



# THE VALLEY ECHOES

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## Alumni Reunion 2016

SPA's Alumni Reunion will take place on **Saturday, June 18, 2016** at the old campus. Registration will begin at 8:30 am at the church with song service starting **promptly** at 9:45 am. There will be a brief SPA Alumni Business meeting immediately after the church service concludes at 11:30 am.

The school staff has graciously again agreed to cater lunch in the Grove and will be served starting at noon. The menu will be all vegetarian and the cost is \$14.00 for each person. If you will be paying by check, all checks **MUST** be paid in advance to:

Lucy Nelson  
1401 El Norte Pkwy, #24  
San Marcos 92069

Payments can also be paid online by credit card via PayPal:  
[www.sanpasqualacademy.com](http://www.sanpasqualacademy.com)

Payment must be received by **June 8, 2016** to guarantee a lunch.  
Only those who have pre-paid will have a catered lunch.

# President's Message

Dear Alumni, Faculty and Staff;

I hope that everyone had a wonderful New Year and are all settling into 2016. Time seems to fly by faster each year. I cannot believe we are already gearing up for our next Alumni Reunion, set for Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the old campus.

We are still working out the church program and other small details. However, our worship service will be held in the church and our guest speaker will be Pastor David McCoy, Class of 1976. I know this is a great honor for Pastor McCoy since he will be celebrating his 40-year reunion! If you have any suggestions or would like to participate, please contact any board member. We would like to continue the tradition of having the Honored Classes highlighted during the service.

Lunch will be held in The Grove, which will be catered by the school café allowing plenty of time to visit with friend and classmates.

As far as Association business, there have been some changes in the officer positions. Carol Adams, Class of '65, has decided to step down from the Vice-President position and Lucy Nelson, Class of '65, has agreed to step into the Treasurer's position. I would like to take this time to thank Carol for her time and dedication which she graciously gave to the Association. It takes a lot of time and commitment to keep the Association running in a productive manner. I would also like to welcome Lucy Nelson aboard. I know she will be a wonderful fit and a hard worker. She and Julie Casey have already made great headway with our application and process for the Non-Profit 501(c)(3) status. We are almost there!

We will be awarding two Scholarships / Grants to two worthy students again this year. The completed applications have been received and will be reviewed in order to make our selections. I am very pleased that the Class of '85 will also be awarding two additional Scholarship / Grants in the name of the Class of 1985. Remember you can always contribute to the Scholarship/Grant program by donating any amount earmarked for the SPA Scholarship / Grant Program or start raising funds now for your honored year and present it as a class gift.

In closing, I would like to encourage every one of you to stay in contact with your classmates, friends and faculty. It is what keeps SPA alive!

Hope to see you all at the reunion; I know we will have another great reunion turn out!

Respectfully,

**Mark A. Waldo, '85, President SPA Alumni Association**

**SPAAA**

**Board of Directors**

**Mark A. Waldo, '85**

*President*

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**Open**

*Vice-President*

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**Lucy Amende Nelson, '65**

*Treasurer*

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**Julie Casey, '87**

*Secretary*

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**Brian Litzenberger, '90**

*Sgt. At Arms*

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**Danny J. Goff, '70**

*Webmaster / Data  
Coordinator*

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**Advisory Positions**

**Don Conibear, '63**

*Historian / Custodian of  
Records*

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**Charlotte Young, '83**

*Reunion Registration  
Coordinator*



**Webmaster's Corner**

We've had a lot of activity on our Web site and Facebook pages. We now have 872 members on our [Facebook Group](#) and 1310 on our [Classmate Database](#) online.

This year I will be doing a revamp of the Website to change things up a little. Watch for some good changes soon. I appreciate any input you might have.

We have several people a day who visit to look through their class pages, galleries, and history pages. Please take the time to register, if you have not already done so, in our online database. If you have already registered, please make sure your information is up to date.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

Danny J Goff  
Webmaster/Data Coordinator  
SPA Alumni Association  
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The Vice President position is open – currently seeking candidates.

If you would like to help and guide your Alumni Association, here is an opportunity for you to take an active part. Please contact any Alumni Association officer to apply.

## Treasurer's Report April 2016

Many thanks to all alumni who continue to support our SPA Alumni Association! Without you, a reunion wouldn't be possible.

Currently, the treasury balance is \$11,302.37. The 2015 income consisted of Alumni Day offering, individual donations and lunch sales. The total amount collected was \$2,032.10. Our expenses for the day came to \$1,543.11.

As we have done for the last several years, two worthy students will be selected from the current SPA graduating class, and each will receive a \$500 scholarship. As stated in our recently submitted Articles of Incorporation, ***"The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are to provide scholarships/grants to worthy high school students to further their educational goals and to provide grants to improve school facilities or programs."*** These scholarships are evidence of our interest in continuing support of this program.

Our Alumni Association still needs your financial support in order to survive and thrive. Please consider appropriate support on Alumni Day or at any time throughout the year, either online through PayPal, or by a donation sent to:

Southeastern California Conference  
Attn: Rachael Gil  
PO Box 8050  
Riverside, CA 92515-8050

***Checks should be made to  
"Southeastern California Conference"  
with a notation that the check is for the  
SPA Alumni Association***

We are currently in the process of applying for 501(c)(3) non-profit status. When that process is complete, donations (other than lunch sales), may be tax-deductible. Watch for more information as we work through the various processes and red tape to make this a reality.

Thank you for supporting your SPA Alumni Association.

