

Hello Leon Lions!

The 50th reunion is over but oh what a wonderful time we had! Thanks to all who attended; we missed those that couldn't. Thanks to all that expressed their gratitude for the work of the planning committee. We were deeply touched and honored.

The meet-and-greet at Capital City Country Club on Friday night started us on the right foot! Although it was quite warm outside, it was cool and happy inside. Over 150 attended this first event of the weekend. The food was delicious and the bar service excellent! Balloons with red and white tablecloths and centerpieces decorated the Champions Grill. Our only complaint was no name tags. But that was by design—we hoped that folks would introduce themselves to those they did not recognize. We were all in the same boat—we didn't recall numerous faces with the passing of time.

On Saturday morning, approximately 100 attended the tour of the school led by Principal Billy Epting. He did a wonderful job of describing the current status of the grand old school on the hill. Walking the halls brought back a flood of memories for all who attended. And a memory board of deceased classmates was highlighted. There were 64 names on the board on Thursday but since then, we learned of 3 more which were added for a total of 67. Of 600 graduates, 67 have left us. That is way too many.

At 11 am, classmates gathered on the front steps of the school for a picture. As requested, most wore red and/or white to honor the school's colors. Thanks to Pete Landon, Mary Jackson Landon's husband, for taking this excellent photo. This photo is now on the home page of the class Facebook page.

At 12:30 pm, 11 golfers teed off. How they played in that heat is miraculous! We commend them for their bravery.

And then Saturday night, the gala began! Greeters welcomed them at the front entrance which led into the lobby of the Country Club where the name tags (finally!) were picked up. Classmates name tags had a picture of Leo the Lion on them while guests name tags were plain...and as requested **LARGE** print! As attendees entered the ballrooms they were directed to two bars and an hors d'oeuvres table. The decorations were outstanding—the white tablecloths, red overlay, the gorgeous flowers as centerpieces, and black and white pictures of old Tallahassee. Attendees were also directed to the photo fun booth where classmates could gather for group photos. Each one in the group was given a copy of the photo. Many said that this was the highlight of the night. After a brief program, the attendees enjoyed an awesome buffet dinner. Then the dancing began and many danced like they were 18 again!

Now that the reunion is over, the committee is thinking ahead. We are considering a 70th birthday party and a 55th reunion. We conducted a survey to gather input about the 50th reunion as well as what folks would like to see for a 70th birthday party and 55th reunion.

Prior to the reunion, we collected \$3,440 for LHS Foundation. A challenge was issued Saturday night for more contributions. At the close of the Saturday night event, we were able to donate \$5,066 to the LHS Foundation on behalf of the Class of 66. Thanks to all who contributed!

Again thanks to all who attended our 50th reunion. We loved seeing so many and hoped to see more of you in the future!

We are including a link below to gain access to pictures and the slideshow from the 50th Reunion:

Reunion Pictures and Slideshow

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/krv8syny77y7qmv/AAAQPl4-0YJaS0ynUPxYXB-Ga?dl=0>