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**ETHS Class of '62 – a 62-year reunion**

**ETHS Class of '62 turns 80**

**Letter #4**

Dear Classmates,

**REUNION TIME IS GETTING REALLY CLOSE!**

Even if you are not able to attend the reunion, here is what is needed from you:

- **For the sake of efficiency, please email us your email address.**
- Go to our class website at [ethsclassof62.com](http://ethsclassof62.com), look over the site, using the menu in the upper-right portion of the "Home" page.
- Contrary to past reunions, no reunion book will be printed for this reunion. Therefore, if you haven't already done so, go to the "Classmates" page, and create your username and password. This process will confirm that we have found you.
- Find your profile and your yearbook photo. Check your entry for accuracy, complete the items, and enter your comments. If there is no yearbook photo of you, please email us a photo of you from about 1962 – We will input your photo for you.
- This profile section on the website is where you will learn about your classmates and will effectively be your "reunion book."
- Write down and secure your login information.
- This "Classmates" section is the only password-protected section of our website.
- Please review the updated "**Missing & Unconfirmed List**" on the website. **Please email us any contact information you have.** Our goal is to give every classmate the opportunity to attend this reunion.
- There will be a limited number of complimentary tee shirts, panoramic photos, and reunion books from previous reunions.
- The "In Memory" section on the website has been updated and includes submitted tributes. Consider posting a tribute about a special friend.

**For those planning to attend the reunion, here is what is needed from you:**

- Book your lodging (scroll down for lodging details).
- If you live in the Chicago area but some distance from Evanston, treat yourself to a hotel and avoid the commute.
- So we can arrange meals, print name tags with your yearbook photo, and plan other details, **buy your reunion ticket(s) now via the website.**
- Bring memorabilia items and copies of old photos, including class/group photos from grade school, etc.

- Prior to the reunion, ticket holders will receive one further communication, detailing the final plans for the weekend which are still being “polished.”

**Lodging information:**

As previously communicated to you, we had blocked rooms at four local hotels. The blocked rooms at the Evanston Hyatt House have expired, though if you truly want to stay there, call Alexandria Palomino, Sales Manager at the Evanston Hyatt House (847-864-2300) – She might be able to accommodate your request.

**Below is a list of blocked-rooms and negotiated rates at our three remaining hotels** – The number of blocked rooms is limited for each hotel for Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday nights (Sept. 19, 20, and 21 – checking out on Sunday, Sept. 22), and those blocked rooms are available only for a limited time. We managed to get an extension of time on these three remaining hotels listed below.

**Therefore, we encourage you to make your hotel and travel reservations ASAP.**

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The deadline for the blocked rooms and special room rates at the **Evanston Hilton Garden Inn has been extended to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 4, 2024.**

The rate for one king bed or two double beds is the same: \$189 per night

Email us so we can email you the special reservation link to book one of these limited number of blocked rooms at our negotiated room rates at the **Evanston Hilton Garden Inn.**

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The deadline for the blocked rooms and special room rates at the **Evanston Holiday Inn has been extended to 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, 2024.**

The rate for a single occupancy or a double occupancy is the same: \$199 per night

Email us so we can email you the special reservation link to book one of these limited number of blocked rooms at our negotiated room rates at the **Evanston Holiday Inn.**

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The special room rates at the **Doubletree** (a Hilton Hotel in Skokie near Old Orchard Shopping Center) **will expire at 11:59 p.m., Thursday, April 5.**

The rate for a single or a double occupancy is the same: \$169 per night

Email us so we can email you the special reservation link to book one of these limited number of blocked rooms at our negotiated room rates at the **Doubletree.**

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“Email/Letter #1” and “Email/Letter #2” and “Email/Letter #3” are posted on our class reunion website (**ETHSclassof62.com**), though the website will **not** show lodging information. **Lodging information is above and at the end of this email.**

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**For your convenience and for your easy reference, the following information is from past emails:**

***Forgot your password to complete your profile?***

You will need to use the same device for both parts of a password-reset request.

1. Go to <https://ethsclassof62.com/classmates>.
2. Click on “Forgot Password,” and type in your email address.
3. Using the same device, go to your email, and follow the steps to set up a new password.
4. Return to <https://ethsclassof62.com/classmates>, and type in your username, which is your email address and the password you have just set.

***How to upload a current photo to your profile (on a Windows PC):***

**Go to your yearbook photo in the profile page on the website, and click above it where it says, "To create or modify your profile click here." (This text is in green.)**

- 1.** Scroll down to **Images**.
- 2.** At the "**Now Photo**" section, **click "Browse."**
- 3.** This link will take you to where you have your own photos stored on your computer.
- 4.** Click on the photo you want to upload.
- 5.** Then, click "Open."

Your new photo should now appear with your profile on the reunion website.

If you have any trouble, you can email us the photo, and we will upload it to your profile.

***Do I need a rental car?***

**You do not need to rent a car.** Most of the hotels and the reunion events are in the downtown Evanston area (except for a tour of the high school on Saturday afternoon).

If you need or want to travel someplace, use an Uber, a Lyft, or a cab.

