
Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association



UPDATE

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PLHSFAA Initiatives

Theresa Bagg

The PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association is constantly working with staff to improve the quality of life on campus and enhance educational opportunities for all students. There are several key such programs currently underway. The Foundation participates in and promotes these activities while seeking funding to see each one through:

New Music Center

This capital improvement campaign is helping fund the conversion of a vacant building into a state-of-the-art facility for PLHS's vibrant and award-winning music program. The initiative is well underway as a joint project with the SDUSD. This facility will increase student and community access to the joy and intellectual benefit of music.

Sports and Athletic Programs

This initiative seeks to fund interscholastic sports that are popular but do not fall within the schools capability to fund (see related article, page 5). These diverse and popular sports include cross country, golf, tennis, water polo, field hockey, basketball, soccer, wrestling, track, volleyball and swimming. Booster groups support the other school sports (football, baseball and track).

Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

These scholarships supplement the awards already being provided to some of our best and brightest enabling those that otherwise couldn't the opportunity to pursue a college education. These scholarships are funded by PLHSFAA and administered by the PLHS Guidance Department. In 2005-06, six \$1,000 scholarships were funded. The Foundation seeks to triple that for the next academic year.

21st Century Learning

Harnessing the power of digital technologies to facilitate teaching and improve student learning outcomes. This initiative seeks funding to upgrade computer access, communications equipment, teaching tools and web-based curriculum for 21st Century student literacy and learning. The cost per digital classroom is \$4,500 and there are twelve classrooms that still need conversion.

Making a Safe, Clean Attractive Place for Education

Project S.C.A.P.E. is our multi-year effort to completely redevelop the Chatsworth Boulevard frontage of the school, combining safety and beautification in an award-winning design. Permits have now been received and the project will move forward given continuing community support.

Check us out at
www.PLHSFAA.org

The foundation website is getting a facelift! Our goal is to have a convenient place where donors and alumni can go to get all the information they need. The new ".org" site will

have links to the school, to the community, alumni classes by year, former classmates, current projects and ideas on how to get involved. Please come visit us. PLHSFAA welcomes your ideas and feedback!



PLHS Alumni – We need you! Here's what you can do:

- Visit PLHSFAA.org. Click on “Alumni” and enter your information on the contact form. E-mail addresses are important – please update if yours has changed.
- Click on “Reunions” to find information about upcoming reunions. If yours is not listed, and you have information, please forward it to us at reunions@plhsfaa.com so that we can post it!
- Are you a reunion chair? We can help! The PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association is here to help you by offering access to alumni contact information. All we ask in return is that you share any updated information with us to keep our database current. We can also set up an email address for you to use for your reunion event.
- Visit the campus, and see what has changed! Tours can be arranged by special appointment. We encourage you to come take a look at the PLHS campus....we have recognition pavers in the Quad, several new buildings, Prop MM upgrades, and a lot of enthusiasm and spirit on campus. Alumni are always welcome!
- Get involved! Volunteer to be a member of the board. We need people who can organize, write grants, do accounting, fund-raise and who simply want to have an impact on Point Loma High. Or volunteer on one of our committees. Register your Vons Club Card or Albertson's card (eScrip) to PL High. Attend our Fundraising events. Register your current contact information for our alumni database. And please do consider becoming a member of the organization. Visit www.PLHSFAA.org and click on “Membership” for more information.

To contact us about any of the above ways that you can get involved, call the FAA office at 619 226-4509 or email faaoffice@plhsfaa.com.

Show your Pointer Pride!

Help wanted!

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is seeking a part-time volunteer to manage a small continuing program to benefit the school. You do not have to ask anyone for money, but will use established communications channels (newsletters, web sites, etc.) to promote your program. This can be done from your home on a flexible schedule (daytimes, weekends or evenings). It requires no travel, no scheduled meetings and no recruiting other volunteers (unless you want to). You will make occasional trips to the campus. But most of all, you will be helping to make PLHS a place we all can be proud of. You need not be a graduate or even a parent.

If this sounds too good to be true, please email Pat Baker at p_t_baker@hotmail.com or give her a call at 619-223-9363.

PLHS Featured Alumni Carlos Delgado

Two o'clock in the morning, and Carlos Delgado is waking to the sound of his alarm clock as most of us are deep in slumber. By 5:00 a.m., Carlos is ready for his first assignment as a reporter for Fox 6 News, which airs from 5:00 to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday.

