

### Class of '56 Reunion Committee Meeting

A meeting of the John Muir Class of '56 Reunion Committee was held at 12:00 noon at the John Muir High School Library on Saturday, April 2, 2011, for the purpose of planning the 55<sup>th</sup> reunion in October, 2011.

Attendance: Neal and Molly Brockmeyer, Doug Kosobayashi, Linda Massey, Lois Rothschild, Ed Moses, Neal and Sharrone Salisian, and Ruben Tellez (visiting from Texas).

The draft of a letter to classmates, a response form and an estimate of expenses were passed out. It was decided that the letter and response form should be mailed ASAP, first class, with a #9 return envelope. The question of enclosing a list of those planning to attend was raised, and it was suggested that a list might be added to the alumni association webpage.

Molly updated the committee on the number of those expressing an interest in attending each event: Westin—35; Golf Tournament—22; Mijares—100; Norton Simon—74; Dinner Dance—105; and Picnic—102. Doug reported that we had about \$2,700 in the committee's bank account, before writing a check for \$1,000 for the University Club deposit. Other deposits and expenses will be incurred, and it was suggested that, if necessary, the committee members prepay their reservations to support the cash flow.

The committee then reviewed and discussed the various events planned, as well as the description of the events in the letter to classmates:

Hotel: Neal S. followed up on the arrangements with the Westin. He presented a contract committing us to 30 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights. The contract would have to be signed by Friday, April 8th. It was the feeling that the response from classmates was sufficient to go ahead with the contract. The cutoff date for reservations would be September 17th. [Subsequently, Neal B. discussed the contract with the Westin and signed a copy, with the commitment being guaranteed by credit card. Reservations can be made by phone to Westin reservations or through a special website that the Westin is creating for our reunion.]

Golf: It was determined that the Class of '56 Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, October 14th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Course #1. The cost will be \$53, which includes a cart.

Mijares: Neal B. confirmed that a large room has been reserved for Friday evening, at no cost. The time was set for 6:30-9:30 p.m. There was a discussion about nametags and it was decided that the nametags for Friday would be blank so the names could be written in by the classmates, and that the photo name tags would be used at the dinner on Saturday and picnic

on Sunday. Eddie passes around some examples of nametags and the committee members expressed their preference.

Norton Simon Museum: Linda reported on her conversation with the Museum. Private 90 minute tours with a docent can be arranged for at a cost of \$250 for a maximum of 25 participants and \$400 for a maximum of 50 participants. The private tours generally begin at 10:30 a.m. It was determined that tickets would be sold in advance at \$10 for the private tour, but that those not going on a tour would pay at the door. Linda will see whether the tours can begin at 11:00 a.m. [She subsequently confirmed that tours beginning at 11:00 a.m. could be arranged.]

Dinner Dance: Molly reported on her discussion with the University Club. They can make available a DVD player and TV that is installed in the wall. They do not provide centerpieces, and would have to check to see whether cheese/crackers or nuts could be provided in lieu of hors d'oeuvres.

It was determined that, due to the \$20 corkage fee, providing our own wine was not feasible and we should use the house wine. There ensued a discussion about whether wine should even be provided at the tables, or should also be on a no-host basis like the other alcoholic drinks. In an effort to keep the cost down, the decision was deferred. If more than the estimated number of 125 attends the dinner, we might have enough to pay for wine at the tables.

Eddie and Valerie Jones obtained information regarding a DJ. Molly reported on the materials that Valerie had obtained for a DJ at a cost of \$700. Eddie indicated that he could provide a DJ at a cost of \$300, and suggested that another \$100 be allocated to a piano player. This was acceptable to the committee.

The committee reviewed the estimate of costs and determined that the dinner should be based on 125 attending, for which the charge was set at \$80 per person in order to cover both the fixed and variable costs. This would assume that the wine would be on a no-host basis, subject to the number of classmates exceeding the 125 estimated as discussed above.

Cruising: Dian e-mailed Molly that John Kerr is planning a *Run What You Brung* ride that would involve meeting at 10:45 a.m. in Lot K at the Rose Bowl, cruising around the Rose Bowl, through Linda Vista, and ending at Muir. She added that space should be set aside at the picnic for displaying the cars participating, but participation would include whatever someone wants to drive, whether classic, hot rod, roadster, motorbike, motorhome, camper, . . . truly whatever rolls. This sounded fine to the committee, but it was suggested that the meeting time be 10:30 a.m. because it would take some time to organize the group and then get to Muir via the route John has suggested.

Picnic: After some discussion, the committee confirmed that we should go ahead with In-N-Out Burger and Lois agreed to follow up. She obtained a \$500 check from Doug for the deposit. It was pointed out that we would have to pay the minimum \$1,250 unless we had sufficient attendance to sell enough meals to exceed the minimum. After reviewing the estimated expenses, the cost of the picnic was set at \$15, which would cover a hamburger or cheeseburger meal, custodian and insurance.

