

The Highlands lowdown

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Dorothy Greene Named 2013 Parade Grand Marshal

by Florence Beier

Parade Grand Marshal Dorothy Greene is being honored for her years of enthusiasm and service in the Highlands. Since her arrival in 1962 she has raised four sons here, been involved in many parents activities, was active in political issues through the League of Women Voters, edited the *lowdown*, and participated in many 4th of July activities.



Grandchildren Jackie and Noah Greene flank Dorothy

Dorothy and her twin sister grew up in Brooklyn. Dorothy attended Adelphi College in Garden City, Long Island, married right after graduation, and moved with her former husband to Syracuse, the Bronx, Topeka, Hayward, and then the

Highlands. The sixties in the Highlands were a Mecca for young families. Dorothy, who had four kids in six years, joined one of the five Highlands baby-sitting co-ops and the Bunker Hill Co-op Nursery School, which had just moved to the Methodist Church at the bottom of the hill. Highlands Elementary

was in full operation, and her boys went on to Turnbull and Aragon. Dorothy remembers playing mom's volleyball at the Rec Center, while they put all their kids in one big playpen. Social life in the Highlands included duplicate bridge at the Rec and

Join the Celebration Team!

by JP Bernard, HCA 2nd Vice President



Our Highlands community has been celebrating Independence Day with July 3rd fireworks and the July 4th parade and other activities for more years than one can remember.

Attending July 4th celebrations is a great way to meet neighbors and friends in a relaxed and festive setting. Participating in the organization and delivery of the event also provides a unique opportunity

to network and connect with fellow residents who are more active in the community.

Please don't hesitate to Join the team of organizers, even if you can only dedicate limited time. We're still looking to extend the team for what looks like an exceptional, vintage celebration! Please contact JP Bernard, HCA 2nd Vice President, at 650-357-7644, or by email, jpybernard@att.net; or Rob Voice at 650-851-2842, or by email, rob_voice@yahoo.com.

HRD Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 7 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

lowdown Deadline

Friday, July 12

HCA Meeting

Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Rick Priola

4th of July: Planning all the parts of our July 3rd fireworks night and July 4th celebration involves a lot of time and a lot of people, and many of our neighbors are deep into it. But we're still recruiting volunteers. You can have your choice of many different activities, from baking for the July 3rd bake sale to helping clean up after the fireworks, to staffing a game at the Midway, or helping at the Dunk Tank. There are many more options. Go to the HCA website, www.highlandscommunity.org, click on the 4th of July Celebration, and you'll see a list of activities and volunteer opportunities. If you'd rather talk with someone, phone JP Bernard, 650-357 7644 or Rob Voice, 851-2842.

Firefighters: I am very grateful for the ongoing assistance and cooperation offered by the firefighters at "our" station located adjacent to the Highlands. They remind us that there are free monthly CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) classes offered at fire stations. You can find out more about these by calling the Rec Center, 341-4251, or the fire station, 573-3842. We also appreciate their generous support of our 3rd and 4th of July celebrations.

Sewers: Our representatives and representatives from the other County Service Area 1 (CSA1) homeowner associations continue to meet with the County Public Works Staff about our sewer services issues. It's a very slow process. We will continue to keep the community informed.

Sad News: The Highlands has recently lost several longtime residents, among them, my father, George Priola, who moved our family to the Highlands in 1963. Since then, our family has enjoyed all the many benefits the Highlands has to offer. Thanks to my Dad, we had a great childhood, and I came back to raise my own children here.

Dixon Reilley, whose family moved here in 1969, passed away the same day as my dad. He and his wife Aleth were Grand Marshals of the 2011 July 4th parade. Dixon was a longtime community volunteer, a July 4th Treasurer, and an Area Rep who consistently attended HCA meetings.

A third longtime resident, Carol Sullivan, also passed away recently. There will be a celebration of her life at the

Rec Center at 1 p.m. on June 29.

Nostalgia: Photographs of past 4th of July events turn up from time to time and remind us of old neighbors and friends. They're not always dated. The photo below, and the one in "the View" are examples. If anyone can remember when Loretta Mendelson (below) was Grand Marshal or when Paula Schick (page 12) was Miss Turtle Bay, please let me know.

