

The Quaker Quacker
Class of '61 — May 2011 Edition

From the Chair...

Recently, Bob Clark called to ask if the Reunion Committee would be interested in a copy of our Senior Banquet program. I told him I didn't remember that there was such a Banquet. He said he didn't either, but he had a program with his name on it, so he figured he must have gone.

As I scanned it for him, I realized I had missed out on a memorable event. Our senior year was much too long ago to remember why I chose not to attend. No doubt, it made sense at the time, yet now, I regret not going. Whether you have great recall or not, you cannot evoke a memory of something you didn't attend. August 19-21, 2011 will be our 50th Reunion. I sure hope no one excuses themselves from coming, and regrets it later.

Ed Kaiser – Planning Committee Chair

Your 50th Reunion Committee has arranged for a weekend of exciting opportunities. As with the 45th Reunion, we'll once again gather at Kewpee's on Friday night. Order supper from their menu, or just sip a cola, BYOB, and chat with your classmates. Saturday morning...

FORE Hi everyone—It's fun time, golf scramble at MSU. All ranges of "handicap" are welcome. In fact, Ed Kaiser said he'd enjoy playing in a foursome of duffers like himself. We will be gathering at Forest Acres-West Course and then be shuttled over to play the East Course. So, sign up if you can, but most of all, I hope to see you in August at our 50th class Reunion. If you have any questions, feel free to call LeeAnna (Miller) Edwards (517-649-8761), or me, Denny Rapson (517-281-5009)

Walk the Halls again...

Don't miss this chance, folks, to tour your old school on Saturday, August 20, 2011. It's at 12:15, starting from the office, and ending in the courtyard.

At the conclusion of the tour, Jack Davis, a current Lansing Board of Education member and Eastern High School alum, will provide a brief update on the status of EHS in general, and as part of the District's plan to address its financial concerns.

Our great **Eastern High All Alumni Picnic** will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Saturday Night BANQUET

Saturday night's banquet promises to be one of great food, entertainment and lifelong memories (perhaps not as long a "lifelong" as when we were 30 years old, but great memories just the same). We will gather at the University Club's upper dining room which features a lovely view of Forest Akers Golf Course, for lots of "get-reacquainted time," dinner (the "U. Club" is known for its excellent food), a short program, and live entertainment. The Reunion Committee is working hard to make this a very special evening; please join us.

Music

The Sea Cruisers, a well known local band, will play music from our generation at the banquet. They will provide easy-listening background music during dinner. After dinner, from 8:30 pm – 12:30 am, lead singer, "Dion," Don Dove will sing our favorite songs and entertain us with our special requests. If you just want to sing along or dance to your favorite songs, the Sea Cruisers will help make our 50th reunion a memorable event.

Sunday Morning BRUNCH

Sunday morning's brunch buffet also promises to be special with a large variety of hot and cold food and drink items to choose from. So, stick around and visit with classmates once again before the morning church service begins.

Make your Reservations

In this mailing you will find a form to fill in with your reservations. Denote the events you plan to attend and MAIL it back by July 17th, 2011

If, for some reason you cannot commit by that date, yet still hope to attend, please call:

Joan (Brooks) Look; 517-349-9661

We want everyone to come....

It has come to the attention of the 50th Reunion Planning Committee that there may be some classmates who cannot attend due to financial and/or transportation limitations. Because we feel the 50th Reunion is a very special celebration, we desire to do what we can to offset such limitations. Complimentary tickets are available.

Because this may be a sensitive matter, the Committee Chairperson, Ed Kaiser, has been empowered to offer assistance "confidentially". If you know of someone this may apply to...or you, yourself, would appreciate assistance, please contact Ed at kaisers1789@yahoo.com

or by phone: 517-655-1789.

Also, if you would like to anonymously underwrite even a small portion of this effort, contact Ed as noted above.

CLASS BOOKLET

This is a reminder to fill out the enclosed Information Sheet. Please send the information even if you do not plan to attend the reunion. The information you provide will be included in a Class Booklet that will be given to those who attend the Saturday night banquet. If you do not attend the banquet, the Booklet can be sent to you at a cost of \$7.00 (see Reservation Form). The Information Sheet, along with current pictures of you/and your family, should be sent to JoAnn Peterson at petersoj@msu.edu or to 1311 Cove, Okemos, MI 48864. If you have questions please call: 517-896-1747.

NOTE: *If unable to attend the Reunion and you desire this Memento Booklet mailed to an address other than the one we used for this mailing, please note on the reverse side of the Reservation Form.*

50th Reunion MAP

All locations of Reunion events, as well as each of the **Lodging Options** at right, are "pinned" on a map available on-line:

www.communitywalk.com/map/index/1040925

If you are not a member of the **LEHS Class of '61, Yahoo Group**, now is a great time to join. Currently 90 classmates are in the group and it's likely there will be a lot of e-mail chats about the Reunion in the next few months. Send a memo to Reunion50@lehs61.com stating you want to join.

Lodging Options

The recommended hotel, and adjacent to the University Club, is **Candlewood Suites** – on the MSU campus. They have granted us a "Reunion Rate" of \$106.22 per night (includes taxes)

Candlewood Suites

3545 Forest Rd

Lansing, MI 48910 (*Technically, it's East Lansing; however, for mail and GPS, you must use Lansing*)

1-888-CANDLEWOOD (517-351-8181)

www.candlewoodsuites.com

Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center

55 Kellogg Center (S. Harrison Rd.)

East Lansing, MI 48824

800-875-5090 (517-432-4000)

Three options at Exit 110 (Okemos Rd) off I-96

Comfort Inn & Suites

2187 University Park Dr.

Okemos, MI 48864

517-347-6690

www.comfortinn.com

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

2209 University Park Dr.

Okemos, MI 48864

800-261-9168 (517-437-8700)

www.holidayinnexpress.com

Hampton Inn

2200 Hampton Place

Okemos, MI 48864

517-349-6100

www.hamptoninn.com

Campgrounds

The closest KOA campground to Lansing is located near Flint, so it is not included

Lansing Campground, Inc.

5339 Aurelius Rd.

Lansing, MI 48911

517-393-3200

www.lansingcottonwoodcampground.com

Wheel Inn Campground

240 Fogg Rd.

Leslie, MI 49251

517-589-8097

Sleepy Hollow State Park

7835- East Price Rd.

Laingsburg, MI 48848

800-447-2757 (517-651-6217)