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ANDOVER HIGH ALUMNI ENJOY 2008 REUNION

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The scheduling for the Andover High School Alumni Reunion was a bit tight this year, as it came the day after the Fourth of July, and many of us were involved in both activities. We really needed that coffee caffeine boost on Saturday morning, July 5.

We had a beautiful sunny day – Wow! Two in a row! – and we had a record turnout: 92 alumni and guests. We thought at first we were going to have a small group, but they kept drifting in throughout the morning.

About 11:15 we began the opening ceremonies. The class of 1958 led the Andover cheer. We still have that Andover “spirit.” The pledge of allegiance was next, followed by Gay Ellen Rayno singing *God Bless America*. There was a moment of silence for our deceased classmates: Clint Huntoon, class of 1938; Robert O'Brien, '47; Howard Stickney, '50; Joy Sanborn Chamberlain, '51; Robert McDonald, '57; and Robert Meier, '62.

We had a brief meeting and then took class pictures. The only years that we did not have at least one representative from were 1939, 1946, 1950, and 1961. That is pretty good, considering the last class graduated in 1963.

The class of 1958 had 12 members present. They were meeting later in the day for their own 50th celebration.

Charlie Darling judged the name tag contest and awarded the prize to Gail Fisher. Since this is the last year for the contest she received a lifetime supply of name tags. We hope she uses all of them.

Our long distance folks were Jerry

Alley from Texas and MaryEtta Reed from Colorado. With gas at \$4 a gallon we felt it took “mucho dinero” to make the trip. They each received a bag of golden eggs. Getting the goose was up to them.

The couple married the longest were Les and Lois Shaw, at 62 years. They received a jar of honey to sweeten future years.

The lady with the most grandchildren was Polly Taylor Fogarty. She received energy bars and a vitamin drink to keep up with them.

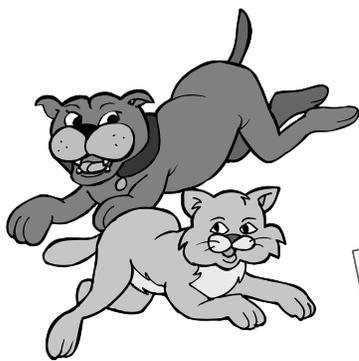
As usual the pot luck was abundant and delicious. The dessert table was a diet-breaker.

Everyone had a great time visiting and looking at the old yearbooks and pictures. Lily Ordway had put together a great book of last year's reunion. We had quite a few “first timers” this year. Now that you have found the way, we hope to see you again!

Our thanks to Lily Ordway and her family for the use of their recreation area. It is a beautiful spot. She has offered it to us for next year's get together. So mark your calendars and tell your classmates to keep the Saturday after the Fourth of July, which is one week later, for the Andover reunion. See you there.

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