



# Eisenhower High School Class of 1972 Reunion Newsletter

## Oh my! It's been (almost) 30 years??!!

### The Decade of the 70s

This small chronology of events does not include personal tragedies such as disco and polyester. There are many more newsworthy events that still impact us to this day.

Suffice it to say that the 'good ole' days' lives only in our hearts and memories.

It is up to us to use the information and lessons learned to make a better tomorrow.

How does that make you feel? Remember when anyone over the **age** of 30 was considered **old**? We graduated 30 years ago, so using that logic, we are ancient, possibly fossils!

In the next three newsletters, we'll look at each decade in the past 30 years and a few of the news events that may end up in our grandchildren's history and social studies books.

### General Facts

Average salary: \$7,564  
Food prices: milk, 33 cents a qt.; bread, 24 cents a loaf; round steak, \$1.30 a pound  
Life Expectancy: Male, 67.1; Female, 74.8

### 1970

U.S. Accused of Massacre in Vietnam Village  
Beatles Break Up  
Floppy Disks Introduced  
Kent State Students Shot

### 1971

London Bridge Brought to the U.S.  
VCRs Introduced

### 1972

M\*A\*S\*H\* T.V. Show Premieres  
Pocket Calculators Introduced  
Terrorist Attack at Olympics  
Watergate Scandal Begins  
In U.S., 18 year olds get to vote for the first time

### 1973

Abortion Legalized  
U.S. Pulls Out of Vietnam  
VP Spiro Agnew Resigns

### 1974

Mikhail Baryshnikov Defects  
Patty Hearst Kidnapped  
President Nixon Resigns

### 1975

Arthur Ashe First Black Man to Win Wimbledon  
Microsoft Founded

### 1976

Nadia Comaneci Gets 7  
Perfect 10s

26 countries boycott the 1976 Montreal Olympics  
US celebrates bicentennial  
Israeli commandos attack Entebbe Airport and free 103 hostages  
Legionnaire's Disease claims 29 lives  
Jimmy Carter elected president.

### 1977

Elvis Found Dead  
Miniseries *Roots* Airs  
Anti-Apartheid Leader Steve Biko Tortured to Death  
*Star Wars* Movie Released

### 1978

First Test-Tube Baby Born  
John Paul II Becomes Pope  
Jonestown Massacre

### 1979

Ayatollah Khomeini Returns as Leader of Iran  
Iran Takes American Hostages in Tehran  
Nuclear Accident at Three Mile Island  
Sony Introduces the Walkman

*The next Newsletter... the 80s!*

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## Planning the Reunion

### How it all started...

Once upon a time, there were two people bantering back and forth on [www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com).

Rumor has it they were in the Forum section, either discussing Colton Cable SkiWay or that silly song chain.

The guy says to the girl

"Wanna help plan a reunion? Planning events and shows is what I do for a living, so it's a do-able thing."

So she thinks about it and says, "Well, heck... why not? I've got nothing else to do all day but change diapers and fight with my son over homework. This might be fun and I might find

some adults who don't drool or need a diaper change!"

With stars in their eyes and a pie in the sky, they began the process to plan a 30-year reunion for their friends from Eisenhower High School in Rialto, CA.  
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## Planning the Reunion, continued

### **What Can I Do Now To Help ?**

- *Help us find our students and teachers!*
- *Think about being on TEAMReunion As a Lead? As a Delegate?*
- *Do you or your kids have skills we could use (for free!)?*
- *Let us know what you do and don't want at the Reunion. Majority will prevail, however.*
- *What music do you want? Suggestion: Look at [www.inthe70s.com](http://www.inthe70s.com)*
- *Select childhood and Jr. High photos of your friends for a "Who Am I?" section. The goofier, the better.*
- *If you move or change info, please let us know.*
- *Let us know the name or number of someone who will normally always know how to contact you.*
- *If it's legal, would there be an interest in a CD of our 1972 annual? (for cost of materials and labor, as yet unknown).*

Those two people are Barry Devine and Jackie Fieldse: undeniably two of the most unlikely people to lead the planning of a reunion.

