

Newsletter #20

MCHS 60s Reunion & Celebration of the 60s

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Please join us: Oct. 17 2015 at Old Mill, Toronto

A Message from the Planning Committee

We are currently working on arranging for an informal Friday (October 16, 2015) gettogether among the reunion attendees at the Stay Inn, which is not far from Old Mill Toronto. We have arranged for special accommodations rates at the Stay Inn for attendees and we anticipate that quite a few of us are likely to be staying there. The gettogether would be at a meeting room at the Stay Inn, assuming the room is available.

Some people may, alternatively, wish to arrange for an informal get-together on Friday evening at the Home Smith Jazz Bar at Old Mill Toronto or at some other nearby location.

People have recently commented that, after 40 or 50 years, it can be a good idea to meet a few people, from one's high school years, so that once the reunion is underway at 6:00 pm on the Saturday, a person already has met at least a few people from the past, and the process of meeting old friends after 50 years ago will not be too disorienting, or too great a shock to one's system!

Once we have details in place, regarding an informal get-together or get-togethers, we will share the information.

If anyone among the attendees has some suggestions on where to get together on Friday, October 16, 2015 or Saturday, October 17 prior to the 6:00 pm start of the reunion at Old Mill Toronto, please let us know. Contact Jaan Pill at jpill@preervedstories.com or send a text message at 416-722-6630.

Or if you have a particular group of friends from MCHS that you already want to meet with, you are of course free to make your own arrangements amongst your friends.

We had a previous plan to arrange for a two-hour walk along the Humber River, on Saturday, October 17, 2015 prior to the 6:00 pm start of the reunion. However, many conversations among potential attendees have led us to the conclusion that many

people would prefer to spend their time getting ready for the 6:00 pm start of the reunion, rather than travelling to and from Old Mill Toronto to take in a two-hour nature hike along the Humber River on that day. It's our understanding that getting ready for a reunion will take considerably longer than 15 minutes, for many of the attendees who will be arriving in style at this event!

For this reason, we have decided to go with an abbreviated, 30-minute walk along the Humber River starting at the entrance to Old Mill Toronto at 10:30 am on Sunday, October 18, 2015, the day after the reunion. The walk will end at 11:00 am, that being the time on Sunday when we have reserved 20 seats for a Sunday Brunch at the Old Mill Restaurant.

The Brunch will take place on the second floor of the restaurant, offering a great view of the nearby historic Humber River.

We have currently reserved 20 seats; we will need to have a final figure, for the number of people attending the Brunch, by a week prior to the event at the latest – that is, by October 11, 2015. We will find a way to ensure that we know, by that date, which of the reunion attendees wish to join us for the Sunday Brunch.

The Humber River walk will enable us to admire what is left of the fall colours at that time of year, and to comment on how the importance of the river has changed over the centuries in light of the changing occupants and natural disasters (e.g. Hurricane Hazel in 1954) that have occurred along its banks.

We will also note that the year 2015 marks the 400th anniversary of Étienne Brûlé's expedition, accompanied by Wendat guides, from Orillia to Lake Ontario in 1615. Scott Munro (MCHS '63) has remarked that he still remembers first learning about Étienne Brûlé at a memorable grade 9 history class at Malcolm Campbell High School.

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