

Hello, Everyone.....

September 14, 2005

Soon you will be receiving your invitation to our 50th reunion on November 12th and 13th. Prior to that, however, we wanted to communicate one more time just to fill you in on all the plans. Some you have heard about earlier, but some information will be new. Please keep this letter so that you can refer to it if need be.

As stated previously, we have secured a very good rate of \$69 per day at the Hampton Inn which is located at 1137 East Dixie Drive. The telephone number is 336-625-9000. Just be sure and tell them that you are a member of the Asheboro High School class of 1955. All the information is in their computer so there shouldn't be any trouble. If there is a problem, let us know and we will take care of it for you. The hotel is quite nice (indoor and outdoor pool, spa, and sauna....so you might want to bring your bathing suits). We think you will be more than satisfied with accommodations. They have also graciously agreed to let us use meeting rooms for informal gatherings. Since some of you will be coming in Friday night on the 11th, we will probably get together there to socialize after dinner. Early Saturday afternoon will also see many of us there.

Our "biggie" is Saturday night at Pinewood Country Club. The facilities there are exceptional, and we are certain you will be pleased. The cost for the evening will be \$40 per person. We promise a delicious dinner. The chef at Pinewood is one of the best in the state. In addition, we will have a wonderful band playing for us. Charlotte made all the arrangements for them to come, and she says we are in for a treat. Bring your dancing shoes if you wish or just plan to listen to some great music (our kind). Arrival time is 6 o'clock. You will pick up your name tag in the lobby and then socialize for about an hour. At 7 o'clock our class picture will be made. The cost of the picture is \$10. This includes mailing. There will also be a cash bar in the Hearth Room. Incidentally, Pinewood is a smoke-free facility. The dress for the evening is country club casual. Ties are not required, but jackets would be nice. Ladies, you can dress to the 9's if you wish...or not. There will not be a formal program, but we do promise a few special things. We can definitely promise that you will have a grand time. Things will probably wind down around 10 or 10:30.

As mentioned before, we will have a silent auction so that we can maintain funds for memorials, mailings, a class gift, and incidentals. Many of you said you would bring items for this. We want to thank you in advance. Enclosed you will find a slip to fill out listing your item, etc. If you should bring more than one item, please make a copy for the other item. PLEASE HAVE THIS FILLED OUT IN ADVANCE AND BRING WITH THE ITEM. Again, this will save time. You will take your item/items to Ann and Lloyd Hamlet at a designated area. The silent auction will end at about 9:30 and you can pay and pick up items you bought. Again, thank you so much for participating. We promise the money will be used wisely. For anyone not planning to attend (and we hope there are NONE) but wish to contribute, you can send your item to Janet or Nancy, and they will make sure it gets to the party!

On Sunday morning at 10:30, there will be a memorial service for deceased members at Pugh Funeral Home. Edna Faye has graciously secured the facilities for us. Charlotte is in charge of EVERYTHING. She is an incredible woman, and we are indebted to her for doing all this for us. We would like to invite friends and relatives of the deceased to join us in this celebration of their lives so if you know anyone who should be informed, PLEASE ask them to come. Thank you in advance for doing this. This service is quite special. We know of no other class that does this. After the memorial service, our reunion is officially ended. We feel sure, however, that many will get together for lunch afterwards.

If preliminary responses are any indication, we should have a wonderful crowd. We are certainly hoping for that. If you haven't attended anything recently, we urge you to take part in this celebration. For those who have attended, please make calls or write letters urging all to attend. We don't want anyone to lose out on the 50th. One more thing...So many of you have been so generous. It is this generosity that has enabled us to have a "first class" reunion. Thank you so much. Any extra money received will go into our class fund and spent wisely. Nancy has done us a wonderful favor by taking charge of our finances.

One more time.....Please be a part of the 50th. It's going to be too special to miss.

Blue Comet love.....

Diana