

Dear Class of 1965 Member,

I know many of you, but for those I don't, my name is Pete Manno from the Class of 1964. Last year I co-chaired our class' Golden Reunion with John Shean, a truly genuine individual and Bronco. There is something about 50 years that brings out the best in a class.

Now that you have received your Grand Reunion invitation, I want to call your attention to a wonderful event on your schedule called the Gianera Society Luncheon. The William C. Gianera S.J. Society is an honorary designation with membership limited to those undergraduate alumni whose class graduated from Santa Clara 50 or more years ago.

While you may not be aware of the Gianera Society, the luncheon on Oct. 10 is a **“must attend” function by all members of the Class of '65 who will be at the reunion.** At the luncheon your class will be inducted in the Gianera Society. Each attendee will be called by name, presented with the Gianera Society Medal, and have your photo taken with University president, Michael E. Engh, S.J. I was honored to be part of the celebration, to take an individual picture with our president, and to meet all of the other class attendees who preceded us in the society.

Your class will not be the only Broncos in attendance at the lunch. You will be joined by all classes that have been inducted prior to this year. During our Gianera Lunch last year, twelve members of the Class of 1944 were present and represented the oldest class in attendance. Each started in 1940 at Santa Clara, left after their sophomore year to fight in World War II, and returned in 1945 to complete their studies. One of my most memorable takeaways (among many) was to be seated next to and meet all 12 members of the Class of 1944. What an experience. It was an honor to have individuals from the “Greatest Generation” attend the luncheon with us.

Many of my classmates mentioned they didn't know what the Gianera Society was before they attended the event and didn't realize what a memorable experience it would be. They were so happy that they chose to attend and I hope you will too.

The luncheon is a very special way to recognize the achievement of our 50th reunion milestone. John and I would like to welcome you, **the Class of 1965**, to your Golden reunion and the William C. Gianera S.J. Society.

God Bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Manno". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Pete Manno '65