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Greetings Ed,

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. This is the time of the year for reflection and creating plans for 2023. Regarding plans for 2023, Joe Rath and I have discussed several changes for 2023. I had previously emailed an image of the internal layout of the shelter for 2023. In case you missed it, I have included the shelter layout image again. It is attached, along with an updated graphic of the photo location and food line traffic. You will also find an updated PICNIC TEAM organizational chart. I will talk about these three graphics and the changes shortly.

As we prepare for the 9th Annual All-Alumni picnic in 2023, I would FIRST like to thank all the alums who made our annual picnic possible during the last eight years.

Let's start with the 1964 Reunion Committee. After completing our 50th Reunion in 2014, the class leadership for 1964 decided to have an annual picnic instead of another big reunion bash (55th, 60th, etc.) In part to reduce the individual costs of another five-year reunion, along with the idea of doing something more manageable. So, the idea of an annual picnic was born. Immediately it was expanded to become an all-alumni event. This was due to known friends in adjacent and other class years. Thank Russ Peterson, who was well-networked, for making it an all-alumni event.

For the three picnic years of 2015-2017, I'd like to thank the original Picnic Team members. They are Dave Bross/64, Geri Bross/64, Jeanne Gould/64, Jim Gould/64, Carol Hoffman/64, Marie Lorbiecki/64, Jan Nepsund/64, Curt Nepsund/64, Jennifer Person-Dennis/64, Russ Peterson/64, Ann Peterson/65, Ed Palmer/64 and Herb Vitullo/64.

In 2018-2019, it was recognized that we needed more help, so the following additional alum stepped forward to assist. Bonnie Tangness/65, Beverly Williams/65, Chuck Kobow/66, Holly Lindstrom/66, Wayne Lindstrom/66, Sharron Kujawa/66, Candy Link/67, Geary Keppel/68, Devonna Haskett/73.

2020, in what would have been the 7th annual picnic, was cancelled due to Covid-19. The decision was confirmed by a poll taken of the alums. A second poll was conducted, and it was decided to go forward with resuming the picnic in 2021.

For 2021-2022, the original picnic team retired, and a new group was assembled. The new team looked like this: Ed Palmer/64 (Chairman), Marie Trepanier/65, Bonnie Tangness/65, Beverly Williams/65, Chuck Kobow/66, Bonnie Kobow/66, Wayne Lindstrom/66, Holly Lindstrom/66, Candy Link/67, Marge Remarcik/67, Geary Keppel/68, Terry Dombrock/71, Jeanne Friday/72, Daniel Nechkash/72, and Kathy Schwichenberg/76.

That brings us to 2023. Joe Rath has begun to create a transition team from the classes of 74/75/76, which meets as one group, to eventually take over the picnic and extend its life as long as possible. The 2023 picnic team is attached as an org chart graphic. It now consists of the following alum: Ed Palmer/64 (Co-Leader), Joe Rath/74 (Co-Leader), Marie Trepanier/65, Bonnie Tangness/65, Beverly Williams/65, Muriel Spellmon-St Urbain/65, Chuck Kobow/66, Bonnie Kobow/66, Wayne Lindstrom/66, Holly Lindstrom/66, Candy Link/67, Marge Remarcik/67, Geary Keppel/68, Terry Dombrock/71, Jeanne Friday/72, Daniel Nechkash/72, Greg Peterson/74, Dan Ordahl/74, Reggie Crawford/74, John Rath/76, Carrie Orr/76, and Kathy Schwichenberg/76.

In addition to the picnic volunteers, other alums have assisted in the historical classmate data found on our all-alumni website. All extant alum names from yearbooks were entered into the alum database by Betty Thomas/64 - (Data Entry Lead) and Debra Uhrich/70. Downloadable and searchable yearbooks were created by Caryl Ann Kivisto-Exner/65, Ruth Ellis/75, and Ed Palmer/64. Picnic class photos have been taken most years by Dale Olson/63.

A SPECIAL "THANK-YOU" TO EVERY ALUM WHO HAS PITCHED IN TO MAKE VOCATIONAL'S ALL-ANNUAL PICNIC AND WEBSITE RESOURCE THE SUCCESS IT HAS BECOME.

If I have missed anyone, please email me so I can give them credit. You will find the above list of volunteers on our website under the tab ABOUT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS or by clicking this link. <http://www.mpls vocational.com/about/acknowledgements.html>.

As we prepare for 2023, it is good to remember how we arrived at this point in time. I recognize the website and communications might be considered the backbone of the all-alumni picnic. However, the reality is that all of the above alums played a critical role in making the annual picnic event happen. If you get the chance, thank a volunteer.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE ABOVE PICNIC VOLUNTEERS AND WEBSITE CONTRIBUTORS FOR ALL THE VOCATIONAL ALUM. EVERYONE APPRECIATES YOUR EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS ANNUAL EVENT A REALITY!

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THE PICNIC GRAPHICS
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The three graphic files attached are: 1) The 2023 proposed shelter layout, which uses Joe's six-speaker DJ system. It also creates a dance floor area where we expect to take photos under the shelter roof and out of the sun, shade, and wind. 2) The overhead shelter view showing after photo traffic and the food line. 3) The updated Vocational Picnic Team org chart for 2023. Note: All graphics are subject to future changes.

