

**Historically folks who were not in attendance always ask for the comments made at the event, to be posted to this website, so they can read everything they missed.**

**The following is for the folks who "Didn't Labor Through Listening to it!" ☺**

And, there are comments in here that were omitted based on the loss of time.

Thank you all for joining us at The Fab 40<sup>th</sup>.

**On September 30th, we had the Cocktail Party and over 70 people were in attendance.** In addition, there were many of the folks who were there, who were unable to join us at La Ferme. Some of those included, Alicia Dunleavy, Ruth Brenner, Shelby Blitz, Debbie Prather, Mark Barber, Maureen Fields, Rob Wells, Kathy power (Wayne's wife), Jonty and Sharon Weston-Dawkes, Bruce Hicks, Lori Lapham, Liz and Gary Neubaum and more.

**On October 2nd, we had the Picnic.** In attendance at the picnic only was: Linda Conti, Mark Davis, Patty Moroney and Mike Fann, Bruce Whistler, Chris McBain Calantonio and more.

**The 163 Photo Slide Show up here runs about 19 minutes,** so if you're looking for a particular photograph--tab up your watch. If you do not see yourself in the slide show, it's because you came to the party after Connie built the show. Sorry, we missed you. However, there are and will be shots of you today and this weekend, which will go into the Memory book and Class website.

**So, to Answer the First and Obvious Question:**

**Where is Everyone?**

One year ago, August--You may remember, we polled the class for the type of event and venue they wanted. Daytime or Nighttime?

Well, 135 of our classmates "voted" on Daytime versus a Nighttime event!

**We based our planning on the "Spirit of That Number!"**

And, based on those votes, for those of you didn't support the idea of a "Daytime Gig' or Chose To Go With The Majority---just think where we would be today?

And, we had "7 People" Clock in this week, alone. We have about 27% of the "Contact List" with us today.

And in reality, we had only one classmate, "Other Than Me," who insisted on a Night Time Event. **But, the effort wasn't about me, so I opened it up to the class.**

And, as for the other Classmate who was insistent on a Night Time Gig, sadly, as of this week, she cannot be with us today.

First of all, before I begin, Ladies, James and I know your married names. And for some of you--"All of Your Married Names," (Like Many of you. ☺) but for the sake of ease and recognition, I'm sticking to Maiden Names in my following remarks.

**We have Classmates today, that we haven't seen in decades or since Graduation or even since Junior High School:**

**I'd like to specifically warmly welcome: From Julius West:** Carol Dukes, Kitty Walwick, Mark Gross, Heidi Bekebrede and Dru Peters. **From Our Graduating Class:** Cathy Reiff, Silvia Heinrich, Charlie Holzberger, Cesar Cabrales, Becky Foote, Missy Veronis, Kim Hough, Kathy Nelson, Sara Poynter; Bonnie Fotheringham; Scott Perine, and Susie Butler, who drove in from Alaska. What more can you ask for?

**And, there were folks Who Sent Their "Regards and Regrets."**

Over the course of these remarks, there is a very good chance I will inadvertently leave someone out. **There are just too many moving parts,--so please accept my apology in advance if you are omitted.** Off the top of my head, and right now--

**I know, I'm leaving people out:**

**John Crump has an Annual Professional Association meeting--this weekend, every year.** He's quite disappointed not to be here.

**Nan Fehr--** Nan lives in Iowa and is a vocalist and she is Performing Tonight.

**Matt Puziss--**Matt was First one to go on Record-- **A Year Ago August--**That he would not be here today--as today is Matt and Michelle's 28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Vania Kattah;** Her daughter is getting Married and since she's marrying a woman--I was fully supportive. ☺

**Shelby Blitz** was with us last night from Glendale, AZ but she flew out this morning.

**Kenny Rabin--** Is an Architect and really tried to make it, but he lives in France for the past **20 odd** years and "Drinks a lot of Wine." His characterization, not mine! James and I visited him and he is quite the Louvre aficionado and provides tours to VIP's. So you can well imagine, how challenging it was for him to here.

