



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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INTRODUCING NEW PRINCIPAL

Dear Taft Alumni:

It is with great pleasure that I am looking forward to working with you. Your ongoing interest in Taft and participation is an inspiration. I want to take advantage of the opportunities that you offer to support our students and give them the chance to come to appreciate, respect, and LOVE Taft the way you do.

It is my sincere hope that whenever you can share what you experienced at Taft, with our students, that we provide the time to do so. They need to know how your experiences and involvement at Taft helped promote your development and paved your road to success. By you taking the time to show how significant Taft has been in shaping your lives, I hope that the same things can happen for our present student body if they will take the time to get involved.

Thank you for extending your hands in support and for your many gifts.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas A. Brown
Principal

PRESIDENT'S NOTE: *If anyone would like to assist in a mentor program or Taft in any other way contact Tom Brown, Principal at (773) 534-1000 or myself.*

END OF AN ERA

As one of the Chicago school system's longest-term employee, **Anita Richter** retired this past June. She started in 1944 teaching in various elementary school before joining Taft in the mid-60s. It was here she started her career in the area she loved the most - the library. Two generations of Taft students have benefited from the friendly and helpful support when in Taft's library. Mrs. Richter was a major player when the library moved into the new addition (1975 version) and expanded into the LRC (Learning Resource Center). Her enthusiasm carried through the students and others who asked for assistance in locating materials for history projects, Bicentennial research projects, Taft's 50th Anniversary celebration and others.

We wish her well in her "next" career of traveling, docent work with the Art Institute and other "fun" retirement activities.

COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE NEEDS PARTICIPANTS

The Taft High School Drama Club is looking for any interested alumni who would like to be a part of the community performance they will be producing this year. The script of the show will not be purchased, but instead will be written and created from stories of real life experiences found in the Taft community: students, alumni, parents, faculty, etc. The hope is to give students an opportunity to express themselves creatively, to interact with some older adults who have something in common with them, to gain an understanding of the history and community of the school they attend, and to develop many skills too hard to explain here.

Kathy Klink, the English teacher sponsoring this performance, would like to find a few alumni willing to do some performing. No matter what time you may have to assist in this, she is sure they can find a way to use you. Please call her **NOW** with any questions, suggestions or offers for help at (847)622-8984.

CLASS REUNIONS

CLASS OF 1946

Date: November 3-6, 1997
Place: Carnival Cruise Ship
Contact: **Barbara Loesch** -
1822 Coquina Drive
Sarasota, FL 34231

CLASS OF 1948

Date: September 19, 1998
Place: Holiday Inn - O'Hare
Contact: **Frank Heyer**- 773/631-4701

CLASS OF JANUARY/JUNE, 1953

Date: May 16, 1998
Place: Marriott O'Hare
Contact: **Fran Hughes** - 847/698-5475

CLASS OF JANUARY/JUNE, 1958

Date: August, 1998
Place: To be advised
Contact: **Barbara Stewart** - 773/775-7428

CLASS OF JANUARY/JUNE, 1960

Date: To be advised next issue
Place: To be advised
Planning Stage Contacts:

Stu Dunn - 847/948-8063
Shirley (Kalivoda) DeWeese -
847/885-8655

CLASS OF 1968

Date: Summer, 1998
Contact: Reunions Ltd. - 847/229-1123

CLASS OF 1977

Date: October 18, 1997
Place: Rosemont Convention Center
Contact: Reunions, Ltd. - 847/229-1123

EBINGER, CLASS OF 1967

Date: October 11, 1997
Place: Plentywood Farms, Bensonville
Contact: Barb Le Master - 630/369-5347

JANUARY CLASS OF 1957 CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

Some 95 alumni, spouses and friends attended the January 1957 40th high school reunion at the Wyndham Hotel in Itasca May 24, 1997.

A super time was had by all! The festivities began with cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner at 7:30 and dancing at 9:00. Music and entertainment was provided by *Sounds Abound*.

The reunion committee included **Ed Bradley, Leo Drummer, Irene Boer McInerney, Ron Enck, Marcellyn Haerr Norris, Marilyn Lane Kellerman, Judy Olson Subach**, and **Herb Paske**. The evening was hosted by **Ed Bradley**, Class President, **Nancy Dinella Mucha**, VP, **Herb Paske**, Treasurer, and Secretary, **Marilyn Lane Kellerman**. Inspirational comments were made by **Leo Drummer, Dick Traugott**, and **Bob Duchaj**.

The reunion committee met again on Friday, August 1st in Schaumburg at Joe's Crab Shack to recap the reunion. Alums, let the committee know when you want

the next reunion...5 years?...10 years? See you there!

The committee: Standing L-R: Ron Enck, Ed Bradley, Leo Drummer, Herb Paske; seated L-R: Marcellyn Haerr Norris, Irene Boer

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McInerney, Marilyn Lane Kellerman, Judy Olson Subach.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The following is the 1997 version of appropriate attire for Taft students, as approved by the Taft LSC (Local School Council). How has it changed since **you** attended? Sign of the times...

