



University of Delaware - Class of 1986

Class Reunion Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

Alumni Hall Conference Room

Action items

- “A Day in the Life” tour idea- Heather will pull a list of 75 students whose parents are from 1986. Carle will email the students and their alumni parents to invite them to the tour. Proposed time: Saturday 10:30 a.m. – noon; Tour with BHA incorporating
- Committee- BRING SUGGESTIONS OF PEOPLE TO RECOGNIZE AT THE REUNION TO THE NEXT MEETING
 - Trish will look at honorees from 1986.
- A t-shirt will be available for the reunion registrants that will be included in the registration cost of \$15. Bring your t-shirt design ideas to the next meeting.
- Will be doing a slideshow with college photos. We need a volunteer to spearhead the collection and creation of the presentation.

Attendees:

Phone: David W. Ballard Carle Foster , Cathy Matthews , Margaretann M. O'Rourke , Donna Pey Praiss , Deirdre S. Smith

In person: Seth M. Bloom, Bob F. Teeven

- **Fundraising Update (NEW gift chairs- Deirdre and Donna)**
 - See the Office of Annual Giving website at <http://www.udel.edu/giving/reunions.html> for the latest fundraising information for your class
- **Alumni Weekend Overview- Carle**

Friday, June 3, 2011

4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

College Receptions

- 1986 class members are encouraged to attend their individual college reunions during this time. An Honors and Athletics event will also be held during this time

8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Mug Night

- Same time as last year on The Green/ The MALL
- YES, the group does want a gathering area for the class

Saturday, June 4, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Blue Hen 5K Run/Walk- participate or come cheer everyone on!

11:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Lunch under the tent

Existing tours scheduled for Alumni Weekend

- 9:30 a.m. tour with Dr. David Ames
- 11:00 a.m. bus tour of campus

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- 1:00 p.m. walking campus tour

Campus tours

- The group talked at length about incorporating 2 new programs into Saturday:

1.) Proposed time: Saturday 10:30 a.m. – noon; Tour with BHA incorporating “A Day in the Life” idea- There are 75 students who have parents who are UD alums from the class of 1986. The students would create a presentation for the alumni about their typical college experience in 2010 and compare it to what it was like in 1986.

- Heather will pull a list of 75 students whose parents are from 1986. Carle will email the students and their alumni parents to invite them to the tour.

2.) Special recognition of a 1986 alum who would be recognized at the reunion

- Committee- BRING SUGGESTIONS OF PEOPLE TO JANUARY 4
- TRISH WILL LOOK AT HONOREES FOR AWARDS FOR 1986
- Send any suggestions to Carle at youdeehens@verizon.net

2:00 p.m.- State of the University, Mitchell Hall
 ** 2 chairs will present class gift to Dr. Harker during this program so please be sure to attend and support your class chairs**

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Class Reunion at Deer Park

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.- Registration Table Open

Registration Table Shifts:

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Kathy and Carle Foster
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. MargaretAnn & Seth Bloom

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hors d’oeuvres and cash bar after 1 complimentary drink ticket
 TBD time Dr. Harker appearance, mingling

- The classes have an opportunity for a visit from Dr. Harker. Tricia can put the request in, but the time will have to be flexible because he has a lot scheduled on Saturday night

Photo slideshow

- We need to collect old photos- looking for volunteers someone to PowerPoint

7:00 p.m. Class Photo and Reunion Committee Photo

7:00 p.m. Short program with chairs welcoming the group

- Welcome from the chairs
- Recognize the ‘honored’ alum identified by the committee

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Slideshow of old photos playing on the screen. Seth will let us borrow his personal screen- thank you!

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9:00 p.m.

Event concludes, 2nd floor continues to be open

- As a reminder, there is no registration fee for attending just the reunion. In June 2010 Reunion Weekend, there was a \$10 registration for other events at Reunion Weekend, like Mug Night and the Blue Hen Boardwalk
- BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR A T-SHIRT DESIGN

- **Programming Updates- Carle**
 - Attendance Goal = max capacity at 140 people
 - **Budget** Update
 - Money will be allotted from the Office of Alumni Relations of \$15 per person up to \$2,000. Any costs exceeding this allotment will need to be covered by the class attendees. The committee will help manage these costs to make it reasonable.
 - The cost for the reunion will be \$15 per person and will include a t-shirt
 - Menu Selection
 - The group agreed that the sandwich option is the best because it is easier to eat than the fork and knife options- \$12.99 per person
 - The group also wanted to add a make-your-own nacho station party tray. The tray serves 25-30 people and costs \$75.00 so we will need to order multiple platters
 - Drink tickets- The group agreed that we should offer one drink ticket with the registration fee

BUFFET MENU

- Meatball Sandwiches
- Hot Roast Beef Sandwiches
- Cole Slaw
- Stuffed Shells
- Caesar Salad
- Fresh Tomato & Mozzarella
- Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea

- Music
 - Carle and Kathy Foster generously offered to sponsor the DJ, a personally recommended DJ, Tom Boone.
 - Cost is \$295- 4 hour set
 - Music selection? Songs from '82-'86
- DP does still have **PITCHERS** available with any kind of beer (\$9-11)

- **Timeline- Carle**
 - Marketing Updates
 - Postcard pack hitting mailboxes soon- these were mailed to the 2010 FRW registrants
 - Alumni Weekend mailing in February
 - Reunion specific mailing in March just to your class

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- The group come up with an idea of the design for the postcard. It will be a “then & Now’ postcard with the following photos and captions:
 - Photo of The Green saying “Remember when this was the Mall?”
 - Photo of Trabant saying “Remember when this was a parking lot?”
 - Photo of Gilbert saying “remember when this still existed?”
 - Photo of Harrington saying “Remember when this was actually a beach?”
 - Last photo of Deer Park saying “some things never change, especially your connection to UD and your fellow Blue Hens.”

- **Communication**
 - Reminder that there is a listserv for the committee members: class-of-1986@udel.edu
 - Facebook- 53 people joined, please invite others to join!

- **Next Steps**
 - Next meeting- The group decided to meet in January even though other reunion committees are not meeting.
 - **JANUARY 4 at noon will be our next meeting**
 - FEBRUARY 1, 2011 will be the next meeting after that
 - Confidentiality agreements – ALL HANDED IN. THANK YOU!