

BHS & SHHS Class of '61 Newsletter Fall 2016

55 YEAR REUNION RECAP

What a wonderful time at the 55 year reunion. 2016 Class reunion was a great success!

If you were not able to attend, you were missed! Those there had a very good time just enjoying each other's company and catching up on the last few years. This newsletter will give you a flavor for the time spent together and hopefully you will also feel a part.

Join us for a **virtual reunion weekend** by viewing the **MOVIE**. John Kueck has made an amazing video of the weekend which you can access at

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxNGS5lgrH46RnVKdEhpSjl4Zk0/view?usp=sharing>

It is AWESOME! **Have your sound on. Thanks, John!**

EVENTS:

FRIDAY EVENING – 66 people of Class of 61 (classmates, spouses and friends) gathered at the Lucky Pig in Ogden. Early in the evening we had live music provided by Barbara (Johnson) & Gary Carlson and their band. Others in the restaurant came back to listen. They did a great job. Folks ate and visited. Several classmates came that evening who were not able to attend on Saturday including Pam Parrish Dearing, Barbara Wills McKelvey, and Hank & Isabel Harris.



SATURDAY MORNING – A number from the class toured the new Boone High School. Boone continues to reach for excellence as they always have, and this facility continues the great tradition.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON Seven Oaks just west of Boone was the place to be

Saturday afternoon. Folks gathered starting about 3 PM. We had a travel slide show with pictures of places folks have been. Covered all 7 continents! But mostly folks just visited. There were red and green cupcakes that Verne brought for snacks, a display in the entry area, and lovely decorated tables. At about 5:00 we went outside for the class photo. There are 44 classmates in this picture. If you wish to order one, contact George Ensley, Ensley Photography, 723 Story Street, Boone IA 50036; call 515-432-8292; or e-mail george@Ensley-Photo.com. Prices range from \$10 for 5x7, \$15 or 8x10 or \$20 for 10x20.

Following the picture, we gathered inside for the memorial to deceased classmates, since heavy rain was imminent. As Verne Lyon read the names, Dona Raygor rang the special class bell and a candle was lit. It was a touching moment.

Following the memorial, there was time to visit as we prepared for a delicious dinner. Lonette Alber Bebensee gave the blessing on the food and the evening.

After dinner there was a short business meeting. The group decided to have a 75 year birthday party in 2 years. Verne & Hud will again assume responsibility for making arrangements. This will be a daytime event.



The program followed the business meeting. We had poems read by Mary Day and Sandy Crandell, a recap of world events since we graduated by Hud Lainson, some "history" questions by Verne, and a final note to 1961 graduates by Sandy. Committee members were given gifts of appreciation for the hard work and dedication.

Following this there was music provided by Larry Kelley with an opening statement about Grid by Barry Wills, followed by dancing and more visiting.

A rather strong thunderstorm came through so some folks left a little earlier than planned. But it really did not dampen our spirits – we had fun anyway

SUNDAY MORNING – A number of classmates gathered at the Saints Ave. Café on Sunday morning to enjoy a brunch together. There were about 30 folks who gathered for brunch and more visiting, then fond good byes.



Those not there were missed. Hope the next event in two years will include more of us. A great time was had by all. Please be sure to watch the video.

SURVEY: Attached is a **survey we would like everyone to complete and send back**. It will help to plan our next get-together in 2 years.

<https://app.surveymzmo.com/distribute/share/id/3089459>

LUNCH BUNCH We will continue to have class lunches on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Karen Hicks (515-432-1817) or Dona Raygor (515-432-3702) for location.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Prior to reunion the directory update was sent e-mail. If there are those without e-mail who want a copy, just let me know and I will send you one.