

# S.D.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Spring 2018

## N E W S L E T T E R



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Eddie Head '73**

#### President's Message

I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

Well if you didn't hear, the SDHS Cavers football team was the talk of the town throughout the season, appearing in the newspaper, TV sports shows.

The Cavers went undefeated for the first time since the late 1960's, scoring 378 points while

holding their opponents to 71 points.

Your Cavers captured the Central League Championship for the first time in many years. The Cavers went on to play in the Division IV Championship against Monte Vista HS.

We came up short with a loss; the two teams scored a combined total of 119 points, the most ever scored in a Championship Game.

One of the best parts of the season was the support the Cavers received during the season from the alumni, students, teachers, school staff and parents and yes just plain fans of SDHS football.

You all did your part in helping the Cavers have a successful season. On behalf of the SDHS Alumni Association and Coaches, we would like to say **THANK YOU.**

I wish I could express to you how much that meant to the Cavers team this past season. We look forward to seeing you next season for what we hope to be another championship season.

PS... hot off the press, your SDHS CAVERS will be making a trip to LAS VEGAS in August to play a game next season. More details will be sent out as the details are finalized, the Cavers will need your support to help fund this trip, and we hope you will be there in LAS VEGAS to cheer on your Cavers.

The Cavers basketball team won the CIF Division IV Basketball Championship and now moves onto the State Championship round.

Show your support for your Cavers by attending the State Regional Game (location TBA), keep checking our website for more information. As like the football season, the crowds for our home games and away games were great.

Give yourself a hand for the support throughout the season which ended with a Division IV Championship title.

The Championship game was amazing for our, parents, students, teachers, and young future Cavers. Now let's get behind our Cavers once again and this time help them bring home a State championship to SDHS. Come On Cavers You Can Do It!

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## Board Members

The slate of 2018 Board of Directors was approved during our regular board meeting of January 2018.

We are pleased to announce that we have added several new directors that bring a wide range of talent and backgrounds.

## Executive Committee

Eddie L. Head II	1973	President
Ernestine "Rae" Riner	1962	1st Vice President, Nominating Committee Chair, SDHS Foundation President
Oliveira, Gaspar Luna	1968	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Membership Chair
Marci Heider Paraiso	1962	Treasurer, Finance Committee Co-Chair, CAP Chair, Class Reunion Workshop Chair, Budget Planning Chair
Open		Secretary

## Board of Directors

Yvette Porter-Moore	1986	Director Historian
Ron Scott	1963	Director Web Developer Newsletter Chair Bylaws Chair
Pete Gumina	1956	Director Asst. Membership Chair
Carol Perkins Ortman	1960	Director Strategic Planning Chair
Deborah Malbrough Nix	1973	Director Wall of Honor Chair
Linda Matlock Hippen	1966	Director
George Ream	1962	Director, Finance Committee Co-Chair
Rosalba Bustillos Barragan	1998	Director Marketing
Shannon Carreiro Walsh	1967	Director
Virginia Mergener	1978	Director
Charles Brown	1964	Director, Athletic Liaison

## ADVISORY MEMBERS

Dr. Carmen Garcia	SDHS Principal
Joe Dini	Past AA President
Gabriela Contreras- Misirlioglu	PTSA President
Itzel Gonzalez	Office Manager
Andrea Sierra	Assistant Office Manager, All Classes Homecoming Committee Chair



Like to join or maybe  
just get more information?

<https://tinyurl.com/y98ukfk9>

## Super 60s All-Classes Reunion

Cash Drawing to Benefit SDHS Students  
By Shannon Walsh Carreiro

Ever wonder what happened to your old high school flame or the best pal you lost track of?

The problem with class reunions is that many of the people you'd like to see graduated a year or two before or after you.

The Super 60s All-Classes Reunion solves that problem for any Cavers who graduated in the 1960s decade, according to Linda Coulter Henry, chair of the event.

The Super 60s Reunion will take place at the Handlery Hotel in Mission Valley on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 6 to 11 p.m.

Admission includes appetizer and dessert stations, dancing and free parking. Raffle tickets will be sold at the event for a 50/50 cash drawing.

Half of the money raised will go to the winning ticket holder," said Henry. "The other half will benefit San Diego High School students."

She added that early birds who purchase their Super 60s tickets by May 31 also have the opportunity to win a free hotel room at the Handlery.

The cost for the event is \$60 per person now through August 31.

Prices go up to \$80 per person on September 1 and will be available through September 30 or until the event sells out.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Visit [SDHSSuper60s.com](http://SDHSSuper60s.com) for more information and details on how to buy your ticket.

To protect everyone's privacy, registration on the website is required to view the Who's Coming list.

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### Save the Date

All Classes Homecoming Breakfast on  
**Saturday, October 20, 2018, 8:00am - 12:30pm,**  
SDHS Library

## Gone But Not Forgotten



For complete list of GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN use the link below.

