

# It's Time to Plan for the "Big One"! RHS Class of 1953 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion!

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Remember back in 1953 when you thought being 65 would be old? Well, we've passed it and it's no longer old—just slower! We're anxious to start planning for the big one, the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, and we need your input. "The Committee" has scattered to the winds and we're going to have to rely on e-mail, snail mail, and old-fashioned telephone communication, but we'll get the job done and prepare for a night to remember—with your help.

The crowd at the 45<sup>th</sup> reunion was smaller than previous reunions. So many of you said, "I'll wait for the 50<sup>th</sup>." We're counting on your enthusiasm and attendance to make this gala event a big success. For starters, please fill in the questionnaire below and return, so we can get a feel for what, where, and when. Financially we're off to a good start. Before we deduct for this mailing, we have \$1197 in the bank. However, that can decrease rapidly with subsequent mailings, general expenses, and deposits. You've helped us get started before, so any amount you might care to contribute would be greatly appreciated—and most helpful.

We've heard from many of you over the past years. The prize goes to Gus Sprinsock, who surprised us one day with the following e-mail: "Go Back-Go Back-Go Back To the Woods. 'Cause You Haven' Got-You Haven't Got-You Haven't Got the Goods"! Gus found our e-mail address on [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com), where very often someone new signs on to the RHS '53 listing. Arlene Camerino Borg also contacted us from that site. Happily, they are no longer is on the "Lost List." Sadly, we will miss Bill Finck and John (J.B.) Williamson, both of whom have been moved to the "In Memoriam" list.

Norm Davis sends greetings to all RHS '53 classmates from New Zealand. "Much has happened to all of us in the past 50 years. See "Lord of the Rings" to get an idea of what New Zealand is like and why I have chosen to live here. Cheers!" Norm's web site is <http://mysite.xtra.co.nz/~HIWIROA>. Joe Shannon is "looking forward to seeing all of you at the 'Fiftieth.' It seems like only yesterday that we escaped from Roosevelt to go out into the world and make our mark. A happy and healthy New Year to al!" Vinnie DeVita sends greetings and says, "Hello Class of 53. I look forward to the next get together. In the meantime, we are living in Branford, Connecticut, right outside of New Haven, on the coast, and have an apartment in NYC, as well. If anyone is in the neighborhood, please drop by. At this stage we enjoy the opportunity to meet old (old) friends and swap lies! I can be reached at [vted@aol.com](mailto:vted@aol.com), as well. Cheers." Jewel (Julie) Eisenstein Hirsch writes: "50th reunion! Come to think of it, we came to RHS just *before* 1950. Good health to all between now and then. Let's have some early 50's music for dancing. We cannot be that old"!!

Down in Florida Joan Henry Kindy related: "I hope that I can be at our 50th. Recently in a restaurant I talked with a man that went to RHS and was born in 1953, the year we graduated. The best thing about that conversation was that he could not believe I was there celebrating my 66th birthday. At least, that was what he said!!! Best to all." Eileen Walsh Budney e-mailed from Illinois that she hopes to attend the reunion. "I have only been to the 40th and 45th. Had a great time at both. My Sister went to the first reunion of the class of '51, at my insistence, and she was THRILLED.. I hope everyone makes A REAL EFFORT TO COME. Look forward to seeing everyone."

"Greetings fellow RHS classmates!," wrote Lennie King. "I remain amazed at how quickly the years have flown by. Fifty years seemed like an eternity fifty years ago. It boggles the mind to think of all we have survived, and all we have witnessed in that period of time. I wish everybody another fifty years of life, peace and happiness." John Hopkins was on the high seas when he wrote: "We're celebrating the holidays on the MS Rotterdam somewhere in the Caribbean. Retired for almost seven years and spend most of our time traveling the world. Have visited something like fifty countries since retirement. When not on the road, we hole up at our home on Vashon Island, located in Puget Sound, State of Washington." "Hi from Paradise (Seabrook Island, South Carolina), even if it's more like New Jersey today than the south land. But spring comes in February!"((-:)) says Warren Kimball.

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**Yes! I want to be there. Keep me posted.**

**I'm trying to make up my mind.**

**No, I can't make it.**

**I prefer May-June**

**I prefer September-October**

**I prefer someplace in Westchester**

**I prefer a new location.**

**Here's \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to defray committee  
postage, printing, and organizing costs.**

**I am in touch with:** \_\_\_\_\_