

Ames High Class
of 1966

50th
Reunion

Reunion WrapUp

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Lights Are Off, Dust Has Settled....

The reunion glow is beginning to fade, but the memories of our wonderful gathering will linger for a long, long time. We want to thank all who attended or participated in our 50th Reunion in some way. Here are a few of the comments we heard:

“A quick note to thank you all for a 50th class reunion to never be forgotten. I was so impressed with the whole experience, beginning with hotel rooms blocked out just for us, to the bus tour of Ames, to the grand finale, at - where else - the Memorial Union! This was an event of a lifetime! Proud to be among the class of '66.”

“I had an absolutely wonderful 50th reunion and much of the credit goes to the classmates who worked for so long to organize all the events.”

“I had such a blast! Thanks for all the organizers did to make it such a success. I came away feeling more like part of a community than I ever had before and I don't think it was just me. Good job, indeed.”

We had 134 classmates and 62 spouses/family/friends register for the reunion – possibly a record for an AHS 50th reunion. We look forward to seeing you for the 55th reunion, if not before (see last paragraph, pg 2). More reunion wrap-up treats are on the class website.





A Few Lingerin Items of Business

1) Snapshots Taken at the Reunion

We'd really love it if Reunion attendees would share their photos/videos. There are several ways to do this.

Facebook: If you've not already been friended by the "AHS 66 Classmates" page, please submit a request so you can post there. Posted photos will also be copied and placed on the class website by Bill Schoenenberger.

Email: You can also send pictures to the class email address where Bill will retrieve them and upload them to the website.

In all cases, it would be very helpful if the people in the pictures were identified!

2) Large and Small Group Pictures

Robert Phillips of Phillips Photography took our large-group picture. Those who have already ordered a picture will receive it in the mail when Robert sends them to us.

Those who were in small-group pictures and who paid for them at the reunion will receive them in the mail when Robert has them ready.

If you didn't order pictures but would like to now, go to Robert's website at <http://atthebeachportraits.com/clients/ahs-class-reunion/> (password – ahs) There will be both the class large group picture and the small group pictures of elementary school classmates.

3) Booklets Still Available

There are 50th Reunion booklets still available. Order one by sending a check made out to the Class of 1966 for \$5 to 1919 Polk Avenue, Ames, Iowa 50010.

There are also a [very] few 40th reunion booklets left.

4) Not Too Late for Booklet Biographies

We know that some classmates weren't able to meet the deadline to get their life stories into the booklet – and that at least one was submitted that was somehow overlooked.

We'd like to correct omissions and accommodate anyone who would like to submit their stories. To do that, send them electronically either in an email or attached to an email in a workable word processing

document. They will be formatted to fit the booklet, and can be requested via the class website. There is no hard deadline but the sooner the better!

5) How You Look Now

It was fun to receive current pictures from several classmates who could not attend. Those will also be postedand we'd be happy to get more!



6) Our Class Gift – the Ripp Scholarship

Last but not least – enclosed is information and a response form for donating to the Ripp Scholarship. This class gift will be a lasting legacy that honors an outstanding teacher while supporting second-generation Ames High students as they pursue their goals in higher education. We hope to raise \$28,000 dollars – so let's give this effort the old Ames High determination!

Creativity Expo a Big Hit

The talents showcased at Saturday afternoon's Creativity Expo were very inspiring. Music, artworks, readings – an impressive display that made us see our old friends in news ways. See the class website for links to artist websites and download Mary Pascal Peterson's original flute composition, "Auld Lang Loyalty."

Regional Mini-Reunions

Many reunion attendees said they didn't want to wait five years to see classmates. A suggestion was proposed to organize regional, informal, small-scale gatherings annually. The Committee plans to sort our class list by state to see what might be possible and who might be asked to organize a mini-reunion.

Please drop us an email (class@ahs66.org) responding to this idea and if you'd be willing to organize something informal in your area.