<http://tinyurl.com/gwmafby>

1936	Albert Dixon
1938	Mary Contreras Gangitano
1939	Kathryn G Poschman
1941	Paul R. Maracin
1944	Betty A Taylor Flor
1944	Myrtle Lillian (Keays) Sullivan
1944	Roberta Conrey
1945	Edward Streicher
1946	Janet Hamblen Ward
1946	Sylvia Carrasco Tatum
1947	David Curtis Dailey
1948	A J Coco Allende
1948	Marguerite Ann Malzahn Reed
1949	Joan Jenkins Friedgen
1949	Marietta Louise Sauer Zolezzi
1949	Richard Westcott Berton
1950	Jane Barnes
1950	Jerry Barnes
1951	Helen Daniel Alberts
1951	Tom Yosuke Yanagihara
1953	John Taylor
1955	Glenda Pollack
1955	Roger J Rickey
1959	Alonzo Smith
1960	Charles Sanford
1960	Howard Hollmann
1961	Tommy Hall
1964	Roger E Cox
1967	Johnny L. Otis
1968	Albert Bell
1969	Domingo Nuñez
1969	Donna Ritchey
1969	Harold Williams
1969	Mark Gurling
1969	Monette White
1969	Rigoberto Marquez
1969	Tanya Mendoza
1969	Waldo Gayden
	Joseph L. Nierodzink
	Margaret June Beers

## Walk-Talk-Trash: Volunteer numbers growing



The Campus Action Partners Committee, a collaboration of the Alumni Association, Foundation, PTSA and Teachers continues to maintain curbside appeal along Park Boulevard between I-5 and Russ Boulevard and Russ

Boulevard toward Balboa Stadium.

Volunteers pick-up trash along the sidewalks, parking lots, front of school and shrubbery in planted areas.

Are you ready to give back to your school for a once a month, 1-hour commitment, to beautify your alma mater? Please join us on the first Wednesday in April and May. To volunteer, contact Marci Paraiso Heider '62, CAP Committee Chairperson, at [marciheider45@gmail.com](mailto:marciheider45@gmail.com).

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## ASB CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

**Saturday, May 12, 2018 9:00am - 12:00pm**

The Campus Action Partners Committee is a collaboration of the Alumni Association, Foundation, PTSA and Teachers to support student activities.

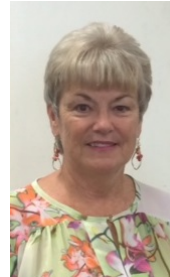
On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the CAP Committee will partner with ASB to clean and beautify our campus. We are anticipating over 100 student volunteers from SDHS clubs, organizations and sports teams, staff, parents and alumni to show up to sweep up trash, rake leaves, dig up dead plants, pull weeds and plant new vegetation.

Adult volunteers are needed to guide and assist the students on "how-to" sweep, rake, dig, pull weeds, and use tools. Groups of students will be assigned to designated areas around campus. Adult volunteers will be assigned to supervise and assist these groups with instructions as to what tasks will be accomplished.

Food, drinks and snacks will be served during check-in and Pizza and cookies will be served for lunch after the volunteers have completed their work.

To volunteer, please contact Marci Paraiso Heider '62, CAP Chairperson at [marciheider45@gmail.com](mailto:marciheider45@gmail.com).

## The San Diego High School Foundation



We have welcomed two new Trustees to our Foundation Board since Fall 2017. Stan Murphy, retired SDHS teacher and former City Schools Teacher of the Year 2005, is a longtime advocate for students and for his teaching colleagues.

Sabrina Soto joined the Foundation in December and in February graciously volunteered to be our Secretary as Crystal Aguirre had to resign her position. Thank you, Sabrina!

This school year we will award over \$105,000.00 to graduating seniors in various Scholarships. Every senior (over 400 students) has been made aware of the scholarship opportunities and has been handed the appropriate applications!

In addition to Scholarships, we have made available \$40,000.00 to campus Clubs and Organizations!

We are working closely with the Alumni Association, the Parent, Teacher, as well as with the Campus Action Partners (CAP) to support all students at San Diego High School!

Our annual fundraiser request letter will be mailed out in the next week; please watch for it and consider donating to The Foundation in order that we might continue this level of support to the SDHS students!

Respectfully,  
**E. Rae Riner, President**

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## Give Back to Your School

Are you interested in giving back to your school?

IF you would like to volunteer to serve on our Board of Directors, please contact:

E. Rae Riner @ 619.466.8735 or [rrplus5@yahoo.com](mailto:rrplus5@yahoo.com)

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## Wall of Honor

WOH all applications will be accepted starting April 1<sup>st</sup> and due NO LATER THEN JUNE 1, 2018.