As always, I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the HCA meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me at HCApres@gmail.com.

**HCA Meeting June 25, 7:30 p.m.****Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Sheriff's Dept/CHP/CDR Cal Fire
- IV. Reports
 - A. First Vice President
 - B. Second Vice President
 - C. Treasurer
 - D. Membership
 - E. *lowdown*
 - F. Public Utilities Committee
 - G. Emergency Services Committee
 - H. Land Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business/Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

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lowdown Editor:	Dorothy Greene	341-1752

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	Wil Pinney	345-2546
Emergency Services:	Pam Merkadeau	280-9046
Membership Co-Chairs:	Kim Nations	415-505-3866
	Colin Dasanjh	

HCA MINUTES

HCA Meeting May 28, 2013

by Denise Haas, Secretary

I. Call to Order –The meeting was called to order by President Rick Priola at 7:38 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes –A motion to approve the minutes of April 23, 2013, was moved by JP Bernard, seconded by Jack Kundin, and carried unanimously.

III. Sheriff’s Department/ California Highway Patrol/CDF – No incidents of residential burglaries have been reported recently. There was one report of vandalism at the water tower. Residents are reminded not to leave valuables in their cars in plain sight at Sawyer Camp Road. The speed survey has been completed.

CalFire reported that there was a recent structure fire on Tarrytown. The cause is under investigation. Keeping the fire contained was difficult. Residents with wood shake roofs should think about changing to a composite material. In the past month, Station 17 received 93 calls, of which 41 were to the Highlands. In brief, the calls to Station 17 included medical, coverage to the Coastside station, coverage to other San Mateo County stations, structure, brush, and other fires, and a hazardous material call. LD 100 fire inspections are currently taking place, and, for example, checking for trees resting on roofs. Cal Fire is again a sponsor for the 3rd and 4th of July festivities. The number of wildland fire calls at this time in 2012 were 812. This year it’s 1780. Please be careful.

IV. Reports

A. First Vice President – Liesje

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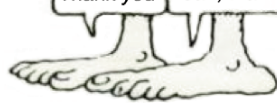
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Nicolas reported on the HRD meeting. It was announced that it is estimated that 600 to 650 students are expected at Highlands School in the fall. The HRD thanked the fire crews who cleared the brush. The HRD has stated that it would like to be more community-driven, less revenue-driven. There will be an election for two seats on the HRD board. The HRD will have a float in the parade

and will manage the dunk tank.

B. Second Vice President – JP Bernard reported on the progress for the July 3rd festivities and the Sewer Task Force. He is looking for volunteers for the clean-up team and the safety team who help crowd flow.

Dianne Weitzel and Rob Voice reported that the parade and 4th of July planning is going well.

The Sewer Task Force met with County Supervisor Dave Pine and plan to meet again on June 6.

C. Treasurer – David Krakower reported that the invoices should be submitted for 3rd and 4th of July expenses.

D. Membership – Kim Nations reported membership is at 35%. Area Representatives will be going door to door to collect membership dues. Over \$4,000 has been raised in donations for the 3rd and 4th of July celebrations

E. lowdown – the deadline for the June lowdown is June 1. The deadline for the July lowdown is July 12.

F. Public Utilities Committee – No report

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HIGHLANDS RECREATION CENTER NEWS



Don't forget the Bookmobile is coming to the Rec from 9-10 a.m. on June 22! Bring your library card and browse the books, DVDs, etc. All ages are welcome!

Drop-off Zone: Summer Camp will operate a morning drop-off on Lexington in front of the Rec. Please avoid parking there from 7-9 a.m.

Walk to the Rec! Be fit this summer. Walk to the Rec. Each time you and your family do so, you'll each get a token. Save the tokens and get prizes. Check our website or the flyers at the Rec for more information.

Volunteer: The Rec is looking for a 6-12th grade summer volunteer to help with office assignments from 10 a.m. to noon. Please email Jeff Schwartz at Jeffs@highlandsrec.ca.gov.

Summer Fun Zone 2013

The Rec is excited to host a weekly Summer Camp jam-packed with amazing games and activities. Each themed week will include a field trip to a different Bay Area location. Spots are still available in Weeks 1-7.

