

The following letter was mailed by the Reunion Committee the first of March, 2009, to all classmates for whom we have current addresses:

Dear Classmate,

Can you believe it—our 50th reunion is practically upon us! To remind you, the reunion will be held on September 11th and 12th. Activities include:

Friday Morning:

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| Golf tournament | 9:00 a.m. – Battle Creek Golf Course 3200 N. Battle Creek Drive, \$50, lunch included. |
| Tennis tournament | 9:30 a.m. – Shadow Mountain Racquet Club 7500 E. 61 st St., \$20; minimum number of players is 20. |
| Bus tour | 9:45 a.m. – Meet at Doubletree Warren Place 61 st and Yale, \$40, lunch included; minimum number for tour is 34. |

Friday Evening Mixer—Sparks Aviation Club House, 3112 N. 74th E. Ave. (just south of the Tulsa Air and Space Museum). Registration begins at 6:00—Buffet will open at 7:00 and will include fried chicken, pulled pork and appropriate sides and iced tea. In addition we will sell coupons for margaritas, beer and sodas. Dress is very casual and suited for outdoors. In the event of rain, a tent will be provided. David Main and his wife will provide recorded ‘50s music.

Saturday Morning—Coffee and donuts at school beginning at 9:00 a.m. Assembly will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class photo will be taken afterward. Assembly is free of charge and may be attended by everyone.

Saturday Evening—Dinner/dance at Tulsa Country Club located at 701 North Union. A buffet will be served at 7:00 p.m. Chicken breasts and prime rib along with a selection of salads, vegetables and desserts will be served. A cash bar will be open all evening. At about 8:00 p.m., music will be provided by a popular Tulsa band, The Bopcats. Their song list includes oldies. So come prepared to be transported back to the late ‘50s and early ‘60s with some of your favorite songs; and yes, there will be slow ones. Dress is business casual—just wear what you would wear to church. This is not a formal affair; but, please, no jeans.

We are able to finance a great deal of this reunion because of the generous donations made by many of our classmates. As of this writing, approximately 80 people have taken up the challenge made by Kaye Glanz Smith at our 45th reunion and donated at least \$100. Were it not for these donations, the cost per person would be well over \$100. We are still accepting donations. Every little bit helps. See enclosed registration/order form for address of our treasurer, Linda Warren.

It is not too early to register. In fact, for those who register before June 1st—cost for Friday night, Saturday morning and evening is \$59.50. However, after June 1 the cost will be \$75.

We encourage as many of you as possible to attend. For those who have never been to one of our reunions, just ask anyone who has. They are great fun and it is so nice to reconnect with old friends. And, this may be our last reunion. If the only reason you cannot attend is financial, please contact P.J. (Pat Brown) or Linda Maxwell Warren. There are scholarships available. If you know of anyone who is in need of one of the scholarships, please let us know. It will be held in strict confidence. We want it to be possible for everyone to attend.

Shirts with our 50th reunion logo are available to order. These are good quality Outer Bank 100% cotton pique golf shirts, royal blue, with our 50th reunion logo embroidered in gold. Men’s and women’s styles

are available in all sizes. See the enclosed order form. Orders will be taken until June 1st. Cost is \$25.00 each.

Yearbooks will also be available for \$15.00. Included in the yearbook are our senior pictures along with current photos, plus activity photos taken over the years dating back to grade school. If you have not already done so, please submit your current photo to Richard Hackl at or rh@onmarkint.com or mail to Richard at 8923 S. 43rd West Avenue, Tulsa, OK 74132. What is shown above is the information we have for you to put in the 50th anniversary class directory. Please make corrections and additions, which are subject to space limitations. Send all information to dickrisk@yahoo.com or mail to Dick Risk, 3417 East 76th Street, Tulsa, OK 74136-8064. Please do so by June 1st. Included in the yearbooks will be current phone numbers, home and e-mail addresses, and a short bio. You will enjoy this book for years to come.

We have a block of rooms at Doubletree Warren Place, 61st and Yale at a cost of \$89 per night. Call 800-801-1317 and reference Will Rogers Class of 1959 to reserve a room at this rate. The hotel will release these rooms on August 10. If you make a reservation after that, the regular room rate will apply.

If you have any special memories of 1959, humorous or otherwise, please mail or e-mail to Mary Catherine Goodhead, 12 E. 25th St., Tulsa, OK 74114, mc-rodger@cox.net. We are looking for ideas for the assembly and other events to add to our entertainment.

If you are not playing golf or tennis, we can highly recommend the bus tour. You will drive by many old and new places and well as take a walking tour in the tunnels of downtown Tulsa. You will be given lots of history and little known facts about our hometown. Did you know that there are tunnels under the streets in downtown Tulsa connecting many buildings? Did you know that Tulsa is known for its art deco architecture? As a matter of fact, our high school was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2007 for its art deco design. Another little known fact: Rogers was built with nearly half of its funding from the Great Depression-era Public Works Administration. You can pick up a lot of very interesting information if you participate in this activity. Several of us took the tour a few years ago, and we all can highly recommend it.

A registration/order form is enclosed. Remember June 1st is the deadline to take advantage of the lower price, submit photos, and order shirts and yearbooks.

Reunion Committee

This reunion information and updates will be posted at: www.willrogers1959.com