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## **Class of 1957 gathers for reunion**

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Lincoln High School's Class of 1957's 55-year reunion attracted 71 classmates, accompanied by spouses and friends, from 13 states, including Pennsylvania for the two-day affair.

Pudy Krestel Pander, reunion chairman, was assisted by reunion committee members in welcoming those attending the informal Friday night event at the Saxon Club and the Saturday night dinner gathering at Connoquenessing Country Club.

At the opening event, appetizers, catered by Nico Luciano's, were enjoyed as the group renewed acquaintances and got up-to-date on happenings since the last reunion five years ago.

Monetary prizes were won by Richard Rosen of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., Louise DeCarbo Massung of Franklin Township and Shirley McKelvey Swesey of North Sewickley Township. Tickets were handled by Don Covert and Bob Lucarelli.

As they arrived at the country club, classmates were presented with booklets containing members' addresses along with pictures of class scholarship winners and Ellwood City scenes from the 1950s.

Patrick 'Mickey' Franus of Austintown, Ohio, made name tags featuring classmates' graduation pictures for both evenings and made CDs for all classmates, showing school and community pictures from the 1950s.

Jim Meehan, class president, served as master of ceremonies, welcoming the group and recalling numerous happenings from their high school days.

The Rev. Michael Barletta of Erie offered the invocation and conducted a brief memorial service in remembrance of the 76 class members who have died. Their graduation pictures were on a slide presentation compiled by Franus.

Nancy Neff Shepherd of Painesville, Ohio, Jim Fox of Sag Harbor, N.Y., Bob Wiley of Castlewood, Nancy Pietrandrea of Koppel, Keith 'Kiki' Blattner Goodman of New York City, Frank Carrozza of Ellwood City, Beverly Brown Stiefel of North Sewickley Township and Richard Borison of Wayne Township won door prizes.

Class vice president James Ammeen, of Verona, N.J., gave some interesting statistics involving the class, including giving \$22,500 in scholarships to Lincoln graduates the past four years.

Ammeen, who proposed the scholarship fund at the previous reunion, plans to donate \$1 for every \$2 given by class members, with a minimum payment of \$1,500 in an effort to double the fund, which now is over \$100,000.

He read a letter of appreciation from Josh Guisler, 2011 scholarship recipient, who is majoring in economics and playing football at Oberlin College in Ohio.

On behalf of the reunion committee, Meehan presented a gift to Pander, who hosted committee meetings at her home.

She responded with appropriate remarks and cited Roberta Lias Redmond, who made floral arrangements that centered the tables and were placed throughout the rooms, and Franus for his work on the slide presentations.

On the committee with Pander were Meehan, Redmond, Franus, Massung, Covert, Pietrandrea, Janet Schweinsberg Keenan and Blanche MacDonald Novak.

The class members decided to hold their next reunion in three years.