



# Waggener High School



## Waggener High School, Class of 1961, 50th Reunion, September 23, 24, 25, 2011 (1)

This is one of many sections that contain information, photos, newspaper articles, internet items, etc. of the St. Matthews area and especially of Waggener High School. Many of the items came from Al Ring's personal collections but many people have helped and I have tried to give credit where I can.

The purpose of this "collection" was to create the history of Waggener and the students and teachers who were there during my time. Being retired I now have time to do many of the things I have always wanted, this project is just one of them. The collection is continuing today, so if you should have old or new information on the St. Matthews area from 1950 to 1962 or Waggener High, please contact Al Ring.

All graphics have been improved to make the resolution as good as possible, but the reader should remember that many came from copies of old newspaper articles and photos. Credit to the source of the photos, etc. is provided whenever it was available. We realize that many items are not identified and regret that we weren't able to provide this information. As far as the newspaper articles that are not identified, 99% of them would have to be from one of three possible sources. *The Courier-Journal*, *The Louisville Times* or one of the *Voice* publications. Books that we have used for some information include, *Randy*, *Cactus*, *Uncle, Ed and the Golden age of Louisville Television*, *Waggener High School Alumni Directory 1996*, *Waggener Traditional High School Alumni Directory 2007*, *Memories of Fontaine Ferry Park*, *St. Matthews The Crossroads of Beargrass* by Samuel W. Thomas, *St. Matthews, 25 Years a City Two Centuries a Community*, *St. Matthews 1960-1995*, *Waggener Lair's 1958 to 1962*, *The Holy Warrior*, *Muhammad Ali*..

**A very special thanks to the Class of 1961**

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On October 8, 2010 classmate Bill Bowden made an attempt to get something going on a 50th reunion for the Waggener High Class of 1961.

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Dear classmates of 1961 in particular, and everyone else in general,

Fri Oct 8, 2010 12:46 am

Susan Pillans '62 was telling me about a reunion committee meeting her class held in Louisville not too long ago. I believe she said Mike Skelton and Marilyn Gordon were on the committee, but I don't remember the others.

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Anyway, she said they would like to keep in touch with our reunion committee, to trade ideas, etc. I told her I don't believe we have a committee yet. Imagine that -- letting the class of 1962 get that far ahead of us!

**William Bowden**  
<williamabowden@...>  
williamabowden  
Offline  
Send Email

Are we forming a committee? I'd certainly love to help out if and when we do.

One of the ideas Susan mentioned was the possibility of the Pendennis Club as a site for their evening function. I thought that sounded kind of elegant, and I liked the idea of being in downtown Big L.

I assume by now the class of 1960 has had their 50th, but I haven't seen anything on this site about it, photos, etc., unless I just missed it.

Bill Bowden '61

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**Re: [Waggener1960-1961-1962] 1961 Reunion?**

Tue Nov 9, 2010 1:23 am

Marie,

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No one from the class of 1961 has responded to my post yet, on this thread anyway, until Abby did just the other day. I'm not trying to take the lead on it, only wanted to volunteer my help. It's such an easy drive from Lexington that I can be in Louisville for meetings, etc., and would be glad to help out in any way.

**William Bowden**  
<williamabowden@...>  
williamabowden  
Offline  
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I remember Steve Porter, Scott Davis, Danny Gray, and you from our 2001 reunion seemed to be in the lead on the planning and so on. There were probably others that I'm not remembering -- if one of you is reading this, please forgive my poor memory. I'm sure you're right about needing to get a venue booked sooner rather than later. If anyone from our class is listening out there, what you do think?

On another note, I'm pretty sure the annual crafts fair is at Waggener this Saturday. That's the fair, of course, that Walker did so much to support, and proceeds from it help with the scholarships given in his name. I'll doublecheck the date tomorrow at work and confirm this.

Bill Bowden '61

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Other e-mails came in, one from Steve Porter offering to help and a few other but bottom line it just didn't happen.

On January 26, 2011, I (Al Ring) called Steve Porter, Marie VanHoose Sayre and Bill Bowden and we all had a long talk about a reunion, the need for one etc. etc. Bill volunteered to head the first meeting and try and get it going. Steve agreed to help and so did Marie, who isn't even a member of our class.

