

This Celebration Was Well Worth Wait

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Now was *that* a party or what?

Rarely does a big event exceed expectations, but our tribute to the 1972 White Sox did just that on Monday night.

It was sight to see Dick and Hank Allen, Tom Bradley, Rich Gossage, Roland Hemond, Carlos May, Bill Melton and Ed Spiezio exchange war stories. Former batboys Rory Clark and Jim Riley told some of the best ones, a few of which could even be made public.

Emcees Mark Liptak and Richard Roeper and organist Nancy Faust brought their A games as usual.

Emotional? Heck, when Hemond received the Executive of the Year Award that he never got 40 years ago, I don't know who was choked up more – him or me.

“We've got to do this again in 2022,” Hemond said.

The sooner, the better, I say.