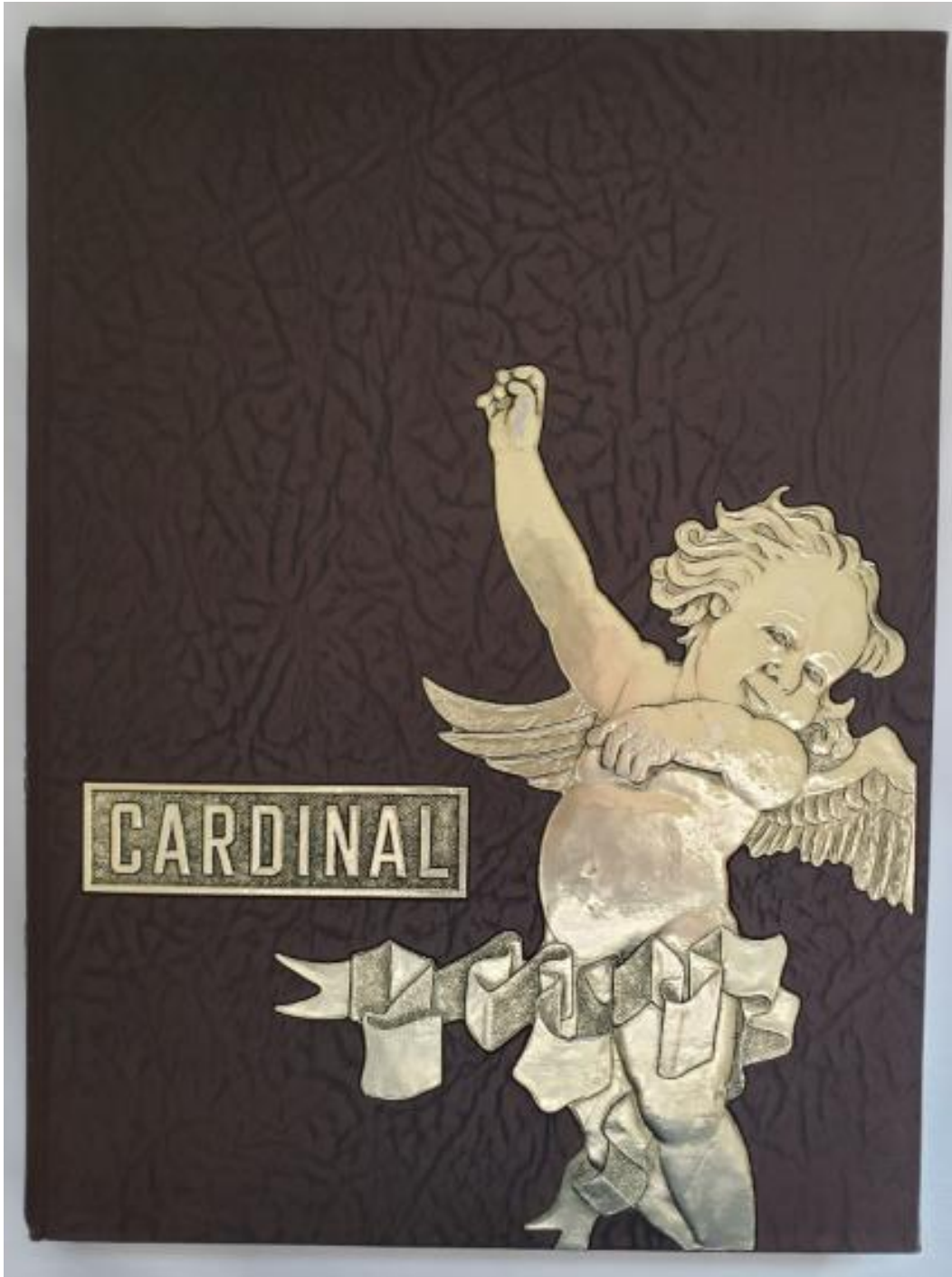
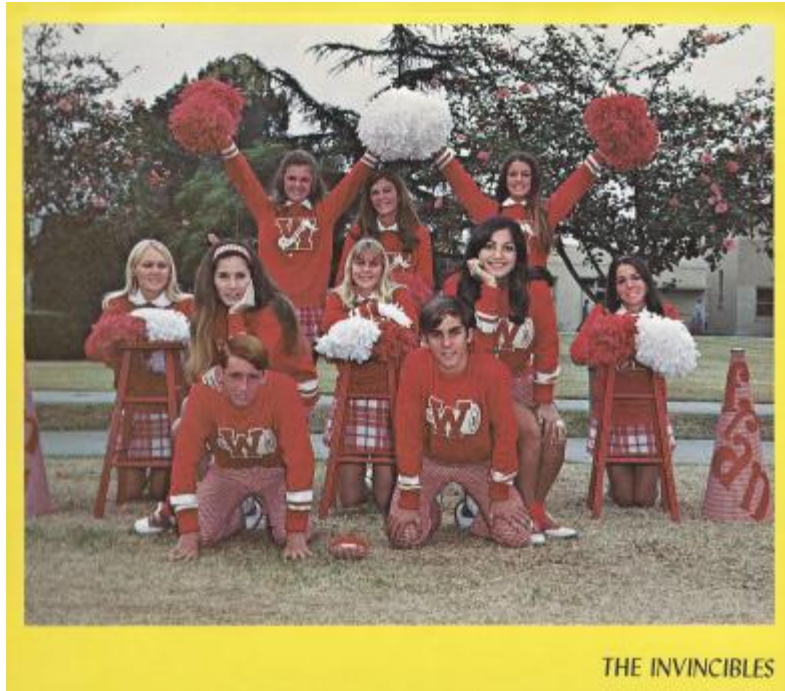


