

Dear Lincoln High Alum,

Yes indeed, we ARE planning another LHS "Phoenix Connection" get-together next March, and you are cordially invited to attend. The date is Saturday, March 19th, 2011. And even though I recently lost my wife, Pat '57, to a massive heart attack, I have decided to try and put the dinner together again this year with the help of Larry Klein. You may remember that we had a dinner last March, with 78 people attending, all on a short notice after Johnny Hughes's tragic death.

#### WHAT IS THE LHS "PHOENIX CONNECTION?"

If you have not attended previously, or heard about us before, then let me explain. We are a MULTI-class gathering, with our focus on the mid-fifties classes, but we also now include the whole spectrum of classes from '50 to '60. It started in 2001 with five couples, and has grown to a group that at one point averaged about 150 people per year.

#### AN UNUSUAL REUNION DYNAMIC

Starting with a base of local LHS residents, and adding LHSers that winter here, vacation here, and now even travel here for the event, there may be others of you that may want to consider a trip to the Phoenix area to escape a colder climate, or just to appreciate the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with your old classmates, and also with those that you might have known from other classes as well.

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT

We have no agenda to speak of, other than to get together one Saturday evening, meeting at 5 pm for mixing and mingling, then have dinner, and then visit the rest of the evening.

WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING OTHER SUB-GROUPS to meet on their own, either before or after our Saturday evening. In other words, take advantage of the situation to spend some extra time with those special friends and classmates.

#### HOW WE TRY TO HELP

First, we circulate via email, a list of people that have indicated an interest in attending, which is updated periodically. Then when the reservations start coming in, we will show which ones have completed their reservations, so that you can know ahead of time, who is going to be attending, so that you can make your plans accordingly.

#### A SEATING PLAN THAT WORKS

The last several years, we have used a seating plan that everyone seems to like, where the attendees can choose, ahead of time, which table they would sit at, and with whom they would sit. Generally, it is arranged by class, but with the option to be able to sit at any table you choose.

### NOW IS THE TIME TO DECIDE

March 19th is now less than five months away, and now is the perfect time to plan to attend. If you are interested in attending, please let me know by email to [LTaft2@cox.net](mailto:LTaft2@cox.net). Even if you don't know for sure at this time, but have a genuine interest in attending, please let me know. If you know someone who does not get email, or would like to be added, you can also call me at 623-975-4848.

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN ATTENDING?

Everyone on this email list, and others, if you have someone to add, will receive a reservation form, by email, in early January. It is important to note that to meet the contractual agreements with the Fiesta Inn, where the dinner has been held for the past number of years, we must have 80 people attend. Last year, due the late start, we had 78.

### A GOOD EXCUSE?

Yes, this get-together IS a good excuse to make a trip to Phoenix. But then, do we really need an excuse to get together with our treasured friends from LHS? Consider it an opportunity to reconnect, renew friendships, reminisce, and enjoy Phoenix in the wintertime.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Your LHS Phoenix Connector,  
Lael Taft, LHS '56