**Lucy Nelson, '65**  
Treasurer, SPA Alumni Association

## 2016 HONORED CLASSES

1956 ~ 60 yr.

1961 ~ 55 yr.

1966 ~ 50 yr.

1971 ~ 45 yr.

1976 ~ 40 yr.

1981 ~ 35 yr.

1986 ~ 30 yr.

1991 ~ 25 yr.

1996 ~ 20 yr.

### ~ **Lunch Menu** ~

~ Mexican Lasagna

~ Spicy Black Beans

~ Caesar Salad

~ Chips and Guacamole

~ Italian Cannoli

~ Herbed Lemonade  
and Strawberry  
Lemonade

\$14.00 per person

## Secretary's Notes

In addition to working on the upcoming Alumni Day, the Board has been very busy working toward our goal of becoming an independent 501(c)(3). The first step, that of filing our Articles of Incorporation with the State of California, has already been accomplished. While waiting for final approval of our Articles of Incorporation, we have drafted our bylaws in preparation for filing with the IRS for our own 501(c)(3) status. The Board is excited that we're making progress toward this goal and feel that it will be a good move for the future of the organization.

As always we are grateful to the current school administration for allowing us to hold our Alumni event on their campus. Please remember that though SPA feels like home to us, we are now guests, so as we return in June be sure to say thanks to any of the school staff you come across. Also, help us make the day a success by participating in the wonderful lunch the school graciously agrees to prepare for us. Our participation provides work opportunities for the students and helps ensure their willingness to provide this service for us, so please order your lunch early.

We look forward to seeing many of you in June.

Respectfully,  
Julie (Miller) Casey, '87  
SPAAA Secretary



Mike Stava, '83 – April 12, 2016

Sharon Fry Smith, '74 – March 5, 2016

Cheryl Murphy Berger, '76(?) – February 24, 2016

[George Pleitez](#), '87 – February 8, 2016

[Cherylin Klooster Peach](#), '68 – August 27, 2015

Rik Mitchell, '70 – August 7, 2015

Crystal (Cooke) DuBrey, '74 – July 11, 2015

[Vickie Johnson-Nelson](#), '69 – June 22, 2015

Steve Knorr, '62 – January 19, 2015

Kathleen (Kay) Rose Kragstad Carter, '66 – March 12, 2014

Vernon David Wallace Rickard, '59 – February 2, 2014

Lori Spenard-Van Dell, '70 – September 26, 2012

Sina Siliga Masaniai, '65 – May 20, 2011

Celestino Estrada, '65 – 1985

Mary Cox Bosley, '65 – Date Unknown

Roy Nelson, '65 – Date Unknown

# Alumni Gatherings

## San Pasqual Academy Class of 1966 – 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

Friday night, 06/17/2016 - Saturday, 06/18/2016



6:00 PM -Friday night

### **HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - Escondido**

1250 West Valley Parkway @ 1-15 S

Located one-half mile from Vintana Restaurant

- Casual get-together
- Light refreshments (hosted)

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM – Saturday

### **Old SPA Campus**

- Church Service
  - Class roll call
  - Lunch in grove
- a) bring your own picnic ...OR ...  
b) purchase lunch tickets (encouraged)

6:00-10:00 PM – Saturday

### **'66 Party – VINTANA RESTAURANT**

9th Avenue @ 1-15 South – Escondido

- Casual attire
- Buffet dinner - \$35.00/person
- Reservations required by May 18, 2016

(Contact Patti Rakis to reserve your spot:

[pattirakis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattirakis@sbcglobal.net))

### **Block of rooms reserved at Holiday Inn Express**

Call 760-741-7117 and use **SPA50 BLOCK**. They will require a credit card; however, it will not be charged until your arrival. The normal posted rate is \$180 and our group rate is \$129.00/night, including breakfast.

*Reserve early to ensure group rate and availability!*

### **SPA Kids Maui Adventure October 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Hosted by Teri Walraven Cornwall, Bill Hawkins and  
Carolyn Hawkins Trace

This is not an official reunion, just a time for former students, faculty, and friends to have a good time and keep in touch.

Below is just a sampling of the activities scheduled. Participate in as many or as few as you like:

October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. Burn n Love \$60

<http://www.burnnlove.com/home>

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 4 a.m. Haleakala Sunrise \$10/car

<http://www.nps.gov/hale/planyourvisit/sunrise-and-sunset.htm>

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. Church Service, followed by a potluck and then a luau at night

For more information contact one of the organizers:

Bill: [bill.hawkins@live.com](mailto:bill.hawkins@live.com)

Carolyn: [cmtrace@yahoo.com](mailto:cmtrace@yahoo.com)

Teri: [mtcornwall@charter.net](mailto:mtcornwall@charter.net)

Email Carolyn to be added to the private Facebook Event to see all the suggested activities and to join in the discussion.



## Alumni Activities



**Sean Trace '96** and **Phuong Vy**, international singer, were married at a private beach resort near the South China Sea in Vietnam last year. Sean is an author, teacher, screen play writer and producer and lives in HCMC Vietnam. Sean and Vy are expecting their first baby in May. **Carolyn Hawkins Trace**(Class of 1966 and Faculty 2001-2004) will be flying to Vietnam to welcome the new baby and share in the excitement.

### **Alumni Reunion will be held at our beloved Old Campus:**

17701 San Pasqual Valley Road Escondido, CA 92025

*Church Service:*

9:45 ~ 11:30 am

*Business Meeting:*

11:30 ~ 11:45 pm

*Catered Lunch in the Grove & Time with Friends:*

12:00—5:00 pm