Students shall observe the basic standards of cleanliness and modesty. Every student should practice good grooming, and their clothing should reflect good taste. Students should dress in an appropriate manner that is neither disruptive to the educational program nor poses a safety hazard.

The following rules will be enforced during the school year.

1. Shorts may not be worn at anytime. (Shorts include any length shorter than the ankle, below the knee length or mid-calf is not acceptable)
2. No obscene or offensive writing will be allowed on any article of clothing. (offensive writing may include gang related symbols, insignias or colors); (no item may be worn in a manner viewed as gang-related or associated with gang representation such as uneven pant legs or straps, shoelaces, socks or jewelry, earrings, hair ornaments, picks or combs worn in the hair.)
3. All pants and jeans must be worn at the waistline. (the waistband and belt, if worn, must be fastened

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securely)

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4. No spandex or bare midriff tops will be allowed. (midriff tops are tops permitting skin of the stomach, sides and back of the body to be visible, when arms are stretched above one's head; no revealing clothing no holes in clothing, no sleeveless or tops with straps, no underwear showing)
5. Skirts or dresses should be not shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
6. No caps or coats are to be worn in the building at any time during the school day. (outer wear garments, garments with hoods, scarves, bandannas, headbands or other head covers are not permitted)
7. Underwear tops will not be worn as outer garments.
8. No see-through or semi-transparent garments will be allowed.

Students who are appropriately dressed reflect the importance of coming to school for an education. Dress codes begin at home with parental inspection before the student leaves for school.

Students improperly dressed will be sent home and marked absent unexcused.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Kay, It's so nice to find my Taft Alumni Newsletter amongst the mail. Again, many thanks for your loving dedication to that Taft High "Old Gang of Mine". Until later, have a happy, healthy and wonderful summer.

Vera Kovach (June, 1942)

Dear Kay: I have been receiving the Taft Alumni Newsletter for about two years now and find it very interesting.

I graduated from Taft in June, 1952 and while I was there I do not think I realized what the school had given me at that time. Yes, it was the basis of a foundation for my formal education which looking back on it was its purpose. What I now realize is that it also introduced me to broaden by horizons to work with people and appreciate them for what they were: human beings with all their weaknesses and strengths. It was this experience that helped me through life to the success that I currently appreciate.

So, thanks to Taft and the teaching staff and student body for an invaluable experience! I would also be remiss if I did not mention the photo of your last issue of the girls from Alpha Gamma. I dated one of those ladies for a while and I must admit she looked great back then and she still looks great!

Jim Nielsen (June, 1952)

Dear Kay, Reading the different letters that have come in, Betty Baggus' letter caught my eye. Really took me back to my childhood.

My buddy **Sis (Holden) Harris** and I used to walk the RR tracks from Norwood to Park Ridge to see the

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movies, too. I lived on the corner of Neva and Avondale and Sis on Nordica. We've been together since

Kindergarten and now live a mile or so from each other. We still haven't forgotten that little child in us and every once in awhile "they" pop out, like having a hot fudge sundae when we go out for Sunday breakfast after church, or giving our "Tarzan" call when we spot each other at a distance. (Our kids could never quite master doing it!)

At present I'm a caregiver to my two-year old granddaughter. She was 2 lbs at birth and God's miracle gift to us. She's bright and healthy and keeps me young in many ways.

Sure would love to make the Norwood Grammar School reunion in September, but send my love and best to all.

Mary Lou (Enger) Krakowski (June, 1942)

Dear Kay & Staff: Thanks for all you do in making our Taft High School so special. It holds a very unique spot in our hearts. Enclosed find renewal dues. Our best to all of you. Sincerely,

Don & Joanne Black (classes of June 1949 and 1951)

Taft Alumni Association: Enclosed is my check to renew the Taft Newsletter. I have really enjoyed it and occasionally see a familiar name. Can you reveal the name of the person who donates the page on 1942? Enclosed is a self addressed and stamped envelope. This page is always "special" for me.

I also enjoyed an article in the last issue about Dr. Buchwalter. Being of German heritage I too took German with her as my teacher and many days I was apprehensive about attending class.

Keep up the good coverage.

Lois Sommerfeld Swanson (1942) San Jose, CA
P.S. Will there ever be another 1942 reunion?

Dear Class of '61: After 37 years of no touch with anyone except a few, I am finally getting on your mailing list. Wow!

Marge (McLean) Kullman, Bernadette (Bernard) Lentz and I, **Linda Buckardt (Jacob-son)** all went to Las Vegas to celebrate our fiftieth birthdays! It seems like that was only yesterday.

Then last April, Margie, Bernie, **Karen Gatz (Hanson)** and I went to Opryland in Nashville, to celebrate our 40 years of friendship. When we were there, we really reminisced about our high school days. We even broke into the Taft Fight Song, which has been etched in long term memory.

