2017 MTHSA REUNION REGISTRATION/CONFIRMATION PACKET: PLEASE PRINT AND BRING TO THE REUNION

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August 3-6, 2017

WELCOME TO LAKE LAS VEGAS FOR "*LAKESIDE KNIGHTS!*"

On behalf of the Madrid/Torrejon High School Association, the Reunion Committee is delighted to welcome you to the Westin Lake Las Vegas. All facilities on this beautiful property are available for your use and we encourage you to take full advantage of them. For complete information on reunion activities, please take a few minutes to read all the information contained on these pages, which together with attachments, also serve as your **Confirmation Packet. Please print this and bring it with you to the reunion**.

We are happy that we can again offer online registration and the ability to use a credit card for payment. EventBrite has a lot of upgraded features that will save even more time for registration staff and give us greater flexibility. You will again have your confirmation and registration materials electronically in advance and at hotel check in, so you don't have to stand in line or try to read a lot of materials after you arrive at the reunion hotel. Following and attached you will find:

- **Reunion Event Information**: Recaps information about the event and the hotel.
- **Registration Information:** Register online **(https://mthsareunion2017.eventbrite.com)** or by mail.
- **Preliminary Schedule of Activities**: The final schedule will also be posted on electronic boards throughout the venue and on the hotel room's televised schedule.
- **Local Activity Sheet**: View Local Host recommendations or visit the Websites for information on things to do and see around Lake Las Vegas and the greater Las Vegas region.

You will receive the following either upon check in to your room at the hotel or if you are not staying at the reunion hotel, during Registration/Check in times as indicated on the schedule:

- **Nametag, Wristbands, Breakfast Ticket and Instructions**
- **Class Photo Schedule:** Note the time your class will take its group photo on Friday night
- **Exit Questionnaire:** Your comments are important to us and help tremendously in planning future reunions.

Please note that **"One Day, One Hour" Volunteers** will be contacted regarding their preferred time and duties, and the final schedule will be distributed in advance and posted onsite. Please check the appropriate box on the Online or Mail-in registration form!

Finally, if you need special help or have questions, please contact the reunion committee by email at mhsths@gmail.com. When you arrive, look for schoolmates wearing colored ribbons: Volunteers–light blue; Local Hosts–royal blue; Reunion Committee–rose; Executive Committee–red. We're looking forward to sharing this fun-filled weekend with you and wish you many special **"*Lakeside Knights!*"**

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REUNION EVENT INFORMATION

DATES: The core dates of the reunion are Thursday, August 3 through Sunday, August 6, 2017. Please see detailed information on our MTHSA Website at: http://mhsths.org/reunion-info/

WHAT TO WEAR AND BRING: It's a 4-day party, so dress comfortably! Shorts and short-sleeve shirts are a good idea during the day -- and don't forget your swim suit and sunscreen! As anywhere, being in the sun can cause dehydration and sunburn. Be prepared: Drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen and a hat. You may want to bring a cover-up for swimsuits when walking inside the hotel, and bring a light wrap for the evenings or for use while in the air conditioning. For Friday evening's events, the dress is resort casual. Many people like to dress up (at least a bit) for the Saturday night dinner/dance; if you don't know how dressy you want to be, cocktail dresses for women and sport coats and tie for men are suggested but not mandatory.

MEALS: Reunion registration includes a Friday dinner, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast. You will need your name tag and wristband or meal ticket to get served your meals. Reunion attendees staying at the Westin will receive their wristbands when they check into their hotel room. The hotel offers several restaurant and in-room dining options, and there are several eating options in the Lake Las Vegas Village, a 15-minute walk from the hotel. The hotel shuttle also travels to the MonteLago Village. More information will be available at the Front Desk.

GETTING THERE

AIRLINE/GROUND TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION: The closest airport is McCarran International Airport (LAS) approximately 25 minutes from the hotel. LAS is served by most major commercial carriers: visit the airport's website - https://www.mccarran.com/Fly/Airlines.aspx - for the full list of airlines. Full shuttles, rental cars and other ground transportation are also available at the airport. For more information, visit the Airport's Transportation Webpage - https://www.mccarran.com/go.aspx- or contact the hotel at (702) 567-6000 for a full list of options. We will provide more information on shuttle options as it becomes available.