**Rhona Alter--**Later this month she's off to Tanzania and Zimbabwe and then in December--She's in Cuba. So, this is not the best time for Rhona.

**Alan Motsenbocker** has a Family Wedding in Dallas Today. He was just in town last month.

**Jay Palmer, you may remember him as John Palmer.** He is a very accomplished author and is on a book tour now and is based in Seattle. He's all over the Internet. He's written about 10 books.

**Amy Orris,** is currently living outside of Denver and she's is in Florida later this month to care for her very able 94 year old father.

**Jon Wallenmeyer** is bringing his first granddaughter into the world this weekend. But, he lives and works as an Architect right down the street.

**Kathy McDermott:** Well, over a year ago August--Kathy, had a vacation planned. Same goes for--Dan Deitemyer.

**And, Loads more.**

**All of these folks, though-- are on the Class List and you can email them-- directly. And, as you can see, I actually talk to all of these people and more.**

On your table settings, you'll see Post Cards which were sent to MIA's--

**Folks, We Tried! Of course, I've come to call these people--MI Aches!**

Another, example of added costs. (The Design, The Print and The Postage.) It all adds up, folks.

We all have trials and tribulations, and I'm not a regrets oriented person, but over the years many of you have always heard me share **my only regret in life and you're going to hear it, again.** It was May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1975 when I stupidly said,:

**"Vote for me and I promise you the best Reunions ever!"**

**And, some of you here--got the last laugh.**

It's been fun--I think!

**The planning and execution of this 4 Gig--3 Day Reunion was incredibly cumbersome and challenging.**

We've clocked our hours since **we started working on the event in August 2015.** In no way is this number remotely exact, but we know we have--a minimum of 1625 hours into executing this 3 day weekend.

**Which if you base it on a 40 hour work week, we have invested 41 weeks--of work into it.**

And, that **doesn't include another 35% of more time**, as I didn't dare ask James to clock in his hours. **So you can include "600 Additional Hours" into the oversight of this 3 Day Weekend.** If I did not have James's participation and cooperation in all of this work, **this Reunion would never have happened.**

**The time lost alone regarding the use of Credit Cards for the Reunion was enormous.**

We had to confirm we were getting charged correctly, determining all the hidden fees, pushing back and **we had to switch providers, which was also a nightmare.**

We were told we were paying a fraction of what we were charged in the end, which was **8% per transaction.** And, if any of you work with Credit Card Processing Companies, I'm confident you mark up your product or service enough to cover for the fraud. **We couldn't do that with Reunion Tickets.** So, on Master Card alone, we received \$100 per ticket. And, that had to cover the Photographer and DJ all the way down to renting your lovely Black and Gold Tablecloths and Napkins. Now, throw in Catering and Entertainment for tonight and Food and Beer for the picnic tomorrow.

**And, We Had Classmates Ask:**

Where is all the money going to? ☹️ They will remain nameless!

**In the 14 months we've been at this chaos, not to mention the years in advance preparing for it:**

There was a whole lot of work to do:

All the communication pieces (The Email Marketing Company, the website, Authoring the Emails to you).

**And, those Emails? Any one Email took 3 weeks to build with all the moving parts and the large amount of information that needed to be arranged and disseminated.**

**Hopefully, you found those emails compelling.**

Then there is the Promoting and Registration for the events. We had to Collect and Track Payments, select and work with the venues, Find the MIA's and more. It's only a fraction of the turmoil.

**Now I'm officially done whining! Nuff said.**

**AFTER ALL THIS "KVETCHING"-- YIDDISH FOR MOANING, GROANING AND BELLYACHING ABOUT EXECUTING THESE EVENTS;**

## **LET ME PAY YOU OFF NOW WITH THE DOOR PRIZES!**

Everyone Pull Out Your Raffle Ticket Stubs. And, hopefully Alain will select your name.

