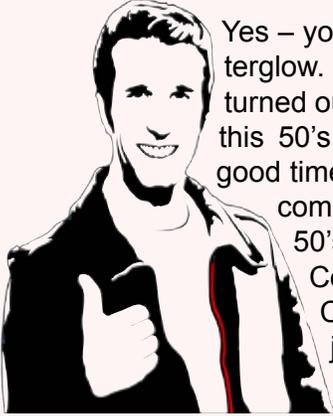


2012 Afterglow Dinner

Gals in poodle skirts with saddle shoes and guys in rolled up jeans with ducktail hair styles – was it a scene from **Happy Days** or was it the Afterglow party at the home of Craig and Dannie McLaughlin?

Article by Dannie McLaughlin



Yes – you guessed it – it was the Afterglow. Almost 50 Club members turned out Saturday, August 11th, for this 50's themed event and truly, a good time was had by all. To the accompaniment of music from the 50's (think Bill Haley and the Comets, Fats Domino, The Coasters), attendees enjoyed an updated version of 50's diner fare: pulled pork, beef, and veggie sliders

were served with onion rings and French fries. And don't forget those adult milk shake shooters. Those were a hit and hopefully those enjoying them the most remember how good they were.



Host Craig McLaughlin greets revelers in the entryway



Jim Hallameyer makes his selection from a well-stocked bar



The back yard patio area



Hosts Craig and Dannie McLaughlin take time off to enjoy a gourmet burger



Harvey Williamson carefully selecting gourmet items from the "Diner"



Polly Kendrick (L) and Katherine Partain are definitely in the spirit of the thing!

There was a contest for the best 1950's dressed guy and gal and the Rummells swept both categories hands down. How could it be otherwise with Nedra's pink hair and matching pink poodle hand bag and Grant's Fonzie-type hair style. He must have been in the salon for hours. And of course there was the always spirited raffle with lots of goodies up for grabs. After winning the jaguar-print back scrubber, Kathleen Steele decided she needed to team up with Paul Novak who won the bath soap. Guess we know what they'll be doing next Saturday night.



The Smiths and Gilligans enjoy cocktails on the back lawn



Grant and Nedra won first prize in both categories for their 50s costumes



Paul won the jaguar soap, Kathleen won the jaguar brush...it's a match made in Kohler heaven!



Maverick Mark Neel and his date Stacy enjoy a 50s libation



Almost new members Bob and Ali Proctor. The arm cast was not part of the 50s theme.



Paul, Nedra and Diane appear to be up to no good..... for a change



Harvey and Tolly Williamson enjoying the raffle

After dinner, Dannie led a tour through the garden which is planted primarily with native and other low water requirement plants. The grotto, koi pond, and waterfall were tour highlights and although the garden path is steep, everyone made it back to the patio safe and sound not to mention thirsty and ready for another drink.



Roger and Diane McDonald having a great time in costume. (Note the cigarettes rolled up in the sleeve)



Craig and Sue Turner (seated) and Polly admire the raffle prizes won by new member Barbara Bray



New member Phyllis Yates (in the biker costume) entertains Stick Holmes during the raffle



Jim Hallameyer, Dick and Ginny Cavicke and others at the beginning of the garden tour



Winding paths took us through acres of Dannie's perfectly manicured gardens



The group stops to rest while Stick asks Dannie a mind-numbingly uninformed botanical question



A beautiful vine-covered portico toward the end of our garden tour. The McLaughlins call this the Grotto.



Stick and Paul discuss the meaning of the lyrics "Bob bopa-a-lu a whop bam boo".

What fun we all had! The Club thanks Craig and Dannie for hosting this exceptional event and inviting us into their lovely home and gardens. They were perfect hosts. Ed.

Not to be outdone by his wife, in addition to his XK120 (not to mention that yellow car taking up a spot in the garage – what did Dan Jensen call it? – a Jagerrari?) Craig had on display his 1957 Ford Thunderbird and his 1958 Corvette. These cars seem to bring back memories for all of us.

The hosts for this event would like to thank everyone who attended. We had a wonderful time and hope all of you did as well.

Cheers,
Craig and Dannie McLaughlin

