

# NEWSLETTER #9

**JUST 58 DAYS LEFT**

**50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend**

**July 12, 13, 14**

**Now Less Than 2 Months Away!**

**YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE IS GETTING VERY EXCITED, AND WE HOPE YOU ARE, TOO.**

Registrations are still coming in, all the arrangements for Friday Night's reception at the Michigan Theater are finalized, lots of Classmates have signed up for Saturday's daytime events, and [Kensington Court](#) is all set for Saturday Evening's "50 Laps Around the Sun" dinner feast & celebration party. In 58 days we'll be hobnobbing!

So far, 91 Classmates signed up for the tour of our old stomping grounds, ~~Pioneer~~ Ann Arbor High. There are 71 who've joined the tour of The Big House, the UofM's impressively refurbished Stadium. (Both the High School & Stadium tours still have room for more.) There are 37 of us checked in for the City Tour of Ann Arbor, but we only have one seat left for that event. And, golfers can enjoy 18 holes at the historic & beautiful Washtenaw Country Club. Want to play? There's plenty of time left to sign up.

**So — we're asking that you please read through this Newsletter carefully! It's designed to provide you with all the details and "instructions" for everything that's going on throughout Reunion Weekend. As always, if you have questions about *anything*, don't hesitate to [email](#) or call us.**

**Questions? Call us! Alumni Hotline 📞 734-707-9163**

## YIKES! YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHO'S COMIN' TO OUR REUNION!

That's right!



It's SUPERMAN, himself! We just got word from Lois Lane that he's flying in from the Fortress of



Solitude, in the Arctic. (Only she & Batman know exactly where it is.) According to Lois, Ann Arbor High Class of '35, Superman heard about the Reunion from Elvis, and they are **BOTH** showing up ... *just as long as they get themselves registered by midnight, June 15<sup>th</sup>.*

# Dates, Times, Locations, and Tour INFO!

## The Events!

**Saturday, June 15, 2013**

### Registration!

12 Midnight — the LAST deadline...

Reunion Registration ends! We must receive it, or have it postmarked by midnight.

**Friday, July 12, 2013**

### 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend Begins!

Michigan Theater Reception, 4–6 PM  
(It's included in your Registration fee.)

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**

### Morning & Afternoon Tours!

Golf: 18 holes at Washtenaw Country Club, 10 AM

Tour of UM Stadium, 10 AM

Tour of A2 & UM Campuses, 12:30 PM

Tour of Pioneer High School, 2:00 PM

**Saturday, July 13, 2013**

### "50 Laps Around the Sun" at the Kensington!

6:00PM — **THE REUNION**

Cash Bar; Delicious Dinner; After-Dinner Welcome & Program; Musical Entertainment; Photo Booth; Dancing; Relaxing; Hobnobbin'!

Kensington Court Ann Arbor  
610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor MI 48108

**Dress Code:** "Smart Casual" only!  
Leave the gowns, ties, high heels, and suit coats in the closet!

Time to relax *informally* with the Class of '63...

**Sunday Morning, July 14, 2013**

### Want to do an "On Your Own" Good-Bye Breakfast? ??

**Some options are these:**

6–10 AM

Kensington Court  
Breakfast (\$10.95)

6–9 AM

Kensington Court  
Viennese Coffee Bar  
(Complimentary for Kensington guests.)

7–10 AM

Breakfast at the nearby [Hilton](#)  
Three meal choices: \$3.95, \$6.95, \$9.95

10:30AM–2:00PM

Brunch at the nearby [Sheraton](#) (\$15.95)

## Michigan Theater Reception

**Friday afternoon & early evening**

**4:00 to 6:00 pm**

Plus: the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rolling Sculpture Car Show!  
(2–10PM)!



We invite all Classmates hitting town on Friday to join us in the lobby of the stunning Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty. If you haven't been there for 50 years or so, don't worry — it hasn't moved. (But just in case, you'll find a [map & directions, here.](#)) Under the guidance of CEO Russ Collins (Ann Arbor Huron High, '74) for the past 31 years, it has been restored to all of its original glory and was named the Outstanding Historic Theater in North America.

This reception — just for us — will be our first gathering place for Reunion Weekend. We'll enjoy Michigan Theater memories, the company of Classmates, snacks & refreshments, a cash bar, and *of course*, authentic Michigan Theater Popcorn. If it's been a while since you've been back to Ann Arbor, you're in for a real pleasure. It looks as elegant as it did on Opening Night, 1928! And, it'll be *just as cool a place* as it was in the summer of 1963!

After our reception (included with Registration) you have a nice chance to hang out with Classmates, go for a summer-night's walk around town, initiate a pub-crawl, or go to dinner. Within the four square blocks of downtown Ann Arbor there are over 60 restaurants & pubs.

But not only **THAT!** Listen to **THIS!** The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Rolling Sculpture Car Show" is taking over downtown Ann Arbor till 10PM! (It begins at 2:00.) So...right after our reception, you can walk outside, stroll down Liberty, meander around 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Washington, & Main, and delight in inspecting more than 400 gorgeous cars & trucks. You don't have to be a car buff to love this stuff — *everybody* gets a kick out of this yearly downtown happening. Just take a look at [this video](#) from 2012 — you might see somebody you know!