### 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961

**From :** Marie V. Sayre <mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net>

Thu Jan 27 2011 5:53:27 PM

**Subject :** 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961

**To :** John Aboud <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, parnolldesigns@gmail.com, Woodford E. Woody Axton <waxton@bellsouth.net>, williambowden@yahoo.com, Sr.J. Mount Davis <clmcquire@clmcquire.com>, H. Scott Davis <hsdavis@insightbb.com>, cgeorgehead@aol.com, sherm@lightyear.com, Barbara Rosenthal Martin <donbar@insightbb.com>, bud@orrcorp.com, Stephen T. Porter <stpmlou@aol.com>, Alan Ring <ringal@comcast.net>, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, Ann Gregg Swift <gandaswift@aol.com>, Warren VanHoose <vanhoose@zoomtown.com>

**CLASS of 1961 -- It is time for your 50th Class Reunion 1961-2011...  
WILL YOU SERVE ON THE PLANNING COMMITTEE ? --**

**(\*\*not located in Greater Louisville; but, willing to help)**

"Bunny" Laffoon Abbott -- (h) 502-895-1407 --  
John Aboud -- (h) 502-386-6973 -- jaboud\_157@yahoo.com  
YES - Phyllis Fust Arnold (h) 502-245-2548 -- parnolldesigns@gmail.com  
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YES - "Steve" Porter -- 502-297-8007 -- stpmlou@aol.com  
\*\* "Al" Ring -- (h) 520-529-0910 -- ringal@comcast.net  
"Dan" Shomer -- 502-228-4565 -- DESHOMER@insightbb.com  
Ann Gregg Swift -- 502-288-8166 -- gandaswift@aol.com  
\*\*Warren E. VanHoose -- (h) 859-823-1109 -- vanhoose@zoomtown.com

Please respond to Marie VanHoose Sayre '60 mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net -- I have been solicited to place this ball in the air. Next week I plan to post on WHS YAHOO and announce a "first meeting" ... a week-end needs to be selected -- and it needs to be one that is not full of activities in or near Louisville that would effect air and hotel availability for out-of-towners. Looking forward to hearing from you. Send any additions or corrections to your information. My database is 10 years old; but combined with Al Ring's we will be updated very shortly. Love, Marie

### Re: Fw: 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961

**From :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Fri Jan 28 2011 2:04:50 PM

**Subject :** Re: Fw: 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961

**To :** blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud 157 <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, parnolldesigns@gmail.com, clmcquire@clmcquire.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, Kit@GatewayPress.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, ghmmorris@walterwagner.com, budo@orrcorp.com, stpmlou@aol.com, ringal@comcast.net, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, Marie V. Sayre <mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net>

Marie,

Thank you for getting this underway. I am very happy to help in any way. I can easily be in Louisville for meetings, since Lexington is an easy drive for me of just over an hour.

You can add my home phone number if you like -- 859-278-8426.

Bill Bowden '61

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### Re: Class of '61 reunion

**From :** ringal@comcast.net  
**Subject :** Re: Class of '61 reunion  
**To :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Sun Jan 30 2011 1:15:30 PM

Bill,

This sounds wonderful. Marie has done a fantastic job, and with you offering to get it going with the first meeting, I don't see how we can fail.

When the time comes let me know what I can do to help--I am sure this will succeed with the names I have seen do far.

Great job,

Al

Al Ring  
ringal@comcast.net  
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----- Original Message -----

From: "William Bowden" <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
To: blabb@bellsouth.net, "jaboud 157" <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, williamabowden@yahoo.com, parnolddesigns@gmail.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, stpinlou@aol.com, ringal@comcast.net, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, BudO@orrcorp.com, danny4019@aol.com, ghmmorris@walterwagner.com, dcmcguire@dcmcguire.com, kit@gatewaypressinc.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com  
Cc: mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net  
Sent: Sunday, January 30, 2011 12:19:40 PM  
Subject: Class of '61 reunion

Dear classmates,

Al Ring called me the other day and we had a long chat about trying to organize a 50th reunion for our class. Marie VanHoose Sayre called Friday evening and we had a similar conversation. I had broached this subject earlier on our Yahoo groups site, but got little response. I'm very pleased that we now have some enthusiasm building for actually having a reunion.