In the 1991 Point Loma High School yearbook, Carlos wrote that his dream was to be a sports broadcaster. His career path has taken a slightly different turn, but he is excited to be part of a news team in his hometown of San Diego. Through his reporting, Carlos enjoys meeting people from all walks of life, being out in the community, and networking.

Carlos is a 1996 graduate of San Diego State University, where he majored in Broadcast Journalism and wrote for the Daily Aztec. From there, he interned for two years at NBC 7/39 in San Diego while he put together his resume tape.

His first reporting job was in Yuma, Arizona. From there he went to Sacramento, and started moving closer to home with jobs in Fresno and Orange County. An opportunity arose to work at Telemundo in Los Angeles, where he broadcast in Spanish. Taking a break, Carlos taught at a juvenile hall in Los Angeles. Two years later, he was ready to get back into broadcasting, taking a position as an anchor reporter in Palm Springs. One more move brought him back to San Diego in 2005 when he joined Fox 6 news.

Point Loma High School is a family tradition for Carlos. He and his brother and sister participated in the Spanish immersion programs at Spreckles Elementary School, Correia Junior High and Point Loma. Another brother graduated from La Jolla High. Carlos has high hopes that his ten year old nephew will follow the same path to PLHS.

Carlos feels that the bilingual education he received at Point Loma High School is an integral part of his successful broadcasting career. Since returning to San Diego, he has enjoyed reconnecting with classmates from 1991 and plans to get involved in the PLHSFAA.



Just Who Goes to Point Loma High School?

Did you know that there is a waiting list?

John Baker, PLHSFAA President

A waiting list? To get into Point Loma High School? Yup!

This and some other interesting facts surfaced as we work with the faculty and staff to help the school become a national Center of Excellence – one that the whole community rightly can be proud of.

Before we get to the waiting list, though, we should note some other points first. First of all, the campus is designed to serve just short of 2,000 students. Right now we are serving almost 2,100. That's a bit crowded, but still manageable.

The San Diego Unified School District divides the city into Attendance Areas. PLHS's area includes the peninsula from the San Diego River southward and from I-5/Pacific Highway to the ocean. In addition, there is an area in Old Town and Mission Hills (west of Eagle/Reynard) from which students may choose to attend either PLHS or San Diego High. These boundaries can change (slightly) from year to year.

Typically 62% of our students live within that "Attendance Area." According to Principal Bobbie Samilson, our attendance from within the Attendance Area jumped this year by about 10% and is anticipated to grow again next year.

Where does the other 38% of the student body come from? Students are added to the PLHS student body from three separate District-wide programs. But ... and this is key ... every one of these out-of-area students attending PLHS is a volunteer. They are here because they want to be!

Program Improvement School Choice (PISC) is part of the national "No Child Left Behind" program. Students who live in the enrollment area for a neighborhood school that is certified as underperforming may request a transfer to a school that is performing. The school district provides transportation for them -- the yellow school buses you see on Chatsworth Avenue every morning and afternoon.

The Voluntary Ethnic Enrollment Program (VEEP) matches students from certain neighborhood schools having predominantly non-white enrollment with certain other schools having predominantly white enrollment. Students from nine elementary schools in San Diego currently are eligible for the VEEP program; once a student begins schooling in another enrollment area under VEEP, he/she is able to continue through high school with the kids in that new enrollment area. This provides stability for the students, as they go through school with their same bunch of classmates, from grade school through high school. Transportation is provided for VEEP students also.

The Choice Program permits students district wide to attend a school of their choice. This is on a space-available basis, but no transportation is provided. (The SDUSD also operates a Magnet School program, but PLHS is not involved.)

As I mentioned, all these out of area students are volunteers – they are attending PLHS because they want to be there.

So where does the waiting list come in? For the current school year, more than 700 new students applied to come to Point Loma High School via one of these three programs. This is in addition to the students who already had been participating through one of these programs earlier in their educational career and moved with their classmates from Correia into the freshman class at PLHS.

Of these 700, only about 150 could be accepted, due to space limitations, leaving a waiting list of about 550 students. For the 2007-2008 school year, the number accepted might be even smaller if the numbers from within the enrollment area continue to rise.

