

OPENING REMARKS – DOM SUMMA

Good evening and welcome! Tonight's dinner would not have been possible without the meticulous recordkeeping of our former ring-leader Margaret Lemlach Ciamarra. Margaret organized our 15th, 25th, 30th, 35th and 40th reunions. I had the fortune to travel to Texas in March 2006 on business and Margaret offered to pick me up at the Austin airport and drive me to my hotel. We had lunch and we talked about our class, the reunions and of course, our health. Margaret was not feeling well and told me that if something ever happened to her, she was instructing her son to send me a box with all the material from the previous five reunions so I could continue organizing future reunions. I said ok, thinking I could avoid this delivery for many many years. Unfortunately, Margaret's health was worse than I thought and she passed a few months later. I talked with her son and he said he would be mailing me a box of material. You wouldn't believe what was inside! There were financial records from all previous reunions and mailing of our brag sheet. She also had index cards for each classmate with name, address, phone, spouse, children and other info, usually crossed out and updated several times.

Several examples – Marguarita Ann Mungiovi

Susan Uhlin Geier

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Remember, this predated google search and Facebook!

Margaret's data helped me plan the 45th and our 50th reunion. I'm sure she is looking down at us, smiling that our 50th Reunion is a success!

So, now it's time for a memory check...If you attended the 15th Reunion, please stand. Continue standing if you attended the 25th...30th...35th...40th....45th...and you are here at the 50th! Congratulations on your endurance!