Please provide your thoughts and inputs on these graphics if you have any. Email them back to me.

The shelter layout graphics are self-sufficient. Let's talk about the organizational chart. This rev 9 chart is how Joe and I currently see the organization. Everyone inside a boxed area is considered a leader of that particular area. It is Joe's desire to make the picnic last as long as we can. I suspect that we will be at the exact location on the first Thursday in August. If something changes, we will communicate that in our newsletter ASAP. Russ and Ann Peterson found our site a few years ago, and I don't expect anything to change. There is little competition for the shelter on the first Thursday in August.

Joe is from the class of 1974. Vocational classes 74, 75, and 76 usually meet as one class for their get-togethers. They also have a single Facebook page. So, I am working with Joe now as Team Co-Leaders. That is the upper left box in the org chart. Directly below this box are two boxes where I currently work, the Website/Server and the Communications boxes. I suspect there might be someone with a desire to take over the newsletters and other communications areas. If this is you, let me know. I expect I could transfer the tasks of Vocational's Newsletter and Committee Communications after our June 8 planning meeting this year.

Next to the right is a box for a future Secretary (TBD = to be determined). It would be nice to have someone take notes at our meetings other than myself. We currently meet only twice

during the year. We plan the picnic in early June and then review it early September. Let me know if you would like to join our picnic team or volunteer for the Secretary's position.

Above the Secretary's box is Joe's Transition Team box. He currently has five volunteers from 74-76 and would like several more to step forward. The transition team will shadow the leaders during 2023 and take over as alums retire from their leadership positions. Eventually, handling almost all functions. Joe and I expect this might be a 2-3 year process. Call Joe at (952) 903-9830 or email him at jrdjmusic@yahoo.com if you want to join his 70s transition team or discuss it with him.

The last addition to the chart is the Decorations box. Carrie from the 76 class is working on spicing up our picnic decorations. Let me know if you'd like to join her in this effort.

We've lost some volunteers in the Food Service area supporting Jeanne/72, and Kathy/76. We could use 2-4 more volunteers in this area. Let me know if you can assist here. We have picnic attendees who have pitched in, but this is an area of uncertainty. If we need help in any area, the leaders will inform the Registration Desk, and if someone volunteers, they can be assigned from there where needed.

That's it. Let me know your thoughts, and have a great Holiday Season.

