

D.H.S. EX-STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

1920's - 40's ex-students Reunion

2nd meeting - Thurs. 13th Feb., 3.30 pm at D.H.S.

Summary so far:

- 1st meeting held at DHS on 28th Nov. '96
- present were Edna Vukmirovic, Pam and Max Olmeadow, Lesley Davidson, Robyn Browne
- date set for function at on set at Saturday, 29th Nov. 1997. Any earlier dates conflicted either with other functions or seasonal activities, or D.H.S. bookings. November also allows plenty of time for the planning and for guests to plan ahead as we hope to have as many as possible in attendance.
- venue - probably D.H.S. Assembly Hall. NB: On Saturdays through the year, the whole school except for the Hall, is used by Language School students through the year, but should be free by 29th Nov. (to be confirmed.)

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Some pointers for discussion either today or in the future:

- forming a sub-committee ? and then
- who else needed for consultation - eg. (DHS staff, Ex-Students' Assoc'n, caterers, photographers, music, entertainment (present school students for example), etc. ?
- early publicity: who to do it, which media (papers, radio, magazines, etc.) ?
- best ways & means of tracing ex-students - is some sort of process desirable ?
- who can deal with phone work, letters, etc. ?
- registration of names both prior to and on the actual day ?
- computer data base to simplify names registration, etc. in the planning process ?

This just a brief list of things that need to be at least considered. Each reunion is handled differently and various approaches can be as effective as one another. One of the most important points seems to be ensuring people understand they won't be lumbered with 'the whole lot', but who will accept small tasks to do and follow through.

As a result of 2-3 years of co-ordinating these functions I have a comprehensive list of the whos, whats, wheres and hows that we have used in the past. This is both on paper and in the head so please contact me if any assistance is needed in this way.

The list above is only for 'thought starters' as everyone will have their own ideas as to what's wanted. Good luck, and thank you for your interest in this function.



DHS REUNION 1920's, 30's & 40's

Meeting at School

Tuesday, 18 March

Present: Helen Crichton, Lesley Davidson, Jim & Pat Reid, Barry Simon, Muriel Stockdale, Graeme Wilkie, Margot Titcher, Pam & Max Oldmeadow, Una Mason, Bill Brooks, Eric Mitchell, Jean Allison, Ann Taylor, Greta Jungworth & Robyn Brown from DHS Ex-Students Association, Robyn Stevenson-Deputy Principal- DHS

Max Oldmeadow, who chaired the meeting, outlined discussions & decisions made at meetings on 28 November & 13 February.

Decisions to date:

- *reunion to be held on Saturday, 29 November
- *venue-School Assembly Hall
- *tour of the school at some stage

Suggestions made at the meeting: 11.30

- ✓ *reunion should start at 12.00 with people bringing their own lunches
- ✓ *formal welcome at 2.30- possibly an assembly (short !) with school song
- X *maybe a "sausage sizzle" at about 6.00 pm - day-light saving would then be operating
- ✓ *invite staff
- ✓ *display photos - enlarged ?
- ✓ *name tags
- ✓ *produce a "flyer" to be given out - "personal touch"
- ✓ *Robyn S indicated we would have access to the hall on ~~Friday evening~~ & Saturday morning
- ✓ * afternoon tea to be available - not want any of the group to be involved - options - ask a community/church group to help & we would pay them ; Robyn S said there may be another alternative
- ✓ * long discussion on lists of names - DHS Ex-Students Association has provided us with lists - these need correction & expansion
- ✓ *it was decided that all present would correct errors & forward new names & addresses Barry, Lesley & Max
- ✓ *Lesley to look into the best way of expanding the master list
- ✓ * no decision on how contact will be made with people on list
- ✓ *Barry Simon agreed to be Convener - Lesley & Max on Executive

- ✓ * Greta indicated that the Ex-Students Association would advance \$100 to cover expenses

Executive - meet at date to be fixed - about mid-April

NEXT MEETING ; at the School at 3.45 pm - Tuesday, 20 May

D.H.S. Reunion - 1920's, 30's 40's

Meeting at School

Tuesday, 20 May, '97

Present : Bill Brooks, Barry Simon, Pam & Max Oldmeadow, Bob Smethurst, Margot Titcher, Graham Wilkie, Jean Allison, Una Mason, Helen Crichton, Robyn Stevenson, Elaine Houston, Robyn Browne, Geoff Davidson.

Apologies: Muriel Stockdale, Lesley Davidson, Eric Mitchell, Anne Taylor.

Barry chaired the meeting.

