



## ANDOVER HIGH ALUMNI ENJOY 2007 REUNION

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Amid a showery week we lucked out, and the day of the reunion – Saturday, July 7 – was bright and sunny. Folks started arriving at 10 AM, and as promised we had the coffee ready. Attendees signed in, and we tried hard to get new mail and e-mail addresses. Stu Lenk is doing a great job getting a database of mail and e-mail addresses. If you have any information on classmates, please contact him at [salcj@fairpoint.net](mailto:salcj@fairpoint.net), or get it to the *Beacon* and it will be forwarded.

From 10 AM to about 11:15 AM everyone was visiting, checking out the memorabilia, and getting reacquainted. Keith Fleury '53, our Master of Ceremonies, opened the meeting with the Andover cheer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Gay Ellen Rayno led the group in *God Bless America*. We also sang *The Andover Fight Song* and *Glory To Our School*. We observed a moment of silence for deceased classmates.

Notes from the July 2006 and 2007 meetings, including a Treasurer's Report, were posted on the bulletin board for everyone to read. Keith recognized each class, and they came forward and had their picture taken. As usual we had a few latecomers and some had to be retaken. The only years not represented were 1943, 1950, 1960, 1961, and 1962.

### Prizes

After the pictures, Charlie Darling, publisher of *The Andover Beacon*, judged the name tag contest. Bonnie Dargie Moe won first prize for the Best (and longest) name tag. She received a loving cup filled with chocolate kisses. Betty Phelps Cook and her husband won Most Unique with little white cooks complete with chef hats. For dreaming up such a cute idea they received a Dream Catcher. Toot Evans Fleury had the worst name tag. We thought after we pointed out the error of her way that she had "seen the light," so she received a smiley-face push button light. We even gave her the batteries.

Jerry Alley came the farthest (Texas) especially for the reunion. With gas at its present price, we knew it was an expensive trip. We wanted to help him with his gas on the way back, so he received a can of "high test" beans.

Charlie then gathered us together for a group picture. He also videotaped the activities. You may see yourselves on cable Channel 8 in Andover. The edited tape may be available for sale.

After the meeting we had a pot luck lunch. We had a large variety of delicious food. I don't think there were any duplicates. The dessert table was amazing, with cakes, cookies, cheesecake, fruit, pie, and fudge. I get hungry just thinking about it. The desserts were first to arrive and we thought that was going to be the main and only course.

During lunch the donation can was circulated, and people were very generous this year. We can meet our expenses and have enough to buy a new supply of paper products and do the mailing next spring.

People visited for a while and then slowly drifted toward home and other functions. It was a good thing we started early, as it started to rain about 2:30 or 3 PM.

**A Good Turnout**  
We had 86 people attend, the same as last year. The largest groups were the class of 1957 and the class of 1958, with 10 people attending from each of those two classes. The class of 1958 met during the day to make plans for their 50th reunion next year. The class of 1957 were celebrating their 50th this year and had plans to go out to dinner. The class of 1947 were celebrating their 60th and met at the home of Pat and Frank Baker for a cocktail party and more reminiscing.

The Reunion Committee met briefly after the meeting to discuss plans for next year. In general we thought things went very well. A couple of things need tweaking. Next year we will definitely have pictures of this year's reunion. Everyone thought someone else was bringing them. There will not be a name tag contest. You can make one if you want.

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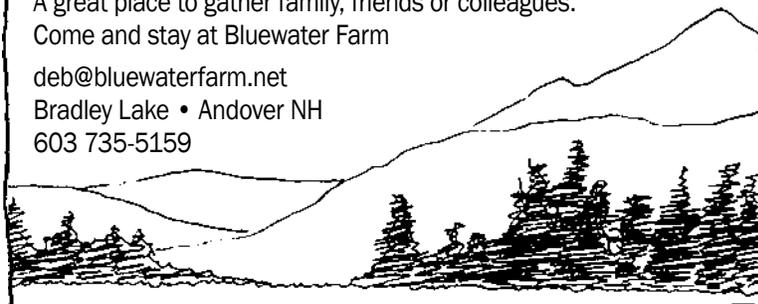
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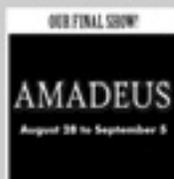
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