



# MRHS Class of 1974: September 2024



News for the Mount Rainier High School Class of 1974



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# REUNION and PHOTOS

The Mount Rainier High School Class of 1974 50th Reunion was a great event! Kerry Brown summed it up with this thank you note:

Thank you to everyone who made the 50 year reunion a success. To the planning committee who, for a full year, endeavored to persevere. To the professional vendors for tolerating us amateur volunteers. A special shout out to Estelle, KC, and the owners of Taylor Mountain Ranch for making their beautiful venue available to us. The largest personal sacrifice, which made this reunion outstanding, came from Brad Goodspeed. The weeks of preparation cleaning equipment from wildfire ash and soot. Sleeping with the smoker so we would have perfect brisket. Free use of his barbecue, oven, steamers, and heat lamps. Then six days to get his smoker back over the mountain. But the biggest Thank You is to everyone who showed up, supported the reunion and had a great time. That is what makes it all worthwhile. There was a suggestion made to have a 52 year reunion when we all would turn 70 years old. Sounds good to me.

- Kerry Brown

## By the numbers

- 184 people registered
- 12 scholarships provided to help classmates attend
- \$5,280.07 beginning balance
- \$6,756.84 ending balance

## Photographs

However, the numbers don't describe how many smiles and laughs and hugs were enjoyed at the Reunion. To see some of those, you'll need to view photographs:

- [Click or tap here](#) for the professional photographer's photos.
- [Additional photos are on the Class website.](#)
- Many attendees posted photos to the [Facebook Group](#).

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## NEWSLETTER SYSTEM CHANGE

We have been using a service called [MailerLite](#) to send newsletters to subscribing classmates. However, MailerLite has become extremely difficult to use, so much so that we have chosen to change to a different newsletter platform.

This September 2024 issue is a test of the [Beehiiv system](#).

## Subscribers

We have copied the subscriber list from MailerLite to Beehiiv. This means your email client may not recognize the new platform as safe and friendly. You may need to look in your spam or junk folder and if you find the newsletter there, mark it as not spam or not junk.

## Formatting

The Beehiiv editor produces clean, readable content. Formatting is not as fancy as in MailerLite but that is probably an advantage, considering that many of us appreciate text that is easily readable.

## Submit content

If you have something of interest for the Class, [please contact the Council](#). Content that comes from classmates is often the most interesting!

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## LOST and FOUND DEPARTMENT

*The Lost and Found space is about people in the Class of 1974. [Please reach out to the Council](#) with any information about missing classmates found, classmates who have passed, and other news about classmates!*

We have lost contact with 206 classmates. These people are listed in the [class database](#) as “missing.” Undoubtedly, some of our missing classmates have passed on, but just as surely, some are alive and well. If you have contact with anyone in the [list of missing classmates](#), please reach out to them. Many people would like to know they are okay.

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## OUR FACEBOOK NOOK

The Facebook Nook touches on recent items of interest posted to the [Mount Rainier High School Class of 1974 Facebook group page](#).

- Valerie Norton posted a photo with John Gayman
- Daniel Olson joined the Facebook group
- The September 2024 newsletter was shared

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## CORPORATION, COUNCIL, COMMITTEE

It must be confusing to hear these different terms: the corporation, the council, and the reunion committee. Here is what those terms mean.

### The Corporation

In 2024, [the Reunion Committee formed a nonprofit corporation](#) to help protect individuals and to assure continuity of reunion planning expertise. The official name of the corporation is MOUNT RAINIER 1974. When we use it this way (all in capital letters) it stands for the official name of the corporation. The nonprofit is a 501(c)(7) “social club” and unlike a 501(c)(3) organization, MOUNT RAINIER 1974 is not a charitable nonprofit. This means donations to the corporation are not tax deductible.

### The Council

The corporation has a board of directors described in the [articles and bylaws](#) as the council of directors. Six classmates were elected as council directors and those directors elected a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer from the six directors. The council manages the business affairs of the corporation.

### The Committee

The Reunion Committee (also called the committee) is a group of people who volunteer their time and talent to help plan class events. This group generally includes the council and several other individuals who are able to help. Volunteers are always welcome!

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# NEW COUNCIL and OFFICERS

Before and during the 50th Reunion, the [Class of 1974 elected a new six-person Council](#). On August 20, 2024, the Council elected officers and set the initial terms, per the Corporation's bylaws:

- **President: Kerry Brown** (term ending August 2026)
- **Vice President: Paula Rudberg Lowe** (term ending August 2025)
- **Secretary: Suzy Van Hout Lindeke** (term ending August 2026)
- **Treasurer: La Hean (Heim) Rohland** (term ending August 2025)
- **Director: Steve Carlson** (term ending August 2026)
- **Director: Tom Salzer** (term ending August 2025)

The term of office for three of the six Council positions will expire in August 2025 so an election for those three spots will be held then. This complies with the [Bylaws of the Corporation](#). Setting terms was also necessary because this was the first election of officers and the council needs to assure that future elections are staggered. Staggered terms help assure continuity.

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## WHEN is the NEXT EVENT?

Since the 50th Reunion, several side conversations have happened around some kind of next event. Ideas have ranged from having a picnic at a park to a more structured kind of thing.

While many people seem to want to get together next year, one idea has taken hold with a number of people: get together in two years. Many classmates will turn 70 years old in 2026 so this could turn into a 70th birthday celebration for the Class of 1974.

No firm plans have been made and that means there is still plenty of time to share your ideas. Two good places to share thoughts and discuss ideas are the class Facebook group and the new group email system (see the next item for more about this):

- [Mt. Rainier 1974 Facebook Group](#)
- [MRHS 1974 Email Group](#)

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# NEW GROUP EMAIL SYSTEM

A new email group for the Class of 1974 launched near the end of August. Join 41 classmates (as of yesterday) in the group at this link:

<https://gaggle.email/join/mrhs1974@gaggle.email>

As requested by several classmates, this service is configured to hide email addresses. Each message has an option to reply only to the sender or you can reply to the entire group. You can use the "reply only to sender" as a way to share your email address with specific people and to ask for their contact information.

The group is not moderated but we expect classmates will be respectful. We suggest avoiding the topics of politics, sex, and religion as those can often become divisive.



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