

Planning for and the providing of the Shawnee High School Class of 1960 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Wildwood Country Club was a popular location ever since the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion was located there. However wanting to go someplace special for the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion inspired a couple of us (Judi Smith Gregory and Patsy Purma Ragland) to take a trip to French Lick Resort to check the possibilities of having the reunion there. The local dinner group had voted in favor of having the reunion at French Lick in the fall of 2017. A second trip was taken to French Lick to meeting with a French Lick event planner to determine cost and the details of what the resort offered (Roy Marvin Dick, Mel Giancola, Judi Smith Gregory and Patsy Purma Ragland) There afterwards some of the group felt it would be too expensive for some to attend so it was decided to mail out a ballot to each of our classmates to allow the whole group to vote on the location.

Judi Smith Gregory prepared the Ballots for such a mailing.



Mary Jo Hesse Byrne, Sharon Underwood Didat and Judi Smith Gregory met to stuff ballots in to the envelopes and apply postage on August 21, 2018. A little more than a month deadline was given for the ballots to be returned by all the classmates.

The expense of this mail out plus other items related to the reunion and class get-together support was provided for in part by Sharon Underwood Didat, Jeannie Fleischman Bieckert, Sherrill Gaddie Wimsatt and Judi Smith Gregory



As pictured above Mary Jo Hesse Byrne, Jan Jackson Coffing, Lynne Sutherland Wood, Judi Smith Gregory, Peggy Horn Fuller, Sharon Underwood Didat, and Paul Sullivan met on October 10, 2018 to count the ballots that were returned.

Wildwood Country Club won overwhelmingly.

A down payment was required by Wildwood Country Club in the summer of 2019 to ensure the date of August 15, 2020 would be held open for our reunion.

Mary Jo Hesse Byrne provided a \$250 check from the moneys that remained in the bank account from the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion. Judi

Smith Gregory mailed the down payment to Wildwood Country on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The buffet selection menu was received from Wildwood Country shortly thereafter.

Those items were voted on by everyone who had an email address which is an overwhelming major of the Class of 1960.

The food items that won being served at our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion were:

Garden Tossed Salad

Roast Beef Carved with by chef with Horseradish Crème & Au jus

Roast Pork Loin with Dressing

Southern Style Green Beans

Glazed Baby Carrots

Baked Potato with Cheese, Sour Cream and Butter

The Wildwood event manager Reza Abitorabi agreed to include a

Cheese and Fruit tray and Desert in the \$30.00 cost per person for the buffet.

Wildwood will provide the bartender for the wet bar and the Roast Beef carver for an additional \$75.00 each. The \$150.00 will come out of the down payment which is already in the hands of Wildwood.

Each classmate will be responsible to pay for any drinks order from the Wildwood Country Club bartender.

Just prior to mailing the invitations, Judi Smith Gregory learned there would be a service fee (gratuity) plus Kentucky Sales Tax expected with each \$30.00 buffet making to total cost \$38.16 per person. This is the amount being asked from each attending in the invitation. All other expenses and services will be provided by class members who personally donate to provide for the group.

This year we were required to acquire a business name from the State of Kentucky Secretary plus an EIN number from the Federal government in order to open a bank account in which to deposit your checks. The requirements were met and those things were accomplish in the fall of 2019.

Lynne Sutherland Wood and Judi Smith Gregory together opened up an account at 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank in the name Shawnee High School Class of 1960 in January 2020. An initial deposit of \$150.00 was donated by these classmates.

Mary Jo Hesse Byrne provided a check for \$213.98 from the closing of the 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion account (under Mary Jo and Gloria Morrison Miller's names) to the new account at 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Bank.

From these funds Judi Smith Gregory paid \$42.00 to the Taylorsville Post Office to continue the PO Box 313 for another year. She also purchased the stamps at \$198.00 to apply to the

mail out and return envelopes that were used on the invitations being sent to Class of 1960 classmates for their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Judi Smith Gregory purchased the Beenverified.com service to verify each address of the Class of 1960 in our database.



The invitation were printed and made ready to mail to each of the Class of 1960 classmates in our current database, who's contact information was verified through the Beenverified.com application. In doing this research Judi found several of her classmates had passed away that she was not known about previously.

Postage was affixed to both the outgoing and return envelopes. This to encourage folks to reply with an update on themselves whether they plan to attend the reunion or not.



Invitation collated, tri folded, stuffed stamped and ready to mail



Taylorsville Post Office



Our secure PO Box 313

Judi Smith Gregory prepared and mailed your 179 invitations. The Taylorsville PO Box 313 will be checked daily for mail. Any checks received will be deposited via 5th 3rd mobile application the day received.

Below is Taylorsville Post Office employee accepting the tray of invitation, starting on the way to our classmate's home on February 10, 2020



Judi placed all previous high school pictures collected through the years on a DVD using the Muvee Reveal software. This for viewing on a VCR at the reunion. Another DVD was produced of the classmates who are known to have passed away since we graduated. These will be shown at the reunion.

