sacramento and San Francisco with Dana 6th graders.

As the sole paid administrator for the PLHSFAA, Kim's job is to maintain continuity year to year as she assists the Board members, serves as liaison to the school, assures IRS compliance, provides advice and support for all activities, and acts as a cheerful (hopefully) first point of contact for Alumni and supporters of PLHSFAA. The best part of the job is connecting with PL alumni!








In her spare time (ha ha ha!) Kim has earned a black belt in karate, and enjoys cooking with friends, movies and live theatre, travel, cheering on her sons' college football teams (Go Bears and Wildcats!) and walking with her personal trainer and best friend, Syd, an Australian Shepherd who also serves as assistant to the Executive Director.







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2005-2006 Accomplishments of the Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association

-  Raised **\$321,000** to benefit PLHS (includes nine Booster Groups for individual sports and activities)
 -  Provided **scholarships** for eight graduating seniors
 -  **Upgraded four classrooms** to full digital status – equipment that facilitates teaching in new and better ways
 -  Allocated \$10,000 for emergency repairs to the **Performing Arts Center**
 -  Funded the **high school's web site**, through a private donor
 -  Funded the new **all-weather track**, through a private donor
 -  **S.C.A.P.E.** – safety-related improvements to Chatsworth Avenue entrance
- ✓ Completed funding for Phase I (budget in excess of \$150,000)
 - ✓ Final architectural plans at City Planning Department now
 - ✓ Construction begins this fall

-  **New Music Center** – convert vacant building on campus into a proper Music Center (construction begins this school year)
 - ✓ Completed architectural concept
 - ✓ Raised \$20,000 in seed money
-  **Fundraising and fun events** for parents, faculty/staff and alums
 - ✓ Celebrated **PLHS's 80th Birthday** with gala at SeaWorld
 - ✓ **First Thursday** gatherings at local restaurants for alums, parents and faculty/staff
-  Supported nine alumni **class reunions**
-  Expanded, enhanced and updated our **online alumni database**.....more than 500 updates in June alone!

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## In Memoriam

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| John Clark             | Class of 1934 |
| Madelyn Burdette Mehus | Class of 1938 |
| Dorothy VanValin Rock  | Class of 1940 |
| Peter Peckham          | Class of 1944 |
| Stuart C. Wilson       | Class of 1946 |
| Douglas Mac Donald     | Class of 1948 |
| Cedric Durst           | Class of 1949 |
| Joseph Jessop          | Class of 1949 |
| Avelino Machado        | Class of 1950 |
| Jeanne Rogers Salley   | Class of 1950 |
| William Moore          | Class of 1950 |
| Ronald Parkman         | Class of 1951 |
| James Kowal            | Class of 1952 |
| Lillian Brown Crawford | Class of 1954 |
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## Zeiger Alumni - What an Amazing Group!

This summer I had the most wonderful time attending the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth, and thirtieth reunions of Point Loma High! What a mistake to think today that schools should be rated by standardized test scores – Instead, take a look at what PLHS alumni are doing with their lives years later!

**JON KOEHER** ('84) is the legendary metal sculptor whose spectacular work, *Pinnacle* is receiving rave reviews and can be seen as part of the *Urban Tree Project* along the waterfront at the Embarcadero. His work has been featured in *San Diego Home & Garden* and many other publications. Watch for an upcoming film about his artwork! [www.jonkoehler.com](http://www.jonkoehler.com). Also quite spectacular is the lovely urban tree sculpted by PL alumnus, **LESLIE PERLIS**. Leslie also sculpted the coveted LARMO which is now in my home! Oscar winner, **JOE HUTSHING** ('72), is currently putting the final editing touches on what promises to be one of the best comedies of 2006, *THE HOLIDAY* to be released in December. (Note: Joe was not a Zeiger alum but likes to think he is. . . I didn't start teaching at PLHS until '75!)

