



Class Agents Letter

Class of 1959

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Dear 59ers,

All twenty (20) class members who came to our 60th Reunion had a great time, although we missed those of you who were unable to attend. At our 60th Reunion Class Dinner on Saturday evening, your classmates wanted to say to you the following:

Duane Axel: I am here from New Smyrna Beach Florida. It is a lot better than heaven there. Great to see so many Wabash friends and miss many that are not here. My grandson will be a member of the Class of 2023, making him the 3rd generation of Axel Wabash men.

Tino Balio: I'm totally impressed with the achievements of my '59 colleagues and I'm stimulated to lead a similar life to emulate them.

Roger Billings: Retired from North Kentucky University law school 2017. Speaking and writing about Lincoln. Tennis (singles) 2 x per week. Guest Prof. University of Salzburg 2004-2017 (at first 2004, Fulbright Distinguished Visiting Professor). Wife Debbie and I spend a lot of time with 8 grandchildren. Wabash, Emeritus Trustee.

Burt Carlson: I'm glad to be on campus again. I'm surprised how well we look. And impressed how loudly we could sing OLD WABASH!

Mike Costello: I was struggling in Phys-Chem and Dr. Ed Haenisch invited me to his home for dinner. After dinner, he spent over 2 hours to explain the solution to my problems. He straightened me out on a subject I was having trouble with for 6 weeks.

Tony Dowell: I'm happy to be able to attend the 60th, and bring my lovely wife Betsy – the love of my life. I hope to see all classmates at our 65th reunion. Peace!

Jerry Evans: Incredible experience. So good to see so many old Wabash classmates from so many years ago, the significant changes to the physical plant and educational programs, and to have time to really visit. Do not miss the next opportunity.

Sherm Franz: I wanted to be in the Glee Club and play basketball. Bob Brock and Bob Mitchum got together and made that happen. I am so grateful for the warm memories and great friends that resulted as my privilege to participate in both.



Len Loker: Beth Swift Wabash Archivist – Thank you so much for your encyclopedic memory.

L. Hoyt Miller: I now live in Florida and don't get to the college as often as when living in Indianapolis. Coming back "home" to the college is now even more special. I cherish the memories and the making of new memories with the classmates.

Bob Nelson: (Flew a plane solo to attend) My wife Pat and I live in Traverse City, Michigan. Returning to Wabash this weekend has been a real treat. Such fun to renew old relationships. Loved seeing all the new and reminiscing all the old. Mostly, a great reunion – looking forward to our 65th.

Roger Paluska: My wife Sue and I live ½ time in Silverthorne, Colorado and ½ time in Tucson, Arizona. We are still quite active and really enjoying our senior years. I still bike close to 100 miles a week and play pickle ball 3 to 4 times weekly. I also still ski 2 + weeks annually. We have 3 sons but only 2 granddaughters, who we enjoy immensely. I am thankful and proud to have attended Wabash and greatly appreciate the lifelong friendships that enriched my life.

Ray Riddle: Returning to Wabash is always a thrill and pleasure. It reminds me of my happy days as a student; my happy days as Director of Development, all in all, the happiest of experiences. Glad to be back!

Ernie Schmidt: A great weekend with old friends and a refreshing remembrance from 60 years ago.

Lonnie Therber: The comment sheets did not get to Lonnie Saturday, and I apologize. Lonnie remains active in his accounting advisory firm in Indianapolis. He has four sons and many grandchildren. We talked about Fiji's and his many friends in Crawfordsville.

Bob Wedgeworth: Bob said he will share his thoughts in a forthcoming Class Agent Letter.

Jim Holmes attended earlier Big Bash events. Bob is still teaching Economics at the University of Buffalo. Ben Rogge recommended him for the graduate Economics PhD Program at the University of Chicago where Milton Friedman was his advisor. Jim had classes with George Stigler. Robert Lucas was his roommate for two years. Three Nobel laureates! Wow!

Bob Williams attended earlier Big Bash events and is doing well.

Linda Million came with Burt Carlson and his wife. Her attendance was greatly appreciated, as we fondly remember George.

Wabash College made things easier by providing special parking and golf cart rides. Bob Nelson and I made use of a ride from Goodrich Hall to the Fine Arts Center where President Greg Hess brought Big Bash Attendees up to date with a candid talk on Wabash today, current challenges and actions to meet the challenges.

After our Chapel Sing, John Horner led everyone in the Chapel with a rousing:
Give me a W.....W - Give me a A.....A - Give me a B.....B - Give me a A.....A - Give me a S.....S - Give me a H.....H What's it spell.....WABASH – What's it spell.....WABASH – What's it spell.....WABASH
Believe me, it was a Chapel Sing to remember thanks to John.

At the request of Roger Billings, Wabash Archivist Beth Swift researched our Class and covered all 4 years. She had an entertaining talk and a much discussed handout. If you want to remember your 4 years, Beth has created a link to all of her visuals.

Here is the link to let you relive your Wabash Years. https://www.wabash.edu/alumni/docs/1959_PacketOPT.pdf

If any of you have news or comments for me to include in my next Class Agent Letter, email me at cgreenteam@att.net.

For me, this was the best reunion ever. Thanks to all who came.

Craig

Ps: If you have not given to Wabash since June 2018, please send in something before June 30. You would increase our class participation 1%, five of you by 5%.

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