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OOPS, THIS MIGHT BE A DUPLICATE!

Editor Tom accidentally sent a newsletter out last night using the old system. That content is reproduced here and sent using the new newsletter system. Apologies to all who receive two newsletters!



Winter is behind us, April showers are bringing forth May flowers, and warm weather is just around the corner! So what do you want to do this summer with classmates? We have a simple poll on the class website at <https://mrhs1974.us/any-interest-in-a-2025-get-together/>. Weigh in with your preferences and maybe some summertime magic will happen!

VISITING CLASSMATES BETWEEN REUNIONS

Meeting every 10 years at class reunions is great fun, but not everyone can attend on the date of the reunion. Consider holding an informal gathering in your region and invite classmates.

MRHS grad Jackie Hill asked 1974-era folks to meet for lunch in Federal Way and encouraged people to invite those they knew. The March lunch brought together classmates from the Federal Way area, plus the Port Orchard and Olympia-Lacey areas. We talked about our favorite creative writing teacher Mr. Lou Fagnan, what we did in our careers, our international and national travels and our current hobbies. We had fun reconnecting.





Catherine Morris Brady, Jackie Hill, and Bill Adams

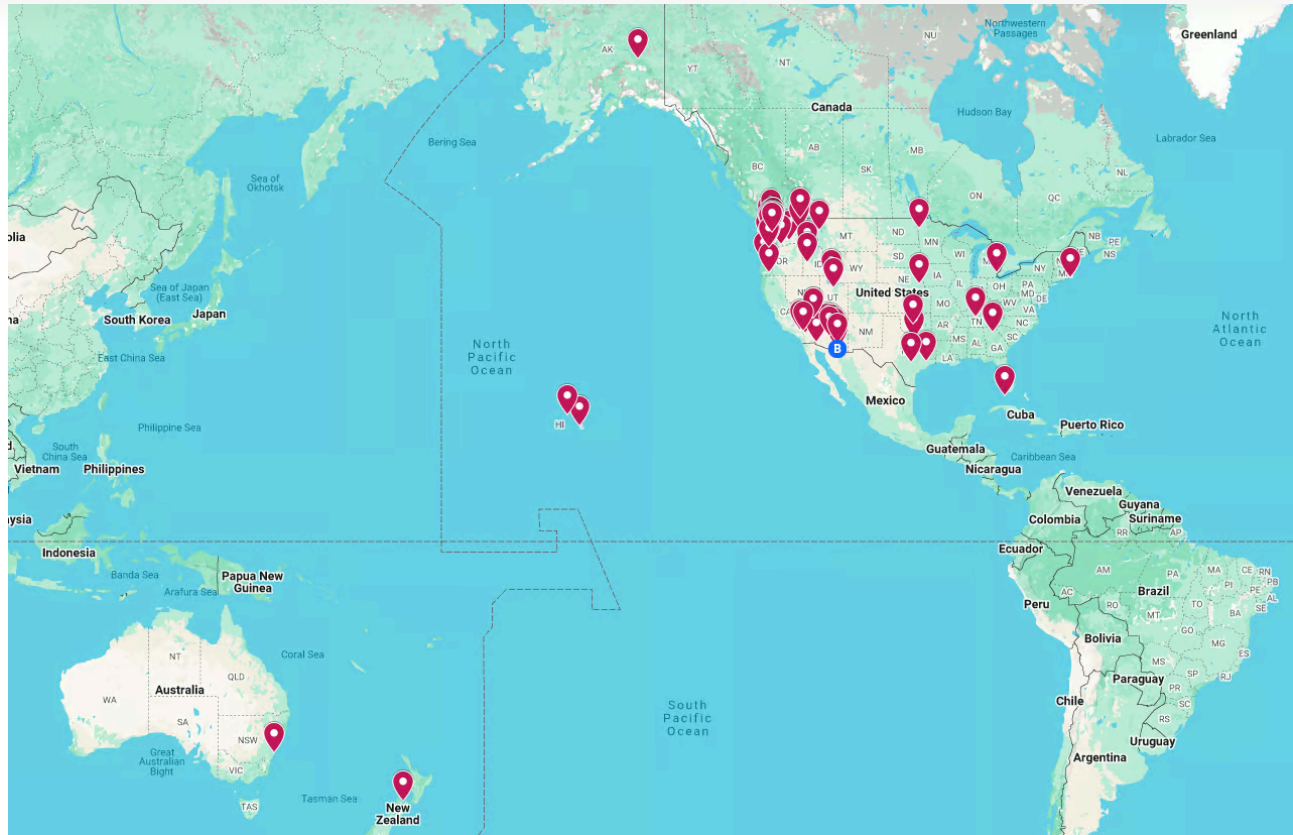
Who do you know in your region? Would you be willing to reach out and ask people to get together? To make it easy, consider having it at a local restaurant, or have an informal summertime picnic in a park.

Thank you to Paula Rudberg Lowe for contributing this article.

WHERE ARE CLASSMATES?

A big thank you to Roy Mowery for putting together a Google Map of classmate locations. It seems like we are almost everywhere!





Google Map of classmate locations

Here's the link to the map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1qZidxkRNruunz4tsqCa5ljspq524uTY&usp=sharing>

PLANNING FOR A 2026 BIRTHDAY REUNION

In 2026, most of us will be 70 years old, so we plan to celebrate together! The organizing group will look for a good date, time, and location.

Some classmates have been married a long time, so it would be fun to see which couples have been married the longest. In 2025, Doug Vanous and his wife Debbie celebrated 50 years of marriage! Who else has been married 45 – 50+ years?

We are looking forward to celebrating 70 years of life in 2025!

Thank you to Paula Rudberg Lowe for this article.



WE ARE SEEKING NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS!

What would you like to read in the newsletter? We have writers who are willing to interview you and write a story, so let us know if you are interested in participating, or email us.

- Are you retired or working? If you are working, are you working in your profession or did you find another job after you retired from your profession?
- Have you reconnected with a friend from high school or met a new classmate from high school?
- What lessons or tips did you learn in high school that you still use today?
- If you played a musical instrument in high school, do you still play it today?
- If you were in a sport in high school, do you still participate in that sport today (example: running, swimming, tennis, etc.)

PHOTOS: WHERE ARE THEY?

Find reunion photos on the MRHS 1974 website! Click here: [50th Reunion \(2024\) at Taylor Mountain Ranch](#)

FROM THE EDITOR

What a busy winter! I know some of our classmates moved to warmer places, at least temporarily. I don't blame them. It seems the older I get, the more the cold of winter settles into my bones and just won't let go. At this stage of my life, an electric blanket in winter is a joy.

Please do update us on your status. Any changes in your life you'd like the class to know



Most of all, though, we just want to know you are okay. We have an email list through a service called Gaggle Mail (a play on Google Mail). If you're not already a member, join in at <https://gaggle.email/join/mrhs1974@gaggle.email>

There is also the class Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/mt.rainierclassof1974>

Please do pass on this newsletter to classmates who may not be subscribed. We are stronger together.

If you need to reach me, find my contact information at <https://tomsalzer.com/>

Wishing you a great spring and a welcome return to summer!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Salzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'T' and 'S'.

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