

PHS CLASS OF 1961
55TH Reunion
November 2nd & 3rd, 2016
Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Alabama

Dear Classmates,

We are excited to tell you about our first “destination” reunion! It’s not too far from Pensacola (62 miles) and we’ve planned it for the middle of the week (we’re retired and it costs less!). You can have a wonderful vacation PLUS enjoy a delightful, awesome reunion at the magnificent *Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa* in Point Clear, Alabama. So mark your calendar and save the date.

The Marriott Grand Hotel is a 4-star resort offering guests opportunities for both relaxation and entertainment. There are two renowned golf courses at the Lakewood Club and a 20,000 square-foot Grand Spa, plus a stunning pool complex, ten tennis courts and an array of fine dining opportunities. We have been able to obtain a discounted rate of \$169.00 per room per night (plus tax). You need to reserve your room as soon as possible since there is a cut-off date for reservations. The number to call is [1-800-544-9933](tel:1-800-544-9933). Be sure to mention “**PHS 1961 Reunion**” to get the price reduction. Those who wish to play golf during your stay can arrange for tee times when you make your room reservation. You can also make spa reservations at the same time.

During the day on Thursday, you can choose to relax at the pool, play golf, enjoy the spa or go shopping in Fairhope. There is bus service from the hotel to Fairhope at 11am and 1pm with a return back to the hotel at 3pm. There are a possible 75 activities to enjoy at the Grand Hotel and a list of these will be in your room.

For those of you who would prefer a more moderate priced accommodation, an excellent alternative would be the Hampton Inn in Fairhope, located only 4 miles from the Grand Hotel. Standard rooms (King or 2 Queens) are available at the rate of \$109 per night plus tax. The direct number to the hotel is 251-928-0956. The hotel is part of the Hilton chain of hotels, toll free number 888-370-0981.

Of course, you always have the option of driving over from Pensacola each night, but we hope that most of you will choose to stay at the hotel. It is better not to drink and drive.

Here is a brief outline of the plans for the 55th Reunion:

Wednesday, November 2nd

Check-in at the hotel is at 4pm (early check-in is allowed if rooms are available)
Meet & Greet at 5:30pm in the SKYLounge ROOM for cocktails and hor d’oeuvres

Bonfire on the beach at 7pm for s'mores
Steve Trawick will lead a dedication to all our deceased classmates at the bonfire
Casual attire. Cash bar.

Those wishing to have a full dinner may do so after 8pm at their own expense.

Thursday, November 3rd

Cocktails will begin at 5pm in the South Ballroom followed by a buffet at 6:30pm
Dancing until 10:30pm with Dr. Breeze playing 50's and 60's music.
Cash bar. Dressy casual attire. Sports coats for men.

Cost for the reunion (food and activities as noted above): \$145.00 per person
(excluding hotel room)

We have based this cost on at least 100 people attending, and it is urgent that we know whether or not you are planning to attend the reunion. **WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR PAYMENT NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15TH**

Please make your check payable to **PHS Class of 1961 Reunion** and mail it to:

Sue Markham
7666 Old Hickory Drive
Pensacola, FL 32507
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Cell: 850-748-6603
Home: 850-453-4951

If you are planning to come, please let Sue know soon. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send your check in as soon as possible. If we do not reach the required number of attendees by August 15th, your money will be refunded.

We are also happy to announce that our class website has been totally revamped and we encourage you to have a look: www.phs1961.com

The website is still under construction and new items are being added daily. If anyone has old Tiger's Tales or other high school memorabilia to share, please send it to Sue Markham at the above address. Every classmate who was featured in the Senior section of the 1961 Annona has a profile started in the Classmates section. We are in the process of reentering the information from the old website for those of you who registered for our 50th reunion, but you should still log on to update your information. Any password and user name that you had previously will no longer apply so you will need to update that as well. If you have any questions on the website, there is a "Contact Us" page and someone will get back to you right away with an answer.

You will find much more information on the reunion on our website, including detailed dinner menus for all of our events and information on other hotels in the Fairhope area.

We urge everyone who has access to a computer to go to the website and update your profile. For those who are not able to do so, a printable information sheet is included on the Announcements page of the website. Please fill it out and return to Sue Markham as soon as possible so you can be included in our class booklet.

The Reunion Committee is aware that this is probably our last big reunion and we are hoping for at least 100 classmates to attend out of the more than 500 in our graduating class. We are also happy for you to invite friends from other classes to attend. The more the merrier! We are excited to see each and every one of you for two days filled with old music, old memories and most importantly, with old friends. We hope to hear from you soon.

Your Reunion Committee,

Sue Stringfield Markham
Frank Winn
Steve Trawick
Sandra Graham Fairchild
Judy Wash Schanbacher
Yvonne Shell Cahoon
Buster Partin
Betty Brewer Roberts