

## Eighty members of Class of 1968 returned for Big Bash 08!

How easy it was to pick up where we left off 40 years ago. We won most of the reunion awards—check [www.wabash68.org](http://www.wabash68.org) for details. Some folks are talking about another rejoin at Homecoming, October 4 weekend.

Your classmates responsible for this wonderful weekend are: **Jim Millikin, Bruce Gras, Dick Callaway, Mark Sutton, Buzz Madsen, Chuck Kraft, Steve Bowen, Tom Hill, Ben Austin, Dan Vannatter, Mike Dybel, Van Butler, Dan Susie, Ed Meisenheimer, Jeff Moon, Bill McCluskey.** Thanks, too, to Tom Runge and his folks at Wabash. Superb weekend! Here is a flavor of what I saw and heard at Big Bash 08:



**Dick and Tina Callaway.** From Wabash to Vietnam in the Field Artillery. Now an Indianapolis investment broker with three daughters, retirement not in sight. *He helped 19 Delt brothers find a way back!*



**Al McElfresh.** Took a Sabbatical in Vietnam with the Marines. Now a bank president in New Jersey. *I can still hear Dean Moore calling his name.*



**Lee Grogg.** Another reunion co-conspirator. Came back from the great Northwest. *Thanks, Lee.*



**Mike Gallagher.** Big time CEO from Vancouver. Interviewed by Wabash Magazine during the reunion. *Still Iron Mike all the way.*



My chat with **Peter Kennedy** was way too short. *A really nice guy!*



**Todd Eads,** Colonel, Special Forces, Retired. *Hasn't changed a bit!*



**Steve Bowen,** Chairman of the Board of Trustees. *Reunion co-conspirator.*



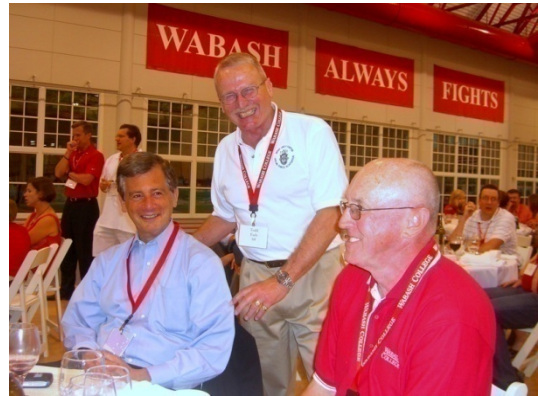
**Dan Vannater Col, SF, Retired.**  
*Reunion co-conspirator.*



**Mike Gallagher, John Hudson**



**Jeanne and Steve Johnson** in from Big Sky, Montana.



**Steve Goldsmith, Todd Eads, Jim Hutcheson.**



**Dr John Zimmerman** and Beta Chem-majors. *One of my Wabash heroes.*



**Phil Green (AZ), Dave Avery (WA).**



**Tom Runge** at the podium.



**Hudson, Goldsmith, Koepke.**



**Ron Hill, Bill VanderHaar.** *Ron would not allow severe pain from a fall to keep him away from his brethren at the Bash.*



**Mark and Dianne Sutton.** *Reuion co-conspirator.*



**Steve Goldsmith, Chuck Kraft**  
*(Reunion co-conspirator.)*



**Hudson, Goldsmith, Koepke, Cook.**



**The Roper family: Liz, Jim, Joshua, Matthew, Will, Seth. *What, me busy?***



**Jim Hutcheson: *A lifetime of making the world a better place. Off to Africa when he finishes nursing training.***



**Fijis: Smith, Madsen, Avery, Bowen**



**Mary Butler, Bill VanderHaar, Van Butler, Gabi VanderHaar.**



**The Gleechums.**



**Dave Cook, Jim Hutcheson.**



**Hill, VanderHaar, Goldsmith.**



**Hutcheson, Hill.**



**Terry and Kathryn Smith. Our Athletic Hall of Famer from Tippecanoe.**



**Koepke, VanderHaar, Roper**



**Betas: Roper, VanderHaar, Hudson, Hill, Gallagher, Cook, Kraft, McElfresh, Eads, Hutcheson, Goldsmith, Koepke.**



**The Betas.**



**Bill Nie.** His son, a '99 grad, recently joined his law firm.



**Bill VanderHaar.** Singer extraordinaire. Not a bad skier, either.



**Bob Furnish.** Big time marathoner from Bloomington, Indiana.



**Phyl Leahy, Linda Cox and Becky Powers.** Missing is the fourth “Butler Girl”, Sydney Susie. Linda and Becky are sorority sisters; Linda met Ed Cox at Becky and Jim's wedding in 1968. Phyl and Sydney are sorority sisters; Phyl set up Sydney and Dan when they were sophomores.