**AARON ZIGMAN** ('79) has composed fabulous film scores including this summer's hit films, *STEP UP* and *AKEELAH AND THE BEE*. Aaron's beautiful score for the film, *THE NOTEBOOK* is one of my personal favorites! **JULIE SULLIVAN** (2001) graduated from Brooks Institute of Photography and completed a documentary about the coal miners in West Virginia after the Sago Mine disaster. Her incredible photography can be seen at [www.juliesullivanphotography.com](http://www.juliesullivanphotography.com). **EMILY CHURCHILL** ('90) – Primary Care Internal Medicine Physician at Scripps Mercy Medical Group. Emily performed in the Zeiger Show, *I.SEE.U.* this year in the hospital scene along with PL alumni – **DR. JOE ALLEN** ('84), **DR. CHRIS HOOLIHAN** ('88), **DR. CHRIS CANNAVINO** ('92), **DR. ARIZ SLALI** ('95) (also giving compelling performances were **DR. NED CHAMBERS**, **DR. JESSICA BERGER**, **DR. JIM NICKEL**, **DR. ROBERT GREENES**, and **DR. JEFF ANDREY**!) Speaking of singing doctors, **TOM MOATS** ('84) is an emergency physician at Palomar/Pomerado Hospital. **TODD HOFF** ('83) is Chief Operating Officer-Administrator for Scripps Mercy Hospital in Chula Vista. **DR PAUL RANDOLPH** is psychologist at Scripps Mercy Hospital.

**SPENCER MOSES** ('95) starred in "Zhidago – The Musical" at the La Jolla Playhouse. **SUZANNE BRADLEY** ('95) – after working at Miramax and Sony, Suzanne has settled into her new job as Junior Development Executive for the Pillar 2/Segan Company.

**ERIK FLEMING** ('87), film director and executive producer of *Texas Cheer Moms*, which will premiere in January on TLC. **NICOLE OPPER'S** ('99) documentary, *Song of Hannah*, played to SRO audience at the San Diego Jewish Film Festival and will have its first New York screening in November. Nicole was the line producer of the film, *The Killer Within*, which will be shown on the Discovery Channel this year.

**JON WINSLOW** ('77) is the Fire Captain of San Miguel Fire Department in Spring Valley. **NATHAN GEIS** ('95) is the Chef Extraordinaire at Modus Supper Club on Bankers Hill (619-236-8516 for reservations). **THE READING BROTHERS – CHRIS AND ERIC** dazzled audiences at their 20<sup>TH</sup> REUNION singing and playing all originals from their CD, which is nothing short of brilliant! Also performing at the same reunion were the incredible LOMATONES featuring **STEVE GRADY** ('87) on vocals and the incredible keyboard talents of **FRANK FOGERTY** ('76)

**RAMSEY GREEN** ('97) is the Education Policy Director for the Louisiana Recovery Authority focusing on rebuilding the devastated urban public school district. **BRYAN VERHOYE** ('79) is Music Associate for the PL Community Presbyterian Church, accompanist for San Diego Master Chorale, and performs with the San Diego Symphony and SD Chamber orchestra ([www.music.download.com/bryan-verhoye](http://www.music.download.com/bryan-verhoye))

**MARK SKIDMORE** ('79) is Assistant Vice President of IT, an insurance company that specializes in insuring CA public schools. By the way, Mark's mantra is "Let's do it and quit talking about it. . ." **SERGIO GARCIA** ('83) is Vice President of Software Development for PLATO Learning, Inc. His latest project is development of a Learning Management System for K-Adult market. **JAMIE LEDENT** ('96) works for CA Department of Transportation as an Environmental Planner. His job includes restoring wetland habitats. **MARK YANCY** ('76) is the owner of SDTV, television production management and remote broadcasting facility delivering live via satellite of news, sports, and entertainment programming.

**ALBERT SIFUENTES** ('92) owner of the very popular *Come On In* restaurants in La Jolla and North County (note: the corn meal pancakes with a side of strawberries are incredible!) **MATT HARRINGTON** was one of 18 actors in the world to be accepted in the graduate acting program at the Tisch School of the Arts at NYU – he also received a complete scholarship into this program. **KEVIN BOYLES** ('82) is a residential sales specialist for Corcoran Group Real Estate and will be happy to help you locate the home of your dreams in New York City.

