The big event has finally arrived! Reunions With Class will be at the facility approximately 90 minutes prior to the event to ensure all set-up preparations run smoothly. The committee is encouraged to arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to allow enough time for setting up their memorabilia/memento display.

As classmates arrive, Reunions With Class staff will check them in and give them their nametag(s), reunion night handout, and Memory Book or Class Directory.

Below is the typical agenda for the evening based on a reunion start time of 6:30 p.m. We will adjust the schedule if your reunion starts earlier or later.

6:30  Classmates check-in & mingle/Social Hour
7:30  Class Photo taken
8:00  Buffet opens
9:00  Welcome/Program
9:30  D.J. starts dance music

The evening ends between 11:00 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. depending on the facility

The following pages cover what you can expect the night of the reunion along with suggestions for the Committee's Reunion Night Program.

Please see Committee Task List section (chapter 2) for responses
Nametags

Reunions With Class will provide the classmate with a laminated nametag when they arrive at the reunion (see samples below). We also provide printed nametags for pre-registered guests on peel and stick namebadges. Nametags for committee members will have ribbons attached.

Nametags for 20, 30, 40, 50 Year Reunions

Nametags for 10 Year Reunions

SARAH SMITH JOHNSON

BELLEVUE CLASS OF 1995
DECORATIONS

Reunions With Class will provide a custom "Welcome" sign at the entrance and a festive centerpiece on each banquet table at the main event. The centerpieces are created in your school colors.
MEMORABILIA TABLE/DISPLAYS

In addition to greeting guests and presenting your program, the memorabilia display is one of the main responsibilities you will have night of the reunion. It should consist of memorabilia and mementos from your school years. Here are some fun ideas:

- sports and pep uniforms
- prom dresses
- lettermen jackets
- pom poms, megaphone
- tickets & programs (prom, drama, sporting events...)
- school newspapers
- articles from local papers
- text books, tests, report cards, Pee Chees
- spirit buttons
- yearbooks
- photos
- record albums, LIFE Magazines, board games or other “pop culture” items
- trophies
- graduation caps, gowns, diplomas, tassles
- fashions & fads from the era
- elementary school pictures
- menus, ads from favorite hangouts
- school banner

The school or district office may allow you to borrow some of these items. Your local historical society may also have some items available to borrow.

The Internet can provide a wealth of ideas, photos and headlines to use in your displays. Google your grad year for a list of websites.

POSTER DISPLAYS: These can include high school photos, prom pictures, copies of yearbook pages and previous reunion gatherings. Gather these items from committee members or other classmates.

IN MEMORIAM: Honor those classmates that have passed away by creating a poster with their names and photo. Add a candle for each classmate.

MEMORIABILIA AT EACH TABLE: Consider putting a little something at each table to enhance the decorations we provide. Examples: old photos, copies of prom programs, candy wrapped in school colors, etc.

See the following pages for examples of good displays. The committee’s efforts were enjoyed by all.
SUGGESTED DISPLAY SUPPLIES

We will provide you with a skirted table and two easels, but it is your responsibility to supply the display items for your table. The backdrops pictured on the previous pages were supplied by the committees. You can make your own or purchase an inexpensive version at an art or office supply store.

We’ve made a list of the supplies you may need for creating your memorabilia display or your program presentation.

- Display Boards (foam core or corrugated paper is recommended)
- Tape - scotch, masking, duct
- Scissors
- Push Pins
- Fishing Line
- Pens, Pencils, Markers
- Safety Pins
- Glue/Glue Stick
- Paper in school colors
- Extension Cord
- Mannequins/dress forms for clothes
- A/V equipment, i.e. TV, VCR, LCD or slide projector, screen*

*These items and other AV items may be available from the facility; however, these will incur an additional charge to the committee. Contact Reunions With Class at least 2 months prior to the reunion if you would like us to check out availability through the facility. These items are not included in your ticket price unless you have made previous arrangements.

