

# S.D.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Fall 2016

## NEWSLETTER



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Eddie Head '73

#### President's Message

We have a busy schedule ahead of us. Yes, I said "We."

It will take all of us: supporters at city hall, school district supporters, SDHS staff, students and alumni, to keep SDHS right where it's at for another 100+ years.

As I write this message, the city council approved by an 8 to 1 margin placing a city charter amendment on the November ballot for voter approval.

The amendment would authorize the city council to negotiate a lease agreement with the school district for SDHS to remain in its current location.

With the approval of the voters in November, the legacy of SDHS will live on forever. The school will undergo planned facilities updates approved by voter's years ago via a bond measure.

It's going to take all of us, and the committee that was formed in late July, to reach out to the San Diego community to inform them of the benefits of having SDHS in its current location.

Tell all your friends and relatives living in the City of San Diego to vote to "Save San Diego High School." Direct them to the Save SDHS website (<http://www.savesandiegohigh.com/>).

Wear your SDHS alumni apparel, current SDHS apparel, explain what it meant to you to attend SDHS, what it means to the generations of families that have graduated from SDHS, to the current generation attending SDHS, and to the generations of future SDHS students.

In the time leading up to November 8<sup>th</sup>, our supporters and I will be asking for **YOUR** help in spreading the word and voting to "Save SDHS."

For updated information on school activities, the football schedule and the latest on how you can help "Save SDHS," visit our website at [www.sandiegohighschoolalumni.org](http://www.sandiegohighschoolalumni.org). I hope to see you at a game, around town wearing your SDHS apparel, and spreading the word to "Save SDHS."

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## SDHS CAP Committee

### Campus Action Partners

The Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration Committee has a "new" name:

**Campus Action Partners.**

Because the collaborative efforts between the Alumni Association, Foundation and PTSA were such a huge success in 2015, the three organizations decided to continue supporting student activities in 2016 and changed their name to SDHS CAP.

Last year, the committee's involvement included the All School Campus Clean-up; Balboa Park student field trips and an on-campus historical speaker/presentation; Student Art & Writing Competitions; and re[CHOIR]ed's Spring Concert.

Campus Pride: On February 20, 2016, over 150 student clubs, organizations and athletic teams, staff, parents and volunteers from the CAP Committee showed up to sweep up trash, rake leaves, dig up dead plants, pull weeds and plant new plants.

Breakfast snacks, juice, water and a pizza lunch with cookies and brownies were supplied by the Alumni Association, Foundation and PTSA.



Representing the Alumni Association  
(left to right ): Eddie Head '73, Marci Heider '62,  
Linda Henry '66, Rae Riner '62, Gaspar Luna  
Oliveira '67 and Pete Gumina '56

By Marci  
(Paraiso) Heider '62



Amy Villafranca, Sandy Rickon and Tina Hallen represented the PTSA and CAP.

Shirley Knox, representing the Foundation and CAP, was there in spirit and donated all the cookies.

Special thanks to Sandy Rickon (PTSA) and Kenny Merritt (ASB) for their tireless help in organizing this event and for collecting filled trash bags and keeping the hard working volunteers hydrated.

On the evening of June 7, 2016, the **re[CHOIR]ed's Spring Concert** was held in the Performing Arts Theatre.

Under the direction of Catherine Bishop, the students entertained the audience with a variety of songs. Senior Meilani Meleisea, the choir club's founder and president, presented a video of the History of re[CHOIR]ed and sang *Time to Say Goodbye* by Francesco Sartori.

The program ended with members of the Alumni Choir joining the re[CHOIR]ed singers in three songs: *I Love You/What a Wonderful World, Let There Be Peace on Earth and the Alma Mater.*

Representing the Alumni Choir were:

Richard Indermill '56; Marci Paraiso Heider '62; Betty Kutzner Brand '70; Nancy Rose Kutzner Weber '71.

