

## First Annual Columbus Area HHS Reunion

June 23 and a beautiful summer evening saw the inauguration of what may prove to be an annual affair now in Central Ohio, a gathering of the Huron faithful for a reunion of North Coast transplants. While job opportunities have gone south and our students have chased them to Central Ohio and the edge cities and megapolis of Columbus, the hearts and souls of these grads have remained ever in Huron. The parents of most still live “at home,” and some of the grads even maintain a second “summer” home in the city of their rearing.

For this year’s initial foray into the arena of regional reunions, Lisa Stein hosted the affair at her home in Bexley OH, a few yards outside the Columbus city limits off Broad Street. Lisa offered the spacious grounds of her home for the use of her schoolmates. A tent was pitched, food brought in, plenty of drinks provided, and a DJ stood at hand to lend a musical background to the pleasantries of the evening.

Grads responded, coming from as far away as Cincinnati and Cleveland but mostly from the Columbus burbs and city itself. Five decades of Huron grads, from the 50’s through the 90’s, enjoyed mixing and reminiscing the evening away. Sandwiched between all the chatter was a delicious meal of barbecued pork with all the trimmings - except the home grown corn on the cob; tad early for that!

The beauty of the evening really was the fact that with such a diverse age and interest group, all mixed so well. Initial squeals of recognition as guests arrived transformed into hugs and then introductions around. After an average of 2.4 questions, guests were nailed down as to the exact section of town where they grew up, the identity of their siblings and parents, and - Huron being Huron, of course - what team or instrument they played. With those vital stats imparted, the gathering gradually grew into more of a family or individual class reunion than a regional one encompassing five decades’ worth of alums. Such a complete success it was that plans are already being hatched for the next two years as volunteers stepped forth to host this annual affair. Rumor has it that the ‘08 affair will take place in the fall, on a Saturday evening when OSU is either idle or has an away game.

And for those of you who could not make it this year, we will keep you on the invitation list and hope that you can be coralled for the next one. We apologize if we missed contacting you, and hope you will email us contact information so that the oversight does not recur. As soon as the date is finalized, we will publicize it so that you may reserve the evening for inclusion in the next Central Ohio HHS Reunion. If this be Columbus, can Chicago be far behind?????

Back yard all set up for the grads.



Geeting sign helped grads zero in on the correct home.





A cluster of photos and memorabilia from the fifties through the nineties supplied fuel for many a conversation throughout the evening.

A sign saluting the “Host Angels,” a group of individuals who helped to underwrite the reunion





**Deb Novotny, '86, Linda Hinde McKelvey, '63, and Jill Harris Zumack, 83, connect easily about things Huron.**



**Megan Reese Wile, '90, and her husband John confer with Tim McKelvey, '63.**



**A couple of late-comers, Mike, '88, and Nikki Mussell, arriving just before the food turned cold, spiced up the party and enjoyed the evening.**

**Gerry Stein, '54, and Rhonda Watt, Kristin's mom who came down for the event, chat away - probably about sailing again.**



**Ray Seigel, '79, and Kirk, '81, and Andrea Adler wore smiles all evening long. Maybe it's because they had more hair than everyone else combined!**

**Stacie Esposito Laffler, '90, and her Columbus friend Janice also brought good cheer to the reunion.**





**Lisa Stein Colvin, '80, Christine Foos and her husband Tom, '84, enjoy the beautiful evening and pleasant conversation - here probably another of either Tom's or Christine's military escapades.**



**Dick Reese, '84, and Ben Meyer, both in the construction business, probably are mixing business with pleasure here.**



Though almost a decade separates these gals from one another, they remain close in Columbus and Cleveland: Jill Harris Zumack, '83, Sandy Sonntag Morckel, '83, Kristen Watt, '81, Stacie's friend Janice, Debbie Novotny, '86, and Stacie Esposito Lafler. '90.



Ben and Leslie Morgan Meyer, '89, enjoyed surrounding themselves with former Huronites for an evening.



Steve "Zars" Meyer, 72 and Kristin Watt, '81, discuss OSU girls' basketball - and probably the merger of the SF and AT railroads, knowing Steve!



Somebody has to be the last to leave. This group posed just before the final adieus - (standing, l. to r.) Stacie Esposito Lafler, Mike Mussell, Ray Seigel, Debbie Novotny, Jill Harris Zumack, Lisa Stein Colvin, Sandy Sonntag Morckel, Greg Stein, Steve "Zars" Myers, Sharon Navarre Stein, Linda Hinde McKelvey, and Tim McKelvey. (seated, l. to r.) Maggie Lehrer, Kirk Adler, Kristin Watt, and Tom Foss.



Heavy lifters for the reunion, the Stein family, helped ready Lisa's home in Bexley OH for the backyard party. Gerry and Sharon Navarre Stein flew in from California for the affair. Lisa Colvin and her brother Greg Stein proudly pose with their parents. Greg, who left Huron High when the family moved about his junior year, also flew in from California to be part of the reunion.