

The post-event e-mail chatter...

"I continue to count myself lucky that I have been able to be a part of an organization (both AWSP and Student Leadership) that is doing such great work for kids. Thank you again for your (and your staff's) hard work putting this celebration together – you made it look easy, but I know it was not."

"The inclusions of speaking parts for Vince Perez and Kelly Brown, Ken Crawford, Kim Mayer, Zain Paloalto. Bill Lahmann, and Jeff Sabado were terrific yesterday and tomorrow touch points for the audience. I could just see young Bill riding home from camp with Pop Leer. Life changing!!! And the Mt. Adams Singers! WOW!!! What fun to have a sing along. I was watching; there were lots of people in the audience participating with total abandon. What a tribute."

"ABSOLUTELY AMAZING!!! Thank you so much for all of the work you all did."

"It's just like you to thank us for attending. THANK YOU!!!! for making this event happen and for inviting us. I had flat-out the BEST time...Just a brilliant time for reminiscing/hugging/etc., etc., etc... Again, a SOOOOPER event, one which we'll never forget."

"There was only one downside to Saturday night's gathering -- just too little time to catch up...Your visible hand got me into the leadership program which proved to be a significant mark on my life, both in terms of the 25 years I spent at Camp and the corporate leadership world I live in today. I'm not sure I anticipated your lasting impact when we met 35 years ago! For whatever it's worth, thank you. See you at the 75th Reunion."

"My interest in student leadership and its importance, today more than ever, was re-awakened. Thank you. As I reflect on last night's event, I wish that the positive stories about our students, teachers and staff could be touted more. I promise to do my part. I shall be happy to donate the pages of my scrapbook for the archives when I copy them."

"I had a chance, quite accidentally, to bump into one of my former students. She was one of my Kamiakin kids, one of many we sent to leadership camp. She was an absolutely outstanding person at school; her leadership experience at Cispus was one of those life-turning experiences which headed her in the direction of powerful social concern and civic involvement. I was tickled to learn that not only is she a key player on the PLU staff, while she's working on her MBA there, but that she is also spending time each summer at Cispus working at one of the leadership camps. Connecting with my kids is one of the rewards of being a principal, and last night was rich for me that way."

"Great job with the 50th Celebration. First class all the way, from the delicious hors d'oeuvres , the prime rib,...What a wonderful program you all put together.

"Thanks again for helping us celebrate 50 years. The visual presentation gave us the stories we needed for the night and reminded us of the fun camp times. We sang the "Everybody Loves Saturday" night song so those clips were almost X file-esque in their perfection. I sat at the old-timers table. It is hard to describe what happened to them as they watched, listened and were honored...but I truly think we gave them some energy for a few more years on earth. They really didn't know what had happened to the program they started and the visual really gave them images to understand."