



50th Reunion Weekend
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ANN ARBOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963

NEWSLETTER #6

OCTOBER, 2012

☆ ANNOUNCEMENTS! ☆

☆ UPDATES! ☆

☆ NEW INFO! ☆

WILL YOU BE ANYWHERE NEAR ANN ARBOR ON OCTOBER 5TH???

If so, the place to be while taking in the beautiful Fall evening of **October 5th** is Pioneer High School's beloved **Hollway Field, at 6:00PM!**

WHY?

Because we have a unique chance to relive the thrilling Homecoming Game of our senior year — the night in 1962 that we came from behind and beat Lansing Sexton 13-7, halfway to an 8-0 season, the 6-A League Title, and our *State Championship!*

HOW?

Because at *this* year's Homecoming game the Pioneer Athletic Department will honor Head Coach Jay Stielstra, Assistants Ed Klum, Jerry Budzik, Pat Wilson, Chuck Ritter, Bill Tunnicliff, our Cheerleaders, and the sixty-four Football Players from our 1962 State Championship team — and guess what?!? *We* are invited too, along with the cheerleaders, the team, and our 1962 Homecoming Queen, Louise Salamin.

Pioneer High has planned a very special night. Not only are we all invited back to Hollway Field, but a section of the stands is reserved for our class! Among the Class of '63 players "coming home" will be: Van Batsakes, Larry Clay, Rick Deanhofer, Paul Fuester, Mike Juntenen, Chuck Menefee, Tom Solowczuk, Michael Thomas (all the way

from California!), and Chuck Wilkins. Class of '64 players planning to be there are: Bill Bailey, Pat Clarke, Gene Cleveland, Jerry Hartman, Chuck Hulce, Bob Kleinschmidt, Kent Leslie, Tom Morrow, Harold Simons, and John White; and, from the Class of '65, Bill Wood. And returning from the Class of '62 will be — Ray Pittman, Larry Hahn, Kelley Rae, Mike Koeller, and Roy Campbell.



As you may have seen on the [Facebook page](#), Rick Weid posted this info: "...around 6 o'clock, the State Championship team will take the field at Hollway Field. Their eligibility has expired, but they will hold the Entrance Banner and act as Honorary Captains for the coin flip." Yup, it should be a fun game — especially when the Pioneers defeat the temporarily unbeaten (5-0 as of 9/27) Monroe Trojans!

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATIONS ARE ARRIVING!

The Reunion's "Early Bird" registrations have been coming in. But don't forget — to receive the **Early Bird price** of \$68, you've got to register & cough up the dough before the **deadline — 12:00 midnight on December 31st**. If you haven't registered yet, why not do it today & get it outta the way?!? See [the website](#) or [Newsletter #5](#) for info & forms.

The Steering Committee hopes that classmates won't wait until the last minute.

(We've got some big contractual payments coming up soon!)

Just send us the Registration Form electronically or mail us a check. Here's *where to send your payment* * the old fashioned way...

Ann Arbor High School
Class of 1963 Alumni Association
P.O. Box 2721
Ann Arbor, MI 48106-2721

* Note! That's a change of address
from the one in Newsletter #5.
← Don't get faked out!

For online payment, go through PayPal [at our website](#) & register electronically. Kensington and Weber's Inn have both extended their special Reunion pricing *discounts*. Kensington's is \$119 per night, and includes the entire week preceding Reunion Weekend, July 8–14. Weber's \$99 rate is for Thursday thru Sunday (July 11–14, subject to availability Thursday & Sunday). Be sure that you mention "**Ann Arbor High Class of '63 Reunion**" and request the extra discounted nights, if needed, when you book your rooms.

REUNION WEEKEND TOURS: MORE POPULAR THAN A TRIP TO THE ZOO!

We've had a big response to the Reunion Weekend tours. They're proving to be very popular, especially the ones of the UofM Stadium and Pioneer High School. We are in the process of revising the tour schedules so they won't overlap.

GOT QUESTIONS? ANNOUNCING ... THE ALUMNI REUNION HOTLINE!

Yup, in addition to that new mailing address above, we've got a handy cutting-edge item for your *phone book*: it's the **Alumni Reunion Hotline**. Classmates can call and talk to us directly. The HOTLINE number is: **734-707-9163**.

When you call, you will hear a brief message, then it'll begin ringing. One of us will answer. Or, if nobody's available right then, you'll hear Rick Weid's melodious voice asking you to leave a message. Do so, and we'll call you back.

Just think! No more sleepless nights due to nagging questions you have about the Reunion! No more anxiety-induced worries about how to register! Or where the hotel is. Or what to wear. Or what your name is. Nope! At last, all you need to do is grab your phone & and call the new & user-friendly ... **Alumni HOTLINE!**



This here old codger called the HOTLINE on his new iPhone. Problem solved!

