

# Planning Your Salem High School Class Reunion

# It's Time to Plan Your SHS Class Reunion!

The Salem High School Alumni Association would like to offer this guide for planning a successful class reunion. Please consider these suggestions when organizing your event and remember we are here to assist you and your committee. We hope you will keep us informed along the way, as we want to promote your reunion to ensure a successful occasion.

# **Late Fall: First Planning Meeting**

### Where are Your Classmates?

The Salem High School Alumni Association office can print a list of your classmates.
 We can also provide address labels for the classmates in our database.

# Schedule Your Meeting

 The alumni office is available for class meetings, early evening or during the day, including weekends. You will need to call at least two weeks prior to book the room.
 Please contact SHSAA: 330-332-1427, or info@salemohioalumni.org.

# **Advertise Your First Meeting**

- Salem News: 330-332-4601, salemnews@salemnews.net
- Create a Facebook page for your event. Please notify the SHSAA office of your page, and we will link your Facebook page to our website.

# At Your First Meeting

- Elect or appoint a class coordinator and assistant.
- This may or may not be the class president.
- Those who live in or around Salem tend to be a good choice as they can visit venues, SHSAA office, and any other places, as necessary.
- Class coordinator is the contact person for all class matters over the years. Please inform the SHSAA who the class coordinator is for your class. Some classes have more than one coordinator and that is acceptable, as well.
- Discuss possible dates and locations for your reunion
- Take into consideration...Cost of facility rental, menu/meal cost, bar/bartender cost, sales tax, tip.

# Immediately After Your First Meeting: Set your Date and Venue

- Contact SHSAA and we will publicize the event on our website, social media, and in the newsletter.
- Mail "Save the Date" postcards to your classmates.

### **December 1: Deadline for Honored Alumnus Nominations**

- The honored alumnus is an award given each May at the scholarship banquet.
- It honors an SHS graduate for his or her outstanding contributions in
- the community and for professional excellence. If your class wishes to nominate an individual, those applications can be completed online.

# **November-January**

- Secure a live band or DJ.
- Select a theme and plan decorations.
- Select a master of ceremonies to host and organize the program.

# January-February

- Send a mailing to all class members with details of your reunion.
- Bulk mail services are available through the SHSAA. Please... Just ask us!

# In the Spring

- Continue monthly class meetings.
- Continue to decide for food, decorations, RSVPs, parking, etc.
- Don't forget to delegate!
- Fundraising for a class gift toward the SHSAA Scholarship Fund is always appreciated.

# May: SHSAA Annual Reunion & Scholarship Banquet

- If your class would like to be recognized or make a presentation, please let SHSAA know at least 3 weeks in advance to be included on the agenda and in the program.
- Invite SHSAA Executive Director Audrey Null to your reunion's Happy Hour.

Day of the Reunion: PARTY! HAVE FUN!

# After your reunion

 Submit photos and a brief description of your event to <u>info@salemohioalumni.org</u> and we will feature you on our website & FB.

# **Venues (Catering Not Included):**

Venue	Phone	Contact Info
The Salem Elks	330-337-3222	https://www.facebook.com/salemelks305
Saxon Club	330-222-1770	https://www.facebook.com/Salem-Saxon-Club
Italian American Club	330-332-5919	https://www.facebook.com/iacsalem
St. Paul School	330-337-3451	http://stpaulsalem.org/
Salem High School Cafeteria	330-332-8905	Darlene Heineman, SHS Secretary
American Slovak Club	330-337-8067	No online website or Facebook
Liebe Wein Wine Bar	330-277-1233	https://www.facebook.com/LiebeWein1/
The Barn Above the Lakes	330-853-3721	http://www.facebook.com/Barn Above the Lakes
Salem VFW	330-337-8015	No online website or Facebook
Salem Eagles	330-337-8053	https://www.facebook.co/salem-ohio-eagles
American Legion	330-427-6259	No online website or Facebook
Salem Country Club	234-564-2997	www.salemcountryclub.net
Salem Parks and Recreation	330-332-5512	www.cityofsalemohio.org/departments/parks
Quaker Hall (Added 1/2020)	234-575-7222	www.quakerhall.com

