

NEHI Class of 1962

60th REUNION UPDATE January 11, 2022

All plans for the upcoming reunion have been made knowing those plans might have to be changed up to the last minute. With that as the guiding factor, both venues selected for the events offer the ability to do just that with no financial obligation.

At this point, with the reunion over 3 months away, plans will continue to progress for our 60th Reunion April 22-24.

Your safety is of utmost importance and the situation is being carefully monitored. <u>If</u> <u>it becomes necessary to change those plans, a decision will be made by March 15</u> <u>and you will be notified at that time</u>. All registration payments will be returned.

We look forward to being together once again . . . either in April or at another time if necessary . . . and sharing that great NEHI '62 spirit!

Watch for updates on the NEHI '62 website.

Complete Updated Reunion Packet and Registration follows



NEHI Class of 1962 60th Reunion April 22-24, 2022

January 11, 2022

Dear NEHI '62 Classmate:

It's will be here soon ... our NEHI '62 60th Reunion in beautiful downtown St. Petersburg! It is hard to believe that it will have been almost 5 years since so many of us gathered for our 55th. At that time and since then many of you have expressed an interest in a much simpler 60th, with more opportunity to visit with your classmates. That is exactly what is being planned, plus plenty of time for you to explore St. Petersburg, its beaches and the Tampa Bay area either individually or with a group of your NEHI classmates!

Once again, due to the generosity of classmates, we are delighted to be able to offer two exceptional venues for our events.

Friday evening's social will be at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club's Waterfront Room and adjacent poolside balcony with its outstanding view overlooking the downtown marina. Following the social you may want to have dinner with classmates at one of the area's many outstanding restaurants or enjoy a night on the town.

On Saturday evening we will be returning to the Bayfront Tower for a catered dinner. The social area on the top floor has an open terrace which offers a breathtaking 360 degree view of St. Petersburg from Tampa Bay to the Gulf of Mexico with the Skyway in between. You will be able to enjoy watching the sun set as the stars and the city lights bring a sparkle to the panorama. The evening will give you plenty of time to mingle and visit with your classmates as music from our era provides a quiet backdrop for our conversations.

Reunion Schedule:

April 22 (Fri.)	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception - <u>Casual Attire</u>
		Cash bar, light hors d'oeuvres
		St. Petersburg Yacht Club, Waterfront Room
		11 Central Avenue (entrance on Beach Drive)
		Complimentary parking
		Dinner on your own (reservations recommended)

April 23 (Sat.)	All day	Leisure Activities		
	6:00 PM	Cocktail Hour – <u>Casual (60s attire welcome!)</u>		
	7:00 PM	Catered Dinner including beer/wine/soft drinks BYOB welcome, mixers provided Bayfront Tower Condominium One Beach Dr. S.E. Complimentary parking		
April 24 (Sun.)	All day	Brunch on your own Leisure activities		

If you have not been to St. Petersburg in recent years, you will be amazed at our vibrant downtown waterfront featuring many restaurants, shops, museums and parks. Those of you who attended the 55th will be surprised at the many new sights since then. There is even a new pier featuring several restaurants plus lots to see and do (check out <u>www.stpetepier.org</u>) In addition to our world famous beaches, St. Petersburg is now an internationally acclaimed arts destination with two new world class museums, the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art and the Museum of the American Arts and Crafts Movement, joining the Salvador Dali Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts and the Chihuly Collection. You can also visit the St. Petersburg Museum of History and the Florida Holocaust Museum. The SHINE St. Petersburg Mural Festival has graced our city with many outstanding murals, some in interesting out-of-the-way places.

St. Petersburg is also a culinary destination featuring a multitude of restaurants offering a wide diversity of cuisines in casual to luxury fine dining venues. It is recognized as the home of numerous outstanding craft microbreweries. You may want to take in our lively Saturday Morning Market, the largest one-day a week fresh market in the southeast located in the Al Lang Stadium parking lot; it offers a great eating experience as you browse the many vendors. Or you can enjoy a nostalgic visit to Sunken Gardens, now owned by the city; take the Dolphin Cruise along the downtown and residential waterfront; tour downtown St. Petersburg on the Looper trolley; or ride the ferry to Tampa and back. If you are a baseball fan, our exciting Tampa Bay Rays will be hosting the Boston Red Sox that weekend. The world famous "Sunshine City" that we grew up in has grown up also!

To help plan your visit, you can access *Gulf to Bay*, the St. Pete Clearwater visitors guide, at <u>https://www.visitstpeteclearwater.com/online-guide</u> or check out <u>www.visitstpeteclearwater.com</u> and <u>www.DiscoverDSP.us</u> as well as websites for activities of interest to you. Information about various activities will be provided at the reunion.

<u>Cost</u>

We are very pleased to offer this great weekend for just \$100 per person. A special rate of \$25 is being offered for those who can attend only the Friday night social.

Recognizing that so many of us are now retired, the reunion committee has sought to keep the cost as affordable as possible. *Scholarships are available (and will be kept in confidence) for those who need financial assistance to attend.* Please contact Liz Cutler Stiles for information (727-823-5870 or ecscss@aol.com).

Accommodations:

St. Petersburg has become quite a desirable destination and hotel rates reflect the demand. With a group our size, we cannot guarantee the number of rooms needed to secure a reduced rate at a reunion hotel. A list of hotels is included so you can select one that fits your budget. Airbnb offers accommodations sprinkled throughout the area. Or you may wish to stay at the beach or further from downtown.

