

# S.D.H.S. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Fall 2017

## 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 summer. Another school year is upon us with plenty of changes going on at SDHS.

The San Diego Unified District and the architectural firm tasked with remodeling SDHS held meetings with the school staff, students and numerous community groups including your SDHS Alumni Association during

the summer. As part of the planning process, the architects looked through our History Center artifacts and studied photos of the Old Gray Castle.

After each of the first two meetings, the architects came back with conceptual drawings that reflected the ideas shared by all during the meetings.

The last conceptual drawing, in my opinion, showcased the Old Gray Castle best, the long walkway, and an ivy covered wall. If they come close to the last concept drawing when SDHS is remodeled, I think it will bring back that Old Gray Castle feeling with a modern flair.

In an effort to keep you updated on events at SDHS, events with your Alumni Association, the SDHS Foundation and the SDHS PTSA, we started an email notification called "Notes from the Cave."

These emails will have short informational items about SDHS and will direct you to our website for more information. We will send "Notes from the Cave" each month as information comes to us. Now you don't have to wait to get information from our twice-a-year newsletter; and, you can go to our website for updates.

The SDHS Alumni Association All Classes Homecoming takes place on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m. in the library. As usual, we will have a continental breakfast, a performance by the SDHS Choir, and the induction of three SDHS Alumni into our Wall of Honor.

Shuttle service to and from the stadium parking lot will be provided. I would like to congratulate this year's Wall of Honor honorees, San Diego City Councilman David Alvarez '98, Dr. Gene Rumsey '65, and Joan Karp Bebb '56.

Please make an effort to attend this year and reunite with your classmates and meet other alumni. San Diego High's homecoming game will be on October 20<sup>th</sup> vs. Patrick Henry @ 6 pm. There is a special seating section for all SDHS alumni.

## Editor's Report

### Carol (Ortman) Perkins '60



We are happy to welcome Linda Henry back to the Board of Directors in her former position of secretary. This brings us to the subject of board membership. Your participation in the Alumni Association is appreciated and we would love to see more of our members actively involved in our work.

PLEASE, if you would like to be on the frontline of the activities and projects of the Alumni Association, VOLUNTEER to serve on the Board of Directors. Contact 1st Vice President Rae Riner (Class of '62) at [rrplus5@yahoo.com](mailto:rrplus5@yahoo.com). Rae chairs our nominating committee. Currently we have openings for directors and historian.

Please come to the All Classes Reunion and Wall of Honor celebration on October 21. This annual event is a great introduction to your Alumni Association. In addition to meeting the people involved in the work of the Association, you will meet Dr. Carmen Garcia, principal of SDHS.

You'll hear the wonderful Hilltop Choir of today, and you will be delighted as you browse our History Center. In a word: get involved!

Carol Ortman Perkins, Class of 1960



Like to join or maybe  
just get more information?

<https://tinyurl.com/y98ukfk9>

## Gone But Not Forgotten



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

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

<http://tinyurl.com/gwmafbby>

## 2017 Wall of Honor Candidates

### David Alvarez Class Of 1998



David Alvarez, SDHS class of 1998, grew up in Barrio Logan with his parents, Jose and Maria Alvarez, four brothers and one sister. He attended Perkins Elementary School and Memorial Junior High. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college. He graduated with honors from San Diego State University.

Elected to the San Diego City Council in 2010, David chairs the environment committee and serves on the Smart Growth & Land Use Committee, the San Diego Regional County Airport Authority, San Diego metropolitan Transit System Board, SANDAG Borders Committee, Otay Valley Regional Park Policy Committee, and Bayshore Bikeway Working Group. He is a member of the League of California Cities Latino Caucus and the national Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).

During his years in public service, David has achieved important goals like: creation of Cesar Solis Park in the South Bay and the development of a new library for San Ysidro. He continues to work on providing more park space in the South Bay, increasing and safeguarding San Diego's water supply, border infrastructure, and designing and funding a joint use park for students at Perkins Elementary and Beyer Elementary Schools. Councilmember David Alvarez is committed to bring social, economic, and environmental justice to his constituency and all San Diegans.

