



Larry Siskind's Brockton High School 50th Reunion Address

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Can you ever forget the wonderful times and friendships made during our years at BHS? I cannot.

Can it be that it has been 50 years since we graduated from BHS? There was something very special about growing up in Brockton.

We were still a factory town and we truly had 4 quarters of the city – each with a predominance of ethnic cultures. While we had occasional issues, we all got along, especially when we assimilated into BHS.

In Brockton everyone had the opportunity to better themselves and to achieve success. It was our immigrant population that toiled in our factories, built our houses of worship, and opened the neighborhood stores selling the foods which we still remember so well.

We grew up in an environment where parents, relatives, and friends looked over us to make sure we could do better than they.

We grew up “proud” of Brockton, our cultures, and our heritage. After all, Thomas Edison chose Brockton to manufacture and transmit electricity leading us to become the world’s largest manufacturer of men’s shoes. And of course, our native son, Rocky



Marciano, grew up from the most humble beginnings to become the only undefeated heavy weight boxing champion of the world.



Look around the room. There are classmates here tonight from all over the country joining in this celebration. Some may not look familiar, so check the nametags – your graduation photo is attached.

Now that should make it easier!

The great memories and experiences we enjoyed are all here tonight. See if you can recapture them.

Can we recall our favorite/un-favorite teachers, the two buildings, A & B connected by the long enclosed corridor; or the way we walked between classes as if we were traveling on a divided super highway; or the old, old cafeteria in the basement; or our very first loves - remember Fields Park – what was your favorite spot?





So- let's re-connect and have a wonderful time. Put away your problems and complaints.

This is our time tonight. We have made it - 50 years later - What a wonderful achievement –

Let's celebrate!