Notes from Classmates

At the reunion we would like to post current photos of those classmates who are unable to attend as well as any notes you would like to share with your classmates. Please include them with your information/registration form.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships are available in any amount you wish to contribute. They are used to support the cost of the reunion including scholarships and also the NEHI '62 website. Sponsors will be listed in the reunion booklet and on the web site (unless otherwise requested).

<u>Website</u>

Join 150 of your classmates at <u>www.nehi1962.com</u>. If you have not already signed up on the site, please do so now (there is no charge) as it will give you access to all the pages on the site. It's easy to do . . . instructions are in the upper right corner of the home page. It is a great way to keep in touch with your classmates and to share your news. **Reunion updates will be posted on the site and are available to everyone**.

Your Reunion Committee is having a lot of fun planning this for you. We promise you a weekend full of fun, laughter, reminiscing and renewed friendships. We look forward to seeing you April 22-24 in St. Petersburg!!

Reunion Committee:

Linda Arnold Earle, Linda Berger Haley, Cheryl Conant McHugh, Frank Cooke, Jane Anne Cordes Knowlton, Liz Cutler Stiles, Dede (Carol) Day Murtagh, John Fraser, Becky Hood Wells, Candy Jones Lenderman, David Knowlton, Diana Renn Fraser, Chris Stiles, Kaye Torasso Jancaitis, Phyllis Wilson Rush

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319 Rafael Boulevard NE St. Petersburg, FL 33704

Mark your calendars: April 22-24, 2022

Thank you for filling this out. Your information will be updated as needed in our class database. Indicate your attendance, enclose your check and **mail to the above address by April 10.**

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First Name	МІ	Last Name	Maiden Name	Preferred First Name
Mailing Address		City		State/Zip
Other Address		City		State/Zip
E-Mail address				
Telephone			Cell Phone	
Occupation			Spouse	
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PAYMENT INFORMATION

NAME:

Number attending:	\$100 per person	\$
# Attending Friday # Attending Saturd Name of guest:		
Friday Social Only	\$25 per person, includes reunion booklet	\$
Sponsorship (any amo	\$	
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$

Mail completed form and check by April 10 to:

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Downtown St. Petersburg Hotels

HOTEL	ADDRESS	PHONE	RATE (4/22)	RATING	DISTANCE TO YACHT CLUB
Hampton Inn & Suites	80 Beach Dr. N.E.	727-892-9900	\$241	4.6	0.0 mi.
Ponce de Leon Hotel	95 Central Ave.	727-550-9300	\$107	3.5	0.0 mi.
Hyatt Place	25 2 nd Ave. N.	727-220-0950	\$359	4.5	0.1 mi.
Hilton Bayfront	333 1 st St. S.	727-894-5000	\$479	3.9	0.2 mi.
The Birchwood	340 Beach Dr. N.E.	727-896-1080	\$311	4.5	0.3 mi.
The Inn on Third	342 3rd Ave. N.	727-894-3248	\$104	4.7	0.5 mi.
Courtyard by Marriott	300 4 th St. N.	727-450-6200	\$207	4.1	0.5 mi.
Renaissance Vinoy	501 5 th Ave. N.E.	727-894-1000	\$509	4.6	0.6 mi.
Mansion Inn B&B	105 5 th Ave. N.E.	727-289-2121	\$107	3.5	0.7 mi.
Hollander Hotel	421 4 th Ave. N.	727-873-7900	\$188	4.6	0.7 mi.
Avalon Hotel	443 4 th Ave. N.	727-317-5508	\$170	4.6	0.7 mi.
Staybridge Suites	940 5 th Ave. S.	727-821-0777	\$177	4.5	1.2 mi.
Tru by Hilton	1650 Central Ave.	727-550-2200	\$150	4.3	1.5 mi.
LaQuinta by Wyndham	6638 4 th St. N.	727-235-6962	\$117	3.8	4.7 mi.
Comfort Inn	2260 54 th Ave. N.	727-362-0075	\$199	3.8	5.2 mi.
Holiday Inn Express	2171 54 th Ave. N.	727-520-7800	\$201	4.5	5.3 mi.
Fairfield Inn & Suites	2575 54 th Ave. N.	727-685-1555	\$170	4.0	5.6 mi.
Comfort Inn & Suites	875 94 th Ave. N.	727-563-9100	\$169	4.4	8.7 mi.

NEHI Class of 1962 Missing Classmates

The following classmates are either missing or their current contact information needs to be confirmed.

Please send e-mail addresses, mailing addresses or leads to: Liz (Cutler) and Chris Stiles (<u>ecscss@aol.com</u> or 727-823-5870)

Alonso, Jose Bonsey, Joseph Bower, Karen Tammy Butler, Donna Marie Call, Donald Samuel Carr, Jim Carroll, Marcella Dillow, Larry Gibson, Judith Ann Hampton, Jo Ann Henry, Diane Jean Hicks, William Holmen, Kirsten-Birgitte Hyde, Don Josephson, Beverly Ann Kersey, Judith Ann Kirk, Muriel Ann Kroll, Carole Laura Miller, Karen Carol Morgan, Dianne J. Peters, Faith Ellen Pettengill, Cynthia Roberts, Edwin Rosenweig, Jo Smith, Arthur J. Smith, Patricia Vogel, Nancy Jo Waholek, Antoinette (Bonnie)