WHS CLASS OF 1971 NEWSLETTER

June 2026





SAVE THE DATE – AND THE DETAILS!

You'll recall that we had settled on the date – Saturday, October 17, 2026 – some time back. The Reunion Committee has now completed the details of the event, so that you know what to expect.





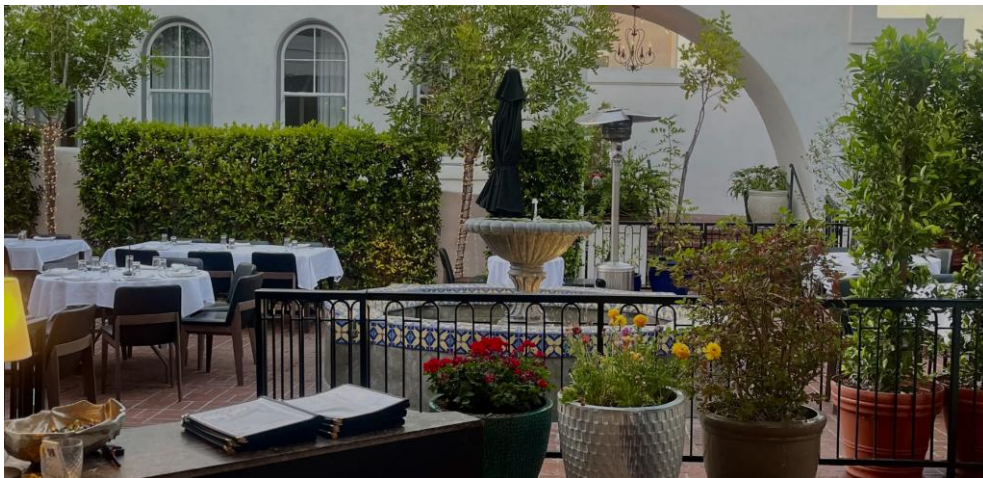
REFRESH, REFLECT, RECONNECT

This event is intended to be simple physically – a several-hour get-together at a nice setting with friends from the past, and hopefully at present and into the future.

55th reunion of the Class of 1971:

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2026

Location: Mission Square Italian Restaurant, 13033 Penn St, Suite 100, Uptown Whittier



This is a lovely setting. The restaurant itself is charming, and our reunion event will be held in the restaurant's outdoor area. The food will be EXCELLENT and suitable to any taste!

Time: 5:00-10:00 PM

REGISTRATION FOR THE EVENT OPENS ON JULY 1

Price: early bird price of \$80 per person for reservations made by August 31, and regular event price of \$100 per person on and after September 1

Preferred payment method: Zelle (the reunion bank account at Bank of America is set up for direct payment), but other methods will be accommodated (see attached document "How to Pay for Reunion Event")

Lodging: a block of rooms has been reserved at a room price of \$180-190 at the Doubletree Hilton across the street from the restaurant (see attached document "Hotel Arrangements")



Event plan: hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and mingling - that's it (simple) – very limited formal program

Music: live music is not planned per classmate requests (high prevalence of hearing loss in our age group)

The next day: the WHS Alumni All-Class Barbecue (advertisement attached-purchase tickets on Alumni website: <https://whittierhighalumni.org/bbq>) – an opportunity to experience WHS as it is in 2026, beautiful and well cared for after all these years!

WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

 *All-Class Barbeque* 

OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 12PM

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon connecting with WHS Alumni!

Come and Enjoy 

BBQ Hamburgers and all the fixings 

Entertainment by the WHS Band and WHS Cheer

Campus Tour with Alumni Historian Charles H. Bennett

Wurlitzer Organ performance by David Marsh

TICKET INFO

Adults	\$45.00
Children	\$30.00
Concert Only	\$15.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TICKET PURCHASE:

whittierhighalumni.org/bbq/

*Please indicate if you would like a plant-based burger for your meal.

