

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

Madrid/Torrejón High School Association

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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 off the website 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: www.mhsths.org/reunions.

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](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](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](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1612137397&key=21E9BC20) (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.)

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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.

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 **jbridges3@msn.com** and Patricia at **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.

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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.

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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](http://www.lveva.com)
- [Lake Las Vegas Calendar of Events -https://lakelasvegas.com/events/](https://lakelasvegas.com/events/)
- [Visit Henderson - Home \(www.visithenderson.com\)](http://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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