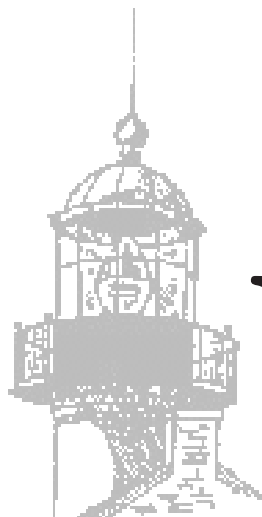

Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association



UPDATE

February 2006

Foundation Supports \$133,000 in Campus Projects and Grants

Thanks to your support and the dedication of many volunteers, last month the PLHSFAA Board of Directors was able to allot \$133,000 to support campus projects and grants.

This sum includes the proceeds from the High School's 80th Birthday Party held in November at SeaWorld, plus most of the remaining unencumbered funds available in the PLHSFAA general fund.

The grants and allocations included (details below):

- A grant of \$6,000 for **scholarships** for graduating seniors
- A grant of \$1,000 to launch the fund-raising for the proposed new **Music Center**
- A grant of \$10,000 to convert additional classrooms to "**digital classrooms**"
- A matching grant of \$9,000 to fund critically needed repairs to technical equipment at the **Performing Arts Center**, with the remainder to be raised by the various student groups using the PAC
- An allocation of \$77,000 to permit the PLHSFAA to move ahead with Phase I of the Foundation's long-term **S.C.A.P.E. project**.

S.C.A.P.E. stands for A **Safe, Clean, Attractive Place for Education**. This is a major, multi-year project to widen sidewalks for safety, to create a new entrance to the school to alleviate foot traffic on the winding driveway, to clean up the landscape and to create the most inspiring learning environment possible for PLHS students and the community. Estimated costs are \$500,000.

We hope to begin construction on Phase I this summer. The professional plans and efforts have drawn the attention of major funders and talented volunteers for this project. We'd like to thank the following:

- **American Society of Landscape Architects**, San Diego Chapter - for a \$5,000 grant, and a citation for project design at their recent annual ceremony
- County Supervisor **Greg Cox** - for a \$25,000 County grant
- The **Philip and Ann White Fund** - for a \$25,000 gift
- All purchasers of Commemorative Bricks - we've earned \$8,500 to date and we can still take your order!
- Alumnus **Randy Deitz** of RTD Construction - for time, talent and materials for the new monument sign installation at Voltaire and Chatsworth (photos page 3)
- Alumnus **Mark Hill** of Hirsch and Company - for volunteering services for civil engineering
- Alumnus **Mike Martin** of Occidental Landscaping, **Ron Gemmell** of Sunset Cliffs Bobcat, and **Bryan East**
- \$1,000 from **Corky McMillin Companies**

Earlier, the Foundation received a \$40,000 grant from the local Redevelopment district. But before that \$40,000 can be released, the Foundation needs to show the City of San Diego that it has sufficient money to complete Phase I. Setting aside this allocation of \$77,000 within the Foundation's treasury until it is needed for actual construction will satisfy that need.

Fund-raising for Project S.C.A.P.E. will continue. As additional funds are donated, it is hoped that some of this allocation eventually may be released to the general treasury for use on other projects benefiting the school. To support this Project S.C.A.P.E., please donate or purchase a commemorative brick now; visit our website: www.plhsfaa.com

The emergency repairs to the **Performing Arts Center** are necessary to replace antiquated technical equipment that is on its last legs. Replacement parts are no longer available. It could fail at any time. By making this a matching grant, the Foundation's Board hopes to encourage the various student groups using the PAC (and their Boosters) to participate in the replacement process as well.

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New Music Center for Point Loma High School \$200,000 Capital Fundraising Campaign

Connecting Students, School and Community Through Music



Breathtaking Success

In three short years, the PLHS Music Program has transformed from disorganized to organized, from having little value to having substantial value, and from being absent to being ever present. Importantly, with this transformation the students have gone from feeling disenfranchised and disillusioned to being empowered and excited about PLHS and the future of the high quality music program they are helping to build. This year, the program has received multiple honors for marching, field show expertise, and leadership. But most notably, they have been widely recognized for the QUALITY of their music!

