

Reunion Programs

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Dear '62 Classmate,

Short time advisory! It is less than 100 days until our 50th Stevens Class of '62 Reunion which will be celebrated during **Alumni Weekend, June 1-3, 2012!**

The Class of '62 Reunion Committee (Dennis Blahut, Bruce Boylan, Ray Kent, John Lupi, Phil Kimball and John Zupko) has been working on the '62 Reunion since September of 2011. We have blended our ideas with the successful ideas of previous 50th anniversary classes, and the suggestions of the Stevens staff, in order to organize a truly memorable 50th anniversary for the Class of '62.

Our first major project was to reach out to as many alumni as possible to generate initial excitement and record attendance commitments. At last count, fifty-four (54) classmates have indicated that they will be coming and another ten (10) have said maybe. The current attendee list is attached. If you are planning to attend, please make sure that you are on the list. If your name does not appear and you need to be added, call the Alumni Office at (201) 216-5163 or send an email to Dennis Blahut at **dennis.blahut@att.net**.

You will all receive Alumni Weekend correspondence from the Alumni Association which details weekend activities for all returning alumni from all classes. There are five Alumni Weekend activities and details that the Committee feels must have special emphasis now for the Class of '62. They are:

Class of 1962 50th Anniversary gift to Stevens:

The Class of '62 gift drive is underway. This is the most significant Alumni Weekend in our lifetime and the Class of '62 needs to be well represented and remembered among all Alumni anniversary classes for its generosity. As of the beginning of March, we have only 21 donors representing less than 20% of classmates with valid addresses. So far, we've raised about \$13,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Let's all get behind a goal of **62% participation** with a monetary goal of \$50,000. All forms of direct payment, installment pledges, and matching funds count towards the total. To boost our participation, several of our classmates will participate in a fundraising telethon in April, so expect our call.

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Friday, June 1st Dinner Cruise around Manhattan: We have booked a nostalgic dinner cruise aboard the motor yacht FESTIVA exclusively for the Class of '62. Our new President, Nariman Farvardin, and his wife, Hoveida, will be joining us as well as several other representatives from Stevens. The yacht departs from Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken. Boarding time is 6:30 p.m., the dress is casual, and the cost will be \$95 per person, all inclusive. Departure is at 7:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception and buffet dinner during the cruise. A selection of fine wines, chosen by Bruce Boylan, will be served onboard thanks to the generous contributions of our classmates Howard Oringer, Dick Sard, and Steve Shulman. Our voyage will take us up and down the Hudson and East Rivers and out to the Statue of Liberty and back to Lincoln Harbor for a 10:00 p.m. return. We have toured the FESTIVA and confirmed that it will be ideally suited for the class. This will be excellent opportunity to mingle with many of your classmates in a very relaxed atmosphere. For those interested in exploring the menu and viewing photos of the cruise boat, go to www.festivadinnercruises.com. We recommend that you make your reservations at <http://www.stevens.edu/events/class62> as soon as possible as space is limited.

Saturday, June 2nd Class of 1962 Cocktail Hour: Our class-specific Cocktail Party and All Alumni Dinner Dance will take place at the Hyatt Regency, located on the Jersey City Waterfront. The cocktail reception begins at approximately 6:30 p.m., followed by the dinner dance starting at 8:00 p.m. The schedule for this year's Alumni Weekend has been slightly changed in response to feedback from alumni, including ours, and the desire to improve the overall experience for all alumni. President Farvardin and his wife have accepted our invitation to attend our cocktail party. The cost of the 1962 cocktail hour is being paid by Stevens (yay!).

Saturday, June 2nd Alumni Dinner Dance: Transportation to and from the event will be provided from campus. Price per person will be about \$60. You can register online at www.stevens.edu/alumniweekend. It is a dress up event, but not a formal black tie affair. The Class of 1962 will be formally recognized at the dinner dance as the 50-year anniversary class. All of our classmates will receive the prestigious Old Guard pins.

Hotel/Dormitory Accommodations: Stevens has arranged for blocks of special rate rooms at the Sheraton Lincoln Harbor in Weehawken (within walking distance of the dinner cruise— see next activity). They have also reserved the W Hotel in Hoboken, and the Meadowlands Courtyard Marriott in Lyndhurst. Rates and instructions for reserving room(s) are attached. On campus dormitory rooms are also available in Jonas Hall (was Theta Xi fraternity house in our day) @ \$75 per night.

Meanwhile, should you have stories, anecdotes and photos you'd like to share with your classmates, go to our Class Reunion webpage at <http://www.stevens.edu/alumniweekend/1962>. A Class Facebook page, **Stevens Institute of Technology: Class of '62**, has also been created to share thoughts and pictures and to view a digital copy of our yearbook.

Let us know of your plans to attend this special reunion by adding your name to the list of attendees. We want to have the best turnout of classmates ever and we have an excellent shot at setting the record! With great anticipation we look forward to seeing you at Alumni weekend!

Your Class of '62 50th Reunion Planning Committee,

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