

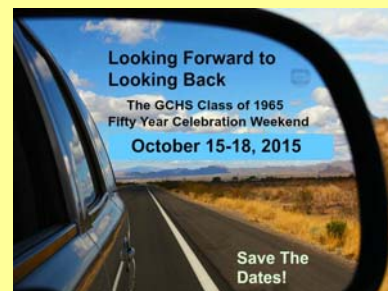
Memories

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Why Attend A 50-Year Celebration?

The following brief posting, written by a graduate of a Midwest high school just before his 50-Year reunion event, really encapsulates the reason why we do (and should) attend an event commemorating 50 years since our high school graduation. See what you think:



What I Learned at My 50th High School Reunion (by Joe McKeever)

We graduated in May of 1958. We were all so glad for that long-anticipated event to arrive. Once it was over we quickly scattered in our own directions without a thought to the fact that we were seeing some of our classmates for the last time. We had no way of knowing that in a few short years several of our classmates would be gone or that by the 50th anniversary of our graduation, over one third of our members would no longer be living.

There is a reason only older people attend class reunions. They know.

The recent graduates are still in college somewhere or serving Uncle Sam or trying to get established in low-paying jobs and can't afford the trip back home. But mostly they don't come to reunions because they haven't figured it out yet.

They think they have forever. They think of the rest of us as oldsters, like ancient relics of a previous civilization that has no bearing on the world they live in today. They have no idea that the time between now and their fiftieth will seem like weeks. They will still be looking upon themselves as the younger generation when suddenly their twentieth reunion will be announced in the newspapers.

If they're like me, the twentieth will be the first reunion they attend. And if they're really like me, they will open the door and look in that room, taking in all the bald heads

and unfamiliar faces, and decide this can't be my class and walk on down the hall looking for the real class. They will soon realize there is no one else in the building and that this is their class.

That's the moment when they start to grow up.

Their real education begins then. Everything up to that moment has been prep school. Today is the first day of class. This school does not let out for the rest of their lives.

What do you think about Joe's thought process? Does it help convince you that (if you haven't already sent us your RSVP) that you want to attend our 50-Year Celebration in October?

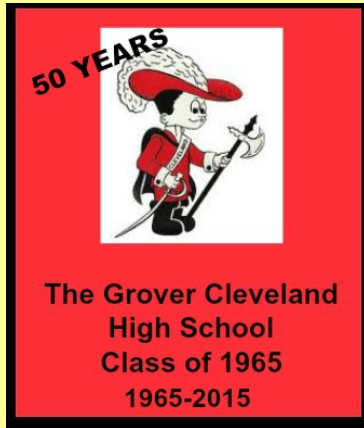
Joe goes on to talk about several key reasons why all graduates should think very seriously about attending their 50-year event. I'll list some of them here and go into more detail in future issues of this newsletter:

- Old Friendships are Pure Gold
- People are Precious
- Life is Short
- The High School You is Not the Real You
- To Your Class, You Will Always Look Like You Did A Half Century Ago
- By Now, You Are Beyond Showing Off. You No Longer Have Anything to Prove
- The Peer Pressure Is Gone Now. Be Yourself
- Your Class Members Are Pretty Special People...and They Were in 1965, Also
- It's Never Too Late to Repair a Relationship, to Ask for Forgiveness or to Thank Someone

(to be continued in our next issue)



How many of these moments, from our 2012 65th Birthday Party Event, will be surpassed on the occasion of our 50-Year Celebration?



The Latest Update About Our Event in October

We (your Organizing Committee) started working on our 50th Celebration more than a year ago and it is coming on fast. It seemed a long way off, but now it is a mere 5+ months away. 181 days, to be exact.

Quick Updated Facts

Dates of Our Events:	October 15-18, 2015
Date of the Big Party:	Saturday night, October 17
RSVPs to Date:	172 people, more arriving continuously
Event Headquarters:	Sheraton Agoura Hills Resort Hotel
Hotel Rooms Booked So Far:	36 (we are running out of our allocation fast)
Hours for the Oct 17th Party:	6:00pm-12:00am
Hours for the Friday Night Reception	6:00pm-10pm
Questions?	Call Gloria Dorcy (818) 577-5959

Our Headquarters For The October Events



After a very thorough search and research effort, we selected the Sheraton Agoura Hills Resort Hotel as the site for our October 15-18, 2015 festivities. Located in the scenic rustic environment of Agoura Hills, it is just far enough from the hustle and bustle of crowded city conditions to ensure you a stress-free environment. Plus it has just completed a \$6-million renovation, to ensure a four-star experience for all attendees.


This Sheraton has everything we wanted in a venue, including:

- Central Location: The greatest number of Cavaliers live closest to this facility than any other site we checked. It is a mere 19 miles from Reseda (our historic

hub) and for travelers coming in from outside of Los Angeles, 37 miles from LAX and 29 miles from Burbank Airport.

- Nearby Attractions: 5 golf courses, 3 malls, horseback riding, hiking trails, Malibu and Zuma beaches, lots of restaurants, Malibu wineries and a nearby rock nightclub. Plus lots more that we will announce soon.