Cherie Groeneveld, Jodi Damato, Lee Carmean and Jean Baugh have each offered to help put a finger or two in the pie.

### **Finding Students**

According to the reunion planning professionals, the hardest and longest task is to find our fellow students. The experts advise spending months on finding people before taking any other step in the planning process. The head of the IKE Alumni Association, Larry Whiteley (Class of '60), emphatically stated that we need to use all our energy and resources to find students before going any further.

In 30 years, you will find people have divorced, died, remarried multiple times, never married, returned to a maiden name, moved around the world, become hermits, have debilitating illnesses, and in the wildest of situations, a sex change operation which would also mean a name change!

At this point (and I do have one!), we are focusing on finding people. We do not have a concrete grand scheme, a date, a venue, or even money!

### **Reunion Professionals**

Why didn't we just contract with 'GoodTimes Reunions' or some other professional planner? Not many people

have said really positive things about the reunion with GoodTimes in charge. One student who attended the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion called it "uninspiring", another said it was "too hot", yet another said it was "too dark". Professional planners pay for all up-front costs and deposits, find people and do all mailings; those are good reasons to use a pro. But we can do that too! I happen to believe we are an industrious and intelligent bunch with varied skills and gifts!

With our class doing our own reunion... it doesn't guarantee that it won't be "uninspiring, too hot or too dark". It means we will have put our own blood, sweat, tears, heart and soul into a team effort. As a class, it's ours and we take full ownership of the reunion.

And if it fails miserably, at least we can say we tried – and we saved a few bucks by not paying a professional to have a hot, dark, uninspiring reunion! It will go under the Lessons Learned file in our brain and we'll know better for our 40<sup>th</sup>!

### **Reunion Planning**

Planning the rest of the reunion, while not easy, is a fairly well documented process on the internet and in many publications.

Besides the many magazines and books, there is software available (which I found out AFTER I created a full blown database in Microsoft Access, complete with screens, queries and

reports!), with step-by-step project plans, task lists, timelines, meeting agendas, etc., etc.

Our next phase will involve finding a few key people who would be **willing and able** to complete a specific set of tasks, including delegating some tasks to others and ensuring followup and completion.

In the spring, we'll probably start looking for people who are willing to dedicate time and energy to the reunion. Please think about this and see if you would be able to help in this area, either as a task leader or as a delegate.

### **IKE's TEAMReunion!**

We hesitate to use the word 'committee'. In the business world, it seems to be an outdated word. Committees tend to have too many members, too many chiefs and not enough Indians. With so many people and personalities involved with direct input, egos sometimes get in the way of the intended result.

This is OUR reunion. We are a team of peers, doing different tasks to mutually meet a shared goal. As recommended by the professionals, we will likely have a small team of 3 to 5 leaders and each leader will have a host of delegates to assist them with the assigned task.

Please see the next page to find out how you can help us find our classmates!

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## Adopt a Letter of the Alphabet or Students from 1972!

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Is there a letter of the alphabet that catches your eye... you just like how it looks and sounds? Or just plumb curious what happened to that kid who always wore his pants backwards, with the fly in the back? Or that girl who had the weirdest habit of sticking wads of bubble gum in her hair?

Well, have I got a deal for you!

You can adopt any letter of the alphabet that's not already adopted, or pick one or more students to find ...FREE of charge! The letter comes attached to a students' last name. For example, if you want to adopt the letter "N". I will send you a list of nine

missing students who's last name begins with the letter "N". You can use whatever means available to research and find those wonderful people with last names beginning with that coveted letter "N".

Some letters, like the letter "M" have 50 student names attached. You can chose to take only 5 or 10 names...whatever you feel comfortable with.

Below this article is a list of people search internet sites. You may use these sites to find student **or parents'** names and phone numbers... then you call the number and hope it's a good one!

