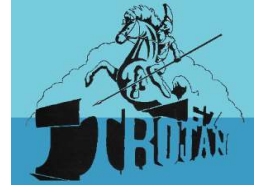


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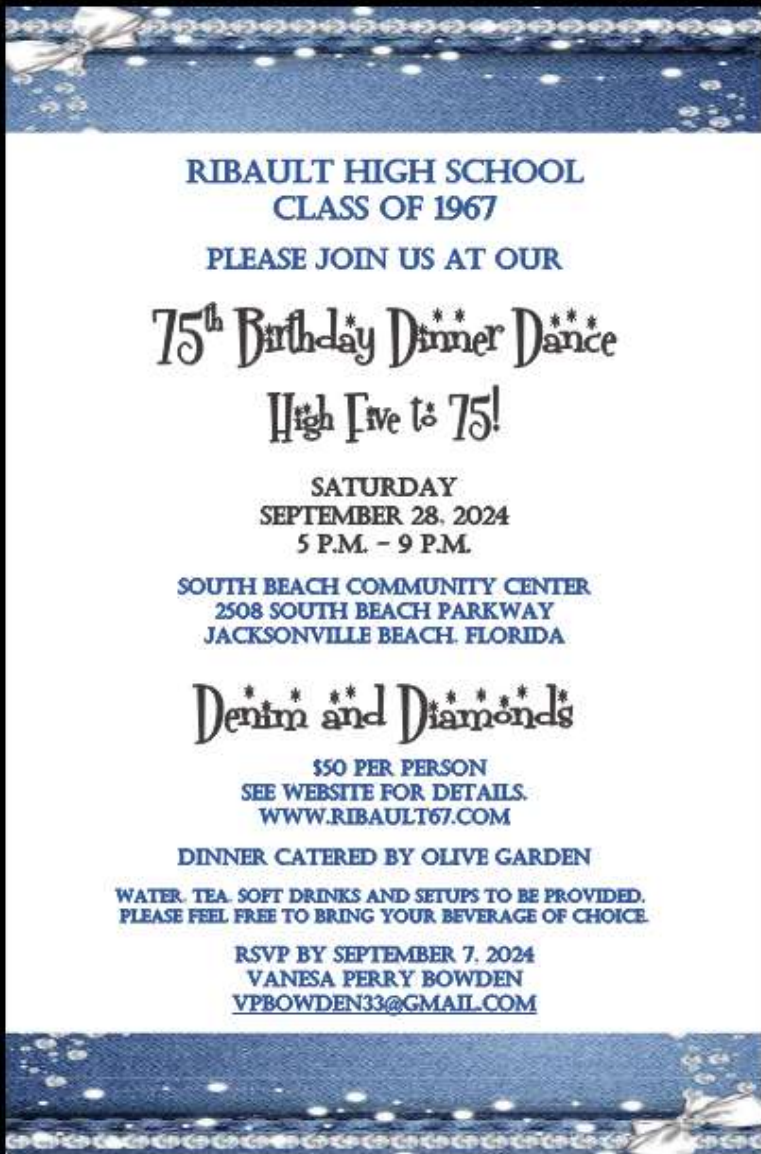
Class of 1967



August 2024

SPECIAL EDITION NEWSLETTER

# 75<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Dinner Dance



RIBAULT HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1967

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR

75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner Dance

High Five to 75!

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2024  
5 P.M. - 9 P.M.

SOUTH BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER  
2508 SOUTH BEACH PARKWAY  
JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA

Denim and Diamonds

\$50 PER PERSON  
SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.  
[WWW.RIBAULT67.COM](http://WWW.RIBAULT67.COM)

DINNER CATERED BY OLIVE GARDEN

WATER, TEA, SOFT DRINKS AND SETUPS TO BE PROVIDED.  
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR BEVERAGE OF CHOICE.

