

Message from Vice-president Larry Puthoff

Greetings beloved classmates!

Happy Autumn! I hope you are enjoying all the great things that fall brings.

In my last newsletter message I shared some information regarding our upcoming 50th reunion at Gallaudet. I also mentioned that I would update you with some additional information in my next newsletter message. So here's some updated information in regards to what the GUAA home office will cover and what the Class of '69 can expect to cover.

Wednesday: Reunion Kickoff Dinner (Class of '69 responsible for this event)

Thursday: Breakfast and the Fifty Plus Dinner are included in our registration packet but the GUAA home office will take care of the logistics for these meals.

Thursday: Lunch is typically on our own because this is right after the DC Deaf History tour.

Thursday: In the evening, there typically are Greek conclaves but if our class wants to arrange dinner at the Plaza Dining Hall (student cafeteria), this can be built into the registration fee. If we want to do this, we need to let Abby Drake at GUAA Home Office know so she can work it out with the cafeteria to expect our class.

Friday: The GUAA Home Office will take care of the Golden Anniversary Luncheon.

Friday: Alumni Emeriti Club induction ceremony. This ceremony is so special because it gives Gallaudet an opportunity to express appreciation for alumni of more than 50 years for their loyalty, service, and support to Gallaudet. We will receive a medallion **which can only be presented in person** by the University President. The program is a graduation-like ceremony with the President and Provost in full graduation regalia, historical tidbits from our class' time, the presentation of the medallion and a photo opportunity with the President.

This is also a very special time for our class celebrating our 50th class reunion because this brings one down memory lane, remembering our time at Gallaudet where members of our class celebrated our legacy together. The emeriti club gives us the opportunity to do that once again as a class."

Saturday: Breakfast can be at the bistro at Kellogg. Lunch can be purchased at the football game or Union Market.

Saturday evening: Class of '69 Banquet at the Kellogg Center. Class of '69 is responsible for the cost.

Lodging: Our class as 50th class reunion gets priority for rooms at the Kellogg along with the 55, 60, and 65th anniversary classes. The GUAA Home Office has a contract with Kellogg so its ours along with a room for the banquet on Saturday evening.

Keep in mind, because the home office has a contract with Kellogg, this means hotel forms will be included in the registration packet so once we '69ers receive our packets, we can fill out the form and we **MUST** send the form directly to Abby Drake. Kellogg will **NOT Accept** any forms mailed directly to them. Once Abby Drake gets the forms, she will process them and assign confirmation numbers. After we get our confirmation number, you can contact Kellogg anytime for whatever needs/concerns you may have about your room reservation.

The reason for this is so the home office can keep track of the numbers to be sure everyone in our class has a room at Kellogg and no one from other classes get a room there.

At this time, I'm not exactly sure when a group photo of our class will be taken during the homecoming weekend.

Keep in mind the above schedule is **tentative and subject to change**.

I apologize for this lengthy message, but I do want to share with you what you can expect regarding our Golden Anniversary.

Until next time, take care and be well,

Larry