# **Venues (Catering Included):**

Venue	Phone	Contact Info
Boneshakers at Timberlanes Complex	234-567-4671	www.timberlanescomplex.com
BB Rooners Deck	330-337-0001	www.bbrooners@gmail.com
The Barn and Gazebo	330-885-9035	https://www.facebook.com/thebarnandgazebo
Salem Golf Club	330-332-0346	www.thesalemgolfclub.com
Ezio's Italian Restaurant	330-337-3872	www.eziosrestaurant.com
Guilford Lake Grille	330-222-9611	https://www.facebook.com/Guilford-Lake-Grille
Marks Landing	330-222-9507	https://www.facebook.com/MarksLanding
Salem Community Center	330-332-5885	www.salemcommunitycenter.com

# **Caterers:**

Company	Phone	Contact Information
Affordable Catering & BBQ	330-853-8834	https://www.facebook.com/Affordable-Catering-and-BBQ
The Catered Affair	330-337-8639	Lorrie Weingart, Owner
Bob Evans	330-337-0600	Sal Salvino, Manager
Subway	330-332-2828	
Coaches Burger Bar	234-567-4880	www.coachesburgers.com (Venue Location, also.)
Linda's Homecooking Catering	234-517-6945	http://lindashomecookingcatering.com
A La Cart Catering	330-533-0363	www.alacartcateringcanfield.com
Lib's Market	330-337-6962	libsmarket@gmail.com
Mike's Penn Grille	330-332-4804	http://www.mikespenngrille.com/
Ricky's English Pub	330-332-2825	http://www.rickysenglishpub.com/



Do you have additions or suggestions for this packet? We would love to hear your favorite venues, caterers, DJs, bands, and more!

Contact us at <a href="mailto:info@salemohioalumni.org">info@salemohioalumni.org</a> to tell us who you are using for your class reunion!

# **Photographers:**

Company	Phone	Contact Information
Image Works	330-337-0210	http://theimageworksphotographic.com
Jen's Photographic Memories	330-332-1020	https://www.facebook.com/JensPhotographicMemories
Dunlap Photography	330-868-6091	http://Dunlapphotography.com
Monica Yoho Photography	330-502-4323	https://www.facebook.com/MonicaYohoPhotography
Joseph Lynn Photography	234-575-5143	http://josephlynnphotography.com/
Richard's Photography	330-819-7836	www.richardsphotographysite.com/
Cosma Photography	330-853-3247	http://www.cosmaphotography.com/
Nick Cool	330-337-0210	www.nickcool@theimageworksphotographic.com

# **Hotels and Bed & Breakfasts:**

Accommodation	Phone	Contact Information
Holiday Inn Express, Salem, OH	330-408-9119	www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/salem/yngsm/hoteldetail
The Stables Inn and Suites	234-567-4671	www.timberlanescomplex.com
Dutch Village Inn, Columbiana, OH	330-482-5050	www.dasdutchvillage.com
Comfort Inn, Alliance, OH	330-821-5555	www.choicehotels.com/ohio/alliance/comfort-inn-hotels/oh082
Hampton Inn, Canfield, OH	330-702-1900	www.hilton.com
Day's Inn, Lisbon, OH	330-420-0111	www.wyndhamhotels.com
Spread Eagle Tavern & Inn, Hanoverton, OH	330-223-1583	www.spreadeagletavern.com
Sebring Mansion Inn & Spa, Sebring, OH	330-938-0423	www.sebringmansion.org
Charles Nelson Schmick House, Leetonia, OH	330-301-3971	www.charlesnelsonschmickhouse.com

# **SHSAA Bulk Mail Guide:**

Using USPS bulk mail means that you can send out a large mailing at a discounted rate.

This service is limited to permit holders, but as a Salem High School class, you are welcome to use the SHSAA bulk permit.

A bulk mailing must meet certain requirements. We can assist with this process.

Please call the SHSAA office at 330-332-1427 for instructions.

