

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976



35th CLASS REUNION NEWSLETTER REUNION ON THE RIVER MARCH-SPRING VOL 2 ISSUE 3

Receiving emails about the reunion from some of you. Reunions are to be enjoyed, stop stressing! The song goes: Clean Shirt, New shoes, Silk Suit, Black Tie, crazy 'bout a sharp dressed man. You can hum the rest of the song. Here's some tips taken off the internet for your reference.



Dos and Don'ts

- Don't on skimp grooming - Glowing skin, healthy hair, manicured nails and toes are essential. Depending on how far you are willing to go (and how much you can spend) now is the time to try "extra" treatments like professional highlights and microdermabrasion.
- Do shop early - Once you have a date and an idea of the dressiness of the event, you can start the search for an outfit. Locate the dress before you buy shoes or accessories.
- Do update your look - A new outfit doesn't have to be young and trendy; it does need to show that you've progressed over the years and pay attention to changing styles. Make sure you hair and makeup have changed over the years, too.
- Don't dress too young-(we're NOT that old!). With today's advances in skin and body treatments, it's not impossible to look really hot at your 35th high school reunion. But don't be tempted to show off your girlish figure with skintight dresses, miniskirts and multiple body piercings: you'll look ridiculous. Instead, show off a great figure with chic body-skimming sweaters, beautifully cut sheath dresses or skirts that show off your toned game.
- Don't worry too much - Everyone else is stressing too! Once you get there and start seeing old friends, catching up, sharing baby pics and swapping email addresses, you'll find that your preoccupation with looks will start to disappear.

JAMES MATHIEU



FHS CLASS OF 1976

JUNE 1976 to JUNE 25 2011 – 35 YEAR REUNION

Purchase your tickets before May 1st and this is what your ticket will look like.

Tickets sold before May 1st fit into this



commemorative Class '76 Lanyard.

Lanyards are for early classmate ticket holders only. Less than 3 months away!

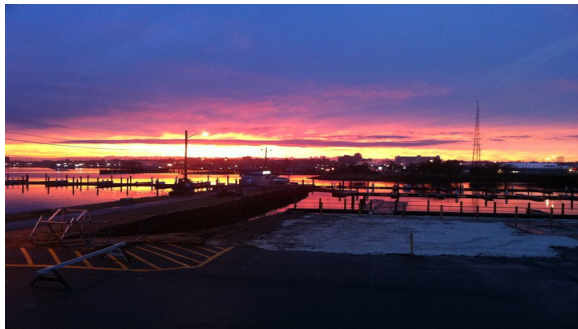
Tickets are \$55 each. You can purchase your ticket(s) by sending funds to "FHS Class 76 35th Reunion" care of (C/O) 51 Duke Street New Bedford Ma. 02740

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Interested touring Fairhaven Harbor?



Friday Evening June 24th 2011 Harbor Cruise.

City by the Sea... Discover Historic New Bedford Harbor! Come experience the hidden jewel of the South Coast, where whaling history comes alive! Sail the same waters as Herman Melville and Joshua Slocum. See a real working waterfront. Who better to guide you through our dynamic and beautiful harbor than our experienced sea captains. Our clean, quiet vessel takes you and your out-of-town visitors on a relaxing, narrated cruise around historic New Bedford Harbor. All tours depart from Fisherman's Wharf, Pier 3 @ the Waterfront Visitor's Center. New Bedford Harbor Highlights: Palmer's Island Lighthouse: Phoenix: The [largest Hurricane Barrier](#) on the East Coast: No. 1 Fishing Fleet in U.S: Schooner Ernestina: [Joshua Slocum Memorial](#) and lots of [Whaling History!](#)



Take a 70-minute tour! We continue to seek classmates interested in this tour after the Tasting tour at the High school. Pricing depends on number of classmates attending tour. Looking at \$14 a ticket. Children welcome @ \$12. Contact Tom at tommcgre@aol.com Dave at davidf13@localnet.com.

Activities for the weekend are being planned. Reunion Council would like to make this a three day event allowing classmate's time together to enjoy our unique diversity.