### -A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU-

On behalf of the SDHS Alumni Association and the SDHS Foundation, I would like to give a heartfelt Thank you to **LuAnn Maxwell Porter Kilgast** Class of 1966. Her generous donation was made in honor of her father, E. Harrison Maxwell, SDHS's beloved Hilltop Choir and Madrigal Choral Director from 1946-1969, commemorating his passion and dedication to bring the gift of choral music to SDHS students and the San Diego community. LuAnn's \$10,000 gift will help pay the annual stipend for the choir directors' services for the current SDHS Choir (a.k.a. re Choir ed).

Fall Semester plans are in the works including another student writing and art competition.

## Editor's Report

### Carol (Ortman) Perkins '60



Welcome back to school! It doesn't matter how many years I have been retired (13), I still live by the school year cycle. Being a student for about 20 years and teaching for 35 years programmed my brain into a permanent September to June "year."

If you missed the announcement on our website, you may be surprised that we will continue to send the Newsletter to our Association members who do not have email addresses.

The all-color edition, however, will be sent via email to everyone who has an email address on record, and the all-color Newsletter will be posted on the website.

The Alumni Association and the San Diego High School Foundation have joined forces in order to do all we can to Save San Diego High.

It's a shame that only voters in the city of San Diego will determine whether the San Diego Unified School District will be legally able to continue leasing the land San Diego High has occupied since 1881. *Every SDHS graduate should be allowed to vote!*

On behalf of the Association, I send heartfelt congratulations to SDHS principal, Dr. Carmen Garcia. Dr. Garcia was named permanent principal of the school after serving as interim principal last year. Read Dr. Garcia's CAVER WEEKLY every week on the Association website. SDHS is a vibrant, successful educational complex under her leadership. Meet the teachers, students, coaches, and PTSA volunteers who keep it vibrant and successful.

Finally, thank you, Linda Henry, for your extraordinary work as the Association historian, and for co-editing of the Newsletter last year. I am so grateful for Linda's talents and her generous spirit.

Now I welcome my new colleague, Ron Scott, Web Guy extraordinaire, who comes on board with this issue to format the Newsletter for us. These wonderful colleagues are living testimony to the dedication and talents of our Alumni Association Board of Directors!

All the best to everyone out there in Alumni Land,

Carol

## Gone...



## But Not Forgotten

1931 Ruth Millicent  
1933 Guy Walter Edwards  
1941 Mary Jane Golden  
1941 Vito DeMaria  
1943 Morgan Leverette Miller  
1945 Colleen McCoy  
1946 Georganna (Shrosbree) O'Conner  
1946 Jim Markley  
1946 Wallace Teed Featheringill  
1948 Dale (Blyth) Crosbie Swank  
1949 Dolores Alzona Miscolta  
1949 Jack A Sardo  
1951 Barbara Flaig Anderson  
1951 Calvert C Quon  
1951 Charles H Hill Jr  
1951 Charles Jeffers  
1951 Eula Felactu King  
1958 Antonia Cervantes  
1958 Benny Hollman  
1958 Calvin Hanger Jones  
1958 Ida Brashear major  
1958 Patricia (Upton) Metcalfe  
1964 Kristine Beade Zuanich  
1966 Tania Francis Cubley Schaffner  
1970 Daniel mange  
1970 James Romano  
1970 Kiko Cornejo  
Joseph Richard Romano -  
Assistant Coach at SDHS

We are in the process of adding to our comprehensive list of GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN loved ones on our web site. They are listed by name, year graduated and date of passing when known. Use the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/gwmafby>



Linda (Coulter) Henry '66

September is a month of transition. I will move on to become the Alumni Association Board Secretary. As your Association Historian, I am very pleased to have met my major goal of organizing the History Center Space. It includes the History Center, the Archive Room, and our new Research and Reading Room.