Next meeting: The date for the next meeting was left open, since a meeting in May may not be necessary. The committee will be advised about the next meeting, as well as the date of a "stuffing" get together to assemble and mail the letter to classmates.



John Muir High School

Class of 1956

**55th Reunion of the Class of 1956**  
**Friday, October 14, 2011, through Sunday, October 16, 2011**

We had a great response to the Save the Date letter, and it looks like we will have another outstanding turnout for our 55th. The friendships we developed at our elementary and junior high schools and at John Muir seem as strong, if not stronger, than ever. Maybe there is something to the saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." We'll be posting a list of the classmates attending on the Alumni Association website ([www.johnmuiralumni.org](http://www.johnmuiralumni.org)) later in the year.

The events listed below are about the same as those included in the Save the Date letter. This is a scaled-down version of our 50th, and we have tried to control the costs recognizing that we are all seniors and have been going through some tough economic times. A separate registration form is enclosed for you to sign up for some or all of these events.

While we've tried to keep our database up to date, we've undoubtedly lost track of many classmates. Please help spread the word so that we can keep to a minimum the number of classmates who will not have heard about the reunion. Those who attended Eliot, La Canada or Washington junior highs, but didn't attend Muir, are also welcome to join us at all of these events, including the picnic. Spread the word!

**Hotel Accommodations:** Based on the response to the Save the Date Letter, we have reserved a block of 30 rooms at *The Westin Pasadena*, 191 N. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, at a special rate of \$129, plus tax, double occupancy. Self and valet parking will be extra. Make your reservations by calling the Westin reservations center at (866) 837-4181 or accessing our special webpage ( ) on line and guaranteeing your reservation by credit card. ***If you call, be sure to say that you're part of the John Muir Class of '56 to receive this special rate.*** The Westin will provide complementary transportation on a first-come basis within a three-mile radius, and is located within walking distance of the University Club, which is the site of our Saturday night dinner dance. We will also have a Hospitality Room at the Westin that can serve as a meeting place for classmates and their guests.

**Golf Tournament, Friday, October 14th:** Our Class of '56 Golf Tournament will take place Friday at the Brookside Golf Club (Course #1) next to the Rose Bowl beginning at 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$53 per player (including cart). Use the enclosed reservation form to sign up. If you have any questions, call Ken Goldman at (818) 348-3948, or e-mail him at [kgoldman@socal.rr.com](mailto:kgoldman@socal.rr.com).

**Informal Reception, Friday, October 14th:** We'll have a drop-in, informal reception from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday evening, at Mijares Mexican Restaurant, 145 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena. Although the reception is no-host, please let us know on the enclosed registration form if you may be attending so we can make the necessary arrangements. You may choose to stay for dinner at Mijares as well.

***Norton Simon Museum, Saturday, October 15th:*** Those of us interested in a little culture during the weekend will meet at the Norton Simon Museum ([www.nortonsimon.org](http://www.nortonsimon.org)), 411 West Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, to view this wonderful art collection. The Museum opens at 12:00 noon and the admission fee is \$5 for seniors. Audio tours are available for an additional \$3. We have made arrangements for a 90 minute guided tour beginning at 11:00 a.m. for a charge of \$10 per person. You might also want to stay for lunch in the Garden Café. Please let us know on the enclosed registration form if you would like to participate in the guided tour or may otherwise be attending. If you are not participating in the guided tour, you can simply pay the admission fee at the door when you arrive.

***Dinner Dance, Saturday, October 15th:*** The University Club at 175 North Oakland Ave., will be the site for a sit-down dinner dance from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. The cost is \$80 per person, which includes parking. There will be a no-host bar. Eddie Moses is assembling photographs from prior reunions on a dvd that will be shown throughout the evening. Sign up on the enclosed registration form. If you have any photographs that you would like Eddie to include, scan and send them to him at [muirmustang1956@roadrunner.com](mailto:muirmustang1956@roadrunner.com). No need to dress up, but most are expected to be a step above casual.

***Run What Your Brung, Sunday, October 16th:*** By popular demand, John Kerr will be leading another crus'n experience from the Rose Bowl via a circuitous route to the John Muir campus. We cruised at our 50th without mishap, so we decided to try it again. Bring whatever you're driving, whether classic, hot rod, roadster, motorbike, motorhome, camper or your regular boring car, to Lot K at the Rose Bowl at 10:30 a.m.

