

## CHSE 61 Planning Meeting Summary

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It was a great meal once again at Macera's in Cranston. There were 42 attendees—click for a list of who was able to make it. Everyone was having such a good time it was difficult to quite them down to start the serving. I understand the dessert was good, too. Somehow I missed it!

One of the members donated wine for each table. Thanks! It was appreciated by all. Also had three \$25 gift certificates donated for local restaurants. We raffled them off along with some other items.

Selling the raffle tickets was fun for Steve Carlson and Dianne Evans. They sold 1 ticket for \$1, 6 for \$5, and an arms length for \$10. It was surprising how long Steve and Dianne's arms were. Most opted for the arms length.

Any money made on the raffle and the dinner has gone into the checking account. Whatever we have in the checking account when it gets closer to the reunion date will go towards the reunion. The larger the account balance, the smaller the ticket price to attend.

Don't forget to check out the items on your Internet storefront. See the link on the home page. All profit goes to the checking account.

Also note the Donations link. Some of your classmates have already clicked and donated to the reunion. Every bit helps and you can donate by credit card or check.

If I have it right, the general consensus was a semi-formal dinner dance at a country club. We should have some kind of picture taking at the event. Anna suggested having someone take pictures as we come in and have them available at the end of the evening.

It seems as if the cost of a band is only a few hundred dollars more than a DJ. So the group would rather see a band. Peggy is looking into various bands and will get back to us with some names, prices, and places they are playing so we can get to see them. Maurice is looking into the possibility of a Do-Op group.

Everyone looked over the current D&M list (Deceased or Missing), but I have not heard of any updates as yet. One of our classmates husband volunteered to try to locate the missing ones. We hope he has better success than we have had.

Jean Mayo suggested we have our own entertainment and volunteered to head a committee to set it up. As Jean told us, if she gets enough volunteers, she will do it. So, you need to get a hold of her to put your name on the list. It should be a lot of fun.

Another suggestion I heard as the night was winding down was we hold a 50-50 raffle. We need a permit to hold one, but I was told this is not a big deal. We would print up

tickets and sell them to classmate and friends. Perhaps 5 tickets per book for \$20 each. In case you do not know how this works, we sell the tickets and when the day of the raffle comes, half the proceeds go to the winner and the other half to the checking account. Might provide a bit of cash towards the reunion. What do you think?

At the last meeting a number of classmates volunteered to check out some local venues. Here are the results plus some places we did not have on the list. Bear in mind that prices will go up 3% or more each year and these prices do not have tax and tip included.

**Crown Plaza**

They want \$5,000-\$13,000 up front. Plus a 20% surcharge. This would be their guarantee. Meals and other expenses come out of the up front money.

**Mohegan Sun**

Need 25 or more and the meals start at \$36 for chicken. No other fees.

**Foxwoods**

Never got a response after repeated phone calls

**Hyatt at Goat Island**

No site fee, but there is a guaranteed minimum. Meals range from \$48 to \$82.

**O'Club**

\$100 facility fee plus meals starting at \$20

**Westin Hotel**

Will not talk prices until 18 months prior to event. Same owners as the Hilton. Parking charge at the conventions center garage.

**Hilton**

Meals range from \$27 to \$41. Parking is \$8 per car.

**Radison near Airport**

Do not know much about this one. Another reunion was using this facility and the tickets are \$45. Do not anything else. Might be worth checking into.

**Potowamut Country Club**

\$1,500 facility charge plus \$30-35 for the meal. Limited size room.

**Alton Jones Campus**

\$69 per person and will accommodate 130 people. Might be too small. Has 32 guest rooms, but must pay for all of them--\$5,900 total. Comes out the \$184 per room. Includes a breakfast for everyone staying there.

### **Alpine Country Club**

Cannot book until May 2009. Can do either an inside event like we have had in the past (40<sup>th</sup> was the last one here) or an outside, by the pool, event. \$1,500 fee to book it and \$30-\$50 per meal.

Expect to see a survey soon so we can get ideas for each of you as to your preferences for place, dress, entertainment, etc.

We will have another fun night in a couple of months in RI. And for those in or planning to visit FL this winter, look for news about a get together in the sunny state—perhaps a pizza night or day at a pool somewhere.

Here is the list of attendees. If I missed you, please let me know.

<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>HS Last</b>	<b>Guest</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>41</b>
Elaine	Altrui	Ferri		P	1
Betty	Archetto	Archetto		P	1
Anna	Badessa	Piccirillo	Betsy	P	2
Henry	Boezi	Boezi		P	1
Louis	Calore	Calore		P	1
Frances	Calore	Capirchio		P	1
Steve	Carlson	Carlson	Jackie	P	2
Patricia	Cousineau	Rava		P	1
Julian	DeMarco	DeMarco		P	1
Regina	DeMarco	Pitacco		P	1
Jean	Dionne	Maio	Maurice	P	2
Dottie	DiSano	Sousa	Richard	P	2
Richard	Evans	Evans	Dianne	P	2
Ernest	Finocchio	Finocchio	Yes	P	2
Jeanne	Gecaurich	Collins		P	1
Barbara	Giroux	Ciccone	Southern	P	2
Robert	Leonard	Leonard	Alexis	P	2
Kathleen	Manzi	Reidy	John	P	2
Jerry	Miele	Miele		P	1
Maureen	Morton	Erhardt	Lee	P	2
Marcia	Perfetto	Antonucci		P	1
Paul	Phillips	Phillips		P	1
Barbara	Piccirilli	Calise	Dom	P	2
Carol	Silven	Cicione	Butch	P	2
Carol	Vincent	Buonanno	Ron	P	2
Peggy	Zamboni	Assaiante		P	1
Marie	Zurowski	Koutsogiane	Mike	P	2