

Hi, Fred Nelson for Community Comment,

This past Saturday, I attended a delightful event at the Eureka Inn. I had seen a notice in the local newspaper announcing a Eureka High School Class Reunion for those who had graduated from Nineteen Thirty Four to Nineteen Forty Six. There were about thirty attendees with the event hosted by Liz Day, a young lady who, I learned, is the daughter of Dr. Jack and Mary Walsh. I overheard Liz make a comment that she had never done anything like this before and I must say that she deserves a lot of credit for her endeavors. When you think about it, there are not that many people left from graduating classes of the years designated and a gathering such as this allows the survivors to gather and reflect on their school days. Though the invitation mentioned grads from thirty four to forty six, there was one attendee who had graduated in Nineteen Thirty Two. Graduating in Nineteen Forty Five made me one of the younger ones. I had the pleasure and the honor of sitting at a table with a ninety nine year old on my right and a ninety seven year old on my left. So what did we do? Sit around and look at each other and discuss our medical problems and talk about the deceased? No way! What a noisy happy bunch (and they weren't all hard of hearing)! Every attendee was invited to share, with the group, any good stories from their high school days. A number did just that and were appreciated with rounds of applause. Over the years, I have been a part of the committee of the Class of 45 reunions. A lot of work and planning was involved as it is with any other class reunion. It was so nice to be able to walk in and casually visit and get re-acquainted, or in some cases, get newly acquainted with those of earlier and later years. None of us had to worry about suits and ties and evening gowns and programs and all the other necessities for a big bash. I am not downplaying the role that Liz played in hosting the event. Not being involved in such an event before this, she is to be admired for her hard work and the planning that was called for. Just before the reunion ended we retired to the patio for a group picture, which we hope will be published in the local Times/Standard. Liz made the announcement that she would like to repeat the reunion in the fall. I strongly suggest that those of you EHS grads from Thirty Two to Forty six who had not heard of the Saturday event or those of you who could not make it, to watch for announcements for the fall reunion and plan to attend. See you there!

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