




Survey Report: THS Class of '64 Reunion

Did you attend the THS 50th Reunion (September 2014)? Click the "Next" button to continue.





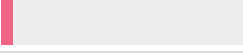
Yes	54.3%		38
No	45.7%		32
Total			70

Rating the Reunion. (Note: If you click on the "x" to the left of the stars, your response will be reset. That is what that little "x" is for.)

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Overall how would you rate our 50th class reunion?	 (4.58)
	Count: 36
	Max: 5
	Min: 3


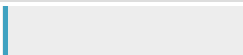
What were the factors that encouraged you to attend the class reunion? (Check all that apply.)

A 50th reunion is an important not-to-be missed event	84.2%		32
Contact with a friend or friends	84.2%		32
E-mail announcements/updates	57.9%		22
Postings on our alumni Website (Classcreator)	65.8%		25
Other	5.3%		2
Total			38

If you checked "Other", please share what encouraged you to attend.

Count	Response
1	Location
1	I wanted to revisit my old haunts, my house, School 18, Downtown, and some other memorable places. The principal at School 18 enjoyed hearing about our legendary principal Miss Barrett. Linda Ginsburg and I walked throughout the school, remembering the layout of our classes and the names of all our teachers during those early years. It was great!

How was the length of the reunion?

Just right	97.4%		37
Too long	2.6%		1
Total			38

Too short	0.0%		0
Total			38

How about the number of reunion activities?

Just right	89.5%		34
Too many	7.9%		3
Too few	2.6%		1
Total			38

Do you feel the costs to attend were reasonable?

Yes	94.7%		36
No	5.3%		2
Total			38

Would you consider attending the next THS Class of '64 reunion?

Yes	97.4%		37
No	2.6%		1
Total			38

Did you attend the Meet & Greet at The Illium (Friday September 19, 2014)?

Yes	92.1%		35
No	7.9%		3
Total			38

How many stars would you give this activity?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Your overall enjoyment of the Meet & Greet




★★★★★ (4.34)

Count: 35

Max: 5

Min: 2

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

The Illium as a venue	 (3.54) Count: 35 Max: 5 Min: 1
Quality of food/drink	 (4.09) Count: 34 Max: 5 Min: 3
Price	 (4.03) Count: 34 Max: 5 Min: 2



Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the Meet & Greet. What did you like? What could be improved? Be as specific and forthcoming as possible.

Count	Response
1	For the number of attendees could have been a larger space.
1	I attended late in the evening so I did not partake in food/drink but the atomosphere was GOOD.
1	I never got to the food table so I really don't know what the food was all about.
1	It was a little too crowded for the group size.
1	It was really crowded....I thought the organization of the event was excellent
1	More seating to sit and chat would have been nice.
1	Too small, not enough tables and chairs.
1	not enough seating food was iffy at best
1	I loved seeing everybody for the first time in years, but I thought the drinks were expensive considering what we already had paid.
1	Would have liked a bigger space. Too small for the number of people. Hard to get some food and drink. Nice to get together.
1	Great atmosphere, however a little tight and very little sitting. \$8.00 for an adult beverage was a little much, in my opinion!
1	This event was way too noisy. No one knew whether to eat dinner first or not. Talking, standing and holding food at same time is not fun. Seating not adequate. Better, this might have been dessert in quieter surroundings, or a picnic supper.
1	I was only able to attend the "Meet and Greet" I appreciated having all activities local especially the Friday night. First time I've been downtown in years
1	There were few people in attendance. I was discouraged by that. If something were to keep me from attending in the future, it would be the low attendance.
1	The venue was good because there were several small rooms thus you could move from group to group. It was crowded but fun.
1	I thought the appetizers were unique and quite tasty. I liked that there were a variety of places to gather within the 2 rooms.