We are already thinking about our next trip because we have already thought up an excuse for going on another trip; our 55th you know what!

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It's been great catching up on some news!
Linda (Jacobson) Buckardt (June, 1961)

Dear Kay, I thank you so much for the Taft news-letter.

It is so great to read and keep up with all the folks from my year.

I was never able to keep up with any of my friends in school because of moving to Spokane; so the newsletter is my life line of the past and now.

If you know of any gals from my year and would like to correspond, please let me know.

Carole Mathis (June, 1956) Spokane, WA

Hi Kay, Many, many thanks for your devotion and loyalty to all of us out here. You are much appreciated - and we hope good health has returned to you.

Seems several classes have claim on "Smallest Class" to graduate in Good Ole Taft High Auditorium. Please add the class of Jan. 28, 1943 to your list. We were 127 strong, and **Leo A. Hoefler**, Principal gave an inspiring message to send us out into the world at a perilous time. Each graduate received five tickets for self, family and friends.

Bless you and your staff for all you do.

Marianne Harris (January, 1943) Sebastian, FL

Dear Ms. Kuciak, Enclosed is my \$10 for annual dues for the Taft newsletter. I read it cover to cover and do so appreciate your sending it. I do look forward to it very much.

In your last issue **Dolores Anderson Johnson** wrote her class of January, 1944 was the first 4-year class to go through Taft and graduate there. Well, my class "June 1943" was known as the "Founder's Class" - as we started at Taft in September, 1939 - graduating June, 1943. Ours was the largest up till that time so we [held our graduation ceremony] at Steinmetz.

With W.W.II going on, we were buying bonds and stamps for the war effort and some of our boys were already in the armed forces. We were all so patriotic!

Several teachers were favorites of mine - Ms. **Virginia Clark** was a charming person; she taught my Spanish class and made it fun - and to the other extreme, Mr. **Joseph Korzen** was my US History teacher. He was more serious, and had a nickname of "Nails" - because he "was as hard as..." Some of our teachers had also gone into the Armed Forces.

We even had "silk and nylon stocking drives". The silk ones were used for ammunition powder bags and the nylons were used for parachutes - all to help the war effort.

I have wonderful memories of those years - and have several friends I still am in contact with - 54 years later!

Thanks again for the newsletter. Keep up the good work. Sincerely,

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Mary (Nemeth) Kovacs (June, 1943) Arcadia, CA

I enjoy the newsletter but I must admit, alot of it makes me cringe. Dont you have an editor that knows grammar? I confess I "red-pen" 20-30 errors in spelling, syntax, & punctuation, etc. Since your staff supposedly

graduated from Taft, lets show even more pride by displaying what we learned!

Laura Nathanson (June, 1968)

[Ed. note: We also take pride in our efforts here, but choose to print letters from alumnus "as is" and do not change syntax, spelling, etc. unless in poor taste or error that might cause others confusion. We even printed your letter "as is". Can you find your 4 grammatical "mistakes"? J. Bloom, Editor]

Dear Kay, The Taft Alumni Association and Newsletter are both greatly appreciated and unique. There are few high schools from large cities that have this kind of support and long-term relationships with and between former students. I applaud Jerry and you for the wonderful work you are doing.

I was first made aware of the Association from a former Taftite and co-worker in United Airlines' World Headquarters in Elk Grove. The word continues to spread to alumni throughout the country. **Tony Wesley Diltz, Jerry Meyer** and **Donna Mills** and I graduated from Taft in June 1958. (Jerry, Donna and I have known each other since our early years at Garvey school.) We all live in the Los Angeles area and maintain contact. Donna recently hosted a dinner for the three of us and our spouses at her beautiful Beverly Hills home. We continue to share memories of Taft and our old neighborhood.

I've thoroughly enjoyed reading the newsletters and seeing names that I haven't heard in many years -- including teachers. It's not surprising to see how many people mention **Ms. Edith Strandberg**. Those of us who were in her English classes built our vocabularies and writing skills immensely. She prepared us well for college and career. Mr. **Jim Stamm** not only led our Mixed Chorus to a superior rating in our first city-wide competition, he also taught us how to appreciate and value good music.

Thank you for your support for the Taft network and for the contributions to make on behalf of its graduates. Keep the Eagles soaring!

Sincerely, **Ron Napier** (June, 1958)

Dear Kay, Thank you for the wonderful work you do in providing this Taft newsletter to its alumni. I sure-ly enjoy hearing bits and pieces of the past. If ever in St. Louis, any Taft alum is welcome to call and come for a visit.

Gail (Galla) Nehrig (class of 1968) St. Louis, MO

Dear Kay, I just wanted to send a note to say that I enjoy

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receiving the newsletter. Living in South Dakota, its nice to hear what's happening with the school and former classmates.

