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**Re: Class of 1968 –40th Reunion in June 2008**

Dear Classmates:

Seeing our Third Form Latin grades reminded me of January “reading week” and desperate attempts to memorize the third declension, irregular verbs, and the subjunctive. It also reminded me of a neglected responsibility. In the fall of 2004, Chris Gray asked me to be our Form Director to organize the 40th Reunion. Foolishly, I agreed.

After pondering the matter, and considering various comments regarding our 35th reunion in 2003, I propose that we take a different tack with our 40th. For example, a campus-based reunion can reprise a time and place no longer relevant for some. Furthermore, reunions can be boring for spouses, partners, and children, especially if they did not attend SPS. They have to participate in ritualistic ceremonies with people they don't know, listen for the umpteenth time to our enhanced tales of past antics, and pretend that they are "having fun."

### **PROPOSAL:**

Instead of focusing our upcoming reunion on the past, why don't we gather away from the campus and the constraints it imposes so we can get to know each other (and each other's spouses, partners, etc.) the way we are now? Why not stay at a comfortable hotel in Meredith, NH along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee with beautiful views, water recreation (including a cruise of the lake on the "M/V Mt. Washington"), hiking, golf, tennis, good food, antiques, shopping, exploring, *etc.* (plus movies, bowling, bingo, arcades, pizza, etc. for children of all age)? All these activities are readily available.

If there is any interest, on Friday night, Maggie and I would be happy to host a Kansas City-style BBQ at our farm in Sandwich – an 18 minute drive from Meredith.

On Saturday, those who want to go to SPS campus-based activities could do so --

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SPS is a 45 to 50 minute drive from Meredith.

Those who want to take a pass on (or limit) their campus-based activities could do so and enjoy the "NH summer activities" of their choice. (I bet some of you doubt the existence of such things!)

If this proposal meets with majority approval, I will get going on implementation. If, on the other hand, most of you would prefer a traditional reunion in Concord, that's OK, too. I will defer to your wishes, but will pass the Director's baton on to someone else. How's that for a big threat?

Let me know your thoughts as soon as possible. You can e-mail me at [hbmporter@surfglobal.net](mailto:hbmporter@surfglobal.net).

I hope you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,

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