**BREEHN BURNS** ('93) is directing animated films for G4TV and concept illustrator for feature films. His animated film, *Dr. Tran* is a hit all over the world and there is a new DVD release titled *Dr. Tran:#1 American Icon: The Lone Sausage Collection Vol. 1*. [www.LoneSausage.com](http://www.LoneSausage.com).

**BRIAN RUARK** ('93) is a professional photographer/cinematographer who has just returned from Honduras completing a photo essay on issues of poverty in this region. [www.brianruarkphotography.com](http://www.brianruarkphotography.com)

**MEGAN NIMURA** ('02) is starring in *The Country Doctor* and working on screenwriting in Boston. **DAN KING** ('83)

## More on the Zeiger Alumni

finished his PhD in Education and is one of the most inspiring teachers on the planet (editorial comment. . .)

**GUY LIA** ('88) is the Manager of Creative Affairs at Sony Pictures. **RENEE (FERRARA) ALMASSIZADEH** ('90) worked at RAND, the American Institute for Research and has her Masters Degree from Georgetown in Arab Studies. **CHRIS CONGLETON** ('94) has received his PhD in Transportation Engineering with an emphasis on Alternative Energy Vehicles. He is the narrator of a film he produced on the Nissan Hyper Mini Electric car. **MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ** ('01) was part of a very select group of university students who attended the **TELLURIDE FILM FESTIVAL** – Michael is a talented actor and director in the Bay area.

**TOM TOOMEY** ('82) spent the summer touring in Afghanistan – shooting photos and writing a journal. His is a gifted artist and teacher in New York City. **KEVIN NICHOLSON** ('86) is the director of Tennant for Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean, and South Africa. Kevin found performing in **LOOK INTO MY EYES** as his “most pleasurable memories of Point Loma High School.”

**BRIGITTE DEMEYER** ('81) just released her new CD, *Something After All* produced by Brady Blade of Emmy-

lou Harris' Spyboy, Dave Matthews, and the Indigo Girls. She has a star-studded CD Release Party last April at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco. [www.brighttedemeyer.com](http://www.brighttedemeyer.com). **STASIA CONGER** ('05) won first place at a songwriting competition in Kauai this summer with her original composition, *Our Story's Got No End*. [www.myspace.com/stasiaconger](http://www.myspace.com/stasiaconger). **DIANA VASSALL** ('86) is the production manager for Gotham Chamber Opera in New York City. **RICHARD LASTING** ('77) who has appeared on *General Hospital*, is the Entertainment Cruise Director of Princess Cruises. **SARAH PRICE** ('98) appeared on *Guiding Light* this past year. **TELINA MCCORD** ('98) is working on her graduate degree in Media/Communications in Scotland.

One last note, I was happy to hear at the 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion that **THOMAS DOYLE** ('76) has come to realize that the paper he wrote in my class on Kierkegaard and Kant has become somewhat relevant in his life and that **MARA COOPER** ('86) at the 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion certainly knows how to bring the house down with her very special rendition of *All that Jazz!*

For additional information on the above **ZEIGER STARS**, feel free to contact me. Please send information about yourself for the next issue at [LZeiger@aol.com](mailto:LZeiger@aol.com).

**Your membership in the PLHSFAA runs through the end of each school year. If you have not yet joined for this year, please use this form. Thank you for your continued support!**  
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## So why do we have a combined Foundation and Alumni Association anyway?

John Baker, PLHSFAA President

Until six years ago, there were three separate support organizations for Point Loma High School.

The high school's original foundation primarily raised funds for **class-room gifts and grants** – the "little things" that help teachers do a better job for our community's kids. In good years, these gifts and grants totaled in the tens of thousands of dollars and were a resource quite valued by the faculty and staff. My personal hope is that we will be able to resume that tradition this school year, if our fundraising efforts are successful. The current PLHS **Annual Golf Tournament** has its roots with that earlier foundation.

A separate community-based organization called "Point Loma 2000" was formed in 1994 to raise money for major capital improvement projects at the school. It raised about \$400,000 in its six-year history. The **lockers** in the 300 building and the **outdoor seating** in the quad were two of this group's more visible projects.

And the Alumni Association, founded in 1976, performed the traditional role of helping alums to connect (or re-connect) with their school and their classmates, as well as being the custodian of the school's memorabilia. The original alumni association also started our annual scholarship program for graduating seniors.