Play Ball! **PLHS Softball Field to Open**

Thanks to the nearly single-handed efforts of PLHS alum (Class of 1973) and dad Scott Hoff, the girls varsity and junior varsity softball teams soon will have a permanent location on campus for practice and games. The field is located along Clove Street, next to the auto shop. Complete with a skinned infield, turf outfield, players benches, backstop and even a storage trailer serving double duty as a locker room for the team, the fields should be ready for tryouts in mid-February and the first games in early March.

In addition to the efforts of Scott and his daughter Jaimee (Class of 2008), a number of others contributed to the success of the project. Drawings were prepared by Rebecca Grijalva, concrete by Rick Dietz of RTD Construction. A donation by Mrs. Nancy Peckham helped bring the fields to reality.

PLHSFAA applauds Scott for his dedication to the school and the girls softball program and hope that his efforts serve as an example to all PLHS alumni.



Lights, Camera, Action - Homecoming Event a Huge Success

Kim Jessop, Executive Director

Thank you to all of the Board members who helped out at the FAA Alumni Homecoming event on Friday, October 27, 2006. What a wonderful success it was. We served 100 dinners, gave tours to 41, and sat 65 alums in reserved seats in the stands. And the Football team won under the lights.

This event served a multitude of purposes: It generated interest in the FAA, renewed alumni spirit at PLHS, raised a bit of money, and started a new tradition.

We wish to extend very special thanks to:

- **Pat Baker** for helping brainstorm a new Fund Development event, doing everything on her list, leaving us an itemized 'next step' sheet when she had to go out of town unexpectedly, and following up from a distance to be sure it all got done! Your dedication to completing any job you take on is wonderful!
- **Karen Tisdale** for the memorabilia set up, assistance with tickets, and for coordinating the gift for Susanne who accepted with tears in her eyes.
- **John Baker** for patiently taking orders from a bunch of women all day on Friday...and for a great job at the mic.
- **Clint Roberts** for helping wherever needed and networking with the alums at dinner.
- **Leslie and Gary Rose** for clean up help and serving.
- **John Bauer** for manning the Music Center, providing band CDs to the alums, and making alums feel welcome at the dinner.
- **Theresa and Kevin Bagg** for selling \$225 in FAA merchandise. Those sweatshirts came in handy at the football game.
- **Lisa Vieira** for her help running errands and assisting where needed during the entire event.
- **Debbie Clauson** for her help setting up and coordinating the Cheer team to entertain at dinner, recognize alums at the game, and carry the banner.
- **John Dally** for bringing the band in to play for the alums before the game.
- **Bob Dalgleish** for sending out the email to Alums announcing the event. It generated a lot of interest and response.
- **Bobbie Samilson** for charming a very large tour group of alums.
- **Larry Zeiger** for wowing his tour group with his humor and knowledge of all things PL.



Also providing great assistance were:

- **Debbie Glanz**, PLHS Admin. Assistant...for all her coordination with the school, custodians, set up, and keeping a smile at all times even after falling off the golf cart!
- **Greg Raymond** for donating the design for the new Welcome Pointer banner. Everyone loved the original Pointer dog gazing out across the PL sky!
- **Bill Mayfield and David Zedaker** for working all week to get the Light house up and running (and the horn working!)
- **Holly Ewell and Linda Hudiberg**...Thank you for your time on the décor and dessert.
- **Theresa Harvey**...thank you for the beautiful Pointer design on the cake.
- **Jeff Davidson, and Jim Harvey**...Thank you for your help setting up and taking down. You make the work fun!

And to **Julie Davidson**...The entire FAA Board thanks you so much for your time, energy, and positive attitude chairing this event. (Julie has offered to do it again next year!)



Susanne Cramer Ballantyne, Class of 1950, was honored at homecoming for her nearly 30 years of service to PLHS. She has been involved with the Alumni Association since its inception in 1978. She handled re-union chair coordination and has kept the deceased list for most of those years.



Underfunded (or Orphaned) Sports

John Baker and Whitney Skala

Sports is an important part of the high school experience for many of our PLHS students. We strongly believe that the high school sports experience should be a positive one for every student who participates. Some sports lend themselves to having large parent-oriented Booster Groups – especially football and baseball. But students who are participating in sports that have smaller squads or draw fewer spectators have a right to a positive experience as well.

