

# Wyandotte High School Class of 1965 Reunion News!

Wyandotte H.S.  
Class of 1965

## 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!



## Friday Night Ice-Breaker and Hotel

By Donna Kitchen Albright

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.

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 !!!

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*SPECIAL POINTS*

*OF INTEREST*

*DATE SET FOR AUGUST  
13TH, 2005*

*LOCATION: HOMESTEAD  
COUNTRY CLUB*

*BUSINESS CASUAL DRESS*

*MUSIC BY DJ*

*MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
NOW!*

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## 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 origi-

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nal 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 gymnasium (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

*By Craig Delich*

## Dinner Menu & Guided Tour of School

On the **Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet** you will find the following:

A cascading display of fresh fruit and crudites' with dip and assorted crackers

A uniformed Chef will carve a Strip Loin with silver dollar rolls, Dijon mustard, mayonnaise and creamed horseradish

A fajita station will be set up with chicken, beef and all the fixings to make fajitas

A pasta bar with 3 kinds of pasta, vegetable,

meat and seafood pasta.

A coffee and tea station with cookies and brownies... ..YUM!!!!

Come enjoy the fresh fruits and pasta and let the Chef carve you a delicious slice of Strip Loin!



### **GUIDED SCHOOL TOUR**

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!

Craig Delich will be your guide.

*By Patti Cockrell Bond*

## 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*

Needless to say, this upcoming reunion is not going to be your typical high school reunion... .

I really believe it is going to be a party of friends. I urge you to make plans to attend; you will truly feel a part of this great group.

**You will be glad you came to the Party of Friends.**



## 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.

*By Cindy Sherry Cassel*

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## Missing Classmates

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

Shirley Adcox, Linda Alcanter, Janet Barnes Lily Bedell, Alfred Bellamy, Gary Bennett, Sherry Beth, Phyllis Bickford, Mary Bigelow, Dennis Brown, Marion Brown, Ramona Campos, Dennis Chase, Carole Costello, Kenneth Davidson, Jonnie Demeyer, Sherry Dormer Veralyn Ellsworth, Brenda Estell, Terry Everly, Karen Filer, Barbara Foley, Robert Freeman, Richard Goddard, Lucy

Hamilton, Delores Hammar, Lee Harris, Vicky Harris, Kathy Hazzard, Linda Heble, Michael Hobson, Jay Hoferer, Tarrel, Huskey, Charlotte Joacobson, Frances Johnson, Pat Keopke, Geraldine Knight, Butch Knudsen, John Koetzle, Linda, Kuhn, Linda Laundry, Cheryl Lewis, Maria Matsukevich, Francilyn McBratney, Charles McCormick, Michael McDonald, Phillip Mclain, Thomas Mclain, Nancy Meyer, Dianna Miller, Curtis Milton, Mary Mosley, Marcia Moxley,

Patricia Oszman, Stephanie Palkatenush, Charles Parks, Cynthia Parrott, Carol Pavlicek, Prudence Purcell, Vivian Phalp, Juel Prather, Payton Price, Marilee Rader, Alan Reicheneker, Dianna Ripley, Joe Robbins, Nancy Roberts, Paola Rotondi, Carroll Rucker, Sharon Scharnhorst, Ileen Schrader, David Simmons, Connie Smith, Sharon Snyder, Lloyd Stephens, Charles Thomas, William Thomas, Rosie Treece, Rosie Williams, Karen Willis and Linda Winynger.

*By Donna Kitchen Albright*

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## 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!



## Your Planning Committee

*By Diane Skiles Bailey*

Oh what a difference a year makes! One year is the length of time I have been a part of the reunion planning committee and what a year it has been! Almost all of our classmates have been found now...thanks to the hard work of several people before I even got started in the committee. These hardworking folks found over half our class just by making millions of phone calls and spending hours on the phone. We as a committee have been meeting every other month working out the details of the reunion. Then as friends we have been meeting every few months for dinner and fun with other classmates that want to attend. Our attendance at the dinners has been growing by leaps and bounds! And what fun we have had, a picnic in September and a Christmas party complete with gift exchange!

We have become quite good friends over this year. A couple of the members were girls I ran around with in school, but the biggest majority are new friends, ones I didn't even know back then except by name. I cherish all of these new-found friends and I'm happy to say I have enjoyed working on the committee with all of them. We have had a lot of fun, worked really hard and shared some laughs, but all in all we have been a part of the main event coming up...our 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion. I hope all of you will enjoy it half as much as we have had putting it all together. Here's looking forward to seeing all of you in August!

