

Introduction

Doesn't it seem like yesterday that we celebrated our 35th? So much has happened since that time and we are truly thankful that we are here today being able to celebrate together. As before, I would like to give thanks to all those members who continuously work so hard in organizing - not only tonight's event - but all the other functions that we enjoy so much - our elected board, our appointed chairpersons and all our wonderful volunteers - too many to single out - you know who you are. **Many thanks to one and all!**

Unfortunately, many members have passed in the interim – including our past historian Lilo Horeis – who did such a wonderful job in displaying pictures at our 35th Anniversary.

Thanks to Ernie Horeis for stepping in and arranging the Picture Collages and Photo Albums for tonight and also for his donation of the very special 40th Anniversary banners. We want to give a special thanks to our dedicated club photographers of the past and present – Claus Wutherich and Frank Burghardt. **Their pictures are preserved, not only on our club website - now thankfully being done by John Adams - but also on CD's which were shown on the large screen TV in the rear of the clubhouse.**

Special thanks to Herb Heise for taking the time to assemble and date stamp over 2,000 of these pictures - some of them dating back to our 20th Anniversary in 2002. **We could see what we looked like 20 years ago! All of us were able to take some time to enjoy the walk down memory lane.**

Now - the history of the club - which I have put together in the form of a

poem. (***Thanks Rosemarie Koenig for your help and input.***)