NOTE: RWC has an LCD projector available to rent for $150. Please make arrangements early to guarantee availability.
'80s HUMOR

You know you're a child of the '80s if...

- If you think Hulk Hogan is the best wrestler of all time
- If the best non-slasher movie in your opinion is An American Werewolf In London
- Two words: The Clapper
- You want to live in ‘the Valley’
- Ferris Bueller was your idol
- You know who shot J.R.
- You still wear a bandana tied around your head/or a ponytail off-center on the side of your head
- You still play with that CASIO SK-1 Keyboard
- You watched ‘Star Search’ on a regular basis
- Every now and then, you blurt out: “Ooh noo, Mr. Bill!!”
- Your bangs are teased perfectly to 7 inches above the rest of your hair
- You wore lace gloves with the fingers cut off, bangle bracelets to your elbows, bright red Reebok high tops and parachute pants to a school dance
- You drink Diet Coke because Max Headroom told you to
- You’re still bitter that WHAM broke up
- You still watch things on Beta tapes
- You have the tendency to turn up the volume on the car radio
- You have a collection of your own mix tapes
- You know all the words to the songs
- You have a case of Hitsville USA on your phone
- You’re afraid to turn your TV on in case you get channel 7
- You still listen to the radio
- You still say “Yo man”
Here are some examples of tasteful In Memoriam displays
Your program should be approximately 15-20 minutes long and can be as simple or elaborate as you desire. We’ve provided you with some ideas to start your brainstorming. The purpose of the program is to bring people together by building on the shared experiences from high school, have some laughs and create a comfortable environment for everyone. One final note; once you decide what to do, make sure it is well thought out, organized and well rehearsed.

IMPORTANT: If you need additional funds for any part of your program, you MUST contact Reunions With Class, (see Committee Funds Request form in chapter 2) prior to the invitation being mailed. We do not include any funds in the ticket price related to committee responsibilities unless specifically requested and approved in the contract.

Most Popular Program Ideas

- **Committee Recognition** - You can introduce the committee and any others who should receive special recognition such as those who contributed something “extra” to the reunion.

- **Recognition Awards** – This type of program gets everyone involved. You poll the alumni on several items. Ask them to stand up when the topic relates to them. This is very fun and gets all alumni participating. (see next page)

- **Slide Shows/Videos/ Power Point** – Old and current pictures of alumni, landmarks, hangouts, etc. Using songs of your high school days as background music. Senior slide shows or videos, prom videos, graduation and/or senior party slides or videos are always fun.

Other Program Ideas

- **Top Ten List** - Create a humorous list of the "Top Ten Reasons For... " (take-off of Letterman’s show opener, see attached)

- **Trivia** - Choose trivia items that are specific to your class or school. You can have a questionnaire at the table or list the questions in your Reunion Night Handout for everyone to be mulling over. Have the audience shout the answers as the emcee asks the questions. (see attached)

- **Memories Presentation** - The emcee can talk about popular things, people, events, etc. of your day. See following pages for samples. The library’s reference department has several books and reference materials you can access for the information. The Internet is also a good source of information and trivia.

- **Cheerleaders** - Ask old cheerleaders to lead group in school yell, or do a few cheers. Another idea would be to have current-day cheerleaders come in and lead the class in the fight song, etc.

- **Classmate Entertainment** - If a member of your class is a semi-professional or professional singer, musician, comedian etc., see if they would be willing to share a few minutes of their talent.

- **Write a Song/Skit** - It can be about individuals in the class, what school was like, how time has passed and things have or haven’t changed, etc. Use a popular song from school days and re-write the lyrics to go with something popular today.

- **Predictions** – For life in another 10 years – have alumni complete a form, read them at the reunion, then save to use at the next reunion.

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Recognition awards are a fun, easy way to involve your classmates in the program. The easiest way to determine an award winner is through the process of elimination at the reunion. For example, when giving out the award for *Most Children*, have everyone who has 3 or more children stand, 4 or more - (those with 3 sit down) etc. Or, for *Man That Has Changed The Least*, have nominations from the floor for three candidates, they come up front and the audience votes by applause. These are only suggestions; feel free to make up your own!

