

CARLETON MINI-REUNION

CLASSES OF '64, '65, '66, '67, and '68

Friday, October 17 - Sunday, October 19, 2003

Un-LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

- Renew old friendships and make new ones
- Talk and generally recharge in a Carleton atmosphere
- See friends from other classes
- Enjoy our Southern Nevada destination

Class of 1964 - Your on-campus reunion is coming up in June, 2004! Reunion is so much fun, and we urge you to attend! If you can't attend or you can attend both, please come to the Mini-Reunion!

A common disappointment of on-campus Reunions is seeing friends from only your own class, a great as that is. Because the Class of '66 is organizing this Mini-Reunion, classes flanking us are being invited, and this necessarily means overlap with someone else's on-campus Reunion, in this case '64.

We hope other classes will also organize something in your off-years and invite us!

Ideal Meeting Place

- ◆ Our Mini-Reunion hotel is only two stories, and arranged around a lovely central courtyard with a pool, a sitting area and lots of space for impromptu conversations.
- ◆ It's large enough for our group and small enough that we'll "own" the place. It's beautifully landscaped with palm and pine trees and so calm and peaceful you can hear the birds chirp!
- ◆ A large suite with French doors opening on to the courtyard is perfect for our "modified limited hang-out" (Hospitality) room. All rooms are suites, so when you invite fellow Carls in for a chat you can sit on a sofa and chair instead of bouncing on the bed.

- ◆ Our group rate is \$79 per night, per room, including deluxe Continental breakfast, easily in reach of most every budget.
- ◆ The hotel has no restaurant, so it's relaxed about our bringing in food and beverages, allowing us to keep costs down.
- ◆ There's a free shuttle to and from the airport and the Strip (based on availability). Estimated taxi fare to both is \$7-8, so there's no need for a car.
- ◆ The hotel is entirely non-gaming--not even a slot machine! We can totally ignore the glitz, noise and smoke of Las Vegas, but we're only a mile from the Strip for the curious.
- ◆ Best of all, it's walking distance to UNLV and its library!

Perfect Location

- ⇒ Las Vegas is extremely affordable. In addition to very reasonable "digs" and no need for a car, there are lots of cheap airfares, especially if you plan now. Southwest and its arch-rival America West battle it out in this market, benefiting us all.
- ⇒ It offers easy accessibility, with many non-stops from everywhere. West Coast alums - there are lots of you! - jump on this!
- ⇒ Weather in October is lovely. There's virtually no chance of rain so we can "hang" outdoors.
- ⇒ Opportunities to explore desert ecology, unusual for most of us, are 40 minutes away.
- ⇒ A major engineering achievement we've heard about since third grade is a hour away. We can combine this with a chocoholics dream excursion and a chance to learn about completely natural industrial waste water treatment.
- ⇒ Las Vegas is the epicenter of the golf world.
- ⇒ Shopping is superb. (This may be a serious attraction for Carls and spouses from smaller cities.)
- ⇒ What ever we think of the values it embodies, Las Vegas is unique in all the world. Here's a chance to experience it with similarly skeptical Carls.
- ⇒ And, you might win you some cashy!

Lots to Do

Relax and recharge with like-minded Carls. Talk, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.

The European Perspective on America Today

Susie Farr Wassenaar '66 made a beeline to the Netherlands in summer of 1966 on a mission. Successfully accomplished, she and her tall handsome Dutchman Otto have been happily married ever since! Consequently, Susie has led her entire adult life in her adopted country and is in a perfect position to articulate and interpret the European point of view. A perspective we rarely get in this country is the considerable concern Europeans feel for America's current foreign policy of unilateralism and our official disregard of half a century of close ties and Susie has graciously agreed to share this point of view. She'll speak Friday at 4 PM.

Pool Pizza Party

Pizza and 60's music around the pool. If you have CD's of "our" music, bring them! Friday evening.

Legends in Concert Show

This high energy show with a cast of twenty and a live band features singers paying tribute (OK, impersonating!) famous performers. It gets extremely high ratings for value, and its seating policy means we don't have to order way in advance and we can still sit together. I saw it, and had lots of fun. As close as we'll ever come to seeing Elvis in person. Close to the hotel, so transportation is by shared taxi. Friday night.

Desert hiking in Red Rock Canyon

Learn about the desert at the excellent if small visitor's center. A thirteen-mile scenic drive introduces you to this wildly beautiful area, and there are well-marked hiking trails of various difficulties. It will be possible to combine this with a visit to Spring Mountain Ranch to see how people have lived in this environment over several decades for any or all of the participants (admission not included). One of the Saturday options.

Excursion to Hoover Dam and the Ethyl M Chocolate Factory

There's an excellent visitor's center with films, lectures, exhibits and a tour of the generators that covers the construction, water management and electrical generation aspects of the dam. This will be combined with a self-guided tour of the Ethyl M chocolate factory (free sample! and wondrous factory shop), 10-acre desert garden (nice desert garden shop) and entirely organic industrial waste treatment facility (which I found the most interesting of everything). One of the Saturday options.