Our new **Underfunded Sports initiative** supports that positive experience for all PLHS teams in CIF-sanctioned sports that do not have a Booster Group of their own.

Funds will be used to provide program benefits that have become standard in high school sports: a stipend for coaches (such stipends are limited by CIF rules), game-day uniforms, equipment, clinics, entry fees to additional tournaments, etc.

In essence, the Underfunded Sports initiative seeks to be the Booster Group for all high school athletes who do not have one.

At school, we all want our kids to be involved in something. More and more, that “something” is sports. Boys Sports, Girls Sports, Varsity Sports, JV and Freshman Sports. Fall, Winter and Spring Sports. Team Sports—like basketball, soccer, and field hockey. Individual Sports—like golf, tennis, and swimming. We offer them all. But some are run on a financial shoe-string.

It takes roughly \$1,500 a year, above the district money, to offer a quality “infrastructure” in many of our sports.

For example, approximately \$1,500 to a typical sport will make a big difference by providing:

- A modest stipend to a JV or Freshman coach to help expand the coaching attention available to these kids too, and
- Entry fees for tournaments that can provide a third or more of the games in a sport's season, providing more playing time for all, and
- A rotation of game jerseys, and
- Specialized equipment for a unique position on the team, and
- Replacement or upgrading of equipment prior to district funding.

How's that for a drastically improved sports experience for the kids on that team?

Some of our sports have active booster groups in place. But for many sports, especially those with smaller squads

and fewer parents, forming another booster group just isn't the answer. In these instances, the financial needs are being overlooked, coaches are foregoing their stipend and donating the funds, or our kids and their coaches are being turned into fund-raisers just so they can wear their school's colors on the field of competition. That's an unfair burden, both on the kids and on the coaches.

Many parents have been generous as their young athletes have participated -- they have stepped-up during the season and donated money on the spot for equipment and uniforms. But we'd like to satisfy our financial needs in advance, so that we can attract and keep coaches and athletes who need and deserve the comfort of knowing that their sport of choice will provide them what they need in order to compete on a “level playing field.” With the necessary funds in hand, coaches can focus on their coaching during the season at hand and not be distracted by desperate fund-raising activities.

But best of all, the PLHS students who play those sports will have a proper high school sports experience – something we all can support!

We're proud of our coaches and athletes and of the volunteer spirit that has supported them so far. Now we are asking the community to join us in helping them.

So far this year we have raised about \$10,000 toward funding the Underfunded Sports. But our goal this year is \$30,000. That will permit the coaches for the fall sports next year to plan ahead.

Here are some of the sports that don't have booster groups, and so will benefit from your donation to the Underfunded Sports fund: cross country (boys, girls), field hockey (g), volleyball (b), wrestling (b), basketball (b,g), softball (g), swimming (b,g), water polo (b,g), and track and field (b,g).

Questions? Please feel free to contact Whitney Skala. Email is wms@wmskalaesq.com or 619-573-9256.



Festivities start at 4:00 p.m.

March 1
Old Venice, Canon Street
April 5
Firefly Lounge, Dana Inn,
Mission Bay
May 3
Humphrey's, Shelter Island
June 7
Brigantine, Shelter Island

PLHS Supporters 2006

We would like to thank the many generous donors who have supported PLHSFAA. Those who have donated at the maroon donor level or above in the past year are listed below. We also greatly appreciate the many smaller donations sent in support. Alumni, parents, friends, and community members are integral parts of the Pointer Team. Together, we strive to make Point Loma High the center of excellence for our community.

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It's not too late to join us and show your "Pointer Pride." Your tax-deductible donation at any membership level forwards our quest for excellence at Point Loma High School. Please send your check, made out to PLHSFAA, to 1220 Rosecrans Street, #247, San Diego, CA 92106 or you may donate online at www.plhsfaa.org/donations.

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The Purpose of PLHSFAA

It is the mission of the Point Loma High School Foundation & Alumni Association to develop and provide the resources for enhancing the educational environment of Point Loma High School, with a goal of building Pointer Pride for generations past, present and future.

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Zeiger Alumni - They Continue to Succeed!

