

South Hills High School – 1917-1986

Reunion Activities & Planners

30's	We do have SHHS alumni who graduated in this decade!!!
1944	This group holds the record for the most annual reunion luncheons over the longest period of time!! 73rd annual reunion September 2017 at South Hills Country Club 72nd September 2016 at South Hills Country Club, 90th Birthday! 71st on September 12, 2015, 70th September 12, 2014, 69th was held September 7, 2013, Contact: Marion Nelson Johnson 412-276-1818
1946	Annual reunion luncheon, Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at South hills Country Club 70th Reunion was held 2016 Contact: Jack Frank, 1724 Hallowell St, 412-881-7359 jfrank1724@verizon.net Early planning stages for 2018 90th Birthday Party! 65th Luncheon held 2011 at Calabria's
1947	Last mini reunion was held June 2013 near Williamsburg VA. Contact: Julianne Addis Biehl prints@att.net
1948	Took advantage of SHHSAA Annual dinner dance at Crowne Plaza!
1949	64th reunion was held April 26, 2013. Contacts: Ruth Anne Harvey, Shirley Schmunk or Nancy Bambraugh
1950	63rd Reunion luncheon was held September 12, 2013 at the South Hills Country Club in Whitehall. Contacts: Virginia Verzella Goldaine orrdve@verizon.net Vera Kalbaugh Avetta Avetta4@aol.com
1951	
1952	65th reunion in 2017 Casual Lunch was held Friday, October 21, 2016 Crowne Plaza Hotel Contacts: Barbara Bell 412-489-5955 Pat Wettstein 412-595-7679 60th held 2012 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Fort Couch Road Contact: Callie Henry Christner gmaw1@comcast.net Donations for several scholarships in memory of classmate Fred Yee
1953	Annual luncheon or picnic in August or September 2017 Contacts: Bert Lindstrom brlsignsplus@yahoo.com 412-276-5763 Bill Hengstler Nancy_hengstler@hotmail.com 412-334-4777 63rd reunion was held August 26, 2016 Peters Place, Bridgeville. 80th Birthday Party (& 62nd reunion) on August 28, 2015 at Peters Place

	in Bridgeville Annual picnic was held Sept 19, 2014 at the Bethel Park Village Green Park. No cost – bring your own food, etc. Grills & charcoal available. 60th Reunion was held at the South Hills Country Club in September 2013 and the Friday catered picnic at the lodge in Scott Township Park.
1954	60th reunion luncheon was held September 20, 2014 at the South Hills Country Club in Whitehall. Pat Mathias Southorn pjmathsouth@comcast.net
1955	Happy 80th Birthday in 2017 Happy 79th Birthday, was held September 30, 2016 at the Georgetown 60th reunion in 2015. Happy 77th Birthday Party was held October 3, 2014 at the Georgetown Center, on E Bruceston Rd in Pleasant Hills. Contacts: Joe Gerlach jgerlach4@comcast.net , 412-892-9131 100 White Hampton Lane, Pittsburgh 15236 Vi Innocenti Nolla nolla1238@comcast.net 412-308-6367
1956	
1957	60th Reunion, September 15, 16, 17, 2017 Contacts: Jack Ashworth, jaashworth@comcast.net 412-207-2601 Ed Heinsius ejheinsius@aol.com 602-803-1854 Jan parker 270-970-245, jansparker@bellsouth.net , Happy 75th Birthday Party held September 20, 2014 at Rolling Hills Country Club in McMurray. At 55th reunion donations for two scholarships in honor of classes of 1957. At 50th reunion Silent Auction yielded 1 ½ scholarships.
1958	Took advantage of annual SHHSAA Dinner Dance, last Saturday in April. Contact: Don McCormick, 112 Old Glory Lane, Sewickley PA 15143 412-264-1889 shhsaa@hotmail.com Tom Reiff treiffer@msn.com
1959	Held 55th Reunion Friday, September 19, 2014 at LeMont Restaurant on Mt. Washington. Contacts: Bernice Meyer Goodall berrich@verizon.net 412-251-4917 or Peggy Stacy Fox pegjimfox@verizon.net Held their 50th at South Hills Country Club in 2009
1960	Held 55th Reunion September 13, 2015 buffet banquet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sept 12 bus tour to Que Creek Mine. A casual covered dish picnic was held June 15, 2013 at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum near the Meadowlands. Their 50th was held 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel in Station Square. It was a packed week-end that included a bus trip to Pittsburgh sites and a trolley ride. Contact: Norman Voigt nrv256te@verizon.net
1961	50th was held September 16, 17, 2016 PaPa J's in Carnegie and Jugo-Slav