So, the upshot is that I have volunteered to try to organize an initial meeting in Louisville of those of us interested in helping make a reunion happen. Marie took the first step by emailing us a list of those of you who have indicated you were interested (along with some others she couldn't reach yet). That's why you're getting this. Having said that, I know that some of you, such as Al in Arizona, won't be at this first meeting, but Marie indicated you would be willing to help from a distance. Also, I'm adding some more of you from Marie's list, even if she hasn't heard from you, just to be as inclusive as possible.

Since we need to get started as soon as possible, I would like to propose some specific dates and times, and then let you all tell me if they will work or if we need to revise:

This coming Saturday or Sunday (Feb. 5 and 6) at 3 in the afternoon.  
Or, the same time the following Saturday or Sunday (Feb. 12 and 13)

I know we all have obligations and limitations, so here are mine, and you can let us know what yours are so that we can find a good time. First of all, I'm still working fulltime, so weekends are my first choice, followed by weekday evenings. I have club and USTA tennis obligations on Saturday and Sunday mornings. I live in Lexington, but it's only a little over an hour drive for me to be in Louisville. I'm really interested in this reunion and will be happy to make those drives for all of our meetings. I can meet later than the 3 p.m. time I'm suggesting on Saturdays and Sundays, and can also make a 7:30 evening (or later) meeting on weekdays.

As for a place to meet, my first thought was to ask if someone would be willing to have us meet in their home, at least for this initial meeting. Also, Bud Orr has responded that he has a meeting room at his business he would happy for us to use. Thank you, Bud. There may be other possibilities I'm not thinking of. Please chime in.

Marie has suggested several things we need to take up right away. Also, my memory from our 2001 reunion was that Steve Porter, Scott Davis, Danny Gray, and Marie (an honorary member of the class of 1961!) played leading roles in that reunion. There may well be others I'm forgetting -- please excuse my geezer memory. So those of you with experience at this, please chime in, and invite other planners from 2001 I'm not aware of to join in. But this would seem to be at least a preliminary agenda for a first meeting:

1. Decide on the reunion weekend.
2. Decide on which major events, i.e., Friday evening casual get-together, Saturday evening dinner/dance, related day-time activities (golf, tennis, brunches?).
3. Think about the venues that would accommodate those activities.
4. Think about entertainment, i.e., a band, DJ, etc.
5. Find a hotel convenient to our venue that will offer a group rate for out-of-towners.

Of course, there are a myriad of other things to plan and decide on. This is just a starter.

I'm so pleased that Al and Marie have taken the initiative to try to get this ball rolling. I was pretty much resigned to us not having a reunion. Having said that, I feel we're probably getting off to a late start, but I think we can overcome that. I'm willing to devote quite a bit of time between now and the reunion to make this happen, and I hope many of you will feel the same way. It can be a great event.

Please let me hear from you right away your preferences about the first meeting -- date, time, and location. I'm looking forward to seeing you all and getting started.

My best,

Bill Bowden '61

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### Re: 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961

**From :** Bud Orr <BudO@orrcorp.com> Sat Jan 29 2011 3:32:21 AM  
**Subject :** Re: 50th REUNION - WHS Class 1961  
**To :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
**Cc :** blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud 157 <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, parnolddesigns@gmail.com, dmcguire@dmcguire.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, Kit@GatewayPress.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, ghmorris@walterwagner.com, stpinlou@aol.com, ringal@comcast.net, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, Marie V. Sayre <mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net>

All,

I will be glad to help. The committee is welcome to use a conference room at our office for meetings. It is 5 minutes from airport.