## Golf Outing

**Saturday Morning**

**Tee time – 10:00**

**The Polo Fields - Washtenaw**

**2955 Packard Road**

**Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

**734-998-1555**



The venue for our Reunion Golf Outing is a classy & historic (1899) course. Originally the Washtenaw Country Club, it is now known as [The Polo Fields–Washtenaw](#). This venerable course is the third oldest in Michigan and was a golfing landmark long before we were born. It has always been famous for its beautifully designed holes & traditionally fast greens. [Here's a 6-minute video tour](#) of the full 18, done by Michigan Golfer TV. If you've never played there, here's part of the Club's own description: "6,512 yards of golf from the Blue Tees, par 72 . Course rating: 74.2. Slope rating: 127 on Bentgrass...with narrow tree-lined fairways, well guarded & quick, undulating greens. Even though the length of the golf course is not overbearing, what it lacks in distance is made up with the importance of accuracy. The positioning of your tee ball & precision of your next shot are what make the course so difficult to master." In other words — it'll be a fun golfing challenge!

Green fees are \$50, and that includes a cart. (Rental clubs also available.)

Questions? Call or email **Chuck Wilkins:**

Phone (734) 663-1988

Email: [chuckwilks@gmail.com](mailto:chuckwilks@gmail.com)

A map and precise directions to **The Polo Fields - Washtenaw** are [here](#).

# Dates, Times, Locations, and Tour INFO ... continued!

## Michigan Stadium Tour

Saturday Morning

10:00 am



It's still the largest college stadium in the world — and even bigger than it was in 1963. We will have an up-close, inside look at this impressive landmark. It is something else! Quite a bit of Ann Arbor controversy accompanied this project — it seems that people either love it or hate it. Regardless of point-of-view, though, it's guaranteed to be fascinating. Here's why: we will visit the two towers that make up the press area and VIP Suites. We'll explore the Wolverines' locker room. We will even visit the amazing pizza kitchen that makes 10,000 pies each game day! We get to see it all — *without* the 110,800 fans that won't be there!

**We'll meet at Gate One.** That's the Tunnel entrance. We must be on our own for transportation to the Stadium, though. We can car pool, which should be pretty easy. Local Classmates can easily provide rides for those needing a lift. The Stadium tour does require a little walking. Everything is wheelchair accessible, though, and we'll have elevator access, too. The walk from the East to West Towers is about 10 minutes for the average Senior. And the walk from the field back to the parking lot is up a gradual hill — and it's a historic walk, done by more than a few stars, famous athletes, and quite a few Presidents. But don't worry — we can push wheel chairs and walk slowly if we get tired. *After all, the Class of '63 sticks together!*

## City of A2 and UM Campuses Tour

Saturday Afternoon

12:30 pm



This tour leaves from Kensington's main entrance. Our esteemed Tour-Bus Guides are John Boyer (Class of '65) and Dave Sager (Class of '57).

As we mentioned back in Newsletter #5, the city we grew up in has grown up, too. Much of Ann Arbor has [changed](#) in 50 years. Drakes is long gone, along with Everett's Drive In. Cedar Bend Drive is now a dead-end, and the A&W is an auto repair shop. BUT WAIT! Some things are almost exactly the same — including, for a few more months, Crazy Jim's (soon to undergo relocation), the Brown Jug, and of course, the Michigan Theater. It's still a fine home town, and we're sure that you'll get a kick out of seeing it once more.

The UM Campuses (yes, that's plural!) make up the always impressive "Athens of the Midwest." Again, if you haven't been to Ann Arbor for a while, you'll be amazed at the University's physical expansion since we were kids, especially the handsome North Campus: home of the School of Music, Theater, and Dance as well as the School of Art and Architecture, the Gerald Ford Presidential Library, the Bentley Historical Library, and much more.

**Questions?**

**Call us!**

**Alumni Hotline**

**☞ 734-707-9163**

## Tour of Pioneer

Ann Arbor High

Saturday Afternoon

2:00 pm



As of today, 91 of us (there may be more yet to sign up) will meet at the Flagpole Entrance for this one. It could get a little bit emotional, since we all have so many memories of this place — mostly nice ones, let's hope.

The basic building is still recognizable, but there have been scores of structural changes throughout. Today's students have not just *two* gyms, but *two* swimming pools as well. But unlike us, they've only got *one* cafeteria — our old Rec Room. There's now a new staircase near the Clock Tower, and a bunch of new tennis courts out back, to the south.

The Pioneer principal is letting us use a special display case to show off some Ann Arbor High memorabilia from our era. We've even located copies of all the 1962-63 *Optimist* issues.

Our class established a lot of "firsts" at Ann Arbor High. It was students from the Class of '63 that made up the first Humanities Program, one of the few in the country back then, and now proud of its national reputation; the first high school Hockey Program was born our senior year; and our phenomenal swim team set a total of 15 records at the 6A meet that winter!

This will be a tour of nostalgia and reminiscence ... sometimes a little bitter-sweet, perhaps, but all of it interesting and worthwhile!