HOTEL INFORMATION

HOTEL: The Westin Lake Las Vegas is located at 101 Montelago Boulevard in Henderson, Nevada, just 25 minutes from the famous Las Vegas Strip and McCarran International Airport. Explore all of the top things to do in Lake Las Vegas when you stay at The Westin Lake Las Vegas Resort & Spa. From rejuvenating spa treatments at Spa Moulay to our private beach that provides a launch point for popular water sports, the Westin Lake Las Vegas Hotel features everything you need to have a memorable reunion. On-site activities include: Volleyball, playground, hiking/biking trails; Running/walking path and putting green; only private **Jack Nicklaus course** in Nevada; Westin WORKOUT® Gym, activity pool and sports court; full- service Spa Moulay; Beachside fire pit and s'mores; upper-level pool with private cabana rentals; kayaking, paddleboarding and endless water sports; Gondola Adventures; and numerous nearby offsite activities.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: To book your room on the Westin's Online Reservation page for our group, Click or copy and paste the following link into a web browser to book, modify, or cancel a reservation:
Madrid/Torrejon HS (OR copy and paste the following link into a web browser)
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1612137397&key=21E9BC20

Reservation phone number: 1-702-567-6000
Group Name: "Madrid/Torrejon High School"

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Room Rate for registered reunion participants only: $99.00 single or double occupancy, plus state and local taxes (currently 13 %). There is a reduced daily resort fee of $10.00 plus tax (currently 8.15%) which covers many hotel amenities including complimentary self-parking and internet access for registered guests. This rate is available starting July 28 through Aug 10 based on availability. Rooms are available at this rate until the room block is sold out or by July 10, whichever comes first. Check-in time is 4:00 p.m., check-out time is 12 noon. When you make the reservation a one night deposit equal to one night's accommodation, tax and resort fee will be charged. Deposit is refundable if cancelled 24 hours before arrival. **NOTE**: Guests **not registered for the reunion** are **not eligible** for the MTHSA group rate and are subject to the hotel's regular rate for the duration of their stay. The room reservation list **will be cross-checked** against the reunion registration list.

HOTEL ROOM BOOKING QUESTIONS/PROBLEMS: If you are having problems booking a room at the hotel, please contact Sally Judd at**: sally.a.judd@disney.com or (818) 544-3444.**

HOTEL ALCOHOL/BEVERAGE AND FOOD POLICY: As with most hotels, due to legal regulations, local laws and company policy, all food and beverage in public areas must be provided by the hotel. Also, please be discreet if you are bringing your own snacks and beverages with you to the hotel. Please do not ask the bell people to carry it for you! And just so you know, we have been able to negotiate our low hotel room rates based on our bar and food consumption in the hotel outlets throughout the reunion, so please use them as much as possible. We supply those to other hotels when we go out to bid for our next reunion and this helps us get our good deals.

REUNION REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN

2017 REUNION REGISTRATION PER PERSON FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Early Bird Registration:

Online: December 2016 through January 31, 2017: **$195.00**
Mail-in: Postmarked January 1 through January 31, 2017**: $195.00**

Regular Registration, Online and Mail-in: February 1 through July 15, 2017: **$215.00**

Onsite Full Registration: Thursday, August 3 through 1:00 pm on Saturday, August 5 (CASH ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS): **$240.00**

ONLINE AND MAIL-IN REGISTRATION: You can register for the reunion online using EventBrite and your credit card at: **https://mthsareunion2017.eventbrite.com** Online registration ends at **midnight (PST) on July 15, 2017.** The **2017 Reunion Mail-In Registration Form** is contained in this packet. Mail-in registration processing will begin a few weeks after online registration to give us an opportunity to adjust to the new automated system. Please postmark your Early Bird Mail-in registration between January 1 and January 31, but if you're afraid you'll spend it in during the holidays and want to send it right away, please note that the Registrar will begin processing Mail-in checks and money orders on or after January 1, 2017. The last date to postmark Mail-in registrations is **July 15, 2017.** Note the **new address**: MHS/THS Reunion, c/o Carmen Adams, 1780 Welham St. #422, Orlando, FL 32814

CHECK IN: FOR PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES STAYING AT THE WESTIN: When you check in at the hotel front desk, you will sign for an envelope containing your name badge, wristbands and ticket for meals, photo class schedule for Friday night, and your exit questionnaire. It is important that you wear your name tag around the hotel and the wrist bands during the appropriate paid events.