I've thought of what a large graduating class I was part of, and how my two children will be attending a high

school with graduating classes of 30. We only have one HS in town and until recently the farm kids near us attended the one room schoolhouse. Now they get to go to the "big city" where our population is around 1500. We're the biggest town for miles. The whole population of S. D. is approx. 650,000 (Big difference from Chicago!)

Mary (Bonocore) Wilson (1984) Lemmon, SD
P.S. Hello to the class of 1984.

Dear Kay, I received your Summer 1997 issue of Taft Alumni Newsletter and enjoyed reading the issue. Let me introduce myself, I am Jane Thiel, **Robert Thiel** was my husband. He was a member of the Dukes of Rhythm Band, which was pictured in your summer issue. **Walt Stecher** (class of 1947) had written a letter wondering what had happened to many of the band members so I thought I would fill you in on what Robert Thiel did after leaving Taft High School.

For many years Bob traveled in the music business throughout the South and on the Eastern coast. He eventually resided in New Orleans, playing with Louie Prima at the Club 500. Traveled to Las Vegas, appeared several times there, returned to New Orleans for a short time and in 1958 settled in San Diego, CA. There, he remained in the music business, and pursued a career in the insurance business. In 1992 returned after 33 years selling insurance. Bob was in poor health the last few years and passed away February 10, 1997 of cancer. He has a son, named Brad who will be 30 this year and I was married to him since 1964.

The picture in your newsletter shows Bob sitting on the left side, not **Dick Valasic** as mentioned. Bob first played the trumpet, however, he was a self-taught pianist and was very well respected as one of the finest here in San Diego. He truly was blessed with talent and at an early age his son was a drummer and followed his father's footsteps with music while in school.

Please use the enclosed check to add to your Alumni Association in Bob's memory.

Sincerely, **Jane Thiel** Santee, CA

Dear Kay, Recently four of us ladies who graduated June 1944 got together for lunch, it was great! On June 21, 1944 there were seven of us who went downtown Chicago to the Bismarck Hotel (Walnut Room). The four of us who got together are: **Lorraine Kostelny, Mary Jean Plato, Elynor Igas, Elaine (Kucera) Lovelady**. The three we'd like to locate are: **Phyllis Graham, Alice Hackmeister** and **Helen Schmidt**. Enclosed please find \$15, \$5 donation for each lady; here's hoping someone will know about them.

Elaine (Kucera Lovelady) (June, 1944) (Contact Kay Kuciak, 47 W. Lancaster Lane, Des Plaines, IL 60018)

Dear Kay, I'd like to add a couple of thoughts to Sue Henriksen's (Krumm) recollections about Edith Stranberg. The name of the poem we all had to memorize was "To The Virgins To Make Much Of Time" by Robert Herrick. (Hey, you just thought I was

constantly goofing off in class – my mind was a steel trap.

The guys, of course, had many suggestions on how the virgins should make much of their time, mainly by becoming former virgins! We had, sadly, very few takers of our generous offer to make our female classmates women.

One last thing – Is the class of June, '62 ever going to have another reunion?

The 25th was awesome (Lois couldn't keep her hands off of me – and that's while I was dancing with my wife.)

Or did I miss something? (We get mail in Cleveland, will have phone service shortly.)

I'd like to see everyone before we get so old we'll be doing a square dance in wheel chairs. Any of you '62 movers and shakers interested in picking a year? A date?

Keep up the great work, Kay and Tom. I know the newsletter is a labor of love, but it is still a labor. Thanks for making it happen.

Ken The Pen Lindenau (June 1962)

WHO IS SMALLEST CLASS?

In reference to the smallest class claim - of January, 1944 - 139, see the *Taft Tribune* - January 22, 1946

15 Servicemen Included in

Taft Graduating Class of Jan., 1946

Having completed required amounts of credits while in Armed Forces, 15 service men will increase the January graduating class membership to 146.

11 of 15 students correspondence courses through Armed Forces; 3 of 15 through G.E.D.; 1 of 15 in Schurz evening school.

Official class graduates 146

Servicemen -15

Graduated in Taft Auditorium 131

January 31st - 8 PM

We are proud to have them included in the class of January, 1946.

Dear Kay: Thank you for your devotion to Taft.

Unbelievable the fine students I had. **Carol Sanders Lauber, Debbie Salem, Ted Penesis** and a lad? **McDonough**.

I photocopied the enclosed from my page in Edgebrook Times Review. Feel free to use it.

The best, **Mila Nolan** (retired Taft music teacher)

[Ed. note: see the excerpt on **Jennie Kiesling** in "Names in the News" section. J. Bloom, Ed.]

DONATION THANK YOU

We recently received a complete collection of Taft Trib's from 1940 through 1943. What a marvelous gift for our archives! Special thanks to **George Killoren** (June, 1943) for the many years of preserving this memorabilia and for his generous donation of his personal "treasure"

to us.

REMEMBERING OUR TEACHERS...

