



# Class Notes

## MAINE WEST NEWS AND EVENTS

### For and of the Great Class of 1968

See last page for contact information.

July 23, 2018

#### FROM THE WLS HIT PARADE (July 22, 1968)

1. Jumping Jack Flash – The Rolling Stones
2. Turn Around Look at Me – The Vogues
3. Grazing in the Grass - Hugh Masekela
4. Hello I Love You – The Doors
5. Lady Willpower – The Union Gap
6. Born to Be Wild – Steppenwolf
7. Hurdy Gurdy Man – Donovan
8. Stoned Soul Picnic – The Fifth Dimension
9. I Need You – The Third Booth
10. Pictures of Matchstick Men – Status Quo



#### EVENTS THAT HELPED TO SHAPE OUR LIVES FROM July, 1968

- 5<sup>th</sup> – John Lennon sells his psychedelic painted Rolls-Royce
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Philadelphia 76ers trade Wilt Chamberlain to the Los Angeles Lakers
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Israeli/Egyptian artillery duel along the Suez Canal
- 15<sup>th</sup> – “One Life to Live” premieres on Television
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Beatles’ animated film “Yellow Submarine” premieres in London



## ~~~~~ OPERATION 50 UPDATES ~~~~~

Our next Planning Team meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 22, 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. Our most favorite Tour Guide, Mr. Eldon Burke, will once again be conducting

the tour of the building. He usually starts out with a Q & A in the Student Cafeteria and will give us an opportunity find out about our former teachers/coaches, etc.

- 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 that attend the Maine Event on Saturday, September 15, 2018. Living in the high technology culture of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, we will be providing the Memory Book to you in the form of a Flash Drive that can be uploaded onto your computer for viewing at your leisure. This will be included as part of your registration fee for the Maine Event on Saturday. Requests for Memory Book Flash Drives will be taken until the supply is depleted. 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. If you have any photos or other memories that include extra-curricular activities, please share those with us and they might get included in the Memory Book. In order to successfully get all of these bios prepared, a **new** deadline of July 31, 2018 has been established. The bios can be E-Mailed to John Carl at the following email address: [bikerman421@wowway.com](mailto:bikerman421@wowway.com).***



## Songs of Summer

Every summer had a special song. In 1965, for me it was “I Know A Place” by Petula Clark. How can you forget “I know a place where the music is fine and the lights are always low! I know a place where we can go.” And, that place for me was The Hut! The all time best place to hear local bands and bands that would soar to greatness!

*Susan's Musans*

... Thoughts and Memories from Susan Calabrese DeMerit



Transistor radios were everywhere. You could hear them at the beach, walking down the street, sitting on your front porch. Most came with a strap to hang on you wrist or on your bike handle. Summer songs were heard everywhere.

The summer of 1966 ushered in a huge hit, and still a summertime favorite, “Summer In the City” by the Lovin’ Spoonfuls. I remember riding the bus down to Oak Street beach. It was so hot and humid, we couldn't wait to get in the water. We definitely were ‘hotter than a match head’!

In 1967, The Young Rascals, “Groovin’” was the perfect song to listen to lying on the grass, watching the clouds go by.

It wasn't until the great summer of '68 that we were up and dancing to “Jumpin’ Jack Flash” by the Rolling Stones, and “Hello, I Love You” by The Doors. Most songs prior to this year, you couldn't dance to.

They were great to attach to a summer love but not dancing. Did you ever try and dance to “Hurdy Gurdy Man,” “Lady Willpower,” “Pictures of Matchstick Man,” or “Sunshine of Your Love”? What about “Mrs. Robinson,” “Like to Get to Know You,” “MacArthur Park”? All great songs, but not dance capable.

They all hold a special place and bring us back to happy times and summer loves. Enjoy the summer!

Cheers! ... SusanD

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