Class of 1973 - 40th Year Reunion

On August 10, 1973, the School of Allied Health Professions graduated its first class. There were 15 students in the Physical Therapy Class of 1973. Forty years later, the School was able to contact all of the graduates and plan a celebration in their honor.
THEN......

Do you recognize anyone?
NOW......

Trying to take a picture of 14 classmates who have not been together in at least 15 years can be difficult...

Look at all the FUN they are having!
The Reunion

The 40th class reunion was held on Friday, September 6, 2013 on the New Orleans Health Sciences Center campus. Fourteen of the fifteen classmates were able to attend. The group traveled from near and far to see each other once again. They had independently planned their own 25th reunion, so this was the first time the class had seen each other in 15 years. Graduates from the Class of 1973 live in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Montana and Washington. There are a few who are retired from physical therapy practice and they are a few who are still working in the profession. In addition to the graduates, George Hampton (PT faculty member), Dr. Jack Strong (Pathology faculty member), Dr. J.M. Cairo (Dean of the School of Allied Health Professions) and PT faculty members and students were also in attendance.

We asked the graduates to share some pictures prior to the reunion and we would like to share those with you.

Carol Taylor Lander, her husband Bob and 4 children, Charlotte, Elizabeth, Ed and Steve. Carol lives in Dallas, Texas and is the social organizer of her class. Even with her personal medical journey with 2 cancers, she is energetic and full of life. Carol is semi-retired and has had the opportunity to work with Jerry Rice and has developed 3 physical therapy home study programs.

Clarisse Landry and her husband, Joe. Clarisse went into private practice in 1983 in Missoula, Montana and retired from private practice in 2012. Joe and Clarisse have a 29 year old foster daughter, Nicole. Nicole and Nick have 4 children: Elaine, Caidence, Briann and Nick, Jr.
Sharing Memories

After the reunion, we received so many notes and letters of appreciation from the Class of 1973. From just these few quotes, you can feel the excitement that surrounded this event and the memories that were made.

* Thanks so much for the wonderful day we had yesterday. Meeting the students and faculty was a delight and OUR school is fantastic. Hope we don’t wait another "40" years to get together again.
  ~ Marlee Early Anselmo

* Thank you for hosting a very special and now memorable reunion. Thank you for the kind words, delicious food, interesting tour and opportunity to interact with everyone. I am very impressed with the new facilities and growth. To fellow classmates and friends, spouses, Mr. Hampton and Heidi: It was truly wonderful to visit with you. I am so proud to have been a part of the PT class of 1973.
  ~ Wilda Phyllis Miller

* It was great to see the all old familiar faces, and to meet all the smiling new faces. I was impressed by the love, devotion and charm exuded by the staff and students who made it such a memorable occasion. The presentation by Dr. Cairo, the food, the tour, meeting the bright-eyed students, and experiencing our new Medical Center were all wonderful. I was impressed. I was stoked. I really think we could say "...and a good time was had by all." Ah, what a day it was! So many memories in such a short time! Love You All!
  ~ John Barnett Stewart

* What a Fabulous day! So great to be at LSU and meet the faculty and students. The luncheon was great and again thank you all for having us. What a special day we will never forget. What a memorable weekend. Thanks to all for coming and let's not wait 15 years to do it again! With love to all.
  ~ Carolyn Ann Lander

Marlee Early Anselmo has lived in Winter Springs, Florida since Hurricane Katrina, and is currently practicing as a physical therapist. Her husband, Bobby, recently retired and has returned to New Orleans to restore their home. Marlee and Bobby have 3, four-legged children: Lilo, Stitch and Sparky.

Wilton Leo
Bellotte (1973)
New Orleans campus

Legacy -
Paul Bellotte
(1991)
Shreveport campus

There are many alumni whose children have followed in their professional footsteps, and we found a father-son team from the Class of 1973. Leo, now retired, and Paul, actively practicing in Louisiana, are both physical therapists.
Let the Good Times Roll….

Marlee used her New Orleans connection to reserve a private room at Deanie’s Seafood so the class could continue their reunion into the evening hours.
On August 10, 2013, the Physical Therapy Class of 1988 gathered for their 25th Reunion at the home of classmate, Cindy Sibley. Twenty-four out of thirty classmates were able to attend. They traveled from Georgia, Tennessee, Texas and Mississippi to join the celebration.

This was our 25 year reunion and our last reunion was at 5 years so we were way overdue for a get-together! We all had a great time and agreed to do it again. Our spouses that attended observed how close our class relationships are even after 25 years.

~ Kathy Hayden

Front Row: Beth Albritton, Jerry Britsch, Bruce Neal, Katherine Tadros, Karen Sheehy, Susan Henderson, Tony Macaluso, Roni Fruge, Darryl May, Aimee Seichshaydre, Kim Baughman, Margaret Paddock, Jimmy Welsh, George Bunch, Paula Simon, Cindy Sibley
Back Row: Mary Gardner, Debbie Feraci, Karla Buras, Nellie Diaz, Kathy Hayden, Angie Netterville, Gayla Tupper, Cindy Nasser