There is so much to do in respect to the History Center Space. It is exciting to work on the projects we have begun: two rotating exhibits (based on the history behind current events); researching files and public documents to find graduation years for deceased alumni; designing and hanging displays on the archive walls; updating the bulletin board in the alumni office.

We have requested that a work study student be assigned to us in the 2016-17 school year. YOU CAN VOLUNTEER to work on the projects that interest you, too! Just call the office and volunteer your services!

As I step aside, my final message is this: WE NEED A NEW HISTORIAN to replace me. If you are a history buff and would enjoy the fun and challenge of working in our beautiful History Center Space, please volunteer your service. We will be in the thick of things as we work to "Save San Diego High" by voting YES for the charter amendment in November. Our historian can be a vital part of our outreach efforts to our alumni, our friends, and the citizens of San Diego.

Sincerely, Linda

### Historically Speaking-

Much can be learned about SDHS just by reading the old Gray Castle annuals and the school newspapers.

Did you know that in the early 1900's the reporting of all school news and reporting of the Senior Class and graduation events were all contained within one periodical?

### "The Russ"

We have many of the early editions (prior to 1940) that you may have for free (pick them up at the History Center) or for a minimal charge for shipping/handling if you want copies sent to you. This offer is based on quantities on hand.

Ron Scott's notes on The Russ

Did you know you can view SDHS current issues of The Russ news on line?

Just put this link in your favorite browser address bar:

<http://theruss.net/>

And, your Alumni Association will be embarking on gathering old The Russ additions and making them available to you in the near future.



## Annual All Classes Homecoming



The San Diego High School Alumni Association cordially invites ALL alumni and friends to attend

SAN DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL  
ANNUAL ALL CLASSES HOMECOMING  
CELEBRATING OUR 134<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

WHEN: Sat, October 22, 8:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

WHERE: San Diego High School Library, Building 300, 1405 Park Boulevard

Enjoy the FREE continental breakfast. Visit our Caver History Center. Peruse old Gray Castle annuals, The Russ, and wonderful photographs. Watch the historical video of SDHS. Participate in our fund-raising opportunity drawing. Buy Caver jackets, shirts, visors, and memorabilia. Visit with long-time friends, make new friends, AND meet the new Alumni Association WALL OF HONOR inductees. The Wall of Honor presentations will take place at 10:45 a.m.

FREE parking is available at the campus east parking lot. Enter from Park Blvd. onto Russ Street, past the campus to the parking lot on your left. A shuttle bus will make continuous round trips from the parking lot to the homecoming venue. SDHS ROTC students will assist in parking, escorting, and on-campus directions.

For further information:

Call the Alumni Office (619) 231-8982

Email the Alumni Office at [sdhsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsalumni@gmail.com)

Visit our web site:

<http://sandiegohighschoolalumni.net/>

## President's Message (continued)

### WOH INDUCTEES

I would like to send out my personal congratulations to the SDHS Wall of Honor (WOH) inductees for 2016.

#### Congratulations to:

Raphael Villar Jr. '48      Carlos Hadaway '60  
George Paluso '66      Dr. Anthony Williams '66  
Caroline Ridout Stewart '66

The official induction of this year's honorees will take place at the SDHS Alumni Association Annual All Class Home Coming (ACHC) on Saturday October 22nd, in the SDHS Library; check our website for more details.

The WOH committee chaired by Deborah Nix Malbrough '73 had a hard decision selecting the winners from so many other qualified candidates.

The candidates not selected this year will automatically be considered among newly submitted candidates next year.

### SDHS Cavers Football Program

Finally, this year SDHS Cavers Football program will be celebrating 125 years of football. The first football team at SDHS was in 1891.

When they showed up for their first game, the players were all wearing white shirts and blue jeans. That was the origin for the school colors of Blue and White!

The season started this year on August 26<sup>th</sup> vs. Mar Vista High School at Balboa Stadium. This season our Cavers have 7 home games and 3 away games.

This year's Homecoming Game will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> vs. Crawford High School. Come out and show your support for our Cavers by attending games, especially the Homecoming Game.

