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THE VANGUARD!

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Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 6th – 9:00 to 11:00 PM Central Time (Note time change from last newsletter)

- ✓ Highlights from DCI will be televised on ESPN2.

Wednesday, September 7th – 7:30 PM

- ✓ **Bill O'Connell's** Chicago Skyliners Big Band will perform at Riverfront Park in River Grove. Info on the band can be found at www.chicagoskylinersbigband.com.

Friday, September 9th – 7:00 PM.

- ✓ **Note from Marguerite Hobs Glaeser:** “Don't forget **Bob Cochran** will be in town the week after Labor Day. We are getting together, Friday, September 9th at Freddie's Roadhouse, 1799 S. Busse Rd. in Mt. Prospect at 7:00 PM. Stop by and say 'Hi.' Your RSVP is needed. Send them to Marguerite Glaeser at: Alitlwhil@sbcglobal.net.”

Sunday, September 25th – 6:00 PM.

- ✓ **Bill O'Connell's** Skyliners once again get their groove on at Fitzgerald's in Berwyn. Reply to this e-mail if you plan to be there and want us to save you a seat!

Friday, October 14th – 7:00 PM to ?

Reunion 2005 at the last home of the Vanguard!

Details on the following pages

Look who's already coming to the party on October 14th!

Bill Agnello
Sam Agnello
Angie Bevill Triche
Bob Bevill
Carl Bevill
David Bevill
Earlene Bryant Federici
Mike Deane
John DeVito
Jim Grosso
Vi Kois Oberwise
Chip LaCasse
Irwin Levine

Art Marks
Diana Massoni Krantz
Bill O'Connell
Cathy O'Connell Letourneau
Toni O'Kelley Pope
Steve Pattengale
Bogie Reeves
Lee Romes Aitken
Pat Rymer Sylvia
Don Scheibenreif
Robyn Schwartz Leonardi
Ray Smith
Carol Tokarz Bender

and many family and friends!

Be sure to send in your check for \$15 per person by October 1st to:

**Bill O'Connell
915 Christa Ct.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007**

Advance ticket buyers will receive a commemorative gift!

Ticket price at the door: \$20

Included in the price is:

- **An extensive (and homemade) appetizer buffet and sweet table. Believe me – no one will go home hungry!**
- **A limited open bar (two barrels of beer, wine, soft drinks). Mixers, ice, and cups will be available for those who want to bring their own hard liquor.**
- **Continuous audio and video presentations (some you have never seen or heard yet!)**
- **Memorabilia**
- **Newly found recordings for purchase**

Frequently asked questions:

Q. So just who is invited to this thing?

A. Everyone and anyone who loved the Vanguard. This includes marching members, staff, parents, boosters, fans, and people affiliated with other corps that respected and appreciated the Vanguard style and legacy.

Q. What can I do to help?

A. Contact one of the people below to pitch in! If helping out on the committee is not your style, get on the phone and contact everyone you know to make sure they are coming.

Q. Exactly where is this Vanguard Hall?

A. The Hall is located at 50 West Oakton Street in Des Plaines. This is on the North side of the street just West of Mount Prospect Road. It still houses the International Brotherhood of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Local 1487.

Q. Besides visiting with my Vanguard friends, eating, drinking, watching videos, and looking at memorabilia, what else will there be to do?

A. We'll give you a hint: bring your mouthpiece, drum sticks and pad, and any Vanguard charts you have!

Q. What's everyone wearing to this shindig?

A. So glad you asked! Given that most of the alumni are 50+, the committee has decided that some dress code rules are in order. Here is what they came up with:

Despite what you may have seen on the streets lately, the following combinations DO NOT go together and should be avoided at the reunion:

- **A nose ring and bifocals**
- **Spiked hair and bald spots**
- **A pierced tongue and dentures**
- **Miniskirts and support hose**
- **Ankle bracelets and corn pads**
- **Speedos and cellulite**
- **A belly button ring and a gall bladder scar**
- **Unbuttoned disco shirt and a heart monitor**
- **Midriff shirts and midriff bulge**
- **Pierced nipples that hang below the waist**
- **Bikini and liver spots**
- **Short shorts and varicose veins**
- **Inline skates and a walker**
- **Thongs and Depends**

So we ask that you refrain from wearing any of these combinations. Having said that, this will be a very casual event. A Vanguard t-shirt (with appropriate pants and undergarments) will do the trick!

(Editor's Note: Okay I admit it. The committee didn't come up with these rules. I got them in an e-mail!)

See next page for more info....

Take a look at the “Let’s Keep In Touch” reunion committee!

Contact the following people to help out –

- ❖ All food is being taken care of by **Art Marks** (amarks4360@aol.com) and **Pat Rymer Sylvia** (pat_sylvia@hotmail.com). To keep costs down, we are not using a caterer. Any help (cooking, setting up, or serving) you can give to Art and Pat is most appreciated! Contributions to the sweet table are graciously accepted.
- ❖ All beverages are being taken care of by **Cathy O’Connell Letourneau** (vanguard_voice@wowway.com) and **Ray Smith** (rsmith4153@sbcglobal.net). The bar will include cans of pop, bottled water, beer (light and regular), wine, ice, and mixers for the hard liquor some of you will be bringing in. Please let us know if you have a large cooler we can borrow for the evening.
- ❖ Ticket orders are being taken by **Bill O’Connell** (billbigband@aol.com). Bill is also the keeper of the alumni database. Please contact him if you have updated contact information on anyone. Bill will also be selling the newly burned ‘70s CDs.
- ❖ **Toni O’Kelley Pope** (tonio@wowway.com), assisted by **Lee Romes Aitken** (alethaann57@sbcglobal.net), will take care of the registration table. To help with greeting and checking in guests as they arrive at the door, please contact one of them.
- ❖ Decorations are being coordinated by **Jim Grosso** (grossojim@msn.com) and **Vi Kois Oberwise** (voberwise@executivepartners.com). If you can devote some time to help set up the night before or during the day of the 14th, please contact Jim or Vi. Also, creative people and frequent party givers are encouraged to contact them with ideas. Any memorabilia you wish to display may be brought to the reunion. Some tables will be set up for that purpose.

- ❖ Many thanks to **Sam Agnello** (octobersam@comcast.net) for helping to set up the audio and visual. We've yet to be able to get into the hall to check out the union's equipment, but we're sure Sam (and any other Vanguard alum who are technically savvy) will have no trouble coordinating this. Contact Sam to offer assistance.
- ❖ Clean up crew: that would be me (**Cathy O'**). I'd like to say *no one leaves until this joint is clean!* However, I know that won't be necessary.
- ❖ **Pat Rymer Sylvia** has volunteered to mail invitations to anyone who cannot be reached by e-mail or phone. Send addresses of people who fall into this category to pat_sylvia@hotmail.com. Also, Pat will be putting together a pocket size address book for all advance ticket buyers of alumni contact information. If you would like to be included in that book, you need to email her your:
 - Name (including maiden name)
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - E-mail address

If you want to contact any of us by phone, feel free to call Bill O'Connell or me. We can pass on any of the committee members' phone numbers to you. Or, just click on reply and I can help you out.

Cathy O'Connell Letourneau 630-682-4596

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*Let's not forget to send in those memories and
funny stories for future issues!*