Unprecedented Growth

Today PLHS's Instrumental Music Program has over 80 student musicians, up from less than 40 in 2002. And the Instrumental Music Program is projected to exceed 120 students by 2007. Additionally, PLHS has recently established a Choir and has plans for a Symphonic Orchestra. This unprecedented growth is inspiring. It is also impressive to witness the Music Program's other attributes, such as:

- Helping develop the student's potential and intelligence;
- Providing a positive venue for creativity and self-expression;
- Uniting students of different cultural and ethnic backgrounds;
- Improving school spirit;
- Connecting PLHS to the community; and
- Developing leadership skills

Their story inspires!

Their story is about talented and committed students who refused to quit during desperate times. A story about community involvement and of individuals who enabled others to achieve what was only imagined. It is a story about students sharing a passion for music and a strong commitment to community. It is a story about the teamwork and the dedication necessary to create a musical gift for the community. It is about quality and ambition—it is about vision and solid values. Because of this, the Point Loma High School's Music Program has earned the community's respect and deserves our support.

Looking to the Future

To ensure that the PLHS Music Program continues to thrive, the Band Boosters, with the support of Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association (PLHS-FAA), has embarked upon a capital fundraising campaign. Our immediate goal is to raise over \$200,000 to convert a now-vacant building into the PLHS Music Center. Beyond this, we desire to equip the Music Center for state-of-the-art recording and production. We need your help to make this vision come true.

PLHS Fall 2005 Band Awards

Rising Star Invitational -	Band 2nd; Colorguard 4th.
Mount Carmel Invitational -	Band 3rd with highest music score in our division; Colorguard 5th.
Mira Mesa Invitational -	Band 2nd for parade; 3rd for field show with highest music score in our division; Colorguard 2nd for parade; 4th for field show Drum Major 2nd (a first for Point Loma High)
North Park Band Review -	Band 1st with highest music score; Colorguard 3rd
P. B. Christmas Parade	Band 2nd with highest music score.

Mr. John Dally the Band Director was voted "Teacher of the Year" by his peers. Incredible affirmation about how this young man, his students and the music program are impacting PLHS.



For donations to the PLHS Music Center,
please contact
John C. Bauer at 619-269-8514
or email John at Bauerjc@PLHSFAA.com



President's Message

Will Hage



Wow, what an exciting year it has been! It seems as though it was just yesterday that we were welcoming the new freshman and their families at the freshman orientation. Four months later, we enjoyed a first in Point Loma High School's eighty year history, a NIGHT football game in Point Loma (a win over La Jolla might I add!). Two nights after the big game we had the honor of celebrating the

school's 80th anniversary at Sea World in the biggest, most fantastic and successful party ever. Next thing you know, it is December and we were all taking the day off work to go watch our Pointers in the CIF Championship game at Qualcomm Stadium. Did you know that we were the only school in the Championship to represent the San Diego Unified School District? Congratulations Pointers! And let's not forget the exciting new event created by Larry Zeiger, FIRST THURSDAYS, where alumni, staff and friends get together at a local restaurant for good company and a great time. The beauty is that the year is not over, if you feel that you missed out on the excitement, be sure that you make room on your calendar for the upcoming First Thursdays and the PLHSFAA Annual Golf Tournament to be held April 24, 2006.

Be sure to visit our website, www.plhsfaa.com, for more current information!

Check us out!

Check out the new improved 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 newsletter@plhsfaa.com

Campus Grants & Projects (continued)

The **Music Center** project is an estimated \$200,000 conversion of the unused former woodshop into a proper classroom area for the instrumental and vocal music programs. With the success of these programs in the past three years they have outgrown the original band room. The Band Boosters are taking the lead in this project, which has the full support of the Foundation. (See separate article in this issue.)

The **"digital classroom"** conversion is a PLHS project, supported by the Foundation. Each upgraded classroom will receive approximately \$4,500 in new equipment that facilitates teaching in new and better ways. A few classrooms have already been converted. This grant by the Foundation will help convert several more.

Since its founding, the Foundation has supported **scholarships** for PLHS students seeking to continue their education.

Your membership fees and contributions helped make these improvements to PLHS possible, moving us closer to being a true Center for Excellence. Please renew your membership or make additional contributions on [www](http://www.plhsfaa.com).



Principal's Message

Bobbie Samilson



A friend of mine once told me your birthday isn't over until you receive your last birthday card. Quite comforting, if you are late at sending a card and quite fun if you enjoy long celebrations. As we have celebrated our 80th birthday at PLHS this year, we've felt like it's been a birthday filled with gifts all year long. Thanks to all of you for our big birthday party at Sea World in November. It was a time to rekindle past friendships, relish old memories, and ignite hope for the future of a great school and alma mater.

