The new Communications Committee members from the Class of ‘62 are shown, top row, left to right: Pete Lindell, Craig Martens, Charlie Kampen, Norm Anderson, Hap LeVander and Kermit Swanson. Bottom row, left to right: Sue Schreiber Kear, Bruce Seastrand, Janyce Helgeson Olson, Louise Spong Rodine-Doucette, Diana Jacobson Martens, Joan Boyum Tavares, Gail Lindsey Breen, Sandra Luedtke Buendorf and Dick Hane.

Class Officer Notes from Hap LeVander, President and Janyce Helgeson Olson

New Organizational Structure
You may remember that you elected us to these offices at the class dinner during Reunion Weekend last May. Why was that done? Because the Gustavus Alumni Board decided that a more formal organizational structure for alumni classes would promote class identity, assist in gift giving, and better coordinate relationships between the College and alumni. We’ll see about that!

Class Communications Committee
The main purpose of the new structure is to enhance class communications. After the Saturday luncheon during Reunion Weekend, several classmates volunteered to serve on our Class Communications Committee. The nearby photo shows the members on this Committee. Gail Lindsey Breen and Norm Anderson agreed to co-chair this Committee.

The Communications Committee plans to issue three class letters each year, fall, winter, and spring, depending on news from classmates. The Committee also decided that a five person subcommittee would be responsible for each class letter, consisting of a chair and four other members. Kermit Swanson graciously agreed to be the subcommittee chair for this class letter, but we need class news for subsequent letters.

THIS IS IMPORTANT. Class news emailed to 1962.classofficers@gustavus.edu will go to both the class officers and to the Alumni Office (for updating), or if you want to write directly to one of your Communications Chairs you can email Gail, Norm, or to me. Gail’s address is: gbreenchar@aol.com, Norm’s e-mail address is: Anderson.norm.s@gmail.com. My e-mail address is: hclevander@comcast.net.

50th Year Class Reunion
What a smashing success! The warmth, cheer, interest, and support of classmates for each other was amazing! It was Hello Walk fifty years later! Thanks to all who worked on the reunion, but
special thanks to Jan Eiffert Hoomani and Sharon Maurer Edberg whose tireless leadership efforts made it the success that it was. These milestones were achieved:

- 71% of our class gave a reunion gift;
- Our class ranked No. 1 in the number of classmates who donated to their class scholarship and a total dollars donated;
- Annual fund donations for the reunion year were up 58%; and
- Our class presented President Ohle a check for over $750,000 in gifts, pledges and estate gifts.

Class Officer Meeting
Janyce Helgeson Olson attended the first Class Officer Meeting under the new structure at the renovated American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis on August 25, 2012. Here were the highlights of the meeting:

- Most classes (1940-2012) are at full strength for their officers. The new structure produced a 140% increase in annual giving;
- An Alumni Mentoring Program has been started, which had 39 students enrolled in 2011-2012. Mentors coach students, help with resumes, job connections, and networking into the work world after graduation. 80% of the 51 mentees in the first two years of the Program had jobs when they graduated. A thoughtful quote centering on the Program is: “A lot of people have gone further than they thought because someone thought they could.”
- The Alumni Association will be sending a monthly email newsletter called @Gustavus to classes and now has a Facebook page;
- One of the breakout sessions was devoted to reunion planning. The success of the Class of 1962 was noted, and information about it was shared; and
- Says Janyce: “I was pleased to represent you as we received recognition along with the Class of 1958 which raised the largest amount of money. It was a pleasure to be at this meeting, renewing acquaintances and making new ones.”

Jerry Springston brings the house down with banquet remarks
(Editor’s Note: There were so many who thought Jerry Springston’s remarks at the 50-Year Club banquet at the reunion were so outstanding that he was contacted to see if his remarks could be reprinted for those not in attendance. Below is his response.)