**The Prize?** We Have Three Door prizes which are **\$50 Amazon Gift Cards**. I wish it could be more, but I just carried on about the expense of providing you this 3 Day Weekend. ☺

**There seemed to be some confusion with my reference to attire when I said, "Snappy Casual~ Snappy Chic. No Rules. You Define it!"**

I was simply saying today's dress is, "Open Season."

Now, considering we're the Class of 76, Hindsight being 20/20:

**I should have just said "Look Mod!"** ☺

**Next time, Folks--It's One Gig!** And next time it's "Checks Only"-- It's too Hard Otherwise. **And, 37 of you paid by check and that was appreciated.**

Over the course of future reunions, **I'm clearly going to run out of song titles for our emails--as there are only so many Billboard hits in 1976** and I seem to have run through many of them; So, allow me **to repeat myself at the 45<sup>th</sup>.**

**Just a Quick Heads up and Reminder: This year is the 240th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence** and we were there Graduating in the Bicentennial Year.

**All That "Bicentennial" Hype Back Then.**

**It was just as big as Y2K--24 Years Later!**

I'm often asked about my three names. Yes, I am the King Pin of identity theft.

Briefly, I was illegally registered in Montgomery County Schools from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, as I was forced to use my mother's second husband's name, even though I was not adopted.

If You Want the Details on That One--Get Me Later!

If you go to the Graduation Program, which is on the class website, you'll see I spoke to the class as Richard Bedard, but in the body of names, I formally graduated under my given name Rich Moonblatt--**which is also on my diploma.**

**However, three 3 years ago June and last June "The Supremes" declared us constitutional, so I took the husband's last name--Peterson.**

And, we were legally married in Massachusetts, the 1<sup>st</sup> State to legalize Gay Marriage. And, our beloved Lisa Mahon, a classmate from Julius West who we lost last year, was there to see it happen.

**However, I still use Bedard on class related matters because folks find me on Facebook under the name Bedard, as that's the name folks knew-- from 7th to 12th grade.**

So, with all these name changes it's even more challenging for me to keep up on all of you.

At this moment, we will not discuss the women in our class who have had three or four married names, which I track, for database purposes.

**But, just keeping up on your first names**, like: Bootsy's now Audrey, Danny Franklin is now Dan, Ray Armstrong is now Gary, Becky Foote is now Rebecca, **and, Rebecca-- I like that name--**and, it's on your name tag; Kenny Rabin is now Ken, Jonty Westin-Dawke's is now Jon, Reenie Hawkins is now--Irene, Dick Baker is now Richard, Donna Windrow is now Michelle, Missy Veronis is now Melissa, **and the story goes on!**

**But, Kyle Will Always Be Kyle.** And, he is in the minority of being the **only Kyle in our class.**

So with all this said, I'm going to bring my comments to a close.

**I know, finally! I Did It! We have more to go, but the remainder is all about youse guys.**

There are folks who must be recognized and we already tipped our hat in your program, which was kind of a miscommunication between James and I, and you can well imagine, with all of this work, it wasn't our first--miscommunication.

**But, the marriage is still stable, sane and sensible.**

**But, if you ask James, as of today, it's pretty short term.**

**Okay, Moving On: We didn't plan to brand classmates in advance of this presentation with noting their role in your Program.**

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I recognize the people you see in your program for: **Sustaining our class with their contributions, financial or otherwise.**

Going in the order that you see in your program, **and this does not mean the order**

**is ranked**, let me begin with:

**1.) Lee Corydon:** For those of you who don't know, Lee has been living in Mauritius for the past 26 years. Sadly, Lee could not be with us today, as her father passed away recently and she was stateside twice in the last few months. However, I want all of you to know how hard Lee worked at finding MIA's on Facebook. Many of you know, I'm only **on Facebook because this class has dragged me on it, and I am not technologically proficient with it nor do I really want to be there!**

