

*Highland Park High School
Alumni Association*

Alumni News
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Mission Statement:

To assist the administration
of Highland Park in
creating and maintaining a
positive image of the school.

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Annual Alumni Banquet

You are invited to the Alumni Association's Annual Alumni Meeting and Banquet.

Saturday, June 8, 2013 5:30 p.m. in the school Cafeteria

The annual meeting will be a business meeting including the introduction of the scholarship recipients. The membership will be asked to vote on the new slate of officers.

Remember to bring your own dinnerware—plates, silverware

If your last name begins A—M bring a side dish or dessert N—Z bring a meat dish

Mark your calendar.... June 8th you won't want to miss it!

Highland Glen Update-

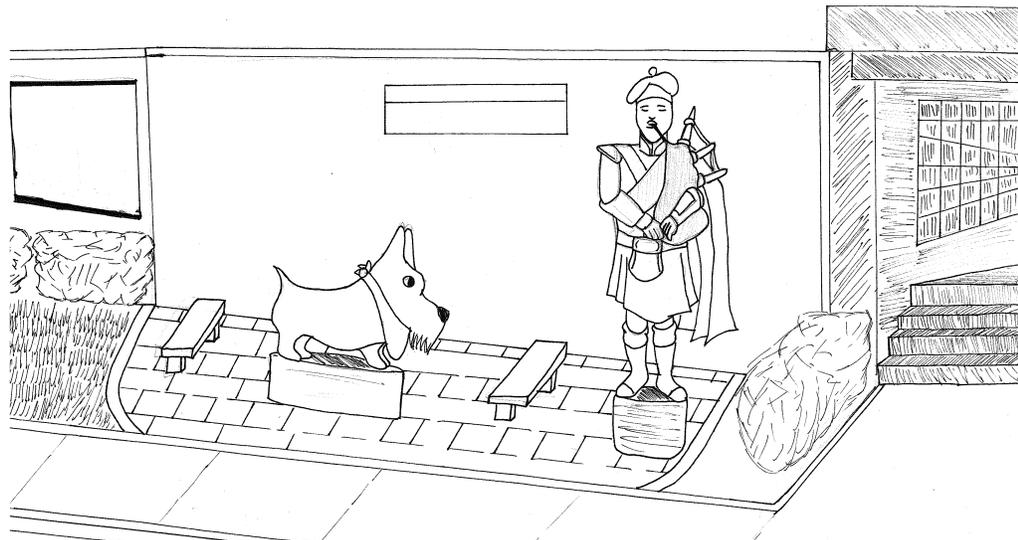
Over the past few years the Alumni Association has been collecting funds with a plan to construct a Highland Glen garden at the school. The garden was to be a beautiful and relaxing place where alums could visit and quietly reflect on the past and future of HPHS. Alumni have been given an opportunity to purchase items including bricks, benches, shrubs, etc. to add to the beauty of this proposed garden. For quite some time there has been some ongoing restructuring of the school and great uncertainty about whether the original planned location for the garden would remain available or whether the school would have the resources to maintain a garden once it was constructed. The Board of Directors has been patiently monitoring these developments and remained hopeful the Glen project would eventually come to fruition. Unfortunately, it has recently become clear that the project cannot go forward at the proposed location and concept.

In an effort to ensure that funds donated for the Highland Glen project can be used in the spirit in which they were donated, the Board has met with the current school administration and come to an agreement to pursue a new project. It involves a large statue of the Scotsman and a Scotty dog in a garden-like setting located on the west side of the school just north of the main entrance. A sketch of the design is below. While significantly smaller in scale, this area should provide benefits similar to those of the Highland Glen design and will be more visible and accessible to all who visit the school.

The Board plans to use funds already donated for the Glen to construct this new project and those donations which were made for specific items such as a bench or bricks will still be utilized as requested. The Board is disappointed the original Highland Glen project will not be completed, but is excited and enthusiastic about the new alternative. The Board hopes you share our views and will be interested in contributing to help make this new Glen one we can be proud of and enjoy.

We will keep you updated on the development of the new project through the newsletter, banquet and website.

If are interested in helping make this new Glen a reality please consider donating. Contact Bill Gahnstrom, Treasurer at 785.228.0505



2012 Hall of Fame —

The Alumni Association had the privilege of inducting John Williams Saunders III, Victoria Seeger and Freddy Maisberger III as the 2012 Hall of Fame Recipients.

John William Saunders III

John William Saunders III is a graduate of the Highland Park High School Class of 1956. John was born in Kansas City, Kansas and attended Perry Rural High School before transferring to Highland Park High School. He had four siblings Merlin known as “Butch”, Joyce, Norma Jean and Bobby. While at Highland Park High School he was a football tackle, participated in basketball and track and a member of the Stamp, Radio and Chess/Checkers clubs.

