



# CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## Greetings Blue Devils, Quarriers, Grads, Teachers & 'Mates!

For those of us in northern climes, we're finally feeling the signs of spring... and that means commencements and reunions, including good ole Chester!

Those who attended last year know we had yet another smashingly successful reunion at the Train Station right in Chester! We just aren't going to argue with success— **We are doing it again—our tenth year in Chester!**

Folks like the informality... and the price! So you'll get to spend even more time **sitting with some dear old friends** at a price that's affordable. We'll be of course honoring all **five year classes**, and especially the **fifty year class of 1967!** As always, we'll need to elect (or reelect) your treasurer, secretary, and two executive board members and a scholarship custodian...

**So who's going to make the first reservation?** Come the longest distance? There's more information on the back of this... and we're not through with ideas yet.

**This is the reunion you won't want to miss!** So get your reservation in right now and definitely **no later than June 19** accurate headcount for planning purposes. If you can't be the first reservation, it doesn't mean you have to be the last! Please respond even if you can't make it. We'd like to know this is reaching you and you are still interested in reunions. Don't forget we have a Facebook Page and our website is <http://chesterhigh.wordpress.com>.

**Annual Meeting and Reunion**  
Saturday, June 24, 2017  
Officer/Board Meeting: ..... 1:00 p.m.  
Social Hour: ..... 2:00—6:00 p.m.  
Business Meeting: ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Train Station, Chester MA

Looking forward to seeing you in June...

Your officers, board, and classmates!



Please turn over for some additional information.

### PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK!



I will be present for the meeting and reception on June 24, 2017

I will not be present, but keep me on the mailing list!

<input type="checkbox"/> reservations @ \$15.00 per person.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> dues @ \$1.00 per year .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership @ \$10.00 .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> donation to the Association .....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> donation to the Scholarship Fund.....	\$ _____
Total enclosed .....	\$ _____

Mail to:

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PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_, CLASS OF \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHESTER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.  
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 19, 2017  
**DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS??**

## Some important thoughts...

For the past several years, we've had slightly over 100 people attending our annual reunion. Compared to other towns in the area, we are very much alive and well as an association—I understand some have either stopped meeting or are only meeting every five years. Let's keep bucking that trend!

Folks overwhelmingly tell us to "stay in Chester" for reunions. In addition to supporting the town, it really is more like being home... An issue we just won't find a solution for is that there is limited parking close to the train station. It will help if those who feel relatively mobile and young (freshmen and sophomores) leave the nearby parking available for our "senior" classes. Some carpooling would help... and there are a number of you that could probably just walk from home! We do fill up the station and it's difficult to have enough seats (especially at tables) for everyone... you can bring your lawn chairs if the weather is nice!

Working with the Chester Foundation has helped us keep the reunion very affordable and we do try to work smart.

If you do arrive early, please don't bug the Foundation Volunteers who will be busy with food preparation and last minute set up. Remember, our official start time is 2:00 p.m. and the plan is to have food served by 3:00 p.m. Our meeting starts at 4:30 p.m. We'll be officially finished at 6:00 p.m., but we won't "throw people out!" (We might make you help clean up, though!)

Let me remind you that you do not have to be a graduate of Chester High to attend... We consider Gateway Grads part of the Association and we welcome folks who just feel a connection to Chester even if they didn't attend school here.

Speaking of helping, we appreciate the support of both the Chester Foundation and the Chester Historical Society. Again this year, **the Historical Society has agreed to remain open the day of the reunion from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Anyone visiting the "old jail" will be amazed at the amount of Chester High School and Grammar School memorabilia on hand!

For the past several years, we've taken a few minutes during our meeting to honor individuals who work hard for our town. We plan to continue that tradition—and find ways to preserve the town spirit that meant so much to us when we were Blue Devils and Quarriers.

Please support our town, your Association and this year's plan. Remember, this is your Association. We are the Chester High from the past and into the future. If you have ideas for improving our annual reunion festivities, please let us know.

Just a simple thing like making sure we have your correct address (whether you are attending or not) helps us save ever increasing postage costs. You can also help us keep track of classmates by sending any information you have about Chester Grads to our secretary.

We are facing a big challenge this year—finding a secretary! Mary has decided not to accept the position again due to her impending retirement and travel plans. Things are well organized and I promise to help and support whoever is willing to accept this responsibility. Mary says it really is a "once a year" job and we are constantly looking for ways to make it simple and easier. We cannot have an association without a secretary—please consider taking on the job or helping us find someone who will. If you have questions or ideas, please call or email Mary or me—we'll be happy to hear from you!

We are scheduling the meeting of the Board and Officers before the reunion. Again this year This will allow us more time for business without interfering with socializing. **Officers, Board Members, and Custodians should plan to meet at the Depot at 1:00 p.m.**

The officer list is included here to encourage you to contact us. We'd like to hear your offer to help and your ideas and concerns. We are all challenged by long distance and busy schedules, but we don't want to forget our alma mater! We are always looking for folks who would like to be involved in the Association... either to just help with jobs and tasks or to hold an office. If nothing else, why not help us keep track of your class? We'll help you with information we have if you'll help us keep our mailing list current.

Hope to see you around Chester in June! Come early and sit on the Church Corner! Stay late and sit on the Church Corner! Go on "tour" and see those familiar places!

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