



Class Notes

MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS

For and of the Great Class of 1968

See last page for contact information.

February 16, 2018

OPERATION 50 UPDATE

Our next Planning Team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 25, 2018. We will actually be meeting at the location that has been chosen for the Friday Night "Ice Breaker," Gino's East in Rosemont. See below for details regarding the Reunion Weekend, September 14 – 16, 2018.

Here's What We Want You to Know

- **Friday Night, September 14, 2018** – Gino's East in Rosemont, IL starting at 6:00 PM. Everyone will be on their own for food and beverages. A wide variety of pizzas, including the famous Deep Dish Chicago Style Pizza are available as well as a host of other entrees. If you are still looking for some other activities to fill the night, Gino's East is not very far from the Rivers Casino. Game on!!
- **Saturday Morning, September 15, 2018** – Guided tours of Maine West starting at 10:00 AM. If you haven't been back to the school in a long time, you will not want to miss this chance to walk the very halls that we walked for four years. The place looks terrific and there have been numerous changes to the building since 1968.
- **Saturday Night, September 15, 2018** – The Maine Event will be held at the Club Casa Café at 353 North River Road in Des Plaines (directly across from Holy Family Hospital). A cash bar and registration begins at 6:00 PM. A buffet dinner will be served between 7:00 and 8:30 PM. The bar and the Maine Event end at 11:30 PM. The price for the Maine Event will be \$50.00 per person. Checks for the Maine Event can be made out to "Maine West High School Class of 1968." They can be mailed to *John Carl, 1660 Van Meter Court, Glendale Heights, IL 60139*. The menu will be included in subsequent communiques. You'll love it. There is limited seating, so get those reservations in early. Book those flights. Rooms are available at the Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare, 2930 South River Road, Des Plaines, IL (847-296-8900)

AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK

The Maine West Alumni Scholarship Fund. Every time there is a class gathering, whether it is a Class Reunion or some other event that brings segments of our classmates together, someone approaches the Planning Team with the idea of giving a gift to the Maine West. In the past, there has been a reluctance to participate because the Team was unsure of where the funds would go, how they would be used and how to approach the classmates to contribute, since our funds are limited. However, we were recently approached by Jim Leis of the Class of 1965 and asked to think about contributing to the Maine West Scholarship Fund. The following is an excerpt from an email that I received from Jim:

"The fund was created last year by some '65'ers wanting to give a gift to the school. We raised money among ourselves and enlisted the assistance of other classes holding reunions. On May 19th, we will be awarding three grants to students in need to continue their education. The three are: \$610, honoring the class of '61, \$650 honoring the class of '65 and \$660 honoring the class of '66. We are working with the class of '67 as they prepare for their 50th in September, hoping they will raise money and help fund a scholarship honoring their class."

Jim Leis will actually be present on the night of our Ice Breaker, September 14, 2018 at Gino's East in order to take any contributions that will be given in the name of the Class of 1968. Since the awards will be given in May, our contributions will be used to benefit a student or students in the following school term. There is no obligation to contribute, but all contributions will be welcome. Please, bring a few extra bucks to help out this worthy cause and take advantage of the opportunity to give back (or pay forward, as it were). If you are so inclined, feel free to send a contribution along with your check for the Maine Event, as well.

MEMORY BOOK INITIATIVES

We are planning to have a Memory Book for those of you that attend the Maine Event on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Living in the high technology culture of the 21st Century, we are hoping to provide the Memory Book to you in the form of a Flash Drive that can be uploaded onto your computer for viewing at your leisure. As a part of this Memory Book, we are asking that all classmates submit a Bio of themselves with the limit being 200 words describing your post-high school experiences, children, grandchildren, activities and hobbies/interests/travel. You can also include a current picture of yourself as it will be posted with your Senior Picture. In order to successfully get all of these bios prepared, a deadline of July 15, 2018 has been established. The bios can be emailed to **John Carl at the following email address: bikerman421@wowway.com.**



