

Ft. Lauderdale Reunion

What an amazing reunion we had in early February in the great Florida city of Ft. Lauderdale. Leaving the cold, snowing, sleety, icy northern climes of the Cape and Boston and flying south into the sun and heat was truly an exceptional experience. Our hostess, **Julia Fraser (W'69-CCSC'81 & more)**, outdid herself with the selection of Lago Mar for our reception and lunch. It was a very relaxing and worthwhile experience for the 13 alumni who showed up for the occasion. Joining Julia and Jun Song, my wife, and myself were **Karen Finklestein (W'70-CCSC'77)**, **Midge Fraser Kral (W'65-'70)**, **Jane Levin, Mike Raymond (M'65-'70)**, **John Van Leer (M'53-'55)**, **Lauren Goldman(W'64-'70)**, **Bob Kerr (CCSC'79-'84)**, **Caitlin Sullivan Spaulding (CCSC'89-'99)**, **Tomas Ayala (CCSC'07-'11)** and **Mike Horn (CCSC')**. The reception and lunch reflected intensively on the experience both old and new – Tomas is currently the head counselor of the Guides unit and wants to bring back the original guides song. The discussion ranged from the Middle East to Charter Schools to the car parts industry to global warming and sea level rise. We also learned a lot about how working at Raftco can prepare you for work in one of the larger ports in the United States. With the weather the way it was and the people who showed up – we can't wait for next year to roll around for our next reunion. Of note at this event was Jane Levin. While Jane was not a camper per se – she had an extensive involvement in our camp life, with Berry and James and the rest of our hearty crew in the 70's. Of course she was at Rhode Island School of Design with Robert. She's a realtor in Boynton Beach and would love to sell you something if you are looking at Florida. After this weekend, I'm almost ready.



Henri with our hostess extraordinaire - Julia Fraser



A three hour drive couldn't stop Michael Raymond from sitting next to Bob Kerr



From left to right: Bob Kerr, Midge Fraser Kral, Jane Levin and Julia Fraser



From left to right: John Van Leer, Lauren Goldman, Karen Finklestein and Tomas Ayala



Happy days are here again - our group with the addition of Mike Horn and Caitlin Sullivan Spaulding and Jun Song with Song.