

# Reunion Assistance

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Are you thinking of coordinating or hosting your class' next reunion? Our Association can help you. We offer the following assistance:

1. In a perfect world, if all of our classmates paid their \$5 annual dues and received our SHSAA newsletter every November and May, then we would have a complete and up to date list of members and their addresses. We do have some addresses and will provide that list to you. We ask that you give us the benefit of your labor and provide us with any updated addresses as you find them.

2. In the calendar year preceding your scheduled reunion we will include your class in our twice annual mailing at no cost to you, if we get the corrected addresses at least 30 days before the 3rd Tuesday in April and 3rd Tuesday in October.

3. Additionally, should you wish to include a personalized flyer with information directed to your special classmates, then we will produce mailing labels for your class and ask that you attend our "mailing meetings" in May and November to insert your flyers. We will include your classmates in our bulk mailing at no cost to you.

4. We encourage you to write an article for the general information of all alumni in addition to your classmates. Who knows? Perhaps someone out there will know just where to find the heretofore lost classmates.

5. If you decide to hold your reunion during our SHS Alumni and Friends Garden Party, which is always the

first Friday in August, then we will actually do most of the coordination for the facility reservations, caterer, etc.

6. The normal method is for someone in your class to collect the admission fee from your classmates and then purchase the tickets in bulk from our SHS office at 303 Oak St. in Silverton as soon as is possible, but *please* no later than 10 days before the Garden Party. We have to order meals from the caterer and not knowing until the last few days before the event is not good planning.

7. By collecting the ticket requests, you determine just who and how many from your class to expect at the Party.

8. In the morning between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on the day of the event, someone from your class must be present to reserve tables at ten people per table. If you purchase 22 tickets you are then permitted to reserve two tables on a first come first reserved basis. You might want to make some kind of table decoration to say, "Reserved for the Class of \_\_\_\_". Note that NO "lighter than air balloons" are allowed. Also, no signs can be attached to the walls. Colored table cloths and stand-up signs are suggested for the tables.

9. On Friday night, someone from your class should be at the admission door and available to hand out the tickets to your classmates. Some classes make special identity tags for their classmates. Anyone who shows up and needs to purchase a ticket is welcome; however, tickets bought on the day of the event cost an additional \$5.00. Tickets are available at the door.

10. The bars are pay as you go for beer, wine and liquor. We will normally have soft drinks available at no cost.

11. The cafeteria style meal is included in your admission fee.

You can see that together we can help you have a great time at the Alumni & Friends Garden Party. One of the joys of the gathering is that you will see more people than you can possibly find the time to converse. We have had members from classes so far back as the 20's and 30's and most recent as is legally allowed - **you must be 21 to attend.**

The first step is to contact us for a list of your classmates' addresses. Compare our list to what you have and let us help you determine the most recent addresses. Contact either Mason Branstetter (mason@silvertonrealty.com) or Judy Nunn (Nunnjk@comcast.net).

Check your calendars and join us for a wonderful traditional event that is in its eleventh year. Your attendance will also assist us in raising scholarship money for the next graduating class from ol' Silverton High. To date we have given out over \$68,850 in tuition assistance to SHS grads.

So, join us on the first Friday in August and have fun raising funds. Ticket information, time and place will be published in the June newsletter. Watch our website [www.shsfoxes.com](http://www.shsfoxes.com) for updated information.

