

HAPPY FALL

Greetings to all from the JBHS Alumni Association,

We are now almost four years since the formation of our JBHS Alumni Association and growing stronger and stronger as we continue to increase our database of former graduates and plan for the next all-class reunion picnic on June 7th, 2014. We feel very fortunate to have a fantastic Alumni Board as well as some wonderful volunteers for the picnic. In addition, we are currently running a “Buy a Brick” Campaign to allow alumni to leave their mark at Barlow and we continue to network on a daily basis to connect former classmates as the requests come in. We are currently looking for trophies from former Barlow Athletes to create an Athletic Hall of Fame. For sure we have a lot on our plate and continue to work hard to make our JBHS Alumni Association a vibrant, active group with representation from all classes.

We use the BLOG on our site to keep classes connected for their reunions and we encourage those classes who have yet to have a reunion to consider doing so, and most especially to stay connected to classmates. When the time comes to plan your reunion, you will then have a good core group to get it started. For those classes who have been around the longest, as you approach your big 50th, you may want to consider joining forces with the class directly above or directly below you to make it the best ever and to defray what can sometimes be a costly event when your numbers are low. One way to connect with classmates is via our face book page: (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Joel-Barlow-High-School-Alumni-Assoc/187804631238951?fref=ts>).

Our Buy a Brick Program is in full swing but as yet we do not have enough bricks to create our much-hoped for Alumni Walk. We encourage all of you to visit our website : <http://www.joelbarlowalumni.com/>, print the brick form, and send it along with a \$50 check made out to: JBHS Alumni Association so that you can also be part of our walk.

We are all familiar with the expression “it takes a village” and so we are calling on any and all of you who know an alumnus who owns a business that might be willing to become a sponsor to our 2014 TRI-ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC, to do your magic and try to make it happen. In some cases, small groups from a specific graduating class are joining forces and coming forward as sponsors. It is \$500 to become a sponsor so we feel that we have kept the cost opportunity to a minimum. Sponsors will get a full page in our ad book as well as press in the local papers and will be listed on the day of the event and verbally acknowledged as well.

We continue to add to our alumni obituary list and it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to all these wonderful people who filled our lives with joy and leave us with many wonderful memories. We are very grateful to those of you who keep us informed by your emails and phone calls so that we can keep our list updated. Most especially, as we look at this impressively growing list, it reminds all of us that we need to keep in touch and appreciate the gift of once again connecting to old friends.

We are still looking for Sponsors for the Event. One suggestion we have received is that we ask people who have a small business to get about 10 classmates who also have a small business and each donate \$50 toward a \$500.00 sponsorship goal.

I cannot close without giving praise to the Matriarch of the JBHS Alumni Association website, Sharon Morrissey. Were it not for Sharon and her amazing computer skills, none of this would be possible. If you have any questions or if we can help you in any way in regard to a Barlow Alumnus or any of the above opportunities to be involved, I can be reached at 800-267-6012. You can also email us: Sharon Morrissey (samorrissey@charter.net) or Mary Mahony (mary@reddingpress.com).

In the next few weeks we will be uploading the 2014 Picnic Registration Form, which can be downloaded and mailed to us; or can be completed online and paid through Paypal. We will be sending out a notification when it is available.

Happy Fall.

With warm regards,

Mary Mahony

JBHS Alumni Association