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Charter class to reunite in October

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Oakland University's charter class of 1963 set the stage for more than 40 years of academic success for OU students and faculty. This fall, charter class members have the opportunity to reconnect, share memories with old friends and see how Oakland has progressed over 40 years of growth and enhancement at the **40th Anniversary Charter Class Reunion**. Hosted by the **Oakland University Alumni Association**, the reunion is Oct. 3-5 on OU's campus.

"The reunion will give alumni a chance to reconnect and share memories as well as an opportunity to see how the university has grown and changed," said OUAA Assistant Director Jamie Simek. "The alumni association has worked closely with the charter class reunion committee to plan some fun and interesting events. Many of those attending are very excited about the events we've scheduled."

Some of the weekend celebration highlights include a welcome bonfire, reminiscent of the bluebook burning the charter class held before final exams; a charter faculty and staff coffee social; a Kresge Library archives open house; a charter gala at Meadow Brook Hall, which is sure to conjure up memories of the senior prom hosted by OU founder Matilda Wilson; and a farewell brunch in the newly expanded Oakland Center. That same weekend, alumni can take in other events such as Golden Grizzlies soccer games and an art exhibit at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

For more information, visit the **Charter Class Reunion** Web page or contact Jamie Simek in the Alumni Relations Office at (248) 370-3700, ext. 1113, or ruark@oakland.edu.

CHARTER CLASS REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday, October 3

- 6 to 9 p.m. – Registration and packet pick-up
Registration will be held in the Oakland Center Oakland Room, which is on the main floor of the OC. Parking is available west of North Foundation Hall.
- 8 to 10 p.m. – Welcome Bonfire
Reconnect with classmates around the bonfire pit at the Upper Athletic Fields across from the new student apartments. Refreshments will be provided. In case of rain, the reception will be held in the Oakland Center Fireside Lounge.

Saturday, October 4

- Golf at OU's Katke-Cousins Golf Course
Tee times are available from 9:28 to 10:24 a.m. on a pre-registered, pre-paid basis. Special alumni rates of \$50 per person apply, which includes greens fees and cart rental. First come, first served. To schedule a tee time, contact the golf course at (248) 370-4150.
- 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. – Recreation Center Activities
Pool, racquetball courts and cardio rooms are available for the special alumni rate of \$3. Passes are available at the Recreation Center.
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – OUAA Hospitality Room
Come to the Hospitality Room in the Oakland Center Oakland Room to visit with old friends and view pictures and memorabilia collections. OU Alumni Association staff also will be on hand to answer your questions.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – OU merchandise will be on sale at the OU Bookstore in the Oakland Center.
- 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. – Campus Walking Tours
Join current students for a look at OU's growing campus. Learn about new buildings and get a perspective on campus life today. Tours will run on the hour. Meet at the OUAA Hospitality Room in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.

- 10 to noon – Charter Faculty and Staff Coffee Hour
Reconnect with some of OU's first faculty and staff members over coffee in the OUAA Hospitality Room in the Oakland Center Oakland Room.
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Kresge Library Archives Open House
View archival memorabilia including newspapers, magazine articles, yearbooks and pictures in Room 100 of Kresge Library. Also, help library staff identify classmates in unmarked photos.
- 1 p.m. – OU Men's Soccer Game
Watch the Golden Grizzlies as they take on IUPUI at the Lower Athletic Fields located east of the Recreation Center. Admission is free.
- 1 to 5:30 p.m. – Meadow Brook Art Gallery Exhibit
An exhibition by Michigan sculptor Sharon Que will be on display in the gallery. Que's works include small wall relief as well as freestanding pieces. Her sculptural piece "Resound" was installed outside Varner Hall last year. Admission is free.
- 6 p.m. to midnight – Charter Gala at Meadow Brook Hall
Charter class members, friends and guests are invited to Meadow Brook Hall for an evening reminiscent of senior prom. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., followed by dancing in the ballroom. Cost is \$100 per person, and advance reservations are required. The suggested attire is evening cocktail. This is not a black tie event.

Sunday, October 5

- 8 to 10 a.m. – OUAA Hospitality Room
Visit the Hospitality Room in the Oakland Center Oakland Room to visit with old friends and view pictures and memorabilia collections. OU Alumni Association staff also will be on hand to answer your questions.
- 10 a.m. to noon – OU Farewell Brunch
Join campus representatives and OU's own musical group Meadow Brook Estate for brunch in the Oakland Center Ballroom to commemorate the event and wish classmates well as the reunion weekend concludes. Cost is \$25 per person and includes a full buffet lunch. Advance reservations are required.
- 2 p.m. – OU Women's Soccer Game
Watch the Golden Grizzlies as they take on Cincinnati at the Lower Athletic Fields located east of the Recreation Center. Admission is free.

SUMMARY

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