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Greetings Ed,

This newsletter will bring you up-to-date.

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OUR ANNUAL ALL-ALUMNI PICNIC WAS A BIG SUCCESS AGAIN  
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Thank you to everyone who made this year's all-alumni picnic another huge success. A special thank you to all the picnic volunteers. Without their help, our annual get-together would simply not be possible.

A special thanks to all the alums and guests who contributed more than the five-dollar donation we requested. Earlier this year, I was concerned about the costs and the inflationary pressures. However, those concerns no longer exist. Due to the alum's generosity, we will maintain the five-dollar request. We are in better shape as we look forward to the 2023 annual picnic than we were looking at 2022.

My last official job was as the Director of Quality for a \$70M hard drive head manufacturer in California in 1985. All these years later, data analysis is still with me. As a result, I have attached a graph of alum attendance at the 2021 and 2022 picnics for comparison purposes. I've also attached the data for those graphs. Trying to determine an attendance number has always been a guessing game. Early on, with more limited attendance, we could just take the donation receipts and divide them by 5 to determine an approximate attendance number.

That method hasn't worked well for the last three picnics. It's still a guessing game, but we can do a better job with the class photos and an attendance list. I'm guessing that 25% of the alums bring a guest. If that is a reality and it might be higher or lower. I don't know the actual number because many guests are not signed in. In any case, our attendance this year was 211 in total and last year was 219. We had estimated that in 2021 the total was 230. I'm now lowering that to 219 based on the photo analysis.

Next year, we will have a different signup sheet for alums and guests. We really do need everyone's contact information who attends the picnic. We have never had any issues in the eight years we've held an annual picnic. Still, if something emerged and we needed to contact people, we would need to know who attended the picnic. This will allow an even more accurate count to take place.

Alumni have asked me for years if there was a way to tell if a particular person is coming to the picnic. I would say that the annual picnic photos and the class lists are your best guess as to who is coming. If you really want to meet someone, you should contact them and request their presence at the picnic. The RSVP list on my server is historically not a reliable indicator of who will actually show up. It is only used to give us an estimate for supply purchases. This year's list totaled about 50% of those who showed up.

You'll find the data interesting, especially the graph of 2021 v 2022. When I looked at the names of alums who attended the 2021 picnic, I found that 85 alumni who participated at the 2021 picnic could not make it to the 2022 picnic. If they had, our attendance would have been 296. Well, maybe next year's picnic will be pushing 300.

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It was fun to see Melvin Stone from the class of 1947 again. Yet I missed the 1941 alum who came to the picnic. Her name was Doris Beiderman. Melvin said he was 93, which means Doris was 99. Thank you to whoever brought Doris to the picnic. Could next year have an alumni centenarian at the picnic?

The website has been updated with this year's picnic information and next year's dates.

Our annual picnic is set for the first Thursday in August. In 2023, that's August 3. Mark your calendars, and if you are still working, plan to take the day off and meet up with some old friends. I had one alumnus who forgot the date and missed out on the emails due to an email change. I can't track down email changes, so you'll have to notify me if you make a change. Note: Emails are not forwarded unless some human does it for you OR you have set the old email address up to forward your emails to the new address.

If you made it to our 2022 picnic, please add a comment so others can know your thoughts. You can add a picnic comment at this link online. <http://www.mplsvocational.com/alumni-picnic-comments.html>

You can view and download the 2022 picnic photos at this link online. <http://www.mplsvocational.com/picnic-2022-alumni.html>

Note that the home page, next picnic page, rsvp page, and the picnic flyer all reflect the 2023 picnic.

The RSVP database has been emptied, and you can now RSVP for 2023 if you'd like. I note that Joe Rath from the 1974 class has been the first to RSVP. I get notices of all database activities as they occur. You can RSVP in advance for the 2023 picnic at this link - <http://www.virtualapostle.net/cgi-bin/html05.cgi/system/startup/RSVP.html>.

Joe Rath has been a DJ for over three decades and will bring a more sophisticated sound system to the 2023 picnic. This includes six speakers up high for better sound. I won't have to crank up the volume to reach people. The music will sound better, and the announcements will be easier for everyone to hear. Joe will be taking over the MC speaker (announcements, music, etc.) starting in 2023. Joe is also recruiting 70s classmates to assist the existing picnic committee in 2023. We expect some transition as the 1970s team will eventually take control of the picnic committee. I will maintain the website and newsletter communications support for the picnic committee.

Larry Allen has been set up with an administrative console for the class of 1973. It means he can keep all 1973 classmate records up to date as needed. He can also download the class records for use in Excel, Word, or other software applications.

Les Huie has been set up with an administrative console for the class of 1969. The 69 class website is no longer online. Les has set up a Facebook group for the 69 classmates to communicate with each other. I have a new image for 69 online along with a link that should work. Go to the Alumni tab, drop down to the 1969 class, and then to the right for the website. You will find an image of the Facebook group. Click on that image for the link.