Count Response


1	Liked the idea of meet and greet to get into the weekend. Due to the success the venue was too crowded and loud. At our age many of us wear hearing aids which can be painful in a loud venue. Also needed more chairs, but then not as much room. Staff was great and helpful from a participant viewpoint.
1	This was the only event I could attend and thought it was great. Congrats to those that organized it
1	Although it was well catered, it was a bit too crowded and difficult to get around. The noise level, expectedly made conversation difficult.
1	a place a little more open which would make it easier to talk with everyone. Illium was a little too broken up beside that it was great and my wife and I enjoyed it
1	A great event to open reunion, but a bit cramped for space and getting everyone to say their hellos etc
1	I felt the venue was a little too small for the crowd. It was difficult to get around and to hear what people were saying. As I recall there were 3 rooms for people to congregate, but most people stayed in the first room with the bar, especially early on and it was packed. It may have been better if there were servers to circulate with food and to take bar orders.

Did you attend the THS tour (Saturday, September 20, 2014)?

Yes	63.2%		24
No	36.8%		14
Total			38

How many stars would you give this activity?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Your overall enjoyment of the THS tour	 (4.83) Count: 24 Max: 5 Min: 4
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Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the THS tour. What did you like? What could be improved? Be as specific and forthcoming as possible.

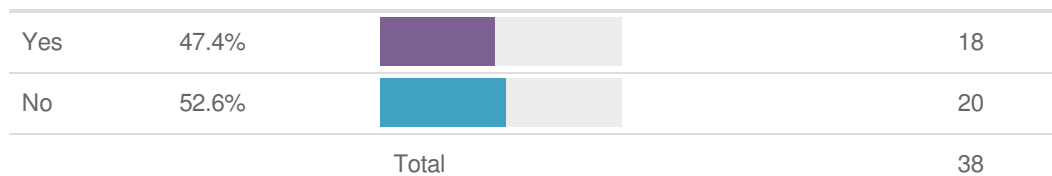
Count Response

1	Brought back great memories!
1	Having students lead the tour was great. I loved their enthusiasm for the school.
1	I loved everything about it.
1	I loved it.
1	I was amazed by all the tech classes they have.
1	Was good to see the many changes at the school and what was still the same.
1	I thought it was great to have some contact with present-day students. And it was a pleasure to see that THS has been well maintained, and is up-to-date. But that doesn't mean I would want to do this again. It's done!

Count Response

1	Would have liked more information about the current state of the school (number of students, how many go to college, number of dropouts). Liked seeing the classrooms that looked familiar. The tour was a great way for people to connect about memories they had. So glad I attended this event.
1	The High School student guides were enthusiastic and made the tour very fun. The informality was nice and the school was in excellent condition.
1	It was really gratifying to reconnect with the people and the school that had played such a part of a special/magical time in our lives.
1	I felt that THS is as good as it gets for a high school with all of the academic offerings and support.
1	I thought the tour was excellent and it provided an opportunity for me to share my high school experiences with my wife.
1	Very glad the school is being well maintained. No damaged walls or classes. The students did a nice with the tour. Missed seeing the new band room. All we needed was Mr Enfant. (Rip).
1	The tour was very good and the young guides were excellent and well-versed and very respectful. No real need for improvement. It was good seeing the OLD SCHOOL again! PS, it's in pretty good shape STILL.

Did you have lunch at the Farmer's Market as part of the scheduled activities on Saturday, September 20, 2014?



How many stars would you give this activity?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Your overall experience	★★★★☆ (4.00) Count: 18 Max: 5 Min: 2
Ease of finding seating	★★★★☆ (3.39) Count: 18 Max: 5 Min: 1
Quality of food/drinks	★★★★☆ (3.94) Count: 18 Max: 5 Min: 2

Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the Farmer's Market as a reunion activity. What did you like? What could be improved? Be as specific and forthcoming as possible.

