

**Amherst High School  
Class of 1953**

**Fifty Five Years Later**

The Fifty Fifth Reunion Committee cordially invites you to attend the 55th reunion of the Amherst High School class of 1953.

Wednesday, June 18, 2008 - For those of you who are in town, we are going to meet at the Amherst Brewing Co. at 7:00pm. The Amherst Brewing Co is located in the basement of the Old First National Bank building.

Thursday, June 19, 2008 - The festivities will begin with a "Ladies Night Out" at Aldelphia's at 7:00pm in So. Hadley. Ladies please contact Maureen McGrath (413-584-0383) to confirm your reservation and get directions and time. For those not going to the "Ladies Night Out", we will meet at the VFW in Amherst around 7:00pm.

Friday, June 20, 2008 - At 4:00pm we are proposing a River Boat Cruise on the Lady Bea. The cruises will leave from Brunelle's Marina in South Hadley. This will be approximately a 75 minute cruise on the Connecticut River in the heart of the Pioneer Valley. The cost of the cruise is \$12.00 for a senior. The Dockside Restaurant will be open. We are suggesting the Dockside Restaurant for dinner and refreshments before and after the cruise.

Saturday, June 21, 2008 - 55th Reunion Banquet will be held at the Lord Jeffery Inn. The evening will start at 6:00pm with a reception (Cash Bar). The program will begin at 7:00pm.

Sunday, June 22, 2008 - Family Picnic at Gordie Lauder's starting at 11:00am on Sunday. Gordie has advised the committee that lunch will be served in the early afternoon. Directions and information will be provided Saturday night.

We hope you will be able to join the rest of your 1953 classmates in Amherst during this time.

**55th Reunion Committee:**

Art Giannetti, Maureen Clark McGrath, Martha Martin Holden,  
Eunice Schieding Forbes, Jean Hartwell Pelkey, Gordie Lauder, Earle Leigh,  
Barbara Tiffany, Marge Petroski Sanderson and Larry Dowd

We will have a display table. Start looking through those boxes for pictures or other memorabilia to display.

For the 50th Reunion, we put together a booklet of information about the class of 1953. In this booklet we included a short update on each class member covering such things as spouse's name, number of children and grandchildren, any retirement plans. We would love to have you update that information and send the update along with your response, if you feel comfortable doing so. For example:

Larry Dowd married to Connie for 43 years, two boys' ages 35 and 39. Our oldest son, Michael married a girl from Ireland and we now have one granddaughter. Retired in August of 2002 and moved to Myrtle Beach, SC. Initial retirement goal to see at least one Major League baseball game in every stadium in the country has not materialized so far.

The reunion committee will prepare a Supplement to our 50th Reunion booklet and will have the Supplement available at the banquet, if possible.

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**Please respond by May 22, 2008**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Planning to attend: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If Yes, please provide us with the following:

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**June 20th River Boat Cruise - # of people: \_\_\_\_\_**

The \$12.00 cost for the cruise is not included in the \$40.00 shown below and is payable directly to Brunelle's Marina.

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**June 21st Dinner - # of people: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

Baked Boston Scrod # -- \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Prime Rib # -- \_\_\_\_\_

Mass. Harvest Stuffed Chicken # -- \_\_\_\_\_

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**June 22nd Picnic - # of people: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Total Due \_\_\_\_\_**

Make check payable to: AHS Class of '53

**Please send check and response to:**

Gordon Lauder  
19 Cypress Drive  
South Hadley, MA 01075-2158  
Tel. # 413-532-0135