

## 55<sup>th</sup> Free Reunion – TableTop Discussion Groups

Friday, June 1, 2018, 8:00-9:00 AM

The Coming War Between Iran and Saudi Arabia – Peter Maffitt

Depression, Thoughts of Suicide – Tex Younger

Emotion and Substance in Political Discourse – Mike LaFond

Estate and Financial Planning – David Anderson

Forgetting and Memory – Jim Courtright, Val Dusek

Intelligence and Its Relevance Today – Jay Rixse

What Are Your Plans for the Next Five Years? – Jud Calkins

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8:00-9:00 AM

The Art of Family Story Telling – Jon Larson

Cancer and Caregiving – Cris and Mary Thiessen

Fitness and Low Impact Exercise for Those Over 75 – Phil Arnold

Health as We Age – Joe Alpert, Fred Finkelstein

Hobbies – Hank Hallas

Loss and Bereavement – Ian Robertson

Men's Health, Including Urologic Cancers, Voiding Difficulties, Sexual Health, Etc. – Jim Biles

Volunteer Teaching in Third World Countries – Cameron and Seymour Smith

Why Is the US a Divided Nation? – Joe Valenta

In addition to the larger discussion groups on Friday and Saturday afternoons at the Free 55th Reunion, we will have **a new type of discussion group on Friday and Saturday mornings** at the Reunion: the tabletop discussion groups. These innovative discussion groups furnish still another excellent reason for you to come to our Free 55th Reunion.

The tabletop discussion groups are modeled after the multiple informal conversations that we enjoyed during our time together 55 years ago in multiple College dining halls. Each of these semi-organized conversations will feature one or more classmates who have volunteered to start and stimulate a conversation around a breakfast table in Branford College, starting at 8:00 AM on Friday and Saturday mornings. You are warmly invited to stop in for any of these bull sessions for as long as the conversation interests you. Tables will carry signs indicating the conversation topic under discussion.

Here is a list of the tabletop discussion groups which have been scheduled so far. The topics show how the format of a tabletop discussion group lends itself to subjects that are both stimulating and meaningful.

Please consider adding to the diversity of topics available by volunteering to lead another tabletop discussion group on either Friday or Saturday morning. If the topic is one about which you have a point of view and about which you are interested in engaging others, then the topic is suited to a tabletop discussion group. We look forward receiving your topic and placing it on the final list.

Thank you very much.

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