

UTS Alumni meet in Columbus, Ohio

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UTS alumni in Columbus, Ohio may have started a new tradition. On Friday night (July 31, 2015), with 7 alumni gathered at the Akai Hana restaurant was warm, simple, and great. UTS Director of Advancement and Communications, Robin Graham was in Columbus for a Ron Pappalardo “First Blessing” seminar that weekend.

With not very much notice Robin asked Josef Schrattecker to invite the local alumni for a meal together. It was quite short notice but 5 alumni from Columbus and the 2 alumni from out of town were able to share and learn more about each other. Attending were Robin and Josef, also Wiveka Lamson, Jongdug Kim, Charles Kannal, Ron Pappalardo, and Frank Sanchez (UTS’01).

Whenever an invitation comes from UTS there may be some suspicion: “what’s the catch.” I think all were relieved that Robin Graham had no secret agenda. Tales were told, life stories shared. All survived the evening without having to go fund raising or to rally around a new campaign. What did happen is that all seven alumni came to the seminar that weekend and really deepened bonds of heart and appreciation for one another.



Wiveka and Michael Lamson

I hope that the Columbus alumni meet again every few months and share like we did over a dinner (a really great restaurant). Increased fellowship can lead to greater awareness of each other's talents and abilities. It was also fun and enjoyable.



Charles and Misako Kannal



Frank Sanchez and family



Josef and Tomiyo Schrattenecke