Thank you  
Deborah Nix Malbrough class of 73

WOH Application: [goo.gl/E7iZc6](http://goo.gl/E7iZc6)

## Membership Committee Report



The Alumni Association over the years has supported our Caver Athletic Teams with providing funds for new uniforms and equipment.

This is what we do, Cavers! We support San Diego High, and now we need you to help us by getting involved with our Membership recruitment and retention efforts.

If you haven't joined yet, please do so now. And if you are a Member, stick with us; we need your continued support.

**The SDHS Alumni Association has given the SDHS Foundation \$15,000.00 for its support of Student Athletic Programs, Student Clubs & Organizations and Student College Trips.**

We need you to get involved as much as you can:

Attend the San Diego Padres game this summer, 2018, with Caver Alumni.;

Attend the All Class Homecoming Breakfast on Saturday, October 20, 2018; and donate what you can to our Fundraising campaign.

Today, we are 2,000 plus "members strong!"

We need you to help us "grow and stay strong" so we can support our San Diego High School students. Go Cavers!!!

For information on how you can get involved with the San Diego High School Alumni Association, please contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Class of 1968

Chair, Membership Committee

Home: (858) 277-0010

(please leave a message on the answering machine and I will return your call)

Email: [gasparlunaoliveira@gmail.com](mailto:gasparlunaoliveira@gmail.com)

## Class Reunion Workshops



If you are planning a class reunion for 2018-2019 or enjoyed a memorable reunion in 2017, this workshop is for YOU!

You will be provided with a guide to a successful reunion and the opportunity to share great ideas and tips from various class reunion leaders from SDHS.

Workshop: Saturday, April 21, 2018

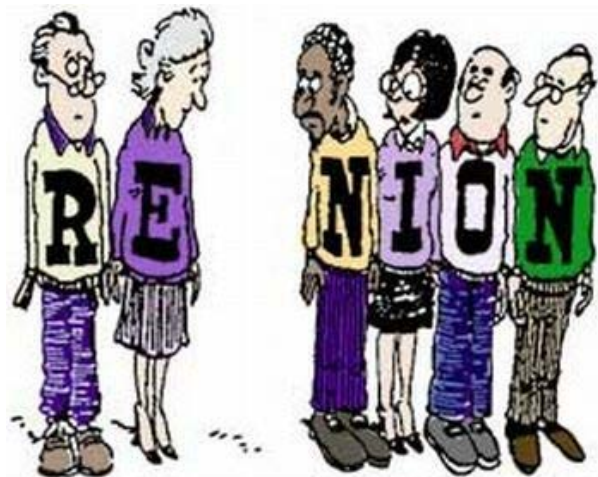
Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Location: San Diego High School Library

1405 Park Blvd. San Diego, CA 92101

Light refreshments will be served.

Class Reunion Leaders and members of their committee are welcome to attend.



IT WON'T BE THE SAME WITHOUT U!!

### **SDHS Alumni Office Hours**

Please call before coming down 619-231-8982

Itzel: Mondays and Fridays 8am-2pm

Andrea: Thursdays 9 am-11 am  
Fridays 10 am-12 pm

Email: [sdhsalumni@gmail.com](mailto:sdhsalumni@gmail.com)

### **Newsletter**

We hope you will consider a contribution to a special newsletter fund, designated only for sending newsletters to those that are not able to view our online version.

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

### **President's Message (continued...)**

There are a lot of other things happening at SDHS:

- The Alumni Association is conducting a series of workshops to help your class put on a reunion, contact Marci Paraiso Heider '62 at [mtheid45@aol.com](mailto:mtheid45@aol.com) for more information and workshop schedules. Currently, the following classes:  
58, 63, 66, 68  
Super60's (All classes years 1960 to 1969) and the Multi-Class Reunion (Please contact Virginia Lopez Mergener - she has the class years that are participating in this reunion.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meb Keflezighi Track Meet was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

During the month of February into March we conducted the SDHS Alumni Association membership drive. We contacted our past members in a effort to help them update information, reconnect with us and in many instances help us by renewing or upgrading membership

"Go Cavers"

### **Upcoming Class Reunions**

(Details Can Be Viewed on Our Web Site)

#### **Class of 1958 Reunion**

Oct 19, 2018 (Friday) 11:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant

#### **Super 60's – All Classes from 1960 – 1969**

Saturday, October 13, 2018 – 6 to 11 PM  
Handlery Hotel – Crystal Ballroom  
Mission Valley  
[sdhssuper60s.com](http://sdhssuper60s.com)

#### **Class of 1963**

2018 Reunion – An Intimate Brunch  
[sdhs63.org](http://sdhs63.org)

#### **Class of 1966 Events**

We have several events planned for 2018.  
View Events: [goo.gl/wV5H9v](http://goo.gl/wV5H9v)