For example, I've left

messages for all three Art Flores' in San Bernardino and a Gildner residence in Rialto. No one has yet called me back. I'm sure they think I'm a cracked-pot, so they may be afraid to call me back. I'll keep plugging away until I find Art and Sally.

Yes, this is my tongue-in-cheek, completely innane way of trying to offload some of the task of finding people.

**You can also chose to select specific students to find, rather than a range of names. HELP!!**

**PLEASE HELP!!** Even if it's only one or two people that you find! Enlist your kids or grandkids to help!

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## People Search Engines

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I sit in awe of those who planned reunions before the dawn of the internet. You have my utmost respect! How in the world did you do it? How did you find people, how did you know what to do?

If you have connection to the internet, your Internet Service Providers (ISP) likely has a link on their home web page for some type of online White Pages or other people search engine. (a search engine is an Internet locator software, whether it's for people or things.) Most ISPs don't actually 'own' or maintain their own white pages. They simply

'partner' with a company that does by using a link. For example, at Earthlink, they use switchboard.com for their white pages. MSN.com links to Infospace.com. Most sites are free. However, some sites want you to join and pay a fee, and some allow some services for free and will provide additional services if you pay a membership fee.

If you know the student's **(or parent's!)** last known city or state, try to narrow down your search by inputting that information. Some engines require a state, some don't. It will tell you what is needed to do a

search.

All of the below web sites start with **"www"**. There are no spaces, however there may be other characters (such as a dash or period).

Heres' a partial listing, (remember to type the www. ):

555-1212.com  
switchboard.com  
theultimates.com  
411.com  
infospace.com  
bigfoot.com  
Four11.com  
DatabaseAmerica.com  
WhoWhere.com  
Anywho.com  
pc411.com  
Worldpages.com

### Alpha Letters Available for Adoption and the Number of Missing Students

A – 22	M -- 50
B – 49	N - 9
C – 47	O – 6
D – 21	P -- 27
E – 11	Q – 3
F – 24	R -- 39
G – 30	S -- 54
H – 40	T -- 19
J – 16	V – 8
K – 12	W - 51
L – 32	Y - 5
	Z - 8

**Total as of 01.23.01: 583**

### Alumni Web Pages

<http://rialto.k12.ca.us/eisenhower>  
[www.goodtimereunions.com/gtreunions/eisenhower1970](http://www.goodtimereunions.com/gtreunions/eisenhower1970)  
<http://phase.bio.uci.edu/eisenhower74>  
[www.geocities.com/ehs\\_classof1975](http://www.geocities.com/ehs_classof1975)  
[www.geocities.com/ehs\\_classof1975\\_2/yearbook.htm](http://www.geocities.com/ehs_classof1975_2/yearbook.htm)  
<http://eagles76.homestead.com/index.html>  
[www.reuniontime.com/reunions/ca/rialto/ehs/1979](http://www.reuniontime.com/reunions/ca/rialto/ehs/1979)  
[www.classmates.com](http://www.classmates.com)  
[www.alumni.net](http://www.alumni.net)  
[www.planetalumni.com](http://www.planetalumni.com)  
[www.highschoolalumni.com](http://www.highschoolalumni.com)

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### Military Search Sites

To find classmates who went into the service

[www.militarycity.com](http://www.militarycity.com)  
<http://members.aol.com/veterans/index.html>

**Deceased Classmates**

Baker, Steve  
 Copeland, Rhonda  
 Dentice, Donn -- 1976  
 Gale, Randy  
 Hafer, Cheryl  
 Hansen, Cheryl  
 Harnish, Richard - 1992  
 Douglas Housel  
 Mc Donnell, Barry  
 Reed, Angela - 1991  
 Schwimmer, Larry  
 Street, Michael  
 Tate, Keith  
 Vieman, Karla  
 Vincent, Kyle - 1993

We plan to have a memorial table at the reunion.