Dear Kay, I appreciated your forwarding the Summer issue of the Taft Alumni Newsletter to me at my new home in Hilton Head Island, SC. I am impressed by your willingness to make that extra effort. Thanks!

We began building our new home on the 6th green of Long Cove Club in January of this year and moved in 6 weeks ago.

...Even though Taft is far away, the newsletter has been a means of bringing back great memories. Thank you and your staff for all of your efforts.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading about "Favorite Teachers". Many of mine have already been mentioned. I will never forget dear **Mr. McCalmont**, who taught Chemistry. I got to know him when I worked in the Program Office (before computerized programming, of course, when each student's schedule was hand-done by a group of student volunteers, over-seen by **Mr. Bigler**, **Miss Fox** and **Mr. Mac**. I was a shy, quiet person, and getting to know these teachers informally made a big impact on me. **Mr. McCalmont**, in particular, boosted my self esteem and confidence. It was he who steered me to the "big U of I" when I was unsure of my own abilities, a decision that has made my life rich and fulfilling.

Another great influence on me was **Mr. Blacharski**. I learned so much from his Latin classes and I was even fortunate to have him for Freshman English, although I didn't appreciate that at the time!

Another great influence was **Miss Edith Strandberg**. Those vocabulary words we'd find in the Chicago Tribune Book Magazine and print 3 times each, 3 times a week are still a part of me. She did so much to get us ready for college. I think of her whenever one of those words appears in print or in conversation.

Taft High School was a wonderful part of my life. The Newsletter is a great reminder. Keep up the good work! Sincerely,

Christine Wojtas Zally (June, 1958)

Dear Kay: [TAFTALUM@aol.com] I just finished reading the summer 1997 issue of the Taft Alumni letter. I wouldn't have written had it not been for the letter from **Stu Dunn** (June, 1960). It brought back many fond memories of my four years, but his last paragraph citing the lack of reunions for the class of 1960, was the catalyst to write.

I agree with Stu. For having one of the largest classes of its time, and only one reunion, is pretty pathetic. Our class, June 1960, was on the cutting edge of an era. Rock-n-Roll, Vietnam and its turmoil, and the birth of the information age. I believe the latter has had

the greatest impact on all of us.

We need to welcome in the 21st Century with our 40th anniversary reunion. I would be more than willing to assist in at least ascertaining if the interest is there. There are organizations that specialize in reunions. With ten or twenty classmates, willing to put forth the time and effort we could organize and plan a truly memorable event.

I think about some of the teachers who forty years later, stir up memories as if there were yesterday. Who could ever forget the antics and theatrics of **Miss Grosser**, the Biology teacher? If you hadn't been one of the fortunate few to witness a grown woman jump up and down on your bug collection, then you missed one of Taft's finest hours.

Remember those ladies in the lunch room who fried our hamburgers, and salted them without a shaker? Hot dogs the color of tombstones. Hamburger buns that could seal pot holes. And the veggies from who know where.

There are a few Taft Alumni, including myself, that share in the antics and pranks of a certain 9th period Physics class taught by **Marie Muscarello**. That was her first semester teaching, and probably aged her five years, considering it was the best of the class clowns. I hope she has done well.

I spent many afternoons sitting in that cramped and undersized office in the company of the dreaded **Mr. Dunn**, the **Adjustment Counselor**. He just didn't have a sense of humor, and probably still doesn't.

Two of the sweetest English teachers were **Mrs. Anderson** and **Mrs. Fidler**. They both had the patience of saints, and the gift to teach. They didn't come any better.

If you loved music, you of course, loved **Mr. Stamm**. What a piece of work!

Who could ever forget **Miss Varvetto**, and her favorite line to those who talked too much, or did anything, "cease and desist". And **Mr. Needham**, who took the time to listen. He will be missed.

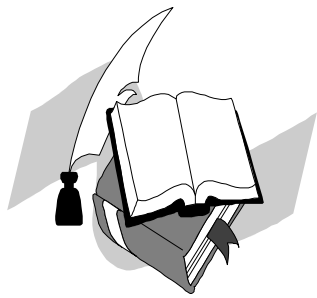
If it hadn't been for **Mrs. Johnson**, I wouldn't be typing this letter. Where are they today?

Dennis Anderson (June, 1960), Wheaton, IL 60187. DENBASSDUPAGE@worldnet.att.net

Dear Kay, My weekly mail fills a shopping bag, but the Taft Newsletter is one of the first things I open: it's like a letter from home. Not that we should live in the past, but good memories never hurt anyone!

What a great story from **Bob Hoeckelberg** (June, 1950) about his experiences with **Dr. Buchwalter**! I labored through 3-1/2 years of German, myself, until my family moved away. **Dr. Buchwalter** was tough, but she

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1940s

ROBERT VAN ARSDELL (JUNE 1940) lives in Rockville, MD, has 3 children and is a retired accountant.

