Wyandotte High School
Class of 1965
Reunion News!

Mark Your Calendars!
By Marilyn Schreiber Young

We can’t wait to see you! We are looking forward to getting reacquainted and to hearing about what you have been doing. We want to see pictures of your children and grandchildren.

We have made this event as affordable as we possibly can. We have reserved a place that is big enough for everyone. We have located 90 percent of our classmates and hope to have the biggest reunion ever.

I remember the first time I was getting ready to see some of our classmates for a get-together. I looked in the mirror and looking back at me was not the eighteen year old that we all looked like back then. I was a little nervous because I could only remember how everyone looked in 1965. Well, I walked in the room, and everyone was 55 years old. I just fit right in. Not one person in the group looked anything like an 18-year-old anymore. It was hard to recognize faces, so we had to re-introduce ourselves. That is part of the fun!

By now, you should have received notification and an invitation to the reunion. So, just to make sure you know the time and place:

Saturday, August 13th, 2005
At the Homestead Country Club located at 6510 Mission Road in Prairie Village Kansas.
Cocktail hour begins at 6:30
Group Photo at 7:30
Dinner and Welcome Presentation at 8:00
Dancing begins at 9:30.
Dress: Business Casual – no jeans, shorts, or t-shirts please
Music: DJ

So, send in those reservations. Make plans to attend. We really want to see you! We are going to have so much fun!

Come dance the night away!

The Holiday Inn, located at 7240 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Overland Park Kansas has offered the Class of 1965 a block of rooms at the discount rate of $79+tax per night. The Hotel is a short 5 to 10 minute drive to the Homestead Country Club, where the reunion dinner/dance will be held.

Friday Night Ice-Breaker and Hotel
By Donna Kitchen Albright

The hotel has plenty of parking and features an indoor pool, restaurant, and bar. The room amenities include hair dryer, iron and ironing board, coffee pot, and some have a small refrigerator. We will also host our Friday Night Ice-Breaker at the hotel. For those that would like to meet some classmates prior to the dinner/dance, we will be in the restaurant/bar area of the hotel from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. on Friday August 12th, 2005. Food and drinks will be on a cash basis for those partaking of either. Please join us for this informal gathering of friends! Looking forward to seeing you all!!!
Door Prizes

The Gift Committee is hard at work soliciting door prizes for our reunion. Our early response has been very encouraging and as we approach our reunion date, we hope to surpass even our own expectations.

Our first meeting was held on January 26; the group is very enthusiastic and excited and also delighted with the contributions we have collected. Our items so far vary from a food certificate donation to a hand-made quilt, to jewelry. We expect a broad array of items, but we are just getting started. We can only imagine what we can collect, and sharing these treasures with the rest of the committee is very exciting; knowing that these gifts will be distributed to our classmates attending the reunion is even more exciting. (You must be present to win, so see you there.) Some of our classmates are also contributing hand-crafted items, which makes these gifts extra-special. If you would like to take part by donating an item or items, please contact any one of the committee members and we will be more than happy to accept your donation.

We will be hard at work over the coming months preparing for what we expect to be a very special event, and we know our efforts and the efforts of all those planning the reunion will show in the outcome of an evening of good food, good friends, dancing and lasting memories.

By Virginia Kuzmic Greer

You must be present to win!
So please join us!

The Halls of Wyandotte High School

On Saturday, August 13th, 2005 from 10 a.m. to noon, a tour of Wyandotte HS will take place as part of the Class of 1965's 40-year Reunion! Many alumni have not seen Wyandotte since the remodeling project has been completed.

The highlights to be seen are:

The outside of the building has been steam-cleaned and restored to like-new condition; the main hallways leading from Social Hall have 1937 style lights to resemble the original lighting; the lights in Social Hall are brand new replicas of the original lighting; two "Wyandotte Wall of Fame" plaques honoring alumni from all eras; new trophy cases showcasing State and National trophies as well as memorabilia from the school's past; remodeled swimming pool area; newly named gymnium (Coach Shublom) and floor (Coach Upson) and newly dedicated track (Coach Swaim).

