

Several months ago a classmate asked if I'm planning to come to next year's 60th Reunion. My quick response was, "I'm not sure." After all, I live 2,000 miles from Columbus in far off Boise, and it takes two flights, plus a couple of hours of airport layover, to get from here to there. Like you, I'm in my latter seventies, and air travel is no longer as enjoyable as it once was. Her question, though, got me thinking. After a couple of weeks I decided not only that I **WOULD** attend but I agreed to help as a member of the committee that's planning the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Celebration.

Everyone of us is different, and we have our own memories of UAHS and our classmates as we knew them sixty years ago. We've changed. Today we have various priorities, interests, and limitations. Some of us have stayed in touch regularly, especially those who still live in the greater Columbus area, and others either not at all or just sporadically with a handful of longtime friends. I'm in that latter category. I've flown to Columbus to attend the 50th Reunion and our class' 70th Birthday Party a few years later. Both were truly enjoyable events, so my expectations for the 60th are that it will match or exceed those gatherings. Plus, let's get real, there may not be another in 2036.

Part of my thought process included a recounting of our class' history. It was a remarkable history that caused me to conclude, "We really lived through some stuff." Then I decided I'd like to celebrate one more time our survival of momentous events with former classmates and friends who experienced them as well. Call me a sentimental fool.

You may not be as sentimental as I am, and you're definitely not a fool, but I'd like to think that most of you still have a small emotional attachment to UAHS, our class and the turbulent era through which we've lived. All of which causes me to say, "Come join us, if you live just a few miles from where we shared our high school years or, like me, several thousand miles away. Let's **CELEBRATE** our history, our connections whether deep friendships or just casual acquaintances, and let's toast our lives, past, present and future."

I'll be there next July - the guy behind the camera, looking to capture it all - and I hope that you'll be in those images. See you then!