

2015–50 Plus Reunion

Saturday September 12th

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The 26th Fifty Plus Reunion For Waverly High School Alumni and The 5th Fifty Plus Reunion For Waverly – Shell Rock High School Alumni

2015 Reunion at CENTRE



The 2015 Fifty Plus Reunion will be Saturday the **12th of Sept, 2015 (Second Saturday in September)**, at The CENTRE, located on the South end of town on the East side of Highway 218 and North of the Hy-Vee Store.

Doors will open by 9:00 a.m. for a social period with coffee and cookies available. The refreshments are part of the registration cost. For non-registered walk-ins, we ask for a \$5.00 donation to help cover the costs. Mealtime about noon.

To the Class of 1964

As you know, our class will be hosting the 50 Plus Reunion that will be held on September 12, 2015. Some of you signed up to assist with the many things that need to be done to make this a success. Our core committee is working on planning this event, but will need help with setting up, decorating, greeting, cleanup, etc. on that weekend. Contact Nancy Weiss Carlson (319-352-1169) if you can help. We look forward to hosting this fun event for past graduates of W-SR.

Class of 1955

Members of the Class of **1955**: Plans are being made for an observance of the **60th Anniversary** of your Waverly HS Graduation in conjunction with the 50 Plus Reunion.

You should have received a couple of mailings to "SAVE THE DATE" (Sept 11) for the 60th anniversary of our departure from Waverly High. If not, contact Shirley Schaefer or David Farran. More information to come.

Inviting The Class of 1965

This year the Class of 1965 is being inducted into the 50 Plus Family. No special events are planned to date, so if any of you want to plan a 50 year event for your class and need a class list let me know.

Also, as has been the policy, the incoming class, Class of 1965, will be in charge of the 2016 50 Plus Reunion.

More information about the 50 plus is available at wsr50plus.net - log on and sign up.

Roster

This year's mailing roster has almost 1400 names on it. If you know a 50 Plus classmate that is not getting the newsletter, let me know.

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Departed Alumni

Deaths of 50 Plus Classmates since the last reunion. Sometimes Eternal Roster Dates are from earlier years but we were not aware of them until recently.

We are building the IN MEMORY Page on the wsr50plus.net website, it now contains about 150 names, and those names will remain there. I am still adding to it, would appreciate help with that list as well as the whole website. If you can help please contact me!

Eternal Roster additions for 2014-2015

Cl	Eternal Roster	Name
1934	May 1, 2015	Marion Miller Fruehling
1937	December 1, 2014	Robert Lenius Burman
1937	January 29, 2015	Dorothy Waidelich Stoddard
1940	January 19, 2015	Vivian Everding Kleinschmidt
1941	October 29, 2014	Malita Korte Buls
1942	November 30, 2014	Allenne Adelmund Blasberg
1943	December 8, 2014	Lavon Ruth Ormston Juhl
1944	September 11, 2014	Raymond Dewey
1944	April 26, 2015	Timothy Edward Sullivan
1945	December 1, 2014	Ruth Elizabeth Birdie Deike
1949	January 9, 2015	Jean Carol Studley Nuss
1949	February 8, 2015	Helen Woodring Richtsmeier
1953	November 14, 2014	Donald Earl Vosseller
1953	August 29, 2014	Elmer "Junior" Iverson
1955	September 8, 2014	Ralph McInroy
1955	April 22, 2015	Eugene Thiemann
1957	March 8, 2015	Jim Rick
1958	February 1, 2003	Ron Garner
1959	June 25, 2014	Roger Swanson
1960	September 20, 2014	Elaine Hildebrandt Welcher
1961	February 10, 2015	Betty Lucille Adair Neal
1962	February 13, 2015	Jean Mosher Waggett
1963	October 20, 2014	Robert Eugene Hill
1963	November 4, 2014	Jim Westendorf
1965	March 25, 2015	Robert Franzmeier

Address Information

Please forward any information acquired during the year pertaining to Waverly or Waverly-Shell Rock graduates from 50 years ago or more. I would rather get the same information several times than not get it at all. As the incoming classes get larger, the mailing list also gets larger and every incorrect mailings **cost us (YOU) at LEAST \$0.50** for the post office to tell us the address is not correct!

Send update information to: David Farran, P O Box 825, Waverly, Iowa, 50677 or email it to bream243@q.com or call me:
H (319) 352-1015 / C (319) 269 7389

50 Plus Committee

The General Committee for the 50 Plus Reunion consists of: JoAnn Strottman (60), David Farran (55), Nancy Zimmerman (59), Joyce Schmidt (63) and Sharon Abrams (60). David Farran is the newsletter editor and Sharon Abram is the Treasure.

If you would like to be part of the Committee, notify any current member. We would like to add more classmates from the 60's but that is NOT a requirement for membership!

WSR 50 Plus Website

We have had the wsr50plus.net website in operation for almost 2 years. BUT only 270 of the over 1590 eligible classmates have joined the site. This includes 34 from the Class of 1965!

That is only 17% of the potential members! I know that some of the older classmates do not have internet access, but many of them do and the classes that are coming on board each year have a much higher percentage of internet users. So the website use should grow faster.

Due to the "Privacy" phobia, I can't send mass emails to non-members and even if I could most of you have filters that would put them in the "JUNK" files anyway. So it is up to those of you that are members of the site to promote it to your classmates!

Any Suggestions?

If you have any suggestions pertaining to the 50 Plus Reunion such as additional items or events, or modifications to the current format, the creation of an internet option, etc. please contact any of the 50 Plus Reunion Committee Members listed at the top of this column, or call David Farran at 319-352-1015.

We want to make your reunion what you want it to be, but unless you communicate with us we don't know what your preferences are.

Constructive feedback always requested!

David Farran – Newsletter Editor

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PICTURES



New Hotel being built where the Fortner used to be. Corner of East Bremer and 2nd St SE.



The End of a piece of Waverly History?



The original Fortner House circa 1909.



The corner of 4th St SW and the New 10th Ave going East to the Soccer Fields and Dog Park.



New Band Shell at North end of Kohlmann Park.



A new addition at the Veterans tribute, corner of West Bremer and 4th St. SW.

Graduates Plus 50
Waverly-Shell Rock Community Schools
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Waverly, IA 50677

Dear Alumni,

I'm about to wrap up my second year as superintendent at Waverly-Shell Rock and continue to be impressed by the community and parent support the school district receives. I'm certain that many of you are to thank for being among those supporters. I'm equally impressed with the quality of staff working with our young people and, of course, the students themselves. Together, this is truly what makes Waverly-Shell Rock one of the top districts in the entire state. While we have been presented with some significant challenges related to the budget, I'm confident that we are in the process of working our way out of that problem and will be stronger as a result. That could not be accomplished, however, without the support of the aforementioned groups of people. Despite those

issues our students continue to perform well on all academic measures, as well as on the field, court, mat, and stage.

As most of you are aware, the annual 50+ reunion will once again take place in September. I strongly encourage you to consider attending. Over the last couple of years I have witnessed participants thoroughly enjoying themselves. Among the many activities that will be scheduled for the day, I will have a chance to provide everyone with a brief update of what's happened at the Waverly-Shell Rock schools over the year, as well as what might be in our future.

Respectfully,

Ed Klamfoth