Dear Kermit. How delightful to hear from you. Thanks for your kind words regarding my remarks at the 50-year Club Banquet. I was invited to say something the previous day and although I have always delivered my sermons from manuscript, I had nothing in writing for the afternoon banquet. I was simply reflecting on my Gustavus experience and the indebtedness every Gustie has for the time spent there. I did conclude with the words of Jesus in Luke 12:48, where He solemnly declares, “From everyone who has been given much shall much be required; and from the one who is entrusted with much will all the more be asked.” That reality lingers seeing how much I was given at Gustavus—all of it undeserved. Those four years were "days full of grace." I apologize for not being more helpful.
Class members honored with Sesquicentennial Award sculptures
Three members of the Class of '62 were presented with Sesquicentennial Award sculptures during our 50th reunion weekend on Memorial Day weekend. Those honored were Diane Kolander Loomer, Jim Gilbert and Janice Swanson Sammelson together with her husband, Owen Sammelson, '58 (not pictured). Diane was also honored with an honorary degree from Gustavus during the commencement exercises.

(Right) Gustavus President Jack Ohle and Jim Gilbert

Reunion Photos . . .

Class of ‘62 members congratulate members of the Class of 2012 at 2012 Commencement on Reunion weekend in May.
Getting organized for the class photo - Recognize any faces?

(Right) Roz Johnson
Anderson and Jan Eiffert
Hoomani

Thanks from Jan . . .
Thank you, dear classmates, for your attendance at our Fiftieth Reunion. It was indeed a well-planned and well-executed event. For that, our thanks go to Sharon Maurer Edberg, her committee and all who lent their wit and humor to the programs. We must extend our thanks to the Gustavus staff – especially to Kathy Erlandsen, Jacque Schwartz Brunsberg ’81 and Megan Myhre ’11. They’re the pros at reunion success. Class of ’62 may go down in unofficial oral history at Gustavus as having the funniest, most entertaining speaker at the 50 Year Club Luncheon. Thank you Jerry Springston!

And thank you to all who participated in our efforts to continue as the most generous class at Gustavus. Our fund-raising goals, as Terry Skone phrased it, were “lofty.” Thanks to all who gave to the best of their ability. The Class ’62, as you can see in your fall 2012 Quarterly, had the highest giving PARTICIPATION – 71%! I could never begin to express adequately the gratitude I feel to the group affectionately call “the crew.” For your steady, diligent work (and for some of the best jokes I’ve ever read!) my enormous thanks go to Jon Buss, Matt Eckman, Terry Frazee, Al Henderson, Denny Laingen, Ben Leadholm, Hap LeVander, John Lundblad, Carolann Belmont Minor, Dick Moody, Rolf Nelson, Joan Rahm Roy and Terry Skone. Special thanks to Dennis Anderson and Bruce Seastrand for appropriately acknowledging gifts made to the college.

The new class officers, unanimously elected at the reunion, now take over class leadership and the creation of class letters. Support them by sending in your news (1962classofficers@gustavus.edu), no matter how insignificant or mundane you may feel that it is. Everyone seems to agree that keeping us in touch and connected is most important.

Being a part of class letters over the past 10 years has been a deeply rewarding experience for me. What I cherish most has been getting to know people I didn’t know in 1958-1962. It is my pleasure and my joy to have discovered people I missed as a student – people who now enrich my life. Dear friends from campus days, some like sisters and brothers, continue to be a part of me. Gustavus has given me so much.

Let us all continue to give the gift of Gustavus.

Jan Hoomani
Former Class Agent
Classmate, Pete Wold, died on September 11. Word was received from Hap LeVander that Pete Wold had passed away from complications from a 10-year battle with Parkinson's disease on Sept. 11. Our condolences are extended to his wife, Liz (Proeschel ’64) and their family on their loss and to all Gustavus classmates who shared Pete as a friend.

Mary Jo Anderson Kuhn

To all who worked to make the Class of ’62 Golden Reunion a howling success, “Tack sa mycket!” There was a feeling of warmth and welcome from the time we arrived ‘till our departure. And this was from President Ohle right down the line to the food service workers. I will be wearing my Gustie black and gold apron with pride! So proud to be a Gustie, especially a Golden Anniversary ’62 Gustie! Thank you to all responsible for this memorable event!

Dave Noer

It was great to see the growth of the campus and the enthusiasm of the students. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the 50th reunion such a success. I was a bit embarrassed to find that my wife, Diana (Shulstad ’63) remembered more of my classmates than me! I did connect with my old roommate, Jim Anderson. It was nice to discover that he is becoming more civilized in his old age because he has taken up golf.

Lou Ann Reese

For some reason my "50 words or less" paragraph never found its way to the 1962 anniversary booklet. Here are my life experience highlights that should have appeared in the booklet.