	Club, Pennsylvania Av, Bethel Park. shhs61reunion@hotmail.com Betty Donohue Ahear, 924 Lindenwood Dr, 15234 412-561-4460
1962	55 th Reunion, September 29, 30 2017 at Double Tree Hotel, Meadowlands PA. 50 th was held September 2012 at the Doubletree in Meadowlands. This lucky class had Mrs. Chickwak's original chipped ham sandwiches at their Friday meet & greet! Contacts: Linda Craig Stocker Lindas1944@verizon.net Noreene Genellie Brown noreenebrown@aol.com Donna McIntosh Sprandle dancedas@aol.com 50 th reunion donated 3 scholarships in memory of classmate Charles L. Raiford.
1963	Informal Lunch Thursday, August 18, 20016, Al's Café, 435 McMurray Rd Bethel Park 15102 70 th Birthday Party October 15, 2015 Linden Grove in Castle Shannon 50 th was held September 2013 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Greentree. Contact: Sandi Demas Sandi.demas@yahoo.com 412-854-2740 Pam Galbraith Christner 412-563-1429 mspam918msn.com
1964	70 th Birthday Party was held October 21, 2016 Crowne Plaza Contact Lucille Hunter lou.smith844@gmail.com '813-03-2718 50 th was held June 15, 2014 at Crowne Plaza Hotel Bonnie Lauda McMahon Bonster46@verizon.net 317 Virginia Av, Pittsburgh PA 15211; or Rick Noceti rpnoceti@gmail.net
1965	Held their 50 th October 9, 10, 11 in 2015 at Crowne Plaza Contact: Rosemarie Brill rmb617@comcast.net , 442 Canterbury Circle, Carnegie PA 15106, 412-200-2036 Thomas Prex, Tom Clark,, Mary Lou Wilhelm Sobolak, 1965.SHHS.Reunion@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/groups/477129272419731/
1966	50 th reunion July 29, 30, 31, 2016 at Three Rivers Casino Banquet Hall. Contact: Myrna Antonio-Hall, 521 New Castle Road, Slippery Rock PA 16057 412-853-1418 myrnaahall@yahoo.com Charles Taggart, 526 Hazelwood Av, Pittsburgh 15207 crt1048@gmail.com Arlene Cotter Halloran, ar2948@verizon.net https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Hills-High-School-Class-of-1966-Reunion/947123465306319
1967	50 th Reunion will be held in late September or early October 2017. We're working to contact members of the class to inform them of the 50 th reunion. Please email your questions and contact information to

	SHHS.50th.Reunion@gmail.com or call Bonnie Weber Luppe 412-914-0681. Watch for further developments on Classmates.com or on our Facebook page: SHHS Class of 197 50 th Reunion.
1968	Reunion was held April 2013 at the Crowne Plaza taking advantage of the SHHSAA annual dinner dance!
1969	Held 45 th on September 13, 2014 at North Shore Casino 7pm to 11pm. Contact: Pat Murphy Coulter patcoulter@gmail.com 570-327-1219. Look for facebook page.
1970	45 th Reunion was held September 19, 2015 picnic South Park Contact Dave McGee 412-328-6127 shshistory@aol.com Casual night held at Dave & Busters, Waterfront 2013. Contacts: Lorraine Loomis Miller lorraineM.Miller@comcast.net Dave McGee shshistory@aol.com 412-431-2027 Had a great turnout for their 40 th in 2010 at Ramada Inn Greentree. Donations equaled three SHHSAA scholarships!!!
1971	Held 40 th at Royal Place Restaurant, Route 88. Planning 45 th June 7, 2016; however, did not take place. Contact: Deborah Stuart Purse debpurse@comcast.net
1972	Should be having 45 th reunion in 2017.
1973	60 th Birthday Party in 2015 Contact Ruth Majeskie Episcopo 40 th was held May 18, 2013 with 72 attending Contact Janis Grill Taylor
1974	60 th Birthday Celebration was held Saturday, August 6, 2016, Buffalo Inn, South Park, Contact: SHHS '74 We're Back, PO Box 25360, Pittsburgh 15220 On Sunday, August 16, 2015 a picnic/party was held at Buffalo Inn, South Park 40 th Reunion was held August 9, 2014 from 1 to 8:00pm at South Park Home Economics Building. Contacts: Jeff Sydor 412-481-9749 jw.sydor@comcast.net ; Rick Murray 724-678-3999; Kevin Gaughan 412-854-6029 Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/547785448669247/
1975	Last casual get-together Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 7:30 at Linden Grove, Route 88, Castle Shannon, Contact: shhsreunion1975@gmail.com , 701 Fruitwood Dr, Bethel Park 15102 Contact: Susan Milcarek who posts on facebook group pages: South Hills High School and South Hills High School Alumni 40 th Reunion was held September 4, 2015 Rivers Club, One Oxford Center, Downtown Pittsburgh. Sept 5 Picnic at South Park Home Economics Building

