

Meeting Notes – Mac Class of 70 – 55th Reunion Gathering

Jan. 31, 2025

Attendees: Jennifer Sonnen Zimmerle

Steve Hart

LaVerne Blaschke Dysart

Larry Armstrong

The attendees met at Blanco BBQ on Blanco Rd.

Purpose of meeting:

To address a scheduling conflict regarding Biff Buzby's hours of operation that would impact our proposed reunion date/time plans.

Discussion Points:

Steve informed us that Biff Buzby's had changed their hours of operation. The proposed reunion date of Friday, Oct.24, 2025 would still be an option, but the new hours of operation Biff Buzby had posted would not work with our proposed hours.

We had previously intended that for the 55th Reunion gathering, we would make the hours like our Mac 70th Birthday gathering. We were looking for a site with availability from 1:00pm thru 5:00pm. Because Biffs revised their weekday hours of operation and showed they would be closed 2:00pm – 5:00pm, we determined Biff's was no longer a venue option for the gathering.

After eliminating Biff's as a viable option, we revisited a couple of previous discussion points in regard to date, time and venue.

We revisited the date of the gathering and decided Saturday night would probably be better for travelers, and Saturday had a "better feel" than a weekday. We agreed to change the date to Saturday, Oct. 25th.

We recognized that previously, we had not fully explored Blanco BBQ as venue.

We spoke with Patricia, the employee responsible for handling reservations. She addressed multiple questions. For example, was there a charge for using the room? Could our classmates order individually off the menu vs. catering? Could we reserve the room now for a date in October, etc.

We agreed that we should move forward with reserving the room. We realized it met all our requirements:

Availability of a private room that could accommodate 55-70 guests

Access to an outdoor patio with tables

A menu that extended beyond Barbecue options

Convenient location

Familiar location to those who attend monthly lunch gatherings

A long-time connection with the owner through Larry

Space available for a designated Mac table for a cake, signing in, etc.

We concluded the meeting with Jennifer volunteering to contact Butch and make sure he too was agreeable with moving forward and reserving the private room at Blanco BBQ for the 55th Reunion gathering.

Note: After our meeting – at a later date:

After discussing our proposal with Butch, Jennifer, on behalf of the Mac Class of 70, successfully reserved the room for October 25, 2025

Also, Butch posted on the Mac 70 website, an updated “Save the Date” with the revised date of October 25.

Butch will send classmates a survey to get a count of how many classmates (and spouses) plan to attend the reunion. Jennifer will relay the info to Patricia at Blanco BBQ seven days prior to the event.

Submitted by: LaVerne Dysart