



Class Notes

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

See last page for contact information.

June 22, 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 email 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 June, 1968

1st – Simon & Garfunkel’s “Mrs. Robinson” hits #1
3rd – Poor People’s March on Washington, D. C.
4th – Don Drysdale pitches 6th straight shutout en route to 58 consecutive shutout innings
5th – Robert Kennedy is fatally shot by Sirhan Sirhan. He died on June 6th
8th – Don Drysdale pitches a record 58th scoreless inning
8th – James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is captured
12th – U. S premiere of horror film, “Rosemary’s Baby” based on bestselling novel of the same name by Ira Levin
18th – U.S. Supreme Court bans racial discrimination in sale and rental of housing
28th – Daniel Ellsberg indicted for leaking the Pentagon Papers



FROM THE WLS HIT PARADE (June 24, 1968)

1. This Guy’s in Love with You – Herb Alpert
2. Angel of the Morning Merilee Rush
3. How’d We Ever Get This Way – Andy Kim
4. I Love You – The People
5. Pictures of Matchstick Men – Status Quo
6. I Need Love – The Third Booth
7. She’s a Heartbreaker – Gene Pitney
8. Mrs. Robinson – Simon & Garfunkel
9. The Look of Love – Sergio Mendes & Brazil ‘66
10. Jumping Jack Flash – The Rolling Stones

Susan's Musans



... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit

Class of 68...Turns 68!

Never, ever, did I give it a thought that our Class of '68, would be turning 68 for our 50th reunion. In 1967, when the Beatles song, "When I'm 64" came out, we would all sing along. I remember thinking how 'old' 64 seemed and that it was such a long way off. Well, surprise! It came and went in a blink, at least for me.

Occasionally, on the radio they will play 'When I'm 64' and I've upped the age from 64 to 84. Seems more realistic.

Although some of lyrics make me laugh. "If I'd been out till quarter three, would you lock the door?" Ha! The only thing I'm doing at a quarter to three is going to the bathroom and I don't bother to lock the door. I'm lucky I can still see in the dark!

I still send Valentine's, don't drink wine, work in the garden, don't rent a cottage, no grandchildren, and send an occasional postcard to surprise people with a bit of nostalgia.

I'm hoping I'm still needed at 84, but for now I will enjoy being 68.
Cheers... to the Great Class of '68!

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