

Claremont High School Alumni Society

November, 2011

Alumni Society Events:

February 2, 2011 First meeting of CHS Alumni

Initial discussion of starting an Alumni group

March 16 CHS Open House - our first public appearance to hand out flyers & meet alumni. We had a collection of old CHS photos & played a CD of assorted music from the 1900's to '80's.

We provided the words & music of the Alma Mater to help CHS restore the tradition of singing it at school events.

June 9 Graduation Alumni attended & were acknowledged at graduation

June 17 "Starmites" Alumni night theatre & reception

July 4 The CHS Alumni Society was selected by the City of Claremont as the **Honored Community Group** for the Independence Day festivities. I've attached our nomination form for background info for you. We felt this was a really special honor!

We set up a booth at the July 4 festival, with crowds of alumni coming all day to pick up alumni buttons & flags for the parade. Then we all marched in the parade with our Alumni banner.

September 2 - Centennial Ceremony

We presented the Centennial Plaque to CHS in honor of the Centennial on the anniversary of the original dedication of Claremont High School on September 2, 1911, and obtained a Commendation from LA County Mayor Antonovich.

We arranged for a flag to be flown over the US Capitol on this date in honor of the CHS Centennial & later presented the flag to CHS.

The Alma Mater was played by the CHS Band for the first time.

9/17/11 Claremont Zip Code Day

Participated with Alumni Society booth & historic CHS exhibit

Oct 28-30 Homecoming Weekend & ALL-Alumni Reunion

Friday Oct 28 - participated in Rally & Parade, dinner at Casa de Salsa, Football Game

Saturday - ALL-Alumni Reunion at The Packing House, Claremont.

240 attended from classes of 1941 to 2011

Raised: \$3,500 for CHS Theatre Renovation Project

Sunday - brunch at Casa de Salsa

11/11/11, 11:00 a.m. Veterans Day - Special recognition of CHS alumni Veterans as part of The City of Claremont and American Legion Post 78 Veteran's Day Ceremony in Claremont's Memorial Park & dedication of Veterans' Tribute plaque at CHS.

Special Projects:

Feb/March 2011 Launch of Facebook page. Currently has 870 Members

May 2011 Alumni Society Website launched: Sharon Esterley

To date over 12,000 names have been uploaded onto class & faculty/staff rosters from 1911 to 2011, 7,000+ visits to the site, 612 active members (23% of whom have added photos).

Pages:

- Class & Alumni/Faculty rosters, with yearbook photos uploaded to profiles of 10 class rosters
- Photo galleries for photos posted by alumni
- Veterans Survey & Veterans Tribute page
- Alumni Chat – threaded discussions on various topics
- Class Links/Websites – 14 yearbooks scanned & uploaded, links to class websites, videos, etc.
- CHS Theatre Project information page
- Flashbacks of CHS history: photos and factoids of the decades
- Class Reunion announcements
- In Memory – individual pages for deceased alumni

Goals:

- To have all class rosters complete, including alumni who were part of each class but didn't get to graduate with them – "Once a Wolf, Always a Wolf!"
- Continue to establish memorial pages for deceased alumni
- To scan & upload all CHS yearbooks to the site & provide digital records to CHS: Frank Comstock
- To upload yearbook photos to all alumni profile pages: Frank Comstock
- To promote & encourage participation on website with news, events, photos & items of interest

CHS Veterans project: Ken Hargrove, Veterans Coordinator.

Collection of names of CHS Veterans for recognition of Vet's Day - over 390 names collected so far & alumni donated funds for the plaque. CHS Veterans recognition in cooperation with American Legion & City of Claremont, funding & presentation of CHS Veterans plaque at CHS. Creation of a living document publication in which names can continuously be added.

CHS History project: Kathee Hennigan Bautista

Collection of photos & representative facts about CHS history, arranged by decade for display & website.

Distinguished Alumni project: Cecile LaGue Alessi

Identify & recognize the contributions of distinguished alumni of CHS, with biographical information & photos for website, exhibits & publication. This will be an ongoing project as additional alumni are identified.

Alumni Society Buttons: Dana Lewis

Designed & developed Alumni Society souvenir buttons for Alumni recognition & fundraising at July 4, Homecoming, Reunion & other events.

CHS Family Legacy

Compiled list of longest-running & largest CHS Alumni families. Posted on website Alumni Chat section