While working in California John got the acting bug. Known as John Quade character actor, he appeared in nearly 130 films, television shows and series, commercials, and on theatre and stage work. He is best known as playing Cholla, leader of the Black Widows motorcycle gang in the hit film Every Which Way But Loose, other memorable films include The Outlaw Josey Wales, and High Plains Drifter with his long lifetime friend Clint Eastwood, The Sting with Paul Newman, and Papillon with Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman and as the bartender in La Bamba. Television series included Bonanza, Rockford Files, Gunsmoke, Kojak, McCloud, Starsky & Hutch, and television movies and series such as Roots, The Godfather I, II, III and many more. The list of his appearances whether it was on television appearing in a series, the movies of the week, commercials or on theatre and stage he seemed to be the man that had the look and could fill the part of either the villain or the funny side kick characters. John’s list of appearances is impressive and he was perfect for the parts.

John married Gwendolyn Taber-Rice and is the father of six children John IV, Joseph, Steven, Heather, Katherine and Rebecca. John passed away on August 9, 2009 of natural causes at his home in Rosamond, California. His work is still enjoyed today and his commitment to the film industry through his acting, producing, and writing will be remembered by his colleagues, friends, and family and of course his fans.

Victoria Seeger

Victoria Seeger graduated from Highland Park High School in 1972. During high school, she was in the Future Business Leaders of America and participated in drill team. She hadn't entertained the idea of attending college until her senior year and then knew her goal was to go to college. She focused on academics most of her time at Highland Park.

Vicki obtained a Bachelor of Arts, Vocational Home Economics Education degree from Washburn University in 1976. For 19 years she worked in the business community as a secretary before returning to school and obtaining her Bachelor of Education in Elementary Education from Washburn University in 1995. She completed her Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Washburn University in 2005 and her Doctorate of Philosophy (Curriculum and Instruction) from Kansas State University in 2009. Vicki is currently an assistant professor at Northwest Missouri State University.

Seeger continued...

Vicki worked for the Seaman Unified School District 345 for over 14 years. She taught 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade classes at Pleasant Hill Elementary School and was the Literacy and Instructional Coach.

Vicki has received national and state recognition over the years and served on various committees.

Vicki has been privileged of being an author of several books over the years. She has been the co-presenter at various education conferences in St. Louis, Chicago, Las Vegas, San Diego, Tucson, New Orleans, and Omaha.

Vicki is married to Ron Seeger, also 1972 alum of Highland Park. They have two children who are married. Katie and her husband, Chris, live in Prairie Village. Katie is an interior designer for Black and Veatch. Samuel is married to Erin, and he is a graduate student in architecture at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. When she has time away from work, she enjoys quilting, sewing, cooking, and reading.

Freddy Maisberger III

Friedrich Maisberger III known as Freddy graduated from Highland Park High School in 1985. He came through Unified School District 501 attending Eisenhower Middle School and Linn Elementary School. While attending high school Freddy participated in wrestling and track.

Following high school Freddy enrolled at Washburn University. While attending college he decided to enlist in the United States Air Force/Kansas Air National Guard. In 1988 he left Topeka to attend basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas followed by technical school at Shepard Air Force Base Wichita Falls, Texas graduating with honors from both. Upon his return he was stationed at the Kansas Air National Guard 190th Air Refueling Wing at Forbes Field in the Repair and Reclamation shop. He was called to duty to serve during the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Freddy enjoyed his 20 years of service with the Kansas Air National Guard 190th Air Refueling Wing until his retirement in March 2008.

Freddy returned to Washburn University graduating in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in History with minors in Political Science, Science and English. In 2005 he graduated from Baker University with a Master of Arts in Education. In 1993 Freddy was hired by Unified School District No. 501 at Eisenhower Middle School as a social studies teacher. He is a constant educator and mentor to his students challenging them to believe and become more than the expectation based on their social and economic status.

Freddy has served as the Social Studies Department Head since 2007, on the Social Studies Curriculum Assessment Committee for the District for secondary education, and the liaison for the Highland Park High School Alumni Association.

Freddy coach's three sports during the school year which include wrestling, cross country and track.

When Freddy is not teaching or coaching, he spends time with his wife Shawn (Highland Park graduate of 1984) and their two children Lauren who is 16 years old and Freddy IV who is 12 years old.

Reunions for 2013

Class of 1958

The class of 1958 will host its 55th class reunion October 4th and 5th 2013 at the Garden House at Lake Shawnee. It will be a get together on October 4th and a dinner on October 5th. For more information call Karen Sutton at 785-862-1910 or Jon Fetterhoff at 785-246-3744.

2012 Recap of Reunions

Class of 1952

Highland Park High School class of 1952 held its 60th reunion on May 5th at the Topeka Country Club. If you would like information regarding the reunion contact Laura Dick at (785) 379-0437.