Let's fill up Balboa Stadium to cheer on our Cavers to what we hope to be a league title.

Go Cavers!

Eddie L. Head II '73

## Wall of Honor Recipients



CARLOS HADAWAY - The Arizona Kid

**Carlos Hadaway, '60**, is a Western artist nicknamed The Arizona Kid. At San Diego High Carlos served as Art Commissioner on the Boys' Federation Cabinet and the Senior Class Cabinet. He was a 3-year member of the Art Service Committee. As a member of the Gray Castle yearbook staff, his "Caveman" drawings appeared throughout the annual.

Carlos has contributed generously to the Alumni Association and the class of 1960 by donating his paintings for fund-raising events for student scholarships. His R.I.P. Caveman is a feature of the Alumni Association Newsletter and website.

When Carlos was serving in the U.S. Navy in 1961, he designed the Swinging Friar logo for the new professional baseball team, the San Diego Padres. He was nineteen at that time. He retired from the Navy after four years of service and moved to Arizona to launch his art career and to become a professional cowboy.

He created and donated a work of art for the Parks and Recreation Department of Fountain Valley, Arizona, in tribute to department employees.

He has participated in top art shows in all the western states and has won many awards, including Best of Show at Old Town Tempe's Festival of the Arts and the George Phippen Popular Award at the George Phippen Western Art Show in Prescott, Arizona.

Licensed by Anheuser Busch, Carlos created a series of six western prints featuring the Budweiser Clydesdale horses. One of his paintings hangs in the Arizona State Capitol building, and his artwork hangs in galleries throughout the world.

Two highlights of Carlos's life were being selected as the 1994 Grand Marshal of the world's oldest rodeo, Prescott Frontier Days, and 1992 Grand Marshal at the Pine County Pro Rodeo in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Carlos has been a keynote speaker at Veterans Memorial events throughout Arizona. He is an active member of many veterans' organizations. In May 2016 the Fountain Hills Cultural and Civic Association dedicated a large plaque to Carlos, commemorating his many contributions to the life of that community.



**George Paluso '66**, son of Sicilian immigrants was a leader at San Diego High School.

He served as ASB vice president, president of Key Club and sports editor for the yearbook.

He lettered in junior varsity and varsity cross-country and track. He maintained active participation as an alumnus by being on the Class of 1966 reunion committee for the 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 35<sup>th</sup> reunions, and he helped organize the annual alumni beach party at Crown Point each summer.

As an attorney in downtown San Diego, he often served as liaison between the committee and the community.

The Kiwanis Club of Hillcrest honored George for academic excellence when he was an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Roosevelt Junior High.

From that time on, he was aware of the role of Kiwanis clubs in community service, and was an active member of Kiwanis his entire adult life.

He organized the Kiwanis Federation of Tierrasanta, and spearheaded efforts to establish scholarships for Serra High School seniors through the Kiwanis Foundation of Children First.

George shared a passion for baseball with his son Dominick. He coached and umped for Little League, and organized Serra High School Boosters to support the baseball program.

As a lifelong San Diego baseball fan, George loved the Padres, and his own role as player manager in the Padre Fantasy Baseball league. He played the game two days before collapsing with a brain aneurysm at the age of 58. In addition to his son Dominick, George is survived by Pat, his wife of 37 years, and his daughter Kathleen.



**Caroline Ridout Stewart, LCSW, '66**, earned her BA and MA at McGill University in Montreal, and her MSW at San Diego State University.

She trained in fine arts in addition to earning a degree in social anthropology. At San Diego High School, her favorite subjects were art and science.

She was in the biology club, Demoiselles Community Service Club, and was on the women's gymnastic team, 1964-66. She combined her skills as writer and artist as the editor of the 1966 year book.

Carolyn's parents and siblings graduated from SDHS, too, and Caroline married Donald A. Stewart, SDHS class of 1965.

