

Whitesboro Class of 1974
50th Year Reunion
August 23, 24, 25, 2024

Questions and Answers

Q: The cost per person is \$75 and includes both the Happy Hour Friday night at the Burrstone Inn, and the main dinner Saturday night at Harts Hill Inn. What is the cost if I can only make it Friday night, or just Saturday night?

A: The cost of a ticket is \$75. This ticket entitles you to admission to Friday's event and Saturday's event. The \$75 ticket would also be good for either Friday or Saturday. We strongly encourage you to plan to attend both events. There is no reduced price for just Friday, or just Saturday.

Q: I am a class of 1974 graduate and would like to bring a friend that graduated in a different class year. Can I bring a friend?

A: Yes! They could also register and attend with a paid \$75 admission.

Q: Is there a block of Hotel rooms reserved for classmates from out of town?

A: Yes. We have 15 rooms reserved at the Burrstone Inn on Burrstone Rd. In New York Mills. The reduced cost is \$159, plus tax. They are located at 1777 Burrstone Rd in New York Mills. Their number is 315-797-2131. Once the 15 rooms are booked, additional rooms may be available but the hotel did warn us that summer is their busy season. So we recommend booking a room early. Also, the Happy Hour Friday night will be held in the bar area of the Burrstone Inn. So guests would not have to drive home after the Happy Hour!

Q: Will there be entertainment Friday and Saturday night?

A: Yes there will on both nights! We have an excellent band, *Mallory Road*, performing from 4:30pm until 6:30pm Friday. This will be followed by karaoke from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Saturday night we have the duo, *Two of Us*. They are an awesome local pair that will be playing several popular hits! Also Saturday night, roving magician *Jim Lutz* will entertain you at your table!

Q: If I come for the weekend, what are some things to do during the day Saturday?

A: We have several activities recommended for Saturday morning and afternoon. Starting with a guided tour of the Whitesboro Senior High at 10:00am. There will also be activities available at several of the top local Utica attractions. These will be informal events that you can attend based on your interest. Each attraction will have a Reunion Committee member acting as the Ambassador (see below). They can help you with times, directions, and to answer any questions you may have. We figured this would be a great way for you to meet up with those long lost classmates, many of whom you haven't seen in 50 years! Below are the attractions and Ambassadors, along with their contact information. The cost for most of these attractions will be free. There would be additional minimal out of pocket costs for things like drinks (where available) or food. Obviously golf would have green fees and carts as an individual expense. The Brewery Tour has a \$10 fee.

10 AM—High School Tour (Bill Schmitt - 315-768-7009 or jurisiii@aol.com)

12 Noon— Irish Cultural Center (Bill Barry 315-335-1816 or bbarryjr@yahoo.com)

12 Noon— Saranac Brewery Tour (Utica Club) followed by lunch in the Saranac Biergarten also at 12 Noon . (Neil Satterly 518-461-1966 or nmsatterly@gmail.com)

TIM E TBA— Nexus Center, part of the Utica Auditorium (Jerry Kraus 315-723-2429 or jkrausutica@aol.com)

Golf— (Bill Guernier - 646-919-9341 or wdguernier@gmail.com)

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Q: Why would I want to visit The Irish Cultural Center, or the Nexus Center @ The Utica Auditorium or The Saranac Brewery during the day on Saturday, 8-24-24?

A: We made arrangements for some fun things to do during the day Saturday. It starts with a tour of the Whitesboro Sr. High at 10:00am. This will give you a chance to stir up old memories as you enter the pit, or stroll down Warrior Hall.

The Irish Cultural Center has a beautiful bar that was hand crafted in Ireland and shipped to Utica where it was assembled showing the great craftsmanship of the Irish woodworkers. Our classmate, Tom Sullivan, and his brothers, were the builders of the Irish Cultural Center. Tom and his brother Jim did all the outside stonework. The Cultural Center is a treasure in Utica. There is also a historical section at the Center that will allow you to see some of the accomplishments of the Irish.

The Nexus Center, newly built next to the existing Utica Auditorium, has three professional regulation ice rinks that are used to host hockey tournaments throughout the year. It is home to the Women's World Hockey Tournament held in Utica in April 2024. It is also home to AHL members, The Utica Comets, and Utica University also has a men's and women's team that play here. These rinks are also used for Soccer and Lacrosse games. There are two bars/restaurants in the Nexus Center. And....it is very cool inside on a hot August day!