If you would like to help with the costs of maintaining the website, I have added a donation link to the bottom of the home page. The website resides on my ministry server, along with several other websites. The donation goes to my ministry's PayPal account, which will reach me. If you have any questions, give me a call.

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PICNIC REVIEW MEETING

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We will hold our 2022 Picnic review meeting on September 8. If you have anything we should discuss, let me know.

If you are following my writing, I have completed THE DOCTOR'S DEATH DIAGNOSIS book, which is being reviewed for possible corrections and changes. I expect it to be available by October 30.

That's it for now.

May God Bless your continued health,

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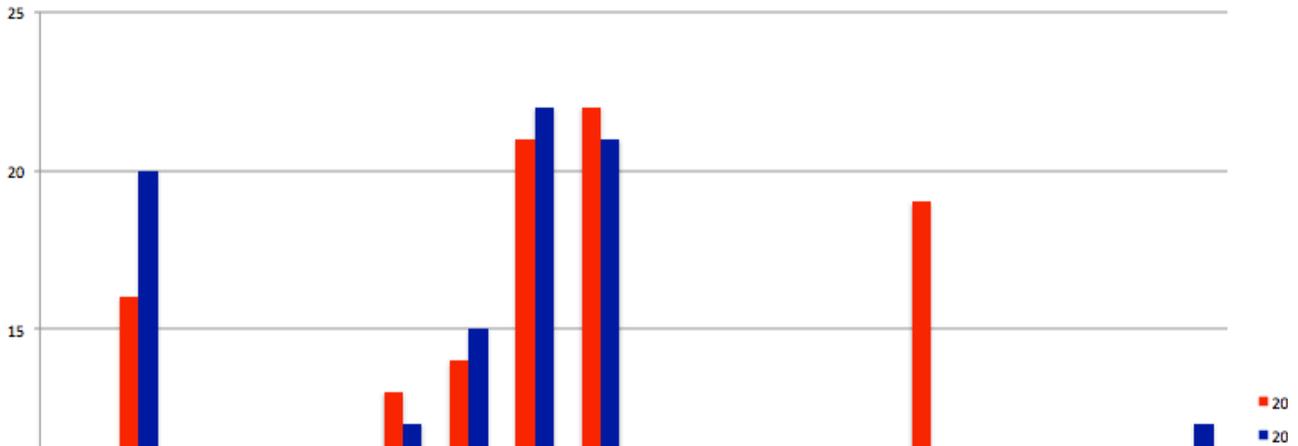
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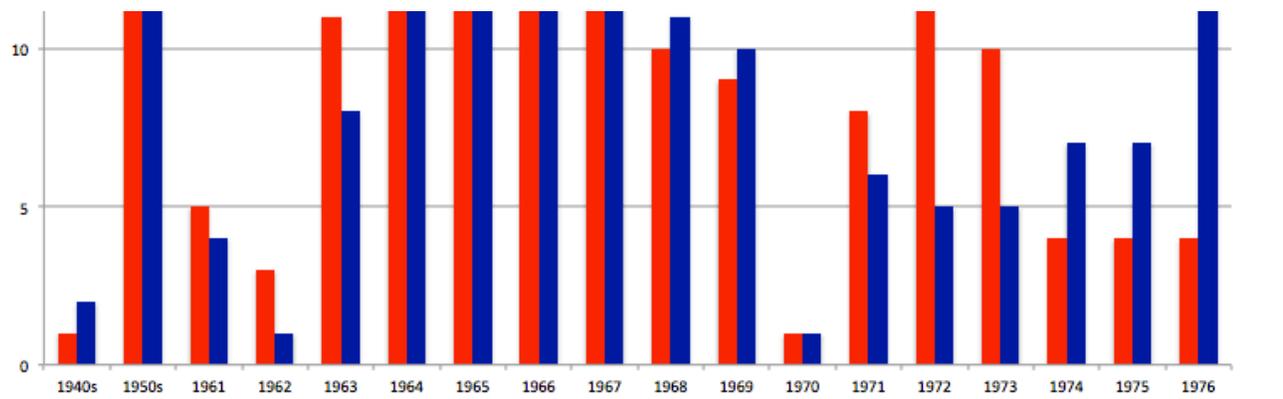
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Year	2021	2022
1940s	1	2
1950s	16	20
1961	5	4
1962	3	1
1963	11	8
1964	13	12
1965	14	15
1966	21	22
1967	22	21
1968	10	11
1969	9	10
1970	1	1
1971	8	6
1972	19	5
1973	10	5
1974	4	7
1975	4	7
1976	4	12
Alumni	175	169
Guests%	25%	25%
Guests	44	42
Total	219	211
No Shows		85
Potential		296