If you know of any others or any details (e.g. dates or locations, not gorey details), we'd appreciate the information.

**Sort of Found Classmates**

Meaning: We found a family member, but don't have any confirming info on the student.

*Blumenthal, Becky*  
*Hanna, Russana*  
*Jaracz, Linda*  
*Miner, William*  
*Parker, Michelle*  
*Sunde, Beverly*

**This n' That****Coming Soon to a PC near you! ... a Reunion Web Page!**

We hope to have a Web page in the near future! Watch for updates! When that happens, we will likely post the newsletter on the net and just send an email to let you know it's there. It will save money and time, leaving more for the party!  
 For people without

computers, we will continue to send via regular mail.

**Newsletter Frequency and Distribution**

The plan is to send a newsletter each quarter. The need for it and time available to do it will dictate whether it happens as planned.

Regardless of the web page, you have three options for receiving the newsletter:

1. Email only
2. Regular Mail
3. None of the above

Just call us or send us a message letting us know your preference. The 'default' is regular mail. (Some of you have already requested Email and that is already in place.)

**Become a Newsletter Editor, Writer or Reporter!**

If you want to write an article to include in this newsletter, send snippets of info, or it take over completely... please let me know and I will share this with any willing person(s)!

**Found Classmates****All information is strictly confidential.**

Adams, Steve  
 Alcorn, Denise  
 Allen, Jno  
 Allison, Pamela  
 Anselmi, Bridget  
 Arnold, Larry  
 Barnes, Teresa  
 Baugh, Jean  
 Blair, Dennis  
 Bradshaw, Larry  
 Busby, Dawson  
 Byers, Sally  
 Callan, Mary  
 Carmean, Lee  
 Cheatham, Michael  
 Clayton, Brenda  
 Colonello, Carlye  
 Cowie, Dave  
 Crise, Paul  
 Damato, Jodi  
 Devillier, Mark  
 Devine, Barry  
 Digioia, Mark  
 Durbin, Karen  
 Fieldse, Jacklyn  
 Fotia, Peter  
 Gaston, Veronica (Candy)  
 Gentry, Karen  
 Geyer, Debbie

Gilpin, Tim  
 Gomez, George  
 Gowdy, Lucinda  
 Groeneveld, Cherie  
 Hahn, Glenda  
 Harvey, Dianna  
 Hastain, Karen  
 Hodson, Kathy  
 Hood, Cindy  
 Hostetler, Alice  
 Hughes, Charles  
 Jackson, Brad  
 Jamison, Debbie  
 Kaminski, Debbie  
 Kelmar, Debbie  
 Kolbus, Ilse  
 Lewis, Pat  
 Mahoney, Skip  
 Mc Dowell, Peggy  
 Mc Gregor, Agnes  
 Mc Kinney, Scott  
 Miller, Ronald  
 Mocilac, Gus  
 Moore, Cathy  
 Murphy, Andrew  
 Neeley, Gale  
 Okey, Dennis  
 Palesano, Carolee  
 Palmer, Sue  
 Patterson, Don  
 Perkins, Nancy

Pulatie, Patrick  
 Ramey, Candy Dee  
 Rhoades, Cathy  
 Rios, Kathy  
 Roberts, Pam  
 Roberts, Sandra  
 Rorabaugh, Ann  
 Sabolick, George  
 Scott, Sam  
 Shea, Bonnie  
 Shocklee, Sue  
 Simonson, Jay  
 Stainbrook, Janet  
 Stapelton, Rick  
 Stumpf, Michael  
 Thomas, Bridget  
 Thomas, Grif  
 Thompson, Jim  
 Thompson, Vanda  
 Ticinovich, Don  
 Tobiska, Jacques (Jac)  
 Turco, Dennis  
 Tuttle, Jay  
 Waleszonia, Michael  
 Wright, Timothy  
 Wylde, Laura  
 Wynia, Julie  
 Yates, Susan

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