



You're invited to the
63rd Anniversary Reunion
of the San Luis High Class of 1963 !!

'63 Tigers

- **Friday 28Aug 5:30pm.** Before-the-event ice breaker at the San Luis **American Legion**, near the Veteran's Building, 1661 Mill St. No host bar, **no entry fee**, everyone invited, snacks provided.
- **Saturday 29Aug.** As last time: a **catered BBQ** at **Cuesta Park** (north end of town). Lunch served at 1, but come early, folks will start gathering any time after 9am. This is in place of the traditional evening formal dinner/dance, giving us a greater chance to visit and catch up.
- **Registration form:** (just below) We need **names of all attendees**, please, so we can provide badges.
- 📧 Email to Hank@CAMDesigns.com or: Henry Watts, 849 Gary Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086
- *** Please read this entire, horribly-long document. Please. 😊 ***

Registration deadline: 10Aug !! (note 1)

BBQ Attendees:	First Badge	Replacement Badge \$10
Classmate attending: (name) _____	☐	☐
Address: _____		
Phone: _____ Email: _____		
Additional Classmate attending: (name) _____	☐	☐
Family member or friend attending: (name) _____	☐	☐
Family member of friend attending: (name) _____	☐	☐
Check or paypal, \$46/person for the BBQ as well as \$10 per replacement badge needed: Total \$ _____ (notes 2,3)		
Number attending the (no charge) Friday ice breaker: _____ (note 4)		

Notes:

- (Note 0) Yes, I'm pretty much reusing the letter from last time. Still, there are new things.
- (Note 0a) You will have gotten this letter either by email or by US Postal Mail. Maybe both. 110 people are on the GoogleGroups email list. But, when I asked people to respond to an email note, I got only 45 or so responses. There are any number of possible reasons for the lack of response, but, out of an abundance of caution, I'm sending postal system hard copies to everyone who didn't respond (which is why you **might** get both versions) as well, of course, as to those for whom I have no email address.
- (Note 1). **Deadline** The deadline is important as we need to finalize headcount with the caterer. Catering a buffet meal is a lot of guesswork in any case but always starts with a headcount. **HOWEVER**, if your plans change and you realize after the deadline that you actually can attend, call (408-234-3214),txt or email. We'll make it work.

Travel. Also note: I will be out of touch (zero cellphone or internet) in the deep canyons in SE Utah from 19Jul to 9Aug, with only limited availability during the 4 days before that and three days after that. This is an annual river trip with a daughter who seems to have the same slickrock in her veins that I have. I'll address any/all issues beginning 13August.

- (Note 1a) **Badges** We're doing the same kinds of badges this time. **This** is the one truly serious note in this list. We all feel, to an extent that we're still us,, in so many ways the same person as 63 years ago. However, we've all changed. Sometimes quite a bit. So it makes it **much** more comfortable in terms of memory and identification for everyone to have a badge. Additionally, we've color coded the badges so that you can easily tell if you're talking to a classmate or to someone who has come with a classmate.

So! If you weren't with us in 2023 just check the "First Badge" box but do not include the \$10. The first badge comes with your first registration. If you were with us 3 years ago and can **right now** go physically put your hands **on the badge** from that event then all is also well. However, if you were with us in 2023 and cannot actually find your badge, please check the "Replacement Badge" box and include the \$10.

Bring your good badges Friday night! We'll have temps for the forgetful.

Of note: I have, from last time, badges for Michael Grove, Rick Lucksinger, Diane (Preston) Lucksinger, Harry Sackrider, Polly Sackrider, Vicki (Wolf) Ryal, David Ryal.

- (Note 2) **Costs** We've kept the costs as low as possible and are hoping to break even. Compared to three years ago, this time we have **reduced** costs because we're going to order

a more appropriate amount of food and because most people have badges. However, there are cost **increases** due to food prices going up quite a bit, the additional cost of rental scooter(s) if needed and less sponsorship of the American Legion costs. So my best guess is \$46.

