

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1976



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[5th Annual "Evening of Taste" - June 25, 2010](#)



Fairhaven's Homecoming Weekend kicked off on Friday evening, June 25th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM at Fairhaven High School with the 5th annual "Evening of Taste". First started in 2006 as an event to honor the 100th birthday of F.H.S., the event received such rave reviews, that the Fairhaven High School's Alumni Board of Directors decided to make it an annual event on the Friday evening of Homecoming Weekend. Over twenty local businesses and restaurants served up samples of some of their specialty food items as alumni and friends of FHS roamed the corridors and classrooms and shared memories of their days at the high school. The evening usually attracts 700 - 800 people. There was no admission charge, but donations were appreciated at the door to help defray the costs of paper goods, soft drinks, custodians, etc.

Next June 27th 2011 is next years' Homecoming and also FHS class of 1976 35th Class reunion. Make plans now to attend as efforts are being placed into Reunion on the River Summer 2011.

Begin saving some pocket change or small cash amounts today for next summer's reunion.



Still continuing our search for the "perfect" entertainment solution. What would you like to hear at the 35th reunion? A band or disc-jockey music?



Mello sounds or good ol Rock & Roll, some Jazz? Please email us your opinion or thoughts on this!

E-mail Dave @ davidf13@localnet.com or Kenny @ Khakanson@svb.com or Mike @ mikeh@woodstove.com. Looking forward to hearing from you.

REUNION INTEL(411)

Obtain information you may need to land at the local (T.F.Green & Logan) airports or find some local flavor lodging arrangements.

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

It is there for you!

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More Port-a-potty "Etiquette"

Being a possibility our 35th reunion will be held in an outside environment, the likely hood of the "Port-A-Johnnie" will be



put it service to handle our numbers. We are offering these 13 tips to prepare our classmates for the event one of us requires using one during our reunion.

Remember not to let the door of the Porta-potty slam shut, waking

everyone for miles around. And please try to remember exactly where your tent is located. At 3 AM, walking up and down the rows of identical blue tents, calling out your friend's name in a loud whisper, is considered tacky.

When you walk into the Porta-potty, you will notice a small open plastic container attached to the wall. It is not a garbage receptacle. It is not a fanny pack holder. It is a urinal. Now you know.

Mr. Leon G. Harris in his book *The Fine Art of Political Wit* relates the following anecdote concerning President Abraham Lincoln and a visit he once paid to General George B. McClellan: He once visited McClellan's headquarters with an aide, and found it empty. He heard hammering in the woods nearby and went to see what it was. "It's a new privy for the General," was the answer. "Is it a one-holer or a two holer?" Lincoln asked. "A one-holer, sir," the soldier answered. When he was out of earshot of the soldiers, Lincoln said to his aide, "Thank God it's a one-holer, for if it were a two-holer, before General McClellan could make up his mind which one to use he would beshit himself."

Unfortunately, unlike General McClellan, you cannot have soldiers dig facilities for you. Sooner or later, you will have to enter a "Porta-Potty from Hell." When that moment arrives here are some tips to help you survive.



- Hyperventilation Avoidance Techniques classes are a must; you can only hold your breath so long.

- It is considered bad form to shout "Hi Mom, I'm home!" when entering a porta-potty.

- It is not kind to stare at hoop-skirted women struggling to enter and exit porta-potties, or to loudly comment on their efforts to do so.

- It is likewise considered unkind to gather the gentlemen in your unit together to threaten to knock over a porta-potty when another gentleman from your unit is using it.

- When using a porta-potty, by all means roll up your suspenders and put them in your pockets before sitting down (unless of course you want them dyed blue or other colors).

- If, when doing your first person impression, a member of the public asks "Where's the restroom?" and you point and respond "The sinks are that way," you have only yourself to blame when the National Park Service ranger asks you to clean out the sinks in the Visitor's Center indoor restroom.

- Don't bring your wine glass or beer into the porta-potty with you. It just looks bad.

- Porta-potties are best used to advantage during the daylight hours. But if you have to use one at night, remember that methane is a flammable gas: use a flashlight, never a lantern!

- If you've found the one porta-potty in the row that still has toilet paper in it, don't consider selling pieces to those standing in line. This breeds envy and discontent.

- If you are a sure to have attend you porta-potty. preserve the office, it against any conspiracies that may have hatched...



Lincoln reenactor be an Honor Guard in your visits to the Not only does it dignity of your also protects you Rebel kidnapping (Classmate Chris R.)

- By all means, ascertain that the porta-potty you intend to use is placed on the ground in a stable fashion.

- Before entering a porta-potty which may be occupied, announce your intentions with a cry of "Coming through!"

- Before the long drive home on Sunday, use the buddy system. If your buddy doesn't re-emerge from the porta-potty after a reasonable amount of time (say an hour), seek help immediately!

- Finally, whatever you do, DON'T LOOK DOWN!

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In this issue we highlighted Classmate Robert (Bob) Collins. We sent Bob via E-mail some questions asking him to fill to his best comfort levels. Here are Bob's answers to our questions. From the Staff, Thanks Bob!

