

# MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

## One-Stop Planning For Those Family Reunions

(NAPSA)—You may not have seen Cousin Rose or Uncle Jack in years, but thanks to a much simpler way to plan a family reunion, that day may not be too far away.

Responding to a growing trend of computer-savvy reunion planners, hotel sites—through sophisticated online booking features—are making it easier for you to take control of your reunion planning. It's all about convenience, whether you're a night owl or an early bird. The days of leaving messages for the hotel sales manager and waiting for callbacks to help book your event space and guest room block are over. No waiting for a guarantee on a function room, no waiting to reserve a block of rooms, and no waiting to find out who in your reunion has reserved their hotel rooms as your long-awaited get-together approaches.

### Creative Control Of Planning

Today, taking control of your own reunion planning has never been easier, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. With resources available online at your fingertips—including reserving hotel event space and guest rooms, ordering food and beverages and A/V components, managing your own out-of-town hotel guest list and yes, designing your own personalized Web page for guest reservations all on one site—you can take control of your own planning, creatively and instantaneously, in most cases.

Companies such as the Hilton Family of Hotels, with its 24/7 event-planning sites, have put



**Make It Happen—That long-awaited get-together with family and friends you haven't seen in ages is easier to plan than ever.**

reunion planning into your control by taking it all online for one-stop planning. Exclusive to [www.hiltonfamilyeevents.com](http://www.hiltonfamilyeevents.com), for example, you'll be able to:

- Reserve five to 25 guest rooms (whereby your guests can use their own credit card to reserve their room);
- View event space in a variety of sizes to create the ideal space for your family;
- Select food and beverage preferences;
- Order audiovisual components for that all-important family video screening as a highlight to your celebration; and
- Add your own personal flair by designing your own personalized Web page, adorned with photos of your family for a heart-warming touch.

Make sure you check out room square footage and room configurations of your selected hotel or

resort. Ensure that the function room for your celebrations and get-togethers are just right for your guest capacity. With today's sophisticated hotel Web pages, this can be done completely online without delay or time-consuming personal site visits.

### Design Your Web Page

Design your personalized group Web page—the first page out-of-town guests see when reserving their guest room to attend your reunion. Sophisticated hotel sites enable you to add schedules and special notes pertaining to receptions, parties, parking, breakfasts, lunches and dinners as appropriate. For example, after booking on the Hilton Family e-Events site, you can create a special customized Web page for your event.

By utilizing online features to manage your guest list, you can download and print your guest list. You'll know if Cousin Rose and Uncle Jack have reserved their rooms yet, saving you hours of follow-up phone calls after invitations have been sent.

### Add A Personal Touch

So plan away and take control of your reunion planning while adding your own personal touch. Take advantage of a whole new world of online hotel tools that empower you 24/7 and alleviate the stress of event planning and out-of-town guest accommodations.

After all, you're organizing an event that will result in a lifetime of memories—make the planning simple with today's online tools.