# S.D.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Spring 2017

NEWSLETTER





President's Message Measure I – Preservation of SDHS

**Congratulations Cavers!** 

Let me start off with many "Thank Yous" to the citizens of San Diego for envisioning what the City of San Diego would be like without its namesake "San Diego High School."

Your voices were heard by your vote on Measure I in November 2016 (77.92% in favor to 22.08% opposed) which told city officials, school district officials, parents and students one thing: you value

the education of not only current SDHS students, but of future students who will attend SDHS.

"Thank You" from me and the SDHS Alumni Association Board of Directors to Councilman David Alvarez for his leadership, to all of the city officials that supported Measure I, to the SDUSD Board of Trustees, to the Save SDHS Campaign Committee, to businesses, community groups, and many, many organizations who worked to pass the measure.

I look forward to continuing support from Councilman Alvarez and the school district for San Diego High School and the San Diego High School Alumni Association. I look forward to working with the school district on the remodeling of San Diego High School, providing an environment and atmosphere around SDHS that students can be proud of and cherish for years to come.

"Thank You" to the SDHS students, teachers and staff, all who worked on their own time in support of Measurer I.

To Mr. Jose Diaz (ASB Advisor) for his tireless effort, again on his own time, to help the students organize their efforts to "Save SDHS."

To the SDHS students who volunteered their own time and put in an all-out effort to save their school. I was witness to their efforts, and I was very proud of them over the course of the campaign: from organizing their fellow students, making signs in support of Measure I, speaking at city council meetings, holding rallies and phone banking right up to the night before the election. To the parents and the San Diego High Community, you should be very proud of those students for what they accomplished.

"Thank You" to all of the SDHS Alumni who spread the word locally and via social media outlets: the word spread like wildfire.

From the beginning, starting with the first online petition that generated thousands of hits in the first few weeks to over 2,500 prior to the November 8<sup>th</sup> vote, to the alumni who spoke at city council meetings, to the alumni who wrote editorials to the local media, to the alumni classes that used their Facebook class pages to spread the word--it worked!

The future of SDHS in its current location is secure for another 134 years. Now we can rest assured that SDHS will be around for generations to come. "Thank You," Give yourself a pat on the back for a job well done. Newsletter

I would like to talk about the SDHS Alumni Assoc. newsletter. The newsletter has been printed for many years. It has been the joy of our members who look forward to receiving the newsletter twice a year in the mail.

When the Board of Directors looked at cost saving measures for the Alumni Association, we included the cost of publishing and mailing the newsletter. When word got around that the newsletter might become available only online, we heard from you, the members. We heard your points of view from "I don't have a computer, printer or emails," to "I look forward to getting the newsletter and would be okay with it being online."

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#### **CAP Committee**

Campus Action Partners is a coalition of SDHS Alumni Association, SDHS Foundation and the San Diego High School PTSA.

Marci Heider

Here's what we are doing:

#### December 2016

The CAP Committee teamed up with the Senior Class to participate in Balboa Park's S.D. Floral Association's Annual Festival of Trees. The organizing group was headed by Ashley Shannon, Senior Class President, Natalee Whitlock, Teacher Advisor, and Marci Heider, Alumni Association representative. The students selected "North Pole Endangered Animals" as their theme and Senior Class students decorated the tree.

#### "Walk-Talk-Trash Monthly Clean-Up"

Our on-going mission to keep the front of the school clean was launched on October 5, 2016. The first Wednesday of each month, volunteers meet at 8:30 a.m. for one hour to walk, talk and pick up trash along Park Boulevard between I-5 and Russ Boulevard. After picking up trash, we gather in the PTSA Parent Room for coffee and treats provided by the Caver Coffee Crew Club, students from the Transitions Skills Class. A special \$200.00 donation from Joe Dini, President Emeritus of the Alumni Association, helped to fund the Caver Coffee Crew Club.

#### **Student Field Trips**

The PTSA budgeted funds for museum field trips and campus speakers. This year, the CAP Committee provided funding for a Sea World field trip for four Special Education classes and a field trip to Six Flags for the Caver Coffee Crew.

### **SDHS CAP Committee**

SDHS PTSA: Amy Villafranca, Sandv Gabriela Contreras-Misirlioglu, Jill Molyneaux, KD Pham; Alumni Association: Marci Heider; Foundation: Shirley Knox; SDHS Staff: Marisol Duenas



Gaspar Oliveira

## **Membership Committee**

This summer and fall, we will invite you to participate in many special activities (e.g., Cavers at San Diego Padres game, Cavers at San Diego State Aztecs game,

Please call/text me or contact the San Diego High School Alumni Association office for more information.