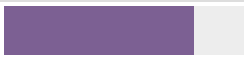

Count Response

1	Attend the Farmers Market often and always find a good selection of food.
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Count Response





1	I was a bit directionally challenged finding the tent, but once I got there it was terrific.
1	It was great to see Troy again. Although I am still local, I don't go downtown.
1	It was nice, however, I would have enjoyed more interactive time with classmates.
1	This was a fun activity but it didn't help us mingle a whole lot. I was able to sit only because people left for us to do that. I don't need to do this again.
1	Having our own tables and chairs with the banner made it feel like our special place. I was pleased with the Troy Farmers Market bags we were given. The maps were also helpful. Many prepared food choices.
1	We could not find the Troy High group and so we ate with friends. Would have loved to see the group.
1	I enjoyed seeing how vital this area of town has become. It had been years since I have been in this part of town. Had difficulty finding our group, but after some searching located people. We were so lucky that the weather cooperated. It was good to have one event where people did not have to decide before if they wanted to go.
1	Since you could tour the market and pick your meal and drinks, it added to the enjoyment of the activity. I even met a classmate who could not attend the reunion but was selling at the market.

Did you attend the Troy County Club Dinner/Dance (Saturday, September 20, 2014)?

Yes	79.0%		30
No	21.1%		8
Total			38

How many stars would you give this activity?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)



Your overall enjoyment of the Dinner/Dance	 (4.43) Count: 30 Max: 5 Min: 1
The Troy Country Club as a venue	 (4.43) Count: 30 Max: 5 Min: 1
Quality of food/drinks	 (4.00) Count: 30 Max: 5 Min: 1
Price	 (4.27) Count: 30 Max: 5 Min: 3

Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the Dinner/Dance. What did you like? What could be improved? Be as specific and forthcoming as possible.

Count Response

1	Having former teacher/mentor Eugene Kane in attendance was a very pleasant and welcomed surprise.
1	I did not like the beef, it was fatty, and very tough. Was not worth the money.
1	I thought the location and event was really well done.
1	It was great!
1	Unfortunately, finding the Country Club was not quite as easy as I had hoped.
1	The seating was very random. It would be nice if we could have known that there would be just a grab a seat.
1	Again, you didn't have much time to communicate with anyone but the people that you were seated with it would be nice to have a common area at one hotel where people can gather before, during and after events and or meals
1	Nice location for the venue. The food was marginal to poor. We expected more of the TCC. It has lost it luster. It was personnaly a great pleasure having Mr Eugene Kane attend.
1	The informal cocktail hour is always a great idea, especially when you haven't seen people in many years.
1	The Troy CC should have been a great venue, but the acoustics made the music horrible for dancing. Some people could not even cut their steaks, much less eat them. The atmosphere was way too noisy. This event should have been fine and I don't even understand why it was so bad because I have been to other events there where dancing/music was fine, and food much better. Transparency in pricing is important. If reunion fee was added on to this event, it should have been explained, or possibly billed separately.
1	Not too much dancing, but glad that it was an option. What a difference from our 25th! As always, I wanted more time to connect with people. That is a sign of a good event.
1	A very nice dinner and the location was excellent. Well planned yet informal. Our table had a great time together. The drinks before hand allowed for plenty of discussions. Tough to improve on this event.
1	Venue quite nice--always liked the TCC and glad to see it has been well maintained over the years. Cocktail hour very nice in terms of appetizers and drinks. The dinner food could have been better. Regarding dinner seating, seemed like people who knew each other grouped together. Not unexpected--but it kind of closed off the experience.
1	The setting was beautiful, especially for the cocktail hour. With drinks included I thought it was a very reasonable price.
1	I liked the pictures taken of each elementary school. The Country Club is a pretty venue. I wished more people were at the reunion.
1	The quality of the meal, itself, was poor. The drinks and appetizers were fine. I wish we could play musical tables, so that you would have more of a chance to talk with more folks.
1	As a young boy, I learned to fish and ice skate on the Country Club Pond. It was great to see that again. We also rode our bikes on the greens which we did not do at the reunion!!