What a great holiday break where I saw so many Point Loma Alumni at restaurants and parties throughout San Diego and in Los Angeles. It's amazing to hear about all the exciting careers and achievements of Point Loma Alumni.

NOAH TAFOLLA ('86) is the talk of the town with his KPBS series on neighborhoods of San Diego - the first episode on Ocean Beach was incredible with music by **ERIC and CHRIS READING**, the talented composers and singers from Nashville who just also happen to be PL grads ('86). I had dinner during the holidays with Eric Reading who gave me his CD's and the music/lyrics/vocals are incredible.

SPENCER MOSES ('94) stars in THE FARNSWORTH INVENTION at the La Jolla Playhouse. **RICK SCHUITEMAN ('89)** is the Show Producer at Sea World of San Diego and just completed a three year project working with Broadway directors and producers on the dazzling new Shamu show, "Believe." **SCARLET KEYS ('84)** is a professor at the Berklee College of Music in Boston and a staff songwriter for Warner Chappell/The New Company Nashville. She has performed in Nashville, New Orleans, and throughout New England.

TOM TOOMEY ('82) has just returned to New York City from Kazakhstan where he helped the Minister of Education develop ESL curriculum for college students. **JOE SKIFF ('01)** works in promotions for the Broadway/San Diego series at the Civic Theatre, as well as at the Museum of Photographic Arts.

COLLINS HARRELL is a "singing" dentist in San Clemente, and he and his family including his wife and four children performed in a musical performance in December of "The Christmas Album."

CURTIS AGUE ('76) is a pilot for Aloha Airlines. **ROBERT SEELEY ('81)** just returned from a trip to Cairo and sent everyone a holiday card with him standing in front of the Luxor (the real one- not the one in Vegas!)

THE ZEIGER ALUMNI ANNUAL PARTY in Los Angeles in December took place at the Pig and Whistle and Les Voyous on Hollywood Blvd. After dinner singing was performed by the incredible **JULIE SULLIVAN ('01)**, with additional vocals by **JENEE LUCIA ('81)** and **FORREST LANCASTER** (nephew of **CAREY SOREL '81**). It was also great seeing **CHRIS BRINKER ('88)**, film producer, **SUZANNE BRADLEY**, film production, **EVAN HESSE**, film scoring, and many more great PLHS alumni!

This was an incredible year for me as a teacher, and my current students include many wonderful, talented, and creative individuals, and I look forward to writing about them in years to come.

Not to get too political, but the true test of an excellent school is what students do with their education in their professional and personal lives. I don't know how you would go about testing this, but I am certain if there was some method of gathering this information (other than a standardized test. . . no comment), Point Loma High would be NUMBER ONE in the world! If you would like to share information about your career and/or accomplishments, please send information to me at LZeiger@aol.com, and I guarantee you will see your name in print!

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all Point Loma Alumni, and hope to see you at the monthly FIRST THURSDAY events which are great fun for alumni to meet and mingle after work!



Reunion Events

Class of '57

Sept. 16-17, 2007

Contact redrhino@cox.net or bob.web@plhsfaa.com

Class of '82

Contact Kelly LaRosa 619 251-4830

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Class of '87

Contact Laurie Warren Varga 760 438-8274

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Classes of '91 and '92

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Contact Corine at champton@brunoskorheim.com

Class of '97

Contact Jenn McCullough Viora 619 890-8000 bviora@hotmail.com or Jon Robell 619 549-9344

Classmates, update your contact information at www.plhsfaa.com so your reunion chair can find you! Reunion Chairs send us your information so we can post it on the website and put it in the newsletter!

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Principal's Message

Bobbie Samilson

We have certainly had a whirlwind fall semester. Fall has sped by us with some noteworthy accomplishments. Our enrollment stabilized at 2100 students and we have over 100 dedicated teachers working with our students.

The Vanguard Band moved up a division this year into a highly competitive group of bands and ranked 3rd in bands their size in all of southern California. They are now second in size and ranking in bands within SDUSD. They also won many local competitions and awards throughout the fall season. Additional monies have been donated since the beginning of school for the Music Center, including a gift from the Class of '46 and the Fletcher Foundation. We now have preliminary plans in the main office for the remodel.

The softball field renovation is in full swing thanks to Mrs. Nancy Peckham and family who partnered with the School District to fully fund the construction of the field. Parents Scott Hoff and Rebecca Grijalva, along with RTD Construction Inc. have been working tirelessly to complete the renovation by the start of softball season.

