

August 12, 2004

Dear Classmates,

It's hard to believe how close we are to the reunion. I want to thank you all for getting your reservation in so we can proceed with finalizing our plans.

Our <u>Friday</u> evening event is being held at the American Legion, 1600 75th Street West. We will meet at seven o'clock to socialize and get re-acquainted. There will be a cash bar available for drinks such as cold drinks, beer and cocktails. Pizza (with various toppings) and chicken wings with celery sticks/dressing will be the 'food of the evening'. There will also be an assortment of chips, dips and pretzels. We will have a band from eight until eleven to play all of our favorite songs. (Dancing will be at your own risk.) The cost for this event will be \$15.00 per person. This is a 'casual' night so come comfortable. The theme is 'SOCK HOP' and there will be a lot of memorabilia around to bring back memories.

On <u>Saturday</u> we will be meeting at the El Conquistador Country Club located at 4350 El Conquistador Parkway. We will meet at six for a social hour. A cash bar will be provided. Dinner will be served at seven. You have a choice of two dinners.

Roast prime rib of beef au jus 14 oz,

or

El Conquistador boneless breast of chicken with hickory smoked Canadian bacon, provolone cheese and mushroom Madeira sauce.

Both entrees are served with a house salad of baby field greens with Champaign dressing, parsley buttered new potatoes and garlic butter sugar peas, roll and butter, coffee, tea or iced tea, and for dessert, there will be rainbow sherbet with a butter cookie, the cost is \$36.00 per person. The dress is dressy casual for this dinner. **CLUB** rules say **no** denim or jeans. Men are NOT required to wear ties and jackets.

During both the Friday and Saturday night events we will be selling raffle tickets and having a silent auction. The money we earn from this will be used to obtain scholarships for deserving Manatee High School students. To give you a 'hint', one item is a three nights, four-day stay on a tropical island, NOT in the continental USA. For the other items, you will have to wait until the reunion to see what they are. If anyone has anything they would like to donate for the raffle, let me know and bring it to the reunion.

Sunday it will be breakfast at the Manatee County Public Beach (it's at the end of Manatee Avenue if you've forgotten). We have set aside seventy seats INSIDE and each person will purchase their own breakfast. We have the inside pavilion from nine to eleven. You can come anytime during those hours. For those who like pancakes, they have a pancake breakfast every Sunday morning. They also have a varied menu to suit anyone's taste. The prices are very reasonable.

We also have a few tee shirts available. They are white, fifty/fifty cotton/polyester and will have the hurricane flags (like the icon on this letter). Below it will be Manatee High School Reunion 2004. I ordered fifty and already have orders for twenty-five. They come in med., lg., xlg and xxlg. These are men's sizes so most women would want a medium. The cost is \$12.00 per shirt.

Melda is working on a current roster that we hope to have available at the reunion. If you have a new phone number, email address or mailing address, please let me know. We would like to have other information as to your occupation, spouse's name, children etc... You can fill out this information at the Manatee High School Website:

http://trowel.com/mhs59/bios.htm

You must be a member to be able to view this site. If you are not a member, please go to:

http://trowel.com/mhs59/bios.htm Go to the bottom of the page and click on 'Join Our Mailing List' and follow the directions.

None of this information can be read by anyone other then members of our high school class.

Now for YOUR part.

I will need the following information returned to me at your earliest convenience.

Mail this form to: Kaye Sneary-Wood, 188 Venice Palms Blvd., Venice, FL 34292-2443

If you have any questions you can reach me via email: <u>ksw142@comcast.net</u> or phone (941) 484-9639

Please indicate:
Choice of dinner: BEEF CHICKEN
Names of those attending <i>including</i> spouses. Women, please include your maiden name.
Names:
Please complete the following indicating number of persons attending.
FRIDAY NIGHT: x \$15.00 = \$
SATURDAY NIGHT x \$36.00 = \$
Total \$
Checks for the total amount should be sent to:
Allen Huck, 12007 Millwright Parkway, Austin, Texas 78750

Again, we are asking for 'donations' to help defray the cost of the teachers' dinners. If you send money for this, please indicate that it is for the 'teachers' dinners'.

We tired to keep the cost at a minimum but the cost of renting the hall and the country club has tripled since 2001. The cost of the food has also about doubled. The turn out to date, has been less than expected for whatever reason. We do expect more to sign up LATE so we hope to have a few dollars left over so we can donate money for a scholarship, as stated previously. After the reunion in 2001 we were able to donate \$1800.00 to the MHS band to help defray costs for their trip to the United Kingdom. They played in the New Years Day parade in London in 2002.

We are looking forward to seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

The reunion committee

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El Conquistador Country Club

