

Hello 1963 Classmate,

Saturday November 2nd a meeting was held and the reunion dates were set for October 9 - 12, 2003. All of the details for the 40th Reunion are in this letter. Pictures from the meeting and more information about our class can be seen by going to our webpage @ <http://www.kewpie.net/1963.html>.

There was a lot of consideration given to setting up the reunion and all suggestions were considered. If you have any questions or would like to discuss any part of the reunion, please contact me anytime, preferably by phone.

We have plenty of time to tweak most parts of the reunion; however the date had to be set and based on a survey of all of our class members it was determined to hold the reunion on a "Hickman Home Football Game Weekend" in October, rather than the usual August weekend.

Please give this REUNION your utmost attention. It is very important that you let me know immediately if you DO or DO NOT plan to attend. I must have a good idea of how many will attend before I put my name on the dotted lines for a few thousand dollars. And in order to procure hotel rooms for these dates for our reunion, due to this being an MU Home Football Weekend too, I MUST HAVE your cooperation on this matter.

Please send your BIOGRAPHY and a recent PICTURE of yourself. (You can mail the BIOGRAPHY and PICTURE with your check or email it to me @ 63classpic@kewpie.net) Both your BIOGRAPHY and PICTURE are needed even if you can't attend as the Class webpage <http://www.kewpie.net/1963.html> is the "New Electronic '63 Class Directory." The Directory of Biographies & Pictures will be made available on CD with lots of 60's music and address and phone information (by request - price not yet determined). No phone or address information will be used on the webpage and your email will be withheld if you desire, but your name and your picture from the Cresset are already on the webpage. There are lots of other goodies there too, if you haven't noticed.....

I am so thankful to be here and to be able to do what I do for the "Class of 1963" and "Hickman High School." Humor me and come give me a hug and spend the weekend with me in the fall of 2003 as we close in on our 6th decade together. I have been to more Hickman Reunions than any other Kewpie in the history of Hickman High School and I echo the comment I have heard at many of them, "I will never miss another reunion as long as I live." Since our last reunion in 1998, there have been over 60 deaths directly related to our class, either classmates or family members of our classmates.

For those loved ones,

*Those we love truly never die
Though year by year the sad memorial wreath--
A ring and flowers, types of life and death--
Are laid upon their graves.
Well blessed is she who has a dear one dead
A friend she has whose face will never change,
A dear communion that will not grow strange.
The anchor of a life is death.
There is no death, nor change, nor any ending.
Only a journey, and so many go*

*That we who stay at length discern the blending
Of the two roads, two breaths, two lives, and so
Come to the high and quiet knowledge that the
dead
Are but ourselves, made beautiful instead.*

*From, "Readings on the Philosophy of Death"
Author Unknown, from "Poetry For Verse Speaking
Choir"
Arranged by, Helen D. Williams*

I sincerely hope that everyone will be able to come. Based on the feelings I have, from having talked with many of you, I honestly believe there will be a great turnout at this, our 40th Reunion. If you are comfortable with these plans, please send your CHECK immediately and send your BIOGRAPHY & PICTURE yesterday!!!!!! PLEASE, I said PLEASE, send your BIOGRAPHY & PICTURE even if you can't attend. I want our directory to include every one who receives this request.

Please come join your "Class of 1963" in October of next year in celebration of the 40th year of our class and the celebration of our lives.

Thanks in advance for doing your part on this Reunion, by just giving me a, "Yes I'm coming" and sending your check, BIOGRAPHY & PICTURE.....

Kewpishly,
Charley Blackmore

Itinerary for 40th Reunion of "Class of 1963" Oct. 9 - 12th of 2003

Thursday, October 9, 2003 afternoon/evening

4:00 PM - Until

Hospitality Room, Ramada Inn, 1100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia MO 65202 (No food served?)

Friday, October 10, 2003

9:00 AM

Golf @ Lake of the Woods Golf Course (Old Forest Hill Country Club) 6700 E Saint Charles Rd, Columbia MO 65202 (573-474-7011) \$30.00? per person - For guys & gals - couples welcome!

