



Ramona High School Class of 1970
Reunion Committee

(50 + 1)-Year Reunion

July 2021

Dear Class of '70 Alumni and Friends –

I think we can all agree that 2020 is a year we'd soon like to forget, if for no other reason than that we couldn't gather to celebrate our 50-year reunion due to the pandemic. However, I encourage you to join us this year in Riverside over the Columbus holiday weekend of October 8-10 for a number of events during our "50 + 1"-year reunion, detailed on the enclosed pages. Although we've planned a variety of events to coincide with Ramona's Homecoming weekend, the major event will be Saturday evening, October 9, at the Riverside Elks Lodge. We've reduced tickets prices by \$20/ticket from past reunions by not hiring a band and opting for a more modest venue. Space is limited, so if you can attend only one event, that's the one. The remaining events will be fun as well, giving you a chance to mingle and reminisce with old friends and acquaintances. We will be following California public health guidance, which currently doesn't require masks or evidence of vaccination for any of our activities.

Some of you have never received a notice regarding Class of '70 activities before this, but we made a major effort in the past year to locate as many alumni as we could. Just how big was our class? There were 748 names listed on the commencement program, but we consider anyone a '70 alumnus if they attended Ramona with our class anytime between 1967 and 1970. As a result, our alumni database has **1178 names** in it, of which 749 are receiving this invitation by mail because we found a physical or mailing address for them. However, 287 are still "missing", and (unfortunately) at least 142 that we know of have died over the years, with the rate at which we learn of additional deceased alumni continuing to accelerate. We are literally running out of time to reconnect with each other.

Even though we found you this time, it's expensive for us to rely solely on physical mail to keep everyone connected. If you do plan to attend, fill out the attached form and return it in with your payment, or register online at the webpage on the reverse side. *Note the special "call for musicians", too!* If you can't make it, go to the Ramona Class of 1970 Web Page at <<http://ramona70.net>>, click the button to subscribe to the Class of '70 email list and provide your email address, name, mailing address, and phone number, since that's the easiest way for us to let you know about future activities. While you're there, you can also check out lots of other cool stuff, including the photo memory book from the 40-year reunion and "then and now" composite photos from the 50-year virtual reunion to get an idea how we've all changed. For only \$5, we'll mail you a CD after this reunion containing photos from the reunion weekend, the current directory of alumni, and the bio information for all who responded. You can also mail or e-mail me a recent photo for us to include on the CD. If you have photos from our high school years or other memorabilia you'd like to share, just contact me.

So, whether you're attending or not, we'd love to get a response from every one of you so we can stay in touch. But trust me... people want to see YOU while you're still around, rather than remembering you after you've passed. Please consider your priorities and plan to attend – this may be our last time!

Steve Zappe, Committee Chair/Treasurer
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Reservation Form (Please complete all fields for Bio Book, even if not attending)

Name: _____ Married Last: _____
First Last/Maiden

Mailing Address: _____
Street or PO Box City State ZIP

Primary Phone/Type: () _____ Secondary Phone/Type: () _____

Primary email Address: _____ (Please print legibly)

Single/Widowed/Divorced: ___ Married/Partner: ___ Spouse/Partner Name: _____

Number of Children: _____ Number of Grandkids: _____

Songs I want to hear at the reunion:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Occupation (if retired, prior occupation): _____

Current Interests/Hobbies: _____

Favorite Memory of Ramona: _____

Advice you would give your younger self: _____

Main Reunion Event Tickets (Tickets and name tags will be held at the door)

_____ Single: \$55 \$ _____

Entree Preference: Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Marinated Tri Tip Roast _____

_____ Couple: \$105 Guest Name: _____ \$ _____

Entree Preference: Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Marinated Tri Tip Roast _____

Guest Preference: Stuffed Chicken Breast _____ Marinated Tri Tip Roast _____

_____ I can't attend, but want Bio/Address Book and Photo CD (\$5) \$ _____

(You can also mail or e-mail a photo to <ramona70@mac.com> to be included in Photo CD)

Musicians! We're exploring interest in forming a one-night-stand band of Ramona alumni to play a 30-40 minute set at the reunion. If you're a vocalist or instrumentalist and think you might want to consider it, please indicate your potential contribution here (vocal lead/backup or specific instrument) and we'll get back with you! _____

Return this Reservation Form with check or money order payable to:

Ramona Class of 1970 Reunion Committee
c/o Steve Zappe
3 Escopeta Ct
Santa Fe, NM 87506-7741

Or to register online with online funds transfer (Zelle) or a credit card, go to:

<<https://ramona70.zappe-family.com/51-year-reunion.html#buy>>