1976	40 th Reunion was held September 17, 2106 at Cefalo's in Carnegie. Facebook page South Hills High School '76 Alumni https://www.facebook.com/groups127619927317414/ Contact: Cathy Scheurering Schwartzmiller Shhsaa76@comcast.net
1977	Should be having 40 th Reunion in 2017. 35 th was held August 2012 at the South Hills Country Club and picnic at South Park. See facebook page 1977 SHHS Alumni
1978	Their 35 th was held July 27, 2012 at Doubletree by Hilton in Greentree. The weekend included Friday meet & greet and Sunday picnic. Marlene Blasi Masucci Lene2224@aol.com See facebook page South Hills High School Class of 1978.
1979 1980 1981	Was held Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Community House in South Park. Contacts: Amy Krywancz-Thomas, 2321 Brevard Rd NE, St Petersburg FL 33704 Contact: SHHSAlumniReunion@gmail.com Johnny Jones or Carolee Christopher 412-951-7113 cchris158@comcast.net Facebook: South Hills High School '79/'80/'81 Alumni https://www.facebook.com/groups/56563215335
1982	Should be having 35 th Reunion in 2017 30 th was held November 2012 at Nevillewood, Presto PA Marcy Fischer Schott marcywaw@msn.com See Facebook
1983	30 th was held August 2013 at South Park Kim Barron Leadsis1@yahoo.com See facebook page South Hills High School Class of 1983.
1984 1985 1986	30ish Get Together held weekend of October 3, 2015, Holiday Inn, Uniontown, PA Contact: John Niespodzianski Facebook page South Hills High School 1984-87 https://www.facebook.com/groups/shhs848586/
1984	Last reunion was held July 26, 2014 Chuck Stover Georgene Wright Sevacko See Facebook group pages South Hills High School and South Hills High School Alumni
1985	Occasionally at the Royal Place for Totally 80's. Search Facebook group pages.
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	Searching facebook group pages can be challenging since they can be anything in any order that the originator names it.

A reunion is like planning a wedding, only no one has to get married!

And like a wedding, lots of options - you meet at another city, go on a cruise, meet at a restaurant, a casino, a tailgate party, celebrate your birthdays - be as creative as you want. All of those have been done!

However, for the big reunions, most tend to follow the tried and true - Saturday night dinner, dancing, taking reunion pictures, hugging each other, and topping it all off with promising to stay in touch.

Simple enough but lots of work to get there! So here are some things to consider when planning a reunion, whether starting from scratch, inheriting it from 5 or 10 years ago, or looking for something fresh because you have the rest of it down pat.

It all starts with a **couple of friends** who become known as **the Committee**

At least three people to start it off. Then grow the group as you decide how many projects you want to take on. In spite of what you might expect, usually the committee doesn't even include the class president or officers!

You need one person to handle the money, one who is a really organized detailed person (with a tad of OCD), plus a leader type to round it off. Three "drivers" and you got it made! Most settle in at about 8 to 12 committee members for the big reunions. Too many can end up with too many opinions and not enough consensus.

Some can be on the committee for their advice alone! And with the internet they don't even have to be in the same state.

Pit Falls to Avoid

Negative committee will leak over into negative reunion. It takes at least five positive people to counteract one negative person!

The committee must include fun people even if they don't do the work. Making things fun *is* what they are good at! Once the work is done, let the extroverts step up and take it from there! Everyone has a role to play!

How do you raise funds for startup?

The easiest is for the committee members to prepay their ticket. You can ask for others to pay ahead too, either full amount or half down- half later. Don't overlook donations to underwrite some of the costs.

