



Event Newsletter

Etobicoke Collegiate Institute

50th Anniversary Reunion for 1964 Grads & friends

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Good day colleagues.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to respond to the feedback questions contained in edition #2 of the Event Newsletter. I emailed the Newsletter to 48 contacts and received 24 responses sufficient, I think, to determine what the group prefers for our reunion event.

At this time, I would like to recognize the assistance I've received from Heather Legault and Pat Gordon. Both have been very generous with their time and have provided a great deal of input into our reunion initiative. Our reunion proposal, set out below, was also reviewed by a select group of our colleagues and I also wish to thank them for their comments.

Yours truly,

Ron Bannerman

Our reunion event is a *GO*

The survey results indicate there is sufficient interest to proceed to hold a 50th anniversary reunion event, at this time. So far, about 30 grads and 25 spouses, companions and friends have indicated they plan to attend. This number is sure to grow!!

Single event format preferred

The large majority of survey responders preferred a SINGLE EVENT format comprised of a cocktail reception followed by a dinner function.

Date of reunion event

We have selected **Friday, September 12, 2014** as the date for our reunion. So, mark your calendar accordingly and if you're outside the GTA, make your travel plans early. You won't want to miss this one !!!

Location – ISLINGTON GOLF CLUB

The survey results, and related logistical considerations, suggested that a golf club location offered the best option to meet our event needs. It provided the best venue to facilitate an excellent opportunity for the group to mingle and renew old acquaintances and to facilitate a dinner that continued to permit guest interaction. As well, the cost was more in line with what we thought was appropriate compared to other venues, including ample free parking on site and a location that was in a country setting within a few minutes of ECI and yet reasonably close to public transportation, as needed.

A private event room has been reserved for our group's exclusive use throughout the entire evening. A cocktail reception will be held from 6:00 pm until around 8:00ish, followed by a BBQ buffet dinner. Since the event room has been reserved until midnight, there will be ample time after dinner for us to continue to 'chat about old times !!'. The bar will be available throughout the entire evening. Our event room has access to a large patio that overlooks a portion of the Club's fairways and Mimico Creek an ideal setting to share a drink and conversation with colleagues !!

The Islington Golf Club is located off Islington Ave., just north of Dundas St., about 10 minutes drive from ECI. You may wish to check out the Club's web site for more details.

Overnight accommodation

Some colleagues, particularly those from outside the GTA, indicated they will require overnight accommodation. We will continue to work on this aspect of our reunion and we will advise you in due course of what we've been able to come up with.

Related events

My contact with our colleagues identified that many have stayed in touch with each other over the years. In fact, a number of groups continue to meet periodically to continue their friendship since their ECI graduation. As a result, several reunion attendees plan to arrange get togethers with their on-going acquaintances on Saturday following our reunion evening. So, you are encouraged to plan such activities with friends if you wish.

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I continue to receive email contact information that is most helpful in contacting our colleagues. While I've contacted about 50 of our '64 grad colleagues so far, I'd certainly like to increase that number going forward. Therefore, I'd like to remind you once again that if you keep in touch with other ECiers from our era, please make them aware of our reunion initiative and ask them to contact me to learn more about it.

Alumni Contacts

I have a list of the 182 grads taken from the '64 Etobian, and related persons interested in our reunion. The list identifies those I've contacted by email. If you'd like a copy of this list, let me know and I will email it to you.

P.S. The list does NOT contain any personal information, such as email addresses, but does contain some married surname references.

Other Event Participants

If you're aware of other colleagues or friends who might have graduated from ECI in "shoulder" years e.g. '62, '63 and '65, '66 who might be interested in joining the reunion, please ask them to contact me. While this reunion initiative focuses on '64 grads, attendance from fellow ECiers who may have been closely related to us through athletic teams, School clubs, marriage or other relationships may wish to participate and would be welcome.

Spouses/partners/significant others of '64 alumni attendees, and for all others who attend the reunion, they are also very welcome to participate.

What's next ?

- Efforts will continue over the next several months to try and contact as many '64 grad colleagues and friends as possible to advise them of our reunion initiative. Your assistance is most appreciated.
- During the summer, I will email further editions of the Event Newsletter to everyone on the contact list to provide additional information about our evening, including menu selection, cost and payment options. I will also require an indication of whether or not you will attend our reunion sufficiently in advance of our event so that we can establish a firm number of attendees.
- If you have any comments with respect to our proposed reunion format, I look forward to hearing from you.