

MEMORANDUM

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

TO: Class of 77
FROM: Stan Benda

RE: Debriefing & Reunion 2012

It was my delight to speak with many of you. My regret, is that I was not able to speak to everyone. My hope is to see in 2012 those who could not make it this time.

Accommodation:

There were mixed feelings about the two hotels. Since the class atomizes into groups roughly along any of flight, squadron or military occupation clusters, it might be better if those groups just book a hotel or bed and breakfast. Nevertheless, I will still have a suggested main hotel registration. Shag will let me know what are the better hotels in Kingston closer to the date, and we can book those.

Meet and Greet:

It was my observation that the Friday sit down buffet and meet and greet was successful. Consequently, we have booked that same site for the same function.

Saturday Dinner:

One comrade wrote:

If I have my way, I will never go back to that gymnasium again until I join the Old Brigade. The food was DISGUSTING, the presentation and service execrable, the acoustics impossible. High school dances are held in gymnasiums, I think we are past that.

As you may recall I once held the Saturday dinner off site at the Ramada and received a ton of complaints and pressure from the Club about that. However, this past Saturday was the second time the function fell to a very low level. That is twice the trust was breached. Consequently, it is my suggestion that we hold the Saturday dinner off-site, black tie preferable but not compulsory. We could have a dinner dance cruise, although the food if questionable, there is the uncertainty of the weather, and sadly there is the certainty that mobility is becoming more and more of an issue for many of us. There is also the point that some of us get sea-sick or fear water. A good alternative is a land site with

upscale catering and music. It will not be cheap. E-mail [me](#) with suggestions or comments. I might post some of them on the website.

Sunday:

For some the Church parade is a bridge too far. On the other hand it seems the first derogation from the class starts after Friday – many show up for that function only. Sunday it quite splintered and seems almost a time of melancholy – goodbyes missed etc. Should we have a class luncheon or afternoon tea / bite as one last gathering? You can skip the parade or make the parade, but the late luncheon is available to all.

Money:

It will cost to upgrade the reunion for the class, but I fear the list of those who can no longer join us can only grow. Therefore, I am willing to make the effort and contribution to maximize the ability of the class to spend time amongst our friends. I suggest we send not less than \$75 to Dave each year starting in 2007 so we have the funds firstly to ensure a good reunion, and secondly make a contribution to the institution that allowed it to happen. We will probably have to ask for an extra levy to cover the costs of spouses / partners.

Photographs:

Tim has posted some [photos on our website](#). If you have other photos that show other people, poses, or angles, please drop a short [email to Tim](#) to find out how to get these photos on the site... don't email the photos directly.

Feedback:

I welcome your feedback in any form. [Email](#) works, or try the [online feedback section](#) on our website, where you can see what others are saying.

Wishing you and your families every success and the best of health.

Cheers,

Stan Benda