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Bitten by the EA Love Bug

That Cupid... he's a smart son-of-a-bitch. And he's been around long enough to recognize people that would make a good couple. With the East Allegheny class of 1996, he didn't have to look very far to find perfect matches for some of us.

This is one of those EA marvels that stand out as something that occurs at an unusually high rate. In the class of 1996 alone, we have 18 people that are either married to or dating other EA classmates – some of whom are fellow 96ers themselves.

You may not believe in fate, but there are at least 18 of us who thank our lucky stars that we were fortunate enough to have grown up with our life-long partners.

With Valentine's Day coming up, we'd like to recognize our Wildcat Couples – at least the ones that we're aware of. I don't know if all of these couples started out giving Valentine's cards to each other when we handed them out in Green Valley. But I do know that they better be exchanging them now if they don't want to get in trouble with their significant other.



- **Andrea Murajda (Ryan)** is married to fellow 1996 classmate, **Tony Murajda**
- **Kristen Goyke (Kuchta)** is married to fellow 1996 classmate, **Chris Goyke**
- **Melissa Milosvich** is dating fellow 1996 classmate, **Jason Shank**
- **Sherry Caldarelli** widow of deceased fellow 1996 classmate, **Chris Megahan**
- **Dan Rullo (Jones)** is married to EA classmate, **Nicole Schultz**
- **Dana Harshman (Saula)** is married to EA classmate, **Keith Harshman**
- **Erik Beard** is married to EA classmate, **Liz Bigos**
- **Jeff Martin** is married to EA classmate, **Celeste Weber**
- **John Likar** is married to EA classmate, **Dana McEwen**
- **Katie Mills (Galasso)** is married to EA classmate, **Brian Mills**
- **Pat Schwer** is married to EA classmate, **Jeanmarie Pompilio**
- **Ryan Conley** is married to EA classmate, **Claire MacDonald**
- **Ryan Hallick** is married to EA classmate, **Heather Sokolowski**
- **Shaun Vozar** is dating EA classmate, **Katie Napolitano**
- **Dano Tomino** is dating EA classmate, **Kim Empfield**

So who did I forget or get wrong? I know there has to be a few. Please don't be upset if I made a mistake or missed you.

In Other News...

The Rodent Speaks!

Punxsutawney Phil popped his fat little head out of his hole today. And he predicted an awesome reunion with tons of people. With forecasting that reliable, who needs class emails? Well, I don't trust that pudgy woodchuck, so I'm going to keep the emails going. Let's hope he's right about spring as well as the reunion. Incidentally... he also predicted that you guys would send bottles of Jack Daniels to my house. I'm just saying... you can get my address from the website.

Reunion Status

I know that everybody is wondering what's up with the reunion status since the last time I emailed you I said that I'd be in touch shortly to give you a final ticket price. Here's the latest... We are working through the numbers to make sure we keep it in budget. Basically, we ended up with way more people than we had hoped for. That's awesome! But what that means logistically is that we had to switch to the larger space at the reunion venue. Kristen and I are actively working with the Gateway Clipper people to get this thing nailed down. I had a meeting down there last Wednesday. Stay tuned for details. I promise something soon. Thanks for the tremendous response and please stay engaged and interested!

We are still targeting the same timeframe of September 17th. But that isn't set in stone until we sign a contract and it's subject to change at this point.

New Faces

We've picked up a lot of reunion participants in recent weeks. We've gotten commitment from people who were kind of on the fence about it. And we've even pulled in some people who we didn't expect – including a few who were in our class for a while, but ultimately graduated in a different class or at a different school altogether. We've pulled in 14 people just since our last meeting! And we're at the point now where people are seeking US out proactively. Welcome to everybody who has hopped on in recent weeks. As of this moment, we have 62 classmates and 110 people including guests. And we're still expecting more. Get on your friends!

Jessica

Jessi Marsh (Dobos) has only one chemo treatment remaining! Thank you to everybody who's been following her progress and supporting her. It's been a long process for Jessica and her family. They are happy to be approaching the victory line and are thankful for everybody who has reached out.

More Begging for Stuff

As you know, I've been asking for copies of anything and everything school related (pictures, sports info, etc.). I've put some stuff up on the website in our Documents Archive, but it's minimal. The other day, I had dinner at the home of one of our classmates. Now I won't mention him by name (Aaron Hattok), but I made a discovery of a storage bin in his basement that is a treasure trove of historical EA memorabilia. Basically, our friend who shall remain nameless (Aaron) has been holding out on us! And so have the rest of you. I know for a fact that many of you have boxes full of stuff in your attics and basements that is just sitting there. Help us preserve it for historical purposes and share it with the rest of the EA world by putting it up on our website. You can scan it, or I'll do it for you. I'll even pick it up and drop it back off to you. All you have to do is dig it out.

www.EA1996.com/DocsArchive.aspx

The website continues to be improved, including recent social media enhancements and additional photos, etc. More good things are slated for 2016 – performance tweaks and much-needed mobile experience improvements.

Lastly, I really appreciate you all sticking with us throughout this long process. You've been very patient and supportive through all of the voting, relentless emails, and helping to convince people to participate. We have a great deal of momentum behind this now. Keep working on the stragglers and help us track down the people who we're not in contact with.

Reunion Attendees So Far

- Aaron Hatok
- Adam Homer
- Amy McDonough (Butler)
- Andrea Murajda (Ryan)
- Andy McWhinney
- April Padezan
- Barb Baker (Nicholson)
- Bill Oliver
- Chris Goyke
- Christina Lorenz (Smith)
- Christina Strom (Crawford)
- Crystal Birch
- Dale McCune
- Dan Rullo (Jones)
- Dana Dowling
- Dana McDonald (Tucker)
- Darlene Vislay
- Dave Ray
- Dave Sholtes
- Derek Hunter
- Elizabeth Mantia
- Erik Martin
- Francis Speranza
- Harley Schultz
- Heather Gibb (Cooley)
- Jaimee Gibbons (Loyd)
- James Bongyor
- Jammie Barnes
- Jeff Estadt
- Jen Lukes (Bouris)
- Jennifer Ace (Herr)
- Jessi Marsh (Dobos)
- Jim Resiter
- Jim Sokolowski
- Jocelyn Bell (Ellenberger)
- Jody Seibert
- John Brush
- John Loughner
- Joi Paulovich (Puhalla)
- Katie Mills (Galasso)
- Kelleigh Boland (Butler)
- Kelly Santimauro
- Ken Cheripka (Cheripka)

- Kristen Goyke (Kuchta)
- Kristen Ryder
- Kristen Walker (Waszkiewicz)
- Laura Hall
- Matt Stark
- Maureen Smith (Conwell)
- Melinda Perttu (Crawford)
- Mike Hoke
- Mindy Andrews (Devalkeneer)
- Nicole Parker
- Rich Johnson
- Ron Cornelison
- Ron Thompson
- Rose Goodnack (George)
- Sarah Shulkosky (Lawrence)
- Shaun Vozar
- Steve Gibala
- Tikesha Moore (Crump)
- Tony Murajda

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