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 7, 2024  
VANESA PERRY BOWDEN  
[VPBOWDEN33@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VPBOWDEN33@GMAIL.COM)

## WHAT TO EXPECT

### The Venue

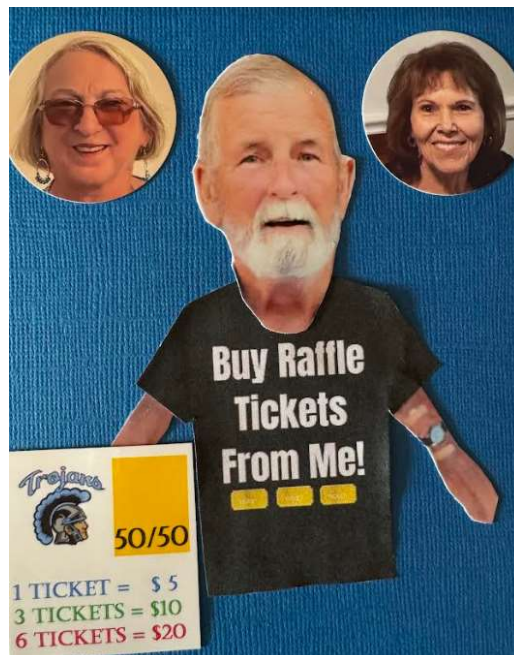
We have a lovely, spacious venue in the Jacksonville Beach Community & Exhibition Center. There is plenty of parking and handicap access. You will know where to enter the building when you see glowing lanterns along the sidewalk.



### Welcome Desk

Just inside the door you will be greeted by some friendly classmate party planners who will give you a name tag and direct you to areas of the party that you will not want to miss.

You will also have an opportunity to purchase 50/50 raffle tickets at the Welcome Desk.



## Where to Sit

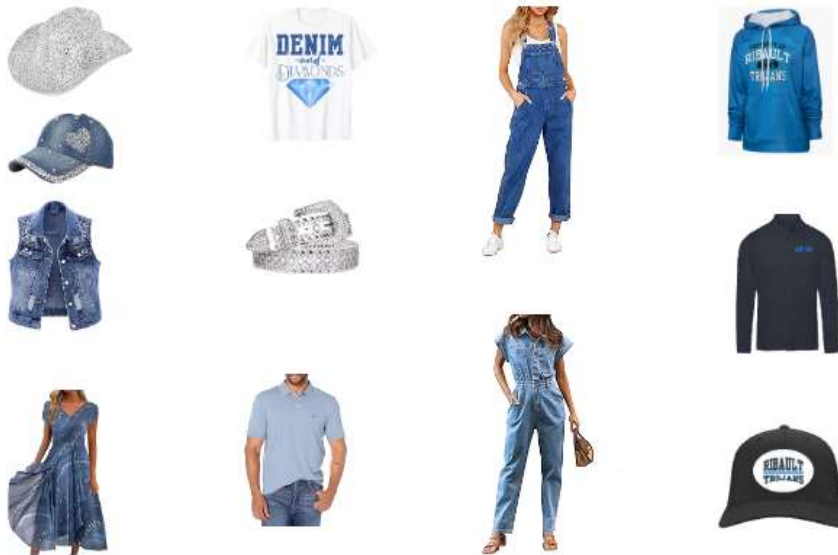
We are featuring open seating so please plan to sit wherever you would like. If you have a special friend you especially want to sit with, make sure your coordinate with each other ahead of the party. Our goal is for everyone to feel warmly welcomed where they choose to sit.

## Beverage of Choice

Just inside our party room will be two windows featuring ice, souvenir cups and setups for any alcoholic beverage you bring. If you are a non-drinker, bottled water and a few assorted soft drinks will be provided, in addition to the iced tea that Olive Garden provides. There are two large refrigerators in the event you need to keep your beverage chilled.

## What to Wear

Our theme is **Denim and Diamonds** so anything denim is perfect. However, the main vibe is casual and comfortable so feel free to wear whatever suits you! If you want to get your creative juices going, take a look at some of these novel ideas!