Class of 1957

The Class of 1957 gathered for their 55th class reunion the weekend of September 28-30, 2012. The weekend included a casual gathering at the Garden House at Lake Shawnee on Friday evening, a golf scramble at the Shawnee Golf Club on Saturday morning, followed by lunch for golfers and non-golfers. The Saturday evening dinner and celebration will be held at the Capitol Hotel, and the final event will be a brunch on Sunday morning.

If any classmates have a change of address, or, if you have an email address that you have not provided since the last reunion, please send this information to Pat Swearingen, 4123 SW Eagle Point Road, Topeka, KS 66610.

Class of 1962

The class of 1962 held their 50th Reunion on September 21st and 22nd. Friday evening was an informal get together at Lake Shawnee. Saturday morning coffee, juice and donuts with a tour of the high school and memorial service. Saturday evening a buffet dinner and dance held at the Ramada Inn Downtown. Call for details: Sharri Knight Shehi, (785) 271-5283 or Steve Johnson, (785) 862-2000. Also, visit the private class website www.hphstopeka1962.com to share personal information and/or the whereabouts of missing classmates.

Class of 1967

Highland Park High School class of 1967 will hosted their 45th reunion on August 31-September 2. Call to share the whereabouts of missing classmates. Contacts: Cheryl Brace Herman, (785) 286-1302; Terri Dickson Hewitt, (785) 267-0840; Betty Manley Stiles, (785) 220-0480; Brenda Williamson Simpson, (785) 862-2068; Suzanne West Nelson, (785) 273-0185; or Toni Nelson Beck, (785) 798-7089.

Class of 1972

The class of 1972 is planned their reunion the weekend of June 22-24, 2012. A mixer will was held at Lake Shawnee Shelter house #6 on Friday, June 22nd from 6-10 pm. Saturday the 23rd at 11:00 am an 18 hole golf tournament at the former Shawnee Country Club-Great Life Fitness 29th and Adams was held. Contacts: Glenda Hamilton Ridgeway (ridgeway1@cox.net) or Jona Carter Tatrn (tat5@cox.net).

Hall of Fame Nominations

There are so many great Highland Park alumni that contribute to the school or who may have received general notoriety either locally, regionally or nationally. We want to know about them—nominate them today. The committee encourages you to take a few minutes and complete the enclosed application and nominate that individual who is deserving and should not go unrecognized. The form is available on the website at www.hphsalumni.com as well. There are so many outstanding graduates and staff members who are deserving. It is impossible for the Committee and Alumni Board to know who among our graduates has excelled since their graduation. Nomination forms must be received by December 31 for consideration in 2014. Nominations are welcomed anytime and will be carried over to the next year if not selected.

Detach and return

Alumni Membership Application

Dues: \$8.00 Annual memberships are effective July 1 through June 30.

Lifetime membership (one-time fee): Age 18-40 \$ 65.00 Age 41-60 \$50.00
Age 61-70 \$ 40.00 Age 71 + \$ 25.00

Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Street Address _____ Apt # _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address: _____ (newsletter submitted electronically)

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Year Graduated _____ Age of Member _____

Amount submitted for membership \$ _____ For scholarship \$ _____

Amount submitted for “special requests” \$ _____

Return to HPHS Alumni Association, 2424 SE California, Topeka KS 66605



Wall of Honor Nominations

The Alumni Association was asked to coordinate the nomination and selection process for Highland Park High School's Sports Wall of Honor. The Sports Wall of Honor was designed to recognize individual athletes or teams in Highland Park's history. The pictures of past recipients are hung in the hallway outside the gymnasium.

The Wall of Honor was held in coordination of the Alumni Hall of Fame Ceremony on February 9, 2013. The two Recipients of the 2012 Wall of Honor were:

Darth Vaughn ('93) - football, basketball & track athlete

2006-07 Undefeated Basketball Team—5A State Champions

Gloria (Kemp) White ('62) - AAU Track & Field, Olympian, Youth Mentor

Do you remember an outstanding athlete or team that you believe should be recognized for their outstanding attributes or success while attending HPHS? Please submit your nomination by using the attached nomination form. Nomination forms must be received by December 31 for consideration in 2014. Nominations are welcomed anytime and will be carried over to the next year if not selected.

2013 Scholarship Recipients

We will also honor 2 scholarship Recipients at the Annual Meeting—June 8

Highland Park Alumni Scholarship	
Victor Ortega	\$500.00
Mirianda Deeds-Rookstool	\$300.00

Fine Arts Scholarship—

Robin Schultz Fine Arts Scholarship (Awarded by Gary & Robin Schultz)	
	\$1,000.00

Recipient—no applications received

HPHS Alumni Association

We Want to Hear From You!

Need to update your information? Scheduling a Reunion? Let's us know about it. We would enjoy sharing your information with fellow alumni as well as maintaining our database.

Name _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____ Home Phone _() _____

City, State, Zip _____ Work/Cell Phone _() _____

Email Address _____

Current Occupation/Company _____

News of Interest to other Alumni _____

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