



FALLBROOK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

June 2005 Newsletter

It is hard to believe that another year has passed and we are approaching year number five since a few Fallbrook High School Alumni gathered to form this Association...a group of former students wanting to "give back" to Fallbrook High. Each year has presented more opportunities to do just exactly that.

Beginning my second year as president, I made a personal goal for our association to be in a position to give \$1000 in scholarship money by the end of the school year. We did it...and more...starting off in the fall by supplying over 50 fully stocked backpacks to needy FHS students, a direct result of our "Backpack Buddy" program. Not only has this endeavor been very enthusiastically supported by our FHS Alumni, and the local business community has once again stepped up to the plate. Our student fund has grown to \$2515.55 thanks to some extremely generous former students and community business owners. We have even received an offer by one individual (who wishes to remain anonymous) to match dollar for dollar (up to \$500) any extra donations made to the Student Fund.

As a result, we gave three \$50 "Do The Right Thing" awards to deserving students for showing exemplary character. Often students face strong challenges, and have tough decisions to make. Doing the right thing is not always as easy as it looks. We have many outstanding young people attending Fallbrook High School, and the selection process was difficult.

During the Senior Awards Assembly at the end of the academic year, the Association proudly awarded three scholarships totaling \$1500. Based on need as well as academic achievement, these awards were presented: \$500 to Michelle Jilly who will attend Brooks Institute of Photography; \$500 to Jeanette Bradbury for the fine arts in both writing and graphic design. The third \$500 scholarship was given in memory of Patricia Klaviter Grevatt, to Robert Kabrel, who will be studying elementary education.

To those who did not know her, Pat Grevatt was one of the enthusiastic founders of the Fallbrook Alumni Association, an elementary school teacher, and a member of the FHS graduating class of 1957. Her dedication to students was a lifetime endeavor, and her desire to give back to her high school was unsurpassed.

We are beginning a new year with the hope of continuing to be a source of encouragement for our "Warrior Kids". In August we will meet for our annual "Backpack Buddy" packing party and potluck barbecue. You are all welcome to attend. Bring your favorite meat for the barbecue and a side dish to share, and join in the fun!

Of course with the "matching funds" program mentioned earlier, we hope each of you will add a little something extra when you renew your membership. We now total 132 members, representing alumni from the classes of 1929 through 2000, and look forward to more this year. It is my wish to meet as many of you as I can. Perhaps a good time would be at the Homecoming Game on September 30. Please try to come, support the Fallbrook Warriors, and remember: ONCE A WARRIOR, ALWAYS A WARRIOR!!!!

Jan Mahr Owen
President

In an effort to serve the ongoing needs of the FHS student body, we purchased 55 backpacks and filled them with the most-needed school supplies. These gifts were greatly appreciated by both the recipients and the staff. In order to expand the program for the coming school year, we are going to solicit donations from alumni and local businesses for this event. Bill, Peggy and Jan stack completed backpacks.



This year's "Backpack Packing Party" and potluck barbecue will be on August 20, 2005 at the Mahr Ranch in Fallbrook at 4 pm. Come and join in the fun!

HOME COMING



If you missed it, you missed a great time. The Fallbrook Alumni Association had a fun tailgate party in the stadium for the 2004 Homecoming Game. We barbecued hot dogs and served chips and beverages, and had a fine time visiting with old friends. We hope to see you at Homecoming this year on September 30, 2005.

AWARDS

This school year the Alumni Association presented \$150 to students at Fallbrook High School for “Doing The Right Thing.” The recipients were Courtney Ochletree, Mallory Thompson, and Rocie Valasques.





We also presented our first scholarships, totaling \$1500.00. The three grateful scholarship winners were Jeanette Bradbury, Michelle Jilly, and Robert Kabrel. Jim Grevatt, Jan Mahr Owen, Principal Ruth Hellams, and Karen Ricci, in charge of scholarships and awards, are seen in the photo at the left. Jim, and the happy recipient of the first ever Patricia Klaviter Grevatt Memorial Scholarship, Robert Kabrel, are on the right.

Please note that we have a new mailing address! We encourage you to send in your membership renewal as soon as possible so that we can continue our many projects in support of Fallbrook High School and our community. Dues are \$15/yr, but if you pay for 4 years in advance, you will receive your 5th year free! Please send in your renewal to:

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The officers of the Alumni Association would like to thank Peggy Sierras-Shell for her dedication and hard work on behalf of our association. Peggy served with distinction as our treasurer since the association's inception, but is retiring despite our pleas. She has promised to continue her support and share her expertise when needed. If anyone would like to assume the responsibilities of treasurer, please contact us. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary have all agreed to remain for another two-year term of office.

If you have any questions or desire more information about our activities, please call or email Jan Mahr Owen at 951-695-1554 (abbymagoo2@aol.com), or Bill Hansen at 760-723-9817 (wjhansen1963@aol.com).