7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (10.5 hrs. of care)

Weekly Fee \$260/275

Week 3 (Closed 7/4) \$215/230

\$5 sibling discount

Week 1 (6/17-6/21) Boomers
Week 2 (6/24-6/28) Marine World
Week 3 (7/1-7/5) Video Game Truck
Week 4 (7/8-7/12) Cull Canyon Lake
Week 5 (7/15-7/19) Golfland
Week 6 (7/22-7/26) Blackberry Farm
Week 7 (7/29-8/2) Sea Bowl/Beach

Youth Tennis

Pre-T Ages 3-6	M/W 6/17-7/17
1:30-2 p.m.	\$80/85
Youth I Ages 6-10	M/W 6/17-7/17
2-3 p.m.	\$180/185
Youth II Ages 8-13	M/W 6/17-7/17
3-4 p.m.	\$180/185

This is an introductory tennis class for children ages 3-13 that teaches balanced movement, footwork skills, and eye-hand coordination.

Destination Science Summer Camp

Ages: 5 to 11 years old

Location: Highlands School LGI,

Instructor: Destination Science Staff

All camps are M-F

Half Day Camp 9 a.m.-noon (\$229/week)

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(\$339/wk)

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6/17-6/21 Wacky Mega-Bot Tech

6/24/6/28 Crazy Coaster Science & Sea-fari Park

7/1-7/5 Astronaut Adventure Camp

(due to July 4th, \$209 half day, \$299 full day)

7/8-7/12 The Ultimate Survival Zone

Rainbow Chefs Summer Camp

Ages: 6 to 16 years old

Location: Highlands Recreation

Multi-Purpose Room

Instructor: Rainbow Chefs Staff

Around the World in 5 days

M-F 6/17-6/21 9 a.m.-1p.m. \$235/240

The World of Edible Art

M-F 6/24-6/28 9 a.m.-1p.m. \$235/240

Five Days in Italy

M-F 7/8-7/12 9 a.m.-1p.m. \$235/240

The Gourmet Bake Shop

M-F 7/15-7/19 9 a.m.-1p.m. \$235/240

Horseback Riding Summer Camp

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available with prior arrangement and for an additional charge. For more info, go to www.glenoaksequestrian.com

Ages: 6-14 years old

Location: Glenoaks Equestrian Center, 3639 Alpine Rd. Portola Valley, 94028

Instructor: Glenoaks Equestrian Staff

All classes: 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. \$550

M-F 6/17-6/21

M-F 6/24-6/28

M-F 7/8-7/12

M-F 7/15-7/19

M-F 8/5-8/9

M-F 8/12-8/16

Online Drivers Ed

This online drivers education course is approved by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Reading, flash graphics, videos, and quizzes will prepare the reader to pass the written DMV test. The course is very easy to use. You simply log into the website, enroll, and then you can begin immediately! For more information about the course and to register, go to Economic Online Driving School at www.economicdrivingschool.com. When registering, make sure you complete the question that asks, "How did you hear about us?" by choosing Activity Guide, then enter HRC code: 4251.

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by Valerie Anderson, President's Office Coordinator



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July 3rd Fireworks Safety Reminder*by the 4th of July Committee*

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Street), and Newport Street will be closed to vehicles starting at 6 p.m. Foot traffic will be allowed in these areas on the house-side only. Yellow caution tape and/or barriers will be used to indicate all of the restricted areas.

We apologize for any inconvenience these may cause and very much appreciate your cooperation. Remember, these restrictions are in place for your safety! The fireworks will start at approximately 9:30 p.m. Please come and enjoy a safe and spectacular show!

July 4th Schedule of Events

- 8-8:30 a.m. July 4th Footrace
 9-9:45 a.m. Parade Registration/Pre-Judging.
 10 a.m. Parade Begins
 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Midway Games
 Dunk Tank
 T-Shirt Sales
 Food Booth
 1 p.m. Award Presentations

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Rec Center

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Highlands Book Club

by Jo Nassutti



We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:15 a.m. in Multipurpose Room B in the

childcare center, south of the main Rec Center building. Visitors are always welcome.