Who keeps the money?

If you can, set up a simple, separate business non-profit checking account to avoid co-mingling with personal funds. The bank can assist you in getting an Employer Identification number from IRS. Not as difficult as it sounds! It only takes one annoying phone call.

This is not a formal non-profit organization. It's just a reunion.

Pay to the order of "SHHS Class of".

Have at least two people authorized to sign checks but only require one signature so things don't grind to a halt.

If you start a separate account, make sure it doesn't have monthly fees that will eat up your balance!!!!!!

Am I financially at risk for anything?

Yes. At least one of you will sign contracts with location, DJ, etc. The real financial risk for committee members is "over commitment for guarantees" and not enough people actually sign up to pay for it. Ouch!

Co-mingling with personal funds can lead to problems and questions you would be wiser to avoid.

A separate free checking account is the better route. Make sure it doesn't have monthly fees that will eat up your balance!!!!!!

What should we charge?

Low enough so that people will come yet cover costs. A big reunion can be done between \$70/\$100 per person. Can be in the \$30/\$50 range depending upon location. Location and meal are the biggest ticket items. Costs of printing, postage, envelopes, prizes, decorations, memory books, DJ, Photographer, etc. make up the rest.

How far in advance should we schedule the date?

Ideally minimum 1 year in advance. And tie that date down with a deposit so you can't be bumped! For a smaller reunion six months is okay. Decide spring, summer, or fall with fall being the usual choice. Check your calendar and see what's happening around that week-end. Pick a date that doesn't conflict with holidays. Send out "Save the Dates" through email and facebook. Tell folks to spread the word.

How do we locate classmates?

Social media is a resource. Post frequently on the South Hills High School and South Hills High School Alumni facebook pages maintained personally by individual alumni. Create your own page and direct alumni to it ongoing.

Most of the internet search sites that were really free are now really pay. And the pay sites are definitely TMI – more than you ever want to know.

Every class has a "maven" who just has a knack for finding people. Ask parents who might not have moved. Check with siblings. Ask your classmates to help in the search. Include "unable to locates" in your mailing and ask classmates to help find them.

Using several of the sites and comparing information can increase chances of getting the right person.

Free Sites

411.com
Zabasearch.com
Switchboard.com/person
LinkedIn

Pay Site examples but lots more on internet!

Classmates.com
People Finders
People Smart.com
Checkpeople.com/public records
Whitepages.peopleverified.com

What about those who can't pay?

That is a sticky wicket. Most committees can't absorb the extra costs. You can be discreet and let some folks know there are some free tickets available on a limited basis - *if* you have affluent classmates willing to underwrite some of the costs.

Some will want to just come to the Friday evening meet and greet for that reason. Don't embarrass them!

Who will want deposits and signed contracts?

Since reunions compete for prime wedding dates, most hotel locations require a non-refundable deposit (\$250/\$500) to hold the date.

Some also require a minimum guarantee of business (e.g. \$5,000 for the evening). Not all require minimum business guarantees so shop around and be flexible on your dates.

The location will want a realistic estimate to meet their official maximum room capacity as well as staffing and food planning.

DJ's, photographers and caterers who book a year in advance will also require non-refundable deposits.

So how many should we plan for?

Most reunions run between 50 and 200 - rarely more. The largest reunions are the major 10 year ones. 😊

And don't even think about skipping the 50th. Major life time disappointment for at least 100 to 200 of your classmates. 😞

Some won't come because old feuds die hard, some don't care, but others can't wait to see the friends they got in trouble with, friends who got them through chemistry, friends who rode the trolley, friends who ... ahh old friends who will walk down memory lane with you, replay "that game" with you. It's all worth it!

How do we choose a location?

For the larger reunions, consider having it in a hotel for those who take advantage of staying overnight at the same hotel. Safe driving can be a big consideration, especially for those who no longer drive at night.

For the **bigger reunions** this will be the biggest decision since it will be about two thirds of the costs you incur! Consider what you need to charge per person to get the maximum attendance and budget yourself accordingly. For example: 70 people at \$90/person = \$6,300. 2/3 would be \$4,200 to spend for hotel and food.

More and more locations are requiring a guaranteed minimum of business for the evening and usually \$5,000 and more.

Start with places you are already familiar with or have seen as sites others have chosen. Ask them. Word of mouth and personal recommendations work here too. Take advantage of what your fellow alumni have already learned. What did they like, what didn't they like, and would they go back for their next reunion?