## A Very Important Plea for ... Help!

For the past few weeks, Carol Schonberger Spears has been hard at work planning & creating fantastic decorations for Saturday night's gala at the Kensington. What she has put together is a really fine enhancement to our memorable "50 Laps Around the Sun" evening!

**BUT!** — there's one problem. We cannot get into the banquet room until Saturday afternoon.

So here's The Plan: **we need a bunch of Classmates** to meet & help Carol get the room set up & decorated before Saturday night's shindig at 6:00! If you (*please, please, please!*) can assist Carol, she would love to see you on Saturday, at 3:30 (after the High School Tour), at the Kensington. You'll be done by 5:30.

If you can answer The Call, it would be sensational.

Please email Carol at [cspears45@comcast.net](mailto:cspears45@comcast.net), ASAP, and let her know that she can count on your assistance! She will contact you right back with all the details.

*Thank you, volunteers!*



## REUNION MEMORABILIA TABLE

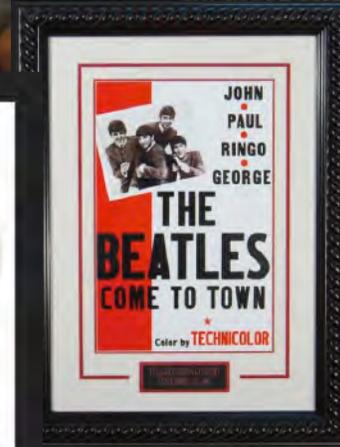
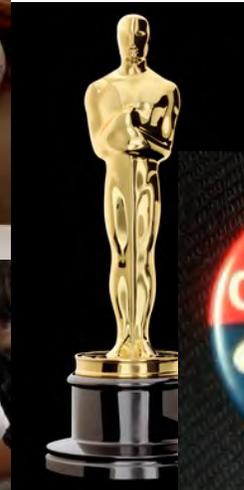
We thought it would be fun to have a “Memorabilia Table” set up during the Reunion.

Even though our Class of '63-era stuff might not be *quite* as valuable as those pictured here — the mementos, trinkets, and keepsakes that we have are certainly priceless to us!

So if you've got an Ann Arbor High “physical memory” or two in an attic footlocker — pictures, trophies, souvenirs, documents — and you'd like to share them with Classmates at the Reunion, bring them along for display on Saturday night's Memorabilia Table.

Of course, anything is possible, even the *unlikely* happenstance of a piece getting damaged or disappearing. Therefore, we're legally obligated to make the following statement, authored by Committee member & attorney, Peter Dodge:

*Class members are welcome to bring to our events for display personal Class of '63-related memorabilia. A table will be provided for that purpose. While we have the utmost confidence that these items will be treated with respect, we also acknowledge that there is a foreseeable risk that some may be handled, dropped, soiled, or otherwise damaged or lost. The Committee is unable to provide supervision or security for the table and display and does not accept responsibility for any loss or damage. All risk of loss or damage remains with the owner of each item presented.*



### REMINDER: CLASSMATE PROFILES!

Haven't done your Profile yet? It's really easy to do on the Website, click [right here](#). Just fill out [this form](#), and you're done. These are really fun for everybody to read, so *please* go ahead and do one if you forgot!

# And one more thing...

We had an Alumni Hotline call last week from a Classmate with this question:  
**“Is it okay if my husband and I stay somewhere other than the Kensington Hotel?”**  
And the answer is ... *Absolutely!*

As you know, our home base for the weekend is the [Kensington Court](#) hotel. But there are lots of other places quite close by. For Classmates who haven't booked rooms yet, here is a list with links to the websites of these good accommodations. They are quite economical, too.

The following 4 are located *less than a ten-minute comfortable walk* from Kensington Court:

[Extended Stay America - Ann Arbor - Briarwood Mall](#)  
[Hilton Garden Inn Ann Arbor](#)  
[Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites](#)  
[TownePlace Suites Ann Arbor](#)

And here are 9 more *within 5 minutes by car* from the Kensington:

[Candlewood Suites-Ann Arbor](#)  
[Comfort Inn & Suites University South](#) (MI229)  
[Courtyard Ann Arbor](#)  
[Extended Stay America - Ann Arbor - University South](#)  
[Fairfield Inn Ann Arbor](#)  
[Hampton Inn Ann Arbor-South](#)  
[Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Ann Arbor](#)  
[Red Roof Inn Ann Arbor - U of Michigan South](#) ( Property 693 )  
[Residence Inn Ann Arbor](#)



We recommend that you refer to [TripAdvisor](#) when booking any of the above facilities. It's an excellent guide in obtaining first-rate travel accommodations.

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**Okay, everybody — that's it! This brings *Newsletter #9* to a close. Thanks for reading. We will see you at the Michigan Theater on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, on the Tours & at the Kensington on Saturday, and maybe at an “own your own” breakfast on Sunday. Let's have some fun!**

*Stan Bidlack*  
*Betty Brown*  
*Mary Lou Covert*  
*Pete Dodge*  
*Charles Larkins*

*Louise Salamin*  
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