We are planning on providing name tags with our 1960 high school pictures on each and guest name tags associated with each host.

There will be a photographer to capture each attending classmate's picture at this reunion to be posted on the Class of 1960 Website at no cost to you.

Bob Hepler has offered to coordinate a golf scramble the day before the reunion.

Patsy Purma Ragland furnished part of the table decorations to be used at our Reunion.

Roy Marvin Dick proof read and corrected the invitation document prior to putting the package together.

Jim Purkhiser proof read and revised to read more clearly one of the documents in the invitation set. He also donated \$61.84 toward expenses as he sent \$100 money order for his reservation.

Eddie Briggs sent 100.00 check included \$23.68 donation plus an additional gift of \$50.00 for Judi's expenses. Thank you Eddie It is my privilege to serve you and our other classmates. Kindness like yours enables me to contribute additional items.

Judy Meyer Bennett donated an afghan as a door prize at the reunion.

There are others who have volunteered to serve attendees during our 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

March 12, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory paid \$155.50 to Network Solutions for the annual fees for hosting our website on their server and for the onwardshawnee.org domain name and private registration.

April 11, 2020 Dr. Bill Miller sent 40.00 check for his reunion registration which included \$1.84 donation

June 8, 2020 Patsy Purma Ragland gave \$40.00 check for her reunion registration this included \$1.84 donation. She also brought a girl's blue high school gym suit for us to display at the reunion



In late June Governor Andy Beshear opened the capacity for Kentucky restaurants to 50% beginning July 1, 2020.

June 30, 2020 Judi Gregory spoke with Reza Abitorabi, the Wildwood Country Club event manager

Reza indicated our August 15, 2020 event will be held in their large ball room. Therefore spacing will not be a problem

Emails were sent to classmates letting them know the Reunion is a “go” and to request anyone wanting to attend who has yet to send in their reservation check to do so by July 15, 2020 deadline

July 4, 2020 Jeannie Fleischman Bieckert sent a \$40.00 check for reunion dues which included \$1.84 donation

July 4, 2020 Peggy Hagan Schmidt sent a \$80.00 check for husband and her reunion dues which included \$3.86 donation

July 6<sup>th</sup> Judi Smith Gregory completed making the tissues paper flowers which are to become the center pieces for the reunion banquet tables.



Patsy Purma Ragland furnished the perfectly cut letters which will surround each flower on the tables.

Judi Smith Gregory found the ideal container for these letters which will make arranging the letters easier in that each kind will come from a separate location in the container.



Saturday July 11, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory put together the DVD from all the old school days photographs provided by class members through the years. This DVD will be played at the class reunion.

In addition the DVD containing the 83 deceased member of the Class of 1960 was created, ready to be played at the reunion.



July 12, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory setup the banner that will be used for the backdrop for the official photographs of participants at the Class of 1960 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Judi purchased this banner for \$88.00 on February 12, 2020 from stickerbanners.com. She uploaded a picture of the Louisville waterfront to be used as the photograph backdrop in the reunion photograph of each attendee..



Judi kept the banner up in her living room in order that it would stretch free of wrinkles. Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup> Judi's son, David Gregory who will serve as photographer for the reunion set up his lights against the backdrop in a test run before the August 15<sup>th</sup> event. The rug was purchased by Judi for \$149.00 from the atHome store, to be used in front of the backdrop.

Bill Miller stated in an email on July 7, 2020 due to the increased Coronavirus threat and his needs to keep health to care of his wife with health issues. He regrets that he would not make the reunion. He said keep the \$40.00 as a donation.

Should some unforeseen event happen to cancel the reunion all checks will be refunded.

Judi order checks from 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> on July 8<sup>th</sup> at the cost of \$7.99 in order to be prepared in case the rules change making us have to cancel the reunion. She will be prepared to send out refunds in that event.

Refunds will not be issued if the reunion is a go after I submit the total attending to Wildwood Country Club because I that point they will be preparing for that number of people in attendance. We will be expected to pay for such.

July 13, 2020 Patsy Purma Ragland is making decorative masks, one of each day of the week, plus a decorative sleep mask for the eyes as a door prize for the reunion

July 13, 2020 Judi sent an email message Reza of Wildwood Country club asking if there will be a Plexiglas between the customer and food on the buffet at the reunion August 15<sup>th</sup> with a couple of masked servers dipping out the food requested down the line by each customer.

July 14, 2020 Reza responded...

yes that is the only way we do our buffet events.  
Reza

July 14, 2020 the 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Shawnee High School Class of 1960 checks were in the SHS Class of 1960 PO Box 313 at Taylorsville post office

July 16, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory sent a email to all classmates that contained the following.

The Kentucky governor has made mask wearing in public places mandatory.

Anyone who feels uncomfortable with the arrangements and would like me to refund your money let me know by this Saturday July 18, 2020.

Likewise anyone who would still like to attend I will accept payment through Saturday July 18, 2020

While I would love to see you there it is not my desire to talk anyone into attending.

On response to replies to that email Judi processed the following...