Did you attend the Brunch Cruise (Sunday, September 21, 2014)?

Yes	39.5%		15
No	60.5%		23
Total			38

How many stars would you give this activity?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Your overall enjoyment of the Brunch Cruise	★★★★★ (4.60) Count: 15 Max: 5 Min: 3
The quality of the boat--in terms of it being nicely maintained	★★★★★ (4.47) Count: 15 Max: 5 Min: 2
Quality of food/drinks	★★★★★ (4.33) Count: 15 Max: 5 Min: 2
Price	★★★★★ (4.33) Count: 15 Max: 5 Min: 2

Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the Brunch Cruise. What did you like? What could be improved? Be as specific and forthcoming as possible.

Count	Response
1	We had never done this so thought it was a perfect ending to a great weekend!
1	For those of us who do not live in the area, it was a great event. I loved seeing a different view of the area from the river. Combined with the opportunity for more conversations, it was lovely.
1	It was an opportunity to interact with everyone there, however, sorry so many people went home early and didn't attend.
1	The timing was somewhat off. Many people had already left, and the cruise, while enjoyable had very little feeling of connection to the reunion itself.
1	It was nice being with everyone and I enjoyed the cruise of the river. The sound system, however, wasn't transmitting to the upper decks and we couldn't hear the tour.
1	It was a great activity. I like the JP too. I did hear that some did not come because they could not leave early if they wanted to.
1	This was a fun activity but would not suggest repeating, the weather was excellent so that made the trip very nice.
1	Could have used another table. Especially enjoyed sitting on the top deck in a circle chatting with many classmates.
1	Too crowded with other groups. Weather was beautiful and would have been great with less of a mob in the dining room.

SECTION 3 Did you stay in a hotel/motel during attendance at the reunion?

Yes	42.1%		16
No	57.9%		22
Total			38

Best Western Franklin Square Inn and Cannon Suites offered special rates for the THS Class of '64 Reunion. Did you take advantage of the special rates?

Yes	43.8%		7
No	56.3%		9
Total			16

How many stars would you give the hotel/motel?

Poor (1 Star) to Excellent (5 Stars)

Overall room quality	
	Count: 15
	Max: 5
	Min: 3
Amenities (e.g, free WiFi; free breakfast; laundry)	
	Count: 15
	Max: 5
	Min: 1
Hotel/motel staff (e.g., courteous; helpful)	
	Count: 15
	Max: 5
	Min: 2
Price	
	Count: 15
	Max: 5
	Min: 2

Of course, it would be helpful to know the name of the hotel/motel where you stayed. Otherwise, we will be in the dark for future planning.

Best Western Franklin Square Inn (Troy, NY)	18.8%		3
Cannon Suites (Troy, NY)	25.0%		4
Other (hotel/motel name; city/state):	56.3%		9
Total			16

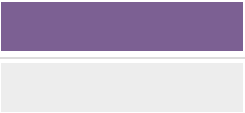
Responses "Other (hotel/motel name; city/state):"	Count
Left Blank	61
Comfort Inn, Latham	1
Hilton	2
Hilton Gardens on Hoosick St	1
Hoosic st, Troy, pretty new	1
La Quinta, Latham	1

Responses "Other (hotel/motel name; city/state):"	Count
Marriott / Wolf Road	1
Marriott Residence Inn in Schenectady. It would be great to have more hotel choices in Troy.	1
Marriott on Wolf Road and Homewood Wolf Road.	1

Optional: Please provide any additional comments and observations about the hotel/motel where you stayed during the reunion.

