

24th Annual Wishek All-School Alumni Reunion

The evening of Saturday, June 16th marked the 24th Wishek Alumni dinner at the Wishek Civic Center. The 9th Wishek Community 5K Walk/Run and the 8th Wishek Alumni Golf Scramble were held earlier in the day. The weather cooperated nicely with cool temperatures and no rain.

Honey Bears were provided as gifts from the Danzig Honey Co., Bryan Dohn (1981) owner, to the honored classes of 1948, 1958, 1968, 1978, 1988, 1998, and 2008. The classes of 1988 and 1998 were not represented. There was a good mix of alumni from the other honored classes, as well as alumni from the 1950's, 1960's, and 1970's.

Corsages were given to the oldest alumni in attendance. They were Don Babitzke (1945), Harold Krein (1948), and Gladys Brosy, an honorary member of the class of 1948.

Vern (1965) & Geri (1967) (Kramer) Wanner served as hosts and greeters. Bev (Welk) Vilhauer (1977) and Kathy (Rieger) Welder (1965) manned the registration table. Curry Mund (1973) was the evening's emcee. The invocation and the prayer in memory of past alumni were both given by Bev Vilhauer.

A social hour with cash bar was held with the Big Screen & Grill, Jeremy Dallman owner, providing the beverages. Audrey (Just) Boschee (1950) and Gladys Brosy served refreshments of punch, nuts & mints, plus a meat and cheese tray, one of which that was donated by Stan's Super Valu, Darren Deile (1985) owner. An absolutely delicious meal of creamed chicken and dumplings, potatoes, gravy, and green beans was catered by Dawn (Blinsky) Dallman (1974). During the meal, alumni had a chance to share conversation and memories at their respective tables. Dessert cupcakes were made by Melissa (Kaseman) Wolf (1995). Curry Mund also shared some thoughts about the community of Wishek, why it's a great place to live, and the value of these types of reunions.

Following the dinner, the Wishek Public School Alumni Association (WPSAA) had their annual meetings with the secretary's report, treasurer's report, and election of officers. President Denise Piatz conducted the meeting. The WPSAA's calendar year runs from October 1 to September 30. Geri Wanner (now vice president) will assume the position of president, Vern Wanner will continue as Secretary, Bev Vilhauer was elected as vice president, and Sheryl Saylor (1967) was elected as treasurer. They will assume their duties on October 1, 2018.

Sue Wolff (faculty) made the programs, name tags, alumni lists, and laminated placemats for the honored class member's who registered early . Denise Piatz (1994) provided the “lions share” of the set-up and teardown with support from the other alumni crew.

Following the annual meeting, Curry Mund treated the alumni to a high energy, enthusiastic kuchen auction. Six kuchens were auctioned off to benefit the Dollars for Scholars program, which provides college scholarships to Wishek graduates. The strawberry rhubarb kuchen again was a hit, bringing in top dollar.

Bev Vilhauer conducted a trivia contest. The questions were tough, and the class of 1978 had the most correct answers. The 1978 table was treated to a free drink, courtesy of the WPSAA.

The evening concluded with class pictures taken by Vern Wanner. Alumni attendees had an opportunity to further share memories in an open format.

The Alumni Committee wishes to thank everyone for attending the 24th All-School Class Reunion.

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