Golf at Las Vegas National Golf Course

Play the course where Tiger Woods won his first PGA. Features "Frank's tree," where Sinatra, er, relieved himself during games. This course was chosen from the hundreds of fine options in the

area in part because of its proximity to the hotel, so transportation is by shared taxi. One of the Saturday options.

Explore the Strip

Take a "funky tour of Europe." Find out what billions of dollars spent in less than a decade gets you. This is actually a lot more fun than it sounds, since the Strip is so utterly unique. With luck, you may find opportunities to gamble! Close to the hotel, so by shared taxi. Fun any time you round up some friends.

World class shopping

Wonderful selection of upscale stores at such as Bloomingdale's, Neiman-Marcus, Macy's, etc. at Fashion Mall. Really upscale shopping (\$2500 men's shirts!) in fantastic surroundings (gondolas actually floating through "Venice") at the new casinos. Close to the hotel, so by shared taxi. Shopping hours.

Book

UNLV Library is walking distance from the hotel!! All hours of the day and night!

Vietnam Today

Vietnam was indeed the elephant in the lives of all of us in the mid-60's classes. Brenda Ringwald '67 has visited there at length and in depth in recent years and has agreed to share her reputedly terrific slide program with us. After our Vietnamese buffet dinner on Saturday.

Remembrance of our Campus Mates

A gathering around the gazebo to remember classmates and friends who are no longer here. Sunday morning.

Tips

The Mini-Reunion will be at the St. Tropez Hotel, 455 East Harmon Avenue, Las Vegas 89109. 1-800-666-5400. www.sttropezlasvegas.com

Dress casually all weekend. You may want a light wrap for evenings.

For the desert hike and the Hoover Dam excursion, a sack lunch is included, because there's no food at the park and only extremely limited junk food at the dam. Bring an insulated lunch bag and artificial ice pack (freeze it in the refrigerator in your room) for safety.

Desert hikers should bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, good shoes and "layers."

For the Hoover Dam excursion, wear comfortable walking shoes.

Golfers can rent Titleist clubs for \$55 a set or bring their own. There's a bar and restaurant at the course.

At the show, when Elvis performs, East siders should scream!

Class of 66 Unofficial Poetry Contest

In preparing for the Mini-Reunion, feedback on what is hardly the obvious location for a Carleton event was solicited by email. This inspired Dennis Johnson to propose the Class of 66 Unofficial Poetry Contest--here and on the back:

Some Carl said, "Let's go to Vegas!"
I say, "You're outta your middle-aged mind.
It's tacky, and vapid, and trashy,
and not a decent library you'll find."
Dennis Johnson '66

Tacky and vapid and trashy,
Made me want to bat my eyelashy
Whereas Vegas is gross
And obnoxious to mos'
At least you could win you some cashy.
Nancy Garrett Worcester '66

Library? Why would I need a library?
Alan Comer '66

Saturday excursion to Hoover Dam and Ethyl M Chocolate Factory (9:30 AM - 3:30 PM) # _____ @ \$ 44 = _____

Includes private mini-bus (no guide) and gratuity, admission to Dam Visitors Center and parking, stop at Ethyl M's for cactus garden and natural industrial waste water recycling facility, and sack lunch of make-your-own sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, cookie, and one bottle of water

Saturday golfing excursion (8:30 AM - 3 PM) # _____ @ \$125 = _____
Includes greens fees and rental of cart

Saturday evening Vietnamese buffet (6 PM) # _____ @ \$ 17 = _____

Includes "world famous" beef salad, Vietnamese spring rolls, Vietnamese egg rolls, charbroiled beef and pork skewer, filet of fish and vegetables entrée, crispy noodles and chicken sauce, rice, wine, a fortune cookie and tea

Sunday luncheon (11:30 AM) # _____ @ \$ 13 = _____

Includes Caesar salad, broiled chicken strips, roll and butter/margarine, iced tea or water, choice of "killer" dessert, and gratuity

Total \$ _____

___ Check enclosed (Make payable to Carleton College)

___ Credit card number _____ Exp Date _____

(Credit card information will be kept confidential and processed by the College.)

Return to Mary Watson, 2003 McClendon, #1, Houston, TX 77030 by **October 1, 2003.**

I anticipate I'll drink throughout the weekend:

- ___ White wine ___ Red Wine ___ Beer ___ Non-alcoholic beer
- ___ Regular (sugar/caffeine) soft drinks
- ___ Regular (sugar/non-caffeine) soft drinks
- ___ Diet (caffeine) soft drinks
- ___ Diet (non-caffeine) soft drinks
- ___ Bottled water
- ___ Other, if possible (Specify: _____)

___ I'll make vegetarian choices (cheese or veggie pizza, cheese sandwich, spring and egg rolls, filet of fish and vegetables entrée, regular Caesar salad)

Questions? Email Mary Watson '66 at mwsp@excite.com before August 21. After that, email at MWatson@twu.edu, or telephone at 713-520-1423.