## Dinner

Dinner is being catered by the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant located on Philips Highway. A few of us had dinner there a couple of months ago and it was delicious! The three entrees that will be served are Chicken Parmigiana, Lasagna and Shrimp Scampi, together with Olive Garden's famous salad and breadsticks. Dessert is going to knock your socks off. We are going to have homemade cakes baked by our classmate Cake Ladies. Olive Garden is also providing dessert and iced tea.

We thought it would be nice to give any leftovers to the Fire Department located next to our building. Cannot do enough for our first responders!

## **Dancing**

Our DJ will be John Hollingsworth. John is a recent graduate of FSU (**Go, Noles, Go!**) and a native of Jacksonville, Florida. Although John is young, he has lots of experience in the entertainment industry. He has been a dancing teacher and choreographer and a part of many musical productions in Jacksonville.

John is going to play “our” playlist for our listening and dancing pleasure. Please be sure and include your three favorite songs from the 60s and 70s on your Registration Form.

Please note that John requested that only one person give him instructions about the music so if you think it is too loud or too soft or have a special request, please let Vanesa know.

Here is a recent picture of John with our own Charlene and Vanesa. They attended a music festival he was participating in to see him up close and personal. They were very impressed.



*See You In September by The Happenings*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7JQS6H2AXdM>



*It's My Party by Leslie Gore*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtCIdpnQoWk>



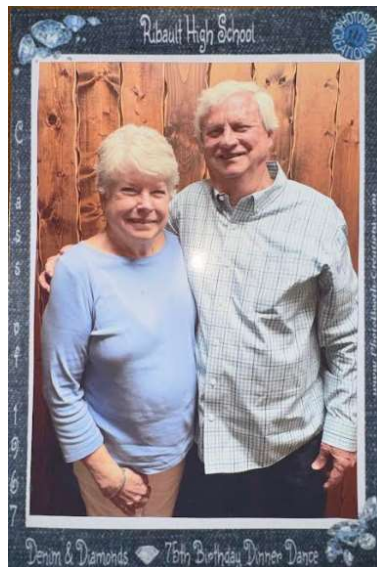
*Unchained Melody by the Righteous Brothers*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYj2hex99gY>



### **Professional Photographer**

PhotoBooth Creations will be our professional photographers. They will provide a 3-hour session from 5 to 8 p.m., including a 4x6 souvenir photo to take home with you, a group photo, a photo booth and online access. We recommend that you get your souvenir photo taken shortly after you arrive at the party, before the photographers switch to a photobooth operation.



## **50/50 Raffle**

Tickets will be sold at the door for **cash** only. You may buy **1 ticket for \$5, 3 tickets for \$10 or 6 tickets for \$20**. If you feel in a lucky mood, you might want to purchase more tickets during the party from Ray Godbee, who will be the Guardian of the Kitty. This is the only event at the party where you will need money. The more tickets you buy, the more likely you will be the lucky winner of half the pot. **Winner must be present at the time of the announcement.**



## **SpringHill Suites Jacksonville Beach Oceanfront**

The committee was able to negotiate the best deal available if you would like to spend our birthday party weekend at the beach. SpringHill Suites has blocked 25 rooms in varying categories, ranging in price from \$179 to \$299. These rooms are right on the beach. The hotel is only one year old, so everything is fresh and new. For more details, click on our website. [www.ribault67.com](http://www.ribault67.com) >75<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Please note that any rooms not reserved by **August 27, 2024** will be put back in the hotel's general rotation and the special prices will no longer be available.



### **Friday Night**

For those of you who are staying at the hotel, Springhill Suites has offered to reserve their patio area for us to gather on Friday evening, September 27. It is located right next to the pool so we can overflow if necessary, although the pool area cannot be blocked off for just our use. There will be food and beverage available for purchase and you might want to keep in mind that there is a tavern located next to the hotel if some of you wish to carry the party there afterward!

