

PHS CLASS OF '83 30-YEAR REUNION, PART I:

July 26-27, 2013

[July 17, 2013] First and foremost, I would like to extend this invitation to Palatine High School classmates from the years 1980 – 1986 to correspond with people who were in school with our 1983 classmates. Having said that, if you're above or below those years and really want to attend, you're still welcome. Second, **PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD** on this event! No formal invitations were mailed, so I'm hoping that all of you can get the news out to people that will have been missed by this event. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take a few minutes to forward this message or talk to other classmates. The more the merrier!

FRIDAY JULY 26th

Starting around 8 PM there will be a general gathering at [Durty Nellie's](#) in Palatine, our old "haunt" so to say, though we can't really call it the "new" Nellies anymore as it's been there for almost ten years (yes, we did have our 20-year Friday night gathering at the "old" Nellies and they moved to the new location later that year). The band that night is "Second Hand Smoke", a Sublime tribute band, and cover is only \$5. Probably no specials for our group, but I will contact Nellies and see if they can more or less map off an area for us. Updates on what we're doing will be posted here shortly.

SATURDAY JULY 27th

This is the main event at [McGonigal's Pub](#) & The Annex in downtown Barrington (these establishments are both connected). The Pub's 2nd level and Annex upstairs conference rooms will be exclusively used for our event, but everyone can roam around both places... there will be plenty of room! Here's what we're doing:

- The event will start at 8:00 PM and run until closing (2:00 AM).
- Casual, comfortable attire is recommended. If you want to dress up, that's fine too, and good for you!
- Plentiful (heavy) appetizers will be available until midnight and there will be a special discounted menu for those who want to have a full dinner.
- Morgan Fingleton will be playing live for our event, 9 PM – 1 AM. He's one of our more favorite acts; though he is Irish he plays mostly power pop & dance rock, all the stuff WE grew up listening to as he was a 1985 high school grad!
- Time permitting we'll organize some giveaways and raffles for prizes (I may need some help with this to make it happen)
- **TWO different options** for participating:
 - **\$65 per person** includes 4 hour premium bar package, food and entertainment (best deal for the drinkers).
 - **\$35 per person** includes food, entertainment and cash bar.
 - Soft drinks, coffee and party favors are complimentary for both packages.

We are NOT selling tickets in advance, you can simply pay at the door (which will be in the Pub 2nd level). Cash or credit card is fine, no checks please. Also, if you could please RSVP

on the Facebook reunion page or via this Event Invitation, that will give us a good idea of the crowd coming for organizational purposes.

More information, a bit of housekeeping stuff but important nonetheless:

- **I will need a few volunteers to help with general stuff** – minor decorations, nametags, organizing, etc. If you can provide assistance at Dirty Nellies on Friday and/or the Pub on Saturday, please email me at bryan@phs1983.com; a Facebook message works too.
- **We also WILL do “PHS Class of ’83 30-Year Reunion, Part II” in the fall** centered around a PHS football game, probably the same type of setup that we're doing for round #1. Hopefully this will allow myself and a committee to reach out and capture more fellow classmates. If you can attend both, great! More on this will be posted later as a date is secured.
- If you're not familiar with downtown Barrington, we are located in an old brick bank building that's a block east of Rt. 59 (Hough Street) and ¼ block south of Lake-Cook Road (Main Street) right off of Cook street. We're actually about two blocks from the Barrington Metra train station; that's the Union Pacific Metra that also stops in Palatine by Dirty Nellies (a 6-7 minute train ride)! Maps & location information is on our website, and there is plenty of parking available. Check us out at www.mcgonigalspub.com or www.facebook.com/mcgonigals.
- **The closest hotels to us are:**
 - Hampton Inn, Deer Park (21660 W. Lake Cook Rd, 847-726-0500)
 - Holiday Inn Express Lake Zurich (197 S Rand Rd, 847- 726-7500)
 - America's Best Value Inn, Barrington (405 W Northwest Hwy, 888- 315-2378). I'll be honest with you, this one is very close to the Pub but is definitely a “budget” hotel if you know what I mean.

Finally I am going to apologize for the poor planning of this event. I am aware that there are many of you who would have liked to come to this but can't due to such late notifications and no formal invitations. I more or less put the weight of this reunion on myself with no delegation; with the ridiculous hours I spend working and of course trying to balance in some life/family time, I just couldn't make it properly happen. However, excuses aside, this should be a great time and planning the “Part II” fall event should hopefully attract more classmates. YES, I'll need help for that one if we want it to be a big success!!!

More updates will be posted here shortly, and the www.phs1983.com website will be updated too. Hope to see you at our reunion weekend!

Sincerely,
[Bryan McGonigal](mailto:bryan@phs1983.com)