



Class Notes

MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS
For and of the Great Class of 1968

See last page for contact information.

April 25, 2018

OPERATION 50 UPDATES

Our next Planning Team meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 23, 2018. Once again we will 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. Gino's has a lower level that will be reserved for our Ice Breaker that night. It really is a cool facility.

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 John M. Carl." They can be mailed to *John Carl, 1660 Van Meter Court, Glendale Heights, IL 60139*. The menu will be a buffet style which will include several gluten free items. 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 E-Mail 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 who 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 E-Mailed to ***John Carl at the following email address: bikerman421@wowway.com.***

EVENTS THAT HELPED TO SHAPE OUR LIVES FROM April, 1968

- 3rd – *Planet of the Apes* is released in theaters
- 4th – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is shot dead at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee
- 7th – Racing car driver Jimmie Clark is killed in a Formula 2 race
- 11th – President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968
- 29th – The musical *Hair* officially opens on Broadway

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

1. Honey – Bobby Goldsboro
2. Cry Like a Baby – The Box Tops
3. Young Girl – The Union Gap
4. Mony, Mony – Tommy James and the Shondelles
5. Tighten Up – Archie Bell and the Drells
6. Summertime Blues – Blue Cheer
7. The Good, The Bad and the Ugly – Hugo Montenegro
8. I Got the Feelin’ – James Brown
9. A Beautiful Morning – The Young Rascals
10. The Unicorn – The Irish Rovers



Keep in touch,
JC

Susan's Musings



... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit

Summer of 1966

It was about this time, back in the spring of 1966, that I was getting anxious for summer vacation. I was planning all kinds of fun stuff in my head as to what I was going to do. That was until my parents asked the one question, "What kind of summer job are you going to get? You turn 16 in a couple of months."

What? Summer job? That hadn't crossed my mind. I babysat, didn't that count? Nope! A real job, where you get a paycheck was their answer. Good grief! Now I had a new problem. I had no experience. Then, my sister, who was a hairstylist, offered me a job at the salon as 'shampoo girl'. Ewwww, the thought of washing strangers hair with all that gunky hairspray and ratted hair was not something I'd ever consider. Well, I may not have considered it, but my parents thought that was great! So, every Saturday I washed hair, filled bottles with pink goop that was called 'creme rinse' (not conditioner), swept cut hair off the floor and tried, really tried to love it. I never did.



All this for \$1.25 an hour and no tips, like I was promised. I did not pursue this as a career!

Many of our classmates had great summer jobs scooping ice cream at Cock Robin, working at the park district doing all kinds of fun things, working at the Jewel, swim instructor (this also included the 'toe checking'...not so fun), and there were many who cut lawns, cleaned garages, had paper routes, babysat. Some had incredible jobs working for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad (labor position), coaching baseball, working in an office. Then, there were the unusual, gutting fish which were used for making lipstick and working as a janitor scraping gum from the undersides of tables and chairs. That was probably as much fun as washing hair.

What was your summer job? Did you love it? Was it something that inspired your career choice?

Now, my summer job is enjoying summer and I love it!

Cheers!

SusanD

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