

Class of '57 A Killer Reunion



*You are Cordially Invited to Attend the All Saints College Class of '57 Reunion
An evening of deceit, treachery & murder to be held at:*

On: _____ Starting At: _____

Your Character is _____

It is time for the All Saints College Class of '57 Reunion. For one night we will return to the good old days when Elvis was at the top of the charts. Sock hops, hula-hoops and poodles were radioactive. Getting pinned meant something altogether different than it does these days.

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Guest List

Jenny & Johnny

Then: Jenny and Johnny were our Prom King and Queen. Jenny was the head cheerleader, at every game cheering Johnny on to the National Championship of '57, where he broke the quarterback record for most yards passed in a game. He received a National Championship ring that he wears proudly to this day.

Now: Johnny went into local politics as soon as he graduated college. He is now Mayor of our great town, with his loving wife Jenny at his side. They say he might be our next Governor!

Mary & Michael

Then: Mary and Michael were Jenny & Johnny's best friends. All through college they were constantly fighting. It took everyone by surprise when they eloped and got married the day after graduation. Before this time Michael had been going steady with Maria.

Now: Mary & Michael are still fighting. As of this printing they have divorced and then remarried! Michael owns a shopping center in the same spot as the 2 factories owned by Stevens father Jacob, who they say, committed suicide after a corporate takeover by Michael 2 years ago. Mary is so sweet natured that it always amazes us when we see them argue.

Maria & Mark

Then: Mark came from the wrong side of the tracks. Maria had doting, successful parents. They ran in different crowds. We weren't even aware that they knew each other until they showed up at graduation holding hands.

Now: Maria & Mark are the typical family. They have 2 kids and a dog. By all reports they are still happily married. Mark is a pretty successful horror writer. He does a lot of traveling to research his books. As you know his twin sister Marilyn died from a fall down some stairs at our graduation party. It was rumored that she was in the family way at the time.

Susan & Steven

Then: Susan and Steven were the couple voted most likely to succeed. They were both intelligent with parents that were very well off. Susan's father came from old money & Stevens's owned the 2 biggest factories in town.

Now: Susan & Steven have 6 kids! They live in the mansion on the hill that has 12 bedrooms and 8 bathrooms.

Linda & Lenny

Then: Linda and Lenny were voted as the couple most likely to follow in the footsteps of Bonnie and Clyde. They were in a band together.

Now: Linda & Lenny surprised us all when they left college and formed a rock and roll band that had numerous number one hits. They have a new album about to be released.

Carol & Charles

Then: Charles was taking law courses and Carol took secretarial classes.

Now: Carol & Charles are quite happily married. They are both Detectives and are investigating David's murder.

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All Saints College Alumni

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Be sure to attend this event. Jenny & Johnny our Prom King & Queen will be hosting the event. Let's renew old friendships and reacquaint yourself with people who have probably changed as much as you have. It will surely be an exciting night for all! The following couples have already confirmed their attendance:

Jenny & Johnny
Carol & Charles
Maria & Mark

Mary & Michael
Susan & Steven
Linda & Lenny

Announcements

Attendees of this reunion are asked to dress in the style of 1950's. We will be reliving our exciting college years.

At the last minute we heard that the Shopping Center in town was burned to the ground last night. As you know our classmate Michael was the owner of that property.

Deceased Classmates

We would like to remember our deceased classmates here. Our condolences go out to their families.

Marilyn died from a fall down some stairs at Susan's Graduation Party, which was 2 days before Graduation. As you know Marilyn was the twin sister to Mark. Our thoughts are with you tonight Mark.

We regret to inform everyone that 2 nights ago David was murdered in his home in what appears to be a burglary attempt. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debra. She will not be attending tonight's event but has sent the display that David was working on. David was our yearbook photographer in school and went on to become a successful local reporter.

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Sample Character **Mary**

In college four of you girls hung out together. It was you, Jenny, Susan and Maria. Jenny was your best friend in school and Michael was Johnny's. Maria surprised you when she broke up with Michael the day before graduation to start dating Mark. She became persona non grata to your group when she did that. Mark's twin sister had a tragic fall down the stairs at the graduation party 2 days before graduation. They say she had been in the family way.