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CHECK IN: FOR PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDEES NOT STAYING AT THE WESTIN: Onsite reunion check-in will occur during the following days and times only, where you will sign for an envelope containing your name badge, wristbands and ticket for meals, photo class schedule for Friday night, and your exit questionnaire. These times and locations are subject to change onsite, so check the schedule on the electronic boards located throughout the hotel.

- Thursday from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. **Please note that there will be NO ONSITE reunion registrations accepted after 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2017,** as we cannot guarantee meal availability after that time. Please contact Carmen Adams in advance at 706-206-0358.

NOTE ON WRIST BANDS: We have made wristbands mandatory each night because, unfortunately, each reunion we have alumni and guests that enter our events without registering and paying the fees. They do not recognize or accept that they are disrespecting and taking advantage of their own friends and that we, the Association members, have to pay a higher price for the extra head count at meals. We are not a business that can afford this, let alone the frustration it causes to those of us that volunteer our time to work on this event. We will have professional assistance with these security issues at the 2017 reunion in hopes of preventing a recurrence. Please see the section below on "Security Services."

ONSITE REGISTRATION: We strongly discourage on-site add-ons and full registrations. They will cost you more per person for full registration and we cannot guarantee that it will include all meals and other amenities. Also, for on-site add-ons and other registrations we cannot accept personal checks or credit cards – **CASH ONLY – SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please note that there will be **NO ONSITE** reunion registrations accepted after **1:00 pm on Saturday, August 5, 2017.**

ADD-ON'S: If you've registered just for yourself, and you later decide to bring a guest, or you want to bring your children to the Sunday breakfast, or your adult children (21 and over) to the entire reunion, please don't wait until you arrive to tell us! Contact Carmen Adams at 706-206-0358 and she can assist you with processing your add-on online or she can send you a form if you need to submit a check. "Add-on" registrations must be ticketed online or **postmarked by July 15, 2017**. **Admission to the events will not be available at the door, and no registrations will be accepted after 1:00 pm on Saturday.** Both late and on-site registration will cost you more. Please note that we cannot accept credit cards or personal checks on-site – **CASH ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS**.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY: We hope no one has to cancel, but if you do, please note the following: If you registered online, your credit card will be credited minus the applicable cancellation fee. If you registered with a check by mail, your refund will be issued by check. On all registrations, there will be a **$15.00** cancellation fee if your cancellation request is received **in writing on or before April 30, 2017.** If your written cancellation is received **on or between May 1 and June 30, 2017**, you will receive a **50%** refund. If you cancel **July 1, 2017, or later, or simply don't show up**, there will be **no refund**. For questions about registration cancellations, contact Carmen Adams at 706-206-0358 or E-mail: cadamsga1969@gmail.com. (**NOTE** the **separate cancellation policy for the hotel**, under "Hotel Information" above.)

FOCUS ON FACULTY

At our 2014 reunion in Virginia, the Madrid/Torrejón High School (M/THS) Association's Executive and Reunion Committees made a commitment to focus on faculty, staff and administrators ("faculty") at our next reunion. Our 2017 Reunion coincides with the **25th Anniversary** of the 1992 closing of M/THS and Torrejón Air Base, so this is a wonderful time to reach out to faculty members and their families to encourage them to join us for El Grande 2017.

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In September 2017, we asked for two volunteers to work with former M/THS faculty member, **Mrs. Faith Bridges and her husband John** to locate and invite faculty to the reunion. **Patricia Lees Bambridge,** who attended all four years and graduated from M/THS in 1962, responded to the call for a schoolmate from the early years (1955-1974).

There are several ways you can help:

1. We are still hoping that an alumnus who attending during the 1975-1992 years will come forward to help the Bridges and Patricia in their outreach efforts.
2. We need all alumni who have contacts with faculty and family members to personally invite them to the August 2017 reunion and to connect them with Mrs.Bridges and the faculty coordinator(s). Contact the Bridges at mailto:jbridges3@msn.comand Patricia at mailto:plees@whitehat.com
3. We do not want negotiating the complexities of today's airports to be a barrier to faculty travel. If the coordinators identify faculty who may need a "travel buddy," they will put out the call for alumni who are departing from the same airport and are willing to coordinate their itineraries.
4. Once we get faculty to the reunion, we would like to have a special forum to hear their retrospectives on their time at M/THS. **What would you like to ask them? What topics would you like them to address??** Send your ideas to the coordinators for inclusion in the special "Focus on Faculty Forum" at *El Grande* 2017.