Bud Orr  
Class of 1961

### Re: Class of '61 reunion

**From :** Bud Orr <BudO@orrcorp.com> Sun Jan 30 2011 7:56:51 PM  
**Subject :** Re: Class of '61 reunion  
**To :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
**Cc :** blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud 157 <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, williamabowden@yahoo.com, parnolddesigns@gmail.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, stpinlou@aol.com, ringal@comcast.net, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, danny4019@aol.com, ghmorris@walterwagner.com, dmcguire@dmcguire.com, kit@gatewaypressinc.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com, mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net

Dear Bill,

My limitation for attending the initial planning meeting is that we will not be back in Louisville until Friday, April 1. Other than that, April and May are pretty much open. However, I can offer the resources of our event and meeting planner to explore available venues for our functions. Just let me know several windows for the reunion. Also, if you by chance, want to meet at our offices please let me know and I can arrange a contact for you.

Best regards,

Bud Orr  
630-258-9449

### Re: Class of '61 reunion

**From :** Stpinlou@aol.com Sun Jan 30 2011 9:24:43 PM  
**Subject :** Re: Class of '61 reunion 📎 2 attachments  
**To :** williamabowden@yahoo.com, blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud 157 <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, parnolddesigns@gmail.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, ringal@comcast.net, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, BudO@orrcorp.com, ghmorris@walterwagner.com, dmcguire@dmcguire.com, kit@gatewaypressinc.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com  
**Cc :** mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net

Bill et al.,

We could meet at my house on Feb. 6 or 13, preferably the 13th so people have a little more advance notice, but either works. Many have been here before. We need to do this reunion, but I suggest we make it fun but simple so it does not become a huge deal we can't handle. We are old, you know. Seriously, given the reluctance of any of us to step up previously, we need to keep it simple so the planning does not overwhelm the whole idea.

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### Re: Class of '61 reunion

**From :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Mon Jan 31 2011 7:10:48 AM

**Subject :** Re: Class of '61 reunion

2 attachments

**To :** blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud 157 <jaboud\_157@yahoo.com>, parnolldesigns@gmail.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, ringal@comcast.net, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, BudO@orrcorp.com, ghmorris@walterwagner.com, cmcguire@cmcguire.com, kit@gatewaypressinc.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com, Stpinlou@aol.com

**Cc :** mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net

Steve et al,

I heartily concur with keeping it simple and manageable. And you and Devona are so gracious to offer your home as a first meeting site. If 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13, is suitable with everyone, that's fine with me.

Other respondents so far are John Aboud and Bud Orr, but neither can make the first meeting. Hopefully we'll hear from more as the week goes on. I agree about having it on the 13th instead of the 6th, to give more time for response and planning.

Thanks, Steve.

Bill

P.S. -- Steve, you're getting this twice. I forgot to hit "Reply All" the first time.

-- On Sun, 1/30/11, Stpinlou@aol.com <Stpinlou@aol.com> wrote:

From: Stpinlou@aol.com <Stpinlou@aol.com>

Subject: Re: Class of '61 reunion

To: williamabowden@yahoo.com, blabb@bellsouth.net, jaboud\_157@yahoo.com, parnolldesigns@gmail.com, hsdavis@insightbb.com, ringal@comcast.net, vanhoose@zoomtown.com, BudO@orrcorp.com, ghmorris@walterwagner.com, cmcguire@cmcguire.com, kit@gatewaypressinc.com, JWHukcat@aol.com, donbar@insightbb.com, DESHOMER@insightbb.com, gandaswift@aol.com

Cc: mdvsayre@sbcglobal.net

Date: Sunday, January 30, 2011, 11:24 PM

Bill et al.,

We could meet at my house on Feb. 6 or 13, preferably the 13th so people have a little more advance notice, but either works. Many have been here before. We need to do this reunion, but I suggest we make it fun but simple so it does not become a huge deal we can't handle. We are old, you know. Seriously, given the reluctance of any of us to step up previously, we need to keep it simple so the planning does not overwhelm the whole idea.

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### [Waggener1960-1961-1962] Class of 1961 reunion

**From :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Mon Jan 31 2011 8:15:43 AM

**Sender :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoogroups.com

**Subject :** [Waggener1960-1961-1962] Class of 1961 reunion

**To :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoogroups.com

**Reply To :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoogroups.com

Dear classmates of 1961,

A small group of us are getting together soon to start planning for a 50th reunion later this year in Louisville for the class of 1961. If you have any interest in serving on the committee or helping out in other ways, please let me know.