"Musician, church organist, teacher, biker, hiker, skier, world traveler, wife, mom and grandma. Life is good! Although I received my degree in home economics education from the University of Minnesota, I will always be grateful for three years at Gustavus, for the liberal arts education I received and for lasting friendships."

Thanks to the efforts of the reunion committee, especially Sharon and Jan, our golden anniversary class reunion was a big success. One highlight for me was the memorial service. What a thrill to be
part of the reunion choir under the direction of **Diane Kolander Loomer**. Her honorary degree was well deserved.

(Right) Hap Levander and Steve Hanson

**Steve Hanson**

Oronah and I enjoyed the recent GA 50th. We moved to Virginia in 2008 where half our 14 grandchildren live and I evaluate veterans for service disabilities. It’s good to be back in the military community again as a Navy retiree.

I’ve been traveling as a Regional Field Officer for the Gideons the last four years, making training trips to Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and most recently to Uruguay. We also went to Uganda last year to help children orphaned by the recent civil war there.

Thanks for heading up the fall news letter. Warmly, Steve

**Sharon (Maurer) and Gordy Edberg**

The Reunion was wonderful. Every time I get something from Gustavus it brings back memories of a wonderful weekend. Loved the class photos in the last *Quarterly* and would love to see a reunion choir photo if anyone happened to take one.

Summer arrived at the end of July and it has been wonderful here since - no rain for 40+ days and nights! Grandsons are back in school so we’ll need to fit into their schedule in the months ahead.

Gordy keeps very busy painting and building furniture. I’m attending our State Master Gardener conference this month in Pasco, which means a visit to our son, Kyle and Melissa and possibly a winery or two.

We’re very excited about a five-week trip to Italy where we’ll stay in a small town called Marta in the 500 year old (recently remodeled) home of friends. On the way back we’re going to leave the London airport and actually visit London.

amat truly memorable! Wonderful inspiration! Thanks everyone for making our 50th such a lasting memory. I meant to stay on campus longer, but joined **Karen Koehn Anderson** on a visit to see her Mom at the farm, with good intentions of returning. Severe storms prevented it.

Seeing so many classmates reminded me of words shared by Ruth Youngdahl Nelson ’24 after one of her class reunions. She said "I looked at some of my classmates and thought--poor things. They looked so old. I hardly recognized them." Then Ruth looked in the mirror and said, "My, they certainly don’t make MIRRORS like they used to."

If interested--I send out prayer concerns to close to 70 people regularly. If interested in being included on the list, please write me send an email: [freewaykaylj@gmail.com](mailto:freewaykaylj@gmail.com)

(Left) Class of ’62 clergy - Kay Jurgenson, fourth from left, front row.

*A Note from Kay Jurgenson*

Am truly enjoying retirement after 30 plus years in active ministry! Our 50th Reunion was a wonderful experience with lots of variety and many creative people to make it all happen. Likewise, the incredible 50th class choir at the Memorial Service, under Diane’s leadership, was
Lots to write about but wanted to share thoughts about my Peace Corps book—Peace Corps’ Connections—written for the 50th reunion of the United States Peace Corps. It was placed in the Smithsonian in D.C. for display purposes and then put into the archives for future reference. One of my Peace Corps students, Ritchie Apostale, now a charge nurse in an ICU unit in California, and her doctor husband, Ted, brought three copies of the book to the Normal School where I taught in Zamboanga City, Mindanao, Philippines, over 50 years ago. They were placed in the archives of the college. What a connection after all these years. We never know when and where God connects us with our past and our future. I am truly grateful for such a new connection with former students, Peace Corps, and friends. Kay

Ed Blair

“I’m on the town council and the latest developments in this little community in the forest 82 miles north of Phoenix are these: 1) there will be a satellite university coming to 300 acres of our town by 2015... it may be Arizona State University. 2) our town will have an assured water supply, both from the 42 wells under the town and a lot of water coming from a reservoir 14 miles north of us. Most towns only have one of the two sources.