Almost 100% of the classrooms are now digital classrooms thanks to the gift from the Steven Harrow donation. We were also able to move ahead with our "Extreme Classroom" technology project with the freshman academy thanks to the Spathas Family for their financial donation and countless hours working with the district and the business community. We continue to work diligently to change the delivery system of education and move it forward into the 21st Century.

A fall recap wouldn't be complete without highlighting our fall sports accomplishments. Of course, many of you joined us for year two at the Q as our varsity football team again led us through an exciting Championship season. It was such a thrill and pleasure to see current students, alumni, and our local community pack the Q for our second match-up against Saints. Although we came away with the lower score, that in no way reflects the true accomplishments of the students who represented PL on the field and in the stands that day. Along with our football team, we had a number of other sports end the season with major accomplishments. Christy Fogerty represented girl's golf with a third place championship finish. Boy's varsity water polo competed in the CIF playoffs for the first time in 16 years! At the end of fall sports season, the Union Tribune lists individual players who have accomplished top honors in their sports and in the classroom. We had 17 students make the list as All-League or All-Section first or second teams in their respective sports and 74 make All-Academic Teams (3.0 GPA or higher while playing their sport). Those students and parents should be very proud, as we are, of their athletic and academic achievements.

Looking forward through winter and into spring we are pleased to note that PLHS is represented well in academics as students are already receiving scholarships and scoring well on the SATs, athletics as we are already fielding winning teams in the winter sports, and the clubs are blossoming as students are getting involved in their high school. The Drama department will be bringing the community their spring production "Guys and Dolls" in early March... opening night is the 9th and tickets are \$7.00.

We look forward to a very productive second semester with our students and teachers. Much has been and must still be accomplished and we are dedicated as a staff to helping the students make PLHS an academic success, a cohesive community and an exciting place to be learning. Your generous gifts of time and resources help us to accomplish this mission each and every day. We thank you for your support and willingness to partner with us to continue the legacy of academic and extra-curricular achievements so many of you have already accomplished via these doors of your community high school.

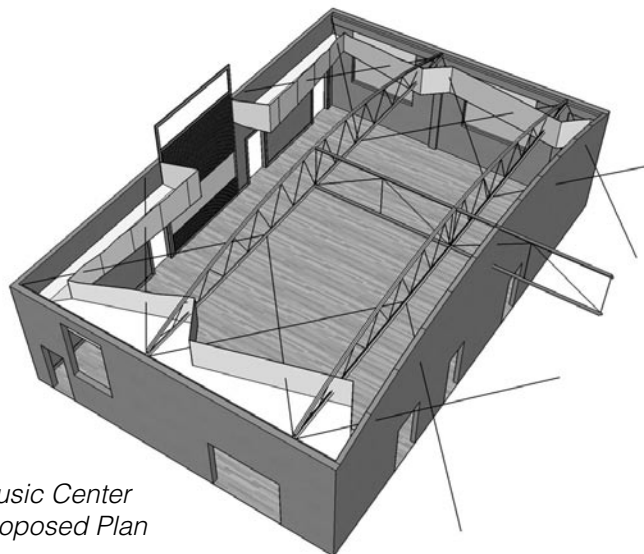


Rafael Machado, PLHS Drum Major, (far right) was chosen this year to join a select group of drum majors to march in the London (UK) New Years day parade. Donations from parents and supporters of the PLHS music program ensured that he would be there.

Band Booster Update

Priscilla Snow, Band Booster President

- The Music Center renovation still on track. The Band Boosters had another Music Center clean-up day on Saturday, January 20. The plans have been drawn and are at the State for approval.
- The Spring Concert will be on Wednesday, May 9 at Crill Hall at The Point Loma Nazarene University
- The Third Annual Crescendo Gala will be on Sunday, May 20 from 4 – 7 p.m. at historic Rosecroft Mansion. This year we will honor Jim Trepasso for his lifelong dedication to music instruction on the Point, and our keynote speaker will be Ian Campbell, Director of the San Diego Opera.
- The PLHS Vanguard annual Golf Tournament will be on Sunday, June 10 at the Riverwalk Golf Course in Mission Valley.



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