

ANN ARBOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

NEWSLETTER # 4

TO: The Ann Arbor High School Class of 1963

FROM: The 50th Class Reunion Steering Committee

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SUBJECT: **Update!**

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50th REUNION WEEKEND
JULY 12 13 14 2013

Dear '63 Classmates —

Warm greetings from Michigan's *really early* Spring! For a while, it was pure "Summer in March" around here. Now, as April arrives, we're back to reality...and starting to look forward to *actual* Summer. In four months it'll be July, so we hope that you've got **Saturday the 14th** circled on the calendar. If you'll be anywhere near Ann Arbor, for cryin' out loud plan to show up for our third — and *final* — Annual Pre-Reunion Event on that second Saturday, July 14th.

Final Pre-Reunion Event
July 14, 2012



As always, full details will appear as we approach the date. If you haven't done so, make sure to take a look at the photos & video from last year's outstanding action.

[It's all right here on the Reunion Website.](http://www.aahs63.com)

THE MOST FUN & EXCITIN' WEEKEND OF ... THE 21ST CENTURY!

We know that you've already highlighted (in bright purple, of course) 2013's *most important* weekend:

Reunion Weekend #50 — FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, JULY 12, 13, & 14, 2013

And even though we're over a year away, your Committee is beginning to finalize THE PLAN, and we sure hope that everybody will arrange to be there with us.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...FINANCIALLY!

We met in January to kickoff the final planning stages of the Reunion. We began grinding our way through our projected budget — collecting facts & figures, brainstorming, analyzing, and crunching numbers. It's taking final shape now, but we've got more work to do before it will be complete and ready for prime time. As this financial process moves closer to conclusion, accurate Reunion registration figures become *extremely* important. So far, we've based our budgetary planning on the preliminary figures we took from the survey Classmates completed last year. Within the next couple of months we'll be coming to you with a special *final* survey. Its purpose is to give us as solid attendance numbers as humanly possible. Your help in participating in this survey will be vital! Details to come in Newsletter #5.

Hmm...and speaking of budgets, we're not too proud to make another shameless appeal for donations!



Once more we thank the generous Classmates who have made contributions to the Reunion Budget so far. If you can also afford to help

out, please send us a check (any amount, small or bigger) to *Ann Arbor High School Class of 1963 Alumni Association*, our non-profit entity. As we've said before, we apply *all* donations to planning and organizational expenses. (But don't forget: they are separate from tickets to the Reunion Weekend, and are not tax deductible.) Plus! There's a PayPal button on the Website, if you'd like to donate that way; just go to the page called "How Can I Help?" & click on it. Or — you can get to PayPal from here with [this email link](#).

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Given the tough economy we're all dealing with, we thought it wise to address the issue of financial need. We do not yet have the final per-person ticket price for the Reunion. We are still meeting and negotiating with several local venues, working on getting the most value for everybody's hard-earned dough. As soon as we are able to lock in the Reunion Ticket price, we will let you know the details. BUT! One thing you do NOT need to worry about is this: we know that times are tough — if you anticipate struggling a bit with the ticket expense, we've created a Sponsorship Program to assist you. Several Classmates have already offered to help where needed. Blondeen Munson & Judy Hindal will coordinate the Sponsorship Program. We've set up an email address that Blondeen and Judy will monitor, and they will handle *all* the administrative work — 100% confidentially, of course. *No one* else will be involved in any way. So, when the time comes, if you need a little help, go ahead and click on this link to reach Blondeen & Judy:

<mailto:sponsorship@AAHS63.com?subject=CONFIDENTIAL>

THREE CHEERS FOR AUDREY WARREN GRAY!!!

Last time we asked if anybody could help the Class of '63 establish a Facebook presence. And our request was answered. (Thank you, Audrey, for stepping up!) Audrey has set up and is now managing an excellent Class of '63 Facebook page, and, although her picture is there, you might not recognize her — it's a photo of Mr. Huber's 4th grade class at Burns Park. Take a look at it, and see if you can also find future Ann Arbor High Class President, Chuck Wilkins, and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, Bob Seger!

If you're a Facebook user, take a look. If you're not a Facebook user, think about becoming one, if only just to see some ~~old~~ former Classmates. We only have 26 participants right now, so go for it! [Here's the link](#). You'll notice some amusing pictures and a lot of interesting reminiscences. Audrey is hoping that people will dig around in the attic, or basement, or the garage, and find more historic photos, documents, memorabilia, images of Ann Arbor in 1963, or anything else that triggers memories of The Young Years. It's not hard to post stuff, and *super-easy* to just leave a thought or comment. So ... please jump in and help Audrey expand the Class of '63's Facebook presence!

MORE SUPER HELP & ASSISTANCE HAS ARRIVED!

Besides Blondeen, Judy, and Audrey, a couple of other Classmates have been helping us out — Lawry Dolph and Bob Dailey. Lawry & Bob often come to our meetings and contribute lots of ideas and insights. Lawry is a communications & marketing genius and is working on promotion plans for our final Annual Pre-Reunion Event this July & the Reunion Weekend next year. Bob has a doctorate in Creative Virtuosity from Tri-Stooges College, and he will once again be the Reunion's Master of Ceremonies. Bob will also host a golf outing on Saturday of Reunion Weekend. Golfers — we've set up a special email address for you — [contact Bob here](#) if you'd like to bring your clubs & tee it up.

And by the way, if other Classmates would like to attend some of our meetings, you are more than welcome! Just [send us an email](#), and we'll let you know what our schedule is.

A TRIBUTE TO MIKE NOLAN...

Sadly, we recently lost another Classmate. Mike Nolan unexpectedly passed away in February. The last time we saw Mike was at our first Annual Pre-Reunion Event in July, two years ago. Go to our Facebook page to see pictures of Mike and read a nice tribute to him, written by Rick Weid, [here](#).

A COUPLE MORE REQUESTS...



We are still missing a number of Classmates from our Master List. It's fun tracking down the missing, but it does take hours, and the dead-ends do get frustrating. Please spend a while at the ["Missing Classmates" & "Missing Email Addresses" sections](#) of the Website, and see if you can supply us with any info or email addresses. Your help can save a *lot* of work.



We have 29 Classmates now up on our [Website's "Profiles" page](#). But there were 754 members of the Class of '63! Everybody enjoys reading about what Classmates have been up to since 1963. Please add your Profile to that page. It's easy. Just follow the instructions that are right there. You can write one. Or, you can ask a partner, spouse, or friend to write one. Or, you can take 15 – 20 minutes and fill in the super-easy and exciting [QUICK & HANDY QUESTION & ANSWER PROFILE FORM](#).

SOME THOUGHT-PROVOKING HINTS ABOUT OUR FUTURE!

Newsletter #5 will be about the special survey mentioned above. After we have the results of that, we'll send out Newsletter #6, presenting the final decisions, facts, logistics, costs, and activities for the 50th Reunion Weekend. Meanwhile, here are a few hints about some of the activities we're working on to complement the Reunion's Saturday night MAIN-EVENT:

- Friday early-evening reception in Ann Arbor's beautifully restored and historic [Michigan Theater](#)'s lobby.
- Saturday morning or afternoon tours of the city, ~~Pioneer~~ [Ann Arbor High School](#), and/or the redesigned UofM Stadium.
- Saturday morning round of golf at [Ann Arbor Golf & Outing](#).
- Sunday morning farewells over coffee, tea, bagels, and donuts.

Until **NEWSLETTER # 5**, so long. Thanks for reading!

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