Kick off Evening of Taste @ FHS on June 24th



A few classmates' emails asked about swimming at Fort Phoenix Beach. Okay, who's interested in taking a dip? Friday, Saturday (before the reunion) or Sunday after brunch? E-mail Dave or Tom if interested or other ideas.

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Etiquette Tips Good to Know

Whatever happened to good old-manners? Not a lot follow the simplest of rules these days. Aside from the momentary fashionable trends that seem to grip our society ever half generation - good etiquette tips never go out of style. Here are the most important ones:

Restaurants - Whenever dining out (especially in a formal setting), be sure to allow your female partner to be seated first. You can control this situation by pulling out a chair for her and seating yourself afterwards. For those of you who dare to be really chivalrous -- it is common practice to stand when a woman gets up to leave the table.

Table Manners - When sitting at a table (either in a restaurant or at home), your elbows should never rest on the eating surface. Elbows on the table are acceptable only between meal courses, or in extremely informal settings like bars or pubs.

Addressing Women - Did you know that there is a correct and incorrect way to address a woman, both verbally and in writing? It all depends on her age and marital status. You should speak and write "Mrs." when addressing married woman. For any woman who is unmarried, or if you're not sure about her marital status - use the term "Ms." For girls and teens under the age of 17 years, you should use "Miss". Of course you could always use a generic, respectful "ma'am", for women of all ages and classifications.

Hats and Caps - Never enter a building with your hat or cap on. The only exceptions are public places of interests such as train, bus, and subway stations; indoor and outdoor pavilions; or places near public street entrances like lobbies or hallways. You should always remove your hat for photographs, when entering a home, for the national anthem, and when in the presence of a woman.

Flowers - Unless you mean to say -- "I love you my little Snookum-Cakes", something other than red or pink roses should be given to female acquaintances. Roses are a symbol of love, romantic interest, or "respectful love" -- as in situations when giving roses to a mother on Mother's Day. For occasions when a female is not a love interest (i.e. birthdays, graduations, promotions, or new friendships) -- choose from a variety of "friendly flowers" like Lilies, Sunflowers, Daisies, Chrysanthemums, Bamboo, or Irises.

Personal Property - If at all possible, men should refrain from touching, moving, or interfering with one's personal property. For example, you should never touch and move an unknown woman's purse -- even if it's in your way. You should also steer clear of touching clothes, vehicles, equipment, or any personal items belonging to another. The only exceptions are having to return lost or misplaced items to their rightful owners, or if an emergency calls for your intervention. More strict rules apply to home properties such as mailboxes. Not only is opening someone's mailbox bad etiquette -- it's also illegal.

Shaving - Men don't like to shave, but it's a necessity in certain situations. When attending such events as weddings, formal gatherings, reunions, business meetings, job interviews, etc. - your face should be stubble free. If you're venturing into an unfamiliar territory, it's best to leave that shadowy look at home. The only exceptions here are well-trimmed beards, moustaches, or goatees.

Coughing and Sneezing - You were probably told as a child: "Cover your mouth when you cough!" This is still good practice, but you should go one step further. If you have a handkerchief or some tissue nearby, try sneezing or coughing directly into it and when finished -- throw it away. Serious respiratory illnesses like influenza, whooping cough, and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) are spread through airborne germs, and germs on your hands. If no tissue is available, sneeze or cough into your sleeve. This helps keep germs out of the air and off of your hands.

Invitations - Believe it or not, there are a few occasions when you should never turn down an invite or request for attendance. Two such events are requests for funeral assistance and honoree events. If you're asked to act as a pallbearer at a funeral or if a banquet or dinner is being held in your honor -- you should make every attempt to attend.

What To Wear - Knowing what to wear and when to wear it is important if you want to save your reputation. There is a difference in casual, business casual and professional dress. If attending a day wedding, school play, or luncheon - a button-down with slacks is the way to go. A formal wedding, class reunion, job interview, or business meeting all require a button-down, tie, and slacks. Jackets and/or blazers are necessary when presenting, facilitating formal meetings, or when in a place of recognition. Shorts of any length and t-shirts should not be worn -- even if an event is labeled as "casual". The only obvious exceptions are outdoor events such as barbecues, pool parties, and family reunions.

