



## Class Agents Letter

**Class of 1963**

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Fellow Classmates:

Here's a quick letter to share early news of reunion plans for June 2-3, 2023. It will be our 60<sup>th</sup>, and it seems as if our successful 50<sup>th</sup> is still a short memory away! The College's agenda looks like a "cut and paste" from earlier ones, but here's hoping that many of us can make it back to catch up personally and with Wabash.

But first, we have more bad news to share. John Doherty ("Doc") died January 4 of injuries from a fall Christmas eve. A wrestler and Delt while at Wabash, he married Sigrid (a Crawfordsville love) and he followed a career in journalism and as a congressional staff member. He was buried at his request in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Sigrid can be reached at 10102 Hadley Place, Kensington MD 20895 and 240-421-5608, and she plans to stay in the area close to their two daughters.

Also Tom Billings' wife, Nancy, died January 13. They were approaching their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. A huge loss. He's at 626-695-1231 for a call and sends his best to all of you.

John Strickland's celebration of life will be Sunday, February 5 in Franklin, Indiana at 229 S. Main from 3-6 at the pizza restaurant where he most recently played bass with a friend on piano. Several Indiana-based friends are planning to go including Betty and me.

Now for some early **Reunion News**. The sign up for the reunion is on the College's website, <https://www.wabash.edu/events/bigbash/>, and we've held some rooms and the meeting room (our always-open bar) for June 2 and 3 at the Hampton Inn (765-362-8884). Our informal Class of '63 dinner Saturday night will be at the Creekside Lodge, very close to the hotel. All the other meals will be at the Wabash Big Bash events. We have no idea how many of us will show up, so it would be very helpful if you would RSVP this letter to me with your intentions. We'll plan accordingly. Also let me know if you are flying in to the Indianapolis airport, and I'll try to match you up to share rides to C'Ville. Here's the Hampton Inn reservation information:



Call the hotel at 765-362-8884, Option 0, and tell them you are part of the W63 group block.

The College's schedule of events is at the website and is copied at the end of this letter.

It's never too early to plan to get back to Wabash and catch up with each other. Hopefully you can make it!

Best regards,

Alan, for Tom and Bruce

Friday, June 2, 2023

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Chadwick Court - Allen Center.** Stop by Chadwick Court for latest Big Bash information. There you'll have the opportunity to sign the Alumni Register, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards.

**10:00 a.m. - Wally Wabash Golf Outing.** Grab a few classmates and form a foursome for the Wally Wabash Golf Outing. Foursomes will compete in a Florida scramble, best ball format with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded for low gross, as well as for closest to the pin and longest drive. Directions to the course available at registration.

**11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., & 3:00 p.m. - Campus Tours.** Tour guides from the Sons of Wabash will lead alumni and friends on tours of campus. Each tour is about an hour in length, so wear comfortable walking shoes. Golf carts will be provided for alumni and guests who have difficulty walking. Tours depart from the steps of the Allen Center at 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

**11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. - Welcome Back Luncheon.** We offer a casual buffet lunch in the Knowling Fieldhouse. Catch up with other alumni, faculty, and current students at the luncheon.

**12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Alumni-Faculty-Staff Symposium.** The annual symposium is presented through a partnership of Wabash College faculty, staff, and alumni. The presentations, offered simultaneously throughout the afternoon, will feature alumni, faculty, or staff and will demonstrate the breadth and depth of the liberal arts on a specific topic. Topic and speakers TBD

Time	Hays Hall 104	Hays Hall 319
1:00 p.m.		
2:00 p.m.		
3:00 p.m.		
4:00 p.m.		

**1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Wally's Pub.** Join your classmates and other alumni and friends for a drink at Wally's pub located in the Sparks Center.

**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Big Bash Banquet.**

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**Saturday, June 3, 2023**

**8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. - Registration in Chadwick Court - Allen Center.** Stop by Chadwick Court for the latest Big Bash information. There you'll have the opportunity to sign the Alumni Register, which is important for your class as it competes for the attendance awards.

**8:00 a.m. - Bike Ride.** If you ride, plan to bring your bike and join others for this recently added Big Bash activity. We will lead you on a ride throughout Crawfordsville and Montgomery County starting and ending at the parking lot south of Knowling Fieldhouse. We will have you back to campus in time to prepare for Chapel Sing.

**8:30 a.m. - Fun Run/Walk.** If you run, you'll want to compete in a two-mile or four-mile race that begins on Huntsman track in Little Giant Stadium. If you walk, shake it loose early, grab a buddy, and join the fun.

**9:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., & 3:30 p.m. - Campus Tours.** Tour guides from the Sons of Wabash will lead alumni and friends on tours of campus. Golf carts will be provided for alumni and guests who have difficulty walking. Tours depart from the steps of the Allen Center at 9:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

**11:00 a.m. - Alumni Chapel Sing - Pioneer Chapel.** There won't be any "W" haircuts given this time, so if you forget a word or two, no big deal. But there will be singing when Wabash hosts its annual Alumni Chapel Sing. You'll sing along with members of your class and compete against the other nine reunion classes. Volume counts, so don't let your mates down. Learn the words to Old Wabash all over again, stretch your vocal chords, and relive what many Wabash men recall as their fondest Wabash memory.

**12:00 p.m. - Picnic Lunch - Knowling Fieldhouse - Allen Center.** We'll wrap up our Alumni Chapel Sing with a festive and casual picnic in the Knowling Fieldhouse.

**1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Class Photographs.** Class reunion photographs will be taken in the Allen Center. Bring your spouse/partner as two photos of each class, with and without spouses/partners, will be taken.

**1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Wally's Pub.** Join your classmates and other alumni and friends for a drink at Wally's Pub located in the Sparks Center.

**2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. - Wabash Today (Hays Hall 104).** Wabash's 17th President Scott Feller will offer Big Bash attendees an update on the College.

**2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Academic Department Receptions.** Some academic departments are hosting receptions to welcome back their majors and minors for the Big Bash. We hope you will stop by the designated location to meet the faculty.

Participating Departments TBA

**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Student housing open for visits.** All Fraternities, Martindale Hall, and Williams Hall will be open for visitors.

**3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. - Colloquium (Hays Hall 104):**

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**3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Spouses and Partners Reception - Lilly Library.** Spouses and partners of Wabash alumni are invited to a reception.

**4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Colloquium (Hays Hall 104):**

**5:30 p.m. - All Class Reception - Little Giant Stadium Concourse.** Reunion classes will come together for a large reception in the concourse (Little Giant Stadium). Class of 1973 will gather in the W Club lounge.

**6:45 p.m. - Class Dinners.** Following the reception, classes will disperse to assigned dinner locations to enjoy dinner and conversation with classmates. Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m. and locations will be noted in your registration packets.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Wally's Pub.** Join your classmates and other alumni and friends for a drink at Wally's pub located in the Sparks Center.

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**Sunday, June 4, 2023**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Informal Buffet Breakfast.** Wrap up the weekend on campus and bid farewell to your classmates and other alumni and friends at an informal breakfast. There will be no program and you can come and go in your own time.

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