AND MUCH MORE!

Plan now to be a part of this very special tour, led by fellow classmate and Wyandotte Historian, Craig Delich

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By Craig Delich

Dinner Menu & Guided Tour of School

A guided tour will begin at 10:15 in Social Hall. If you are planning on seeing the school, please plan on being there for this guided tour. You may tour on your own, but you may miss out on a lot of fascinating details!

Guided School Tour

Craig Delich will be your guide.

By Patti Cockrell Bond

By Virginia Kuzmic Greer

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Party of Friends

Imagine going to a party where (a) you are greeted warmly by the hostess and treated like an old friend; (b) you are happily introduced to everyone in the room or at the table (c) the other party guests welcome you to the group and include you in the conversation and (d) egos are checked at the door—no one cares about your occupation, status in the community, earning potential, etc. they are just happy to see you.

This has been my experience in attending the get-together dinners, picnic and Christmas party that our classmates have put together. The first function that I attended brought mixed feelings as I drove out to it; I think my husband was out of town, so I was facing a group of strangers (except for Donna (Kitchen) Albright) by myself. I was surprised at how friendly everyone was and it was an enjoyable evening. The next dinner that I was able to attend was even more enjoyable. I actually sat at a table of friends from two different elementary schools that I attended.

The next function that I attended was the picnic at Wyandotte County Lake. My husband agreed to come with me (he is not a Wyandotte alum) and I told him we would only stay for a little while. We left about five hours later. He went to junior high school with several of my classmates. We both had a good time listening to the great music and just visiting with former classmates.

By Blanche Shockley Bunce

Renewal of Friendships

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” The opening line of A Tale of Two Cities may describe your Wyandotte experience, but it sure doesn’t apply to the wonderful get-togethers my classmates and I have been attending. Each one has been the best of times in many ways for all the wonderful friends we have re-connected with after so long. Some of us have stayed in close touch with school chums and some have been separated by distance. One of the most touching things about getting together monthly has been the instant renewal of friendships that might have otherwise gotten lost altogether. Of course there are always the amusing moments of confusion while our aged brains try to put a face with a name. But there is still such good humor and fellowship among us that even these missteps make new memories. The numbers have grown as new classmates find their way to our mini-reunions and the participants change a little each time. There’s always someone “new” to play catch up with and someone else to share that one thing you forgot to mention last time. If you haven’t joined us before – please do, it’s fun! We promise everyone will leave knowing it was the best of times.

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By Cindy Sherry Cassel

Missing Classmates

Do you know where these classmates are? If so please contact us.

Reunion Blast

Greetings, Fellow Classmates:

Isn’t it amazing how time flies? It seems like only yesterday we were all sitting in hot old Memorial Hall waiting and hoping that our name would be called to walk onto the stage and get our diploma.

At that time, some of us wondered if we would ever see our classmates again. Well, now is your chance... this 40 YEAR REUNION is going to be a BLAST!

In February of 2003, two of our classmates met through classmates.com and decided to get together for dinner. After a few more dinners with more and more classmates getting together, it was decided to have a 40 year reunion. In March 2004, a reunion committee was formed and the fun began.

The committee decided to hire a professional reunion planner thinking this would be the most efficient way to get it all done. One of the biggest challenges was to get the word out to all of our classmates and make sure we did not miss anyone.

As most of you know, with a class of over 750 people, this is not an easy task. With the help of the reunion planner, we have been able to contact all but 75 classmates! The names of these unfound classmates are listed elsewhere in the newsletter, so if you have information about anyone, please inform them of the reunion and let one of the committee members know how we can contact them.

Unfortunately, 50 of our classmates are deceased. Their names will be listed in the reunion memory book.

Make your plans now to attend the BIG 40 and see your old friends and make new acquaintances.

SEE YOU THERE!