The Saranac Brewery (Utica Club) needs no introduction to the class of 1974. The brewery has been a staple in the Utica area since its origin in 1888. Most, if not all of you, have likely taken the Utica Club Brewery tour at one point or another. Do you remember Matt's beer balls from our high school days? Or Maximus Super beer? Here is your chance to again see the pride of Utica up close and personal, including their expanded gift shop where you are sure to find a souvenir worthy of a trip home with you. They now also have an outdoor Beer Garden where you can relax and have a lunch. There is a \$10 fee to take the brewery tour.

Q: Why is there a separate charge for the Brewery VIP tour and what does that cover?

A: Our reunion group is getting accommodation for an early start time at 12 noon for up to 25 people. The regular rate is \$20 per person but if we stay for lunch the rate is reduced to \$10 per person. The \$10 tour includes a four-beer sampler but not the lunch, where everyone will order separately from the lunch menu.

Q: What is the suggested attire for the Friday happy hour and the dinner Saturday?

A: One thing that hasn't changed is August often being hot and muggy! The Happy Hour Friday will be casual. Shorts, golf shirts, sun dresses, or anything else casual is acceptable. Saturday's dinner at Hart's Hill Inn, is more business casual.

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Q: How do I register and pay and when is it due?

A: Payment information is at the end of this Q&A.

No tickets will be issued. Your payment will be recorded on a paid list that will be at the front door both Friday and Saturday evenings, allowing access to both events.

To help us properly plan for the weekend we are requesting all payments be sent by June 30, 2024.

Q: How will I stay informed of updates or changes?

A: We are using Facebook as the main point of contact for the reunion. A page has been set up for our event on Facebook under the name: Whitesboro, NY Class Of 1974 Fifty Year Reunion <https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/whitesboro-ny-class-of-1974-reunion/269914336982281/>

We realize not everyone is on Facebook. But everyone knows someone who is and you can ask them to search our event name as spelled out above.

Q: I have never attended any of my high school reunions or I am single and am unsure about coming alone.

A: We graduated from Whitesboro 50 years ago. A lot has changed in the Utica area, and in each of our lives. Some moved away, some stayed. Some married, some stayed single. Some married several times, some are widowed. Many classmates have passed away.

This could be your last or only chance to see the people that you went to school with, 50 years ago.

The committee has been working hard to create an exciting weekend with plenty of things to do but you may decide on a alternate agenda. You may want to visit family or other friends and attend only the evening events—that's fine.

The committee members will be available to help you feel comfortable Reunion Weekend. We sincerely ask that you give us a chance to make this a memorable weekend for you and classmates. The more who attend the better the event will be!

The Whitesboro Class of 1974 50th Year Reunion Committee appreciates your attendance!

*Gayl Babowicz-Lyon, Bill Barry Jr., Bill Guernier, Paul Head, Steve Howe, Jerry Kraus, Barbara Sanford-Ferrick,
Bill Schmitt, Neil Satterly, Jim Trexler Karen Springer-Zywiak,*

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Registration

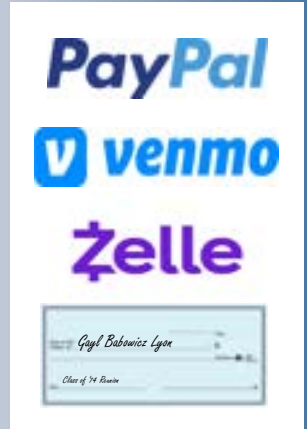
Register for events now and make your separate hotel reservations early!

Registering for the reunion is a two-step process:

STEP #1

Make payment using one of the four available options on right. Payments made through PayPal, Venmo or Zelle should be sent to: cal.lyon@gmail.com

Checks should be made payable to "Gayl Babowicz-Lyon" and mailed to Gayl (address below).



STEP #2

Either print the form below, fill it out and mail to Gayl at address below
OR

Make payment and then e-mail information from the form to Bill Barry at: bbarryjr@yahoo.com.
(Emailing the form is not necessary, only the basic information.)

The cost for Friday and Saturday is only \$75 per person for everything except the optional VIP Brewery Tour.
Add \$10 per if you want to attend.

Please let us know what you are participating in so we may plan appropriately.

Registration Deadline is JULY 1.

Name (Include name at graduation) _____

Spouse/Guest name _____

Number attending _____ @ \$75/pp _____ (includes everything except Saranac VIP tour)

Please let us know the number attending each event so we may plan appropriately

Friday Welcome Reception number attending _____

Saturday Activity Options (select all you plan to attend)

High School Tour _____ Golfing _____

Saranac VIP Brewery Tour—add \$10 pp (limited to first 25) _____

Irish Cultural Center Tour _____ Nexus Center Tour _____

Saturday Dinner _____

TOTAL Amount _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Make check payable to: Gayl Babowicz Lyon and mailed to: 2514 Edgewood Road, Utica, NY 13501