

Riders Return!

Theodore Roosevelt High School Class of 1971

Reunion Newsletter

October 2020



Note: Given the current Covid-19 pandemic, we realize that many people's plans will depend on whether a vaccine is available, group events are permitted and the pandemic has abated. The following information is based on the hope that those things will have occurred by next August. If, on the other hand the pandemic continues, the reunion will in all likelihood be postponed or held in some other fashion.

Reunion Dates Confirmed

TRHS Class of 1971 classmates, the dates for our 50th reunion have been confirmed. The reunion will be held on Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14, 2021 in Des Moines with casual get-togethers both evenings and additional activities. So mark the dates in your calendar, make sure your contact information is up to date so we can keep you informed, and get ready to see your classmates again.

What's Going On – and What Would You Like To Do?

We're planning events on the evenings of Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14 and considering other possibilities, including a tour of TRHS followed by a picnic on Saturday. **You'll be receiving a survey in the next week or so asking how interested you are in attending the events. Please respond to the survey, as that will help us in the planning.**

As is appropriate for a 50th reunion, the events on Friday and Saturday evenings will be quite informal. So no need to worry about fitting into your senior prom dress or sportscoat (although you undoubtedly could with no problem, we're sure) or remembering how to dance to Three Dog Night. Here's what's planned so far:

Friday, August 13 – Welcome Classmates Night at Waveland Clubhouse

Saturday, August 14 – Remember & Reminisce

<ADD ANY NEW INFO AFTER MONDAY MEETING>

Yikes, I'm Having a Flashback!

Speaking of Three Dog Night, that group's song, "Joy to the World" was the number one single in 1971. Top album: *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Best-selling book: *Wheels* by Arthur Hailey. (No problem if you didn't remember that, as that book was truly forgettable. However, it's worth noting that *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* by Hunter S. Thompson also was published to popular acclaim that year.)

I'll Be At Reunion – Voices from Our Class

By Steve Dallenbach

Three years at TRHS went by so quickly as I look back. But making so many good and lifelong friends has been so valuable to me. I can see where most of the basic directions of

my life and career were directly set in that short time. So many of you would probably laugh if I mentioned where you helped me see a future.

We shared most of the 'firsts' for our young lives together. We also learned valuable lessons about what not to do, too! I hope you all can remember events or relationships with friends or teachers that stick with you.

So working with the Des Moines-area Riders to plan the reunions over the years has been especially meaningful to me. It's refreshing to see how my friends and other classmates who I did not know as well approach problem-solving and life in general.

I look forward to getting the 50th reunion set up. But most importantly I really look forward to seeing and talking with you all. Rekindling old friendships has been great. But there is also a sadness when I see how many Riders have passed away or are facing health issues. It doesn't feel like two days next August will be enough time to speak with the large group of Riders we are expecting for the 50th.

Please send us your stories. Keep up with the Facebook page and the website. Tell us if you can come, as we all look forward to seeing you. Let's get this party started!

--- Steve

Favorite Hangout/Hideout?

What was your favorite place to hang out with friends or hide out by yourself at Roosevelt? Tell us where and why and send your answer to newsletter editor Al Cabbage at a-cabbage@northwestern.edu. We'll include a selection of responses in an upcoming issue of the newsletter. (Just places inside the building or on the TRHS campus, please – no need to share the gory details of your weekend nights at Twin Bridges...)

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 for whom we don't have contact info is on the web at:
http://www.trhs1971.com/class_classmates_missing.cfm

Keeping Informed

The best way to keep up-to-date on reunion (other than this Pulitzer Prize-winning newsletter, of course) 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/class_index.cfm

The Facebook page is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/211185149334>

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. Info about the reunion also will be posted on the Facebook page.

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Go Riders!

