

60th Reunion Comments

- William McMillen Local gathering on Friday for those in town or arriving. Last time, the bowling event on Sunday worked well.
- Terry Herrick Hi Bill, I am writing on behalf of my husband Terry (D-Cady) Herrick. Thank you for your notification regarding this year's reunion plans. Unfortunately, Terry's health does not allow him to participate in the festivities this year. We wish you a successful celebration! We all need some joy in our lives these days!
- Mike Kunz Social hour, formal dinner
- Barbara Carkner Catered picnic
- Wayne Johnson I'm skittish of large group gatherings. The Fire Department just went to a 6 man crew on the fire engine. We have been running just 2 in front and 2 in back. In person drills start 4/1 limit 10 firefighters, rotate crews weekly. Barb and I have stayed well - but we have hung pretty close to home. I answer fire calls. She does on line & and few personal visits with clients. We have dinner with her cousin and husband sat nite - Haven't seen them since Xmas 2020. It's just nuts.
- Dorothy Raymond My husband yas and I have been vaccinated which is good. I am still a bit hesitant to get on an airplane.
- Carl Young Due to the many physical problems I have, I would not be able to attend.
- Bonnie Andorn I would love to come East and see our classmates but of course a lot depends on how well we have put the pandemic behind us, or at least at bay. Most of us will have been vaccinated (can we ask that attendees have had the vaccine?) but we still may need masks for large gatherings...
- Marilyn Jones At a town park where we can space out.

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Karen Vandermel

Hi Bill! I so appreciate your efforts (and all the gang up there) to keep bringing our class together. The start of your letter shows great sensitivity to what many are probably feeling . It's been a tough year for all in so many ways. I have loved all the reunions we have been able to attend, however, if a reunion is planned for this year, we would not be able to attend. We have very special BIG NEWS that will be keeping us home this year. Bob and I are to become first time grandparents this summer! We are filled with joyful anticipation as we await the arrival of a baby boy in late July. We are very fortunate that our children both live in town, close to us. We are also very fortunate that this "journey" to parenthood has gone well for our oldest daughter and her husband. We have taken great care to stay well through all this and hope you and all you know and love are ok. I wish you and the Tool's "lunch bunch" good luck as you meet to make a decision...please say hello to all for me. Thanks again. Karen

Denise Plunkett

This past year has been a test. Any reunion would be a treat

Pat Ballo

Very excited about our 60th reunion. We'll be coming up for that and to see family and friends. I would like it in September or October when it's cooler. I don't want to have it with any other class. I feel it will be too big and we won't be able to be intimate with our own classmates. There will be people I don't know taking up space and it will be too noisy. A social hour is a good idea. A dinner dance is always nice and a good way to visit and dance with other classmates. But if not enough people want that a catered picnic would be great. Maybe a BBQ and a bon fire. You can tell I've been in Tennessee a long time. I still have great memories of our 50th reunion. It was a very bonding one. My brother graduated from BC in 1957 and still goes to his reunions. My husband graduated from Shaker in 1960 and they only have had two or three reunions and they were not very well planned. We are very lucky to have dedicated people in our class. Hope this helps with reunion plans.

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- Greg Thompson Hi Bill, Here is my response to your survey. 1. I would probably attend in August or September, but July is a “maybe.” I live in Texas, and Albany is a long way from there. However, I will probably be in Chicago in August and September, although I don’t know exactly when, and that’s much closer. 2. I would be fine with having the class of ’60 or ’62 join us for a joint reunion—as long as the number of attendees wasn’t huge, since the pandemic is still in progress. 3. As to how I could help, it would have to be nothing requiring me to be in the Tri-Cities area, but phoning, writing, or email would be possible. 4. The activities I would prefer would be a catered picnic, potluck picnic (although I’d bring food or drink I’d bought since my accommodation probably wouldn’t have a stove), social hour, a visit to a place of interest, or a hike in a natural area. All the best, Greg Thompson
- Judy Trobridge I do not expect to attend a reunion this summer. My husband Lee recently passed away. So I am not making any plans at present.
- Sandy Baker We are well & have had our covid Moderna shots. Living in Florida has been a blessing and...even people who rent here for the winter (are able to) get shots.
- Linda Cheatum Gee! we all are getting close to 80. We still travel in our RV and do not know what our schedule will be . We would have had our covid shots by the end of April but a reunion would not be a priority for me.
- Kate Goold Hawaii is doing well. I plan to travel to the West Coast and East Coast to visit family and friends.
- Mary Ann Beecher: We are vaccinated but so far that hasn't meant much re east or cost of travel.
- Karin Moe It depends on the prevalence of the variants and infection rates in New York State.
- Jim Hulihan Florida is to far a trip for this event "in today's world: for us to undertake. Both my wife and I are in good health and have had both vaccine shots. However, we are not anxious to jump on an airplane right now.
- Pat Crocetta: I will be in the Albany area for part of this coming summer and can help out.
- Dave Utz: Wow, that’s the one weekend we have a commitment. We have tickets for the Ryder Cup in Wisconsin. My younger brother and both of our sons are joining us.

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- Lynne Snyder I will be returning from Florida on June 1st. Am having eye surgery this summer, not yet scheduled which will tie up some time. Will help when I can.
- Price Chenault Summer doesn't come to the Olympia Peninsular until August. Barbara (Howe) Chenault and I will be entertaining our children from Billingham, Seattle and St Paul. hopefully if the virus has settled.
- Nancy Wearne It is very nice of Bill to do all the work involved in a reunion. I'm afraid reunions are not in my future but I thank him for his efforts and those of others also. My high school years in Delmar were instrumental in all that came after in my life. Good luck and stay safe and healthy.

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