REUNION PHOTOS

For our 50th Reunion events, including the Sunday evening dinner, we will not have a professional photographer taking company and group pictures.

The rational for that decision is explained below.

For the past two reunions we have used Photo-Op event photographers to photograph our reunion related events. This included individual and couples' portraits, as well as company and group photographs at our main dinner event. Those photos could be ordered and paid for directly from Photo-Op.

We found, however, that company and group photos during the dinner event were very disruptive to the flow of the dinner. Also, the time to organize 36 companies to take two company photos (with and without spouses/guests) during a three or four hour window proved difficult.

After significant discussion by the reunion committee, most members believe with the current prevalence and quality of cell phone photography, most classmates and guests would prefer not to have their 50th reunion dinner interrupted by getting in the queue for a company picture and most would prefer to take their own photos during the dinner and at their own company's functions.

To ensure the committee's views were reflective of the opinion of the class, the committee asked for the opinion of the 36 company reps. Results of the survey showed 32 company reps felt a professional photographer was not necessary. Only three supported having a photographer.

However, about a half dozen company reps liked the idea of setting up an area where companies could take group pictures if desired. After a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of setting up such an area, the committee unanimously decided not to set up such an area using the same reasoning and rational for deciding against a professional photographer in the first place.

The committee agreed we should post information on the class website to inform classmates and guests that we will not be having a professional photographer nor special area set aside for company and group pictures.