

Scott Hopkins (Class of 1967)

Service to PLHS/Community/Journalist

Whenever and wherever virtually any Point Loma High sports team is competing Scott Hopkins will be there, with camera, covering for the *Peninsula Beacon* community newspaper.

His life's passion has always revolved around sports, writing news and feature stories, with a flair for story-telling, especially when it comes to extolling the athletic and academic achievements of his fellow Pointers.

A fourth-generation Point Loman and Class of '67 PLHS graduate, he holds a BS degree (Social Science) and Master's (Counseling and Guidance) from San Diego State University.

As a senior, Scott served as POINTER sports editor, covering a CIF championship win by Bennie Edens' football team. With a curiosity for breaking news and desire to be the "first to know," he installed a police scanner in his car at age 16 and sped to where news was being made.

Scott's sports and news features have earned him dozens of San Diego Press Club awards, often making him the event's top award-winner.

Now retired from his 36-year career as an elementary school teacher in Chula Vista, he's also a longtime fan of the San Diego Gulls hockey teams beginning with the opening of the Sports Arena in 1966. If he's not wearing PLHS colors, he's often attired in a Gulls jersey.

Twice every year Scott takes time for a return trip to Puerto Vallarta, where he reunites with the rural Mexican family he adopted nearly 30 years ago.

Through the years, his generosity has put two young men through universities while his mentorship and gifts have enriched both the family's lives and his. Those gifts have defined Scott's life, much like his devotion to PLHS.