

Riders Return!

Theodore Roosevelt High School Class of 1971

Reunion Newsletter

September 2021



Countdown to May 20-21, 2022

Our 50th-ish reunion is coming! Reunion will be held on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21, 2022 in Des Moines, just eight months away. That gives you plenty of time to study the pictures in your yearbook so you'll recognize everyone (since clearly none of us has changed a bit), make your travel plans, and most importantly contact your classmate friends to urge them to come too. Having to delay our get-together because of the pandemic was unquestionably a bummer (to use a phrase that dates us), but it also reminds of the value of reconnecting with one another.

Reunion will include a number of activities, but we'll also have plenty of time just to chat and catch up. The Friday night party will be at the Waveland Golf Course Clubhouse and the Saturday night event will be at Forté Banquet & Conference Center in downtown Des Moines. Plans continue to develop for other activities including a golf outing, bike ride and hopefully a tour of TRHS. Details to come!

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>

Quiz Time: TRHS Geography

You may still know your hall locker number and combination, but can you remember in what classroom you took algebra or where the bike racks were? Here's a quiz to test your knowledge of TRHS geography from days gone by.

1. Most classes were on the first and second floors, but two subjects were taught on the third floor. What were they?
2. Every homeroom had a number except one. What was it?
3. What room was the training portion of drivers ed taught in?
4. If you include the Hubbell Elementary School property, what four streets border TRHS? (No fair using Google Maps!)
5. The line drawing of Theodore Roosevelt waving farewell used in the logo at the top of this newsletter is based on a plaque that hung in a little-used location in TRHS. Where was it?
6. Bonus question: What is the original source for the drawing that was used on the plaque and here?

Answers below.

Update on Roosevelt Fundraising Campaign; Class Gift Planned

By Mollie Smith Cooney, a member of the fundraising campaign cabinet

Remember spending time in the Roosevelt library? Hopefully you walked through the doors at least ONCE while a student at TRHS! Guess what? It looks EXACTLY the same as it did 50 years ago! The Roosevelt Foundation is in the midst of a \$5 million fundraising campaign in collaboration with Des Moines Public Schools (DMPS) with three goals in mind. They include reimagining the library as a learning and innovation center, redesigning and upgrading the track and field for sports, band and community activities and increasing our endowment. We are thrilled to report that nearly \$2 million in private commitments have been raised as the campaign now expands to the general public. More good news: DMPS has increased its commitment from \$600,000 to \$850,000! In honor of our 50th reunion, the Class of '71 will give a class gift to help future generations. Go to our reunion website, www.trhs1971.com. A link to the fundraising brochure will be in the left-hand column. If you make a gift, be sure to note it's part of the Class of 1971 class gift. Let's show the other classes our Rider Pride!!

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. Art and journalism
2. Girls Gym Balcony (GGB)
3. Trick question. The training portion was taught in a mobile classroom in the parking lot.
4. 42nd Street, Center Street, Polk Boulevard, Chamberlain Avenue
5. The west lobby.
6. The drawing is based on an illustration by long-time *Des Moines Register* editorial cartoonist J.N. "Ding" Darling that was published when Theodore Roosevelt died.

If you didn't do well on the quiz, don't worry. As the old saying goes, if you can remember the 1960s, you weren't really there.

And, speaking of geography, if you want to see where your classmates live now, go to the Reunion website and click on the "Where We Live" link to see a list of where registered classmates live by state or to see a world map.

See you at Reunion May 20-21, 2022!