May God Bless your continued health,

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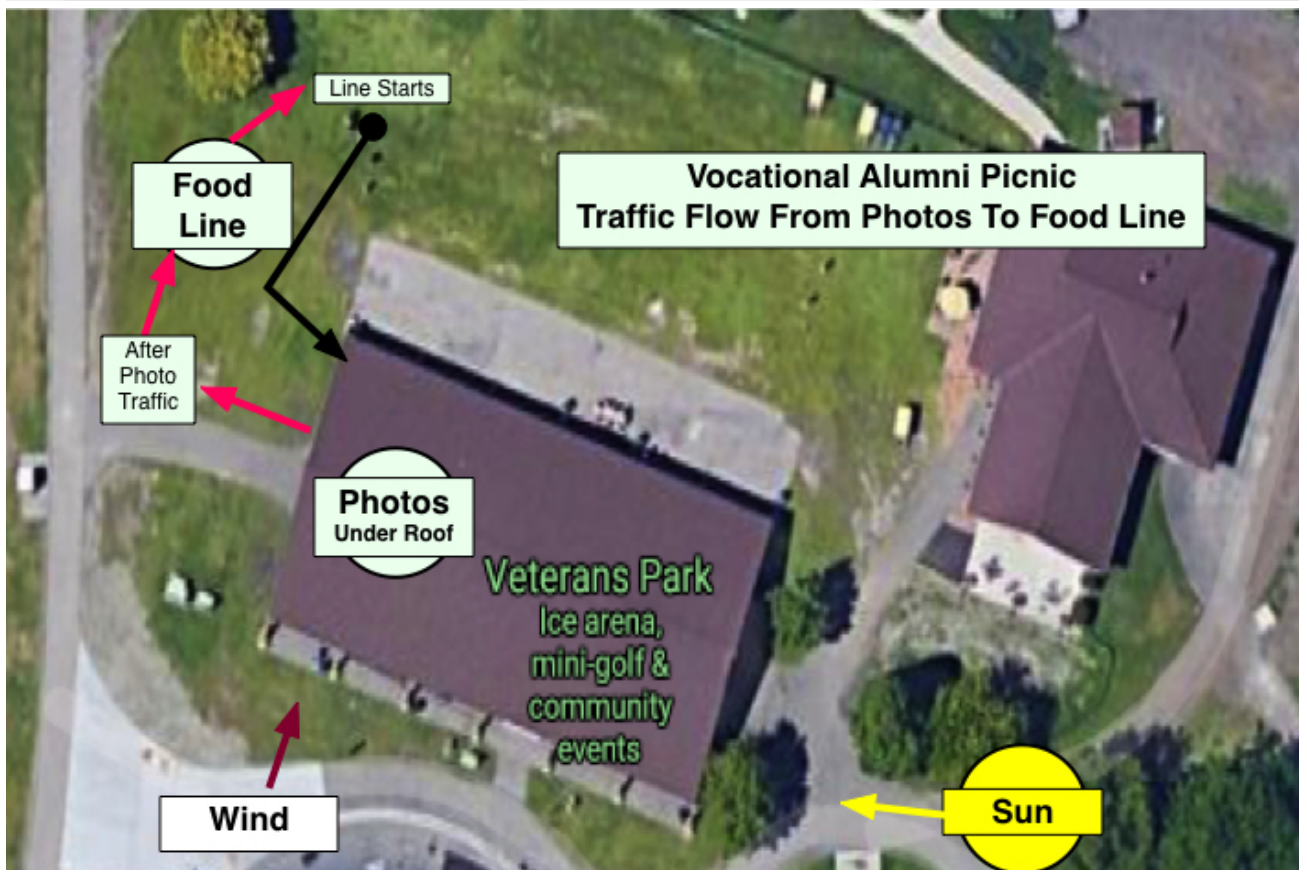
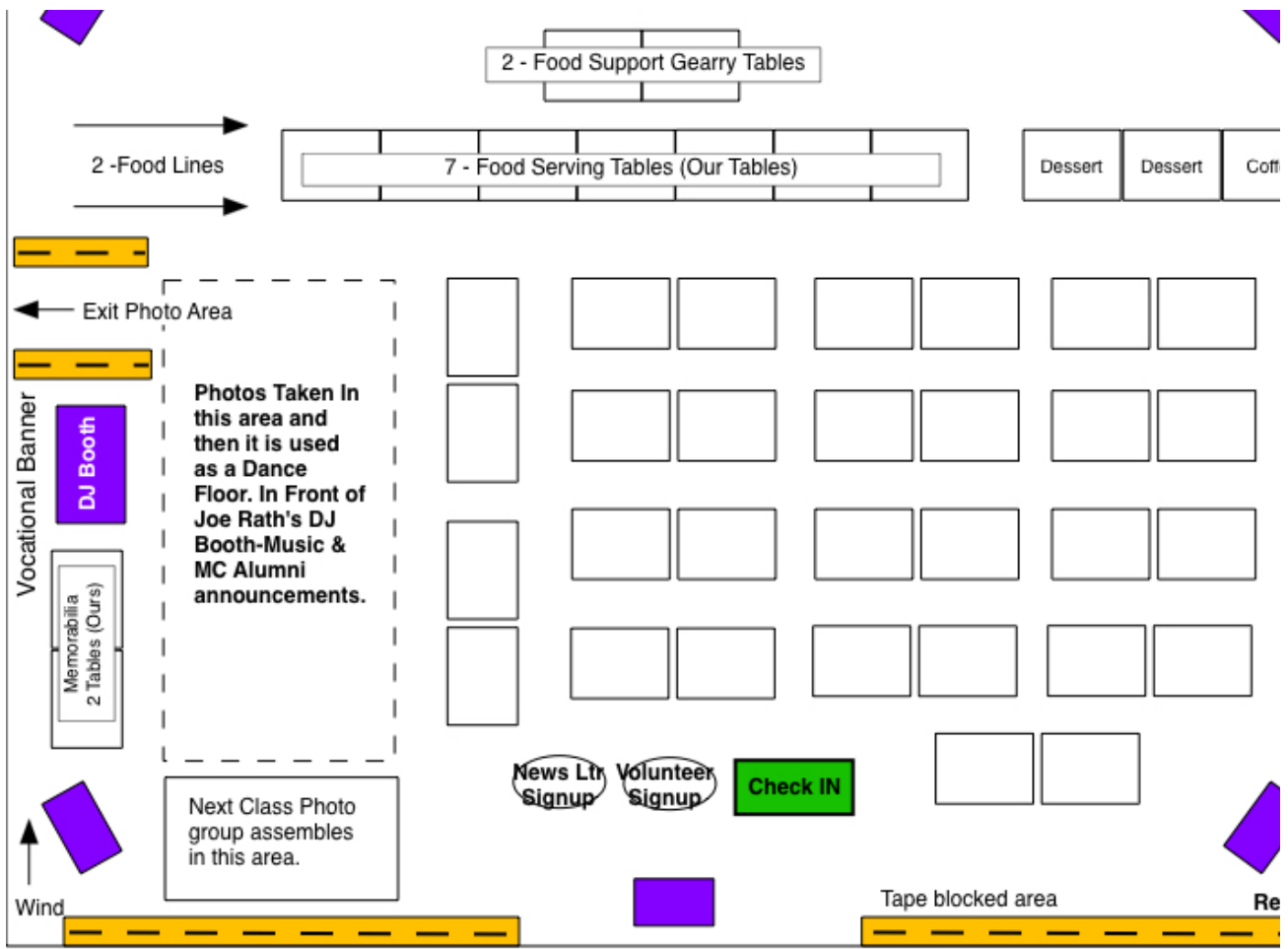
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Vocational Picnic Team - 2023