Our celebrating for this school year started with the state-wide report card showing significant academic performance gains for our students. It continued with gifts of great accomplishments by all of our scholar athletes in the fall sports season including golf, tennis, field hockey, water polo, volleyball and football, culminating with the exciting trip to Qualcomm for the CIF championships.

Not to be outdone in the gift-giving department, our Performing Arts programs gifted us with a brilliant fall play, an award-winning marching band fall season, and a beautiful winter concert that showcased our concert band, jazz ensemble, soloists, and the PLHS Choir.

If you are receiving this newsletter, you have a wonderful opportunity to continue our birthday celebration with a card and a financial gift to support our current students and the future students of Point Loma High. Public education depends on individuals and foundations for support. Our financial initiatives where we need your support are:

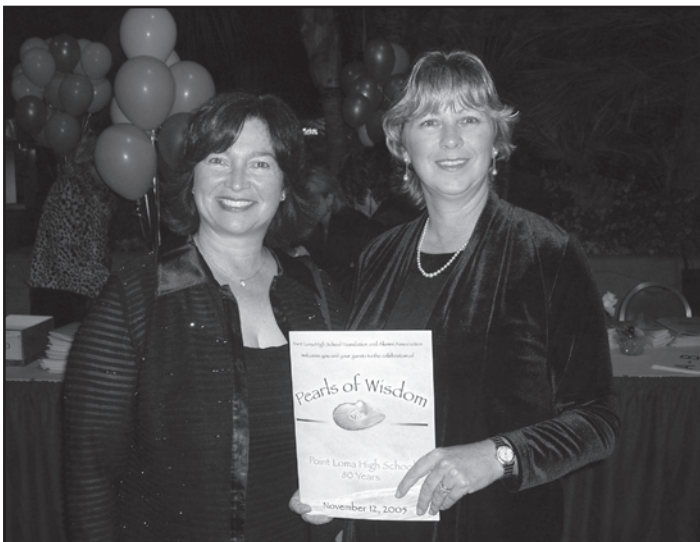
1. **ArtEDGE** - Under the brilliant direction and motivation of our director, we have outgrown the band room and have designed a state-of-the-art Music Center to allow us to continue to grow and serve the students and community of Point Loma. If you haven't heard their CD, let us know, we'd gladly get you a copy.
2. **Project S.C.A.P.E.** - A landscape and safety project along Chatsworth Blvd. supported by many alumni and the city of San Diego. We need more support to complete this project.
3. **Light Speed** - This initiative will provide resources for digital classrooms to help prepare our students with the informational literacy skills needed for the 21st century.
4. **Gifts and Grants** to individual classrooms provide resources for field trips, guest speakers, equipment for scientific experiments, and much more.

If you find yourself in a position to support PLHS, please call me at 619-223-3121 X 1107, email me at bsamilson@sandi.net, or write me at the above address.

Thank you to our students, staff, and community for the support and dedication needed to make us all proud to be Pointers. I look forward to hearing from you in 2006. With warmest wishes for a very Happy New Year!

Pearls of Wisdom

Geri Nielsen



The PLHS 80th Anniversary Celebration was a resounding success! Held at SeaWorld on November 12, 700 guests attended the gala celebration and all-class reunion to honor teachers and staff throughout the years. The school will benefit from \$75,000 raised from ticket sales, silent auction, sponsors, and donation of \$25,000 from the County Board of Supervisors for the landscape project. It was a festive event with multi-generational families, school-mates and old friends joining together to recognize the educational contribution Point Loma High has made to our community for 80 years. SeaWorld was a wonderful venue, beginning with the small animals brought out to entertain guests during cocktails, a dolphin show, dinner, magic show, dancing, and fireworks. We are grateful for the continued support of the school and the many volunteers and alumni who worked so hard to make the 80th Anniversary a memorable event.

Zeiger Alumni Continue to Make Great Music!