Since we haven't met yet, there's really not much more to say, except that we hope there is interest and enthusiasm about having a 50th reunion. We're getting started a little late, but I think we can make up ground.

If you have any ideas, please share them with us. We'll use this Yahoo site to keep you updated for now. Later on, when an attendance list is created, we'll use that as well.

For now, I hope you'll share with us your interest in getting together again for the first time since our 40th reunion in 2001.

My best,

Bill Bowden '61

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Hi to all

I would like to suggest the following ideas for a 50th Class Reunion:

1. Make the dates around a Friday-Sunday
2. Plan for late July/early August
3. See if there are deals with downtown hotels; otherwise, deals in St. Matthews

Suggested "plan"

Friday -

3p to 5p check in at Waggener with school tour [classes should be over by 2:30p] Pickup Reunion Packet

6p-9p Happy Hour/Bar food - St. Matthews area

Saturday -

10a-1p Brunch with oldies slide show or Al Ring's selected webpages- attendees in '60s dress [Theme: School Assembly and Pep Club Time]

2p-5p Tour of Louisville haunts [arranged with a fee], golf outing [planned and paid in advance] or on your own

6p-11p Buffet and Dance - Cosmo with fee photographer? St. Matthews area [Theme: Prom]

Sunday -

9:30a-11a Breakfast Buffet and putting items into a 65 year reunion time capsule; door prizes and parting WHS parting gifts

Suggested Committee groups -

Meals and Room arrangements (Hotel/Motel)

Events arrangements (entire group gatherings)

Outings arrangements (Saturday)

Packets/Decorations and Door prizes arrangements

Volunteers/Invitations/money collections/web and mail arrangements

I'll be happy to help. I'm in Virginia, but I can do things that can be done remotely.

I'm so glad we're having a 50th!

Abby

### Re: [Waggener1960-1961-1962] Class of 1961 reunion

**From :** pmmsmith@verizon.net

Mon Jan 31 2011 1:08:05 PM

**Sender :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoo.com

**Subject :** Re: [Waggener1960-1961-1962] Class of 1961 reunion

**To :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoo.com

**Reply To :** Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahoo.com

Bill,

I, too, am glad to hear there are tentative plans for a 50th reunion. I hope it turns out to be at a time we can come. I would like to see some High School friends again. The distance and time difference to California mean that I can only help with some things; also some other commitments here may get in the way of the schedule. I am willing to help with whatever can be done from a distance. I like the idea of a summer weekend for the reunion, especially mid- to late-month weeks.

Phyllis Mills Smith '61  
8381 Sweetwater Circle  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646  
(714) 848-1356  
[pmmsmith@verizon.net](mailto:pmmsmith@verizon.net)

Marie,

No one else has responded yet for the Sunday meeting. I'm going to send Bunny and Phyllis another email in just a few minutes. Also haven't heard from Dick Bedwell -- he was going to get up with Scott Davis today about coming.

At any rate, I guess we'll try to get started with whoever shows up. I look forward to seeing everyone -- Steve and Warren, at least -- on Sunday.

Bill Bowden '61

**From:** ringal@comcast.net <ringal@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Class of '61 reunion  
**To:** "William Bowden" <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Sunday, January 30, 2011, 3:15 PM

Bill,

This sounds wonderful. Marie has done a fantastic job, and with you offering to get it going with the first meeting, I don't see how we can fail.

When the time comes let me know what I can do to help--I am sure this will succeed with the names I have seen do far.

Great job,

Al

**From :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Sun Jan 30 2011 6:30:26 PM

**Subject :** Re: Class of '61 reunion

**To :** ringal@comcast.net

Al,

I have my fingers crossed! I'm impressed, too, with the names we have on this initial committee list.

Bill

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From: ringal@comcast.net <ringal@comcast.net>  
Subject:  
To: "Bowden, William" <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011, 12:42 PM

Bill,

I hate to bothe, but just wanted to know if the "meeting" took place, any luck with people, do you think we have enough to make a committee and have a reunion.

