



Connections

TE/Conestoga Alumni Newsletter

March 2016

Class of 1946 Reunion April 6th 2016

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The class of '46 meets two times a year for remembering and fellowship. This spring we will meet on Wednesday April 6th at 11:30 AM at Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square, Pa. Aronimink has easy, no steps, access and welcomes canes, walkers, and wheelchairs. We also welcome spouses and, if you don't drive, friends or relatives who bring you. We have a small group of regulars, but we all would love to see more of you! **Please try to come. See you in April!**

RSVP to Mary Pattison Howse @ 610-382-7283, email: pathowse28@gmail.com,

or Anne Toroni Murdock@484-320-8274, email: frankmurdock108@yahoo.com.



Class of '46 members attending the October 2015 Gathering (l to r): Lyndel Hartshorne, Walter Dawson, Tony Segui, Jane Roney Ruoff, Mary Pattison Howse, Anne Toroni Murdock, Matt Yelovich and Calvin Wright.

Conestoga Class of 1966 50th Reunion

You know you're coming. But you are procrastinating because you figure you can always send in your ticket money at the last minute. Right? Not really....

We have to know how many folks plan to come or we will end up with lots of people and not enough of everything else! **So before you set off on your summer vacation, throw your ticket money over the wall!** October is closing in!

Date : Saturday, October 15, 2016
Place: Sheraton Great Valley
707 East Lancaster Ave.
Frazer, Pa. 19355
610-524-5500
Tickets: \$60.00 per person **Cash Bar 6:PM -10PM**
Cocktails: 6:00-7:00 PM **Dinner 7:00 PM**

The Sheraton has offered us a discount so mention "Conestoga Reunion" when making your reservations. Send checks to:

Bobbie Keselicka. (formerly Bobbie Rosa)
804 Wharton Court
Newtown Square, Pa. 19073

Contact Bobbie at 610-316-1139; or email: Bobbieisme@verizon.net

Attention Vets: Interested in Establishing a Veterans Group?

Fellow TE/Conestoga Alumni Veterans:

As an alumni (CHS 1959), I pondered investigating the possibility of locating US military veterans in our TE/CHS midst to form a Veterans' Group. Military service includes veterans in any of the five US branches, who served on active duty (war or peace time). Reserves, domestically, or on foreign soil, from all conflicts. Officers, enlisted, men, women, all are welcome!

Please let me (former Capt. Joe Moore, US Army) know via return email, ASAP, by identifying your name, branch of service, where you served, dates of service, duty occupation, email address. This information will not be shared with any group or organization outside of the TE/Conestoga Alumni Association. I will collect your input and develop an email database for our own internal use. From this we can communicate among ourselves to see where we could take this program.

The goal is getting together at the Annual All Alumni Gathering event later this year with our fellow veterans to socialize and share our military experiences. We can also meet periodically on our own, if so desired. It would be great to get to know one another and be able to greet one other knowing we provided support for our great country. We could also start a Facebook link with available photos of our past service. I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future. If you are not a veteran, but know of the whereabouts of an alumni veteran(s), please let me know.

**Joe Moore, CHS Class of 1959
Captain, US Army Field Artillery
Germany and Viet Nam 1963-1967**

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Obituary: John J. DiFerdinando, TE Class of 1934

John DiFerdinando died at the age of 99 ½ on December 24, 2015. He was the last surviving alumnus of the TE Class of 1934. John was an amazing man who had a long and fascinating life. His life spanned 17 U.S. Presidents, six wars and many historic world events.

He graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Engineering, attending evening classes while working 10 hour days. For 33 years he was a Quality Control Supervisor (third shift) at Westinghouse Electric and managed his own handyman business during the day. John's hobby was snowmobiling and travel and he was fortunate to have visited 50 countries during his lifetime.

After retiring from Westinghouse, John started "Devon Window" – a one man operation where he repaired and installed storm windows and doors until retiring again at age 87. John lived at Shannondell in Valley Forge for 12 enjoyable years and resided at Highgate at Paoli Pointe at the time of his passing. He was a loving, caring father to his daughters as well as a surrogate father to his two granddaughters and will be greatly missed by all including his two great-grandchildren.



John at the October 10th 2015 TE/Conestoga Gathering which he attended with his daughter, Loretta DiFerdinando (Class of 1967).