



Toul American High School

Bonjour Toulers,

We are there. Everything is final. Planning is done. Wish we could find more classmates, but our numbers are good. Let's do this!

The 2026 Toul Reunion will be held 4 – 7 May at the small, beautiful, and classy *Renaissance Hotel* in Reno, Nevada, overlooking the Truckee River and across from the River Walk. It is not a casino, so no smoke, noise, and crazy crowds. Casinos are walking distance. We will have two hospitality suites, Gloria and Bobbie hosting in room 915, and Kar and I next door in 916.

Mon the 4th will be arrival and Ice Breaker in the Shore Bar Lounge overlooking the river, with a pay as you go bar beginning at 1600 hrs.

Tue the 5th we'll visit Lake Tahoe for a cruise if you choose. We took the cruise in July, and it is awesome, and the drive from Reno to Tahoe is quite scenic. Food and beverages are available on the M. S. Dixie II. The bus loads in front of the Renaissance at 0945 for the optional Lake Tahoe Cruise from 1200 – 1400 hrs. The bus is also optional for those who prefer to drive. Touring the River Walk, casinos, and many sites are available for Toulers not taking the Cruise. We'll be back in Reno about 1530 for a free night with nice Mexican restaurants walking distance to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, but first we will provide chips, guac, salsa, and margaritas in our two suites at 1700 hrs. to begin your evening events.

Wed the 6th is a free day for the Riverwalk, Car Museum, casinos, pool, Virginia City, Donner Museum, etc and time to enjoy the friendship and company of Toulers. However, in lieu of having our Business meeting Thur before we depart, and many have gone, let's do this Wed at 0800. We'll meet in our suites, determine the next reunion dates and location, etc, then spend the rest of the day frolicking. Wed night will be the

A Bientot Dinner from 1800 – 2200 hrs. and includes a *repas magnifique*, (*heavy hors d'oeuvres/charcuterie*) in their amazing Wine Cellar/Speak Easy Bar with a DJ, spinning a mix of Toul

tunes, mostly 60s rock. Requests are welcome and Karaoke available. The dinner is an abundance of assorted domestic and imported cheeses, accoutrements, a slider station, grilled veggies, potato boats, and desserts. The venue is all ours, and remarkable. There will be some normal tables for those who choose to sit, and many higher ones for those who prefer milling and mixing. There will also be a no host bar with a couple of French Drink specials available (French 75s for one). Dress is casual AYA... or anything you prefer.

Thur the 7th we depart from our celebrations of those *Glory Days* and return to reality, savoring many new and wonderful memories and rekindled friendships. Let's do it again. Cheers!

The *Renaissance Hotel* reduced rate is \$199 plus taxes for a total of \$228 per night. POV or rental car parking is \$15 per day. It is a Marriot Affiliate and if you are a member, there are additional advantages. You can visit the Web Site to check out the Hotel: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/rno-br-renaissance-reno-downtown-hotel-and-spa/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

[You can reserve your rooms at: **Book your group rate for Toul High School Reunion May2026**](https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/rno-br-renaissance-reno-downtown-hotel-and-spa/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0) Or you can call Nicole (Nikki) Johnson at (775) 321 – 5883, or Janet Cuna at (775) 321 – 5878 with questions or for reservations. **Reservations should be completed by 1 April.**

We are receiving a group rate of \$89 for the M. S. Dixie II **Lake Tahoe Cruise**. Here's a web site for a

review: <https://www.zephyrcove.com/lake-tahoe-cruises> The cost for the 23-passenger bus is \$60 or you can drive and parking is \$12. It is a one-hour drive from the Renaissance to Zepher Cove at Lake Tahoe.

Food and beverage cost is \$97 per person, the Tahoe Cruise is \$89, and Bus transportation is \$60 for a total of \$246.

If you take the cruise and no trans, the cost is \$186.

If you opt out on the cruise and trans, the cost is \$97.

Please make payment by check: Bill Baltzell, 14320 Knobcone Dr., Penn Valley, CA 95946, or Venmo: Karen James-Baltzell@Karen-James-Baltzell 8547 by 1 April.

One note about Toul High School. It opened in 1962 as a result of an influx of American Military responding to the building of the Berlin Wall. It existed for four years and ended with the Class of 1966. Charles de Gaulle withdrew from NATO and asked the American Troops to leave France. So, 2026 is the 60th anniversary of the closure, all the more reason to celebrate and attend this 2026 Reunion. 😊

As we all know, our spouses and family members are Toulers. We have extended invitations to spouses and children of passed Toulers. At least one of my two daughters will join us in Reno. Please feel free to include your kids, grandkids etc. We're all family.

Toul Reunion T Shirts are available (see picture below). They are short sleeves and the cost is \$21. Sizes include: s, m, l, xl, or xxl. If you are interested, please contact me at: rookbaltzell@comcast.net. I'll need your orders by 1 April to have them printed for the Reunion. Payment by check or Venmo: Karen James-Baltzell@Karen-James-Baltzell 8547 works for us.

Thanks again to David for posting on the TAHS Website and Facebook.

Email me at: rookbaltzell@comcast.net or call me at (530) 432-9362 (land line) or (530) 277-8547 (cell) with any questions.

Let's Rock Reno!

Bill Baltzell

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*Whether you think you can, or whether you think you can't,
you're probably right...Attitude is everything!*

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