
A THANK YOU FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Anatomy of Our Reunion

The membership, via the Bylaws, tasked the Board of Directors to provide an Annual Reunion that “*would promote school and family unity and continuing fellowship. Further to present multiple activities that will create a supportive atmosphere for members as they strive to recapture the nostalgia and joy of their schools and school careers.*” The board accomplished this via the Reunion Committee. The Class of 1969, which constituted the 38th Reunion Committee, did just this and deservedly put their “twist” on all the festivities.

While the Reunion Committee performed the programmatic thrust to accomplish its task, the accompanying cast of the association chimed in to bring the event to fruition. The anatomy of our reunion:

- The financial secretary received all the funds and created the registration lists, compiled and published the different products - bus tickets, shirts, caps, booklets, donations, etc. that were purchased or made by the registrants.
- The treasurer deposited all funds and paid all the reunion invoices, contracts, etc.
- The secretary was signatory for all contracts that were negotiated by the Reunion Committee and worked with other committees with their correspondence related to reunion activities.



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- The vice-president served as an “on the ground ambassador” making needed and courtesy contacts with entities in Tarboro.
- Often during these times, we hear from individuals who because of illnesses or other family situations cannot accomplish their plans to attend the reunion. The chaplains intercede in these instances to offer comfort and condolences from the membership and alumni.
- The Bylaws Committee vetted and staffed the Proposed Change to the Bylaws of the Association presenting it to the Board of Directors for it to come before the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting.

- The Benevolence Committee planned the Memorial Service for the Scholarship and Memorial Breakfast and worked diligently to provide invitations to a family member of the Fallen Trojan to attend the Breakfast.
- The Finance Committee worked in cooperation with the financial secretary and treasurer on budget management and fiscal accounting.
- The Hall of Fame Committee obtained the nominees for the various awards provided by the association to include the acquisition of the plaques necessary to make this a very formidable ceremony.
- The Membership Committee enlightened the alumni about the importance of membership by setting up membership recruiting at the Meet and Greet event in particular.
- The Nominating Committee created for the Gala a recruitment video that emphasized the importance of younger graduates becoming involved in the association's governance, administrative and committee structure.
- The Program Committee developed an Omega Chapter Ceremony where we placed the classes of 1924 through 1936; these classes no longer have any living members.
- The Publication Committee developed and published all the printed material necessary for the reunion – booklets, programs, flyers, tickets, etc. in such a manner that they were exemplary in the public domain
- The Technology Committee kept the public abreast of the reunion planning process via the website and Facebook - changes, modifications and the like. They also developed an online evaluation form that allowed individuals

to rate the reunion activities from their mobile devices or computer.

- The Scholarship Committee developed and planned the Scholarship Awards Presentation for the Scholarship and Memorial Breakfast. They also secured the student Host and Hostesses to assist at the reunion events.
- The Logistics Committee worked across all facets of the organizational structure providing logistical services before, during and after the events to ensure that props, and material movements were coordinated in a timely and orderly fashion.
- An Ad hoc Committee developed a presentation for a deserving student from Pattillo Middle School to acknowledge her achievements with the National Beta Club and presented her to the alumni at the Scholarship and Memorial Breakfast.

A beautiful and functional reunion has been a hallmark of the association and it comes as a result of the totality of the association's programmatic, governance and administrative elements putting their shoulders against the wheel to assure success. An anatomical operation.

I am thankful and appreciative of the efforts of all who have worked so diligently in this vineyard. You are ... "the [person] who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Much Love!
