

## **The Lone Ranger – Class of 75 Version August 2024 Edition**

**50 years ago this month, we entered the halls of Nathan Hale as Seniors. Now, our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Week is 10 months away! June 12 – 15, 2025.**

**“Mark, I don’t want any classmate to be unable to afford to attend our 50th reunion. I’ll donate \$1,000 to help defray the cost.”** I received that Facebook message right after we announced the final night of Reunion Week would be at Philbrook. I haven’t talked to this person since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I related that story to another classmate, telling them that an anonymous classmate had just committed \$1,000 to defray the cost, and they said, **“Put me down for \$1,000!”** Before the day was done, **five classmates, including me, had committed \$1,000** to go with the **lead gift of \$11,000** I had already received. I felt then that the generosity of our class might give us a shot at lowering the price of Reunion Week to a ridiculous level.

**We are raising funds to make Reunion Week possible for ALL of our Class!** We have been blessed with a \$11,000 donation as our lead gift and \$2,000 from the former Committee. Because over 200 people will attend this reunion, venue pricing and the price of everything are more expensive than previous five-year reunion events. I will not be surprised if the final tab doesn’t climb to almost \$50K. That’s what is called Sticker Shock! And, yes, that is way higher than previous reunions, but this is a two-night event. Right now, I estimate our cost per person to be around \$130 for the week. This puts us in the ballpark of previous HHS 50th Reunions, Class of ’73 and ’74, but we want to get this lower.

**We need some large gifts!** I’m looking for a **\$5,000 gift** and **several \$2,500 gifts**. We are also looking for corporate sponsorship and have already received a \$2,000 sponsorship gift from Mike Robinson's company, Robinson HVAC, which paid for prime rib at Philbrook. We are making some calls to those we feel could give other larger gifts. The bottom line is as of today,

**We need to raise an additional \$35,000!!!**

**Today, I am announcing the launch of the public phase of our fundraising campaign.** I'm asking those classmates who feel so inclined to pledge and give to help us lower the cost for the Friday and Saturday nights of Reunion Week. Our goal is to have all pledges in by September 14th, with all monies given no later than March 14th, 2025. Here are the levels of support...

**Red Level - \$250 and get two "free" tickets to our Reunion Week.**

**Blue Level - \$500 and get two "free" tickets plus one "free" swag of your choice.**

**Silver Level - \$1,000 and get two "free" tickets plus two "free" swag of your choice.**

**Legacy Level - Over \$1,000, you get two "free" tickets and ALL swag we produce!**

**Plus, since we are a 501C non-profit, you get a tax deduction!!!!**

**All pledges are confidential. Your pledge can be paid out in lump sum or over the next few months until March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

If you are interested in pledging to this campaign, have questions, or if your company would like to sponsor Reunion Week, email me at [markbrooks82176@gmail.com](mailto:markbrooks82176@gmail.com). Let's make Reunion Week affordable for everyone and make a difference at the same time!

**What if we raise more than we need?** That's the goal! Then, we will split the remaining 50/50 between some HHS needs and the next Committee.

Don't forget!!!! **Reunion Week Hotel will be the Doubletree South at 61st & Yale**  
- We are currently running a poll on our Facebook group page. To participate in the poll, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/77391774595>. You can email me if you are interested in a room at [markbrooks82176@gmail.com](mailto:markbrooks82176@gmail.com)

**And that's not all!!** Don't miss out on all the happenings for Hale's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 12<sup>th</sup>! We have classmates coming in from across the country, so this will be a great event. Find out more on our Facebook group page!

Let's start celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Senior year as Rangers!

Ranger For Life!

Mark Brooks - Chairman of the Class of 75

**PS. Remember that you can now make contributions directly at <https://giv.li/hpxic5> . We do pay a transaction fee of around \$1.03 for a \$25 gift. To cover the fee, multiply by that number.**

**PSS. Don't forget to check out our swag on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=10227917893606196&set=gm.10161431760924596&id=77391774595>**

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