WHY ATTEND A 55TH REUNION?

Reflections on “the 8th decade of life”

No question about it; 10th, 20th, and 50th are always big reunion numbers. The Class of 1971 WHS 50th reunion was a grand success – well attended, lovely venue, and most of all, a warm, welcoming, and relaxed interpersonal atmosphere.



Our classmates have expressed enthusiasm for a 55th reunion, and now it is approaching in just a few months.

Why attend?

Medical terminology divides the lifespan into decades, describing the important features of each one. Now that you and I are in our 70s – “the 8th decade of life” – it’s fair to be asking ourselves, “What’s REALLY important?”

Well, all of the Youtube videos I am watching (and I bet you are too) are telling me that at this stage of life, interpersonal relationships matter more than just about anything. Cindy and I recently moved into a Continuing Care Community, and I am now experiencing the power of intimate relationships in a way I have never before.

Without being maudlin, I’ll just say it: How much longer do we have left? We have been mourning the loss of some of our classmates, yet many of us still thrive and maintain sufficient vigor to work, travel, and be physically active.

So – perhaps the 55th is actually an *ideal* time to come together while we still can. This event has been conceived by the Committee for one purpose only: to have several hours of quiet, relaxed time together and have meaningful conversations that reflect this golden phase of our lives.

How about it? Please consider attending the reunion in October and contact our fellow classmates to join us.

All the best,

Carl Devore, on behalf of the 55th Reunion Committee:

Jan Meise Murphy

Deb Malchow McCarty

Marilyn Magness Carroll

Uwe Schick

Katie Rall



HOW TO PAY FOR REUNION EVENT

This information is intended to make reunion payment EASY, not difficult. If you have questions about any of this information, please contact me (carldevore@gmail.com or 585 721 9811) or Katie (katierall@gmail.com or 408 425 8852).

Here are the options:

1. Zelle: Most banks and credit unions have Zelle built into their apps. There are no transaction fees, and the process is secure. Here are the steps for our classmates:

- sign into **your** bank/credit union app
- look for the Zelle area (for example, in the Bank of America app, Zelle can be found in the "pay and transfer" area)
- search for the reunion payee (I am listed by my email address - carldevore@gmail.com, and Katie is listed by her cell phone #, 408 425 8852)
- select your account from which the payment is coming
- select the \$ amount
- confirm

2. ACH (Automatic Clearing House), as an alternative to Zelle - IF YOUR BANK OFFERS IT:

- sign into your bank app
- follow the prompts to ACH
- you will need the WHS account # (435061847576), routing # (051000017), and my name or Katie's (Carl Devore, Katie Rall)

3. pay by check:

- write a check or obtain a cashier's check or money order (written to me or Katie) and bring it to Bank of America to deposit into the WHS account (you will need the WHS checking account # 435061847576),
OR
- write a personal check and mail it to me (Carl Devore, 15 Windward Way, Williamsburg, VA 23185) or Katie (Katie Rall, 2833 Ptarmigan Dr. #2, Walnut Creek, CA 94595)

4. If you have a Bank of America account:

- either call B of A customer Service or come to Bank of America in person and request a transfer of the reunion fee to the WHS account (you will need the WHS account # 435061847576)

Note:

Payment by cash is not an option within the Bank of America system.

Wire transfer can be done, but there may be transfer fees on both ends - payor and payee.

Paypal: Paypal cannot typically be used to make a payment to a checking account.

In sum, payment to our WHS account via each classmate's own bank or credit union, using Zelle, is the favored option. However, we will accommodate any payment method that works for you if we can.

HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Doubletree by Hilton Whittier Los Angeles is across the street from the Mission Square Restaurant, the site of our 55th reunion.

The Reunion Committee is in the process of reserving a block of rooms in advance. Here is the room rate information:

		Sat 10/17/2026	
	Occupancy	Rooms	Rate
One King Bed	S	5	\$169.00
	D	0	\$179.00
	T	0	\$189.00
	Q	0	\$199.00
Two Double Beds	S	5	\$179.00
	D	0	\$179.00
	T	0	\$189.00
	Q	0	\$199.00

~Breakfast not Included in Rate~

The phone number to make room reservations is 562 345 5633. Here is a link to the reservations process, if that is easier for you:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=LAXWIDT&groupCode=CDT90Q&arrivaldate=2026-10-16&departuredate=2026-10-18&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

You are free to stay wherever you choose. We are working with the Doubletree directly because of its proximity to reunion events and familiarity with WHS reunions.

Please let us know (Carl Devore at carldevore@gmail.com or Katie Rall at katierall@gmail.com) if you have any questions or challenges in reserving a room.