



# Harding High School

## Class Of 1960

### Official Reunion Newsletter



Volume No.1 February 2010

## Planning Committee

Our next committee meeting is on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Jonathan's Restaurant, 10630 Independence Point Pkwy, Matthews NC.

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Marie (Benton) Rich

Raymond Howard Cathey

Brenda Lee (Hart) Cathey

Buddy Farmer

Clayton Swink

Steve Estep

## On Line Planning Committee Members

Ron Mahaley

Lorenzo Durham Jr Music

**Please help us and have some great fun by becoming a committee member**

**FIFTY YEARS** have gone by and most of us have not seen or talked with one another since graduation on June 2, 1960. It is so exciting to know that on September 18, 2010 (less than 7 months) at our **50th Reunion**, we will get to see our classmates, talk about old times, catch up on what they have been doing, etc. This is a day that we will remember for a long time...telling our children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and friends. To be sure that we each have this opportunity, a group of your classmates has been meeting monthly and working on the event for over 7 months.

Some of the responsibilities for bringing our **50th reunion** to fruition have been assigned as follows:

**Bill Mitchell.....Reunion Chair**  
**Nancy (Elliott) Newton.....Secretary**  
**Judy (Smith) Payne.....Treasurer**  
**Jim Zeman.....Web Creator and Administrator**  
**Melissa (Tallman) Miller.....Historian**  
**Spencer Black and Ben Gadd.... Fundraising.**

Also members of the committee are: Brenda (Hart) Cathey, Raymond Cathey, Linda (White) Davis, Steve Estep, Buddy Farmer, Cecilia (Adams) Pence, Marie (Benton) Rich, and Clayton Swink. We need to thank them for all the hard work they have already done and all that will be between now and September 18th.

Each of our monthly meetings begins with lots of hugs, laughter, conversation, and sharing. We spend the time before our dinner is served identifying many of you in grammar school photos. Everyone brings their latest discoveries of memorabilia for us to enjoy. And then...we eat.

After our meal is finished, Bill leads the business meeting. Many of our primary goals have been accomplished but there is still much to be done. Thanks to Jim Zeman's talent and dedication, we have a gorgeous, professional, informative, and ever-changing website, [HYPERLINK http://www.gohardingrams1960.com](http://www.gohardingrams1960.com) [www.gohardingrams1960.com](http://www.gohardingrams1960.com). We encourage everyone to do whatever is necessary to get to the website, complete your profile, enjoy the photos and information, and admire Jim's artistry.

Bill, with just a little help from a few of us, has done a phenomenal job of locating classmates. We still need to locate 20+ members of the class of 1960. If you have information about any classmates, please get in touch with them and let them know about the upcoming reunion or get their information to the committee and we will take it from there. We want to find everyone!

Judy keeps a tight rein on our finances. She reports each month what expenses we have incurred and what income we have received.

Jim has researched many of the additional needs for a great reunion experience as well as many of the extras we would like to include. He has recommended that we have either a photo booth or a photographer to record the festivities and the attendees. He has checked on various types of nametags...a necessity after 50 years (*we all look very different!*). We are considering the possibility of creating a reunion booklet for each classmate with vital information. Additionally, ideas are abundant for favors, prizes, merchandise, etc. to remind us of our **50th high school reunion**. Jim continues to work his "magic" to add

more and more to the website. How lucky are we to have him in our class!!

Our December meeting was a real holiday treat. Frank and Nancy (Elliott) Newton opened their beautiful home to us for our celebration. Lots of fun was had by all! You can see the photos on the website thanks again to Jim.

The Search committee (Bill, Melissa, Spencer, and Linda) checked out many options for the best venue for the reunion. With the criteria of access to an interstate, close to the airport, shuttle service to and from the airport, adequate parking, guest rooms available for those attending from out of town, hospitality rooms, and a banquet room large enough to accommodate our group, the long list was narrowed to three. After a careful comparison of services and costs, the organizational committee voted unanimously to hold the reunion at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. The Search committee visited the hotel for a complete inspection of the facilities. The chef even provided a meal that let them sample the proposed menu for the reunion buffet (***it's a hard job but somebody had to do it!***).

Hopefully, this has let you know what we have been up to for the past six months. To say that we are all excited about the reunion would be an understatement. The only thing that will excite us more is seeing you on September 18th!

If you would like to be a part of the planning, please contact the planning committee 704 321-9719.

Linda (White) Davis  
Marie (Benton) Rich  
Jimmy Zeman



*Melissa, Tommy, Spencer, Frank, Nancy, Cecilia, Raymond, Brenda, Judy, Barbara, Buddy, Jim, Marie, Clayton, Ben, Bill, Carolyn and Linda*



GO HARDING RAMS 1960  
13425 Four Oaks Lane  
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## 50th CLASS REUNION of HARDING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960 September 18, 2010

Sheraton-Charlotte Airport Hotel  
3315 Scott Futrell Drive • (I-85 and Billy Graham Parkway)  
Charlotte, NC 28208 • 704-392-1200

After fifty years...this is a once in a lifetime event for all of us 1960 Harding classmates!!! This will be a night filled with excitement that you will not want to miss. There will be lots of reminiscing about school days, renewing old acquaintances, and catching up with old friends.