You and Michael had always shown animosity toward each other. The truth is that you were very attracted to him despite the fact that everything he did just irked you! The same night that Michael and Maria broke up, you and Michael had been out with Jenny and Johnny for burgers and cokes. Afterward Michael drove you home. When he pulled up to drop you off he kissed you. You were both stunned and then you jumped out of the car and ran into the house. Every nerve in your body was tingling. It felt as if your heart was going to jump out of your chest. The night of your graduation Michael confronted you with your mutual attraction. You tried to deny it, professing to only feel disgust, but when he kissed you again it was like a brush fire between you two. The next day you shocked everyone by eloping to get married. He is a fire in your blood. You have never gotten along despite the burning desire for each other. At one point you had even divorced, but that didn't work for either of you. You were even more miserable apart, so within 3 months of the divorce you remarried. One of your major problems is that Michael is very jealous. If you even spoke to another man he would start a fight about it. It got to the point that you would avoid men to avoid an argument. Lately though you just don't feel that way. You just can't live your life this way. If he says anything about you talking to a man you tell him to get over it. At first that would cause him to explode, but recently he has quit starting fights about it. He has even been less quarrelsome than normal.

Michael owned one of the cities most successful shopping centers. Last night the shopping center burned to the ground. What goes around comes around. Michael came by the shopping center in a less than honest manner. Stevens father Jacob owned 2 factories that use to stand right where the center is now. They were both garment factories, which were forced out of business by foreign competition in the industry. Michael approached Jacob with the idea of building the shopping center. Jacob would provide the property and part of the funding. Michael would find the rest of the investors and oversee the whole project. When Michael was approached by 2 national chain department stores wanting retail space he quickly bought out the investors' shares and did a corporate takeover, forcing Jacob from the business. Jacob committed suicide shortly thereafter. That was 2 years ago. Maybe that had something to do with your attitude change. You love Michael with a passion, but that was just wrong. He feels no guilt over Jacob's death. He just says "that is the way business works and Jacob should have dealt with it better."

In school you and your friends use to whisper taunts about Linda behind her back. Looking back on it you feel bad that you treated her that way. She always acted like it didn't bother her, but you knew it did. You even suffered guilt about it back then, but never said anything about it. To be a part of the popular crowd you went along with them.

Occasionally you and Michael still get together with Jenny and Johnny. You are beginning to wonder if maybe it isn't time to put more distance between you. Jenny seems to have a cold streak in her that wasn't so noticeable in school, but now you see the selfishness in many of her actions. You have remained friends more out of habit than desire.

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Mary

Secrets:

These are secrets you do not want others to know about you as they may implicate you in the murder

- ◆ You don't have any secrets. You know that caring about others and honesty is essential to your being happy.

What You Know:

This is information that you have that you may use in any way you wish. You can use this information to blackmail or bribe others, spread it as gossip, turn it over to the authorities. Be creative!

- ◆ You suspect that the way Michael managed the corporate takeover was a little on the wrong side of the law.

What You Need To Do:

Make sure you accomplish these things sometime during the evening. Just be sure to watch your back because you may make an enemy in the process!

- ◆ Tonight is the opportunity to make amends and set the wrongs to rights.
- ◆ Tell Steven that you are very sorry for his father's loss and you feel bad that you could not prevent what happened.
- ◆ You also want to apologize to Linda for the way you treated her back in college.
- ◆ Talk to Maria tonight. You may be able to renew your old friendship with her. She was always nice.
- ◆ If questioned about the last time you saw David: You were leaving the office at the shopping center last Saturday when he came in to interview Michael about the shopping center. You exchanged platitudes before you left. "How are you, how's the family etc..."
- ◆ Try to figure out who killed David.

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Guide to Running Class of '57 - A Killer Reunion

Thank you for purchasing Class of '57 - A Killer Reunion, a Dinner and a Murder Mystery Game. Our games are created to be fun and easy to play. There are no scripts to read, with the exception of the Detectives evidence presentation and the Solution. Every mystery is filled with plenty of opportunities for blackmail, bribery and other nefarious schemes for all the guests. Our games are organized in such a way that they are very easy to run. Class of '57 - A Killer Reunion is a murder mystery for 12-32 players. 12 being the minimum number of players, with 20 secondary characters that can be used if needed. Secondary characters can be assigned as you wish. About 10 days before your party send out the player information. These can also be emailed or faxed.