The challenge of merging these three organizations – each with its own history, agenda, budget and funding sources, style of doing business, and significant organizational ego – extended over several years. It was not easy, as you might imagine. But finally it was all done in the year 2000.

And very shortly thereafter, the school formally designated the newly combined PLHSFAA as its **sole fundraising organization**. Clearly, the school's leadership and administrative staff benefit from the streamlining and convenience of having a single point of contact for all school-related fundraising activities.

At the time of the merger, the first PLHSFAA President, Pete Wheeler, observed, "Working separately, the three groups have accomplished much. Working together, there's no limit to what we can do."

He also said his mission was "to mold PLHSF&AA into a finely tuned business operation that will operate in perpetuity at an acceptable level of volunteer involvement" as well as to "bring a sense of community to the campus – PLHS is the Heart of the Peninsula."

Pete Wheeler's goals are very much in my mind as I begin my term as President of the PLHSFAA. Your Board of Directors and I will endeavor to follow Pete Wheeler's prescription as we strive, with your help and continuing support, to ensure that Point Loma High School is a true community asset and a Center of Excellence where our students can prepare themselves to be our community's leaders of tomorrow.

Let me know what you think. Email is [President@plhsfaa.com](mailto:President@plhsfaa.com). Or call me at 619-977-9363.

## Principal's Message

Bobbie Samilson



It has certainly been an exciting time for PLHS. This summer, we completed our All Weather Track, thanks to the Hervey Family Fund. Then mid-summer, we received word that through the district Capital Improvement Fund we were allotted \$400,000 toward a state-of-the-art Music Center and \$60,000 for a Softball Field. Last year, the Foundation began supporting digital classrooms at \$4,000 each, and we look forward to continuing that project this year. Before the end of the summer, we were bequeathed \$470,000 from the estate of Steven Harrow. Being relatively new to Point Loma, I did not know Steve, but have heard from so many about his positive role here as a football coach, mentor in the Screen Printing class, and as a substitute teacher. We appreciate all he did for Point Loma throughout his life and for his kindness and generosity that touched so many.

We are off to a great school year. The enrollment and waiting list for PLHS are at an all time high, and it is no wonder. Point Loma offers so much to its students academically with a strong Advanced Placement program, as well as support classes and everything in between. We have an incredible variety and strength in our athletic and performing arts programs. Our music program is second-to-none and has received superior ratings in many competitions throughout the year.

We look forward to working with you to complete our Music Center, to make each classroom a digital classroom worthy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to upgrade the school's appearance and safety through Project SCAPE, and to continue to offer the many PLHSFAA college scholarships for our seniors.

Thank you for your generous gifts of time and resources to make Point Loma High School the beacon on the hill and center of our community.

*Go Pointers! Hope to see you at "the Q" in December!*

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

This year Point Loma High School celebrated 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:  
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## PLHS Alumni Event...Come home to Homecoming!

Alumni BarBQ picnic ~ Campus Tours ~ Memorabilia ~ Socialize with other PL Grads!

**Friday, October 27, 2006**

*(Meet at the Basketball Courts for dinner and tours.)*

5:30-7:00: Picnic dinner (Bar-B-Q sandwiches, beans, cole slaw, dessert, soda)

Campus Tours begin at 4:30 and 5:30.... *What has changed since you were at PL?*

PLHS Football (vs Hoover) *under the lights\** following dinner.

\$12.50 = Dinner - Dessert - Soda - Tour - Memorabilia display - Fun!

\$25.00 = Special Football package -

All of the above plus: Ticket, Program, and VIP seating at the Homecoming football game at PLHS after dinner.

(\*Yes, a night game at PLHS *under the lights*.....the second time in 81 years!!)

**By Reservation Only** -- Please respond by October 18<sup>th</sup> -- (Your Tickets will be held at the door) --

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name at Grad: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# @ \$12.50? \_\_\_\_\_ # @ \$25.00? \_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to take a tour! (Select a time): 4:30 \_\_\_\_\_ 5:30 \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us what activities you enjoyed as a PL student: \_\_\_\_\_

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