Larry Zeiger

On December 3, about 35 alumni met in Hollywood at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel for the annual PLHS Zeiger Alumni which included such luminaries as Set Designer, **John Doloszycki** ('84), Creative Affairs Manager at Sony, **Guy Lia** ('88) who introduced us to his lovely fiancée. **Jessica Berger** ('90) graduate of Harvard, is now working for Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York in the area of philanthropies - Ronald McDonald House and other charities. **Ed Dyer** ('90) is joining the rapidly growing group of Gotta Sing Gotta Dance physicians (**Joe Allen** ('84), **Tom Marcotte** ('84)). He has graduated from UCSD Medical School and is currently completing his residency at the University of Oregon in Portland. Congratulations to **Ben Hueso** ('87) who won the January election in San Diego by a landslide for San Diego City Council! (Maybe he will make a guest appearance in this year's show. . .) **Steve Grady** ('87) and **Frank Fogerty** ('77) attract huge crowds wherever they perform in the very popular Rock n'Roll and Blues group - The Lomatones! **Aaron Zigman**, the composer of the lush musical score for the film, *THE NOTEBOOK* is currently working on the score for *THE WENDELL BAKER STORY* as well as several other film projects. Aaron ('80) has not only composed several musical scores for films, but has produced and arranged music for Aretha Franklin, Natalie Cole, George Benson, Tina Turner, Youngblood, and Clive Davis. To learn more about Aaron, go to www.al-aboutjazz.com and click on *Aaron Zigman - The Making of a Hit Soundtrack, the Jazz Influence, and the Inside Story of Music for the Cinema*. It's a fascinating interview with one of PL's most distinguished and creative graduates!

Renee Ferrara ('90) Almassizadeh has been married for nine years. She received her Masters Degree in Arab Studies from Georgetown University and worked for RAND, the American Institute for Research. **Chris Congleton** ('94) is currently working on his PhD at UC Davis in Transportation Engineering, with an emphasis on Public Policy and Alternative Energy Vehicles. He completed a film for Nissan's Hyper Mini Electric Vehicle and narrated the film (the musical theatre/film education paid off. . .). **Suzanne Bradley** ('97) attended graduate school at the USC School of Film and Television Producing. She's worked at Miramax and Sony and currently is Junior Development Executive for the Piller2/Segan Co where she seeks out new writers for developmental projects. **Dan King** ('83) is now a PhD in Education and a remarkable educator and father!

If you would like to be included in the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter, send your information and year of graduation to LZeiger@aol.com. Also, Don't miss the upcoming 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOTTA SING GOTTA DANCE PRODUCTION - a wild tale called I SEE U - a MEDICAL MUSICAL. Show dates are May 18, 18, 25, 26, 27, June 1, 2, 3 with ALUMNI NIGHTS on May 26, 27, June 2, 3 with post parties for Alumni and friends planned at the Brigantine on Shelter Island, Old Venice, and Island Prime and possibly the Barefoot Bar and Grille - locations will be finalized soon. If you'd like to advertise in this landmark production or help out with 30th Anniversary Party, contact me at LZeiger@aol.com

In Memoriam

Winifred Kenline Schnepf	Class of 1931
Harney M. Cordua, MD	Class of 1933
Eric Pfefferkorn	Class of 1934 (Mid)
Dorothy Donovan Cook-Eckert	Class of 1934
Jeanne Sweet Ault	Class of 1936
Austin Hartvigsen	Class of 1936
Frank Albert Perkins	Attended 30s
Constance Brannon Crone	Class of 1940
Robert A. Prendergast	Class of 1942
Sam Ritter, Jr	Class of 1944
Robert Simpson	Class of 1948
Edward Brannon	Class of 1950
Julio Balelo	Class of 1957
Ken L. Rice	Class of 1960
Michael C. Roecker	Class of 1964
Virginia Hallen	Class of 1965
Christine Anne Bootman	Class of 1967
Penny Harvey	Class of 1969

Wanted:

Hardy Boys & Nancy Drews

We're looking for volunteers to search for granting foundations on the Internet. We can tell you how to use the search website (it's free and easy), then you just find us the info. No grantwriting required, just sleuthing! Contact Gretchen Pelletier @ 619/223-5227 or gpelletier@ucsd.edu.

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Reunions 2006

Classes of '26-'45 – Will hold their annual reunion in October 2006 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

Class of '46 – Natalie Harpst Service is in the planning stage for this class. Email her at jnservis@hotmail.com . Please refer to PLHS46.

Class of '51 - October 7, 2006 at Bali Hai. Contact Joanne Greenwell Hewitt at 619-222-7861.

Class of '56 – October 14, 2006 at Hall of Champions in Balboa Park with a mixer on Oct 13th and a picnic on Oct. 15th. Contact is Gale Getz Kitsemble at 858-274-3989.

Class of '61 – Former chairs are unable to do this reunion. If anyone is interested please call Kim Jessop at PLHSFAA 619-226-4509.

Class of '66 – No word on this class.

Class of '71 – Mike Akey is in charge and looking at a 3 day cruise for the reunion. Email him at mikeakey@cox.net for information.

