



HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR 75TH!!!!

From the JAHS Class of 1962 Reunion Committee

We don't mean our 75th class reunion in 2037, when hopefully a lot of us then-83-year-olds will gather. But come next year to our birthday bash – when most of us turn 75. While you're out Christmas shopping for the grandkids this winter, pick up a 2019 wall calendar and ink in the following information:

We've set the dates as August 16, 17 & 18, 2019 in our home county of Ashtabula. Given that 23 of 92 classmates have graduated to their heavenly rewards, 2019 may be our last big Hurrah! To stress the importance of this celebration, and encourage classmates who live further away to attend, we've planned a summertime three-day event.

On Friday evening Aug. 16 we'll meet at 5 p.m. at Deer's Leap Winery, Harpersfield. We've reserved tables on their covered patio where we can order off their menu, enjoy wine or other drinks. The band starts playing at 7 p.m., giving us a couple of quieter hours to renew friendships and socialize.

On Saturday evening Aug. 17 at 5:30 p.m., we'll gather for dinner in the Covered Bridge Room at the Geneva State Park Lodge. Many of us met there in 2017 for our 55th reunion meal.

Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. we've reserved a room at the Lakeway Restaurant in Ashtabula Harbor for breakfast. The restaurant is close to the historic Harbor District and Walnut Beach.

Dinner menus and prices, along with headcount requests, will be mailed/emailed to classmates in June 2019.

For those of you who live further away, making a commitment to travel back home for just a few events may not seem worth the time and expense.

But our home county has come alive the past decade after a period of decline. Ashtabula County now has 23 wineries, some with micro-breweries. And "we" have 19 covered bridges, including the longest and shortest in the USA.

There is plenty to do and see during our "75th birthday" week. You and your family can attend "Music on the River" at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge: Live music, local crafts, jewelry and food booths, and family activities. The nationally-known D-Day re-enactment occurs on the lake shore in Conneaut the same weekend. Authentic WWII boats, planes and encampments are featured.

Jefferson Depot Village, located along the old railroad tracks near the site of our high school, is home to 19 historic area buildings, moved there for preservation and restoration. Take a tour or look on your own.

Geneva-on-the-Lake, where many out-of-town classmates stay, offers swimming beaches, jet-skiing, boat rentals and fishing charters. Kayak and canoe liveries serve both the Grand River and the lakeshore. Wine Country tours are available.

Nearby Cleveland has the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Flats area, and great museums. The paved Western Reserve Greenway Trail through Ashtabula County is for bicyclists, walkers and runners.

Although our birthday weekend is nearly nine months away, the popularity of the wine region and Lake Erie resorts means lodging reservations should be made well in advance. We urge you to start planning now to attend our 75th birthday gathering. Reunite with classmates never forgotten!