

# Tempe Union High Class of 1961

Saturday Banquet  
A

Photo Memories  
Of  
The 50 Year Reunion  
Embassy Suites, Tempe, AZ  
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“Fifty Years And Still Going Strong!”

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## Reception Area

Right: The hotel staff did a fantastic job of setting up our reception area. Alumni were to meet here around 6:00 PM for the group photo.

Left: John Black prepares more alumni materials with Bob Hallet and Betty Baird Stone checking in.



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## Reception Area

Left: Old Tempe year books and Bob Hallets' memory book were on display for review.  
Right: A Memory Wreath with pictures of known deceased classmates was on display.

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## Dinning Area

Left: Tables were set to accommodate eight (8) people per table. Total attendance for the evening exceeded 130 alumni and guests. Table decorations and displays were the work of Dena (Billie) Stormont Lasater and a crew of volunteers.

Right: During the dinner, photos were displayed from the Ice Breaker and THS tour.

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Dinning Area

Left: Serving Tables

Right: Portion of the dance floor can be seen.



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## Reception

Left: After the group photo, alumni re-grouped in the reception area for snacks and drinks. Larry Gilbert helps himself to some tasty treats.

Right: Bonnie Black (John) looks over the selections while Dave Short looks on.



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## Reception

Left: Shari Farrington (John) makes her selection.

Right: Bob Burger

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## Reception

Left: Bob Mitchell and Jess Thompson

Right: Ann Marie and Nick Purcell chat with Mary Lou McNatt Nakawatase



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## Reception

Left: Julie Wilson, Pat Moffat and Sara Clark enjoying the food and conversation  
Right: Shari and John Farrington exchange introductions with Jim Goldman..



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Left: Betty Baird Stone jokes with Margret Hyer Heiser and Martha Brubaker Hoyt.

Right: Alberta Hopkins and Pete Wood join Jim and Akiko Austin and Bob Hallet. Jim and Akiko got the long distance travel award for their travel from Japan to attend the reunion (over 6,000 miles).

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## Reception

Left: Bill Wolf takes a look at a 61' Horizon yearbook from the memory table.

Right: Jane Rosio McLure chats with Bonnie Black while Herb McLure listens to Henry Kohlenberg.



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## Reception

Left: Marvin Voris (Class of 60'), Alicia Soza Voris, Tom Krill, Ann and John Hollis.  
Right: The Payne Training School group of Mary Lou, McNatt Nakawatase Donna Pinkston Clark, Martha Randall Hoopes and Jess Thompson.



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## Reception

Left: More year book recollections with Bill Thomas, Ed Mezes, Dave Short.

Right: Kay Johnson Erickson, JoDene Pester Melbuer and Sharon McGaughey Carter.

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Left: Donna Wellman Guelich, Jess Thompson, Donna Pinkston Clark, Mary Lou McNatt Kakawatase and Martha Randall Hoopes.

Right: Dan and Sara Clark with Jim Austin

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Left: Laura Scott Brow, Beverly Fuller Standing with Melva and Randall Ramsey.  
Right: LaDene (Fulmer, Class of 62') and Jim Early, with Charles and Catherine Thompson.



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Left: Sandy Flowers Watson, John Radcliff (the thorn between three roses), Jane Rosio McLure, and Bonnie Black smile for the camera... Come on John, smile!

Right: Bob Mitchell and Brenda Batchelor.

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Left: Don and Louise Bonenberger Snell join Myrle Goldsmith Cozby.

Right: Nadine and Eldon Smith are joined by Dick Erickson. Did you know, Nadine , formerly Nadine Chance, was a member of our class in 1958 and 59?



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Left: Sandy Flowers Watson gets some photo pointers from Ralph Bell.

Right: Hugs all around as Sandy and Gwen Owens Huffman smile on.



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Left: Big smiles and laughter from Martha, Sandy, Gwen and Diane.

Right: Louise and Don with Nick and Myrle.

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Left: Pete, Eldon, Nadine and Alberta

Right: Barbra and C.S.

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Left: Bev, Paul Vallone, Connie and Laura.

Right: Duane, John and Larry Fry



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Left: Beverly Barber Wolf and Husband James say hellow to Donna Pinkston Clark  
Right: Bob and Mary Lou chat with Tom and Beverly Wing.

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Left: Janice Lingscheit Lee chats with Ralph Bell. How does Ralph manage to get next to all the women, all the time?

Right: Out on the pool deck where it's a little quieter and cooler, Ann Purcell (Nick), Gene Carter, and Carole Gilbert (Larry)

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Left: Larry and Carole Gilbert.

Right: Some of the reminders of the old days in Tempe and a transition to dinner.



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## Dinner & Program

Left: Ann & Nick Purcell

Right: Jerri and Chuck Holly

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Left: Honored guests, Sandy and Joe Spracale

Right: Honored guests, Greta and Rudy Campbell

Joe and Rudy made presentations on the history and growth of Tempe in the 50's and 60's.

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Left: John and Anne Hollis. A big thanks to John for his work on the program portion of our reunion.

Right: Millie and Duane Strebe.



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Left: Arnold and JoDene Pester Melbuer.

Right: Mark and Carol Perlman

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Left: Bill and Lora Lee Thomas

Right: Bonnie and John Black

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Left: Gary Adams, Ted Williams and Dianne Rickel Bradley

Right: Elaine Beckman Brown, Kay Johnson Erickson, Gwen Owens Huffman



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Left: Karl and Donna Welman Guelich. Karl is a member of the THS Class of 60'

Right: Chris and Brenda Batchelor Kilgard.

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Left: Betty Baird Stone and Ralph share a story or two.

Right: Barbara Grim and Bill Woodruffe

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Left: Ed Garcia shares a few minutes with John and Shirley Lay Carnes

Right: Martha Brubaker Hoyt, Margaret Hyer Heiser and Henry Kohlenberg



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Left: Connie Allen and Husband Paul Valone with Kathy Curtiss and Husband Robert Huff

Right: Bob and Judy Eden Mahr

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Left: Laura Scott Brow, Connie Allen Valone, Beverly Fuller Standing

Right: Alicia Soza and husband Marvin Voris (THS Class of 60')

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Left: Catherine and Charles Thompson

Right: Melva and Randall Ramsey



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Left: Jim and LaDene Early. LaDene is a member of the THS Class of 1962

Right: Ross and Linda Fuller Wells

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Left: Tom and Beverly Wing are joined by Ron Carr

Right: Alberta Hopkins and John Radcliff

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Left: Susan Coulson Condon and Chuck Welch

Right: Alberta Hopkins and Pete Wood, together again.



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Left: John and Shari Farrington

Right: Dennis and Donna Pinkston Clark