

Dear Fellow Classmates of **TheClassof1969**

It is time to be talking about our 40th class reunion which will happen next summer 2009! Wow, amazing isn't it? We thought this year and this summer was going fast. Well, what about the last 40 years! The committee has formed and secured the dates for the weekend and the locations. We wanted you to know the dates early so you can place it on your calendar and secure that weekend for yourself. Your fellow classmates want to see you. Which leads me to say a few personal thoughts about the last reunion.

The 30<sup>th</sup> reunion was even better than I expected. People I hadn't talked to that much in high school were glad to see me and I found I was glad to see them. The boundaries and barriers were broken and I experienced so much caring, warmth and genuine joy expressed in the room. People were relaxed and real. Everyone had a great time. The only thing that could have made it better is to have had everyone come. I heard many comments by individuals that they wished "so and so" had attended the reunion. You would be surprised to know who would love to see you again. We have already lost some of our precious classmates. I imagine most of us are in good health and able to travel. Since we are in the prime of our lives now is the perfect opportunity to make time for yourself and attend this wonderful event. And for those that live in Ames and surrounding towns in Iowa-please attend the reunion! There are no or few travel expenses for you. We want to see you.

The goal is to have the 2009 reunion be the best attended reunion in history. If anyone can accomplish that it's definitely the Class of 1969! For some of you it will be your first time to attend; please join us in making this reunion the best one so far.

In order to help us better plan the details please let us know you will be attending by responding to one of the addresses listed in the RSVP. We encourage you to use the website for ease and to keep the costs down.

The website will host the biographies of our classmates and will list more details regarding the reunion (under construction-keep checking). Please post your biography on the web site when you can. We need your help in locating a few classmates so please review the list on the web site. If you know their whereabouts or someone we can contact to find them please write me at one of three ways listed below. Please check the website regularly for updates & biographies. Also, write people you want to see and ask them to attend! Addresses will be listed on the website. Please book your hotel choice very early. Hotel options will be listed on the web site in the near future.

#### 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion Calendar of Events

##### **Friday, July 24, 2009, 7-10 pm**

*Prairie Moon Winery*      Casual get-together with wine, beer and munchies

##### **Saturday, July 25, 2009**

9 am      *Golf Outing (to be announced)*

1 pm      *Tour of Ames High School*

6:30 pm      *Ames Golf and Country Club*      Dinner and dance with informal food stations, cash bar and a live band

RSVP your intentions through the reunion website: <http://classreport.org/usa/ia/ames/ahs/1969/>      or

Karen Kellogg email: [specialk077@msn.com](mailto:specialk077@msn.com) or 305 E. O'Neil Dr. Ames, IA 50010

**Important:** Please list your email address, phone number, updated home address on the website

**To Donate \$\$\$** to the Class of 1969 Reunion: Please submit check to: Class of 1969 at my address. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Karen Kellogg, Chair

Committee: Teresa Beer, Craig Boylan, Pam Breckenridge-Scandrett, Marilyn Dowell, Tim Ellett, Kirk Geist, Bill Hatten, Rex Heer, Bonnie Kalton, Dave Klatt, Joyce Matters, Linda McConkey, Mike Owen, Janet Patterson, Dennis Pyle, Linda Schlapia, Mark Speck, Sandi Underhill, Steve Ward