In 2016, Councilmember Alvarez worked tirelessly with many concerned San Diego High School constituents to keep San Diego High in its current location through defeating San Diego City Proposition I on the November ballot. A life member of the Alumni Association, he did a lot to help "save San Diego High."

David and his wife Xochitl live with their daughter and son in Logan Heights. David is an avid bicyclist and bikes to work often.

### Joan Karp Bebb, Class Of 1956



Joan Karp was valedictorian of her graduating class at San Diego High. At San Diego State College, Joan majored in math and minored in economics and philosophy.

She pursued graduate studies in mathematics at UCLA and attended AEA/Stanford Executive Institute where she earned a mini-MBA IN 1988. There was no such field as computer sciences then, but with her general background and mathematical preparation, Ms. Bebb became an engineer for TRW.

She was a software subsystem architect, an operating system designer, a computer configuration definer, and lead programmer. She was manager of Data Management System portion of the NASA Space Station Work Package, Phase B.

She managed the MILSTAR Payload Software Project, the onboard resource manager for a system of autonomous communications satellites with dynamically assignable and configurable resources.

She oversaw significant programs with AT & T in addition to her managerial roles in the TRW space programs. Her final title with TRW was Chief Engineer, Air **Force/Civil Business** Unit in which capacity she was the overseer of the project management portion of the NAFIS Project.

Joan was an effective and extraordinarily accomplished team leader and project budget manager.

Joan Karp Bebb was recognized by her peers as a leader in a "man's world."

Her technical competence was unerring, her leadership outstanding. She was recognized many times in her lifetime with achievement awards, among them: National Women's Week 1981-1988 "Women of Achievement Award," and certificate of achievement from the YWCA of Los Angeles for her outstanding contributions to TRW Electronics & Defense Sector (1988). Joan has two daughters.

## Dr. Eugene Rumsey Jr. Class of 1965



Dr. Eugene William Rumsey, Jr., Class of 1965, lettered in football and baseball at San Diego High. He was a member of Key Club and Letterman's Club. He belonged to General Assembly, Hilltop Choir and Madrigals. Gene was born in San Diego and grew up in Mission Hills. His father, Dr. Eugene Rumsey, Sr. also graduated from San Diego High.

Gene received his undergraduate degree from San Diego State (premed). In, 1973 he received his medical degree from The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health in Washington, D.C. Gene returned to San Diego where he went into practice with his father who was a general surgeon. Gene's medical practice includes a broad range of general surgery with a special emphasis on bariatric surgery. He has served as Chief of Staff at Scripps Mercy Hospital.

Gene has 4 siblings. He is married to Jennifer Otto Rumsey. He has 3 children and 4 grandchildren, all of whom live in San Diego. Growing up Gene participated in Boy Scouts, earned his Eagle Scout honors, and continues to be involved with Boy Scouts by interviewing high school students as part of their Eagle Scout approval process. He has long been active in Rotary 33 and is an involved and committed member of his church. In addition to his family, work and volunteerism, his hobbies and interests include swimming, skiing, fishing and travel.

Dr. Rumsey has been an active member of the Mercy Outreach Surgical Team (M.O.S.T.) since 1993. Teams of M.O.S.T. doctors travel to Mexico twice each year. Their mission is to bring opportunities for a normal life to impoverished children and adults in Mexico through the gift of plastic, general and ophthalmologist surgery. They perform hundreds of surgeries each year. Gene and his father were early supporters of establishing a trauma center at Mercy Hospital that resulted in Scripps Mercy being designated as a Level 1 trauma center. Dr. Eugene Rumsey is a board member of the Scripps Mercy Foundation.

## Walk Talk Trash Monthly Clean-up



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

This group consisted of members of Alumni Association, PTSA, C.A.V.E (Caver Alumni Volunteers Engaged), and two future students who will attend SDHS next year.

Great turnout/Teamwork equals a cleaner Park Blvd and Russ St leading to the entrance of SDHS!

