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**Subject:** Re: Walt Whitman reunion memorial display  
**Date:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 7:01:57 AM

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Jayne - your reply was perfect- classy, polite, and to the point. Well done

Tracy- your comment was perfect too!

Even though I couldn't make it, I heard that it went great. I was very sorry to miss Mr Gilhool as he was one of my favorite teachers and an inspiration to me - I still tell stories about him to my classes!

Great job to all of you, and I apologize for having to back out over the last months, but I really appreciate your thoughts and understanding.

A simple 5 year reunion, without all the bells and whistles, is a great idea! I'll be healthy then, I promise!

Chris

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Success is not final

Failure is not fatal

It is the courage to continue that counts - Winston Churchill

On Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:47 AM, [tracyzeigfinger <tracyzeigfinger@verizon.net>](#) wrote:

You were too nice. There's always one asshole...

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

----- Original message -----

From: Jayne Fitzgerald <[jayne5260@gmail.com](mailto:jayne5260@gmail.com)>

Date: 10/11/18 6:38 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: [gregory.pichler@verizon.net](mailto:gregory.pichler@verizon.net)

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Subject: Re: Walt Whitman reunion memorial display

Hello All,

I was cc'ed on the email that Greg is referring to from Doug Vann. And this was my reply to him:

" Hi Doug,

Thank you for including me on this email to Greg. I am sorry you were disappointed in the reunion. And I just wanted to share some light on the reunion planning process. At least a year before the reunion a group of volunteers from the class get together - volunteering their time (hours and hours of it), mapping out the best possible venue (price, location, parking, space, etc). Then we do our best to find and contact the 720 classmates that we had. We make announcements way in advance so that we can get a good idea of how many are coming to make sure that our space, etc is still going to be a good fit. Then we also pay the fee for attendance (even though we are VOLUNTEERING to put on the reunion we still have to help cover the costs of the venue, etc.) Also, just a side note, the BAND also rehearsed for months before the event and played free of charge. What was lovely, was that we had the outside space for conversation as well. This year over thirty people showed up at the door to pay - we had no idea they were coming, Thirty more people than we were expecting.

Regarding the Memorial table - we had a volunteer who lives in VA who had several of the pictures we needed for the display that had a family emergency and was unable to make the reunion and also lived far enough away that we could not get them from her and it was too late for us to scan, print and frame the pictures before the event.

It's too bad that you passed judgement on the event in less than an hour, most everyone there really enjoyed themselves.

I hope that your Bradley Elementary reunion is a success.

Sincerely,"

I appreciate feedback from our attendees - how else can we get better - but I, personally, also feel that as a reunion committee TEAM member we must always, at least externally, support the efforts of everyone else.

Sincerely,

**Jayne**

On Wed, Oct 10, 2018 at 10:32 PM <[gregory.pichler@verizon.net](mailto:gregory.pichler@verizon.net)> wrote:

I received feedback pertaining to the memorial display. (see below) Funny, I thought I mentioned that Ernie Lichtenstein was deceased earlier this year. Perhaps we can do better in 2028.

Greg

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**From:** \*\*\*\*\* <\*\*\*\*\*@\*\*\*\*\*.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 \*\*:\*\*

**To:** [gregory.pichler@verizon.net](mailto:gregory.pichler@verizon.net)

**Cc:** [\\*\\*\\*\\*\\*@yahoo.com](mailto:*****@yahoo.com)

**Subject:** Re: <elementary school> reunion

[...]

Didn't realize you were on the reunion committee. Gotta say I was disappointed not seeing Ernie on the memorial table And now that I think back I don't remember seeing Alex's sister Andrea on the table either. Correct me if I'm wrong.

[...] I almost didn't bother [coming] but then thought I should be there in case anyone had any questions about Ernie's demise. But he wasn't on the memorial table. Next time I will be sure to monitor who is coming before committing.

[...]