Hotels can and do book "your" room for afternoon events and leave themselves 1 ½ hours to changeover for your reunion. Talk about pressure! Make access time part of your contract.

Country clubs and golf clubs usually allow the use of “your” room for the whole day so you can set up early or schedule the day to start earlier! As well as stay longer.

For smaller reunions, restaurants with separate rooms work well. (E.G. Peters Place, Georgetown Center, Salvatore’s Banquet Hall)

Pick a venue handy to the city area. Big enough to hold the number you expect. If the room holds 80 and you think you may get 100, what happens? Can tables of 8 be squeezed to hold 10?

All will require a final meal count the week before the event. You can always add on but you will pay that final meal count you gave them regardless of how many show up. And there will always be no shows. You need to have thought through a cancellation policy and limit refunds. You already spent the money! Usually the DJ and the photographer are offered the no show meals.

Check for availability of or extra rental fees for: easels, podium, TV or display for slide show, house sound equipment.

Should we do the whole weekend?

Friday meet and greet get about a 1/3 of those who come Saturday but can be a whole lot of fun. Unique places like Primanti Bros or restaurants that *say Pittsburgh* are a good choice as well as the casino. Station Square restaurant complete with incline ride. Or go really casual with a catered picnic. Neighborhood parks often have enclosed picnic facilities. Buffalo Inn at South Park is an example. A Sunday brunch or catered picnic seem to be the next faves to top off the week-end. Again, about a 1/3 come on Sunday.

Should we recommend hotels or motels?

Spy out the land for several choices, close to event, easy to locate. Pick nice facilities and check for a group rate. People will ask so you might as well have an answer. Internet sites help with hotels around your location. Go to the hotel and make sure it’s clean!

What should we tell them to wear?

No matter what you tell them, for Saturday night men usually wear a coat and tie and the ladies take the opportunity to get “all guzzied up” and wear a dress or outfit a little fancier than usual. No point in fighting it. Anyone fussing isn’t going to come anyway

Open seating, or assigned seating, or assign by request?

It’s worth the work to assign seating by request. I know it’s “*so lunchroom*” but most really do want to sit with a few close friends. Even the solo’s will come if they know they can sit with old buddies. The January/February classes want to sit close by each other as well. And some by community or grade school. *Really?* Yeah.

Is the memory booklet really worth the effort?

They *treasure* addresses and emails of their fellow classmates. Take it up a notch and include classmates’ short bios. They end up using all those emails to pass along stupid jokes and internet sites for the music of their era, also known as keeping in touch. And they will let each other know when the next reunion will be!

Promote, Promote, Promote!!!!!!!

Facebook is your friend!!!! Post early and often. Start your own class facebook page. Spread the word ASAP via email and facebook to save the date. It can’t be a secret - Emails, Facebook, website, Classmates.com. SHHSAA Sesame Newsletter

Mass mailing to as many classmates as possible

In your letter, include humor as well as nostalgia. Set the stage for them to expect to have fun and celebrate being together. Let them know there will be good food and cash bar. Peak their curiosity for seeing old friends to relive the high points of young life – sports, dances, dating, learning to drive.

Set deadline a month before event date and tell them how to get in touch with you at the last minute. Either to join or will be a no

show. Include all the details.

Including a self-addressed return envelope eliminates confusion and increases response rate. Even the folks not coming will respond if you make it easy. Putting "Return Service Requested" on your mass mailing outgoing envelope increases chances of knowing it's not a good address for that classmate. Take sample packet to post office for weighing. Sometimes extra heavy paper can tip it over into the next postage cost.

Printing

Get several prices. Banksville Express Printing on Banksville Road (Bonnie Dix) does a lot of business with SHHS reunions. Preprinted return envelopes aren't as expensive as you might think.

Menu

Buffet? Stations? Served meal? Some locations can handle gluten free or vegetarian meals. Be sure to check because there will be several who are on special diets. Diabetics' needs are special too. Save money on the costly hot hors d'oeuvres. Go with veggies, fruit, cheese and crackers to hold them over to dinner. If you have 50 coming, consider enough for 25, because you don't get to keep any left overs.

Special cake?

A cake from a bakery of their youth. Consider decorated with school colors of blue & white, your class colors, or a picture of the school. Or just let the venue take care of it so you can check it off your to do list.

