

May 23, 2018

Dear Classmates,

Happy Summer! Amazing how fast the months fly by.

We have some updates/changes regarding the proposed 40th class reunion. Due to limited responses from classmates to our invitations, we must now adjust our plans. We can set a date and time for those who would still like to get together to enjoy one another's company. We can revisit the idea of a larger gathering in the coming years. And we aren't limited to any anniversary – it can be a 42nd year reunion.

Another issue is that due to life's circumstances, I will not be able to organize the event so if we are wanting to move forward we need someone to act as the chairperson for whatever gathering we may have.

Following is the status of things:

1. Sunday, September 2 at 1:00 pm seems to be a good day and time for most people. It is not an official date until someone takes responsibility for organizing the gathering.
2. To have an organized gathering we need someone to agree to do the following:
 - a. Find a place.
 - b. Decide on whether there will be food and alcohol and whether it will be bring-your-own, or contract with a caterer or facility. Another option is to reserve either a part or whole restaurant/bar for the afternoon and have people purchase whatever they want to eat or drink there.
 - c. Then we can notify everyone and sell tickets ahead of time if there is going to be food and drink or collect at the door if it will be a simpler gathering.
3. If someone, or a group of people, decide to carry on there are several things in place that will make it easier:
 - a. Use of the website and email system for communications and posting information. You will not have to program anything, just forward what you want posted or sent and it will be done for you.
 - b. The class website has a payment processing portal through PayPal and can be set up to forward funds to literally any person or account. This makes it extremely easy to sell tickets or receive any donations / sponsorship gifts and pay vendors.
 - c. We already have a couple volunteers who have indicated they will help in whatever way possible given their geographical limitations.

Summary – if someone, or a group, feels compelled to find a place and reserve the date we can still get together at the end of summer. That person, or group, will need to step up and then find a place and reserve it right away. Then we will carve it in stone and continue to invite everyone to join us. If the event isn't locked in by mid-June, we will notify everyone either way.

Thanks,

Greg Yova

PS If you are interested in taking the lead on this and securing a location, etc., please send a private email to me either through "Contact Us" on the website or directly to Greg_78@cox.net