

FRESNO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1955

Official Reunion Email site: shaverty1955@comcast.net

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Newsletter

Number 1

WE'RE WORKING

Your 55th reunion committee has hit the ground running (of course not as fast as we use to). We had our first meeting May 18, 2006 and our second October 19, 2006 at Sharon Haverty's. Of course we ate and ate but finally got down to the business of discussing ideas for our next reunion. We reviewed things that had previously been done and the responsibilities that go into putting on a reunion. A location or date cannot be secured before 2008/2009. Here are some of the decisions (**not in concrete**) that we made based on the surveys that were returned.

Time of year – October 2010

(Make us your vacation plan)

How many days – 2

(All of you wanted more time to talk to friends)

How many events - 3

(No host cocktails, classmate only breakfast, dinner)

A Booklet

(a modified version with a surprise)

Dinner time – Cocktail hour from 5 – 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

There are other areas that we are working on. **We promise no music at dinner.** Without knowing the location and what can be provided to us we just have to be patient and do those things we can in advance. We will meet at least once a year until 2010. **Please feel free to add your suggestions.**

This is your committee:

Sharon **Henryson** Haverty

Coordinator

Nancy **Ferguson** Ferda

Treasurer

Janice **Agbashian** Andreasian

Carol **Bowman** Underhill

Don **Brannon**

Pat **Croll** Brannon

Joanne **Canfield** Morgan
Barbara **Christensen** Hand
Ben **Eichman**
Rosanne **Jensen** Jensen
Marilyn **Judy** Hasler
Arlene **Johns** Smith
Jim **Kilgore**
Lucia **Koller** Wilson
Eloise **Mason** Huston
Shirley **Main** Pratt
Connie **Marsella** Gallup
Helen **McCloskey** Shaw
David **Meyer**
Bonnie **Mott** Ruether
Delores **Pedroncelli** Mehling
LaVonne **Schiller** Aldag
Beverly **Schmidt** Larios
Donna **Stewart** Kelton

EMAIL ADDRESSES

I had 144 email addresses of classmates in my reunion database. I *attempted* the first mass email Aug. 31st, no luck, again Sept. 2nd, no luck. Called Comcastic and their advice was to break down the names into groups of 25. I did, it worked on 5 out of 6 groups. After 3 more tries the 6th group made it. Yahoo sent me an error message and called me a virus after too many attempts. Yahoo users may not have received anything. At this time I have had 12 email addresses returned as invalid. I know there are oh so many more. This is a wonderful tool and it's **free** but not perfect

If you have not turned in an email address I would encourage you to do so. If you want it to remain confidential I can easily do that. I blind copy all my emails so your address does not show. **I will not give out your information.** The official reunion email address is: shaverty1955@comcast.net. **Please add this to your email address book** (this is the main reason messages do not get

through-the sender is not recognized). If the email I sent to you was returned to me there will be a personal note on this newsletter to you. If you did not receive the email and there is no note on the newsletter, I am (this hurts) in your junk or spam mail.

?? QUESTIONNAIRES ??

I know, I know. You have filled out a thousand of these before but since the reunion 28 classmates have moved that we know about. We were able to get addresses for 18 of them but have 10 that we are unable to locate. If you have any information for the following classmates please let us know:

Verna **Crawford** Phillips
Marilyn **Dutcher** Thomas
Judith **Franks** Ellis
Nancy **Gavotto**
Terry (Charles) **Gross**
La Donna **Harrington** Dawson
Bud **Jewett**
Winona **Johnson** Toffoli
Donald **McCord** Jahn
Sandra **Whyte** Moore

The hardest area to administer for a reunion is keeping track of classmates. We are at that time of our life when we start downsizing and move around. We will be asking for a contact person that could put us in touch with you plus the usual information. Please take the time to fill out and return to us. The complete unable to locate list will be on the back of the questionnaire.