Banners

"Welcome South Hills High School Reunion"
Sure does mark the spot! And can be reused again and again!
Office supply stores, printing companies like Banksville Express Banksville road. A sign on an easel works just as well.

Name tags/badges

LARGE BOLD PRINT

Include their yearbook picture if you have someone good at the computer. It's another keepsake. Pin, sticky or clipons? Stickies don't hold up and can ruin some fabrics but they are easy and cheap. Pins poke holes in clothes. Clips a little more but worth it.

Keepsakes and souvenirs - worth the money?

Yep. They make it memorable and they are never left behind. Check with SHHSAA for what they have available at cost.

Lots of clever ideas on the internet and pinterest - inexpensive promotional products like customized pens, pads. Example:
www.Choicepromotionalproducts.com

A customized beer mug, flashlite key ring, etc. can be a great idea but consider if the extra \$15-\$25 per person will make the difference for some to attend or not. Example:

www.Thingsremembered.com

www.efavormart.com

www.Wrappedhersheys.com (can order custom wrappers)

www.sarriscandies.com

Google or Amazon old fashioned candy

Awards: The usual still work: Traveled the furthest, most number of children, Most likely to, ribbons, plaques, have your own Class Hall of Fame and then nominate them for SHHSAA Hall of Fame..

Skits: Some work really, really well and make for new funny memories just like assembly programs did.

Icebreakers:

Pittsburgh trivia games are more exciting if conducted with competition by tables!

Name that tune, Scramble words, crossword puzzle

Make your own with internet resources.

Don't forget the spouses who are bored to tears. Involve them too.

Slide show, video: Here's where the creative OCD person can really shine! Put together a slide show or video featuring pictures old and new along with "your music." Talk about keepsake! Plus, if you have it projected on a screen for continuous play, it brings energy into the room.

Door prizes

Always a treat. Everyone likes to win something. Raffle off your centerpieces, baskets of cheer, whatever! Buy cheap raffle tickets from OfficeMax, Staples, Walmart, Target etc.

Photos, Photographer

A professional is worth it but with today's cameras you can spare the expense and have a classmate who does this as a hobby. It still *takes a good eye for a decent picture*. Pick a background spot with adequate lighting for the class picture. Also plan on local community pictures such as Brookline, Beechview, Mt. Washington, feeder schools, etc.

Special guests?

Former teachers? Any classmate a Reverend to say grace?

Program

Even if it's 5 minutes people expect some type of formal welcome. Use DJ's sound system. Hotels have podiums and sound system but may charge additional for sound system. Plan for 15 to 30 minutes. Can be 60 minutes if they're having a good time and you have some games or skits going on.

Welcome Speech: Here's where you can involve your class president – either in person or have them send a greeting to be read by your MC. Be sure to limit it to about 2 to 5 minutes. Go for concise, "thanks for coming". Ask classmates when do they want the next reunion, 5 years, 10 years, birthdays, picnics?

THE DAY!!

Registration table, name tags, goody bags, table assignments
Who was supposed to bring the prizes!!!!
Welcome sign.

Here's where extra volunteers come in handy. You know, the ones who say, "Let me know if I can do anything." Assign them to be hosts or hostesses whose *real job* is to actually go up to folks and welcome them. Even shy people will do it if it's an assigned job. People will feel welcome and hugging begins at the registration table. They will feel at ease as soon as they arrive. The job only lasts for about an hour!

Who's here? Where are they?

Everyone wants to know "who's here" and where are they sitting! If you have assigned seating, have copies at the registration table. One of the reasons people come is so they can check out "old so & so." An option is to introduce them and have them stand during the program portion. That can be a time killer though!

DJ

Now it's time for the DJ to really take over and for the committee to relax and enjoy the fruits of their labors! Be sure you have an agreement of who has access to that mic! Most DJ's have an additional per hour charge if you want them to stay an extra hour. That is assuming your site will allow more than the usual 4 hour block of time.

What do you do with left over money?

Yes, there can be if you have a great turnout. Hold some over as startup expenses for the next reunion in that checking account you started. Get your mileage out of that annoying call to the IRS. As long as they don't have monthly inactivity fees that will eat up your balance.

Consider a donation to the SHHSAA scholarship fund!!! 100% of scholarship donations go to scholarships. www.shhsaa.com

And what's next?

