



You're invited to the
60th Anniversary Reunion
of the San Luis High Class of 1963 !!

'63 Tigers

- **Friday 25Aug 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. They've upgraded this space a lot since we were last there.
- **Saturday 26Aug.** A new approach for this reunion: a **catered BBQ** at **Cuesta Park** (north end of town). Lunch served at 1, but come early, folks will start gathering any time after 10am. 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 mail: Henry Watts, 849 Gary Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Registration deadline: 4Aug !! (note 1)

BBQ Attendees:

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, \$43/person for the BBQ: Total \$ _____ (notes 2,3)

Number attending the (no charge) Friday ice breaker: _____ (note 4)

Notes:

- 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 find a way to make it work.
- (Note 2) **Costs** We've kept the costs as low as possible and are hoping to break even. **HOWEVER**, 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 not 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 SLO 63 60th 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 PayPal will extract 3% so please round up to \$44 each. 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 post office mail to up to 125 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, the 4-digit code is a secret, but it begins with 1981. If all else fails, call me at 408-234-3214.
- **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:** The meal will include water and lemonade, though we're guessing many people will bring their own water. 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.
- **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.
- However, already two Tigers have stepped forward to offer substantial help. Fred Hampton has arranged and paid the rental of the American Legion Hall. Kathryn (Hoffman) Moore owns a winery and is bringing us a couple of cases of wine.
- **So 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.
- If you're driving to the event you might want to have some **folding chairs** in your car. There is plenty of seating in the group area, but it's all picnic tables. It *might* become nice to have additional flexibility.

- By the same token, in the unlikely event we'd like to be sitting somewhere that has become sunny, a **small shade structure** *might* become handy. If you have a 10 x 10 Easy-Up and room in your vehicle for it, consider tucking it into the vehicle in case needed.
- 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 enclosed roster and add (or confirm) whatever information you can, which leads us to the next section,

The Roster (attached.)

- 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.
- In trying to assemble and validate the roster, and invite all who would care to attend our 60th (can that really be true?) anniversary reunion, we've had some successes and yet there is still a lot of missing data.
- There are **283** entries. They include the 254 who graduated with us, several folks who were our classmates until nearly the very end, but who didn't actually graduate with us, and a few people who have close connections to our class and like to be included in whatever we do.
- 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.
- Of these 283, 49 are known deceased.
- 50 folks have confirmed emails, which are listed. This is a great way to contact people
- 122 who do not have confirmed email do have apparently-valid street addresses. These addresses are, in general, not confirmed. We're hoping they're valid as that's where the paper form of this invite is going.
- 63 people have neither valid street addresses nor emails. Any information on these folks would be very helpful. One would expect some have passed on. Others may just have not stayed in touch with hardly any of us.
- Where we have *prior* addresses or email addresses, 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 is 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've started 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.
- At the moment it's new and traffic is light. I'm guessing things will be more active leading up to the reunion and, one hopes, with the sharing of experiences after the reunion.

Class website

- There is a class website, you guessed it: 63Tigers.com
- Right now there's really nothing much there. And I'm busy enough playing roster-wrangler and registration clerk that I don't have time to learn sufficient webmastering skills to get much progress with it.
- If **YOU** are a person with web management skills and interested in this project, please let me know.
- Some of the things we 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.
- **Write a bit about yourself?** We're going to try to assemble such a thing for this reunion, but no guarantees we actually pull it off. If you're inspired to do so, write a paragraph or two 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 "60th Reunion Update." You could also include a **picture**.

- **What happened?** In that same vein, and because those little bits of information in the past were so fascinating, some of us have thought it would be very interesting if we took that notion a step further. We have the website where we could post anything we want. What we imagine is that each of us who cared to could assemble a small document, talking about what has filled your life and how things worked out. Think of it as writing a longish letter. As examples it 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.

For now I'd be tickled to have good participation in the "60th Reunion Update" and consider the larger project after we have this gathering successfully completed.

The crew: Along the way I'm being helped by Alison (Tomlin) Shelton, 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.

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