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Atwater High School Alumni News and Notes

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Miracles Do Happen

Miracles Do Happen Assembly is a student run holiday program in its tenth year at AHS. It believes in the power of a wish and in providing a measure of joy for others, and supports the students and families of AHS classmates. In the past things like a day at a spa for a mother battling cancer, a trip to Disneyland for a sibling with autism, bikes and gift cards have been provided.

The students depend on donations for individuals, businesses, and organizations to grant as many wishes as possible. The **Atwater High School Alumni Association** has been a major supporter of this effort through the donations of the great alumni. We hope you will consider providing a donation to this cause this year.

Donations of credit or debit card can be made through our website at www.atwateralumniassociation.com or checks in care of the association to 106 Laurel, Atwater CA 95301.

Alumni News

- Congratulations to Robin Carter (73) as a recipient of a distinguished alumni award for service by Sacramento State.
- Joey Horta (99) has taken a new position as a reporter for Channel 2 TV San Francisco.
- We were saddened to hear of the passing of Rebel Freitas (65) our thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and classmates.

Alumni News– Reunion Season



*“The older
you get, the
more
important it is
to know the
people that
knew you
when”*

Amy Poehler

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Interesting Facts

Pluto has not made a full orbit of the sun since its discovery in 1930

A group of frogs is called an army.

Reunion Planning

Being part of a reunion committee can be a fun and rewarding experience. Just ask anyone who has participated. Starting early is the key. If your class year ends in a **4** (64, 74, 84, 94, 04, 14) or an **9** (69, 79, 89, 99, 09, 19) now would be a good time to get a group together and start the fun.

Reunion Updates— The following are upcoming reunions the association is aware of. If your committee would like to be included contact us at AtwaterAlumni@outlook.com.



The **Class of 79**, always the plan ahead class is looking for members to update and provide information for a informal **45 Reunion** get together next summer and looking ahead to their 50th. Its never too soon to start planning and it only increases the fun. You can contact Tina Kramer on Facebook to update or provide new information



The **Class of The 60's** has announced the return of their popular multi class reunion theme. Planning is underway for an event currently scheduled for November 2, 2024, so make your calendar with more information to come. For those who attended the last event you know how much fun was had, for those who didn't this is another chance to renew old friendships and reminisce. Any one who is interested in helping the event can contact the committee though their Facebook group page or send a note to AtwaterAlumni@outlook.com and we will forward the offer.

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Looking Back

The following class years are celebrating milestones this year. Here are some interesting things that happened during the months and year they graduated. There were many interesting events every month, and these were selected as only one interesting and, in some cases, fun example.

October

1963 – The S.F. Bay Bridge converts to one way on each deck. Top song is. “Sugar Shack” by Jimmy Gilmore and the Fireballs.

1968 – IXX Summer Olympics opens in Mexico City. Top song for the month and year, “Hey Jude” by The Beatles.

1973 – Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns following investigation of corruption. Top song is “Half Breed” by Cher.

1978 – Pope John Paul II is inaugurated as Pope. Top Song is “Kiss You All Over” by Exile.

1983 – U.S Senate establishes Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a federal holiday on the third Monday of January. The top song is “Total Eclipse of the Heart” by Bonnie Tyler.

1988 – Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis made a campaign stop in Merced. The top song is “A Groovy Kind of Love” by Phil Collins.

1993 – Nelson Mandela and South African President F.W. de Klerk awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The top song is *Dreamlover* by Mariah Carey.

1998– The Federal Reserve lowered the prime interest rate to 8%, the lowest level in four years. The top song “The First Night” by Monica.

2003 – Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes governor as Gray Davis is recalled by voters. The top song is “Baby Boy” by Beyonce featuring Sean Paul,

2008 – Atwater High School celebrates its 50th anniversary with a series of events. The top song is. “Whatever you Like” by T.I.

2013 – UC Merced enrollment surpasses 6,000 students. The top song is “Royal’s” by Lorde.

2018 – The largest jackpot in US lottery history, \$1.6 billion is won by one person in South Carolina. The top song is “Girls Like You” by Maroon 5 featuring Cardi B.

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Association Notes:

- The Association wants to recognize the great **Class of 1973 and Class of 2003** for including a Legacy Scholarship fundraising element as part of their reunion programs. Thanks to the reunion committee's and all the classmates who attended and supported this program. The scholarships go to aid students continuing their education in college or trade schools and these class's stepped up with their support.

AHS News

- Atwater High School recognized teacher Capri Abbasi as their certified staff member of the month and student service member Tim Labendeira as classified staff member of the month.
- Atwater High School selected Mr. Paul Bristow, longtime coach and teacher as the 2023 Grand Marshal of the homecoming parade.
- Atwater High School Falcon Band placed second in the Santa Cruz Band Review. Drum Major Miah Ward placed first in Military Drum Major.
- The Falcon JV football team are CCC League champions for 2023.



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