

## RCHS 1987 20-Year Reunion Feedback Meeting – AND – Future Reunion Meeting

**Next Reunion Planning Meeting:** Tuesday, June 10, 2008 @ 7 to 9 pm – Major's Sports Bar, Golden Valley

**Classmate Mixer:** Informal outings for those who would like to attend - **Sunshine Factory (New Hope) – 7:00PM**

**2008 Dates:** February 22; June 20; October 17 - Contact [Eric Marsh](#) with questions

**2009 Dates:** February 20; June 19; October 16

**2010 Dates:** February 19; June 18; October 15

**2011 Dates:** February 18; June 17; October 21

**Next Reunion:** Will be held in the fall of 2012. It will be casual – attempting to keep the per-person cost to \$20 - \$50.

**NOTE:** All 1987 Class Reunions, Mixers, and Meetings are *ALL-INCLUSIVE*. If we missed contacting you for past reunions, we deeply apologize...it was NOT intentional. We need YOUR help to find YOU! Please make your contact information known, so we can get in touch with you next time. As for upcoming meetings, we have plenty of room on every committee for anyone who wants to participate—so just show up at the meetings when you can—we need you!!

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**Post-Reunion Meeting Held:** Monday, October 22, 2007 @ 7 - 9 pm – Major's Sports Bar, Golden Valley

**Attendees:** Ann Remiarz Baxter, Rebecca Berner Harris, John Larsen, Joy Johnson, Myra Malmberg, Paula Koshiol Kraus

### **Post-Reunion Meeting Notes:**

**Pros:** Beautiful hotel, nice accommodations, good 80's band, great presentation, well done

**Cons:** Cost, food needs to be scaled down—lighter options, too loud to talk, room was small

- All those in attendance discussed the pros/cons of the reunion and what to do differently next time. The decision was made to have the next reunion in 5 years and to initiate a casual gathering 3 times per year for classmates to gather at the Sunshine Factory in New Hope.
- All those attending agreed to help contact classmates, if possible, for future events. However, it was agreed that most classmates should be actively seeking out the reunion committee if they would like to attend (the reunion is ALL INCLUSIVE and no one has been left out purposely). It is extremely difficult to track down classmates (especially female classmates, as many have taken their married names).
- The announcement (s) of future gatherings will be handled as follows:  
**Announcements will be:**
  - Posted on the [www.rchs1987.com](http://www.rchs1987.com), [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com), [www.reunion.com](http://www.reunion.com), and the Robbinsdale Cooper High School-Alumni websites
  - Published in the local Sun Newspaper covering New Hope, Crystal, Robbinsdale, Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center
  - Published in the StarTribune paper for up to 8 weeks
  - Emailed to those we have EMAIL contact info for

**NOTE:** It is up to classmates to look for the reunion and to inform those they come in contact with to register their current info on the [www.rchs1987.com](http://www.rchs1987.com) website. Phone calls will NOT be made in the future as it is very costly and time consuming.

### **List of Committees:**

**Facility, Lodging & Entertainment Committee—Members:** Paula, John, Joy, Myra

Finding the location of the event, making arrangements for the event (reviewing and signing contracts, deciding on food, room decor, table trinkets). Additionally, they will decide on entertainment for the event—what it will be—work through the contract details/process, facility needs of the entertainment, etc. Finally, they will look into lodging, potential discounts available for lodging, and research parking for the event location if needed.

**Action:** The Facility, Lodging & Entertainment Committee was given a list of nearly 30 venues with contact info. They will begin seeking out options for the next reunion in 5 years and come to the next meeting with some recommendations, as we will need to secure the facility at least 3 years in advance.

**Fundraisers/Raffle Prizes Committee—Members:** Ann & Myra

This committee will function to solicit prizes/silent auction items. There is a letter Ann drafted as a template for soliciting. These folks will also follow up with donors to claim donations and ensure items are available for on-site display prior to the event.

**Action:** Begin brainstorming on potential donors to target for items and make a list with contact information.

**Memory Books/Videos Committee—Members:** Ann & John

Develop movies, presentations, interviews, photo albums, display items, create nametags, raffle tickets, signage and booklet.

**Action:** Discuss options for next reunion. Contact classmates that may have media, photos, etc. to contribute.

**Media & Web Committee—Members:** Rebecca & Joy

Place advertisements in all of the local publications, obtain a link on the RCHS website, contact the RCHS Alumni Rep and provide details, send out email blasts/reminders and meeting notices, event reminders.

**Action:** Keep the [www.rchs1987.com](http://www.rchs1987.com) website up and running for the next five years to allow classmates to stay informed and register their info in order to be contacted for upcoming events.

**Meeting Planning Committee—Members:** Rebecca & Joy

Plan all meetings over next 5 years, to ensure things are getting done and that we all stay on task. Meeting planner (s) will provide date/time/location of upcoming meetings as well as the agenda for the meeting, send out emails to alert classmates of meeting, and request folks come prepared with their committee updates. Meeting notes will be taken and posted to the [www.rchs1987.com](http://www.rchs1987.com) website.

**Action:** Update the website with meeting notes and Classmate Mixer (3 times a year) gathering information. Plan the next meeting.

**Treasurer(s)—Members:** Ann & Rebecca

Share financial information and budget from past reunions. Track registrations and funds, hold the checkbook, collect all invoices and make payments, collect funds from raffle/silent auction to pay outstanding debts.

**Action:** Look into how long the current PayPal account can remain open. Keep current bank account open but inactive.

Questions, Comments, Concerns can be directed to [Ann Remiarz Baxter](#) & [Rebecca Berner Harris](#)

Thank you!

The 2012 Reunion Committee

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Notes taken: October 2007

Notes posted: January 2008

cc: Ann Remiarz Baxter, Rebecca Berner Harris, John Larsen, Joy Johnson, Myra Malmberg, Paula Koshiol Kraus