DOUGLAS SMALL (JUNE 1941) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a retired salesman.

EVELYN (SCHNEIDER) HERBSTER (JANUARY 1942) lives in Chicago, has 5 children and 11 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT IWEMA (JANUARY 1942) **MARRIED FRANCES (MATAYKA)** (JANUARY 1948) and they live in Fullerton, CA.

VIVIAN (CRIPTE) LUTZ (JANUARY 1942) lives in Franklin Park, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

DAN NOVAK (JANUARY 1942) graduated from Northwestern BS 1948, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 5 children and 12 grandchildren and is a retired Corp. Officer.

ELAINE (ANDERSON) OTT (JANUARY 1942) lives in Lake Barrington, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

NANCY (GRAY) TROYER (JANUARY 1942) graduated from Chgo Art Inst BFA 1946, Natl College of ED Med 1961, Northwestern PhD 1978, lives in Walnut Creek, CA, has 2 children (twins) and is an Art Historian who has lived in Italy & Japan.

GEORGE HANKE (JUNE 1942) graduated from Northwestern BS 1947, Grad School 1948, lives in Sturgeon Bay, WI, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired High School Teacher.

ROBERT LEE JOHNSON (JUNE 1942) graduated from U of Louisville BS 1944, Northwestern MD 1956, lives in Port Edwards, WI and is a retired Doctor.

MARY LOU (ENGER) KRAKOWSKI (JUNE 1942), lives in Sebastian, FL, has 4 children and 4 grandchildren and is a housewife.

CLASS NOTES

MARION (PITTATSI) LUTZOW (JUNE 1942) lives in Spring Grove, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild and is a office manager for interior designer.

HENRIETTA (WIATER) SMITH (JUNE 1942) lives in Clearwater, FL, has 5 children and works in the Avon Complaint Department.

SHIRLEE (JASPER) HOLLANDER (JANUARY 1943) graduated from Chgo Teachers BS, Natl Louis MA, has 3 children, lives in Chicago and is a Resource Teacher at Beaubien School.

RAY SWANSON (JUNE 1943) has 2 children and lives in St Charles, IL.

OLIVER TODD (JUNE 1943) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 16 children and is the owner of a stamp and sports card store in Des Plaines.

HENRY JUERGENSEN (JANUARY 1944) **MARRIED EVELYN (PYZIK)** (JUNE 1944), they have 2 children and 5 grandchildren, are retired and live in Mt Prospect, IL.

EDWARD FERGUSON (JUNE 1944) graduated from Northern BSME 1949, Harvard MBA 1954, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 4 children and is retired.

HAROLD ALVIN (JUNE 1945) **MARRIED NANCY (ANDERSON)** (JANUARY 1949) Harold graduated from U of I BS 1950, they have 4 children, live in Trevor, WI where he owns a nursery and Nancy is a Christian Education Consultant and curriculum writer.

JEAN (LOVE) MICHAELS-FISHWICK (JUNE 1945) lives in Grover Beach, CA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired Teacher.

GERRY (SHRAMEK) PAYSON (JUNE 1945) graduated from U of I B Mus 1955, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 2 children and is a retired musician.

DAN VRABEC (JUNE 1945) graduated from Chgo Academy - Institute of Design, lives in Barrington, IL, has 2 children and is a retired graphic designer.

LORRAINE (KOEHLER) BISCOLL (JANUARY 1946)

graduated from Drake BA 1950, lives in West Chester, PA, has 2 children and is housewife.

DOROTHY (BOWEN) MICHELSON (JANUARY 1946) graduated from Northern BA 1964, has 2 children, is a retired teacher and has homes in Punta Gorda, FL and Park Rapids, MN.

JOANNE (ALITIS) BAHNSEN (JUNE 1946) lives in Rio Rancho, NM, has 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

MARIJEAN (MEISNER) FLOM (JUNE 1946) graduated from Lawrence BA 1950, lives in Minneapolis, MN, has 3 children and 5 grandchildren and is retired from Special Education.

HERB HARABURD (JUNE 1946) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1951, Oakton Community College 1980, lives in Tampa, FL, has 3 children and is an Industrial realtor.

CHARLES JAMIESON (JUNE 1946) graduated from De Paul BSC 1950, lives in So Barrington, IL, has 2 children and is a CPA.

JACK MORAN (JUNE 1946) graduated from U of MO BS 1951, lives in Glenview, IL, has 2 children and is an ad exec.

LORRAINE (DRAB) PERLINI (JUNE 1946) graduated from St Annes School of Nursing, lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 5 children, 9 grandchildren and is an RN.

THEODORE WITTHOEFT (JANUARY 1947) **MARRIED RUTH (EGELAND)** (January 1950), they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 1 child and he is very involved with the Shriners Marching Unit.

LOIS (DIEBALL) COFFMAN (JUNE 1947) lives in Graeagle, CA, has 2 children and is now retired after living and working for 6 years in Yosemite Natl Park.

