

2011 Orlando Class Meeting

The 2011 meeting of the Class of 1958 was held on Monday 26 September in conjunction with the Orlando mini reunion. Due to the unavoidable absence of EC Chairman Jim Hall, the meeting was chaired by Class President Jack Bradshaw.

Bob Tallgren, Chairman of the Orlando Reunion Committee, was introduced and thanked the Class for its participation (133 Class members were in attendance), commenting among other things that he was happy to have an opportunity to give back. He subsequently introduced Mr. Bill Davis, Chairman of the Universal Orlando Resort who welcomed the Class noting that he felt privileged to host the reunion.

Palmer McGrew and Gary Roosman were introduced as Chairmen of the Washington, DC and 55th Reunions respectively. Both indicated that plans were well underway. McGrew stated that facilities at the Fair Oaks Marriott have been booked. He anticipates a larger turnout than usual and encouraged Classmates to make reservations early to take advantage of the special rates that he had been able to arrange. While the schedule had not been finalized, in addition to the Class meeting, Memorial Service and banquet/reception, he was working on several tours. Possibilities include Mt. Vernon, Smithsonian, the National Mall, inter alia, designed to take advantage of the DC environment. Roosma indicated that while it was too early for detailed planning, arrangements had been made with the Park Ridge Marriott in Park Ridge, New Jersey to host the 55th Reunion. This was the same hotel the Class used for our 45th Reunion.

The major issue before the Class was our anticipated enlargement of the First Class Club. As indicated in previous Executive Committee meeting minutes, the Club in its current configuration is inadequate to the needs of the First Class. Tony Smith, on behalf of the Executive committee, has been in consultation with the New York based Roll-A-Cover company to design an all weather cover for the Club's patio area. Smith showed a DVD developed by the company which indicated the nature and scope of the project. It was noted that this undertaking would require a major fund raising effort. Though no formal vote was taken, after considerable discussion, those assembled indicated its approval by a round of applause.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.