Class of '76 – August 12th at Marina Village on Mission Bay. You can email Stacy Melhorn Scarborough at nrg-stace@yahoo.com.

Class of '81 – Still in planning stages. Contact is Karen Moore Tisdale email:tisdale04@cox.net.

Class of '86 – August 12th at Bali Hai with a mixer on Aug. 11th at SDYC and a picnic on Aug. 13th. Contact is Kathy Wright Johnson email:katherinewjohnson@yahoo.com.

Class of '91 – No contact on this class.

Class of '96 – Kim Parker Matranga is in charge. Email: plreunion96@yahoo.com



Point Loma High School Band Boosters
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Instrumental Music Program

Saturday May 7, 2006
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and the Point Loma Community

For ticket information contact
Crescendo Event Co-Chairs
Pat Baker 619 223-9363 or Sandy Grove 619 225-1098

Point Loma High School Band Boosters Fifth Annual Golf Tournament

All proceeds benefit the PLHS band program

Format: 4-Person Scramble
Field: Maximum 72 players
Date: **Sunday, February 26, 2006**
Time: **12:00 noon shotgun** (check-in starts at 11:00 am, be in your cart at 11:45 am)
Place: **Eastlake Country Club** (805 South, East on Telegraph Canyon 5.2 miles, rt. at Eastlake Greens, left at Clubhouse Drive. 2375 Clubhouse Drive. 619-482-5757)
Entry Fee: \$125 (by Feb 15 with entry form), includes golf, cart, range, snacks, prizes, awards, dinner/banquet, and a tax-deductible band donation
Send to: Ray Havens, 4750 Kane St., San Diego, CA 92110
Make checks payable to: PLHSFAA-Band
Late Fee: \$10 (after Feb 1)
Student Rate: \$100
Sponsorships: If you are not a golfer, or cannot play, please consider sponsoring a golfer (fill out form below)
Contact: Ray Havens ~ 619.276.6140 ~ rhavens@san_rr.com
Becky Havens ~ 619.849.2293 ~ beckyhavens@ptloma.edu
Diane Antonini ~ 619.224.7598 ~ dinglestr6@aol.com

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PLHS Band Booster Golf Tournament Entry Form

Name: _____ H. Phone: _____
Address: _____ W. or C. Phone: _____
City: _____ zip: _____ E-Mail: _____
Players' Names: 1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____
Golf Fees: _____ \$125 Scramble (by Feb 15) x _____ Players = \$ _____
_____ \$135 Scramble (after Feb 15) x _____ Players = \$ _____
_____ \$100 Student Rate x _____ Players = \$ _____

Non-Player Donations:

_____ \$500 Gold Medallion Sponsor _____ \$125 Golf Sponsor
_____ \$250 Silver Medallion Sponsor _____ Other
_____ \$100 Bronze Medallion Sponsor

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Send entry form to: Ray Havens, 4750 Kane St., San Diego, CA 92110-2366

Thank you for your contribution to support the PLHS Band Boosters, which functions as a standing committee of the PLHS Foundati and Alumni Association California 501© (3) non-profit benefit corporation tax payer identification 95-3800169

SAVE THE DATE

PLHSFAA Presents...
Annual Golf Tournament
April 24, 2006 · 12:30pm
Riverwalk Golf Course



(Sorry Torrey is under Construction...)
Visit www.plhsfaa.com for registration forms

First Thursday is a Major Hit with Alumni and Friends!

Every first Thursday of each month, Point Loma alumni, staff, and friends meet at a different restaurant and everyone is having a terrific time networking and making new friends at these popular events. It's a great opportunity to unwind and meet people from your graduating classes. In addition, we are currently selling FIRST THURSDAY T-SHIRTS for \$15.00 and 100% of your purchase will go for a scholarship for a graduating senior. Don't miss the upcoming FIRST THURSDAY events on the following dates.

March 2 - ISLAND PRIME RESTAURANT on Harbor Island (formerly Rubens) - 4 p.m.

April 6 - BRIGANTINE ON SHELTER ISLAND at 4 p.m.

For additional information about FIRST THURSDAYS and for future dates check www.PLHSFAA.com. Hope to see you at FIRST THURSDAYS and please tell your friends!



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.

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- Complete this form and send it with your donation to:
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- Log on to **www.plhsfaa.com** for more info.

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Is your Membership up to date? If not, this could be your last Update newsletter from the FAA! 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. 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.