On **July 2** we discuss *The Language of Flowers* by **Vanessa Diffenbaugh**. This thought-provoking book portrays the U.S. Foster Care System. It begins as Victoria ages out of the system on her eighteenth birthday. The talk of flowers is a good antidote to the harsh realities of Victoria's life.

For **August 6** we read *The Light Between the Oceans* by **ML Stedman**. In 1918 a lighthouse keeper comes home to his native Australia after four years on the Western Front. After years of childlessness, he and his young wife find a lifeboat with a dead man and a live baby near their isolated lighthouse. Do they report their find, or keep the baby as their own?

Questions, call Betty O'Connor at 650-345-9764. Note that books listed above are subject to change, you may call Betty to be sure.



Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Join the 4th of July Parade

► **Parade Grand Marshal: from page 1** New Year's Eve parties at the Rec sponsored by ORT, a Jewish women's organization. "The Highlands was a wonderful place to raise children, and neighborhood friends' support has been especially important for me through the ups and downs of life," said Dorothy.

Dorothy's professional career has mostly included editing and publishing newsletters. Among her many responsibilities with the League of Women Voters, which included chairing studies of county government and serving on the state board, was editing the state newsletter and then the local *Voter* for the last 15 years. She also edited publications for the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County and even one time the CSM course catalog.

"I really enjoy doing the *lowdown*," says Dorothy.

"Managing the ads and the mailing has given me the opportunity to get to know local advertisers. Producing the *lowdown* has enabled me to meet some of the young people in the Highlands."

In her spare time, Dorothy does crossword puzzles, plays bridge, goes to plays at ACT and Berkeley Rep, and supports the Peninsula Symphony. This year at the 4th of July, Dorothy will ride in style as the Parade Grand Marshal, honored as the outstanding Highlands citizen of the year. Her family will take her place to host her traditional pre-parade brunch. Fifteen years ago her son David and his family won first prize in the parade with their son Noah's stroller decorated to represent Thomas, the Tank Engine. This year, David and Noah will again work at the Midway.



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► **Minutes:** from page 3

G. Emergency Services Committee – No report

H. Land Committee – No report

V. Old Business – None.

Pack #3 Cub Scouts

by Deborah Dickinson, Pack 3 Community Liaison

Highlands Pack 3 Cub Scouts have had a very active year helping our local community, working a booth at last year's Midway, and leading the July 4th parade. They also spent a day in the Highlands School Garden, weeding and preparing the beds for the new school year, and helping clean up a stretch of waterfront at Coyote Point Park.

The boys have enjoyed Cub-ons, First-Aid Training, Hiking, Fishing, Museum visits, and more. We recently said goodbye to several Webelos who bridged to Boy Scout Troops in the

VI. New Business/ Announcements – Melissa Wilson presented her idea to form a community awareness group.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

area, and the remaining boys received their Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges at our final Pack meeting of the year in June. They will be participating in the the upcoming 4th of July parade and celebration too.

If you have a child who is interested in joining our Pack, you can contact our current Scoutmaster, Barrie Dickinson, at 650-245-2251 for more information. Pack 3 meets on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8 p.m., and Dens usually meet once a month also.

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HIGHLANDS SCHOOL AND UMC NEWS

PTA News

by Etienne Vick



As we end the 2013 school year, positive changes are continuing to occur daily in prepara-

tion for the 2013-14 PTA events calendar, fundraising activities, and budget planning. Our students and their learning environment are top priority. The Highlands PTA works closely with the instructors to supplement and support the HET (Highly Effective Teaching) curriculum. Membership in the PTA is vital.

Earlier this year, the Highlands were visited by a nonprofit charity, "Healthy Planet." After careful evaluation of our award-winning garden and our parents' and principal's input, they have granted the Highlands school an overall redesign of garden space plus supplemental garden plots, new covered tables, a gray-water storage tank, updated compost area, and supplemental curriculum.

Healthy Planet's vision "is a world where every person and organization can make a difference locally and globally to the health and welfare of the planet and its people. Even small actions together can make a big difference. The health of the planet and local communities are inextricably linked to personal health and well being." Thus their projects are designed to bring all of these elements together in new and innovative ways in which everyone participates. The life lessons begin now in childhood and are carried forward into adulthood.

