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| **Introduction** | The series of exercises associated with the TSP launch is built around a scenario of three brothers and two sisters who are planning their first-ever family reunion.  You will plan the family reunion using the launch principles and practices that have been presented in the course. |

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| **The scenario** | You just got off the phone with your grandfather who lives down the street from you. It’s December and he had been sitting in front of the fireplace with your grandmother looking at some old family photo albums. It brought back some great memories of times spent with relatives that they have not seen in years. When he called you on the phone, you could tell he was very excited and happy. “We’re having a family reunion this summer and I want you and your brothers and sisters to plan it all out to make it happen! I’ll foot the bill.” Your first reaction is, “Wow, that will be great!” Your second reaction was, “Oh my gosh … this is going to be a lot of work!”  You respond excitedly to your grandfather but hide your concern that with about 75 family members spread across the country, planning something like this could be a lot of work. Although it will be great to see the extended family, you realize that it will be a significant commitment of your time.  You email your brothers (Matt, Jim, and Paul) and your two sisters (Vicki and Maria). They are all willing to help in whatever way they can with planning and implementing the event. Like you, they all love their grandfather very much and would do anything for him. The fact that he wants to cover the expenses shows how enthusiastic he is about this idea.  You call back your grandfather to tell him that all the brothers and sisters are excited about the reunion and are ready to get the planning started. He responds, “That’s great Mike! I am so excited about this! Let’s get together for Sunday dinner and I can tell you what I have in mind for this reunion.” You respond, “Great, I’ll get in touch with the others and we’ll see you on Sunday.” |

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| **By the way …** | You, your brothers, and your sisters are all members of a family business that develops apps for iPhones and androids. Last year, you took a TSP course and have been working together on your products and services as a TSP team.  You all agree that you want to conduct a super family reunion but must meet schedule deadlines based on when the event will be held. Given these shared assumptions, you all naturally agree that you will approach the family reunion planning as a TSP Team would.  Maria says, “So, that makes grandpa the executive manager!” |