Those of you who are not staying at Springhill Suites are more than welcome to join us. In fact, we insist! Tentatively, let's plan to meet around 6:00 p.m.



### **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner . . . so far**

Alan Jones

Alice Bartlett Mabry and Neil Mabry

Ann Long Webb and Doug Webb\*

Ann Smith Nowlin and Marion Nowlin and Janet Thomas (Guest of the Nowlins)

Barry Lane and Helen Barnes Lane\*  
Betsy Parks Trimble  
Beverly Coyner Hadley and John Hadley  
Brenda Budd Russell and Larry Russell  
Bud Campbell  
Cathy Copps Hillis  
Charlene Barrow Catlett  
Claude Revels ('68)  
David Byrd  
Debbie Gandy McBride  
Donna Wallace Bergren and Richard Bergren  
Doug Webb and Ann Long Webb\*  
Eddie Dedmon  
Elisabeth North Nightingale and Ken Nightingale  
Gary Coulliette and Cynthia Cape ('66) Coulliette  
Helen Barnes Lane and Barry Lane\*  
Jerry Nelson  
Judy Baucom Hunter and Wally Hunter  
Ken Sellers and Cynthia B. Sellers  
Lance Hall  
Larry Waters and LeeAnn Waters  
Laura Munns Barnhart and Richard Barnhardt  
Linda Davis Conahan (hopefully)  
Linda Jordan Greene  
Linda Parker Dixon and Dick Dixon  
Linda Sheffield Shepherd  
Lynda Kabrich Mihalchik  
Mary Ann Meares Crumley  
Michael Key and Sharon Key  
Mike Suggs (hopefully)  
Nancy Pace Ford  
Patrick Knezevich and Carrie Reid ('71) Knezevich  
Ray Godbee and Lucy Godbee  
Rick Jones  
Rita Nichols Canady  
Rudy Murray and Pam Murray  
Sandra Harwell Blankenship  
Sharon Dewberry Lord and Rocky Lord ('68)  
Sharon Lane  
Susan Crause Spalding  
Terry Leachman (hoping to be able to stop by)  
Thomas Smith and Orieth Smith  
Tyra Ingram Cable and Ron Cable  
Vanessa Perry Bowden and Aaron Bowden  
Wayne Williams and Debbie Christoper ('68) Williams

\*Classmates married to each other.



## **Class of '66 and '68 Invited**

We have extended our party invitation to the Class of 1966 and 1968. Thanks to Claude Revels, Sue Beiling Lucas, Joe Southall (Class of '68) and Sue (Susie) Farmer Taylor (Class of '66), our invitation is now posted on their respective class Facebook pages.

## **Registration and Payment**

On the following page is the Registration Form. Deadline for registration is **September 7, 2024**. Please print, complete and mail the Registration Form and your check to Vanesa. Vanesa will send an email acknowledging receipt. If you do not hear from her within two weeks, please contact her.

**Vanesa Perry Bowden**  
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**Jacksonville, FL 32257**  
**[vpbowden33@gmail.com](mailto:vpbowden33@gmail.com)**  
**(904) 910-2413**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

**RIBAUT CLASS OF '67  
75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Dinner Dance  
Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**DENIM AND DIAMONDS**

**\$50 Per Person Deadline:  
September 7, 2024**

Name of Classmate	
Maiden Last Name	
Name of Guest	
Email Address	Cell/Text Number
Check Favorite Italian Dish	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Parmigiana <input type="checkbox"/> Lasagna <input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp Scampi
List Three Favorite Songs with Artist's Names from 60s & 70s	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
Payment	Make check payable to: Ribault Class of '67  Mail to: Vanessa P. Bowden 2857 Village Grove Dr. N. Jacksonville, FL 32257 <a href="mailto:vpbowden33@gmail.com">vpbowden33@gmail.com</a> 904.910.2413
Comments or Questions	

**PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU**

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please reach out to either Vanesa or Mary Ann.

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