

# Riders Return!

*Theodore Roosevelt High School Class of 1971*

*Reunion Newsletter*

January 2022



## Reunion Registration Now Available

It's time to register! And the good news for those of who are guys of a certain age, this time it's not for the draft, as it was when we were at TRHS. Instead, it's for what promises to be a terrific weekend, our 50th(ish) Class Reunion, which will be held on [Friday, May 20](#) and [Saturday, May 21](#), 2022 in Des Moines. The Reunion will include several activities and also plenty of time to catch up with one another. To register for any or all of the activities, go to our Reunion website, [www.trhs1971.com](http://www.trhs1971.com) and click on the 50th REUNION REGISTRATION link at the top of the left-hand column, then follow the instructions on the registration pages on how to register and pay. Don't worry, it's a lot easier than taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills!

Here's what's planned:

### Friday, May 20

- **Reunion Kickoff: Let's Get This Party Started.** We'll get together at the Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse, a familiar setting that will either bring back good memories of golfing triumphs or rekindle feelings of dread for those who endured ballroom dancing classes there. Enjoy conversation with your classmates while catching up on the past 50 years. Appetizers, pizza and salad provided, cash bar. Time: 6-11 p.m. Casual dress. Cost: \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door. Advance registration strongly recommended. Free parking available at Waveland or at Glendale Cemetery.

### Saturday, May 21

- **Tour of TRHS.** 9:45-11 a.m. Built in 1921-22, TRHS opened its doors in 1923 to 1,282 students in grades 7-12. [Today](#), the school educates approximately 2,200 students in grades 9-12 and the student population is one of the most socially, economically and culturally diverse in Iowa. Here's your chance to revisit the halls and classrooms of TRHS and see how much it has changed.
- **Revisit Des Moines.** Between the school tour and the evening event, you'll have time on your own to explore Des Moines or visit your old haunts. You can join classmates/friends for informal lunch at several locations on Ingersoll Avenue, including Palmer's Deli, a roomy, casual spot with good food. Or if you're feeling truly nostalgic, head for Bauder's soda fountain for a malt/shake made with their renowned ice cream, followed by a walk in Greenwood Park and/or visit to the Des Moines Art Center. Or join another group of classmates planning a walking tour of Des Moines' revitalized downtown. Or just take a nap...
- **Reunion Finale: Cheers to 50 Years.** Party at Forté Banquet & Conference Center in downtown Des Moines. Time: 6-11 p.m. Time for more conversation, music, great food and a brief program that will include the encore performance of videos from previous reunions, and perhaps even some dancing. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to take selfie photos at a specially designed photo booth. Somewhat dressier casual dress, but you can leave the tux, coat and tie or evening gown at home (unless you *really* want to wow your classmates). Cost: \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door. Advance registration strongly recommended.

## Help Support TRHS

As part of your Reunion registration, you can also make a gift to **Roosevelt For Generations**, a fundraising campaign and collaborative effort between The Roosevelt High School Foundation and Des Moines Public Schools. Key projects include a complete reimaging of the school's library into a new space for collaborative learning and working in teams with appropriate resources; and a new multipurpose field to be used for athletics, band and other events. For details on the campaign, go to our reunion website, [www.trhs1971.com](http://www.trhs1971.com). A link in the left-hand column, TRHS Capital Campaign 2021, will take you to a brochure detailing the campaign. And if you'd like to help support the expenses of preparing for the reunion activities and the reunion website, you'll be able to do that as well on the on the registration form. So even if you can't make it to reunion, you can still support TRHS and/or help your classmates have a great time.

### Send In Your UnYearbook Photos

If you haven't already checked out the new "UnYearbook" photo gallery on the reunion website, it's worth a look with some photos of classmates. The link, "Un-Yearbook Photos", is in the left-hand column of the Reunion home page.

And if you have some treasured photos from your time at TRHS, both at school and during outside activities, that you'd be willing to add to the gallery, scan the photos and send them to Marie Rich Doyle at [marieldoyle@mchsi.com](mailto:marieldoyle@mchsi.com) or Al Cabbage at [a-cabbage@northwestern.edu](mailto:a-cabbage@northwestern.edu). We'll post them to the gallery.

### Quiz Time: Administrivia

If you were a typical student at TRHS, your contact with administrators and counselors was probably fairly limited. But if you were someone with issues, as the saying goes, you may have spent some time with a few of these folks. For this issue's quiz, match the administrator/counselor with the position he/she held. And take comfort -- the worse you do, the better a student you probably were. Answers below.

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| 1. Velma Cross     | A. Counselor                       |
| 2. Corwin Walden   | B. Vice Principal and Boys Advisor |
| 3. Bruce Gardner   | C. School Nurse                    |
| 4. John Barrett    | D. Girls Advisor                   |
| 5. Beula Newton    | E. Principal                       |
| 6. Mildred Ratched | F. Counselor                       |

### Join the Conversation

The best way to keep up to date on reunion is to check out our Reunion website and Facebook page, both of which are updated regularly. The class website URL is: <http://www.trhs1971.com>. Once you've joined the website, you can see reunion info as soon as it's posted, update your personal info and view classmates' info as well. You can also reach out to classmates by sending messages through the Message Center and see the latest messages in the What's New link. Info about the reunion also will be posted on the Facebook page. The Facebook page is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/211185149334>

### Finding Classmates

Help us find classmates. If you're in touch with any classmates who haven't heard about reunion plans, please forward them this newsletter and/or send us their contact info so we can add them to mailing list. The list of those who have not joined our class website is on the web at: [http://www.trhs1971.com/class\\_classmates\\_missing.cfm](http://www.trhs1971.com/class_classmates_missing.cfm)

### Quiz answers:

1. D
2. A or F
3. E
4. B
5. A or F
6. C. Just kidding -- that one was for all you "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" fans. The actual school nurse, Bridget Sweet, had the unfortunate responsibility of not only dealing with sick students, but also trying to teach us about such things as sex and drugs. How would you like to have had that job back then?!!

*See you at Reunion **May 20-21, 2022!***