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<th>AWARD SUGGESTION</th>
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<td>Longest married classmate</td>
<td>trophy, movie ticket or “night out” certificate</td>
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<td>Newest bride or groom</td>
<td>“do not disturb” sign from a hotel</td>
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<td>Classmate with most children</td>
<td>bottle of aspirin</td>
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<td>Most recent parent</td>
<td>earplugs or bubble bath</td>
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<td>Classmate with most grandkids</td>
<td>roll of lifesavers, brag photo book</td>
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<td>Most eligible classmate</td>
<td>“little black book” for addresses</td>
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<td>Classmate that changed the least</td>
<td>hand held mirror</td>
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<td>Person who traveled longest distance</td>
<td>coffee</td>
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<td>Person who traveled shortest distance</td>
<td>bus token</td>
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<td>Person who changed home address most</td>
<td>U.S. map, compass</td>
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<td>Man with grayest hair</td>
<td>Grecian Formula</td>
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<td>Still cool since school</td>
<td>cool sunglasses</td>
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<td>Man with longest hair</td>
<td>small comb</td>
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<td>Man with least hair</td>
<td>big comb</td>
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<td>First to retire</td>
<td>toy watch, sand toys (bucket and shovel)</td>
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<td>First to have all their children married</td>
<td>“room for rent” sign</td>
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<td>Traveled most extensively</td>
<td>travel Bingo game or mileage log</td>
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<td>Been on TV</td>
<td>Hollywood sunglasses</td>
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<td>Best kept figure</td>
<td>jump rope, chocolate bar</td>
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<td>Largest educational debt</td>
<td>play money</td>
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<td>Most unusual job</td>
<td>business card holder</td>
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<td>Who still drives the same car since school</td>
<td>air freshener</td>
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<td>Most times changed professions</td>
<td>résumé paper</td>
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<td>Who has been in school the longest</td>
<td>library card, thinking cap</td>
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<td>Who looks like someone famous</td>
<td>Hollywood sunglasses</td>
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<td>Who has had best &quot;brush with greatness&quot;</td>
<td>autograph book</td>
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<td>Most unusual pet</td>
<td>leash with invisible pet (seen at fairs/Pike Place Market)</td>
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<td>Most tattoos</td>
<td>moisturizing lotion</td>
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SAMPLE IDEAS FOR A MEMORIES PRESENTATION

Comparing “Then” with “Now” can be fun. A lot has changed since graduation. Here are two examples of how committees used personalized, local trivia to emphasize the passage of time.

EXAMPLE 1

We remember shopping at The Bon, Frederick and Nelson’s, Pay N Save, Klopfensteins, Woolworths and Ernst, which tells us that the JC Penney, Nordstrom and Bartell’s must be doing something right.

Our wisdom and guidance came from the Rev. Billy Graham and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. Now it’s from Dr. Phil and Oprah.

Then was a time we wore labels on the inside of our clothes and only sailors had tattoos.

In recent years songs have taken on strange sounding titles – such as “Drops of Jupiter”, “Xanadu” “Dizzy Up the Girl” and “Proudest Monkey” of course, titles from our era were much more understandable including “Mairzy Doats”, “Chickery Chick Cha La Cha La” and perhaps the all time example of simplicity “Hut Sat Ralton on the Rilla Ra and the Brawlup Brawlup Suet”.

A few other comparisons:

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<td>Long Hair</td>
<td>Longing for hair</td>
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<td>KEG</td>
<td>EKG</td>
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<td>Our president’s struggle with Fidel</td>
<td>Recent president’s struggle with infidelity</td>
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<td>Blue eyes and brown hair</td>
<td>Brown eyes and blue hair</td>
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<td>Rolling Stones</td>
<td>Kidney Stones</td>
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<td>Passing the driver’s test</td>
<td>Passing the vision test</td>
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<td>Trying to look like Marlon Brando</td>
<td>Trying NOT to look like Marlon Brando</td>
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<td>and Elizabeth Taylor</td>
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I overheard a conversation at the school tour this morning. One lady said she was preparing for the reunion using Slim Fast and was doing quite well until she figured out it tasted great on Ben & Jerry’s.