Count	Response
1	I stayed on Marriott points.
1	Room kind of noisy at times--bridge traffic. Would not stay there again for that reason.
1	We had a villa with Kitchen and TV room was well as large bedroom. Breakfast was included.
1	I understand that pricing kept our reunion out of the Hilton, but some people as individuals were able to get good rates or stays with hotel points.
1	Marrattot has seen better dates.. Needs remodeling. The Homewood was very up to date and good service.
1	I particularly enjoyed the location since I was eager to explore downtown Troy. I thought non discounted prices were a little high, but I am sure with RPI, Emma Willard, and Sage, they can get it.
1	Since I don't think Cannon Suites will be available in the future, it seems irrelevant. However, it was nothing like what I had expected. It was an interesting place with a great location, and the gentleman who served as our liason was a real hoot. Very personable and accomodating.
1	It would have been much nicer and much more fun if we all stayed at the same place and could interact throughout the weekend. Perhaps a place where some activities could also be enjoyed, (such as a pool or club.)
1	The location above the Illium and next to the Farmers Market was perfect. We were even able to walk to the cruise.

We missed you at the 50th reunion. Because there are all sorts of reasons why people do not attend reunions, we would like to improve our understanding of reunion-attendance decisions. All responses will be kept confidential and used only to make future class reunions all the better. The results of the survey will be compiled and presented only as group data. Please note: The survey can be completed in under 10 minutes--on average. You can complete the survey in more than one sitting--if you choose. (The survey is so brief that you probably will not need to pause. But if you do, just click on "Save and Continue Survey Later" provided at the top of the page where you want to pause. The instructions are very easy to follow. Type in your e-mail address and your in-process survey will be sent to you. A couple questions are accompanied by a red asterisk (*)--like the one below. This means a response is required. It will help us perform the data analysis more easily. Will you help us by answering a few questions?

Yes	100.0%		32
No	0.0%		0
Total			32

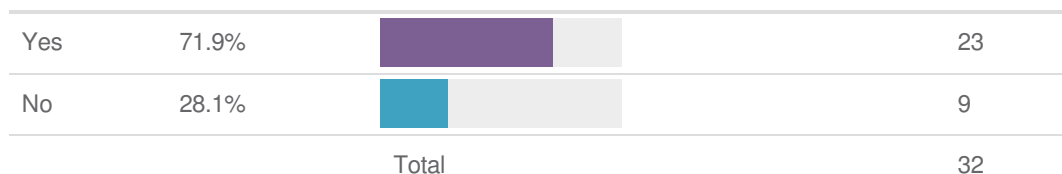
Please select the reason(s) we missed your company. (Check all that apply.)



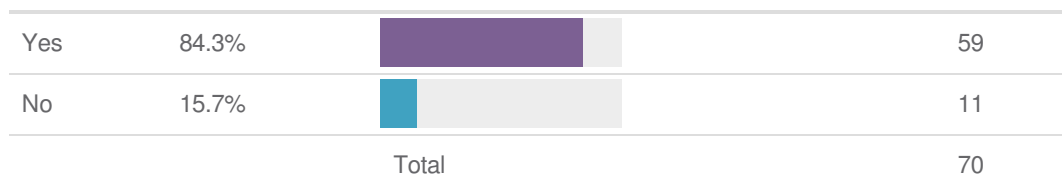
If you selected Other, would you share the reason(s):

Count	Response
1	I received an assignment from work that I was unable to get out of. I had planned on attending.
1	1. My oldest daughter was due on the weekend of the reunion, and 2. My wife's 50th was on the same night at a restaurant only 10 minutes away from my daughter's home. I actually know more people from my wife's senior class than I do from my own.
1	I cannot walk any distance. I have a wheelchair, but cannot push myself around in it. If husband could go, would have.

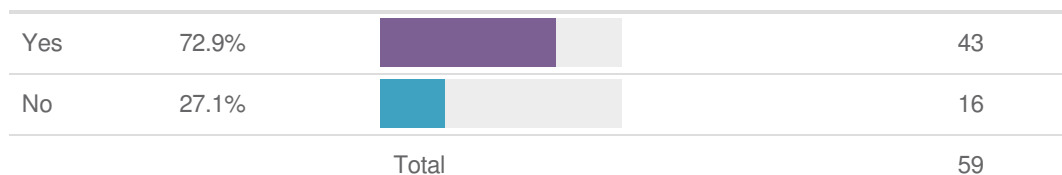
Would you consider attending the next THS Class of '64 reunion?



