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FTC NEWSLETTER NO. 3

A GREAT SUCCESS

The Planning Committee was thrilled with the response to our 50th Reunion. It was wonderful to see so many people chatting throughout the afternoon. Sandra Bradford's video presentation was a real hit as memories of 1960-61 came flooding back.

It was interesting to see the looks of apprehension as we entered the Seahorse Tavern. Most faces seemed unfamiliar, with just a few who were recognizable. But voices sounded familiar and as we looked frantically at name tags and adjusted for 50 years of weathering, it began to fall into place.

We have received numerous emails saying how much the opportunity to catch up was appreciated. In fact, at the dinner, which was meant to be very "low-key", we were asked if we could have a formal discussion as to whether it was a good idea to have another get-together. This idea came from the floor and not from the organizers. As organizers we felt that we had played our part and that any further action was up to the group as a whole. There was unanimous agreement that we should meet every two years for an afternoon session just like the one we had at the Seahorse Tavern. If people wanted to meet again at night it would be entirely up to them and not up to the organizing committee to arrange. The Seahorse Tavern was endorsed as the venue for next time.

So the Planning Committee have set the date, time and the place for our next reunion:

First Saturday after the 2012 Melbourne Cup – November 10th 2012.
12.30 pm to 5.00 pm
Seahorse Tavern, Monash Peninsula Campus, Frankston.

STATISTICS

Original Intake: 139

Deceased: 12

Participation in Reunion:

	Staff	Students	Partners	Total
Afternoon	3	80	11	94
Dinner	1	48	16	65
Apologies	1	20		
Profiles		75		
No Contact				

CAN YOU HELP?

It would be good to contact the following in time for them to come to our 2012 get-together:

If you have any clues as to how we could contact them, please let Tony Neville know (see email addresses in box).

DONATIONS

Thanks to those who helped out with the voluntary donation of \$5 towards administration costs. Kath Cotter, Glenise Kingsley and Bob Colbourne were not able to come to events that they had paid for and very kindly donated their contributions. Consequently we now have some funds in kitty. We were going to donate any surplus funds to a worthy charity, but now that we have decided to have another reunion in 2012, we will keep our bank account open for that event. After paying our bills, we should have a balance of \$. This can be used for miscellaneous costs between now and then.

THE BRADFORD TAPES

Sandra Bradford (now Parker) has left a copy of her amazing video presentation with me and I can arrange to have it copied and posted out to you for \$. With this newsletter is an order form. If you would like a copy of the "Bradford Tapes" please complete the form with your payment and I will arrange for a copy to be sent to you.

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE REUNION

Thanks for the phone calls and the emails. Following are some of your comments about the day:

What a success it was and how we enjoyed meeting up with the people with whom we shared two memorable years of fun with a bit of study on the side!
.....I loved Sandra's reminiscing, but how on earth did she remember so much? It all came back to me tho' and gave us all a good laugh! The photo presentation was brilliant, once again reminding us of events long forgotten, but once so enjoyed.

Thanks again,

Cheers,

Bev Clinton (Benson)

Thanks for a very enjoyable day. The planning committee did a great job.

Regards

Maureen Clague (McKenzie)

It was certainly a great catch up and a very successful reunion.....
Just wanted to sincerely thank all the committee for the thought, time and energy you all put in to instigating planning and so successfully arranging such a happy and special get together
It is amazing to me that the two years we shared together still are so memorable and played such a huge part in who we are today Thank you!
Sincerely
Lorraine Hinkins

Thanks for a fantastic reunion. Pass my appreciation onto all the crew, please. You had all put so much work in. It was great. So many vital people with so much to talk about.
Regards, Anne Cook

Thank-you all so much for organising the wonderful 50th year Reunion for all our colleagues.
It was the best day for a long time, it all ran so smoothly and it was wonderful to catch up with so many old friends at one time. However, I did have to read the name tags for many people before I knew who they were. Once I read the name, and then heard a voice it all fell into place. I would have passed by many people had we crossed paths in the street. The dinner at the Peninsula Golf Club was also very enjoyable and we had delicious meals too.
I look forward to a get together again in two years as was suggested at the dinner. I would also like to say to Sandra, that I would love a copy of your story about our college days.
Thank-you all so much again. It was a most memorable day.
Regards to all,
Glenda Baker (HANTON)

What a magnificent day ! An absolute bottle of an occasion and all due to the hard work of the organisers. To any one and every one who helped to make yesterday the huge success that it was, my congratulations and thanks for all your hard work.
Well done all!!!
Ann Beretka