Lists of your classmates and their most recent addresses are available at the SHSAA office. If you learn of any address changes, please notify the office.

Classmates can update their own information at

http://www.salemohioalumni.org/

# **Banking & Accounting:**

- Open a reunion bank account with joint authorization for 2 committee members (Chairman and Treasurer). The account may require 1 or 2 signatures for any given transaction.
- Make copies of all checks received before depositing them and all checks written before sending them.
- Detail all incoming and outgoing money in a central ledger or electronic document.

### Tickets:

- Each committee should decide how much reunion tickets should cost.
- Ensure that you can cover your costs.
- Members of the reunion committee should buy tickets first and early.
   These funds can be used towards deposits for venues, catering, etc. along with upfront costs like the postage.

# **Donations are Appreciated.**

- Many classes generously contribute to the SHSAA Scholarship Fund.
- Along with wanting to support our scholarships, many classes offer donations to the SHSAA as a token of thanks for the reunion planning services provided.
- Checks may be written to the SHSAA or to the Class. The Class can then
  provide one check as a class gift to the SHSAA. Donations made to SHSAA
  are tax deductible. Donations made to a class are not tax deductible.
- Please do not forget to write a thank you note or receipt to all contributors.
- o If you wish to encourage donations to the SHSAA, below is a paragraph that you can include in your early communications to classmates.

"Your reunion committee has been meeting at the SHSAA office. We have been furnished with address labels, envelopes, mailing lists, and a bulk mail permit. We would like to show our appreciation by presenting the association with a check on the night of our reunion. If you would like to contribute, you may send a check made out to the Salem High School Alumni Association at 330 E. State St., Salem, OH 44460 with a note that your donation will be a part of a class gift. It may be made in memory or honor of a loved one. You can also make a check out to the class with similar notations. You will receive a thank you note as receipt of your donation. Donations made to the SHSAA are tax deductible, while donations made to the class are not. Either way, your gift will contribute to the SHSAA's work of awarding scholarships to deserving graduates."



# **Possible Fundraisers:**

Organization	Opportunity
Bob Evans: 330-337-0600	Bob Evans restaurants host "Community Fundraisers" throughout the year for local organizations such as schools, PTOs, libraries and other local community causes. Restaurants donate a percentage of sales to the organization for all guest checks that present a flier for the event.
Sales:	Sell SHS related items at the SHSAA offices and through your classmates.  Previous sale items have included keychains, mugs, artwork, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, license plate frames.
Direct Solicitation	Letter campaign.  SHSAA bulk mail services available. Please call the SHSAA office at 330-332-1427 for more information.
Coaches Burger Bar 234-567-4880	Please call for details regarding fundraising.

# **Other Activities:**

Remember, most of your classmates will be in town for more than just the night of your "big event". Try to offer other activities the week or weekend of your reunion.

# **Tours:**

Location	Phone	Contact Information
SHS Alumni Association Office	330-332-1427	info@salemohioalumni.org
Salem High School	330-332-8905	Darlene Heineman, SHS Secretary
Salem Historical Society	330-337-8514	http://www.salemhistoricalsociety.org
Burchfield Homestead Museum	330-717-0092	http://www.burchfieldhomestead.com

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Think of your reunion as a special opportunity to give back to the Salem community. The Salem High School Alumni Association has existing relationships with the following organizations, and they are prepared to work within your schedule.

Organization	Opportunity
The Banquet of Salem	Sponsor the Banquet. Cook and serve a meal to anyone in the community looking for a hot meal and fellowship.
330-831-2169 (Patty Colian)	Sponsors are responsible for food costs.
	Every Monday and the 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
Salem Regional Medical Center 330-332-1551	Create and deliver care packages to patients and families in child delivery, oncology, etc. Flexible scheduling. SHSAA
Rick Kountz,	office available for care package assembly.
Volunteer Coordinator	
Military Care Packages	Send care packages to SHS alumni currently serving in the armed forces. Address lists and lists of appropriate donations available through the SHSAA. SHSAA office available for care package assembly.