STEERING COMMITTEE NEWS FLASH: CONNECTING WITH YOUR GANG!

The Steering Committee is now facilitating communications for something we are calling "Alumni Connection Gatherings." We've posted a [new website page, called "Connections."](#) Check it out! Here's the deal:

Over the last two years a number of alums have expressed an interest in meeting up with classmates of shared interests, avocations, or common bonds during Reunion Weekend — perhaps getting together for dinner on Friday night after the Michigan Theater reception, or maybe breakfast or lunch on Saturday. Although the Steering Committee won't be specifically planning or hosting Connection Gatherings, we would be happy to provide you with a way to set them up.

Please take a look. This is where we will post contact information for any classmate(s) who would like to organize and host an Alumni Connection Gathering during Reunion Weekend. Some of the potential get-togethers we've discussed or had suggested include

band, orchestra, drama, choir, debate, Vietnam-Era veterans, sports teams, LGBT, newspaper, clubs, academics, vocations, etc.

So ... if you'd like to host an Alumni Connection Gathering, just follow these four easy steps!

Step 1:

Contact us (email, snail mail, or call us), tell us you're interested, and provide us with an email address and/or phone number where classmates can reach you.

Step 2:

Make arrangements for a place & time for your Gathering. We'll publish the info as you get things set up so that classmates can RSVP to you.

Step 3:

You take it from there: organize & host your lunch, dinner, or meeting.

Step 4:

Have a lot of fun!

ASTOUNDING NEW FILM TO BE RELEASED ON OCTOBER 6TH!

Listen to *this* one, Classmates!

How would you like an opportunity to relive the best moments of the Pioneers' 1962-63 unforgettable state-championship football season?!?!? Okay then! We are delighted to announce that soon to appear on our website *and* Facebook page will be your chance to *travel back five decades* to our senior year, when Ann Arbor High's team surprised everybody but themselves and took the 6-A Title and State Championship.

This time machine is a professionally produced DVD of the season's highlights. The film is narrated by none other than Coach Jay Stielstra himself, and he'll take us back to the Glory Days of the Pioneers' undefeated championship season. Rick Weid has had a sneak preview and given it a rave review. Says Rick, "...it is very, very good and brings back many memories!"

The DVD's release date is October 6th, and we'll be able to order it directly from [a new page on our website](#). It sells for \$19.62 (*get it?*), plus shipping — for a total of 25 bucks. All proceeds will go to the Pioneer High School Athletic Department to provide help for current and future student-athletes (in *any* sport) who need a financial boost to play for our Alma Mater. As you are probably aware, high school sports these days just about have to be "Pay to Participate" programs, and this DVD's proceeds will make it possible for kids to take part who might otherwise be unable to afford it.

We hope that you'll order one (or *more* because they'll make great gifts!) and relive the thrilling days in that Fall of '62, when we Pioneers watched as a dream came true — for our beloved football team and Ann Arbor High!

**CLASSMATE & TEACHER SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:
VERY NICE RESPONSES FROM THE CLASS OF '63! (THANK YOU!)**

The Reunion registration cost isn't cheap, that's for sure. But Judy Hindal & Blondeen Munson report that they are receiving an exceedingly nice response to the "Registration Sponsorship" idea you'll recall from [p.7 of Newsletter #5](#). Judy & Blondeen tell us that a number of you have sent in generous contributions to cover the registration fees for classmates who would like to attend but might have difficulty covering the registration expense. We want *everybody* to make it to Reunion Weekend next July, and the Sponsorship Fund will help make that possible. Now *listen*: don't be shy if you need an assist. [Just email Judy & Blondeen](#), and let them know. You can also write to them the old fashioned way: send a note to

Sponsorship
Box 2721
Ann Arbor, MI
48106-2721

Everything is 100% confidential, don't worry! Judy & Blondeen are the *only ones* handling this. If you would like to send a contribution, please make the check out to "Class of 63 Reunion," and send to:

Class of 63 Reunion
ATTN: Sponsorship Fund
PO Box 2721
Ann Arbor MI 48106-2721

You can sponsor a teacher as well as a classmate. [See the "Sponsorships" page](#) of the website, or just use snail mail.

Until **NEWSLETTER #7**, so long, and thanks for reading!

Your 50th Reunion Steering Committee,

<i>Stan Bidlack</i>	<i>Louise Salamin</i>
<i>Betty Brown</i>	<i>Rick Weid</i>
<i>Mary Lou Covert</i>	<i>Cindy Wild</i>
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<i>Charles Larkins</i>	