Healthy Planet will empower Highlands by supplementing funds, time, and guidance to seamlessly incorporate the school garden into the culture of the elementary school. It will be hands-on for the students

in helping in the development and maintenance of the garden while concurrently engaging in classroom-related activities based around the garden and the impact of everyday food choices. They will grow and cook their own vegetables and discuss/ implement possible enterprises one can develop and participate in. The goal is for the Highlands students grades K-5 to work closely with teachers and volunteer garden parents to implement a "Healthy Growing" lesson plan, garden schedule, and compost strategy. The website www.smartgardener.com has been suggested as a supplemental resource. Training will be discussed prior to each semester. Wishing you a delightful summer and Happy

Crystal Springs UMC News

by Steve Schlichter

Ongoing Activities: Meditation - Rev. Hee-Soon Kwon
Monday Evenings 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday Mornings 8:45- 9:45 a.m.

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Field Trip: Parkside Aquatic Park

Wk 3 7/8-7/12 Reach, Throw, and Go

Field Trip: San Gregorio State Beach

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Wk 6 7/29-8/2 Breath of Life

Field Trip: Shoreline Aquatic Center

Wk 7* 8/5-8/9 Save a life, Shock 'Em!

Field Trip: Raging Waters

*Participants of this week will receive American Red Cross Certifications in basic First Aid, CPR and AED.

Swim lessons are available at many convenient times. Call us today to sign up!

Annual 4th of July Tennis Tournament



It's always fun to play for the blue or red team. Please sign up before June 29 if

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Your check for \$10 can be made out to Dora Kreidl and pushed under her door at 2228 Bunker Hill Drive.

Paul Fisher will put the teams together. They will be Men's or Women's Doubles, even Mixed if there is enough interest. The format is 2 out of 3 sets, with the 3rd set being a 10-point tiebreaker in lieu of a full set. Don't forget to include your level of play, your phone number and e-mail address, and if you have any time restrictions. The games start at 11 a.m. sharp.

If you have questions for Paul Fisher, contact him at 341-8863 or email pdfisher40@yahoo.com. With questions for Dora Kreidl, email d.kreidl@sbcglobal.net or phone 573-8764.

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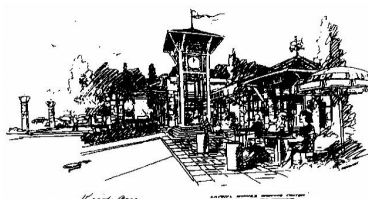
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Illustrious History of Highlands July 4th Celebration

by Florence Beier

With many new families in the Highlands these days, it's appropriate to review the history of our July 4th celebration and also refresh the memories of long-time residents. Our annual neighborhood blast was born in 1960 out of community spirit and a desire to keep our friends and neighbors off dangerous highways and safely celebrating at home in the Highlands.

By 2013, some of our traditions have disappeared. In the 60's competition to be 4th of July queen, contestants were judged on community achievement, poise, personality, and natural beauty. The 1960 queen was Michele Malynn, who entered the contest as Miss New Brunswick. She rode in a parade of convertibles with the other contestants – "lined up so as to coordinate the color of bathing suits with color of car and upholstery."

Also gone by are the Olympic Games, volleyball, puppet show, and a gala dance. But one event that I



Paula Schick, Miss Turtle Bay

really miss now, which was still observed thirty years after the founding, was the potluck the evening before the 4th. All the volunteers and families gathered in the gym at the Rec Center to feast, socialize, and shuck corn for the food stand. The fireworks used to be on the 4th until the year that we forgot to send in the deposit to reserve the pyrotechnics. That year, with great trepidation, the fireworks were moved to the 3rd. Then everyone liked the new date better.

A few of the original organizers in 1960 are still active. Ted McDonald now sells tickets at the Midway. Clyde Burch will be at the parade and the Rec Center. Let us know about anyone else.

The parade, midway, food booth, music, and face painting for the children are still as festive as ever. Tennis, swimming, golf matches, and the early morning run still draw plenty of contestants. July 4th will be here before you know it, so get involved. It's your party!