

Friday, June 18, 2010

Dear Class of 1970,

What a wonderful reunion. It sure was good to see so many of you there. When Eli asked me to say a few words at our banquet, I was not prepared. I have never been a good extemporaneous speaker. I had a lot of information on our classmates that I could have shared. For example, when I called and woke up Cliff Kumamoto at 1:30AM, he asked how we were doing in Kansas and Oklahoma after hearing about all the tornadoes we have had. He told me he was retired and was working on fixing up his house. He finished our conversation by saying that he would contribute to the KSU Alumni Fund.

Here is an update on other classmates that could not attend:

John Barnes – John is teaching at North Carolina State University. He teaches Veterinary and Agriculture students. He loves what he does and considers himself a dinosaur because he is a teacher who focuses on teaching rather than research. He could not attend because his daughter, Michelle, was about to have a baby the weekend of June 4-5.

Rudy Douthit - Rudy could not attend because he would be in England.

Ray McClure - Ray is retired in Louisiana . Had other commitments that week end.

John Harvey - John is still teaching at Florida Veterinary School. He would have liked to have attended, but had speaking engagements at a Veterinary Meeting, plus a family cruise he was going on this spring.

Doug Jernigan - Doug is in Canada. He is committed to taking care of his in-laws and was unable to come.

Frank Stanton - Frank is still in California, retired and doing OK.

Don Sweat - Don is still in Nebraska practicing but could not come.

Berry Taylor - Berry is still in Missouri. We had a nice long chat and it sounded like he was coming, but he did not.

Dean Loesch - Dean is semi-retired in Wichita. He had a family reunion the same weekend.

Kay Magby - Kay is retired and has some health problems. She told me to tell everybody to remember her as she was when she was young and healthy.

Mark Miller - Mark is doing well in Hawaii but it is too far away to come.

F D Murry - We had a nice visit but he could not make it.

Steve Daniels - Steve wanted to come but has a Grandson that is a good swimmer and was going to a swim meet that weekend.

Jerry Diemer - Jerry retired and in Colorado.

Russ Gerard - Russ is still in Canada. He was in the U.S. not long ago and could not make another trip right now.

Wayne Kurth - Wayne is still very busy in his practice and could not get away.

I could not contact Skip Young, Al Marshall, Bill Buisch, Jerry Leroux, Jim McKinley, or Jack Spencer. Our information received on Jack is that he is now in a nursing home in Northern California.

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So that is what I should have told you when Eli asked me to say something. It was a real treat seeing and hearing Dr. Noordsy's comments. Our instructors made it fun to learn.

Kent Haury