Decisions made at the meeting:

- ✓ *reunion to start at 11.30 am with participants bringing own lunch
- ✓ *weather permitting, a short assembly in quadrangle at 2.30 pm- few short speeches & school songs
 - *Max to draw up a list of staff to be invited
 - *Bob offered to handle name-tags- card, pin, ribbon- agreed they be colour-coded in decades
- ✓ *Max reported that Historical Society have agreed to mount a display
- ✓ *Barry's "flyer" agreed to- this to be handled by committee members- 'personal touch'
 - *~~Helen~~^{Elaine} agreed to take over publicity- Papers-Journal (Marg Stork), Examiner (Mike Morris), Times, Pakenham Gazette (Ian Thomas)- Herald-Sun, Woman's Weekly - 'Where are they now?' page
 - *decision still to be made on date for posting *end Sept - mail posting*
now for interstate & remote Vic
- ✓ *Geoff was thanked for his work on updating lists on computer- for lists to be completed all names to be with Geoff by end of June
- ✓ *afternoon tea : Robyn S reported that a member of School Council is Manager of Hannah's Bakery & could supply scones, slices at reduced prices. Max had spoken to Neil Vague who said that the School Chaplaincy Committee would serve tea & coffee. *Not too* It was agreed that we accept Mrs Pavlov, from Hannah's, offer & purchase scones (plain- 30c, fruit & savoury-35c). Max to advise Chaplaincy Committee that their offer be accepted & that they should decide on charges. Agreed they could have a display on the work of the School Chaplain.
- *suggested that afternoon tea be served in the double room near the canteen (L3&4)
- ✓ *Robyn S advised that we have Assembly Hall all day
- *display of photos: agreed that we use the Copy Shop, Monash University for copies & enlargements of photos from school magazine (A4-80c, A3-\$1)
- *decided that participants be asked for a donation to cover expenses- any excess to be given to Ex-Students Association
- *agreed that we accept offer of an advance of \$100 from Ex-Students Association

Next Meeting: 3.45 pm, Tuesday, June 24, at School (bring photos / magazines for selection of photos for display)

DHS Reunion - 1920's, 30's, 40's.

Meeting at School

Tuesday, 24 June, '97

Present: Barry Simon, Helen Crichton, Bill Brooks, Elaine Houston, Margot Titcher, Grahame Wilkie, Jean Allison, Muriel Stockdale, Pat Reid, Lesley Davidson, Pam & Max Oldmeadow, Robyn Stevenson.

Apologies: Jim Reid, Una Mason, Bob Smethurst.

Barry chaired the meeting.

Decisions made:

- *Elaine outlined papers/magazines/radio stations to be contacted - agreed this be done in early September.
- *group very happy with 'flyer'(500) - members took 'flyers' at end of meeting.
- * 'flyers' to be sent now to ex-students living interstate & in remote areas.
- * Pam & Max to send out these 'flyers' after Lesley drops off labels.
- *posting to all not already contacted to be posted at end of September.
- *Geoff to prepare labels for all on our list - labels to be removed for those already contacted.
- *envelopes to be supplied by School.
- *Margot's suggestion of a Registration Table was agreed to - participants to get name -tags, given opportunity to make a donation to cover expenses &, if possible, check names & addresses on lists.
- *Max to check with Chaplaincy if tea & coffee can be available at lunch time at a modest cost.
- *afternoon-tea to be available from about 2.45pm.
- *Barry has received an advance of \$100 from DHS Ex-Students Association.
- *photos & old 'Gates' brought to meeting by members - Executive to bring recommendation to next meeting re selection for display.
- *Robyn indicated that display boards can be provided by School.
- *Barry awaiting call from Wayne Smith re photographs on day.
- *details re Assembly still to be finalised - in quadrangle if fine - Robyn to check re P.A. system - recommendation to be made re use of tapes of school songs.
- *timing of guided tours not finalised.
- *toilets in hall & library areas to be opened.
- *Robyn showed plans of proposed extensions - agreed that plans & information re funding be displayed.
- *agreed to sale of school memorabilia on the day.
- *Max still to draw up list of staff.
- *agreed that our lists should be given to Ex- Students Association for use in 1999 for 80th celebrations.
- *agreed to use Bill Good's services to clean up - \$15/hour.

Next Meeting : August 13 at School -2.45 in Room L3 to look at photos ; 3.45 in usual room for Committee Meeting.

D.H.S. Reunion - 1920's , 30's & 40's.

Meeting at School.