FHS Alumni Association

This is something that I hope all of you check out. We will be updating our class information at their website on a regular basis. I have our committee meeting dates

listed, the reunion committee roster and a picture of your committee on this website. You are able to sign up on the classmate list, check out the memorial and missing lists and a place to share a memory. Their website is:

www.fresnohighalumni.com.

You can also check out other classes as well. It is a first class operation. There is an alumni dinner every May in front of Fresno High. Check the website for information.

COFFEE GROUPS

How many of you have formed coffee groups or other activities since the last reunion? We would like to hear from you and find out when you meet and if it is open to classmates in your area. We need a contact name with a phone number or email address for your group. We will email or post in the next newsletter which brings us to the.....

NEWSLETTER

The committee needs to know if you enjoyed this newsletter and format. Would you like them to continue at least yearly? It does give us updated information and keeps us in touch with **all** our classmates. Of course we need your input for articles. How about memories of the football train trips, school activities, your favorite teacher, classmates you have run into later in life, etc. We will try to post a variety of information plus what you reunion committee is up to. I would like to make a plea for **SOMEONE** with more expertise to take over the newsletter.

SOMEONE who can incorporate pictures (I most definitely cannot do that). You do not have to live in Fresno. This can be done by email and it's only once a year (so far). This newsletter was kept at 2 pages due to costs but it could be increased to whatever we need. Some other classes have 8 pages but I would like to keep it at 2-3 double sided. Your committee has funded this newsletter. The cost

breaks down like this for 410 on the active roster:

Postage	\$160 (for now)
Paper	5 (a ream)
Labels	10
TOTAL	\$175 approx.

This does not include a runoff cost or additional pages. We do not have the funds to do a newsletter so we need your financial help to keep this going. **If it doesn't happen that's okay,**

SPECIAL DINNER FUND

We would like to start a scholarship fund to assist classmates and their spouses who cannot attend because of cost. **It would be on a first come basis and for reunion events only.** Sharon Haverty will be the only contact to accept names. We do not have a cost for the reunion at this time. We will take any amount you are willing to give. We will remind you over and over again before 2010. Thank you in advance for your response.

CHECKS

Make sure you designate on your check where you want your money to go – the newsletter, dinner fund or both. If you want to give to both funds you won't hurt our feelings.

All checks are made out to:

FHS Class of 1955

Mail to:

**FHS Class of 1955
Sharon Haverty
3773 W. Robinson Ave.
Fresno CA 93722**

Customized Computer Program

I have a program on my computer that was created by Don Hyberg, Class of '57, which allows me to store classmate data. He had all our class information, loaded it on my computer and all I have to do is update information. This is incredible because it saved so much data entry time. Don keeps all the records for the FHS Alumni Association and he has all the

1955 information. I keep him updated on changes so if anything happens to me or my computer he can reload.

HELPING HANDS

We are doing everything we can to keep the costs of this reunion to a minimum and to spend your money wisely. To do so we have already asked for financial help, but there are other ways to help. Inland Star Dist.Center (Donna Stewart Kelton's son) has allowed us to use their copy machine this time to run off this newsletter. **With 4 pages it is saving us \$113.** Is there a classmate out there who has access to a high speed copy machine we can use? We supply the labor and paper. Contact Sharon Haverty.

BAY AREA MINI REUNION

Twenty-one classmates met at Arnold **Joyal Jr.'s** home on May 6, 2006 for the First Annual Bay Area Resident Members of the FHS Class of 1955 Pot Luck. They had a great time and plan to do it again next year. Arnold is looking for a volunteer host for next year because he is moving into a smaller home this winter. Check the FHS Alumni website. There may be a picture of this group by the time you receive this newsletter.

FALLEN WARRIORS

John **Staffero** – Dec. 2005
Betty **Gray** Hahner – Aug. 2006

If you know of a classmate that has passed away please notify us immediately and then we pass it on to the FHS Alumni Association.

FINALLY!

We will have at least 1 committee meeting in 2007 so check the calendar on the FHS Alumni website for the date.

**Your very challenged editor,
Sharon Henryson Havert**