There you go. Those are 10 great etiquette tips. Use at least five of them, and it's likely that someone will label you as a "true gentleman or a "classy lady".

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STOP STRESSING ABOUT THE REUNION. JUST LET YOU BE YOU AND ENJOY OLD FRIENDS!

We would never trade our amazing Classmates, our wonderful life, our loving wives or husbands, our loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As we've aged, we've become kinder to ourselves and less critical of each other. We've become our own friends. We don't chide ourselves for eating that extra cookie, (although our Doctors continues to do so), or for not making our beds, or for buying that silly cement gecko that we didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on our patios. We are entitled to a treat, to be messy, to be extravagant.

We have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if we choose to read or play on the computer until 4 AM and sleep until noon? We will dance with ourselves to those wonderful tunes of our High school years, and if we at the same time, wish to weep over a lost friend, we will. We will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched over a "slightly" bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if we choose to, despite the pitying glances from the younger "jet set". They too, will reach our age.

We know we are sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten (I.E. Mr. Cipolini's freshman algebra class!). And we eventually remember the more important things (35th Reunions).

Sure, over the years our hearts has been broken. How can our hearts not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when somebody's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and

sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect. We are so blessed to have lived this long enough to have our hair beginning to turn gray and to have our youthful laughs forever etched into deep grooves on our faces.

So many have never laughed, and enough classmates have died before their hair could turn silver.

As we get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. Don't question ourselves anymore. We've even earned the right to be wrong. (Guys, according to the female members of our class, this is 95% of the time).

So, to answer some of your questions, we like being where we're at. It has set us free. We like the persons we have become. We are not going to live forever, but while we are still here, allow us to not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be. And we shall eat dessert every single day (if we feel like it this is).

To all our classmates...

MAY OUR FRIENDSHIP NEVER COME APART,
ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S STRAIGHT FROM OUR
HEART!



Reunion Intel (411) provided

if you might need to land at the local (T.F.Green or Logan) airports or find some local flavor (or Mom& Dad's place) lodging arrangements.

www.fshc76.com or
[HTTP://www.fshc76.com/Alum_411.html](http://www.fshc76.com/Alum_411.html)

It is there for you!

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With regret we want to inform the class of another classmate passing.

Cynthia Mae Hopkins, age 52, of Fairhaven, died March 28, 2011, unexpectedly. Born in Acushnet, a daughter of Edna R. (Stephenson) Hopkins of Fairhaven and the late Eldon A. Hopkins, Jr., she was a lifelong resident of Fairhaven.



A graduate of Fairhaven High School, Class of 1976, she also attended BCC then worked as a mental health associate for Caritas Lodge Group — NORCAP- for five years. Cynthia loved warm weather and going

to the beach- especially West Island Beach- yoga and exercise. Surviving in addition to her mother; one daughter, Katie M. Hopkins of Fairhaven; two brothers, Eldon Hopkins, III of Acushnet, Stephen Hopkins of Fairhaven; two sisters, Jessica Hopkins of New Bedford and Cheryl Hopkins of Fairhaven; sister-in-law, Vicky Pavao of Florida; aunt, Mary Powers of New York; several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was pre-deceased by Robert Pavao, Katie's father.

Beginning in February from May a series of reunion reminders will be sent out via email. Update your contact information today.



Go to www.fshc76.com or join us on facebook.com. Join the Social Network revolution. Will you be there?

Toast to our class on 6/25/11. Will you be there?



Any classmate or a friend needing an invite? Contact us so we can get the word out!



Recognize this Educator?

It is none other than Charles O. Cipollini! Read the article published in the Standard-Times this past February at out class site:

<http://www.Fshc76.com/REAPER.html>

FHS Class '76 E-Newsletter published 4 to 12 times per year to highlight information we hope you find relevant to our 35th reunion.



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