DON EYCHANER (JUNE 1947) lives in Wheaton, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

MARY ANN (PASHKE) JOHN (JUNE 1947) lives in Lake Zurich, IL and has 3 children.

ROBERT WILSON (JUNE 1947) **MARRIED JOAN (HACKELL)** (JUNE 1947) they have 4 children, live in Sarasota, FL

where he is the owner of a construction company.

ART BIESENTHAL (JANUARY 1948) graduated from St Norbert BA 1952, lives in New Berlin, WI, has 2 children and is retired.

DOROTHY (BIEKING) HALVERSEN (JANUARY 1948) lives in Old Town, FL, has 4 children and is retired.

JOHN NELSON (JANUARY 1948) graduated from Purdue BS 1952, MS 1953, U of MN PhD 1961, lives in Indianola, WA and is retired.

JACQUELINE RAFF (JANUARY 1948) lives in Eden Prairie, MN, has 3 children and is a homemaker/musician.

RICHARD AKIN (1948) graduated from Santa Ana College AA 1965, lives in Pagosa Springs, CO, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is owner of Telecom Data Consultants.

MIRIAM (MARUM) DE BREAU (JUNE 1948) lives in Glendale, AZ, has 2 children and 2 grandchildren and is a Genealogist.

CHARLOTTE (LEONARD) MEDLEY (JUNE 1948) lives in Sevierville, TN, has 2 children and is retired.

WANDA (NELSON) STENZEL (JUNE 1948) graduated from North Park AA 1950, lives in Princeton, IL, has 4 children and 9 grandchildren and is a piano teacher.

FRANK STREMMEL (June 1948) **GRADUATED FROM u OF Tampa** BS 1958, lives in Pensacola, FL, has 4 children and is retired.

ROSEMARY (MARTIN) WEBER (JUNE 1948) graduated IL College BA 1953, lives in Leland, IL, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

SISTER AGNES ZAROSKI (JUNE 1948) graduated from De Paul BA Philosophy 1962, U of MI MA 1968, lives in Clarksdale, MS where she is Pastoral Associate of a small African-American Parish.

ARVID ALVIN (JUNE 1949) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a supt./estimator.

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ROBERT LILLA (JUNE 1949) lives in Northbrook, IL and is a golf director at Green Acres C.C..

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NORMAN JOHNSON (JANUARY 1950) graduated from U of I BS, lives in Mt Prospect, IL and has 2 children.

MARGUERITE (NICODEM) RING (JANUARY 1950) MARRIED WILLIAM (JANUARY 1950) he graduated from Youngstown St BA Kent St MA Trinity Seminary, they live in Sun City Center, FL, have 3 children and 3 grandchildren and he is a retired Clergyman.

JAMES ALCOE (JUNE 1951) MARRIED CAROL (VANNERSON) (JUNE 1951), he graduated from Coe College BA 1955, Carol graduated from IL State BS 1955, they live in Hayward, WI, have 4 children and 6 grandchildren and are retired.

ALICE (ARMSTRONG) ENGELKING (JUNE 1951) graduated from IL Masonic Hospital 1956, lives in San Antonio, TX, has 4 children and 2 grandchildren and is a retired nurse.

PAT (DOLESH) KUBIAK (JUNE 1951) graduated from St Elizabeth School of Nursing 1954, lives in Itasca, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

THOMAS MAZUR (JUNE 1951) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1955, lives in Albany, GA, has 2 children and 5 grandchildren and is retired.

JIM NIELSEN (JUNE 1952) graduated from Loyola BA Commerce, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a retired investor.

SHIRLEY (BURHOP) IVERSON (JUNE 1952) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 3 children and is a housewife.

KENNETH ZELL (JUNE 1952) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is retired.

BARBARA (STENDAHL) BEHRENS (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Chicago Teachers 1955, Harper Dental Hygiene 1978, lives in Palatine, IL, has 6 children and is a dental hygienist.

WILLIAM BRUHN (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chicago and is a tool & die maker.

JOHN LYCOS (JANUARY 1953) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 1 child and is a broker/buyer.

RICHARD SCHIEFELBEIN (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Ripon College BA 1961, Northern Msed 1981, lives in Mercer, WI, has 2 children and is a retired Science teacher.

PETER SPACHNER (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Lake Forest College BA 1958, lives in Elk Grove, IL and is retired from General Mills.

DIANE (WALLANDER) BARR (JUNE 1953) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 1 child and is a housewife.

KAREN (GERHARDT) BOTTOMLEY (JUNE 1953) graduated from U of I BS PE 1957, lives in Morehead City NC, has 4 children and is a housewife and artisan.

EDWARD IVERSON (JUNE 1953) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 5 children and is president owner of a company.

PAT (BROWN) MURPHY (JUNE 1953) GRADUATED FROM Harper 1974, Northern 1985, lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 3 children and is an RN.

