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I've been reading bios already up on the website and wondering if you are as shocked as I am that it's really been 50 years since our graduation from Helix High!! Doesn't seem possible, but as I chronicle my life in this bio, I guess it really has been that long!

I graduated from San Diego State with a degree in Journalism, a minor in English, and a husband, Dick Barnes, who I met in journalism class, in 1969. We moved to New York City after graduation so Dick could get his masters in Journalism while I worked for a buying service as office manager to pay the rent. It was quite a culture shock to move from our beautiful Southern California to the heart of Manhattan! We eagerly came back to San Diego for a few years, moving to Laguna Beach in 1972, where I have lived ever since.

My career path veered from what I thought would be literary to the more analytical – accounting. Go figure (pun intended)! I worked for a golf course designer for a few years, then a dentist - in both cases as office manager/bookkeeper. In 1979, Dick Barnes and I divorced never having had children. We have remained friends and still communicate, at least over the Holidays.

I went to work for a Mexican restaurant in Laguna Beach, Tortilla Flats, as Office Manager and eventually Controller as the business grew to 3 locations. In 1995, I moved to a new restaurant, JAVIER'S, as his Controller and Assistant. And, there I have been ever since. We now have 4 locations, including one in Las Vegas, where I travel regularly. I have finally had an opportunity to use my Journalism education, writing the restaurant menus and advertising/promotional materials. (Not what my 20 year old mind had envisioned, but...) Work keeps me very busy and thoughts of retirement are vague and far away, at best. I have had an opportunity to do some international traveling over the years and am looking forward to my next adventure – thinking Ireland and Scotland. (Once a Highlander, always a Highlander - to paraphrase Manuel's motto.) Now to find the time...

I am so lucky to have a beautiful niece, Trisha and wonderful nephew, Matt (thank you Carol) and their respective families – so much fun. (Please see Carol's bio for more details and pictures.)

Now, in anticipation of our reunion, I'm off to find the 1964 Yearbook... see you all soon!