

Mount Vernon High School (VA) – Alexandria, Virginia - Class of 1960
50th Reunion - General Information - Page 1

When - Saturday, June 12, 2010

What / Where – A mid / late morning to mid-afternoon (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM) catered picnic at the Area 'C' covered pavilion facility and the surrounding grounds in Ft. Hunt Park, rain or shine; and a monster evening reception (w/hospitality suite) / banquet / dance at the Sheraton Suites in Old Town, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Ft. Hunt Park is reserved for us from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Our Ft. Hunt caterer will start setting up at 10:00 AM and be ready to serve from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Our Sheraton reception begins at 6:30 PM, cash bar; class photos at 7:15 PM, dinner at 8:00 PM; door prizes at 9:00 PM or so; dancing 'til midnight follows.

Who - Mount Vernon High School 1960 classmates, faculty, guests, and optimally, as many 'sister' class schoolmates from the 1955 through 1965 classes as our banquet facility can accommodate. To this end, the RC50 will invite every Class of 1960 classmate (and faculty) and sister class schoolmate whose recently (2008-2010) verified postal address is known to us. RSVP invitation packets will be mailed to additional alumni as they are located, and will be accepted from them on a "first come, first served" basis until such time as we reach our maximum banquet facility capacity. We'll also host a live audio / video internet connection with an incapacitated classmate who is unable to attend.

Faculty - MVHS 1960 faculty members and administration will be honored guests at our reunion, with the **RSVP and all other fees waived.**

Accommodations - The Reunion Committee has arranged with the Sheraton to reserve a limited block of reduced rate rooms (\$129 per night for a single or a double) for the 3 evenings Friday 6/11 through Sunday 6/13, your choice. Rooms can be secured on your credit card. If you won't be staying with friends or relatives, or will not be making plans for accommodations at another facility, please **call the Sheraton Suites at 1-800-325-3535 (or 703-836-4700 locally) as soon as possible**, because these rooms are also available on a "first come, first served" basis. Ample parking is available without charge to overnight guests, \$10 flat for all others.

Funding - Always a sensitive subject. We are requesting an amount estimated to prevent being unexpectedly caught short, as nearly occurred at our 40th reunion in 2000. The RC50 well understands that there can be significant travel and accommodation costs that dwarf the reunion cost itself. However, we can take solace that we are conducting our own reunion, so we are able to hold our multi-event reunion with costs comparable to a single event managed by an outside 'reunion service'. We could vote at the banquet on how to handle unexpected, but possible surplus funds. Options include, but are not limited to, a prorated rebate to each paid attendee, a charitable donation, letting it ride in an interest bearing account until our next reunion!, or continued funding of our class web site. **Your RSVP fee will be returned in full if the Reunion Committee is informed of your intent to cancel by May 12, 2010.**

Contributions - The Reunion Committee will be happy to accept (and is somewhat dependent on) additional voluntary donations to help us stay even with our occasional unexpected vendor overruns, or a possible shortfall in attendance. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Special Project - Many do not know that one of our 1960 classmates is quadriplegic. We plan to set up a live Internet connection with him during our Sheraton banquet from his home. This will entail additional hardware and software expenditures over and above the cost of the picnic, reception, banquet, voluntary donations and our various other vendors. Please consider a separate gift donation to support our effort here.

THANK YOU.

