

Don't Worry BE HAPPY



The reunion committee chose this year's theme. . . **DON'T WORRY** . . . **BE HAPPY** to try and recreate that time when we were carefree and the future was ahead of us. A time with NO FEAR t-shirts and Peace Sign logos everywhere! A time when we could only imagine wristwatch phones, asking someone named Alexa for all of life's answers, cell phone service to find out in a second where the party was going on, a GPS system so we could find it even in the most remote places, the ability to text someone instead of passing notes, the legalization of marijuana or a website named GOOGLE that could write a term paper!!! In addition to our theme, we adopted a logo using a 1974 Kennedy .50 cent piece to commemorate this milestone, because it just made sense (cents).

Your reunion committee pondered the question. . . how can we get our classmates and friends to show up to their 50th Class Reunion? We discussed all the excuses, and tried to find a way to eliminate as many as possible and get our classmates back to where we started. Carefree with no worries!!

WE REALLY want everyone who can, participate in the 50th Reunion of the DHS Class of 1974. So we have decided to up the ante. The reunion is now being sponsored by a few generous members of our class who would like to see a huge turnout this year.

That's right, , your presence is wanted so badly, that some are anonymously willing to pay for you to be here!! **There will be \$0 cost for all of the activities planned by the committee for your trip back to 1974. How's that for a mic drop?**

(Disclaimer: There will be cash bars for most of the events and fees for the golf tournament are not included)

However, we still need anticipated attendance and we ask that you **respond by June 1st**, to help us finalize numbers with venues, caterers and the golf course.

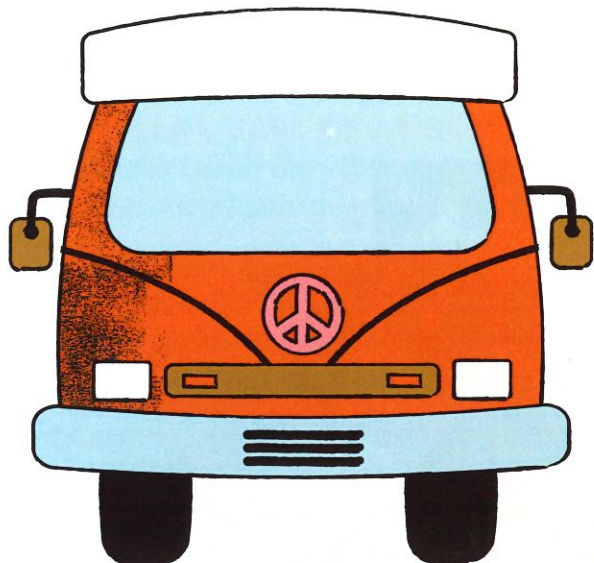
Casual attire is acceptable at all events. . . but if you feel like dressing up. . . and you still have some of those old prom dresses and suits in your closet. . . feel free to go fancy!!! No worries!

On behalf of the entire committee, I would like to thank all who have contributed their time and talent to this weekend's event, we look forward to seeing many of you come home to renew friendships, share stories and pictures or make new acquaintances. Drift back to the '70's, leave your worries behind for a few days and BE HAPPY!!!

Bubbles Up,
Julie Schnoebelen Haggerty & Class of '74 Reunion Committee

LODGING

Blocked rooms are available at the Hampton Inn on Fleur Drive. - 5001 Fleur Dr, Des Moines, IA 50321 - 515-287-7300
Rooms are booked under "Connie Lynn" or Dowling Class of 1974. **Reserve by June 21st**



“Growing Older But Not Up”

AARP KEGGER - THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - 7:00PM

Gary Hemann's Residence - 1650 South Sky Ridge Drive - West Des Moines, IA
Light hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer and soda provided

Let's Get Started!! Classmate Gary Hemann and his wife, Ronda have graciously opened up their home to anyone wishing to gather for a pre-weekend event. Unlike our kegger on graduation night, there is no camping, sleeping in or on top of your car (or any one else's), so please check out lodging in and around the area.

For questions contact Gary Hemann: 515-490-4975 or garyhemann@gmail.com

2 EVENTS ON THURSDAY NIGHT

“Girls Just Wanna Have Fun”

SJA NIGHT - THURSDAY, JUNE 27 - 7:00PM

Bellhop Tiki Bar - 444 E Grand Avenue - Downtown Des Moines, IA
Cash Bar - Charcuterie Delights

An SJA evening is also being planned as another pre-weekend event. If you'd like to get together with your Academy cohorts from yesteryear and remember how it all began when it was just girls, this is the place. Recall the days of brown wool uniforms and yellow blouses with huge collars! Gather with your homegirls, catch up on the last 50 years and be reminded of how far we have come since roaming the halls of St. Joseph's Academy, and the experiences we share! Enjoy fabulous tiki craft cocktails/mocktails (cash bar) and light munchies.

AC Hotel located at 401 E. Grand Avenue is walking distance from the bar, but there is limited availability and reservations should be made ASAP. Call 515-518-6060

Metered parking available (\$1.25/hr) or Parking ramp located at 555 E 4th Street (\$1/hr or \$7/max for 12 hours)

For questions contact Debbie Theisen-Chenchar: 515-360-3379 or dchenrn@aol.com



THE SJA ONLINE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPEN... if you'd like them for the SJA night reunion, you might want to order them now. All orders benefit the BVM/SJA endowment fund and will be delivered directly to you.