WELCOME RECEPTION and REGISTRATION 4:00 – 6:00pm

The afternoon festivities will begin with a Welcome Reception in the Hospitality Center of the Sheraton where we'll enjoy hors d'oeuvres and have the opportunity to visit, chat, share photos--- have fun!

FINAL REGISTRATION 6:00 – 6:30pm

DINNER BUFFET 6:30 – 7:45 pm

PROGRAM & REUNION FESTIVITIES 8:00pm (Afterwards, room will be available until 11:00pm)

A delicious large buffet (including great dessert choices!) that's sure to please! You can even expect Starbucks!

A fun review of those good ole days...informative updates...fellowship...surprises...and more. You are sure to enjoy this special event and remember it for a long time!

**COST** \$75.00 per person will cover the cost for this exciting and entertaining event. You will want to REGISTER EARLY and make your payment as soon as possible for our special 50th class reunion. In order to reserve the space and facilitate planning, we will need your deposit of \$35.00 per person, non refundable, no later than June 1, 2010 or the full amount if you choose.

**PAYMENT** Send check made out to Harding High School Class of 1960 Reunion

SEND PAYMENT TO HHS 1960 Reunion, 875 Bonum Rd. Lake Wylie, S.C. 29710

Because we are responsible to the Sheraton for a large minimum cost (regardless of how many actually come), we really need your commitment and prompt payment. The balance will be due by August 1, 2010.

We will keep you informed of all happenings. Please register and make your payments as early as possible.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** For those coming that need a hotel room, rooms will be available at the Sheraton for \$82.00 per night plus taxes. You will need to make your own reservations as soon as possible (704-392-1200). The Sheraton Hotel has recently been remodeled and is First Class. It has a weight room and indoor/outdoor pool and just about anything you might need. *We will also make available a Hospitality Room Friday night the 17th from 6 - 10pm for ANY of our classmates to relax, mingle and enjoy fellowship.* The Hotel offers shuttle service to and from the airport.

If you have not registered at our Harding website, please fill out your profile at: [www.gohardinggrams1960.com](http://www.gohardinggrams1960.com)

This will allow you to check out what has been going on with your classmates. If you have any information on our missing classmates (addresses, telephone numbers, last known town or state, married names, etc.), please let us know how to contact them. We want everyone to know about our reunion!!!

For those who do not do internet, please complete the included profile sheet and send to Bill Mitchell. We will put your profile info in the database for you.

We look forward to hearing from you, The 1960 Harding High Reunion Planning Committee

Contact person: Bill Mitchell Committee Chairman  
13425 Four Oaks Lane, Matthews, NC 28105, 704-321-9719  
[billmitch57147@yahoo.com](mailto:billmitch57147@yahoo.com)

## Profile

\* = Required

Information entered on this screen is visible to all Classmates.

Attending Reunion: Yes\_\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_\_

Residing In: City: \_\_\_\_\_

Residing In: State: \_\_\_\_\_

Residing In: Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Optional: Leave blank to not include in your profile)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: Limit 8000 Characters. Chars Remaining:8000

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(ex. Jimmy, born 1994; Mary, born 1998)

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Allow Classmates to view my Birthday. This option allows Classmates to see your Date of Birth in your Profile and on the home page 30 days prior to your Birthday.

Comments: Limit 8000 Characters. Chars Remaining:8000

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(What have you been up to since 1960 ?)

School Story: Limit 8000 Characters. Chars Remaining:8000

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(Have a favorite school story? Funny memory? This can be used for anything you'd like to recall from your years at Harding High School.)

Military Service: Country served: \_\_\_\_\_  
This is the country you served (not the location of where you served). Leave blank if you did not serve the military.  
Branch: \_\_\_\_\_  
Enter branch served. Leave blank if you did not serve the military.

Where did you live during High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Profile Visibility: \_\_\_\_\_ Allow only fellow Classmates to view my Profile details. This will block the public and search engines from accessing your Profile. Leave this box unchecked if you wish to allow the public (friends, co-workers, family members, etc.) to view your Profile details.

Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_ Allow Classmates to see my address and phone number (this information is hidden from your Classmates unless you check this box).

Classmate Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ Allow Classmates to enter comments under my Profile. (Most users opt to leave this feature on. You have the ability to edit or delete any comments left under your Profile.)

## Details

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Married Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Leave blank if same as Last/Maiden Name.

Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter email address. Email address also serves as site login address.

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: M \_\_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_\_

Show On Class List: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_