

# NEWSLETTER #8

Only 133 days to go!

COMING SOON! 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Weekend

July 12, 13, 14  
2013

## Update from your STEERING COMMITTEE!

We are getting more and more excited now. Next summer doesn't seem very far away, we're completing our 50<sup>th</sup> Lap Around the Sun, and our Reunion plans are just about finalized.

Last week we contacted the National Weather Service and told them about our momentous weekend. It turns out that they'd heard of the Class of '63 and have made special arrangements for cloudless skies and 75° temps all three Reunion days. Now all we have to do is make sure that YOU are coming.

Hmm...what's the most **important** ingredient in such a memorable event? It's simply this: **WE ARE!** We've been classmates 50 years, but even though we may have been in touch & seen each other since 1963, what *really* matters is that we will soon have a very special opportunity to literally turn back the clock for a weekend and renew connections with our youth, each other, and Ann Arbor High. It doesn't matter if you live in Ann Arbor, or England, or Hell (MI), the Reunion needs YOU here in July. It'll be 100% *fun*. And, we are on track for a record-breaking turnout!

REGISTRATION?  
IT'S STILL OPEN!



The final registration deadline is midnight,  
June 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can [Pay HERE!](#)

If you got delayed in sending us your check, the Steering Committee hopes that you'll go ahead & get it to us, ASAP. As we mentioned last time, we've still got some payment deadlines to meet: Kensington Hotel bills, printing expenses, decoration costs, etc.

You can really help relax your loyal Steering Committee by getting it in right away.

Thank\$!

## ... JUST FOR US — A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM ELVIS ...

Hellooooo, Ann Arbor High Class of '63!

Congrats on your upcoming 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! I can't tell you where I am right now, but I ain't dead, and I'm older than you! Don't tell nobody, but I might just be in Ann Arbor next July & drop by the Big



Party. Maybe I could do a couple of songs — like "Hound Dog" and "Love Me Tender," okay? If I get tied up next summer and can't make it, I'll let you know. Meanwhile, keep rockin', Class of '63. But HEY ... don't do anything I wouldn't do!

**REMINDERS! — TWO THINGS:****Thing #1:****The Classmate Fund**

Back in July (Newsletter #5) we announced a plan to make sure that any classmates finding Reunion attendance financially tough will still be able to come.

On a *strictly* confidential basis, Judy Hindal Jahnke and Blondeen Munson have set up a process for receiving donations *and requests for assistance*.

If you would like to receive a little support for Reunion Weekend — please — do NOT hesitate to let Blondeen & Judy know.

*It's exactly what our Classmate Fund is for!*



**EMAIL** Blondeen & Judy by clicking on:

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**Thing #2:****Reunion Saturday Tours**

The three tours that we have scheduled for Saturday are proving extremely popular.

The deadline for registration AND payment for one or more tours is **Saturday, June 15**. *It must be received or postmarked by midnight! Thanks!* 😊

The UM Stadium tour is at 10AM; the tour of Ann Arbor & the UM campus is scheduled for 12:30PM; the tour of Ann Arbor

(Pioneer) High School is set for 2:00PM.

We are still working on the golf shindig. We thought we'd be able to have it at Ann Arbor Golf & Outing. Unfortunately, AAGO is having a tournament on Saturday. We are exploring other possibilities, and we will let you know — via [Facebook](#) and the Reunion [website](#) — as soon as we have arrangements made. Golf details will also appear in *Newsletter #9*, which we have scheduled for publication in mid-May.

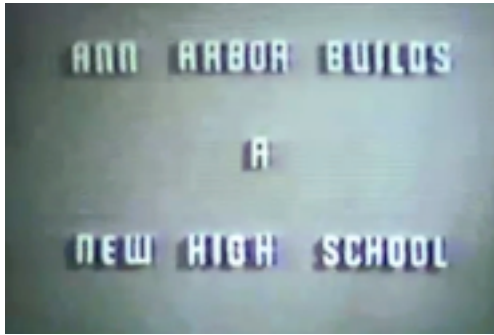


REMEMBER — WE **CANNOT** REGISTER **AT** THE REUNION!