REUNION PHOTOGRAPHY AND MUSIC

PHOTOGRAPHS: The official reunion photographers will be Kathy Holland and Chris McGee of **Vegas Image Sensation**. Please extend them your utmost respect and cooperation. We are planning to take class photos on Friday night, and we will also take a reunion group picture on Friday afternoon—a tradition started at the Sacramento 2008 reunion. Please note your class's Friday night call time and location on the schedule you receive when you check in, and listen for the DJ's announcement for your class.

PLEASE BE PROMPT FOR YOUR CLASS PHOTO on Friday night and follow the directions of the photographer and volunteers. **Note: Outside photography is not permitted** in the room where the official class photos are being taken; **only the contracted reunion photographer** may take pictures in that room – no exceptions. If you wish to have a friend take a photo of your class, please gather your classmates promptly when called and arrange to take it during your staging timeframe or after you exit the room where the photographer is working.

You may pre-purchase your class and group photos directly with the photographer during the onsite registration times listed on the schedule and/or at any time the photographer's sales desk is open in the lobby. Class and group photos will be delivered on Saturday, and Saturday evening photos will be printed and delivered onsite. **Vegas Image Sensation** may also offer online orders and a variety of photo packages.

DJ SERVICES: Music for our Thursday night *"Teen Club"* Dance will be provided by our own DJ John Fernandez '70. John knows all of our favorites, be sure to get your special requests in early! Our Friday and Saturday night music will be provided by **DJ Mike Fox & Company** of Las Vegas, NV. Mike hails from Europe and has a wonderful knowledge of popular music in Europe and the U.S.

On Saturday night, get ready for our very first ***"Speakeasy,"*** a second nearby ballroom where you can dance and listen to all the great hits but at a lower volume that will allow you to speak easily to your friends! If you're really daring, dress in the popular styles of the '20s--'30s when speakeasies were in

their prime! There'll be no *Prohibition* at the bar, so plan on having a wonderful time in a comfortable environment and with a great DJ.

Much appreciation to John Fernandez and Ed ("Nino") Ramirez '73 for their assistance with our reunion music and photography.

VOLUNTEERS

Try our **"One Day, One Hour"** Volunteer Program! If you checked the volunteer box during registration, you will receive an email to coordinate when and how you can help your schoolmates enjoy the reunion. Volunteers will be wearing a light blue ribbon on their nametags should you need assistance at any time. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you to set up your One Day, One Hour service!

SECURITY SERVICES

In addition to our volunteers, security services will be provided by **Elite Tactical Security Solutions (ETSS)** of Las Vegas at our Friday and Saturday night events. These are professionally trained personnel who will help us ensure that everyone has a wonderful, safe experience and that only registered participants attend our events. ETSS personnel will be wearing casual shirts with "Security" markings on Friday night and black suits on Saturday night for our dinner/dance. Our MTHSA security volunteers will continue to wear the orange ribbons on their nametags. Feel free to contact our volunteers or ETSS staff should you need assistance.

GOLF TOURNAMENT/SIGHTSEEING/SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Paul Murphy '79 has once again graciously agreed to arrange a **MTHSA GOLF TOURNAMENT on Friday, August 4, 2017.** Watch this page for more details on the selected golf course and how to sign up. Start getting your foursome together, and may the best team win!

Leslie Bogue '75 is once again offering a *Fitness Fun* class on **Friday & Saturday, 8–9:00 a.m**. All are welcome to join in the fun and start your day on a great note with friends! Bring some light workout clothes, a small towel, and water to stay hydrated! Please check your final schedule for the location.

The location of **Friends of Bill W**. will be posted on the electronic schedule and in-room screens.