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## Give Back to Your School

ATTENTION!!

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 rrrplus5@yahoo.com

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## Freshman Football Fundraiser

Donations will go towards uniforms, upgrading of equipment, and helmets. Your support is vital for the success of this program.

<https://tinyurl.com/y8efjvqu>

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## Caver Football Schedule

Date - Opponent School	SDHS	Opp
Aug 25 Southwest High School	28	7
Sept 8 Francis Parker	54	7

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## Our Mission

The mission of the SDHS AA is:

- to promote the interest and welfare of San Diego High School through membership therein of former students and graduates;
- to inspire, develop and maintain the interest of Alumni of the High School;
- to foster planning for and support to the High School and/or the SDHS AA;
- to maintain close cooperation among SDHS AA officers and administrators, faculty and staff of San Diego High School;
- and to establish a way through which the SDHS AA may support and advance the pursuit of excellence in education of students at San Diego High School.

## The San Diego Foundation



The San Diego Foundation, under the leadership of new President E. Rae Riner held its first fall meeting September 12, 2017.

We were given an update from Principal Carmen Garcia who informed us the school population has grown to 2,500 students with 600+ of those students in the entering freshman class!

Dr. Garcia is continuing her ambitious focus on academic rigor and integration of many subjects throughout the campus curriculum.

Gabriela Misirioglu, President of the Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSA), gave a brief overview of the many activities planned for this year and encouraged everyone to become a member of PTSA!

The Foundation has a new secretary, Crystal Aguirre from the class of 2012, and we continue to welcome new members to our Board of Directors.

In collaboration with the Alumni Association, we assisted 2nd Chance Fields in financing a complete overhaul and remodeling of the Girls Softball Fields, a project being done with "in kind" donations of labor and materials from Home Depot. More will be revealed about this fantastic project in future school publications. The groundbreaking will be in October.

Foundation treasurer Klaus Mendenhall reviewed a detailed budget report including the distribution of almost \$100,000 in scholarships to members of the class of 2017.

We are proud of the students and very grateful for the continuing monetary support we receive from Alumni and Friends of San Diego High School.

The Foundation meets at San Diego High School the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm in Room 103; please feel free to stop by and meet us!

Respectfully,  
E. Rae Riner, President

## 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 135<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

WHEN: Sat, October 21, 8:30 a.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)

## Membership Committee Report



If you would like to volunteer to work on an Alumni Association Membership activity (e.g., All Class Homecoming Breakfast, Saturday, October 21, 2017) please contact me and I will be happy to get you involved.

Some Association members have suggested we attend as a group plays/musicals at local venues such as the Old Globe Theatre, La Jolla Playhouse, Cygnet Theater, Moxie Theater, and Lamb Players, Coronado.

If you would like to help us coordinate and organize this type of activity, please contact me. I welcome your suggestions and your contributions.

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## 2017 San Diego High School All Classes Picnic

The 2017 San Diego High School All Classes Picnic was held Sunday, August 6th at North Crown Point Shores.

It was a perfectly beautiful day to sit around and visit with fellow alumni from SDHS.

The All Classes Picnic was spearheaded by the Class of 1966: this was their 41st Annual Picnic and they had the highest attendance with 18.

We missed those of you who did not attend and look forward to you joining us next year.

Mark your calendars for the first Sunday in August, Aug 5, 2018. Check the website next year for further announcements!

## Alumni Association Board



Eddie Head II '73, President



Rae Riner '62, 1st Vice President



Gaspar L. Oliveira '68, 2nd Vice President



Marci Heider '62, Treasurer



Linda Henry '66 - Secretary

## 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>

## Upcoming Class Reunions

**(Details Can Be Viewed on Our Web Site)**

Class of 1958  
60th reunion will be Oct 19, 2018  
Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Class of 1961-1962  
Saturday, October 21, 2017  
Admiral Baker Clubhouse

Class of 1966  
October 13, 2017  
Contact Linda Henry for details

Class of 1967  
October 21, 2017  
Handlery Hotel

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