But, Lee worked feverishly at finding folks and connecting with them. **Lee registered 41 people on our Facebook page. And, that's Pretty incredible.** And, with that said, we have a plaque for her. ☺

**2.) Missy Veronis:** Melissa was our "LinkedIn Leader." Missy did what Lee did, but on LinkedIn.

Missy took the Class List on the website and had to figure a lot out, such as:

- a) Is that our James McCormack, Moe for those of you who not know his formal name or our Mark Davis? **There's one I omitted**--Mark will be at the Picnic tomorrow. These are Common Names. And, there are loads of them on LinkedIn.
- b) Based on the years detailed in his or her profile, Missy had to ask herself: Is It likely they graduated in 1976?
- c) Or, does it appear they ever lived in Rockville, Maryland? Even though the profile says they are in Hagerstown? Or, New Mexico?
- d) **And, the Big One?** Is it likely this "pretty academic classmate" is now a Brain Surgeon?

Folks, it was not an easy job, but Melissa labored through it. In addition, her compassion played out with her donation, as well.

And, Missy, from the heart, thank you for being my date at Homecoming--Senior Year. Come on up Melissa and take your bow.

**3.) Donna Clagett:** In the very early days of our launching the Facebook page, Donna was the "Facebook Forerunner," and she was key to getting us online. Sadly for her, I **dumped The title, "Facebook Administrator" on her** and as we attempt to do things with Facebook outside of Facebook, **Donna Gets Dragged In!** I'm sending Donna this plaque, as well sending Lee--hers.

**4.) Mark Gross:** Mark has already proven he really is a, "**Selfless Superstar!**" As you all know, **Mark offered us his home tonight** for The After Party. **What most of you do not know**, is that Mark reunited with us a few short

years ago, and has participated in our annual casual soirées. For those of you here today from Broome, Mark left us after 9th Grade and went onto WJ. As a matter of fact, Mark is hosting WJ's 40th Reunion this time next month. **Exactly, 30 days from today. Right, Mark. October 29<sup>th</sup>?** And, yes, Mark, **we know it's a thankless job but somebody has to do it. In 31 more days, from this moment, I assure you, you will smile!**

**Just watch me tomorrow afternoon around 4:15pm.** ☺ Regardless, folks, I have every reason to believe, Mark self identifies as one of us!

Mark, The Class of '76 **warmly thanks you and your wife, Nancy, for your support and assistance tonight.**

**5.) Okay, let's go with Connie Taksel:** Talking about a Top Gun! What many of you do not know, is if you look right up here, it was **Connie who produced the Sights and Sounds of Our Lives.** And, do not even ask her, how crazy I made her during production. But, Connie simply humored me. Join me in giving her a round of applause.

As all of you know, Connie is one of the most school spirited folks we have. Connie worked at getting many of you here today. In addition, to all of her hard work, she financially contributed to this Reunion weekend and she truly is an all Heart Hero. **Con, you really produced results for us. And, I Thank you.**

**6.) Kyle Remissong: Kyle is "My Partner in Crime!" It is what and who he has been for 40 years now!**

For 40 years, Kyle has willingly participated in The Good. The Bad. And, The Damn Right Ugly!

**Kyle has done more for The Class of 76 than anyone here.** Every five years, I have dumped the picnic on Kyle, and Kyle always comes through. This year, I've been way more helpful, but **Kyle will oversee everything tomorrow.** Kyle, James and I warmly thank you. **And, I will volunteer, tomorrow.** ☺

**So, folks, as you can see, these 6 people have pulled Rabbits Out of Their Hats!**

Before, I formally recognize the next round of very important people here, I want to reference a donor that needs to be acknowledged. And, he's not in your program!