Caroline continues to pursue science, writing and art in her life: as a clinician and clinical instructor at UCSD; as president of A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment and Healing); and in her company, Owl and Mouse Designs, which creates adult coloring books and note cards featuring Caroline's drawings and travel photography. Caroline taught college anthropology for ten years before becoming a clinical social worker and psychotherapist.

She is co-leader of Moms United to End the War on Drugs, an international organization under the auspices of A New PATH. In 2016, the two groups, Moms United and A New PATH, met with the federal drug czar Michael Botticelli to promote a more clinically-informed federal approach to addictive illness.

Caroline has worked as a volunteer in Donovan State Prison. Her articles on substance abuse and addictive disorders appear frequently in professional publications, and she is a frequent participant on professional conference panels on infertility, bereavement, addiction and recovery. She is a prolific essayist and poet.

Caroline's work has been recognized by a San Diego Business Journal Award (2008), Soroptomist International's "Making a Difference for Women Award" (2008), and the Certificate of Appreciation for Advocacy for Persons with Addictive Illness (presented by Senator Barbara Boxer in 2006).



**Rafael "Ralph" Villar, Jr., '48**, was Junior Class President, a JV wrestler, a member of Hilltop Choir, cast member in the senior play, a cheerleader, and member of the debate team. He is a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.

Ralph retired from the U.S. Army in 1977 as Command Sergeant Major. He is a Korean War veteran, a member of the 187<sup>th</sup> Airborne Regimental Combat Team; and a Vietnam War veteran in the 63<sup>rd</sup> Signal Battalion. He represented the U.S. Army Japan when president Gerald Ford visited Japan.

Ralph worked at Alisal High School in Salinas and retired in 1988. He has served as president of his California School Employee Retiree Association; president of the Salinas Host Lions Club. He is a volunteer Salinas Reserve City Police Officer, and has been active in the Monterey County Victim and Offenders Program, the Friends Outside Ex-Offenders Program, Turning Point of Central California, and the Restorative Justice Program. Rafael served as Salinas City Commissioner and was Transportation and Safety Officer for two years.

When Ralph was in Japan, he was active in Boy Scouts, holding positions of Scout Master and Scout Commissioner. He was awarded the Order of the Arrow, Scouting's highest honor.

Ralph is active in many veterans' organizations: Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Retired Enlisted Association, Disabled Veterans of America, and the American Legion. He has held leadership positions in all these organizations. He was named Monterey County Veteran of the Year, the California State Assembly Veteran of the Year, and Monterey County United Way Volunteer of the Year.

When Ralph was 70 years old, he ran his first marathon race and proceeded to complete four marathons and 29 other races in the following five years, including the Big Sur Marathon. He also participated in two 26-mile relay runs to raise funds for non-profit agencies.

Ralph is active in Toastmasters International. He is a volunteer motivational and career advisor speaker and has given talks at Soledad State Prison, Salinas Valley State Prison, Monterey County jail, Monterey County Juvenile Hall, many drug and alcohol programs, junior high schools, high schools and colleges. His daughters said, "Exercise is his passion. Speaking is his pleasure. He enjoys life to the fullest at the age of 87, and his priority is helping veterans and their families."



**Dr. Anthony Williams, class of 1966**, excelled at sports when he went to San Diego High School. "Tank" played defensive guard on the football team where he was a two-year letterman. He lettered in junior varsity baseball and football, played basketball and ran track. He belonged to the Letterman's Club, the Senior Club, and played saxophone in the band and pep band.

Anthony attended San Diego City College, and received a football scholarship to San Francisco State University. He completed his B.A. and received his lifetime teaching credential from San Diego State University. He taught for more than 29 years in the Grossmont School District and was the first African American head football coach at San Diego City College.

A saxophone player from the age of nine, Anthony began working in the music department of the Apostolic Faith Temple Church. He became associate minister and ordained deacon, and was the Southeast District Youth President before he received his Doctor of Divinity in 1998.