Tuesday, September 16

Present: Barry Simon, Jean Allison, Pat Reid, Grahame Wilkie, Margot Titcher, Elaine Houston, Muriel Stockdale, Helen Crichton, Bill Brooks, Robyn Stevenson, Pam & Max Oldmeadow.

Apologies: Lesley & Geoff Davidson, Una Mason.

Barry chaired the meeting.

Main Business of the Meeting:

- *Margot, Bill, Bob, Pam & Max had placed address labels on envelopes.
- *members removed envelopes of those already contacted.
- *invitations were placed in envelopes.
- *members took envelopes that they could 'letter-box'
- * Max to post the remainder (400+)

Other Matters Discussed:

- *Elaine reported on publicity (see attached page)
- *Max reported that he had contacted Wayne Smith (photographer) & arranged for him to come at 2.15pm - photos will be taken after the assembly, probably in decades.
- *agreed that two school songs should be sung at the Assembly - "The Best School of All" & "Faber Quisque Fortunae" - Robyn will arrange for 200 copies of the words to be run off.
- *possibility of a video &/or photos was discussed - Robyn to talk to the School's Media Studies teacher.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 28 - 3.45 pm in the usual room at the School

DHS Reunion Advertising.

- 1/8 Wrote to Australian Women's Weekly "Where Are They Now?"
- 1/8 Wrote to "Community" City of Greater Dandenong.
- 1/9 Fairfax Community Newspapers. Dandenong. 9238 7777
Includes Dandenong & District Journal.
Dandenong - Springvale Journal.
I spoke to Marg Stark. - sent flyer.
Suggests she interview a high profile ex student nearer the day. She would ring the Principal to arrange - may ring.
- 1/9 Berwick - Pakenham Gazette
Berwick - Cranbourne News.
I spoke to Ian Thomas - sent flyer.
He'll also put it in other country newspapers.
- 1/9 Dandenong Examiner.
Mike Morris not in. I spoke to Linda - sent flyer to Mike.
Will put it in Community newspaper "Out & About" page.
- 1/9 Oakleigh Springvale Dandenong Times.
Spoke to Paul Amy - sent flyer. He may do an article.
- 1/9 Leader Newspapers - sent flyer to Jackie Taylor asking for it to be mentioned in the Waverley Gazette. May not be included as paper is for local items.
- 2/9 Herald Sun "Connections" \$36 5/9/97.
Dandenong High School Reunion for Past Students and teachers from 1919-1950 at DITS on Saturday 29th November 11:30-4:30. Please BYO Lunch.
Further details from Max Oldmeadow 03 9792 1941 or Barry Simon 03 9387 0490.

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Tuesday, October 28

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Apologies: Bill Brooks, Greta Jungworth.

Barry chaired the meeting.

Business Discussed.

*Publicity: Elaine reported that radio stations were still to be contacted & awaits Paul Amy's response. There have been calls from ex-students around the state who had seen notices in local papers. Members congratulated Elaine on her work.

Master Roll: Max has kept master roll up to date- a further 120 invitations have been sent out. Master roll & additions have been given to Geoff to be put on computer disc.

Afternoon Tea: Robyn to purchase foam cups & paper plates. Chaplaincy to provide coffee, tea, sugar & milk. Max to liaise with Chaplaincy. Max to meet with Robyn to finalise order for scones, etc, from Mrs Pavlov (Hannah's Bakery)

Name Cards: Bob has prepared name tags in different colours for decades- 500 for 40's, 200 for 30's & 100 for 20's.

Registration Tables: agreed there be 4 tables with 2 at each table- 2 outside assembly hall, 2 near library. Registration sheets (A4) have been prepared by Geoff & will be on each table- agreed that sheets should be A3 & Robyn be approached re enlargement- will need 80 sheets. Agreed that all names should go on sheets.

8 pens needed (Bob)

Younger ex-students to 'man' tables.

Signs: Bob agreed to prepare the following signs:

Registration- 3, Afternoon Tea- 2, Toilets- 2.

Donation Receptacles: 1 for each table- Bob agreed to prepare 'wrap arounds'
Expenses to date about \$600. Excess collected to go to Ex- Students Association.

Photos for Display: Max showed 20 A4 & A3 copies run off at Monash University Copy Shop. Need for photos from 20's & early 30's. Max to get these from "A History of Dandenong High School 1919- 1968", "Back to DHS" prepared for 1959 Reunion & from Marion Trigg.

Display Boards: Robyn said we could use school's notice boards (8)- need drawing pins (Lesley). Max to check with Chaplaincy & Historical Society re display boards.