For those of you from Broome you will not know him and for those of you from Julius West he left us after eighth grade. **So, if you're in the Woodley Gardens Elementary School crowd or remember 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade--then you may remember Bruce Whistler.** Bruce was joining us today and in the 11th hour had a

change of plans. When I attempted to refund Bruce's money, he told me to use it as a financial contribution for the expenses associated with the Reunion. I was quite moved and these plaques were already produced. **However, Bruce will be with us at the Picnic tomorrow and he'll be wearing his name tag from today, because we already had it made. So, be sure to reach out to him and thank him for contributing to the class when you see him, tomorrow.**

**Now, Let's Focus on the Donors That Are Here:**

- 1) **Sylvia Heinrich:** Our "Philanthropic Partner." In recent years, everyone of Sylvia's emails to me were "**Empowering and Appreciative.**" Again, as you can well imagine, there were days, I was pretty over the class and these four gigs over three days.

**Sylvia did a phenomenal job getting some folks here today.** People we haven't seen since Graduation Day, **in addition to getting herself here from Vancouver.** Silvia, in every email **you inspired me to move on with the work.** With appreciation and respect, Silvia, I Thank you.

- 2) **Jim Insley: Another one of our "Conscientious Contributors--In Every Way."** Not only did Jim financially support our weekend, but if it were not for Jim, we wouldn't have a yearbook here today, nor, any copies of the Tide (our school newspaper). And, Jim provided us the Commencement Program that was placed on our class website, as well as all the other extras this weekend like the Julius West Group Photo. Jim, thank You.
- 3) **Linda Brunett:** Over the course of 40 years, **Linda has served as our "Generosity Giant."** Linda always makes herself available and jumps in wherever needed. She not only is willing to get her hands dirty, but **she does it with a smile and she does it effortlessly.** Of course, amongst her many assorted professional talents, **Linda is Also an Event Planner. So, She Gets It! Linda, thank you for always being there and being such a Giant with Your Generosity of Friendship.**
- 4) **Stephanie Billon:** Are any of you are stretching to remember Stephanie from either Julius West or RM? Like, are you saying to yourself, I don't remember Stephanie in Biology or English class? That's because Stefanie graduated early, from the Class of 1977 and joined us. And, she has many friends in our Class. Stephanie has actively participated in our annual casual gigs, and thought of us as well with her financial contribution.
- 5) **Jon Kubas:** It was very easy to come up with a title for Jon on this award, as everybody in this room knows Jon as just that-- "**A Great Hearted Guy!**" Jon, your "Positive Mental Outlook" is what has made you the successful man, that you are, today.

- 6) **Reenie Hawkins: And, now she is, "Irene."** But I have a hunch, Irene, we're all going to call you Reenie!

**Reenie always rolls up her sleeves and asks, "What Needs to be Done" and Volunteers.** I know when I'm devising lists, I can always roll Reenie into the fold, without even asking, **because she is a "Caring Contributor."** **Just last week, Irene said in an email, "I'm planning to be at all 4 events. I can help with anything - just tell me what you want me to do?"** As a matter of fact, Reenie has graciously volunteered to lead the effort tonight, to connect with Lee Corydon via Skype at the After Party. Please bear in mind that there may be challenges, as we have tried Skyping with classmates in the past and we had a number of technical difficulties. Reenie, our fingers are crossed that all goes well. We thank you for your efforts.

- 7) **Jon Greene:** Jon is not in your program because the programs were already printed when we received Jon's contribution. **But, fortunately, my plaque maker went through fire to accommodate us, so we can adequately thank Jon for his contribution.** Jon, apologies for the omission in the program.
- 8) **Kathy Card:** Like Sylvia, every one of Kathy's emails have been supportive and validating. **Kathy is my "Prize Partner."** Thank you Kathy for your constant advocacy.
- 9) **Steve Banashek: Steve is Truly a Remarkable Robin Hood** and the designation clearly characterizes Steve's contribution.