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Possible Activities



- Hotel Amenities: Outdoor heated pool, full fitness center, business center, dry cleaning, full-service restaurant and separate bar/dinner grill.
- Transportation: Free parking and free shuttles to selective local attractions
- Special Discounted Rate for Hotel Rooms: We have locked-in a special, discounted rate for guest rooms at the hotel...just \$119/night (See the separate Hotel Room Reservations page on our website for full details) But the number of rooms at this discounted price that we are able to hold is rapidly diminishing and we don't know for sure if we can renegotiate for more discounted rooms. You can call or email the hotel now to reserve a room and there is no cost or obligation. You won't have to pay until the week of the event in October. But if you need a room at The Sheraton Agoura Hills Resort Hotel and don't reserve soon, there may not be more rooms available (although we are making arrangements for space at other nearby hotels).

RSVP REMINDER: Have you gone on our website (www.gchs65.com) to provide us with your RSVP for the unforgettable October 17th HUGE evening of celebration? If not, PLEASE, PLEASE do it immediately if you have ANY plans to attend the event. There is no cost or obligation to simply let us know your intent by providing an RSVP (though we will need your check as soon as possible) But it is a tremendous help to us to plan for the food, entertainment, reserved hotel space and much more. Plus...at some point we are going to run out of room in our large ballroom and will have to refuse new RSVPs. We are now approaching the 200 mark for attendees and we know from past GCHS65 events that many people put off their decision until it is almost too late. Don't take a chance on getting shut-out. Please let us know your wishes now by going to our website to RSVP.



Announcing A Special Reward For Sending Your Checks NOW: A Drawing for \$100 Visa Gift Card

Everyone who sends us their checks for the October 17th celebration party before Friday, May 15th, will be entered into a drawing for a free \$100 Visa Gift Card. Yes, those of you who sent us their checks already will also be eligible for this drawing. The drawing will be held on Wednesday, May 20.



Pricing and How to Pay for the Event: The cost for the October 17th celebration party is \$99/person, which includes a deluxe dinner, dessert, audio-visual presentations, dancing, music, parking and much more.

Simply send your check to: Gloria Dorcy Watts, Cleveland 65, P.O.Box 4604, West Hills, CA 91308. Make the check payable to: Cleveland65. Also, please send Gloria an email (to mamedame@aol.com) to inform her that you have mailed her a check, so she can watch for it. If your last name has changed since graduation and the new name appears on the check, please inform Gloria so we can directly attribute the check to your 1965 name. If you don't have computer access, you can phone Gloria at **818-577-5959**.

Please Help Us Find Our Missing Cavaliers (Letters T-Z This Week)

As we've discussed before, we have an incredible Search Committee (Led by Dixie Reinhardt, Kristie Bechtold and Jeff Davis) seeking out our missing friends and classmates from the Summer and Winter 1965 classes. But it is getting increasingly harder to find many of them...almost 400 (out of our class of 870 students) are still missing from our contact database.

We would guess that some of you may be friends with these people and have kept up with their current whereabouts. We would really appreciate your help and assistance in finding them...so we can all re-connect, enjoy events like our upcoming 50th celebration and keep up with each other on our official website.

The complete list of these "missing" people appears on our website (and it is continuously updated as we receive new information). But so many names may be a little daunting to view. So we decided to break-down that list into smaller chunks and publish them in successive issues of this newsletter.



Please check these names, today from the letters "T" and "Z", to see if you can help us find any of them. Please contact either Dixie Reinhardt (dixierein@gmail.com) or Jeff Davis (septme@comcast.net) if you have any information regarding these people.

T

Tabbi, Philip
Tate, Linda
Teaff, Cynthia
Timm, Lloyd
Thompson, Karen
Thompson, Susan
Thompson, Maryann
Thompson, William
Tornell, John
Tougas, Thana
Turner, Bruce
Turner, William
Twedt, Renee

V

Vann, David
Van Cleve, Valerie
Vaughn, Judith

Victor, Gayle
Virgili, Christine
Vogel, Ronald

W

Wagner, Sharon
Waldvogel, Carol
Washburn, Cheryl
Wasson, David
Watkins, Lee
Webb, Linda
Weinstein, Sandra
Welty, William
Wentzel, John
Werth, Cynthia
West, Tommy
Whipple, Ronald
White, David
White, Michael
Whitley, Julie

Widell, Susan
Wiley, Roylyn
Wilt, David
Williams, Kent
Williams, Michael
Wismann, Joan
Workman, Thomas
Worsley, Paul
Wright, Susan

Y

Yandell, Linda
Yescas, Richard
Young, Claudia

The Purpose of This Newsletter and Our Website

Some of you have just started receiving our newsletter ("Memories") and also have just discovered our website (www.gchs65.com). I thought it was important to emphasize the overall purpose of both of these communications vehicles:

Our goal is to keep our Class of 1965 intact after 50 years. To keep providing you (our 835 graduates from the Winter and Summer Classes) with the means to communicate with your friends and classmates from our little ole' high school in Reseda, California long after all of us have graduated, started families, started (and in many cases finished) our careers and are still living life to the fullest. Both the newsletter and the website were started a couple of years ago and our goal is to continue publishing them for as long as possible...certainly past the date of our huge 50-Year Celebration this October.

This is not to underestimate the importance and goals of our October event (It is HUGE), but only to substantiate that we want to provide the means of keeping our Class visible in your eyes. And we hope that many of you are interested in staying in touch...or at least staying informed...about your classmates. We will keep the website and newsletter going for as long as you are interested...and as long as we can get your input, your photos, your ideas and your suggestions.