Will you share your thoughts about future THS Class of '64 reunions (e.g., how often; where; when)? Your responses are important to us regardless of whether (or not) you attended the 50th reunion.



Would you attend a THS reunion less than five years from now?



What are your thoughts about where to hold our next reunion?

Troy, New York	44.1%		26
Not Troy--someplace else	10.2%		6
No strong preference (Troy or another location--within reason--would be fine)	45.8%		27
Total			59

What time of year do you prefer for a reunion? (Check all that apply.)

January	1.7%		1
February	5.2%		3
March	1.7%		1
April	12.1%		7
May	25.9%		15
June	41.4%		24
July	34.5%		20
August	36.2%		21
September	69.0%		40
October	41.4%		24
November	5.2%		3
December	1.7%		1
Total			58

What are your thoughts/ideas about how to make the next THS Class of '64 reunion the best ever?

Count	Response
1	I appreciate the work everyone put forward to make the THS reunion happen. Well done.
1	I understand it was a pretty wonderful 50th. More of the same.
1	Just keep it simple, friends reconnecting with old friends.
1	Keep getting the word out. The website is a good useful tool.
1	Make sure the events are affordable and local
1	Reach out to more classmates.
1	The 50th sounded great, if I could have gotten around.

Count Response


1	Tiffany window tour. There are so many in Troy - even the crematorium chapel.
1	You did a great job.
1	just meet and greet followed by dinner and dance
1	the 50th was a lot of fun and well organized
1	Maybe a catered picnic would be nice for any local alumni. People who travel great distances would probably expect more, however.
1	I thought the entire committee, for our 50th, did a wonderful job! Just a thought, but I wonder if the cost, especially for those traveling from long distances, kept people away.
1	Kudos to those who put this event together. It was really stellar! Had a great time and applaud all you did. Thank you.
1	I am not sure I would come back to a reunion in Troy again. I would like to see it in a place where people from out of the area can make a vacation out of it. So maybe in the spring or fall in Lake George or somewhere like that.
1	Tough question after this 50 th. This was an outstanding reunion and will be tough to match. Maybe a concert with entertainment from the 1960's could be included in the weekend.
1	Possibly would attend if at other times of year if in a convention center or possibly Lake Placid; somewhere like that. I loved the golf at 1,000 Acres. More activities and less sitting would be nice; Maybe a bocci tournament or something easy but a little competitive and fun. I went one time to a place with karaoke and that was a riot. It might be fun with 50-60 music. We could all sing along. Another time I was at a Diamonds and Denum night and it was a tribute to Niel D, with a singer who sounded the part, but did not try to impersonate. They had lyrics so we could all sing along. Very fun.
1	Like at a Hotel where one can check in, go to the hotel restaurant for a nice buffet dinner and then enjoy a comedy show or a 50's Doo Wop group instead of a dance. Then leave the next morning after a breakfast buffet. Less of a commitment, but still enjoyable and no driving around and parking. One stop does it all.
1	I'd like to have a nice luncheon followed by an activity like a historic tour or a narrated Hudson River boat tour. Something simple and laid back.
1	Take into account some of the limitations that we all are beginning to or currently experience. Is there a checklist/tips for how to plan an event for "older" people? I noticed a whole range of abilities in our group attending the 50th. All in all the committee did a fabulous job. Thank you for all your efforts.
1	I like the 3 day weekend. Troy was fine for the 50th, however, some type of resort where we could all stay together, and summer where we could enjoy more outdoor activities together, would be nice.
1	I think either Lake George or Saratoga Springs might be a nicer location, but it might be pricey for some., But a boat ride up lake George and a dinner / dance at a hotel in the area would be interesting. West Point / Bear Mountain is also another idea.
1	A similar scenario would be good but MORE pictures/videos of the different events would be appreciated for those who could not attend certain events but would like to view what took place. PS, ocasional local get togethers would be a great idea.
1	An entire package deal to some resort area where there is lodging , meals and many activities. Wide open spaces where people can gather and catch up and socialize with the masses