#### **Class of 1968 Reunion**

Friday, October 19, 2018 5:00 pm  
"Meet-N-Greet" at El Torito Mexican Restaurant (La Mesa)  
Saturday, October 20, 2018, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
Hornblower Dinner/Dance Cruise around San Diego Bay  
Contact Helen Thompson Edwards  
(619) 368-4951, or [caverkids@yahoo.com](mailto:caverkids@yahoo.com)

#### **Multi-Class Reunion**

We are having our Multi-class reunion  
Saturday, September 22, 2018  
Bahia Hotel Resort. 6pm-12am  
Contact Virginia Lopez Mergener 858-449-4381  
There are no specific years. A "Caver" reunion  
View Event Info: [goo.gl/VQA38A](http://goo.gl/VQA38A)

## San Diego High School History Corner



Yvette Porter-Moore '86 - Historian

In June of 1883, (Russ School) held its first graduation that included six students. When the San Diego High was organized in 1888, the student body numbered about one-hundred.

The class of 1889, the first high school graduating class, boasted four members; the next year there were eight graduates; and in 1891, sixteen.

### Women's History Month

Kate Sessions known as the "Mother of Balboa Park" introduced trees to San Diego. Many of the large trees in Balboa Park were most likely planted by her. Ms. Sessions taught at San Diego High in 1884.

### Black History Month

As a historian, I was very interested in knowing when the first African American attended San Diego High School. Since it is the first High School in San Diego, I believed Blacks attended before integration.

I began going through yearbooks of the 1940's thinking that this may have been the starting point. However, I knew about Bert Ritchey, who is a known trailblazer in San Diego. He graduated from SDHS in 1927.

As I went through the 1927-year book, the Black Student Body that was graduating from SDHS were Meadow Marian Goodwin, Bertram Ritchey and Haillie Williams.

Knowing some of this vital information, I believe the first Black Student body began attending SDHS in 1923, however, this still needs to be confirmed. I began to believe that my visual search for African Americans was problematic and faulty.

Firstly, you cannot just go by how someone looks to decide that they are of a certain ethnic background. Secondly, I noticed that some individuals from the earlier classes that were of African descent did not have their graduating photo in the year book.

It must be noted, that there were times African Americans were in a group photo, but had no individual photo, and there were times, they did not come out to take their picture with the group they actively participated.

With some further investigation, I hope to find the answers. If any Alumni know the answer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## New Directors

These are short Bios – Full Bio's here: [goo.gl/ouy9W7](http://goo.gl/ouy9W7)

### Charles Brown Class of 1964



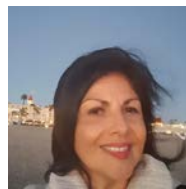
Charles graduated from SDHS in 1964. Attended Wichita State. Coached Valencia Park Pop Warner Youth Football, currently coaching at Morse HS and is mentoring 6 student athletes at SDHS.

### Linda Hippen Matlock Class of 1966



I retired from teaching English and History to GATE middle school students. I keep my brain active by substitute teaching for two school districts a couple of days a week. I'm excited to be on the board of directors and hope to serve where I can.

### Virginia Lopez Mergener Class of 1978



Virginia served as 1976, 77 & 78 class secretary. She is excited for the honor of being on the Alumni Board and the opportunity to give back to a school that provided such great memories

She looks forward to serving the SDHS Alumni Association and assisting in creating positive experiences in the lives of the SDHS students.

### Yvette Porter-Moore Class of 1986



As the new historian for the San Diego High School Alumni Association, it is with great honor that I get to fulfill the responsibilities of this position:

To collect, document, preserve and highlight the history of our great school, the oldest High School in San Diego. San Diego High is San Diego History!

### Shannon Walsh Carreiro Class of 1967



Shannon graduated from San Diego High in 1967. marketing firm. Since 2009, Shannon has been an independent consultant writing online marketing materials for businesses nationwide.

In 2017, she chaired the 50th reunion for the class of '67.

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## **2018 Wall of Honor**

Nominations Due June 1st

The Wall of Honor was established at San Diego High School in 1992. Since its inception, nearly 100 alumni have been inducted and many more outstanding graduates will one day grace this list. The award is given to those graduates who have made important accomplishments in their profession, career or lives. Honorees come from all walks of life, are successful in their chosen fields, are philanthropic, and have a diversity of interests.

Each year, the Wall of Honor Selection Committee receives several nominations from alumni. Traditionally, major class reunions nominate their classmates and are able to share in the induction ceremonies at the All Classes Homecoming Breakfast at the SDHS Library on the third Saturday in October.

The WOH Committee will begin accepting applications on April 1, 2018. The deadline is June 1, 2018.

The application forms are available on the Alumni Association's Website:  
[sandiegohighschoolalumni.org](http://sandiegohighschoolalumni.org) or contact the Alumni Office at (619) 231-898