**Not only this time but at the 35<sup>th</sup>, as well!**

If I remember correctly, and I believe I do, it was Steve's contribution at the 35<sup>th</sup> that considerably assisted us with the Picnic! We were cancelling it until Steve stepped up to the plate. **Steve is always there and I count on him every time.**

**Steve, You 'Da man!**

- 10) **Mickey Nolan: "Our Distinguished Do-Gooder!"**

Mickey, is clearly one of the few amongst us who **lives and breathes this class.** Several times a week, give or take, Mickey makes contact with me by phone or email and **backs everything we are doing!** In addition, I want to credit Mickey for branding this event. **It was Mickey who came up with The Fab 40th.**

Mickey was also instrumental in getting us Ro, our photographer today. Mickey is one our "Stealth Supporters." **Mickey, like I tell you every week--"You Always Do Good!"**

- 11) Pat Nolan:** Mickey's brother. Like Mickey, Pat is always supportive of our work and his Contribution is "Greatly Appreciated." **Pat's assistance really came through for us in a very big way. Pat's contribution was crucial for assisting us with the Catering of the After Party Tonight.**

**Suffice it to say, Everyone--the Nolan Brothers came through for the Class of 76!!!**

- 12) David Burrelli:** "My Boy!" I guess, I should say, "My Man! David is Truly our Charitable Champion! David's contribution to this class was Jaw Dropping!!!

**And, he thought of us 10 months ago, back in January!!!**

I was able to open the Bank Account with David's contribution. Like Steve, David also subsidized the class at the 35th and for those of you who are **joining us tonight, David--made the After Party, that much more special!**

The entertainment tonight is with The Baltimore Improvisational Group, And, it's brought to you by David Burrelli along with the today's DJ.

**So, dancers, be sure to thank David for your to step onto the dance floor. David this one's for you!**

**And, our Donors Did More Than Pull a Rabbit Out of their Hats.**

**They Pulled Out Cash!**

**Give Us a Round of Applause for everyone who contributed one way or another!**

- 13) Okay, one last one and it's not in your program, because it's a surprise. The Programs in your hand today was designed and produced by, my husband, James. I simply wrote the copy. The husband (I'm still not fully adjusted to that "Term of Art") designed and produced your name tags.**

**James is the Master Excel Designer and Aficionado. Don't even ask me how many Excel spreadsheets were required for these four gigs**

**over this three day weekend affair.** James is the Wizard behind the most important job--Creating and maintaining the Database and Designing and Maintaining the class website, which is what got us all here today. James' Technological Expertise has singled handedly made this 3 Day weekend happen. **James served in many ways, but clearly you can call him the RMHS Class of 76, "Technological Titan."**

I will not even mention. the dozens and dozens of jobs I've dumped on him--every day since a year ago, August! Last year, I sacrificed his annual family vacation, being the baby of five, family is important to him, while I was creating the very Email to you about what you wanted for the 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion. And, I sacrificed it again, two months ago when I brought my desktop and CPU to the vacation house.

And, I've been unloading this work on him for 11 years. Whether you know him at all, **what you don't know--is how well he knows you!**

He knows Your Spouse or Spousal Equivalent's Name, Email and Street Address and everything else you can imagine.

Against my will, James, who doesn't attend his own HS Reunion, has invested "Hundreds of Hours" into the oversight of this 3 Day Weekend. If I did not have his participation and cooperation in all of this work, **this Reunion would never have happened.**

Over the years, many of you shoot me an email full support and recognition.

But, the **Real Hero for The Fab 40<sup>th</sup>--is the husband and he has--truly served as My Right Hand Man and that is the honor I'm giving him today.**

The Right Hand Man Award. Join me in giving him a Standing Ovation.

Thank you to all the Volunteers to help today with the Registration Table and other assorted assignments.

Irene, Donna, Linda, Cathy, Scott, Stephanie, David, Connie and naturally, James.

**I really want to thank, Mickey and Pat for shlepping a whole lot of stuff in their Rental Car all weekend long.** And for those of you with cars today, please see me later, as we may need your help bring some of the After Party Catering to Mark's house. Alain has it refrigerated for us since yesterday. James and I should have simply rented an 18 Wheel Rig this week.