“Let’s Get Together and Feel All Right”

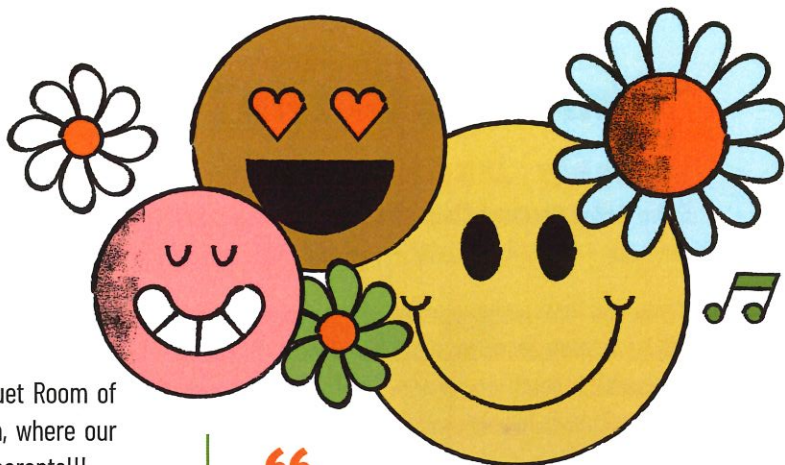
FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - 7:00 PM

Christopher’s Restaurant - 2816 Beaver Ave, Des Moines, IA
CASH ONLY BAR in the Banquet Room - Appetizers

The ‘official weekend’ will kick-off on Friday night in the Banquet Room of Christopher’s Restaurant. One of the oldest restaurants in town, where our parents used to play. . . I guess we have OFFICIALLY become our parents!!!

(Bring CASH, no credit cards or tabs accepted in the banquet room - however, you can go into the bar area of the restaurant to use a credit card)

For questions contact Mike Haggerty: 515-321-5632



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*Don’t gain the world and lose your soul;
 Wisdom is better than silver or gold.*”

- **BOB MARLEY**

“Will it Go Round in Circles”- (Or in the Cup?)

GOLF TOURNEY - SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - TEE TIMES 9:00AM -10:30AM

Terrace Hills - 8700 NE 46th Ave, Altoona, IA
18 Holes with Golf Cart - \$40.00 - Payable at Terrace Hills upon arrival

Kevin McIlhon has agreed to organize the class tourney again this year for those of you that STILL insist that chasing around a little white ball is fun and relaxing.

Send group names & registration info to Kevin McIlhon: 515-491-5927 or mcilhonk@gmail.com



MAIL REGISTRATION FORM TO:

DHS Class of '74 -c/o Anna Marie Barclay Nielsen
 4205 Stonebridge Rd -WDM, Iowa 50265

FOR UPDATED INFORMATION VISIT DOWLING74.COM

GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

If you have already established a foursome, please list ALL team members

Name/Team Members _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR DESIRED FORMAT **BEST SHOT** **INDIVIDUAL**

“Time In a Bottle”

SATURDAY, JUNE 29 - 7:00 PM

Echo Valley Country Club - 3150 Echo Valley Drive - Norwalk, IA
Cash Bar - Heavy Appetizers

If you still have some energy, please join us for the last evening of our reunion weekend. There will be an area set up to share photos (put your name and address on the back if you want them returned), a photo booth area to take individual or group (up to 16 people) pictures, digital or prints will be available as well as a website to view all the pictures!!

A class photo will be taken to memorialize the evening and will be available for purchase.



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There never seems to be enough time to do the things you want to do once you find them. . .save every day like a treasure. ”

-JIM CROCE

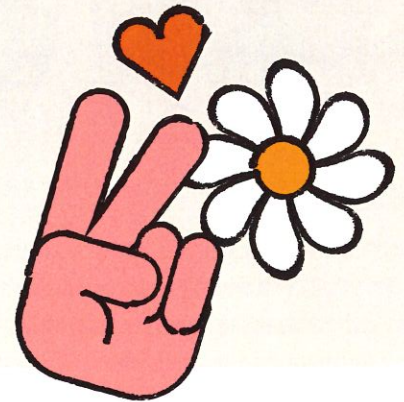
“Whenever Two or More are Gathered, There is Love”

MASS - SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - 11:00AM

Dowling Catholic Chapel - 1400 Buffalo Road - West Des Moines, IA
Officiant - Father “Tank” DeCarlo

The conclusion of our weekend will be with a Mass offered on Sunday at 11:00am by our own Father “Tank” DeCarlo (Who can forget the TECs, masses and Friday night fun at the Warehouse?)

After Mass, there will also be a tour of the ‘New’ Dowling Catholic High School. It is certainly nothing like you would remember it!!! There is a pool and 2 gyms. . . but still NO football field!!



Nancy Albright-Andrew
 Anna Marie Barclay Nielsen
 Chris Callan Breuss
 John Burns
 Kevin Gass

Mike/Julie Haggerty
 Kay Hallman Matchell
 Gary Hemann
 Mary Hockins Seago
 Connie Hooker Lynn

Scot Lewton
 Kevin McIlhon
 Patty Meng Bittner
 Debbie Theisen-Chenchar
 Karen VanHamme

PLEASE RSVP BY JUNE 1, 2024

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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