Parade downtown Columbia at 2:00 PM? (There will be a float, wanna ride? We need to know)

Hickman Kewpie Homecoming Football Game @ 7:30 PM - (Cost - FREE to Seniors "Over 50")

Before & After Football Game

Hospitality Room, Ramada Inn, 1100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia MO 65202 (Horsd'Oeuvres) and coffee or ice tea - \$5.00 per person - Bar & Restaurant @ Inn

Saturday, October 11, 2003

9:00 AM

Tour Hickman High School & Tour Columbia by School Bus \$5.00per person

12:00 Noon (Eat @ 12:30 PM)

Picnic @ Kemper Arena, 1270 E Boone Industrial Dr, Columbia MO 65202 (Catered lunch including drinks) \$15.00 per person - *Parents are welcome @ same price*

6:30 - until 1:00 AM (Class Picture Main Lobby @ Ramada.....) \$7.00 (5x7) \$10.00 (8x10)

Dinner, Music & Dancing...(email requests to 63songs@kewpie.net or mail) Pavilion Banquet Room, Ramada Inn, 1100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia MO 65202 \$28.00 per person (buffet with choice of two entrees, tossed salad, pasta salad, three bean salad, marinated vegetable salad, two vegetables, potato or rice, rolls & butter, beverage & dessert)

1:00 AM - until

Hospitality Room, Ramada Inn, 1100 Vandiver Dr, Columbia MO 65202 (No food served)

Sunday, October 12, 2003

11:00 AM

Missouri Methodist Church, 9th & Locust St (Jim Bryan, Pastor)

12:30 PM

Brunch @ Boone Tavern, (location of the old Western Auto Store - 811 E Walnut St) Banquet room downstairs.... \$18.00 per person

LODGING: @ Ramada Inn

I must take care of lodging arrangements right away because our reunion is the same weekend as the MU-NEBRASKA home football game. I can get a block of rooms but I need an exact amount of rooms needed, because once I commit, I will be stuck with the bill to pay for the rooms. The room rate on football weekends is \$119.00 per night and our rate will be \$79.00 per night or less (with a minimum of 2 nights). I am working on a little better rate, but it will be easier to negotiate once I have a count. You must not call the Ramada direct as the reservations department won't know about this package. All you need to do is contact me for now and I will be responsible for the rooms until later next year when you can use a credit card to confirm your reservation. I will be glad to take care of arrangements but you must let me know immediately if you will want a room at the Ramada Inn for the REUNION.

If you prefer to choose another hotel, there are some options @ <http://www.kewpie.net/otherkewps.htm> or go to: <http://www.columbiamo.net/info/businessdir/hotelmotel.htm>. If you don't have a computer and need my help getting a room, give me a call anytime.

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Registration form to be returned with Remittance

I ask that everyone make a \$60.00 per person donation to attend the reunion which will include Horsd'Oeuvres Friday night, School & Bus Tour Saturday morning, picnic Saturday, dinner & dance Saturday night and brunch on Sunday morning. It would be appreciated if you send your donation as soon as you can. All proceeds from the reunion, less minor operating expenses, will once again be given to Hickman High School, in a manner to be determined by the reunion committee. (If you can afford to and care to make a larger donation, that would be great! Do not miss this reunion because of the cost, please contact me to make arrangements. I hope this will be the largest attendance we have ever had and I sincerely hope you will make every effort to join us for this REUNION!)

If you prefer not to make a \$60.00 donation, you must send the correct amounts for each event you plan to attend. These prices are per person and you must be specific as to which events and how many will be attending.

Friday night Horsd'Oeuvres @ Ramada.....\$5.00 per person
 Saturday School & Bus Tour @ HHS.....\$5.00 per person
 Saturday Picnic @ Kemper Arena.....\$15.00 per person
 Saturday Night @ Ramada.....\$28.00 per person
 Sunday Brunch @ Boone Tavern.....\$18.00 per person

Please return this page with your remittance. Include your name and your guest's name. Indicate if you are making a \$60.00 donation. (If you want to make the full donation, but DO NOT plan to attend all events, please mark events you will attend accordingly.) If not making the \$60.00 donation, check the events you will attend and compute your cost. **Don't forget to include your Biography & Current Picture for the Directory with this Registration, unless you are emailing it.**

Please Mail or email Biography & Current Picture to same address.

Even if you can't attend the Reunion!

MAKE CHECK TO: "CLASS OF 1963"
and mail to:

CHARLEY BLACKMORE
2312 DEER CREEK CT
COLUMBIA MO 65201-3564

Phone: 573-442-1873 Email: charley@kewpie.net

Enter Name and/or Guest (and parent's name, if attending Picnic)

		<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Donation	\$60.00	-----	-----
Hospitality Thursday night	0	-----	0
Golf-Friday morning	0	-----	0
Parade Friday afternoon	0	-----	0
Hospitality Friday night	\$ 5.00	-----	-----
Football Game Friday night	0	-----	0
School & Bus Tour Saturday morning	\$ 5.00	-----	-----
Picnic Saturday afternoon	\$15.00	-----	-----
Dinner & Dance Saturday night	\$28.00	-----	-----
Brunch Sunday morning	\$18.00	-----	-----
TOTALS		-----	-----

**Once you let me know if you plan to attend, I can finalize the reunion plans.
 Please help make my job a LOT EASIER and give me your answer as soon as possible.**

Thanks! Charley