If the cost of this is an actual impediment to you but you'd like to attend, please call (408-234-3214), txt or email. We will never turn away any classmate who wants to attend.

- (Note 3) **About Payments:** The days of going down to the bank and opening a checking account under the name of any old organization you might dream up (such as SLOHS Class of 63 63rd Reunion) went away rapidly after Sept 11, 2001. To get a checking account these days you need articles of incorporation, tax status docs, list of board of directors, copies of meeting minutes, etc. My banker laughed at the notion and then was aghast when he realized that I was actually serious. So, I've been writing personal checks for all the expenses, including the BBQ deposit, group site at Cuesta, etc. The registration fees need to come to me. If mailing in, a check to Henry Watts will do. If registering by email you can PayPal to hank@CAMDesigns.com but use the "Friends and Family" option or PayPal will extract 3%. It may be that some people would be more comfortable writing a check to a named organization, but that option isn't available to us.
- (Note 4) If you're not coming to the BBQ but **are** attending the Friday night icebreaker, please let us know. We need to plan snacks for that event.
- There won't be a confirming letter. The effort and cost of an extra mailout to 60-80 folks is pretty severe.

Folks: This packet contains a **lot** of information. It's big. And we're sorry it's so much at once. However, for people who don't actively use email, we pretty much needed to send everything out in one shot, rather than in several mailings. This is that one shot.

Take your time, go through it and see if there is information you can provide or more information needed. You can call or write.

The BBQ

- **Location:** Cuesta Park, Toyon group site (the largest of the three sites they have). If you come in on the path, it's the first group site you encounter after crossing the creek. The park isn't that big and we will **not** be hard to find.
- **Unloading cars:** If you are bringing supplies or have someone with mobility issues, go to the vehicle gate (far end of the parking lot). It may be unlocked, in which case come on in,

(closing the gate after you pass through it) driving at a crawl while inside the gate. Or someone will be there with a code to open the gate and you can drive to the group site, unload, then return the car to the parking lot. If no one is at the gate call me at 408-234-3214. They now change the gate code each month, so I can't tell you the code in advance.

- **Meal:** The meal is standard BBQ fare (tri-tip, chicken, beans), but several of the dishes are vegetarian (amazing greens salad, a cowboy corn pie, roasted veggies, garlic bread). If you're vegan let's talk, the standard meal probably won't be of much help.
- **Liquid refreshment:** We'll have cold water. At the 60th we had lots of canned/bottled soft drinks, essentially *none* of which was consumed. Not doing that again. We're permitted to consume alcoholic drinks, but you need to bring your own. If you don't have a small cooler to bring we'll have a couple of large ones with enough ice in them.
- **Bathrooms:** The bathrooms are close by, maybe 25 steps then up some stairs or a ramp. If you're using a wheel chair you'll likely want a push up the ramp.
- **Scooter:** It would be great if some of you folks could find a mobility scooter or two that we could borrow for the day. If not, I'll rent.
- **Shade:** We checked out the site during the hours we'll be there and on a date that has very close to the sun angle we'll have on the 26th. We should be in shade our whole time there. If there is some sun, we'll still have lots of seating options.
- **Parking:** The lot fills up during the day and parking spills over to the roadway, which causes a longer walk and may itself fill up. Best approaches are to carpool as much as possible and to come earlier rather than later.

What Can I do to Help?

- Most important, **just show up**. Truly, nothing else is needed and you should not fret about doing anything additional.
- Two Tigers have already stepped forward to offer substantial help. John Van Matre is sponsoring half the American Legion Hall expense, and Stan Hall is covering the Cuesta site fees.
- **You're welcome to bring anything that you think would improve the event**
- The catered BBQ, which is a lot of food, does not include desserts. We'll have some cookies, but if you'd like to share a **dessert**, feel free.
- Finally, something everyone can at least take a swing at is **contacting friends & lost Tigers**. We're pretty sure at least some of our addresses are out of date. And there are lots of folks for whom we have no address or email at all. You could
 - Be sure those folks you're in contact with have gotten the word about the reunion. Feel free to copy this invite or forward the email.
 - Look over the revised roster (to be posted on the website soon and with notification via Google Groups email) and add (or confirm) whatever information you can, which leads us to the next section,

The Roster

This is the information we have on our classmates.