Las Vegas-area Knights have contributed to a list of **local activities** that they recommend if you have the sightseeing bug! To view the most information on the Las Vegas/Henderson/Lake Mead region, visit these Websites:

- **Local & Regional Activity Sheet**
- Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority - www.lveva.com
- **Lake Las Vegas Calendar of Events** –https://lakelasvegas.com/events/
- Visit Henderson - Home (www.visithenderson.com)
- The Westin also has a Concierge desk where more information on tours, sightseeing and local activities both on and off property can be obtained.

To those of you who are first timers, a very big "Bienvenidos!"
And to those of you returning, "Welcome back, Madrileños!!"

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MADRID/TORREJÓN HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
2017 REUNION

Lake Las Vegas, Henderson, Nevada
Thursday, August 3 – Sunday, August 6, 2017

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

(subject to change)

Check Electronic Message Boards throughout the hotel for changes/additions each day.

THURSDAY, 8/3

All Day	Chit Chat & Share Memories ***POOLSIDE (Upper/Lower Nuala) and ARABESQUE LOUNGE (Main Lobby)***
4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Check-In and Class Photo Pre-Purchase with Vegas Image Sensation Photography in ***AGADIR A/B (Lobby Level)***
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on your Own
8:00 p.m.–1:30 a.m.	No-host Cocktails in the ***BARAKA BALLROOM (Lobby Level)***
8:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.	Join us in the ***BARAKA BALLROOM*** to enjoy music and dancing with our own ***John Fernandez ('70)*** providing the music.

PLEASE NOTE: You must be *wearing* your nametag and **color wristband for admittance.**

FRIDAY, 8/4

All Day	**Chit Chat & Share Memories** ***POOLSIDE (Upper/Lower Nuala) and ARABESQUE LOUNGE (Main Lobby)***
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Fitness Fun! with Leslie Bogue'75 in the ***Fitness Studio (Lower Level)***
8:00 a.m.	Golf Tournament at _____ Golf Course Organized by Paul Murphy '79
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Check-In and Class Photo Pre-Purchase ***AGADIR A/B (Lobby Level)***
2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.	MHS/THS Fourth Reunion **GROUP PHOTO** – Meet us in the beautiful ***LOTUS COURT (Lower Lobby)*** with The Lagoon as our backdrop! **Don't miss it!**

4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.	Reunion Registration Check-In and Class Photo Pre-Purchase with Vegas Image Sensation Photography in ***AGADIR A/B (Lobby Level)***
6:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	No-host Cocktails in ***MEDINAS FOYER & SKALA TERRACE*** Buffet Dinner in the ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM D/E (Lobby Level)***

PLEASE NOTE: You must be *wearing* your nametag and **color wristband for admittance and bring your meal ticket to be served.**

6:45 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	**CLASS PHOTOS** in ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM F/G/H (Lobby Level)*** with Vegas Image Sensation Photography. *Please check your schedule for your class's exact time*. Listen for the DJ to announce your class! **PLEASE BE PROMPT!**
9:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m.	Join us in the ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM D/E*** to enjoy music and dancing provided by DJ Mike Fox & Co.! ***(Lobby Level)***

SATURDAY, 8/5

NOTE: There is no CHECK-IN today after 1:00 p.m. If someone needs to check in, please call Carmen Berlanga Adams ('69), Registration Coordinator, on her cell: 706-206-0358.

All Day	**Chit Chat & Share Memories** ***POOLSIDE (Upper/Lower Nuala) and ARABESQUE LOUNGE (Main Lobby)***
8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.	Fitness Fun! with Leslie Bogue '75 in the ***Fitness Studio (Lower Level)***.
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	**Class Coordinator & Executive Committee Meeting** ***KENITRA A/B (Lobby Level) or TANGIER?***
11:00 a.m.–12 Noon	**Open Forum (Open to all Alumni)** ***KENITRA A/B (Lobby Level)*** Meet with both the Executive Committee and Reunion Committee and share any thoughts and issues, ask questions, etc.
12:00 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	**FINAL REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN:** ***AGADIR A/B (Lobby Level)***

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	**Special Forum: FOCUS ON FACULTY (Open to all Alumni)** ***KENITRA A/B (Lobby Level)*** We are reaching out to former M/THS Faculty and Administrators to join us a conversation about their experiences at our school!
5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	**Pick up CLASS PHOTOS** in the ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM FOYER***
6:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.	**PORTRAIT PHOTOS –** Grab your siblings and friends for a photo taken byVegas Image Sensation Photography. ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM FOYER (Lobby Level)***
6:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.	No-host Cocktails in ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM FOYER***
7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	Plated Dinner & Program ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM D/E***

