

Letter #1
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Subject:

ETHS Class of '62 – a 62-year reunion

ETHS Class of '62 turns 80

Dear Classmates,

We are happy to announce some good news: **We will have a class reunion this fall.**

In 2022, because of COVID, it was still too risky to have a 60-year class reunion. Now, in 2024, we are in good shape to have a reunion, assuming you have been vaccinated and boosted.

The ETHS Class of '62 will have its 62-year reunion during the weekend of September 20 and 21, 2024. If you are coming from out of town, consider arriving in Evanston on Thursday, September 19, to be well-rested for Friday's and Saturday's festivities.

We are still fine-tuning the details of these reunion festivities, but rest assured, as with our past reunions, it will be a great time for all. **Prior to our reunion weekend, we will send the final reunion details to those who have registered to attend.**

In the meantime, you can now make your lodging arrangements in or near downtown Evanston. That way, you will be able to:

- Walk to most everything – Evanston is a great walking town.
- Enjoy the ambiance of historic downtown Evanston.
- Avoid renting a car.
- Avoid drinking & driving.
- If needed, use an Uber, a Lyft, or a cab.

The reunion festivities will include:

- **Friday evening:** An informal gathering, including dinner and a cash bar.
- **Saturday at 11:00 a.m.:** A walk along the lakefront. We will meet at one of the Evanston parks along Lake Michigan. Though a walk is our goal, at our 50-year reunion, a number of classmates became so engrossed in interesting & humorous conversations with other classmates that they did not walk with the group. When the walkers returned to the starting point, the walkers and talkers joined forces to have a good old time.
- **Saturday evening:** The main event will include dinner, a cash bar, great music, displays of memorabilia, rotating photos via a projector, and lots of laughs.

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

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

As a result, at our 50-year reunion, 77% of our classmates came on their own.

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

- It's not strictly those "kids" who graduated from ETHS in June 1962.
- Starting with grade school, it's anyone who was a part of our class at one time or another:
 - Some classmates graduated from ETHS early; some graduated late; some didn't graduate.
 - Some classmates' families moved out of town.
 - Some classmates attended a private school during some or all of those ETHS years.

Our graduating class from ETHS in June 1962 had 775 students. Because we have been so inclusive of "kids" who were in our class at one time or another, 53 non-June-1962 graduates were invited to our prior reunions, and many attended those reunions.

We rebuilt our reunion website, but we have the same website address as before:

ETHSclassof62.com

Please note: The "Menu" is at the top right of each page of our website.

Our new website includes:

- **A list of missing classmates.** For our 50-year reunion, we were able to reduce the missing list from the typical 25% down to an unheard of 7% -- a world record in finding missing class members. **With your help,** we can reduce the missing list even further. The goal is to give every classmate the opportunity to attend this reunion.
- **A list of deceased classmates.** Though seeing this list is sad, we all need to recognize that "ain't none of us getting out of this place alive." Therefore, live life to its fullest, and attend this reunion.
- **Links to Evanston attractions to see.**
- **Your profile entry with your yearbook photo. Please create a login to:**
 - Add to or edit your profile
 - To see the profiles of classmates
- **A method to purchase your reunion ticket** – secure and simple. The cost per person for this reunion is \$80 per person.

For those who are financially strapped, a reduced rate is fine. We are more interested in seeing you than seeing your money. For those reduced tickets, email us at ETHS62class@gmail.com for payment details.

Finally, we recommend you be open and aware to one of the most fun things about a high school reunion, an observation that many classmates have come to appreciate. Sure, it's fun to see old friends, but to talk with people you barely knew or didn't know but maybe you had heard of, all to find out what nice and/or interesting and/or funny people they are – It's truly one of the amazing experiences of a reunion.

Our kind regards to all,

ETHS Class of '62

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