

Sent: Tuesday December 13, 2011
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Subject: Post-Reunion Plans

Can you believe it's been a month since we gathered at Heights? It was extraordinary to be part of and to observe the interactions leading up to and during the reunion. Absences of over 50 years melted away in moments and we WERE back at CHHS making beautiful music and having fun knowing each other. The memories and the sense of renewed connection to the Farinacci Years and our shared experience continue to glow! For those of us who were fortunate enough to attend, it truly added extra depth of joy to Thanksgiving 2011!

Dick Rose is taking a well-deserved break from direct involvement in the project, and Pete Marvin and Peg Killmeyer Walker will be co-chairs as we move forward. We'll be looking to find ways of maintaining this connection among our alumni, the Farinacci Family, and the current IMD staff.

First things first: As the Holiday Season is upon us, please, those of you who feel so inclined, send a Holiday Card to Alice Farinacci, 4026 Calle Sonora G1, Laguna Hills, CA 92653. We were all so amazed at the Reunion when she remembered each of us – by name and family. She's kept tabs on **all** the alums over all these years! One of the most common reactions at the reunion was "I do so wish I'd stayed in touch, I had no idea she was so interested in us." Your thoughts at the Holiday Season would be most welcome.

For those who attended – and for others of you who would like to get a "taste" of what the experience brought, you might be interested in reading Ken Glickman's comments on his blog:

<http://glickarts.blogspot.com/2011/12/proof.html>

Here are a couple of other links provided by Liz Tidwell

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKpUhmFfrOk> (Stars and Stripes)

and

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6MSdl6DJE8&feature=related> (Alice Farinacci's comments at the Sunday brunch.)

We anticipate that there will be a link to a video of the entire concert and will pass that on to you as soon as it is known to us.

The Web Site www.FarinacciatHeights.org will be continuing, although its format will be revised. Keep checking every once in a while. We've had to change hosts and need to do a myriad of restructuring tasks – but the

pictures from the Reunion will be there, as well as a link to the current Heights Band and Orchestra activities and to the Reaching Heights organization which is working so effectively in support of the Cleveland Heights Public School System and the community.

As the end of the year approaches, remember that the Farinacci Award contributions are tax deductible, and if you need a form, one is available for download from the web site. With the exception of a small operating fund for future expenses, all remaining monies from the reunion account have been transferred to the CHHS Alumni Foundation in support of the Farinacci Award.

We are also working on:

1. Reunion posters – there have been a couple of messages suggesting that we could make reunion posters available to our alumni. If you'd like one – let us know. If there is sufficient interest, we'll get the cost nailed down and arrange to have more printed (suitable for framing) and get them to you.
2. It has been suggested that our alumni might be a wonderful resource for playable, but no longer used, instruments that could be made available for current students. Again, if there's interest, let us know. (The Parent's Organization, BOPO, is looking into having a used instrument drive, so we could perhaps tie in with that.)
3. Another suggestion has been that we might be instrumental (pun intended) in encouraging regional or state wide reunions or gatherings where alumni could assemble to attend a concert, listen to great music, or possibly just to play for each other. We'll need volunteers here for coordinating specifics – holler if you're interested!
4. There are recordings (some extremely fragile) of Band and Orchestra concerts over the years. If there were sufficient interest, we might be instrumental (there we go again) in raising funds to digitize those recordings and make them available both to alumni and to the CHHS archives. Again – let us know.
5. There are about 20 copies of the wonderful Memories and Tributes Book remaining. Comments from over 100 Alumni are included as well as photos from the "Farinacci Years." If you are interested in purchasing one, they'll be sent on a first-come-first-served basis. Please send a check for \$30. , **payable to CHHS Farinacci Reunion**, to Peg Walker, 1 Pebble Beach Dr., Bloomfield, CT

06002. Make sure you indicate where you want the book sent. (If your check arrives after the supply is gone, it will be returned to you.)

As far as specific plans for the future, look for a semi-annual Newsletter shortly after the beginning of the year!

Our best to you for a wonderful Holiday Season, and all good things in 2012.

Happy Memories – Happy New Year!

Peg and Pete