Married? Yes 31 years, May 10th Spouses Name? Chong Hui Children? No, but we have a cat....

Where have you lived since graduating from High School:

It seems like the Allman Brothers are always playing in the background:

While in the Army I was in GA, KY then in S Korea, became 'WE' then was back in the US in Huntsville, AL, with a short trip to Germany, and I completed my tour with the Army in 8/80. After that in 80/81 we were in Nashua for a bit, then we were in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia for a couple of years, then we were back in the US, a place called Fairhaven. A few months later we went back to S, Korea for a year (84). I had a really bad car accident so we came back to our house in New Bedford, after about 5 years of recovery and school (89), we went back to S. Korea and stayed in one place for 14 years! In 2003 we landed in "Sweet Home Alabama", again, Enterprise AL this time, aka UCLA (Ugly Corner of Lower Alabama) and that's where we are now. Who knows what's next.....

Attend post secondary schooling?:

National Technical School, U-Mass/U-Maryland, Army's Staff College

What is the most interesting job/position you have held since graduating high school?

I would say that they've all had a 'bit-of -the -best'. Saudi was great to have done ONCE, the time we've spent in Korea was great too. OK interesting job;; teaching part time for Central Texas College, Information Technology courses at their Overseas campus for the Military was really cool, and I'm fortunate enough to still keep in touch with many former students.

Have you traveled since graduation and if so where?

Well the jobs we have had travel built in, back in 82 we were able to spend Christmas in Paris, but vacationing in Phuket, Thailand a few times is at the top of the list.

Do you volunteer or work at any community organizations or belong to any clubs/organizations?

I was very active with the VFW overseas, but not lately.

What do you enjoy doing with your spare time? (hobbies/interests).

When the weathers right (March – October) we really enjoy our yard and the pool.

I will rid our yard of weeds!!! Or just have a few beers and fire-up the BBQ.

What do you feel is your greatest accomplishment(s) since high school?

Having a great 31 years with my wife, fond memories, and great expectations for the future.

A bit of information I'd like to share with the Class

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I'm legally blind, this was because of the car accident I had back in 84. Everything's fine, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger, but people sometimes think I'm ignoring them or simply being rude, when I just didn't see what's going on. I just wanted to share that with you all.

Inform us of something that would surprise our classmates? I'm a little over-weight.

**If you could go back (to HS) what would you do differently?
Participate in sports and music, there actually WAS time.**

**What is the one thing you know NOW that you wish you KNEW in High school?
Microsoft, Cisco, & Intel. Seriously, the sign in room 7 that said "Education is Life", if I had believed that earlier, I'd have saved a few years playing catch-up. 'Priorities & Perspective'**

**What was your favorite teacher? (Junior high or Senior high).
I still smile remembering Mr Haaland, Mr Margeson, and Mr Malcom's classes. I hope Ms Pina has forgiven me, and I have to thank Mr Cipolini for following the Class of '76' from Junior High to the High School.**

And that's my story and I'm sticking to it. ☺



THE SEAPORT INN AND MARINA

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The Reunion Council investigates the Seaport Inn as a possible venue to hold the reunion. Some facts we know.

The Seaport Inn is located on the beautiful New Bedford/Fairhaven waterfront. Just minutes from the high speed Martha's Vineyard Ferry service. This Fairhaven Hotel offers easy access to the most popular destinations! Formerly The Skipper, The Seaport Inn and Marina has been renovated extensively and updated and work still in process. This beautiful waterfront hotel is centrally located to beaches, shopping, restaurants, as well as the historic and business districts of Fairhaven and New Bedford. Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, state-of-the-art fitness center,



The classically elegant Grand Ballroom is a perfect setting for your wedding reception, holiday party or cooperate meeting. If you

are just looking for smaller social gathering or cocktails before your event in the Grand Ballroom our Commodore Lounge is the perfect place. The Central Location to Providence and Cape Cod is a perfect place for your next group meeting. How relaxing to be on the waterfront after a full day of informative business information. We promise to make your next event a success while working with in your budget.



Seaport Inn offers Slips so you can arrive by boat to the Reunion on the River.



We will keep you informed with on going investigations to the reunions' venue. - Staff Help us in making upcoming reunion available to ALL classmates. Any & All assistance

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much appreciated. Assist us with up to date email address or Postal contact information.



We are relentless as we continue to search for our missing classmates. Can you help?



FHS class of 1976 has it very own presence on FACEBOOK.com.



What type of foods would YOU enjoy at the 35th reunion? Fresh? Organic? Buffet style, just h'ordeuvres or Family (sit-down)? Send in your opinion via E-Mail.

Need FHS classmate information?

Require updated reunion information?



Our web site <http://www.fshc76.com>

Alumni site <http://www.fhvnalumni.org>

How About... Friday at the 6th annual Evening of Taste at FHS or drinks at the Back Eddy on Westport Harbor? Saturday during the day at the Homecoming Fair in Fairhaven Center then Class of '76's 35th Reunion on the River. Then Sunday-All Class Buffet @ FHS cafeteria or breakfast at the Bayside Restaurant in Westport and swimming @ Horseneck afterwards?



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