Dick and Judy (Samuelson) Hane

A highlight for the summer was to take our two oldest grandsons (12 & 14) camping with us at Itasca State Park and have them walk across the headwaters of the Mississippi River. Pontooning and fishing, biking and hiking were part of our daily activities. Being close to Bemidji, we had to visit Paul Bunyan and Babe, his Blue Ox. A camping trip to Midland, MI to visit longtime friends and Gustavus classmate Miles and Carol Breneman was also in our travels. We helped them celebrate 50 years of wedded bliss. Miles is enjoying his retirement from Dow Chemical and they spend their winters in Harlingen, TX. Stopping in the Porcupine Mountains in the UP for a couple of days to see this beautiful area was a real plus.

We also attended my 55th White Bear High School class reunion and even got to visit with one of our favorite teachers - an amazing man who almost looks younger and more alert than some of us and he’s 90!

Campus News

Nobel Conference – “Our Global Ocean”

Nobel Conference 48 was held Oct. 2-3 and examined, “Our Global Ocean” as a source of inspiration, danger, and knowledge. We know less about our own oceans than we do about the surfaces of other planets hundreds of millions of miles away. Top researchers in biogeochemistry, oceanography, deep-sea biology, molecular genetics, and coral ecology discussed the most relevant topics concerning our mysterious oceans.

The Royal Visit

On Friday, October 5, their Majesties King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden visited Gustavus in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the College by Swedish immigrants in 1862.

Hall of Fame

On September 29, the Gustavus Athletics Department inducted nine new individuals into its Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2012 class of inductees included: Rhonda Gorseth Alberts ’93 (Gymnastics), Brian Brekke ’95 (Football), Kara Bloomquist Drekonja ’96 (Cross Country), Brett Gross ’96 (Track & Field), Brock Guettler ’92 (Basketball), Mark Kruger ’86 (Tennis), Jason Lesteberg ’96 (Hockey), Scott Stoneking ’96 (Soccer), and Donald Swanson ’55 (Benefactor).

Homecoming 2012

October 12-14 – Homecoming 2012 will include the Sesquicentennial Closing Dinner, reunions, a football game, a performance by The Bend of the River Big Band, and more. For information on reunion registration and the entire homecoming schedule, visit gustavus.edu/homecoming.

Alumni Travel Opportunities

2013 Friends of Music Salzburg choral Tour

Gustavus Friends of Music has arranged for a Gustavus Alumni choir tour to Munich, Salzburg, Vienna and Prague June 23 – July 5, 2013. Singers and non-singers alike are
welcome. Once in Salzburg, the singers will join the Mozart International Choral Festival and perform Mozart’s Coronation Mass in the Salzburg Cathedral on June 29. Not a singer? There is space available for non-performers as well. For more information contact Jackie Neeck Peterson ’77 at jnpeters9@gustavus.edu or 800-726-6192.

2013 Pearls of Central Europe
Experience Central Europe with Gustavus professor emeritus of history Dr. Tom Emmert from September 10—21, 2013. This 12-day Gustavus study tour combines learning, exploring, leisure, lecture, food, and arts with special touches, all led by a faculty expert. The journey is focused around three showpiece cities of Central Europe: Prague, Vienna, and Budapest. For more information, contact Tom Emmert at tomo@gustavus.edu.

Gustie Breakfasts - Twin Cities – New time and place
Engage with other alumni and learn something new about your alma mater at the monthly Twin Cities Gustavus alumni breakfast. Please join us at the American Swedish Institute (2600 Park Ave, Minneapolis), on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. Cost is $10. Gustie breakfasts are also being held on campus the second Wednesday of each month.

October 17 – Nobel Conference Recap
November 21 – Donald Ostrom – November elections
December 19 – Terry Morrow – Minnesota Vikings stadium

Upcoming Chapter Gatherings
National Chapter events for alumni, parents and friends are scheduled for the 2012-13 academic year and will focus on the College's pillar of "Teaching and Learning." Please save the date for the event in your area. Time and location details will be forthcoming

Nov. 8 – New York City
Nov. 10 – Boston
Nov. 10 – Dallas
Nov. 11 – Houston
Nov. 13 – Washington, DC
Jan. 29 – Phoenix
Jan. 31 – Tucson
Feb. 3 – Los Angeles
Feb. 4 – Palm Springs

Feb. 13 – Tampa
Feb. 15 – Naples
Feb. 28 – Seattle
Mar. 2 – San Francisco
Mar. 9 – Madison
Mar. 12 – Denver
Mar. 14 – Chicago
Apr. 11 – Atlanta