PLEASE NOTE: You must be *wearing* your nametag and **color wristband for admittance and bring your meal ticket to be served.**

9:00 p.m.–2:00 a.m.	Enjoy hearty music & dancing provided by DJ Mike Fox & Co. in ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM D/E ***OR******
9:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.	Enjoy soft music, dancing and candlelit conversation in the "**SPEAKEASY LOUNGE"** *in* ***CASABLANCA BALLROOM F/G/H***

SUNDAY, 8/6

NOTE: If you are not attending the breakfast there will be a box in the lobby to drop your Exit Questionnaires (BLUE sheet) and nametag holders. Thank you.

8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Plated Breakfast in ***BARAKA BALLROOM (Lobby Level)***

PLEASE NOTE: You must have your nametag and breakfast ticket to be served, but anyone can come into the Ballroom. Room will be available until 11 a.m. to say your *"Hasta la vistas!"*

You may also drop your Exit Questionnaires (BLUE sheet) and nametag holders in ***BARAKA.***

MADRID/TORREJON HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2017 REUNION LAKE LAS VEGAS: LOCAL & REGIONAL THINGS TO SEE & DO

Las Vegas is also referred to as '**The Jewel of the Desert'** (or Sin City) and is world famous for its many elaborate hotels, fantastic entertainment, wide variety of restaurants/buffets, its casinos, and its many shopping venues, so it's well worth a visit to the famous Las Vegas Strip or the older Fremont Street Experience areas, even just to sightsee. They are located 15-20 miles from our Westin Hotel here at Lake Las Vegas, and you will need to arrange for your own transportation into town. Once in downtown Vegas, you can get around by walking, taxi, & bus, as well as the Monorail that runs down the strip behind the hotels for convenience. You can get a map of The Strip from the hotel concierge, and go online to: https://www.vegas.com/ for the latest comprehensive info on what's happening in Vegas, and how to buy tickets to any shows, events, or tours. Also, check this link for info on the Fremont Street Experience, including their Zip Line, at: http://vegasexperience.com/ Of course, we hope you will save your Vegas adventures for before or after the M/THSA reunion activities Thursday evening thru Sunday morning.

Lake Las Vegas: There is plenty to see and do around or near the Westin Hotel at our location on Lake Las Vegas. The hotel has a variety of entertainment venues, with restaurants, bars, pools, adult fun area, golf, and lake activities available to all guests. Info is provided at check-in and also available from the hotel Concierge desk located near the check-in area.

- **M/THSA Golf Tournament-** Friday morning, August 4 at 8:00am, we will be hosting our tri-annual Alumni Golf Tournament for those interested. Everyone is welcome to play, and the contact for tournament registration and arranging the teams of four is Paul Murphy '79 at: pjmurphy61@msn.com.
- **M/THSA Group Photo-** We ask that everyone remember to be available for the traditional M/THS group photo Friday afternoon around 2:30pm out on the main veranda overlooking the lake.

Montelago Village at Lake Las Vegas: Experience The Village, which echoes the ambiance of a Mediterranean town with its slow-paced, leisurely atmosphere, where there's a variety of shopping, dining, music, and lake activities available to enjoy. It is located about 1 mile away and can be reached by the Intra Resort Shuttle Service on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, go to: http://www.montelagovillage.com/the-village-at-lake-las-vegas/

Museums: If it's a little bit of Las Vegas culture you'd like, there is an interesting variety of 66 different museums you can visit in downtown Vegas, including The Mob Museum, Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, Bodies The Exhibition, The Neon Museum, & the National Atomic Testing Museum. For the list of all museums, go to: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g45963-Activities-c49-Las_Vegas_Nevada.htm

Local Outdoor Activities around the Las Vegas area are plenty and are an excellent way to spend an extra day before or after the M/THS reunion if you want to extend your stay in the area. You would need your own transportation, rental car, or arranged shuttle transport to get to any of these places listed below.

