

THIS FROM RAY HENDRICKS ABOUT LAST NIGHT. SO COOL.

Getting up this morning and reflecting. Yesterday evening was like a dream. Never been treated like that before. To have a Limo pick me up and come around the vehicle to open my door was surreal, and to have drinks inside if I wanted them and for the driver to ask me if he needed to drive to where my date was to pick her up. That was special. I don't know if you ever been to Live Casino before but that main entrance is something to behold on a Saturday night, limos lined up and cars parked next to the Casino door that must have cost close to a 100, 000 or more.

But mainly, the CEO moved her seat to have a chat with me before she went up to the stage to preside over the dinner crowd to talk about me. She knows about Dupont and said, how do you manage that? And laughed. She said , I want you to know that I have a lot to say about you up there and she did, she also read a number of messages from a number of CHOP Staff including people I work with who credited their knowledge from me taking the time to help them. When she finished, she asked me to stand and when I did , the entire room stood and gave me a long standing ovation that seemed to last forever. There was never a moment I could remember like that and I can't imagine one that could top that moment. After that, so many people came over to my table to shake my hand and so many said, I can't imagine 50 years!

Some people who were there being honored for 30, and 40 were even saying that they will not be around to hit 50 and some made nice comments about how I didn't look like a person who would be around for 50 years. I got about 10 kisses on the cheek from women, many introducing me to their husbands and so many coming over to my table to congratulate me so often that I never finished eating. Eventually a lady got me up to dance and I got a little carried away and started spinning and sliding with the music so I began to notice some people stopping to watch me which was nice. Just a great night. Just about everyone had a date which would have been nice to share that moment with and I wish I did but it wasn't meant to be.

The Limo was waiting for me when I left and I was so caught up in all of the attention that I forgot the bag that had my gift in it by the time I got home so I guess someone has a nice whatever it was to take home or sell but I think that it probably was another medal about 50 years. Hopefully it can be sent back to CHOP and I'll get it later but if not, I can't complain if I don't. Back to reality now.