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Save the Dates!! Our 50th Reunion – 31 May – 2 June 2019

Gentlemen of Class of 69,

We are past the middle of October, semester break is over, and fall is displaying cool frosty mornings with clear blue skies, but the leaves have only slowly started to change, and the Wabash campus does not yet have its full pallet of beautiful fall colors. The Wabash football team is now 5 and 1 in NCAC conference play, having defeated Oberlin last Saturday 32-7. They play at Wittenberg this Saturday, 27 Oct, in what will be a challenging game. **GO WABASH!**

The purpose of my letter is to emphasize the Monon Bell game and getting tickets, bring you up to date on our 50th Reunion planning, and to begin the process for bios for our Reunion Memory Book. Your bios and input for our Memory Book will make our 50th Reunion a special and very memorable event.

125th Monon Bell Classic

We hope many (all?...) of you are planning on returning for the 125th Monon Bell game on Saturday, 10 November. The game will indeed be a classic, and a game to surpass many other great Monon Bell games. You should (need to...) be at **Wabash College** on 10 Nov!!

If you are planning on attending the game, we recommend you order your tickets online at the website below as soon as possible. The game may be sold out on game day.



125th Monon Bell Classic Ticketing Information

Game tickets, tailgating spots, and RV parking spots for the 125th Monon Bell Classic went on sale Monday, October 15th at www.wabashtickets.com

50th Reunion Planning

Planning for our **50th Reunion** is well under way. We had our first unit representative phone conference call on 16 Oct. The following decisions were made:

1. We will proceed with producing our Class of 69 50th Reunion Memories Book. The process involves working with Kim Johnson and Beth Swift at the College. Our main task is to fill out bio sheets and upload them on a link, with any pictures you wish to provide. See details below.

2. We will do a 50th reunion shirt. Styles and order details will follow in my next letter. The price for the shirt will range from \$27 to \$43, depending on the make and amount of embroidering we request.

3. Unit representatives will contact their brothers and classmates in the coming weeks to generate interest and to determine who will be attending. I will continue to keep contact lists updated and distributed.

- 4. We will send letters to widows and invite them to return to our 50th reunion.
- 5. Our primary goal is to have all classmates return for our 50th Reunion.

Hotel Reservations

We have reservation details for two of the four hotels. If you know at this time you are attending the reunion it is best to make reservations as soon as possible.

Hampton Inn & Suites Location of our Class of 1969 Hospitality Suite Booking Link:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyh ocn=INDCWHX&spec_plan=CHHW69&arrival=20190531&departure=20190602&cid=O M,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT

Group Name: Please mention this group name **Wabash College Class of '69 50th Reunion** or "Big Bash code" **W69** when you make your reservation.

To make your reservation call Crawfordsville Hampton Inn and Suites at 765-362-8884. Push 0 to reach hotel front desk to make your reservation, or call 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667). Use Group Code **W69** when talking to the hotel or booking online. The room rate at the Hampton Inn for Big Bash is \$120.

Best Western Plus Crawfordsville Phone: (765) 307-3999 (Push 3 to reach hotel front desk)

You can also reserve a room online at: <u>https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-</u> <u>rooms.15114.html?groupId=F93CL6P6</u> Use Group Code **Wabash College – Big Bash** when making your reservation:

Room Rate: King Bed \$95, or King Bed with pull out sofa \$105 *(There are no Double Queen rooms available).

Reservation Cut-Off Date for both hotels is 30 April 2019.

50TH REUNION MEMORIES BOOK - INFORMATION FORM

A Note from Kim Johnson, Director of Communications and Marketing (in Hovey Cottage):

"Over 50 years have passed since you were rung in as freshman in September 1965. Now, you are about to celebrate your **50th Reunion** at Big Bash which is **planned for May 31-June 2, 2019**. Big Bash is a great opportunity for you to reunite with friends and gather for a wonderful weekend celebration that will include a Chapel sing, a banquet where each member of your class will receive a special 50th reunion Wabash medallion, and plenty of time to just relax and renew your friendships.

A key component of your class's **50th Reunion** will be the **creation of a Memory Book**. This book will feature photos and other news items from our days at Wabash and, most importantly, the opportunity for each of you to share what has happened in your life since leaving Wabash. This form should provide you guidance on what to include. We urge you to complete a bio form even if you aren't able to attend the reunion. It's a once in a lifetime collection of information on your class and it will be delivered prior to Big Bash. So, we urge you to complete something for the Memory Book and plan to attend your reunion".

With the decision that we will do a Reunion memory Book the next step is for each class member to submit, or at least consider submitting, a bio information form on this website:

https://www.wabash.edu/50reunionform/

The form will ask for your contact information in Part I.

This is followed by **nine paragraphs** in which you enter your bio information. You may use all or some of the paragraphs, as you wish. You can also enter one or several pictures. The important thing is that all class members submit the bio information form for the memory book, even if you do not plan on attending the reunion.

Your input for our **50th Reunion Memory Book** will make our reunion a valuable and memorable event, after 50 years since leaving **Wabash College**.

The memory book will be mailed to all class members in April, before the reunion.

The website **<u>50reunionform</u>** brings up the following:

Part I Contact Information

Bio Paragraphs for our Memory Book:

- 1. Family Information:
- 2. Education since Wabash College:
- 3. Military Service
- 4. Work/Career/Professional Experience
- 5. Volunteer/Avocational Activities I Have Enjoyed:
- 6. Memorable Travels (Work/Pleasure):
- 7. Influence of Wabash on my Life/ Special Memories of Campus Life, Faculty and Staff:
- 8. I probably will attend my 50th Reunion: Yes No Maybe
- 9. If I do come, I most look forward to:

The bio information is limited to one page.

The deadline for all Bio submissions is January 15, 2019.

Again, please email or call me at 812-369-4630, or any of our unit reps, with any thoughts or suggestions you have for our reunion. With everyone's effort and good help we will make it a great and memorable **50**th **Reunion!**

My next letter will be mid-November.

And...Wabash Always Fights!! even more so on 10 November!

Best Wabash Regards,



Ken W69