

Lawrence Lippke - Reunion Review

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TO: Class of '69

There are many things that could be said about the reunion this past weekend, but there is no way I can adequately capture in this message what it meant to all of you who participated. Instead, I have tried to set up a means by which each of you who wishes to do so can document your own reactions through one of the three websites I'll describe below. I will simply say that it was great being part of the team that helped plan and execute the reunion. Everyone involved took this task with the utmost sincerity and dedication. There were so many people involved that it is almost impossible to begin thanking individuals without the risk of leaving someone out. So, let me just thank the entire class, our spouses and other family members, the Association of Former Students, the Rudder Theater staff, the Zone Club staff, and Buppy Simank (our caterer), and anyone else who contributed in some manner. I hope that captured it ;-) I just love it when a plan comes together like it did.

However, I would like to share with you some random items.

1. I have set up three different websites, a couple of which you may have seen before. Information about the Vietnam Era Memorial Rededication is available at <http://drop.io/class69memorial>. I have included a few pictures from that event, along with an outline of Mike Caudle's comments, the script of Mike Curd's keynote address, and a Powerpoint prepared by Bob Segner that describes the history of the memorial project. If you have pictures of that event that you would like to share, just use the "Add" tab at the top of the page and upload your files. I just ask that you try to keep the file sizes down to 300K or less.

At <http://drop.io/class69reunion>, you are free to upload pictures of the reunion in general using the "Add" tab. I think you can figure it out from there. Again, try to limit the size of the pictures you are sharing.

Finally, at <http://drop.io/class69>, I have uploaded information about the Class of '69 Legacy Gift Fund. Here you will find the presentations that were shown during the business meeting, along with the pledge form that was distributed. It is through this site that I plan to continue to communicate with you.

Now, I mentioned above that you could provide your own comments about the reunion. At each of these sites, by clicking the "Add" tab at the top of the page, you will see an option on the left side to add a "Note." By clicking on that selection, you will see a form to fill out. Further, if you right-click on any picture or document you find at these sites, you will see a menu that allows you to post comments about that item. Finally, you may also post general comments at these sites through email. If you wish to comment about the memorial, simply send a message to class69memorial@drop.io. Likewise, for comments about the reunion in general, address your message to class69reunion@drop.io. Naturally, concerning the Legacy Gift Fund, the address is class69@drop.io. And, if for some reason any of this fails to work for you, you can always email me instead.

2. Three major things happened during the business meeting. First, you elected four co-class agents: Bill Youngkin, Frank Farias, Harvey Schulz, and me. I am confident that having a team like this, each bringing certain talents to the table, will serve the class well into the future.

Second, you endorsed the idea of naming the Bryan/College Station Class of '69 Breakfast Club as a "Class Council," to work with and advise the co-class agents. Just know that this is not an exclusive club by any means; anyone who ever shows up for breakfast at 6:30 on Friday morning at Denny's in College Station is automatically a member. And, if there is ever an issue about which you are passionate you wish us to discuss, I'm sure we can carry your message by proxy to this "council"--you just need to let us know.

Finally, you approved the Class of '69 Legacy Gift project of raising \$690,000 by the time of our 50th Reunion in 2019. Details about this project are at <http://drop.io/class69>. While we named 5 specific projects to be the beneficiaries of this Legacy Gift, please know that a lot of things can happen in the next 10 years that might influence this selection, so we remain open to other ideas as you wish to express them.

3. Those of you attending the reunion received a CD in your registration bag. For those of you whose memories are as short as mine and cannot name every song and artist on that CD, I have attached a jpeg image showing the contents of that CD. I hope you enjoy listening to it as much as Harvey and I enjoyed working with Brett Koshkin to pull that collection together.

4. While we missed watching the football game Saturday night, I heard some comments that it was still a lot of fun just hanging out together in the Zone Club and getting to listen to the radio broadcast together. Nevertheless, for those who are not quite over living the glory of beating the hell outa tt, you might be interested in the following announcement that was just released at noon today by TAMU Marketing & Communications:

Aggie-Texas Tech Game Featured On KBTX And Fox Sports Southwest

The Aggie Sports Connection, which airs tonight at 6:30 p.m. on KBTX (Ch. 3), will feature highlights of Saturday's Aggie-Texas Tech football game, and the program will be reshowed on Fox Sports Southwest at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday (Oct. 28). Also, Fox Sports Southwest will show condensed replays of the game at the following times, according to Texas A&M Sports News: Wednesday (Oct. 28), noon – "Big 12 No Huddle" (1 hour); Thursday (Oct. 29) 7 p.m. – "Big 12 Instant Classic" (2 hours), Friday (Oct. 30), 11 a.m. – "Big 12 No Huddle" (1 hour).

5. This email is going to some 340 classmates, but I would really like to get that number closer to the actual number of classmates who have email addresses. If you encounter a classmate who admits to not receiving it, please ask them to contact me to get subscribed. Or, you can send me that person's email address and I'll take care of getting them online with us.

Well, this message is probably already too long; I'll try to keep them shorter in the future. Thanks, and Gig'em.

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