Annual October All Class Homecoming Breakfast).

Please note: If you have not renewed your Membership, now is the time. And, if you are not a member of the Alumni Association and wish to join, contact our AA office, call/text me, or join on line.

We appreciate your support of San Diego High School. Go Cavers!

Gaspar Luna Oliveira, Class of 1968 Chair, Membership Committee

Cell Phone: (619) 548-4793

#### **Editor's Report**



Carol (Ortman) Perkins '60

As the school year winds down, SDHS seniors are preparing for graduation and making plans for their post-graduate lives.

It is the time of year when students anxiously await notice from colleges and universities they have applied to. It is the time of year for us as alumni to donate to scholarship funds for these worthy, wonderful young people.

Some of our classes provide annual scholarships; some support a one-time scholarship. Many scholarships are provided by the San Diego High School Foundation.

The Foundation processes all scholarships. Since 2010 I have served on a selection committee for two scholarships sponsored by the class of 1960. I am extraordinarily impressed by the caliber of these applicants.

#### **Editor's Report (continued)**

It's easy to donate to scholarship funds. Send a check to the SDHS Foundation, Inc. at: P.O. Box 86504, San Diego, CA 92138-6504, noting that you are contributing to scholarships for SDHS students. You can rest assured that your contribution is money well spent.

The deadline for Wall of Honor nominations for 2017 is JUNE 1. Please go to our website to download the nomination forms.

http://sandiegohighschoolalumni.net/

Select "Wall of Honor" on main menu.

Have a very happy summer!

#### **Historically Speaking**



Happy 2017 Spring!

As the most recent past Historian of the SDHS Alumni Association, I am reaching out to anyone

who has any interest in the History of SDHS to step up and become the New Historian.

As a Volunteer I will be there to assist you and together we can continue to grow our History Center. I just love it when new "stuff" comes in!

Our research and reading room is full of the most interesting items which will take you back in time. We have a rocking chair to relax in as you read and also a computer where you can view past videos.

Have you seen one of the CAVEMEN outfits up close and personal??

Come on down. As you enter the History Center, be sure to add your name, SDHS Class Year or affiliation to our Guest Banner.

Reminder, if you have anything to donate or loan to the History Center- please contact our office staff:

619 231 8982 or mail to: SDHS Alumni Association 1405 Park Blvd, San Diego 92101

Thanks so much, Linda

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

Some members sent in additional funds with their annual dues so they could still receive the printed newsletter. We thank you for that.

Some of the ideas we have come up with include keeping the printed version of the newsletter and only sending it out to those that don't have a computer or email.

The greatly reduced printed newsletter would only be printed in black & white. Our challenge is to continue updating our membership database to include correct mailing addresses which will reduce the number of returned newsletters; to ask for and collect email addresses for those members who enjoy reading the newsletter online and printing out a color version from our website if they want a printed copy.

Our office staff is working hard to accomplish the tasks of updating our database which takes time. So if you hear from our office staff, please help them by updating your current information: address, phone number and email address.

We understand that your privacy is important to you. It is also important to us; we will not share your information with anyone that is not affiliated with SDHS, the SDHS Alumni Assoc. or the SDHS Foundation.

If a classmate or a reunion chairperson wants to get in touch with you, we will get their information and pass it on to you if you're a member of the Alumni Association.

We post reunion information on our website for those who are not members, so you can keep abreast of your class reunion chairperson and activities. When we send out an email to you as a member, we will do a blind copy (bcc), so others will not see your email address.

For more information on current Alumni Association news and activities, please go to our website (http://sandiegohighschoolalumni.net).

For current campus events click on the tab SDHS News, then click on Caver Weekly; for class reunions, click on Class Updates, then click on 2017 Reunions.

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Sylvia Carrasco Tatum	<sup>46</sup>
John Cash	'38 '50
Vada Chereen Polson	<b>'56</b>
Hazel Coombs (Wolfe)	'34
Kiko Cornejo	'70
Irma Crawford Powell	'51
Mike Cresci	'70
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Mario Crivello	<b>'58</b>
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For a comprehensive list use link below. http://tinyurl.com/gwmafby

# **Upcoming Class Reunions**

Details can be viewed on the web site under main menu "Class Updates".

★ Class of 1961-1962 Saturday, October 21, 2017

★Class of 1966

Friday, October 13th

★ Class of 1967

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Visit the web site to see details of these reunions

http://sandiegohighschoolalumni

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