- Rule 1 is that any printed roster will likely be out of date in a day or two. But the information shown is the best we have on the date of the roster.
- Of particular note, this time the sending out the save-the-date postcards produced six incidents of “Return to sender. Unable to forward.” There are a few possible reasons for this. The cards returned were sent to Ray Hensley, Gordon Scott, Karen (Hansen) Rehr, Margaret (McLennan) Leih, Rick Lucksinger and Bud McCune.
- We have a lot of useful information, but there remains a great deal of missing data.
- The Roster is in order of last name at time of graduation.
- Where names have changed (mostly due to marriage) the original name is shown in parentheses.
- Where we have *prior* addresses or email addresses that seem no longer valid, these are shown in ~~strikeout type~~. It seemed that having prior information might, in some cases, help find someone.
- In general, any additional information would be helpful. If you have the time, please review the roster for people you know, and, if you have better information, let us know at hank@CAMDesigns.com or the address on the registration form. Thanks! And, of course, please update your own information as well.
- Also important: if handwriting an email address, try to make it very clear what each character is. For street address and email, please indicate whether this is for sure true, or is not verified but was the last information you had.

Other Things Going On

Google Groups

- We have a Google Group for easier email communication. A message sent to the group is forwarded to all members. If you want to join us, find the Google Group 63Tigers. There will be a place to request admittance. Or email me.
- There is a tad less traffic on this email list than I had expected, but it's there for anyone to use.

Class website

- There is a class website, you guessed it: **63Tigers.com**
- There are some key documents, but not much else. If **YOU** are a person with web management skills and interested in this project, call me.
- Some of the things we do/might post there would be
 - A copy of the '61, '62 and '63 HS annuals, if we can find copies that can be cut up. Ideally this would be a clean copy, but there may be some around that aren't completely buried in scribbled fond remembrances. Classmates.com will provide a

printed copy of someone's yearbook but they want \$100 for printing it and we can make it available free via a .pdf file.

- Pictures of the reunion
- Documents from past reunions
- Some stories about what we've done (see next section)

Who we were

- At a few past reunions, including the 15th, I think, we were asked to provide a paragraph or so about what we'd been up to. At the time I found the resulting contents extremely interesting. **These have been posted on the website.**
- **Write a bit about yourself?** We're accumulating lifetime stories. Updated copies at the reunion, and also to be posted on the website.
- If you're inspired to do so, write a paragraph or two (or much more) about what you've been up to (whether or not you can attend the reunion). You can't cover your entire life in that space, but you can give us a sense of where things are for you now. If email, great. If mailed in, especially hand-written, please try to be as neat and legible as you possibly can. I do not know that we'll have anyone ready to transcribe into printed text. So as to have understandable nomenclature, we'll call this "What We've Been Up To." You could also include a picture.
- **Since it's electronic, it doesn't take space until you print it, if you do. You could include**
 - Where you lived and what you liked there
 - What jobs you did, what you liked, what you accomplished
 - Family (a chance to talk about grandkids!)
 - Where you traveled and interesting things that happened along the way
 - Sports, hobbies
 - This could include (within some level of reason) photos that are key.
 - Also, someone, a trusted child, for example, might be able to do this for you.
 - Each person could have his or her own take on this exercise, make it a fun and/or learning experience.
 - Anything you submit wouldn't necessarily be final. If this project gets going and you get some ideas from what other people have written, you could rework yours at any time.

The crew: Along the way I've been substantially helped by Chris Keys, Linda Overton, Val (Garcia) Lorton, Ginger (Hoffman) Goodell and Mike Cowdrey.

However, if you're unhappy with something and looking for a neck to wring, that'd be mine.

Hope to see a lot of you soon.

/hank