Notes:

- If you are a host who wishes to play the game without knowing the solution then do not read the character sheets or the solution.
- You can assign characters on the brief Guest List description. Despite the fact that the hosts of the reunion event are Jenny & Johnny it would be best to assign these characters to others. Jenny is a little self-centered and will manage to step on some toes, which may not be the best situation for the real hostess☺
- It would be best to assign Linda and Lenny's characters to a scheming outgoing couple who can make good use of good information.
- The Detectives will not receive a Secrets sheet.

Listed here are the items in this game and what you need to do with them.

- ◆ Each guest needs to receive a copy of the Invitation.pdf file. It will contain their invitation, the guest list and a news item that sets up the game. It is easiest if you fill in one copy of the invitation and then make copies of that. Include the (2) following items also:
- ◆ Brochure.pdf: This tells guests how to play the game. It needs to be printed on both sides of paper and then tri-folded and inserted into envelope.
- ◆ Character Sheets: Each character has 2 parts. The first part is their background information. The second part of the character sheet is their confidential information. It lists their secrets, knowledge and actions.
- ◆ When the guests arrive you will give each of them their nametag and \$500 cash (1 sheet of money equals \$500, cut up & wrap with rubber band to easily distribute.)
- ◆ Place the Solution in a sealed envelope. Give this to Charles and Carol the Detectives at the end of the evening after everyone has filled out their Guess Sheets.
- ◆ At the end of this game are some Exhibits:
- ◆ Put Exhibit F into a sealed envelope and give to Linda when she arrives.
- ◆ Exhibit C & D will need to have the date of crime/death written in by you. This date will be 2 days before the date of the party. Exhibit E will need the date to be the day before your party written in.
- ◆ All Exhibits except for F need to go into a large envelope and given to Carol and Charles when they arrive. Write Evidence on the outside of the envelope.

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- ◆ The last item is the Guest Solution sheets. There are 4 sheets to a page. Cut out to distribute. Each guest needs to receive one of these at the end of the evening to fill out.
- ◆ We have also included a Certificates pdf file that you can print on regular certificate paper to give out at the end of the evening. You can get certificate paper at your office supply. It only runs about \$3.00! Print using landscape view.
- ◆ There is a Tribute.pdf file that needs to be printed in high resolution. These photos need to be displayed at your party for the guests to see. You can do this however you wish. Mount on painted cardboard, frame them... use your imagination.

Playing our game is very simple. After everyone arrives read the Hosts Announcement.

- People will begin to mingle in character.
- At this time dinner can be served. Buffet and finger foods are good. If having a sit down meal it is best to have one long table for all the guests to make conversation among each other easier.
- After dinner the Detective will present his evidence.
- Afterwards guests will mingle, scheme and question.
- About an hour and a half into the evening you need to tell Linda to give her envelope to Charles.
- At the end of the evening, pass out solution guess sheets and ask guests to fill them out.
- After this is done give the Detective the Solution envelope to read out.
- While he is reading this, the host will go through the solution sheets and fill out certificates accordingly.
- Give out certificates as follows:
 - Super Sleuth Certificates for those that solve the murder.
 - Wealthiest Player goes to the one with the most 'money' at the end.
 - Best Costume goes to the most creative costume.
 - Best Actor goes to the person who plays their part the best.

If you would really like to get into the spirit of the 50's you can arrange for the couples present to do The Stroll:

The Stroll by The Diamonds

Here's how to do The Stroll:

Form two lines, guys on one side, facing the gals on the other.

The first guy and gal make their way down the line strutting their stuff. Swish and sway your way down the row. At the end, separate with the guy rejoining the men's aisle, the gal lining up with the women.

Then the next couple makes their way down the line.

Meanwhile the people in the line move to the music. You know, look cool.

Well that's all there is to it. We are sure your party will be talked about for months to come! We love to hear from our customers telling us what they think of our games. Send an email to mary@dinnerandamurder.com with your comments or questions.