

The Reunion Junction

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The Woolever Reunion: June 23-25, 2000

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GET READY !

Does time accelerate?

Is it just me, or does it seem like time is starting to accelerate? We are getting pretty excited here, anticipating everybody's arrival. And it does seem like there are lots of details to double check, and specific tasks to do, and one begins to wonder if there will be enough time to accomplish it all. Ah, well, we'll just trust that whatever happens will work out, very possibly for the best.

In any case, the point is to enjoy seeing your relatives. Pretty simple.

What to pack?

Believe me, I'd be the last to guide you on what to bring with you, but here are a few thoughts:

- Golf clubs if you're going to golf.
- Favorite suntan lotion.
- Swim trunks if you're getting in the pool at the motel.
- Stories to tell, questions to ask.
- Got any interesting photos you'd like to share?
- What to wear? —Most likely the weather will be Iowa-sultry (hot, humid, sticky), but weather changes a lot, so rain and cool is always possible. Our picnic shelter has a roof, so only the cool would matter there.
- Cameras—still and video types.
- Your talent.
- A happy spirit.

Reservations:

If you haven't made your reservation yet, PANIC! Put down this newsletter, pick up the phone, and call:

The Motel:

Valley West Inn
3535 Westown Parkway, West Des Moines, Iowa 50266
Phone for reservations: **1-800-833-6755**
Tell them "Woolever Reunion."

(Final deadline for motel reservations: June 16, 2000. After that, call and beg....)

Whew—that was close....

Now for a little fun—

We've been poking around, checking out the old Valley Junction neighborhoods. Here are a few pictures:



Above left, the original Valley High School on 8th Street. Above right, the First M.E. Church at 7th and Elm, around 1898.



The house in West Des Moines at 619 13th Street as it looks today.

Schedule Review:

Friday:

- Arrival and check-in + hospitality room.

Saturday:

- Morning: Golfers golf; others to Farmer's Market, Des Moines Arts Festival, or shopping, etc.
- Afternoon: Picnic and photos.
- Evening: Amateur Talent Show.

Sunday:

- Brunch and final farewells.

Love — Greg & Mary