In 1993, Anthony founded the Truth Apostolic Community Church (TACC). Today that church operates vital community outreach programs: The Share Program (food supplement program); Bright DAZE (addiction recovery program); and the Tutorial Program. Four new churches have started under the TACC umbrella.

As a teen-ager, Anthony played in the band "Arleen and the Pro Teens" with his brother and sister. At the professional level, he accompanied James Brown, Jackie Wilson and many other top flight performers. He met the love of his life, Betty Williams, when he was in the band "Peaceful People." Betty and Anthony married in 1972 and raised six sons.

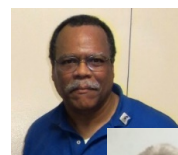
Anthony Williams was a community leader who saw what needs existed and then created programs to meet those needs. His leadership extended to mentoring others to work alongside him and to continue the work he loved. Anthony died in 2004.

## SDHS Alumni Association Board of Directors

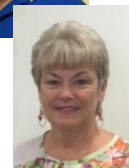
### 2016

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#### Ex Officio Members

*Joe Dini '55 (Past BOD President)*

*Carmen Garcia (SDHS Principal)*

*Itzel Gonzalez '13 (Alumni Office Manager)*

*Shirley Knox '59 (Foundation Co-President)*



## The San Diego High School Foundation

The San Diego High School Foundation held its election of officers in June at the annual dinner. Shirley Knox and Ed Ott '59 are Co-Presidents; Rae Reiner '62, Vice President; Klaus Mendenhall '62, Treasurer; and Victor Ravage '06, Secretary. Board Members are: Carolyn DeFever Sharp '64; Larry Sand '61; Karen de Laurier; Karina Velazquez '11; Joni Hale Walker '57; and Ken Warren '59. Scholarships were presented during the dinner. The Fiss family presented the William G. Fiss Memorial Scholarship to three students. Admiral Mac Mclaughland and Sara Hanscom, Education Director from the USS Midway, presented six "Bravo Zulu" scholarships.

At the all school Awards evening in Balboa Park, our scholarship chair, Karen de Laurier presented 44 scholarships, for a total of \$99,600. (note: \$70,000 last year) We wish all the recipients great success in the future.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the All Classes Homecoming. If you would like to make a contribution, start a scholarship, or join us as a volunteer, please contact us at 858 793 9545. We would love to hear from you.

Go Cavers,

Shirley J. Knox '59 SDHS Foundation Co-President

### Upcoming Class Reunions

(Details Can Be Viewed on Our Web Site)

<http://tinyurl.com/sdlumni>

#### Class of 1948

October 20th - Bali Hai

#### Class of 1951

65th Class October 21 - Bali Hai

#### Class of 1956 60th Reunion

October 22 - Bali Hai

#### Class of 1957 Reunion

October 15 - Old Town Fiesta

#### Class of 1966 50th Reunion

October 14-16, 2016

## Important Notice!!

In order to keep receiving the printed newsletter, you must call or E-mail the Alumni Office.

SDHS Alumni Office -Mon - Wed - Fri 8 am-12 pm  
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Itzel Gonzalez '13 - Office manager

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You can donate at: <http://tinyurl.com/nl-dontaion>

## Membership Report

Thank you, Cavers, for supporting the San Diego High School Alumni Association.

As was indicated in the previous Newsletter, we now have a new Membership Category, "Friend of San Diego High School."

For the same price as a Caver Graduate, your family, friends and loved ones can join the Alumni Association and become an important "Booster" of SDHS.

You can join us in attending rewarding and fun-filled activities such as "Cavers at the San Diego Padres Game" and the "All Class Homecoming Breakfast."

So if you have not joined yet or wish to renew your membership, we now offer an "easy on-line Pay Pal" registration process for your convenience.

Thank You For Your Support!

"Go Cavers"

Gaspar Oliveria '68



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