**Phi Delta Theta: Roger Senkbeil, Ed Cox, Steve Matthews, Russ Dukes, John Leahy, Dan Susie, Tom Howard, Jim Powers.**



**Cal Black '66 and Pledgeson John Hudson '68.**



**Dave Cook.** *Trying to retire from doctoring and become a full time world traveler.*



**Ed Meisenheimer (Reunion Co-conspirator) & Claude Wise.**



**Dave Noland. NYC.**



**Gordy Thompson.** Retired from the New York Times, but who can forget “the sound of one hand clapping!”



**Drs. Greves, Faul, Hudson**



**August Costanzo**, from western Pennsylvania.



**Elaine and Jeff Moon.** A career in and around education and Frankfort, Indiana. *A Reunion co-conspirator.*



**Harry Staley.** Great to see him--right where we left off in 1968. Another of the 24 super doctors who came from the class of 1968.



**Rev. Jim Altenbaumer** began his Wabash career as a chem major. He held Protestant services on Sunday.



**Jim Dashiell.** Trying to retire from doctoring. Enjoys fishing with the grandkids.



*(The real Mrs Byrn)* **Linda and Jim Byrn.**



**Jim Byrn and Walt Riesing's wife, Cindy.** Coupled by photographer error.



**Walt Riesing.** "My wife and I are both CPAs in Chicago. Makes for some really interesting dinner time conversations ..."



**Jim Powers, Claude Wise, Jose Cuervo.** Claude was a Region bud of mine. Jim was an advisor to the Vietnamese RFs and PFs (Regional and Popular Forces, or ruffs and puffs) in III Corps. Read *Once a Warrior King*, by Donovan, to learn what amazing adventures these guys had.



**Jim Roper '68 & Max Servies '58.**

*"Max is a true hero of mine. No finer man, no better coach anywhere. I would have traveled ten thousand miles for this photo-op!"*



**John Leahy.**



**John Greves.** Cardiologist in the great Northwest.



**Emalee and Jon VanScyoc,** on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. What better place to spend it?



**Ken Larson.** Brought his battle-damaged pot. *No, he didn't have any fun at all!*



**Ray Williams'68.** *A wonderful man. I had a great discussion with Professor Williams about Paul's letter to the Phillipians.*



**Ramon Parra** (teaches English in San Juan, Puerto Rico) and **Mark Sutton.**



**Roger Senkbeil.** *How many hours did we spend reading Deutsche novellas in Dr. Planitz's classroom in Yandes?*



**Russ Dukes, Jim Powers, Dan Susie.**



**Roselie and Tom Bambrey.** Tom is our new Athletic Director at Wabash. *Whatever you do, Tom, beat the Dannies!*



**Susan and Bob Faul.** Where did Wabash find so many wonderful people?



**Tom Howard** with his beautiful Swiss wife and five-month-old daughter. Tom is the father of seven. Long career in the entertainment/communications business.



**Terry Smith.** Toss that man a basketball!



**Valorie and Todd Eads. Elkhart, Indiana.**



**Walt Riesing, Mark Harrison, Ray Parra.**



**Scott Klika.** Retired from a career in banking services and living overseas. Says he has everything he needs in Bangkok.



**Wayne Kornas** has come a long way from being president of my senior class at Hammond Gavit. Still ER doctoring in Naptown.



**Willis Peele.**



Your reunion chairman, **Jim Millikin**, receives another award from Wabash President, Pat White. We took 4 of 5, I believe. Thanks, Jim, for handling the messy details behind the GREAT time we had!!!



We won the sing. *Volume counts!!!*



**Ed Cox, Greg Markwell, Tom Howard.**



**Galen Eversole** brought his beautiful family from Denver.



**Cox, Dukes**, contemplating Friday Dinner.



**Greg, Dan, John, and Tom.**



**Sydney Susie, Phyl Leahy, Sue Dukes.**



**Powers, Bowen, Kennedy, Leahy.**



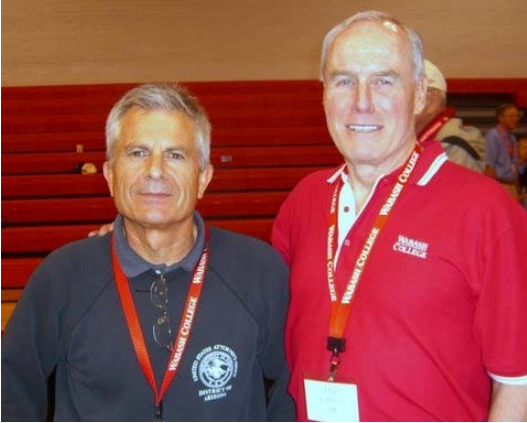
**Tom, Ed, Russ, Dan, John, and Jim.**  
*Phi Delt hard core! We missed you,  
Randy Slickers!*



**Linda Cox, Becky Powers, Dan Susie,  
Beatrice Howard.** *Nah, the Phi Delt  
weren't having any fun at all!*



**Stan and Nancy Kowaleski.** Made parts  
for the F-111s Grunge and I flew.  
Thanks, Stan.



**Assistant US Attorney Steve Laramore with Dick Callaway.**



**Alan Hatfield.**

See EVERYONE in five years!!!

Submitted with warm regards,  
**Jim Roper '68**