

YahooGroups Site

The Yahoogroups site allows a free location to 'chat' with other group members via email. There are thousands of groups on just about any subject you can think of. Class of 1957 has created <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/59relganders> for alumni and friends of the class. Emails posted to the site will be sent to all members of the group, and/or can be viewed on the site. Detailed instructions for creating a Yahoo ID and joining the group are below.

Create A Yahoo ID

Go to Yahoo.com. On the top right side of the page click on the "Free Mail Sign up" button. Complete the form with the required information, including your new Yahoo ID. If your Yahoo ID is already in use you'll be prompted to enter another. The site will suggest alternative ID's, which usually contain random numbers. To make it easier to remember you may want to choose something similar to your normal email or name, and add REL or Ganders to the ID. When completed, the information you submitted will be displayed - it's a good idea to print this page so you won't forget.

Next click on the "continue" button under "Ready to Experience Yahoo Mail"? The next page will ask for your first and last name (as entered in the sign up page). This page offers "pay" yahoo membership which is not needed - the free email will suffice.

You will then be taken to the Yahoo page where you will have one email from Yahoo, welcoming you to Yahoo. If you receive a pop-up offering to teach you about Yahoo, you can select "continue" and either take the tour or click on the X in the top right corner to close it down without reading. At some point during this process you will receive an email to verify you actually set up the Yahoo ID. You will need to follow the instructions in the email to validate your account.

Join the REL Yahoo Group

1. Go to the following site: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/59relganders>
On the top right side of the page there will be a blue button "Join this Group", click on it to join. Your membership will need to be approved to prevent spammers from joining the group. There is no "approval process" - if you're with class of 59 or a friend of the class you're "approved". Of course, we reserve the right to block postings from members who send abusive, offensive emails or spam.
2. The next page should show your Yahoo ID. Select the email you want your 59RELGanders email sent to - normally where you usually get email. If the email you want isn't displayed, don't worry, you can add it later.
3. In the "comment to owner" section you can type whatever you wish but please be sure to identify yourself by the name you used in school. This is how the moderator will know who you are.
4. Next, indicate how you want to receive your group email. All group email is posted on the site, and you can go there any time to read postings. The group emails can also be sent to your inbox so you don't have to keep checking the site. There are three options for emails:

Individual Emails - you will receive every posting as a separate email as it is received by the group - this is usually the preferred way.

Daily Digest - If you don't check your email often, or are borrowing a computer or just get a ton of email - you may prefer to use Daily Digest. With this option once each day, all of the 59RELGanders emails for that day are combined in one email and sent to you in one email. The only disadvantage of this method is that if there is earthshattering news one morning, you won't receive it until the next day. If you use the daily digest method please don't hit 'reply' to post to the group. Your reply will include the entire Daily Digest which makes it difficult to read.

Special Notices - With this option, you won't receive any of the postings unless the moderator has deemed it a Special Notice that needs to go out to everyone. There usually aren't very many of these.

Web Only - This means you don't receive any email from the group. You would need to go to the Yahoo Group site and read the messages.

5. Next, indicate your message format preference. Either will work fine, but "traditional" eliminates some of the confusing advertisements on the emails. Since this is a free site a few lines of ads at the end of our emails is a small price to pay to be able to use the group.
6. Complete the page and click on "Join" to join the group. The next page informs you your membership has been submitted. You will receive a confirmation email welcoming you to the site with a link to take you to the site as soon as the moderator receives your request. A second email will also be sent with links to learn more about the group, post a message to the group, contact the moderator, or to unsubscribe from the group.

Visiting the Yahoo Group Page

To go to the group site you can type yahoogroups.com in your browser or click on one of the links in your welcoming email. If you aren't already logged in, "Sign In" is in the top left corner. You will be prompted for your Yahoo Id and password. Once logged in all of the groups you belong to will be displayed, and you can select the RELGanders site. If you are already logged in (for example, you've signed in to check your Yahoo email) the list of groups you belong to will be listed and no sign in is needed. You can post a message to the group, view prior messages and any pictures posted, or view the list of yahoo group members.

Editing your member information:

At this point it would be a good idea to check your marketing preferences unless you want to receive such email.

On the top left of the page click on My Account (which requires your password). This displays all of your information.

Click on Edit, to the right of Member Information. This allows you to add information about your career, or to add an alternate email.

Add/change as desired and then return to My Account. In the middle of the My Account page is a link to edit your marketing preferences. You can select/deselect anything you want, but most will want to deselect everything to eliminate junk mail.

Lastly, on the My Account page you may want to Edit your contact information. You can add address and contact information if desired.

Posting to the group:

To post an email message to the site, go to your normal email and send to 59RELGanders@yahoo.com.

Go to the Yahoo Group site and click on "Post" under Messages.

You can also use "reply" in your normal email program, but remember that when you do this the original message will be included in your reply. This can be confusing if your reply isn't related to the message you're replying to. And, if you're using Daily Digest the entire batch of emails will be included in your reply, which is difficult to read.

Rules of the Site

No attachments

No advertisements

No chain mail, joke mail.

No abusive content or language.

No religious or political content

These rules are not meant to inhibit posting to the site. This site is for items of general interest to the class members. For that reason advertising is not permitted. Chain mail, jokes, religious and 'inspirational' emails that are widely circulated are also not allowed. When you receive an email from the 59RELGanders group we want you to feel confident someone is sharing an old memory or an item of interest about a friend or classmate. We don't want it to become another mechanism for circulating all the jokes and virus warnings and such that everyone has received a dozen times.

It goes without saying that no offensive or abusive language is allowed. If you have something X-rated, this probably isn't the place. We also ask that discussions about religion or politics be kept tame, and to a minimum. These can get out of hand very easily and people offended. If several of our members have a desire to circulate chain mail or discuss their political preferences, we'll be happy to help you set up another group site for that purpose.