

Riders Return!

**Theodore Roosevelt High School Class of 1971
Reunion Newsletter
November 2021**



Reunion Events Set; Make Your Plans To Be There!

Plans are well underway for our 50th(ish) class reunion, which will be held on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2022 in Des Moines. The reunion may have been delayed because of the pandemic, but it promises to be a terrific get-together with fun activities and plenty of time to catch up with one another. Following is the current lineup, with additional plans still in the works.

Friday, May 20

- Welcome Classmates party at Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse. Time: 6-11 p.m. (As the saying goes, 60 may be the new 40, but 10 p.m. is the new midnight.) Casual dress. This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with classmates in a very informal setting and catch up on the last 50 years, all to the soundtrack of our era. Don't worry, the nametags will have senior class photos on them, so you'll be able to figure out who are these people who look old while you haven't changed a bit. Cost: \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door.

Saturday, May 21

- Tour of TRHS, 9:45-11 a.m. Take a walk through the building to visit classrooms where you learned (at least theoretically) math, science, foreign languages, English, history, and more – as well as how to skip out of those classes and head off campus without getting caught.
- Party at Forté Banquet & Conference Center in downtown Des Moines. Time: 6-11 p.m. More talking, more music, the encore performance of videos from previous reunions, and perhaps even some dancing. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to take selfie photos (your grandkids can explain what those are) to share on social media or with friends. Somewhat dressier casual dress, but you can leave the tux or evening gown at home. Cost: \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door.

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. For those who are staying downtown, check out the new Riverwalk, the trendy East Village area and the revitalized downtown.

We're also looking at some other options for activities. Times and costs are still being finalized, but the ones listed above should be close. Registration for the Friday and Saturday night events is expected to open in January 2022 and be available through late April. Look for the information on how to register coming your way early in 2022.

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 pix of classmates. The link is: https://www.classcreator.com/Des-Moines-IA-Roosevelt-1971/class_gallery.cfm?gallery_link_id=30129

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 or Al Cubbage at a-cubbage@northwestern.edu. We'll post them to the gallery.

Quiz Time: Achievements/Performances

We were unquestionably a stellar class, right? So here's a quiz to test your knowledge of some of the key achievements and performances by members of the TRHS Class of '71. (The answers to several of these questions can be found in your senior year yearbook – if you can find yours). Answers below.

1. The girls tennis team soared to a perfect regular season and district and state championships. Which three classmates were state champs?
2. What was the spring musical and which classmates played two of the leading roles?
3. This swimmer took first place in the state in the 100-yard breaststroke. Who was it?
4. Who were the student council presidents?
5. Despite being unseeded in the boys state tennis tournament, this doubles team captured the championship. Who were the two classmates?
6. Who were the editors of the school paper, The Roundup??

Also, a gold star to Becky Rosdail Volk, who pointed out that in the last issue of the reunion newsletter the answers to two questions were not complete. In the question about which classes were held on the third floor of TRHS, in addition to journalism and art, vocal music classes also were held there. And it turns out that the training portion of Drivers Ed (aka the simulator) was not always taught in a mobile classroom, but also was taught in the building for at least one semester.

Help Support TRHS

As part of our reunion, we plan to 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 reimagining 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. When you register for the reunion, you'll have the opportunity to make a donation to support this important effort. For details on the campaign, go to our reunion website, www.trhs1971.com. A link to a brochure detailing the fundraising campaign is in the left-hand column. In addition, 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 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.

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

Quiz answers:

1. Bev Buckley (singles); Barb Buckley and Kim Hudson (doubles)
2. "Guys and Dolls"; Morris Beers played Nathan Detroit and Kitty Cochran played Miss Adelaide.
3. Steve Davis
4. Jerry Leibold, fall; Ron Davidson, spring
5. Dave Hemminger and Mark Wessling
6. Maribeth Anderson, fall; Kathy Tesdell and Jennifer Grismer, spring

The newsletter editor accepts responsibility for all errors but pleads the haze surrounding his years at TRHS as a mitigating factor.

See you at Reunion May 20-21, 2022!