- **Hoover Dam-** The scenic Hoover Dam over Black Canyon and the Colorado River is located a few miles from the hotel, and on the border between Nevada and Arizona. It was built in 1931-36 during the Depression, and named for President Herbert Hoover, and serves to dam the waters that form Lake Mead, and provides electricity to southern Nevada and California. Tours are available, go to: http://www.usbr.gov/lc/hooverdam/

- **Lake Mead-** East of Lake Las Vegas is the huge reservoir of Lake Mead. Droughts and high water usage in recent years has seen its water levels seriously lowered, but it has 760 miles of shoreline, so you can still enjoy a day at the beaches of Lake Mead and enjoy some boating too. Go to: https://www.nps.gov/lake/index.htm
  There's a scenic boat tour (or brunch cruise) of Lake Mead and Hoover Dam available as well, go to: http://www.lakemeadcruises.com/ Houseboats are also available to rent for a longer stay out on the lake: http://www.houseboating.org/Lake-Mead-Houseboats-for-Rent
- **Red Rock Canyon** National Conservation Area- This beautiful desert park is located 17 miles west of Las Vegas, and was designated as Nevada's first National Conservation Area in 1990, the 7th in the USA. Nature is preserved here in this part of the Mojave Desert, where you can enjoy a 13-mile scenic drive thru the Red Rock Canyon and Spring Mountains park. There's numerous activities enjoyed here also, with many miles of hiking trails, rock climbing/repelling, mountain/road biking, horseback riding, & picnicking. Car fees for one day are $7. Go to: http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org/

- **Water Parks-** Las Vegas has a 3 main hotels, Mandalay Bay, Golden Nugget, & Sam's Town, with special water park attractions, plus there's two major outdoor water parks to enjoy in the heat of the Summer. Check out the Wet 'n Wild Water Park in west Las Vegas or closer to our Westin Hotel is the Cowabunga Bay Water Park. Go to: http://wetnwildlasvegas.com/ & https://www.cowabungabayvegas.com/

- **Skydiving-** For you daredevils amongst us, there are 2 main skydiving outfits in the Vegas area. One close to our hotel at: http://skydivelasvegas.com/ or in town: http://www.vegasextremeskydiving.com/ There is also an indoor skydiving experience available at Vegas Indoor Skydiving: https://vegasindoorskydiving.com/

Day Trips from Las Vegas will take you to scenic areas a little further away from Las Vegas proper, which are well worth visiting if you plan to stay for an extended vacation before or after the reunion. You will need to arrange your own transportation to these locations.

- **Grand Canyon-** Though the North Rim of the Grand Canyon is ~ 6-hr drive away, and the South Rim is ~8-hr drive away, there is the closer Grand Canyon West rim overlook, which takes ~2 hours to reach thru the Hualapai Indian Reservation. Grand Canyon West is home to the Skywalk, a horse-shoe, glass-floored bridge that extends out towards Eagle Point, up 4000-ft off the floor of the canyon. A must-see for those who don't fear heights! You can arrange for helicopter rides & river rafting trips into the canyons from there as well.
  Go to: http://www.grandcanyonwest.com/ If you want to book a helicopter ride thru the Grand Canyon from Vegas, or the canyon rim locations, go to this link to book with the certified

company (Papillon) that flies those tours: http://www.papillon.com/

- **Mt Charleston-** Las Vegas' tallest peak (11,916-ft) is located an hour NW of town in the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest of the Spring Mountains' National Recreation Area, and is a popular ski resort area in winter, and a very scenic hiking/camping area in the Summer. Miles of trails to explore, as well as hikes to 3 waterfalls, Mary Jane Falls, Big Falls, or Little Falls. Temps are ~30* cooler up there too and there's both a small lodge and a ski resort to provide a nice place to end your day for dinner and drinks. Go to: http://www.gomtcharleston.com/

- **Valley of Fire State Park-** If it's alien landscapes you like, then an hour trip N&E on I-15 and Valley of Fire Hwy will take you to Valley of Fire State Park, which will amaze you with its scenic red rock formations and calico hills. There are petroglyphs, arches, scenic loops, & kid-friendly short hikes around the ancient rock formations. The park is adjacent to the upper section of Lake Mead, so to complete your scenic drive, head east out of the park towards Lake Mead and drive south on NV-167 thru the desert landscape along its west banks. This drive can take you all the way to Hoover Dam as well. There is a park fee of $10 per vehicle, per day. Go to: http://www.valley-of-fire.com/