

Reunion Wrap-up

The Class of 1963's 45th got off to a comfortably casual start on Friday during Happy Hour at the headquarters hotel. About 21 folks showed up early to kick off the weekend and then made their way across town to Tony's Italian Grill (just a few blocks west of Pal's) on Park Row.

That venue was relaxed and casual for the 40 or so attendees. Some people ate; some drank; everyone mixed, mingled and greeted one another.

The biggest surprise of the evening was the appearance of Wesley Huckabee who hasn't attended recent reunions.

Two former teachers dropped by—Jane Ellis and Betty Gilbreath Price who taught homemaking. Miss Ellis also attended two other events during the weekend. Not bad for someone who celebrated her 90th birthday in January of this year.

Saturday morning about 20 of us joined close to 300 other alumni for the AHS Alumni Association annual Alumni Open House in the AHS cafeteria. Our class was recognized along with two other classes having reunions that weekend - the Classes of 1948 and 1958. In addition, the Alumni Band played; Miss Ellis directed the Alumni Choir in singing "You'll Never Walk Alone," the Alma Mater, and the Fight Song. Our Betsy Burleson Hines was one of the two accompanists for the choir.

After the event, the Ladies Luncheon at Pulidos was attended by 40 "girls" who were really happy to see each other. Several were classmates we hadn't seen at any previous reunions: Jeri Tucker Packe, Maudie Davis Lam, Carol Brown, Linda Dixon Groom to mention a few "newcomers." Maudie suggested we try to have a Ladies Luncheon there every six months. Maybe we will come through on this!

About 4:00, various people showed up at The White Room to help the Reunion Committee and decorations honcho Dejah Moore turn the room into the Green and White Room. Dejah and her helpers had made Styrofoam cutouts of Little Arlie and double horseshoes with green and white flowers—a la our senior Homecoming float—at the base for centerpieces. Helium balloons on the centerpieces completed the look.

Directories of our classmates contact information were available and 100 name tags with our senior pictures as reminders of what we used to look like were waiting for us as we came in that evening.

Since Floyd Wine had tuned the DJ into the music of choice for the evening, favorite songs played all the time. A professional photographer was busy snapping candid shots and portrait shots and his proofs are posted on www.lonestarexposures.com. The biggest surprise was the arrival of none other than Elvis. Admittedly, a very tall (someone said 6 feet, 9 inches) Elvis. But he was fun and seemed to really get us revved up to dance. One surprise for Elvis was the flinging of a borrowed bra by—who else?—Ann Wolf Conklin. She "borrowed" the bra from Bill Jones' bride of less than a year, Brycene.

On Sunday morning, 16 hardy souls met for a delicious brunch at Rolling Hills Country Club. Instead of saying that's all until 2013, there is talk of a Medicare Party sometime in 2009-2010!

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