July 17, 2020 issued \$76.32 refund to Jeanine Hart Sarno due to Coronavirus threat

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July 17, 2020 Mary Jo Hesse Byrne \$80.00 check for husband and her reunion dues which included \$3.86 donation

July 22, 2020 issued \$76.32 refund to Mac Smith due to Coronavirus threat he and Ann did not want to risk traveling.

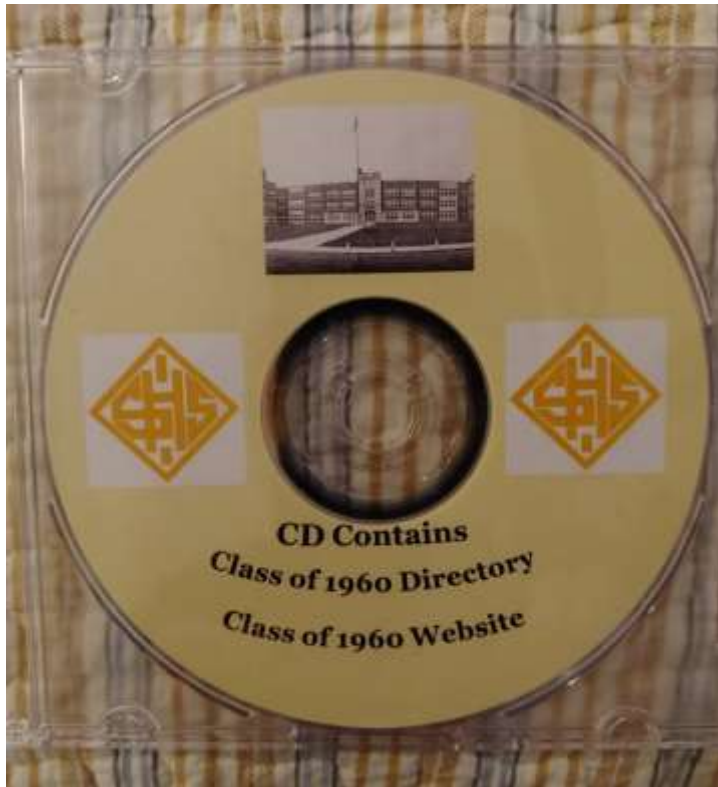
July 24, 2020 after receiving Avery 5384 clip style Name Badges Judi Smith Gregory printed from online Avery name tag template previously created for all 35 classmates and their 15 guest. After which she assembled each name tag.



July 25, 2020 The name tags are in order and ready to transport to Wildwood

July 25, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory started burning the SHS Class of 1960 Website files and the SHS Class of 1960 updated directory PDF to 35 CDs. These will be given to each of 35 Class of 1960 members attending the reunion. It is Judi's desire if she is unable to support keeping the website on the Host server that her classmates will have their personal copy of all the Class of 1960 Website pages which include everything from school days pictures to each classmate's personal page, and the monthly get-togethers since 2012.

The class directory contains the latest contact information of the Class of 1960 classmates.



Judi is looking forward to seeing those classmates attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Hopefully the conditions remain suitable for having the reunion on August 15, 2020 at Wildwood Country Club. Judi Smith Gregory will attempt to contact Reza, Wildwood Event Manager again the first of August to confirm the final arrangements.

July 31, 2020 Chet Goins sent an email saying due to his wife's broken foot he would not make the reunion. He ask that we keep his \$38.16 as a donation toward our website expenses.

Sent a email to Reza at Wildwood reducing the total in attendance to 49.



August 4, 2020 email from Jan Catlett saying her and Bob would not make the reunion.

Refund check #104 issued and mailed August 4, 2020 to Bob Catlett in the amount of \$76.32

August 4, 2020 phone call from Eddie Briggs saying he and Karen were going to have to cancel out on the reunion.

Refund check #105 issued and mailed August 4, 2020 to Eddie Briggs in the amount of \$100.00 (76.32 + 23.68 extra)

August 4, 2020 in a phone call John Buchanan cancelled his reservation for the reunion

Refund check #106 issued and mailed August 4, 2020 to John Buchanan in the amount of \$38.16

August 11, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory cancelled the reunion at Wildwood Country Club due to increased COVID-19 threat.

August 12, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory notified those planning to attend reunion that it was cancelled. She processed a refund check of the same amount to each person who had paid. These refunds were mailed that same day.

August 12, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory informed Reza of the Wildwood Country Club of the decision to cancel. She requested Reza to provide her with a fair compensation amount for the late cancellation date.

August 13, 2020 Judi Smith Gregory paid \$500.00 by phone to Wildwood Country Club from her own credit card as she felt

personally responsible. Judi wanted to be fair to Wildwood Country Club's Event Manager, Reza Abitorabi.

Sept 9, 2020 Filed the 990 N post card on line with the IRS self declaring our group exempt from fed tax as a non profit

Should file again 9/9/2021

March 10, 2021 closed the PO Box 313 at the Taylorsville Post Office

Paid \$15.99 March to keep the domain name onwardshawnee.org for our website.

Serving you with a smile,

Judi Smith Gregory