Don't rest on your laurels! Start planning your next one. If 5 years away is too long, think about celebrating major birthdays too - 50, 60, 70! And yes, 75, 80, 85! Several classes have had or are planning their 90th!!!!

Annual picnics, luncheons and occasional get togethers keep your committee and classmates tuned in!

Assign several committee members who will keep up with address changes via email. If you have a facebook page, encourage classmates to continue to use it.

Pittsburgh Trivia Game

1. Pittsburgh once had a bridge to _____
2. What was Bill Cardille's nickname _____
3. What deli item was Isaly's famous for _____
4. Bob Prince's nickname was _____
5. Myron Cope invented the Terrible _____
6. What is the Pittsburgh subway system called _____
7. What number did Roberto Clemente wear _____
8. Name the first radio station in Pittsburgh _____
9. Who can? _____
10. Ring a ling, a ling, give _____ a ring
11. Eat /n Park's the place for _____
12. Name four quarterbacks from Pittsburgh area who played in a Super Bowl: (there are more than 4) _____, _____, _____, _____
13. The place to go in Pittsburgh for fruit, vegetables and fun _____
14. Who played Handyman on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* _____
15. SHHS opened in _____ and the last class graduated in _____
16. Name two streets that bordered SHHS. _____, _____
17. SHHS was located near tall stacks furnishing air to which tunnels ____
18. Some SHHS alumni are still "staying after school" by living at the ____

Pittsburgh Trivia Game Answers

1. Pittsburgh once had a bridge to Nowhere
2. Bill Cardille's nickname is Chilly Billy
3. The deli item Isaly's is famous for is Chipped Ham
4. Bob Prince's nickname was The Gunner
5. Myron Cope invented the Terrible Towel
6. The Pittsburgh subway system is called The T
7. Roberto Clemente wore number 21
8. The first radio station in Pittsburgh was KDKA
9. Who can? American
10. Ring a ling, a ling, give ___ Roth _____ a ring
11. Eat /n Park's the place for Smiles
12. The quarterbacks from Pittsburgh area who played in a Super Bowl are:
Johnny Unitas, Dan Marino, Joe Montana, Terry Hanratty, Jim Kelly, George Blanda, Scott Zolak, Joe Namath
13. The place to go in Pittsburgh for fruit, vegetables and fun The Strip
14. Joe Negri played Handyman Negri on *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*. Joe, SHHS Class of '43, was inducted in SHHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame
15. SHHS opened in 1917 and the last class graduated in 1986
16. The streets that bordered SHHS are Ruth, Harwood, Secane, Eureka
17. The tall stacks near SHHS furnish air to the Liberty Tubes
18. Some SHHS alumni are still "staying after school" by living at the South Hills Senior Living Center that now really does have elevators for its Seniors

Old Geezer Questions

Here's a little fun trip back in time. Let's see how much you remember and how many you can recall.

1. In the 50's, if you had a flat rear tire, you often had to remove the ?
 - a. Necker knob
 - b. Curb feeler
 - c. Fender skirt
2. What color flash bulbs did Dad use for color film?
 - a. Blue
 - b. Pink
 - c. Plaid
3. What was the parking brake called when you were a kid?
 - a. Emergency brake
 - b. Pull n Stop
 - c. Breaker. Breaker
4. Way before Air Jordan, what was a kid's shoe of choice?
 - a. Buster Brown
 - b. PF Flyers
 - c. Old Stinkers
5. In what year did Dewey defeat Truman according to the Chicago Tribune?
 - a. 1946
 - b. 1948
 - c. 1952
6. Before the Orkin Man, what technology was part of most homes bug deterrence?
 - a. Shoe Fly
 - b. Fly paper
 - c. 50 mm Phlit gun
7. Dixie cups had what printed on their tops?
 - a. Secret decoders
 - b. Movie stars
 - c. WW II propaganda slogans