***Transportation between O'Hare and Evanston:***

**The best "deal" is the new Pulse Dempster Line, an express bus route** between O'Hare Airport and downtown Evanston. To learn more about this express bus service, **Goggle: Pulse Dempster Line Route**

The cost is only \$2.25.

The average travel time is 50 minutes, depending on the time of day.

***Reunion Festivities:***

As with our past reunions, prior to our reunion weekend, we will send final reunion details to those who have registered to attend the reunion. Some details are now being finalized. In the meantime, as with past reunions, please know that the festivities and camaraderie will be great.

- Friday evening: An informal gathering, including dinner and a cash bar.

- Saturday at 11:00 a.m.: A walk for some and a gathering for all along the Lake Michigan lakefront. Lunch will be served (maybe around 11:45 a.m. to noon) after the walkers return to the initial gathering location where the non-walkers will have already gathered.
- Saturday at 2:30 p.m.: A tour of the high school.
- Saturday, 6:00 p.m.: The main event will include dinner, a cash bar, great music, displays of memorabilia, rotating photos via a projector, and lots of laughs.
- For those who arrive on Thursday, Sept. 19, we are in the process of lining up a restaurant for people to gather, order food off the menu, socialize, etc.

***Though we would love to meet your spouse or significant other, as with our prior reunions, many classmates feel comfortable coming on their own.***

- Classmates always enjoy reunions – Spouses & significant others might or might not enjoy reunions.
- A trip through the twilight zone is sometimes best traveled alone.
- Not everyone is married or has a significant other.

**At our 50-year reunion, 75% of classmates came solo.**

***Who is a member of the ETHS Class of '62?***

**It's anyone who was a part of our class at one time or another, starting in kindergarten, regardless of whether you graduated from ETHS in June of '62 or not.**

Because we have been so inclusive of "kids" who were in our class at one time or another, many non-June-1962 graduates have attended our prior reunions – They were indeed our classmates.

***Our website includes:***

- A list of missing or unconfirmed classmates. Again, please help us find these "missing" classmates.
- An **"In Memory"** section.
- Links to Evanston attractions to visit.

- Your profile entry with your yearbook photo. Please create a login to add to or edit your profile. **Once you create a login, you will be able to see all our classmates' profiles.** Reminder: This "profile" page will replace the publication of a reunion book (which was created and made available for past reunions). Over time, the world has gone paperless, and so have we.
- A method to purchase your reunion ticket – secure and simple. The cost for this reunion is \$80 per person.
- For those classmates who are financially strapped, we understand -- A reduced rate is fine. We would rather have you than your money. For these discounted tickets, email us at [eths62class@gmail.com](mailto:eths62class@gmail.com) for payment details.

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***Lodging Details:***

**The best information for blocked & discounted hotels is toward the beginning of this email, with deadlines for blocked & discounted rooms spelled out. The following information was from prior reunion letters (appropriately updated):**

**Make your lodging arrangements in or near downtown Evanston.** There are seven hotels listed, two of which are near Old Orchard. However, as a matter of convenience, **we recommend one of the five hotels (or possibly a VRBO or an Airbnb) in downtown Evanston.**

Below are lodging suggestions in Evanston and the surrounding area.

**To obtain a possible better room rate, we encourage you to visit the hotel information below, though it might turn out that the blocked-room rates mentioned at the beginning of this email are better:**

- Visit the hotel website rather than talking with a hotel reservations person on the phone.
- Investigate a hotel reservation service, such as Booking.com, Travelocity.com, Expedia.com, Hotels.com, etc.
- Alternatives to a hotel: VRBO.com and Airbnb.com

**The name of the hotel is also a link to their website.** Just in case, the website address (URL) is below the name of the hotel.

**Five recommended hotels (in downtown Evanston) – *We now have blocked rooms at the first two hotels listed below – See “deadline” details toward the beginning of this email:***

**[Hilton Garden Inn Evanston](#)** (We have a limited number of blocked/discounted rooms until 11:59 on Wednesday, September 4 – see lodging details toward the beginning of this email.)

1818 Maple Avenue, Evanston  
(847) 475-6400

**[Holiday Inn Evanston](#)** (We have a limited number of blocked/discounted rooms until 11:59 on Wednesday, September 11 – see lodging details toward the beginning of this email.)

1501 Sherman Avenue, Evanston  
(847) 491-6400

**No blocked rooms at the following three hotels:**

**[Hyatt House Evanston](#)** (no blocked rooms)

1515 Chicago Avenue, Evanston  
(847) 864-2300

**[Hilton Orrington \(formerly the Orrington Hotel\)](#)** (no blocked rooms)

1710 Orrington Avenue, Evanston  
(847) 866-8700

**[The Graduate Evanston](#)** (no blocked rooms)

1625 Hinman Avenue, Evanston  
(847) 475-3300

**Two hotels near Old Orchard Shopping Center:**

**[Doubletree North Shore Hotel](#)** (We have a limited number of blocked/discounted rooms until 11:59 on Thursday, September 5 – see lodging details toward the beginning of this email.)

9599 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie

(847) 329-4300

**[Hampton Inn & Suites](#)** (no blocked rooms)

5201 Old Orchard Road, Skokie

(847) 583-1111

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Our kind regards to all,

*ETHS Class of '62*

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