



TO: ACAA ALUMNI

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RE: ACAA REUNION 2016

KEY POINTS:

- Many alumni voiced a strong preference to holding the Reunion at the Riverside for proximity to campus and Cambridge Springs.
- Other alumni prefer a more modern facility with enough rooms to accommodate our group.
- Looking for a suitable alternative in the event the Riverside is deemed substandard

There was considerable feedback following the 2014 Reunion that we should return to The Riverside in 2016 for our Reunion. Attendance was off considerably in Hershey compared to 2012 in Cambridge. Some of the drop-off can easily be attributed to the fact that 2012 was the 100th Anniversary but there was a vocal minority who chose not to attend the Hershey event simply because it was not in Cambridge Springs.

There is another contingent of folks who do not like the facilities at The Riverside. As well, if attendance approaches that of 2012, The Riverside simply cannot house all of the attendees, forcing people to be on the road when the probably shouldn't be. As well, without elevators or other commonplace amenities, we are inconveniencing many of our older alumni. Therefore, this group strongly requested we find a modern hotel that can house all of us with state-of-the-art amenities.

The new management team at The Riverside has asked to make a presentation to the Alumni Association at our upcoming meeting and they are set to present at 2:00 Saturday the 14th.

Trying to strike a balance I've found a property in Erie, the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, that could be a good compromise choice. It is close enough to Cambridge Springs for those people who want to visit. It is also a very modern hotel that can hold our entire group easily. I've been in contact with the hotel and will do a site inspection Friday November 13 before coming to our meetings (please excuse me if I arrive

late to the Friday PM session). Their room rate is \$165 per night. I've attached a link to the property and will take pictures and bring back sample menus etc. for our meeting Saturday.

<http://www.sheratoneriebayfront.com/>

I'm completely open to other suggestions however I really think this property may be the best compromise in the event we do not like the presentation from The Riverside.

I have many questions about organizing the event that I'll raise during our meeting. Things like, how many people should we base our planning on, what facilities beyond the banquet room for Saturday night do we need. For example, memorabilia room, Sorority Tea, etc etc.

Looking forward to a productive weekend followed by a great celebration for Coach Haluch's 90th.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may