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Dear SEASONED CITIZENS of the UTMB Class of 1940,

Class President Thomas M. McMillan has put his seal of approval upon plans for our 50th Anniversary Reunion in Galveston and is anxious to have them transmitted to all you hardy survivors. Here they are:

We will gather for a reunion reception and dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 16, 1990, in the Topgallant Ballroom on the second floor of the Wentletrap Restaurant. There will be an open bar preceding a gourmet dinner. We were always satisfied with the very best. (No health foods. At our age we need all the preservatives we can get.) The cost for this magnificent dinner and reception will be a modest \$50 each which will provide, also, a book of memorabilia to be sent to you later.

In keeping with the exuberant spirit demonstrated at the previous five reunions, this will be a time of verbose good fellowship enhanced by the decades since our graduation and illuminated by the years that bring the philosophic mind. Embellishments include two projectors at discreet distances from the center of activities to bring back scenes of yesteryear interspersed with contemporary slides of our classmates and families, showing pictures in the olden days or of the present golden times. (Please lend me some slides showing you in your favorite socially acceptable pose, such as counting children, counting grandchildren, counting money, counting on your spouse, or whatever.)

During the dinner, or immediately after, we will all have the opportunity of presenting to all a favorite story from medical school years. Be prepared.

Raw data gleaned from the returned questionnaires will be presented through a slide show after dinner or by way of a printed handout.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the adjacent Tremont House, "a stunning 111-room luxury hotel . . . in a landmark historic building in the enchanting strand district . . ." Betty and I have recently returned from a trip to Galveston specifically to visit the hotels and to choose one for our headquarters. No question, this is the superior location. Rooms ordinarily are \$120 per night. The UTMB Homecoming Committee has tied up all of the major hotels in this city for the homecoming scheduled for the next day. We are offered rooms at the Tremont House at the rate of \$69 single and \$79 double.

✓ How do you make reservations at the Tremont House? Easy. Telephone Ms. Gwen Walker, UTMB Alumni Secretary at (409) 761-3950, and identify yourself for the Class Reunion of 1940 and request a reservation at the Tremont House. ✓

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*Please make your reservations soon, since three other classes will be given the privilege of designating the Tremont House as their headquarters, 1945, 1950, and 1955. Ours is the first class being notified, but don't be complacently dilatory in making your reservation.*

*Please plan to attend this important reunion with your other classmates. It will be good to hear how you learned to accept the impossible, to do without the indispensable, and to bear the intolerable. One classmate already has said that he has learned to laugh at trouble, for otherwise he wouldn't have anything to laugh at as he grows older. Since laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects, you can expect to be physically and mentally refreshed by this reunion.*

Sincerely,



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Enclosures