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Classmate Database and Contact Info

We still have a long way to go with contacting our "missing" classmates. Anything that you can do to help us track down people would be greatly appreciated. And we have a ton of people who we have gotten contact info for, but haven't verified it yet and/or they haven't logged into the website. There's a link right at the top of our site that shows you the list of people that we need to get ahold of. Please encourage your friends to login to the website, update their info, answer the questions & surveys, etc. For this to be fun, we need a high level of participation. There seems to be a lot of what I call "sleeper peeps". These are classmates who we have established contact with, but they haven't yet had a chance to login and make their presence known. If you know some of these people, lean on them and be annoying like me. :) Just kidding... you don't have to harass people, but there's nothing wrong with gentle nudging.

Reunion Preparation

OK, it's still early. But we have our second meeting coming up in August. If you want to help, you're more than welcome. Details are (of course) on the website.

How many people are hitting the weights to get their high school body back for the reunion (some of us don't want it back!)? :) You've got about a year to get lean & mean. Me... I'm taking a more long-term strategical approach. I'm sticking with the Pillsbury Doughboy look for this one. That way it will be more impressive when I turn it around for the 30-year reunion. It still takes a lot of hard work. I'm on a strict regimen of self-induced muscular atrophy brought on the willful abstinence of physical activity, a steady diet of pizza/chocolate/Jack Daniels, and purposely staying short so that I look fatter. It's complicated - there are formulas and charts involved.

Other Related News

The class of 1995 had their (scaled back) get-together this past weekend. If you're on Facebook, you've probably seen that. Their reunion plans got short-circuited due to lack of commitment so they had to go with a contingency plan. We're not going to have that problem though (RIGHT!). If you haven't seen the highlights, we posted some pics to our Facebook page and you can see that, of course, on our website (bottom left of home page). I ran into some of these guys on Saturday while at a funeral for one of our EA family members. Despite the circumstances, it was great to see some old faces. If you haven't drank the reunion Kool-Aid yet, look at their pics and I think it will spark some renewed interest.

Login Problems?

If you're having issues logging in, let me know and I'll get it solved for you ASAP. I've reached out to a few people who I can see password failures for. Somebody also contacted me last night because I had their name spelled wrong so they couldn't login. It was fixed in a matter of minutes. Website admins see a list of login failures when they login, so we'll be proactively reaching out to people to help get them straightened out.

Summary

We are building some good momentum now. Little by little, week after week, we're bringing more people onboard. The key will be to keep everybody engaged and committed for the next year. I've gotten a lot of info from the classes of 1995/1994 and other classes. We think we're doing things right by starting early and making this a group effort where everybody's opinion counts. We're reaching out in every way possible and trying to make the website an interesting and entertaining time capsule and repository of a lot of different types of info,

while at the same time making it a vibrant living forum. If you have any ideas to enhance this experience and get more interest from people, speak up.

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