

CHSE61 April 21st Meeting Summary

By Dick Evans

A good crowd of classmates met on Tuesday night at Marie's in Cranston . In was a rainy evening, but that did not squelch the enthusiasm at all. As usual Louie, Maurice, and I were outnumbered by all the girls.

The main purpose of the meeting was to confirm the date so Marie could lock in the Alpine for 2011. We also needed \$1,500 to book the event.

Considering all the chatter at our various meetings and from the email received, the majority are looking for a night event in the late spring or early fall time frame. We decided to book the Alpine for the second or third Saturday evening in September.

We had \$1,430 in the checking account, so we were a little short. Some of us at the meeting kicked in some funds and brought the total to \$1,880. This gives us enough to book the event and have some left over for mailings and other incidentals.

We spent some time going over possible menus and looking at pricing. For the 40th reunion we charged \$60 per person and that was eight years ago. Looking at the current pricing and figuring in inflation, the ticket price for the 50th might end up at \$75. As we get closer to the date we will have updated pricing on food and entertainment and can lock down the ticket prices.

Donations toward the event to bring our bank balance up would be a big help. The higher the bank balance, the lower we can make the ticket price. I will send out a mailing soon to update the entire list of classmates and we will send postcards to those we have good addresses for that are not on the email list. In that mailing we will have them "Save the Date" and make a request for donations. There is a link right on our Web site that allows anyone to donate through PayPal using their credit card or checking account. The funds go directly to our checking account.

The room at the Alpine holds 300 and we hope to fill it!

The plan is to book the room as early as possible for a social event with crackers and cheese (cocktail hour) and then have a sit down dinner. Considering the price of a live band, most are fine with having a DJ and Maurice and Jean found on that is very good. They have used him for a couple of events and will get a date for all of us to see him perform. His business is called the Jeff Jarvis Oldies Show. See www.jeffjarvisshow.com.

We talked about finding a local hotel to block out some rooms for the out of towners to stay at and possibly having a reception for them at the hotel the night before. Maybe even an informal breakfast on Sunday morning. This is something to be looked at later.

The same goes for meal selection. We did decide on a sit down meal rather than a buffet, but the choice of meal will depend on the pricing as we get closer to the event date.. We will have a couple of choices to make so they are not stuck with a meal they do not like.

All in all it was a great night. Thank you Marie for the coffee and treats! They were yummy!

The postcards and emails will go out as soon as we get a firm date scheduled with the Alpine...

Update! Marie and Fran went to the Alpine on Thursday, April 30th to drop off the deposit. The 50th reunion date is September 10, 2011. The time 5:00-11:00pm. Social/Cocktail hour 5:00-6:30pm. Dinner at 6:30pm. More details coming...

Have a great day and Get Excited about the 50th!

Dick

PS: As mentioned above, we are in need of donations to cover expenses between now and the reunion date. If you can help out, please go to the Web site at <http://www.chse61.com/> and click the DONATE link. Any amount will help a lot!
Thanks!