As for all the Photos from Hungerford, College and Woodley Gardens, West Rockville, and Twinbrook Elementary and Julius West Group Photo. **Thank you to Donna Windrow, Linda Brunett, Reenie Hawkins, Dru Peters, Carol Dukes, Missy Veronis and Lee Corydon for making it happen.**

**And, to John Crump, our Consummate Class Photographer, deserves loads of kudos for providing us the 70's photos for the website and in today's slide show.**

**Not only are we enjoying all of the photographs today, but we are including them in the Memory Book and Class Website.**

**Okay, real fast Housekeeping Matters--Less than 2 minutes and I'm done!**

**The After Party Tonight:**

Mark's Address is on your ticket and the directions are in your program. So no one gets lost and if you do, Mark's cell number is on your ticket. Sorry. Mark.

Take your name tags with you for tonight and tomorrow, if you're going to the Picnic.

Just to remind you for a Broad selection of Beer and Wine--Next Door Brookeville Market make a left out the door, and Joseph, the owner is offering us a 5% discount. It's something...Just go in and say, "You're with the Reunion Next door at La Ferme.

Or, if you go to the ABC stores already referenced, we will have Coke, Ginger Ale, and Sprite as mixers for you.

And, folks today under Noah's Law goes into effect. Under the law, drivers will be required to participate in the state Ignition Interlock Program if they are found of: Driving under the influence (DUI). So, Pace Yourselves.

**If you're joining us tomorrow at The Picnic, "PLEASE," I ask you "Please"--get your food and beer sooner versus later. I'm confident, we'll have folks crash who did not RSVP and haven't financially supported the event, as the Picnic is "Kinda" financed, "through today's ticket."**

**There will be a sign that says: "If you were unable to join us Saturday, a small contribution is warmly welcomed." Feel free to encourage people.**

As I said, The Memory Book is being loaded on the website and it will include photos from today and this weekend.

Do not look for it next week, folks.

James and I need to recover from this weekend.

So, friends, if you want to be included, you still have a "Wee-Bit" of time to get in the Memory Book.

Read the entries from the 35<sup>th</sup> on the Class Website for inspiration.

**Surveys are very important to us, so complete them when we Email it to you on Monday, so we can fine tune this event for the 45<sup>th</sup>. We will summarize your comments without your name and publish it on the class website.**

If you're coming up on Retirement, get us a Home Email, otherwise, you will become MIA! ☹

**October 15 is the RMHS Homecoming: Are You In? If we have enough interest here, I'll coordinate our presence with the school and have us introduced on our 40 year Homecoming Reunion. But, you must come to me and tell me you're in! We have four folks that are all over it and they are not here now.**

**Finally, I Want to Express My Gratitude: I want to thank Alain Roussel the owner here at La Ferme.** And, Alain's Dining Mgr Prasad and his GM's Guillerme and --for working so closely with us these past 14 Months. Alain has owned this restaurant for the past 30 odd years and we have dined here often. I ask the folks that live locally, to try this restaurant out, as you just witnessed here at lunch, the food is exceptional and the menu is very reasonable. Alain has gone through fire for us. The Class of 1976 owes him a debt of gratitude.

Okay folks, when we say it's time to go shortly before 4:30pm, we need everyone out of here, so Alain can start breaking this set down and prepare for his Saturday evening rush. And, some of them are senior citizens, so they eat at 5pm. In addition, and most importantly, you do not want to miss the Group shot being taken outside at 4:30pm. And, then onto The After Party.

**Okay, folks It's time for the 1976 Trivia Contest. So, Dig back into your memory to answer these questions.**

Here are the rules:

- 1) Alain will be on the Balcony looking for the hands to go up. Do not shout out the answer, as it will disqualify you and kill the question for everyone.

- 2) Police One Another for "Not Going on Your Cell Phone" to Get the Answer. That's not "Fair Play!"
- 3) And, you can only win once. So, once you win, sit back and enjoy.
- 4) The Prize? A \$15 Gift Card for iTunes.