

First Class Club Fund Rabble Rousers

Dick Schonberger - January 2016

“Classmates,

It has been over 60 years since the Class of 1958 first mustered on the Plain at West Point. Since that time we have faced and overcome many challenges both individually and collectively. In the process, our class has earned recognition for innovation, not the least being the First Class Club. It is rightly our legacy and probably the most used and appreciated of all the endowments at West Point.

Unexpected damage was sustained by the FCC as we were planning to transfer sponsorship to the Class of 1983. We were faced with a choice of signing up to help get the FCC back on its feet or walking away from our badly damaged legacy. The class made it clear what direction to take, leading to our current fundraising effort to contribute our share of the FCC renovation costs.

The Class response to this latest challenge has been very encouraging, but we are in a campaign, not a skirmish. Tom Claffey is leading the charge with a team of company reps to help meet our goal in seeing our class legacy renovated and once more open for business. The FCC is our class legacy; of equal importance is participation by all our classmates so we may claim the FCC restoration is truly our Class Legacy. If you haven't yet done so, please get your pledge off. Obviously we have a monetary goal, but getting 100% of us signed up will substantiate our legacy. Let's all stand up and be counted.....you have until the end of 2016. Pledge what you're comfortable with, but please sign up.

Through your generosity we can now entertain the thought of celebrating our 60th Reunion in the restored First Class Club. That's yet another accomplishment for the Class and what more fitting way to celebrate.

'58 is Great, Now and Forever!

Dick Schonberger
EC Chair”