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After I got home from our day at Calamigos Ranch, I was reminded of “The Grinch that Stole Christmas.” We had a crawfish boil without crawfish, just like the Who’s celebrated Christmas without gifts and decorations. As people were told that we don’t have crawfish but we do have beer, barbeque and Lisa Haley and the Zydecats, they just said “Great – we’ll have a good time!” I could not have been prouder of the LSU, Tulane and Loyola Alumni. You made me realize that what is most important about our Crawfish Boil is getting together and celebrating our friendships, memories and the culture of Louisiana. We had some drinks, some laughs, some great barbeque and danced to Lisa Haley and the Zydecats and just passed a good time.

Thank you so much to Merv Crist and the people from Prime Cut prepping an outstanding barbeque for us. Special thanks to Soroor Campbell, an LSU Alumnus and manager at Calamigos Ranch, for all the support she gave us. What a great day of fun they provided us!!!! They rolled with everything and gave us whatever we needed. And thanks to Bart Cleveland of Mr. Pockets for delivering the Abita Beer as well as all the support he provides throughout the year! Thank you to Amy Frederick who designed our poster and to Gabe & Final Film for printing them.

To all of the board members of the Southern California LSU Alumni Association – THANK YOU!!! JP Barr for his tireless work on collecting funds for this and taking care of all the details and selling all those raffle tickets. Heather Thompson, Karen Lear and Melissa Corchren did a great job on the silent auction and raffle prizes. Nat Sonnier provided us with much of the merchandise for this, including an LSU golf bag. Kirk Bovil for getting all the autographed footballs and basketballs. Thanks to Cathy Mueller for all the hard work on keeping the web site updated and all of her help. One more thank you to Steve Brown. You’ve been an inspiration to us all and you were a very calming, reassuring voice yesterday.

Thank you to Dr. Charlie Roberts and all the great people with the LSU Alumni Association. All the help and support provided by you throughout the year is truly appreciated.

Last, but definitely not least, thank you to Ralph Beauchamp! He has grown to love LSU and he assists me with so many activities such as the raffle prizes, college fairs and get-togethers. He attends all of our activities and promotes LSU with the fervor of being a Tiger even though he’s a SUNY-Stony Brook Seawolf.

There are so many others that have helped and provide support to us as well and thank you to each of you. And thank you to all that participate in being a member of the Southern California LSU Alumni Association. All of you are what makes each event and football view-in possible.

Sincerely,
Charles “Charley” Jeffery