Count Response

1	Now that I have attended a reunion and re-established communication with a few people, the reunion will become a way to visit with friends. I will pre-plan meet ups so we have time to sit and chat. For "first timers" who may not know what to expect, it might be good to offer an assist to help them become comfortable. Perhaps a pre-planned/scheduled meet up for breakfast together, a lunch, or a dinner so people won't be alone or sidelined. It would not matter if it were part of the official reunion activities or not. The reach out is what is important. A friendly ice breaker. Something that encourages people to attend for the first time. Something perhaps where we select the person to reach out to and contact them when the next reunion details have been decided upon. Nothing overwhelming--but something on the warm and welcoming side of things. I can think of a couple people I would reach out to.
1	I would love to see more people at the next reunion. Perhaps if those who did not attend read the reviews they will reconsider the next one. Each year becomes more precious to me . Is it possible to book rooms at the same place? We were at different hotels and I didn't have a chance to casually visit with as many classmates as I would have liked. The reunion committee did a fantastic job. It took a lot of dedication and hard work to pull this off. Bless you
1	perhaps tied into a tourist type event such as the August thoroughbred meet at Saratoga. We could meet in the morning, stay thru the races and perhaps go to dinner as well.
1	I would have it in the Saratoga to Lake George region and would book a lodge/hotel/inn with decent food and some recreational facilities like the 40th reunion.
1	when seeing train.the leaves are changing & a tour can be arranged. maybe even take the Adirondack site
1	The food needs to be outstanding. The open bar worked out well. A live band that played 60's music would be great.
1	Activities similar to those offered at the 50TH Reunion (i.e. Meeting & Greet, Tour or Shopping, Formal Banquet, etc.)
1	I am grateful to those who came great distances to spend time in Troy. I was surprised how much I enjoyed spending time with classmates I could barely remember. Possibly if we had destination (caribbean) reunions, we would combine vacations with the reunion. If we planned it and no one signed up we would know it wasn't a good idea.
1	Do a whole weekend at a resort, more like the reunion at the dude ranch where people could make a weekend of it or just come for part. We needed more ability to go back and forth with people in a quieter atmospheres. If you do the same kind of reunion we just did, I would come but very reluctantly. I hardly had the chance to really connect with those I wanted to. Or do a trip through Road Scholar. Also I would not wait five years. Too many people will die or become incapacitated. There is just no reason to wait.
1	Our 39th reunion where all events were at one location seemed easy to deal with. Perhaps some location around Troy could work.
1	Maybe have a THS teacher speak to the group regarding the importance of education focusing on our age group!
1	I wish more people would attend. But I think as we get older it's unlikely.i enjoyed seeing Mr Cain at the last reunion and wish more of our old teachers could be there.
1	I am willing to put myself in the committees hands. They did a great job. For those of us who have been away from the area for some time, I would like the chance to experience an upstate New York autumn again. (As to the final question, I have indicated real interest but that is tempered with the reality that very few people from Troy live near me in Texas. I have no interest at all in flying or driving many hours for a brief get together.)


Would you volunteer to help with the next reunion?

Yes	11.9%		7
No	22.0%		13
Total			59

Not sure, but I would consider it	66.1%		39
		Total	59

And one more question--a last and final--for you. What about local get togethers?

Not interested (1 star) to Very interested (5 stars)

<p>Please indicate your level of interest in attending a less elaborate event for people in your geographic locale (e.g., perhaps a lunch or dinner)?</p>	<p>  (3.60) Count: 55 Max: 5 Min: 1 </p>
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