Al

----- Original Message -----

From: "William Bowden" <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
To: ringal@comcast.net  
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2011 10:56:48 AM  
Subject: Re:

Al,

Yes, we met, with five of us, enough for a start, and I'm pretty sure we'll have some more joining us over the next few months, and a reunion appears very likely. I'm going to write a note to post on the Yahoo site this evening to explain a lot more, so let me do that first, and then you and I can email some more if you like. After all, if it weren't for you and your calling me, this probably would not be happening.

Bill

**From :** ringal@comcast.net

Mon Feb 14 2011 11:01:08 AM

**Subject :** Re:

**To :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Great news, I look forward to the announcement. Remember, you don't owe me anything special or need to feel you should "report" to me. etc. You all will be the ones doing the work and my hat is off to all of you.

Have a great day

Al

**From :** William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>

Mon Feb 14 2011 12:46:34 PM

**Subject :** Re:

**To :** ringal@comcast.net

That's nice of you, but I'd be happy to stay in closer touch if you have questions/comments. You're not just another classmate in terms of your interest in Waggener and in the reunion. It appears to me that you were the first "spark" recently when you called me, and that when Marie called me a few days later, that was also at your urging, not just something that occurred to her to do. Anyway, it worked -- things are starting to happen.

Bill

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--- On **Mon, 2/14/11**, **William Bowden** <williamabowden@yahoo.com> wrote:

From: William Bowden <williamabowden@yahoo.com>  
Subject: [Waggener1960-1961-1962] Class of 1961 50th reunion  
To: Waggener1960-1961-1962@yahogroups.com  
Date: Monday, February 14, 2011, 7:10 PM

Dear 1961 classmates,

Yesterday the first meeting was held to plan a 50th reunion for our class. Steve Porter and his wife, Devona, were kind enough to host us at Tucker House, their charming 1840 bed-and-breakfast on Tucker Station Road in eastern Jefferson County. Besides Steve and me, in attendance were Warren VanHoose, Bunny Laffoon Abbott, and Sherry Silliman Willers.

Before I go any further, let me say that we are looking for more volunteers. Several have indicated they will be joining us in the next few months. We're looking for ideas and a willingness to help. Our next meeting is set for Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m., again at Steve's place. If you have any interest in joining us, please let me know.

Here are the things we settled on as a starting point, with many, many details, obviously, still to be discussed:

Dates: September 23, 24, 25 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Friday evening activities: A very casual Friday evening gathering at Waggener, to tour the building, and enjoy a casual meal prepared by students in the school's nutrition/food services program. Probably a couple of hours, early in the evening, maybe 5 to 7. Then we'll adjourn for drinks and conversation at a place to be determined -- perhaps a micro brewery.

Saturday daytime: Left open for optional self-arranged activities by smaller groups, such as a golf or tennis outing, a ride on the Belle of Louisville, or visiting old haunts for the out-of-towners who haven't been to the Big L in a number of years.

Saturday evening: A reception/dinner/dance, at a venue to be determined, with musical entertainment also to be determined. (I know, I know -- a lot of "TBDs." It was just our first meeting -- give us a break! ;-). We're working on these things as I type.)

Sunday morning: A farewell brunch. Steve and Devona hosted a very successful brunch at Tucker House in 2001 that many of you will remember. This is a strong possibility for this time around as well.

We would welcome any feedback from you all as to your interest in attending, and any thoughts you might have on the events themselves. We'd like to get some kind of early indication of what attendance might be like. Marie VanHoose Sayre, class of 1960 but "Godmother" to both classes, has a robust email list for our class, and she'll be forwarding this message to all of them. She is infusing our efforts already with her patented enthusiasm. You will recall that she was one of our very lovely cheerleaders all those many years

ago (as, of course, was committee member Bunny Laffoon). She can still bring the spirit.

If we all pitch in, this can be a lot of fun. Hope you plan on coming, and that you're beginning already to look forward to seeing everyone again seven months from now, on our 50th (gulp!).

My best,

Bill Bowden '61

February 13, 2011, First Reunion Meeting

Thank You, to these classmates who stepped up.

**Bunny Laffoon Abbott**



**John Thompson**



**Bill Bowden**



**Budd Orr**



**Steve Porter**



**Phyllis Fust Arnold**



**Warren VanHoose**



**Dan Gray**



**Sherry Silliman Willer**



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Sayre  
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