EVENTS THAT HELPED TO SHAPE OUR LIVES FROM FEBRUARY, 1968

- 1ST – Richard Nixon announces his candidacy for President
- 1st – Vince Lombardi resigns as coach of the Green Bay Packers
- 4th – Bowie Kuhn replaces William Eckert as the 5th Commissioner of Baseball
- 6th – 10th Winter Olympics Games opens in Grenoble, France
- 8th – “Planet of the Apes” premieres in New York City
- 10th – “Spooky” by The Classics IV hits #3

12th – 25th Golden Globes: “In the Heat of the Night,” Rod Steiger and Edith Evans win

16th – US first 911 phone system went into service in Haleyville, Alabama

17th – Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Springfield, Massachusetts open

18th – 10th Winter Olympics Games close at Grenoble, France

19th – First US teacher’s strike (Florida)

19th – “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” debuts on NET (now PBS)

21st – Baseball announced a minimum salary of \$10,000

University of Houston ends UCLA’s 47 game basketball winning streak, 71-69

23rd – Wilt Chamberlain becomes the NBA player to score 25,000 points

25^h – 10th Daytona 500: Cale Yarborough wins (143.251mph)

29th – The Beatles’ “Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band” wins Grammy Award for Album of the Year, the first rock LP to do so.

FROM THE WLS SILVER DOLLAR SURVEY (JANUARY 22, 1968)

1. Love Is Blue – Paul Mauriat
2. I Wish It Would Rain – The Temptations
3. Spooky – The Classics IV
4. I Wonder What She’s Doin’ Tonight – Tommy Boyce and Bobby Hart
5. Baby, Now That I’ve Found You – The Foundations
6. Nobody But Me – The Human Beinz
7. Valley of the Dolls – Dionne Warwick
8. There Was a Time – James Brown
9. Going Out of My Head/Your’re Just Too Good To Be True – The Lettermen
10. Dock of the Bay – Otis Redding



Keep in touch,

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Susan's Musans

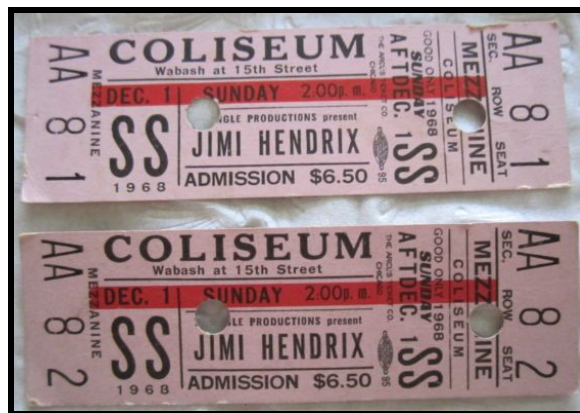
... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit



Greetings!

The other day I was reading the local paper and noticed all the concerts coming to town. Of course this triggered a flashback moment and recalling how concerts use to be, you remember when they just played music?!

The very first official concert I went to was Jimi Hendrix, December, 1968. It was held at the old Chicago Coliseum, I think it was near the Chicago Stockyards? A very old building, nothing fancy, just a building with a stage. You could understand every word they sang, and we knew the words, but didn't sing along, we didn't stand in anyone's way, no rushing the stage or mosh pits, we stayed in our seats. They had security guards but they never had to do anything other than stand with their arms crossed. I was afraid of them with their blank stares and big arms.



At one point, I had to use the restroom and the only way to it was walking in front of the stage. The guards motioned to where to go, however, what happened next scared the you know what out of me! Jimi Hendrix was performing and I was trying to hurry by when all of sudden, he lights his guitar on fire! What? I froze and stood there in awe! I REALLY had to go after that!

His rendition of 'Hey Joe' has to be my all time favorite. Everything he did was amazing. I'd have to say it was the best concert I ever went to because it was the only concert I ever went to.

Honestly, I don't think any would compare.

What was your first concert?

Cheers!

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