Don't forget that it is NOT possible to register at the Reunion itself. You've got until **midnight, June 15<sup>th</sup>** to sign up & pay. But that's the final REGISTRATION DEADLINE.



Questions ??? Alumni Hotline 📞 **734-707-9163**

**ATTENTION HISTORY BUFFS !**

We recently became aware of the existence of a rare film. (Click that blue link!) It's called *Ann Arbor Builds a New High School* — a “home-made” movie that documents the three-year construction, the dedication, and the opening of Ann Arbor High (1953-56). The film is pretty interesting — especially if you're a history buff. You'll see many, many, well-known Ann Arbor citizens and school personnel from the days of our youth.

The film is 40 minutes long and narrated by physics teacher Mahlon Buell and Tappan principal Gene Maybee.

From the host website:  
*In the early 1950s, Ann Arbor was far from a one-horse town, but there was only one public high school. And when*

*the growth in the school district population occurred, a new high school was proposed and built on formerly U-M owned land in the outskirts of Ann Arbor at the corner of Main Street and West Stadium Boulevard, diagonally across from the Michigan Stadium. (The land was formerly a golf course.) Ground was broken for the new Ann Arbor High School, now AA Pioneer HS, on June 26, 1953.*

If you don't want to watch all the construction details, just skip ahead to the scenes from Ann Arbor High's very first day & the dedication of the building (at 24:16 in). You'll glimpse a lot of teachers and kids you might remember. We sent the link to our former teachers a couple weeks ago and got a few comments about our brand new high school...

...OUR TEACHERS COMMENT ON “ANN ARBOR BUILDS A NEW HIGH SCHOOL”



**From Science Teacher John Rosemergy:**

“I'm so glad that I had an opportunity to see the film again after many years. It was good to see photos of old friends and colleagues. Principal Nick Schreiber wanted a film record of the construction. Paul Meyers and I were the chemistry teachers at the time. 1956, the year of occupancy of the new building, was the 100th anniversary of Ann Arbor High School. The school had been at the State Street site, in various buildings, since 1856. So there were two big school events to celebrate in 1956. Nick had a handsome bronze commemorative medallion struck in quantity for sale for a dollar or two.”



**From English Teacher Char Hanson:**

“I started teaching there in the fall of 1958, and I always loved hearing stories of the move. My classroom was the room that had been built to be a coatroom — in fact it continued to be used as a coatroom for evening and weekend events. The amazing thing, of course, was that so soon after the opening, the building was overcrowded enough and the coatroom had to become a classroom.”



**From History Teacher Milo White:**

“This film was shown at the 25th anniversary of Ann Arbor High School — I'm sure several times prior to that event and may be several times since then. Great history, and I highly recommend it.”



Until Newsletter #9 ...

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

*Louise Salamin*  
*Rick Weid*  
*Cindy Wild*  
*Chuck Wilkins*



## The Calendar !

### May 15-20, 2013

Keep your eyes peeled for our LAST Newsletter (#9). It will contain updates and final details & instructions for taking the tour(s) you've signed up for!

### Saturday, June 15, 2013

#### YIKES!

12 Midnight — the LAST deadline...

Reunion Registration ends! We must receive yours, 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]

Tour of UM Stadium, 10 AM

Tour of A2 & UM Campus, 12:30 PM

Tour of Pioneer High School, 2:00 PM

Golf Outing (Tee times & course TBA.)

### Saturday, July 13, 2013 [Evening]

"50 Laps Around the Sun" Celebration!

6:30PM — **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

### Sunday Morning, July 14, 2013

Farewell...

6–10 AM, Kensington Court  
 Survivors' Breakfast (\$10.95)

6–9 AM, Kensington Court  
 Viennese Coffee Bar (Complimentary)

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