***On Campus Picnic, Sunday, October 16th:*** To end the reunion weekend, we'll revisit the John Muir campus from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Lunch provided by an *In-N-Out Burger*® mobile unit will consist of hamburgers/cheeseburgers, drinks and chips. For those who don't want to remain stationary, we'll have some games to test your skills and coordination. The A Building and Alumni Museum will also be open and there will be a special display for our Class. Sign up on the enclosed registration form if you would like to attend. The cost is \$15 per person.

We look forward to seeing you in October 2011. E-mail [muirmustang1956@roadrunner.com](mailto:muirmustang1956@roadrunner.com) with any questions. Go Mustangs!

**Class of 1956 Reunion—October 2011**  
**Registration Form**

**Please complete and mail this form to the John Muir High School Alumni Association, P.O. Box 93367, Pasadena, CA 91109, with a check for the events for which there will be a charge. Please respond as soon as possible to assist us in making the necessary arrangements.**

I would like to attend the following (please check (√) and complete those that apply):

\_\_\_ Golf Tournament for \_\_\_ golfers at a cost of **\$53 per person** (includes cart).

\_\_\_ Informal reception at Mijares Mexican Restaurant for myself and \_\_\_ guests. No charge.

\_\_\_ Gathering at the Norton Simon Museum for myself and \_\_\_ guests. Please send **\$10 per person** for the guided tour; otherwise there will be no charge other than admission that is payable at the door.

\_\_\_ Dinner dance at the University Club for myself and \_\_\_ guests at a cost of **\$80 per person**.

Please indicate choice of entrees for you and your guest:

\_\_\_ Prime Rib, \_\_\_ Salmon, \_\_\_ Portobello Mushroom stack.

\_\_\_ Picnic on the John Muir campus for myself and \_\_\_ guests at a cost of **\$15 per person**.

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Checks should be made out to **Class of '56 Reunion Committee**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print and include Maiden Name, if any)

Name of Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class of '56 Reunion (October 2011)**  
**Estimate of Expenses (Updated 4/10/11)**

**Saturday Dinner and Miscellaneous Charges**

<b>Description</b>	<b>125 Total</b>	<b>125 Per Person</b>	<b>150 Total</b>	<b>150 Per Person</b>	<b>175 Total</b>	<b>175 Per Person</b>
Paper, printing, copying and postage <sup>1</sup>	\$ 500	\$ 4.00	\$ 500	\$ 3.34	\$ 500	\$ 2.86
University Club rental	1,000	8.00	1,000	6.67	1,000	5.71
Dinner <sup>2</sup>	6,914	55.31	8,297	55.31	9,680	55.31
Parking <sup>3</sup>	250	2.00	300	2.00	350	2.00
Dance floor	150	1.20	150	1.00	150	.86
Disc jockey & pianist	400	3.20	400	2.66	400	2.28
Decorations	50	.40	50	.33	50	.29
Name tags	50	.40	50	.33	50	.29
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$9,314</b>	<b>\$ 74.51</b>	<b>\$10,747</b>	<b>\$ 71.65</b>	<b>\$12,180</b>	<b>\$ 69.60</b>
<b>Plus 10% contingency</b>	<b>\$10,245</b>	<b>\$ 81.96</b>	<b>\$11,821</b>	<b>\$ 78.81</b>	<b>\$13,398</b>	<b>\$ 76.56</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes two mailings.

<sup>2</sup> \$53.80 per person, including tax and 20% service charge. Three selections: prime rib, salmon and Portobello mushroom stack plate at \$39.00, \$36.00 and \$30.00, respectively, plus \$5.00 charge for having three entrees (average of \$37.00 plus \$5.00).

<sup>3</sup> \$2.00 per person.

## Sunday Picnic

Description	100 Total	100 Per Person	125 Total	125 Per Person	150 Total	150 Per Person
Custodian	\$ 200	\$ 2.00	\$ 200	\$ 1.60	\$ 200	\$ 1.33
Insurance	500	4.00	500	4.00	500	3.33
Food and drink <sup>4</sup>	1,250	12.50	1,250	10.00	1,250	8.33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>\$19.50</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>\$15.60</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
<b>Plus 10% contingency</b>	<b>\$2,145</b>	<b>\$21.45</b>	<b>\$2,145</b>	<b>\$17.16</b>	<b>\$2,145</b>	<b>\$14.30</b>

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<sup>4</sup> In-N-Out requires a minimum of \$1,250.00 or 75% of the cost of the estimated number of items ordered based on the average "cheeseburger" price, whichever is higher. The charge for a hamburger meal including chips, drink and tax is \$5.71, and for a cheeseburger meal including chips, drink and tax is \$6.09. They also offer a double-double meal and a grilled cheese meal. No more than \$7.00 can be charged at a fundraiser for the hamburger meal and no more than \$8.00 for the cheeseburger meal.