8. What was the prevailing method of birth control in the 50's?
- Heavy lifting and cold showers
 - Fear
 - Girdles and crinoline petticoats
9. Jimmy Durante said what at the end of every show?
- Aloha, my friends
 - Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are
 - Remember, wherever you go, my nose will get there first
10. I'm Popeye the sailor man; I'm Popeye the sailor man. I'm strong to the finish, __, __, __, __, __, I'm Popeye the sailor man.
- 'cause I eats me spinach
 - my dad was big and Finnish
 - isn't the music a bit tannish
11. In the quaint greasy spoon jargon of yore, what did knock the horns off one and drag it through the garden mean?
- 86 the customer, then kick him out the back door
 - Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce
 - Cooties
12. Lincoln Logs were for what use?
- A diary of the presidency
 - Keep track of fat cats who sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom
 - Building toy structures
13. Ward and June bring what to mind?
- A popular TV series called Leave it to Beaver
 - A Chicago family of butchers and knife sharpeners call The Cleavers
 - Inventors of the clicker, Jack Ward and Ernest June
14. Cops and Robbers, Cowboys and Indians, and Zorro are all forms of what?
- Alcoholic beverages
 - Capitalism
 - Children's play

15. What was the cheapest way to turn a bicycle into a motorcycle?
- Baseball cards in the spokes
 - Rig an electric motor with a very long cord
 - Turning left into the path of a Harley
16. Tinker toys date back to when?
- 1914
 - 1949
 - 1967
17. In grade school, what was the worst thing that could happen to you when being picked for a team?
- Getting picked last
 - Getting your uniform dirty
 - Not have the team tattoo
18. If we dared to swear and our parents heard us, we immediately found out what _____ tasted like.
- Meatballs
 - Soap
 - Sarsaparilla
19. What was one thing the Lone Ranger and Roy Rogers would never do?
- Kill someone
 - Shot a squirrel
 - Eat lima beans
20. What convertible offered an optional radio that automatically increased its volume as the car accelerated?
- 1912 Franklin
 - 1943 Jeep
 - 1957 Ford Thunderbird

Answers

- C) Fender skirts, attached to the rear fenders, covered fully half the wheel, streamlining the car.
- A) Blue
- A) Emergency brake.

4. B) PF Flyers. BF Goodrich patented the Posture Foundation insole, an innovation in comfort and performance, and began adding the new technology to its action shoes. Goodrich shoes with Posture Foundation became known simply as P-F in 1937. Fashion trends in the 40's and 50's saw PF Flyers escaping gyms and ball fields to become fashionable active footwear for everyone. "Everything you do is more fun with PF" read one 1947 magazine ad. In 2001, New Balance acquired the rights to the brand.
5. B) It was November 3, 1948 when Truman upset Republican Thomas Dewey in the first postwar presidential election. Trib publisher Col Robert R. McCormick got the news late.
6. B) Sticky fly paper hanging from kitchen ceilings was common in American homes until insecticides like Flit became available in the 40's.
7. B) Most people from the 40's and 50's recall with nostalgia the Dixie Cup ice cream picture lids that appeared all over American from 1930 to 1954. In the final year, the lids were in 3D, full color, and styled in left and right action poses. These were used in stereo card viewers for the 3D effect.
8. C) This is a tough one, but the answer is girdles and crinoline petticoats.
9. B) Good night, Mrs. Calabash, wherever you are.
10. A) 'cause I eats me spinach.
11. B) Rare hamburger or steak with tomato and lettuce. Other examples: Axle grease – butter; Blowout patches – pancakes; bowwow, barks or groundhog – hot dog; Baled hay – shredded wheat; Bessie – roast beef; Bessie in a bowl – stew; Cackle berries – eggs; Rabbit food – salad; Sinkers – donuts; and Sweep the kitchen – hash.
12. C) Building toy structures
13. A popular TV series called Leave it to Beaver, perhaps the most unrealistic, misleading and shallow depiction of family life ever produced for TV
14. C) Children's play
15. A) Baseball cards in the spokes
16. A) 1914 Good then, 1935 Good now, 2000 Good always; read the back of a 1935 Toy Tinkers catalog. Charles H. Pajeau and Robert Pettit, the founders of The Toy Tinkers

of Evanston, Illinois, and the creators of the Tinkertoy construction set, knew that the Thousand Wonder Builder would continue to inspire the imaginations of children because of its easy-to-use, yet versatile construction system. They're still made today, now by Hasbro.

17. A) Getting picked last.
18. B) Soap.
19. A) Kill someone. They would just shoot the gun out of the bad guy's hand. There was no blood, no violence, just folks wondering who that masked man was.
20. C) 1957 Ford Thunderbird. The option was available only that year.

Scoring:

17-20 correct: You are not only older than dirt, but gifted with mind bloat.

12-16 correct: Not quite dirt yet, but your mind is definitely muddy, ready to muck up others.

0-11 correct: You are one sad excuse of a geezer.