In closing it might be worthwhile to remember two things:

1. The cardiologist diet: if it tastes good, spit it out.
2. The old saying of “if the going gets tough, the tough get going” for our purposes now says, “if the going gets tough, eat more fiber.”
EXAMPLE 2
This committee reminisced about their local hang outs, school events etc. focusing on things that have drastically changed or no longer exist.

Renton had only one High School... Renton had 2-way streets... We used to cruise the loop... Renton had three theaters: Roxy, Renton, and Rainier (Mr. Fey always standing outside the Roxy in hat and overcoat)... Ushers seated you showing the way with a flashlight... Movie cost 75¢, loges $1.00... Joe's 19¢ burgers, Super Creamery, Gruyz Box and Carl Broomes... Baby sitting for 35¢ per hour... Setting our hair in Bobbie pins, metal clippers or those pink “spoolies”... Dances at the Rec Hall, Spanish Castle... The Stomp... Customized cars, chopped, lowered... Swimming at Kennydale Beach, Seward Park, Lake Wilderness and Lake Meridian... Free pass and afternoon off each year to attend Puyallup Fair... Ordering a shake, green river, cherry/lemon/chocolate cokes... 5¢ a play on the juke box or 6 for a quarter... Basketball championship at Hec Ed... Drive-in movies were at El Rancho, Sunset, Midway and Duwamish... Hiding a few friends in the trunk of your car... Dress-Up Day was only day gals wore nylons to school (garter belt and nylons with seam down the back - hopefully straight)... Girls never wore slacks, pants or jeans to school... Guys wore thin ties, peg pants, skinny belts, shirt sleeves rolled up... Renton telephone prefix was OLive and ALpine... Picking berries and beans in Kent Valley... Catching ski bus at Seattle Sporting Goods to Snoqualmie Pass... Rollerband... Last day of school meant going to Lake Wilderness.
SAMPLE TOP TEN QUESTIONS

We suggest you read these over prior to the reunion and edit/revise them to your liking.

Top Ten Lies Heard At The Reunion

10. You haven’t changed a bit.
9. Yes, that’s my Ferrari parked out front.
8. Two words: SIX FIGURES
7. No, you heard it all wrong, I broke up with her.
6. It’s a thyroid problem.
5. Of course they’re real.
4. My girlfriend, Jennifer Beals, couldn’t make it.
3. We’ve really got to get together, call me.
2. I never had a crush on him.
1. No really, you look great!

Top Ten Reasons For Coming To The Reunion

9. Good excuse to buy a new dress.
8. Any chance to get lucky.
7. Already seen ___________________ (fill in current box office hit) - nothing else to do.
6. Don’t get a lot of opportunities to dance to “Stairway To Heaven” anymore. (fill in appropriate song from your era).
5. “Amazing Race (or Lost, Survivor, Biggest Loser….)” is on hiatus for the summer.
4. Wanted to make sure I wasn’t the topic of rumors and innuendo.
3. Didn’t pay all that money to/for ____________ for nothing. (fill in with one of the following: Jenny Craig, Botox, Liposuction, Hair Club for Men…)
2. Mother-in-law is in town – this was the lesser of two evils.
1. My therapist said I needed closure.
CLASS PHOTO

The class photo is taken at the Reunion Celebration, about one hour after the reunion has started. If we need to adjust the schedule, we will notify you in advance.

The class photo is a fun and busy part of your reunion. We generally split the class into two groups and process the two shots into one 8x10 photo (see sample next page). If the facility is conducive to a large group shot, we may use that format. The photographer makes the ultimate decision.

Once the photo is under way, people really enjoy getting the “grand view” of all the classmates attending. They may spot a friend they didn’t even know was at the reunion, creating new opportunities for mingling.