JACKIE (SASSANA) PATTERSON (JUNE 1953) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and all are Taft graduates.

ARLENE (ROGOWSKI) WARNER (JUNE 1953) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children and is a homemaker.

JANET (REBSCHER) EASTMAN (JANUARY 1954) lives in Northbrook, IL, has 2 children and is a travel manager.

DORIS (SCHWENDEMAN) THOMPSON (JANUARY 1954) graduated RN 1957, lives in Geneva, IL, has 6 children and is retired.

MARLENE (FENSKE) DOUGLAS (JUNE 1954) graduated from U of I BS, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 4 children and is a retired teacher.

CORRECTION : ALAN HALVERSON (JUNE 1954) has only 3 children not 6 as reported

in the last issue and is not the author of "2150 AD" but is the author of "Magnificent Transition".

KENNETH PANCZYK (JUNE 1954) graduated from Chicago Teachers B Ed 1961, Northeastern MA 1967, Med 1972, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 3 children and is a retired elementary principal.

PAUL WHARTON (JUNE 1954) graduated from Wright and De Paul, lives in Lake Forest, IL, has 4 children and is CEO of Kinetics Container Corp.

LOLA (BRUHN) KEIL (JANUARY 1955) lives in Park Ridge, IL and has 2 children.

JAYNE (RILEY) SACKRISON (JANUARY 1955) graduated from Northwestern BS ED 1959, lives in Bloomfield, MI, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

RONALD GOHL (JUNE 1955) lives in Wonder Lake, IL, has 7 children and is retired.

ARLENE (GUNTHER) KONECNIK (JUNE 1955) lives in Nokomis, FL and has 2 children.

JUDY (MILZ) REKETT (JUNE 1955) lives in Bradenton, FL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

JEAN (YOUNG) SLIWA (JUNE 1955) lives in Chicago and is secretary/treasurer of Salmon Unlimited.

JOHN SNOW (JUNE 1955) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is a truck driver.

MERLE (MATSON) BUCALO (JUNE 1956) lives in Oconomowoc, WI and has 2 children.

RICHARD DENCER (JUNE 1956) graduated from IIT BS Civil Engr, MS Public Administration, lives in Burlington, IL, has 2 children and is a senior civil engineer.

LYNN (BLETZINGER) HAMMERSMITH (JUNE 1956) lives in Park Ridge, IL and has 6 children.

ROD JAEGER (JUNE 1956) lives in Mundelein, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is in sales at Williamson Dickie Mfg. Co.

JOYCE (NEWQUIST) KOCHALKA (JUNE 1956) graduated from IL State BS Ed 1960, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a retired teacher, now a travel agent.

LUCILLE (NUTI) KRUCZAK (JUNE 1956) lives in Chicago, has 4 children and 3 grandchildren and is a bookkeeper.

CAROLE (WINTHER) MATHIS (JUNE 1956) lives in Veradale, WA, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a church secretary.

RICHARD RENDTORFF (JUNE 1956) lives in Tempe, AZ, has 3 children and is a mechanical contractor.

EARL RONNEBERG (JUNE 1956) graduated from Princeton BSE 1960, Stanford MSE 1964, U of Chgo MBA 1970, lives in Chicago and has 2 children.

DEON WIECHMANN (JUNE 1956) lives in Bellevue, WA, has 2 children and is a V.P. at Safeco Ins. Co.

NORMAN BOHRNELL (JANUARY 1957) graduated from Bradley BS 1963, lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children and is a heating/air conditioning contractor.

CAROLE (LEWIS) LANKA (JANUARY 1957) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a medical claims processor.

PATRICIA (BELSHAW) TABOR (JANUARY 1957) lives in Okemos, MI, has 4 children and is a court recorder.

JANET (ZEI) BEHNKE (JUNE 1957) graduated from Northeastern BA 1978, lives in Libertyville, IL, has 2 children and is a human resources manager.

GLORIA CALLACI (JUNE 1957) graduated from Mundelein College BA 1961, lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children and is a media producer and writer.

KATHLYN (MECCIA) BUDDÉ (JANUARY 1958) graduated from Carroll College BA, lives in Atlanta, GA, has 5 children, 3 grandchildren and owns a small business and is a substitute teacher.

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DONALD GREGOR (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BFA 1962, Northwestern MBA 1977, lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a graphic designer/marketing consultant and Docent for Chicago Architecture Foundation.

ROGER STROMSTA (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BS 1963, MS 1964, U of CA PhD 1972, lives in Los Altos, CA, has 1 child and is a director of engineering.

THOMAS DAVIES (JUNE 1958) MARRIED CAROLYN (HOOKANSON) (JUNE 1960, he graduated from Cornell BA Economics 1962, they live in Shorewood, WI, have 2 children and he is a vice president.

JUANITA (AMADO) PHILLIPS (JUNE 1958) lives in Bartlett, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

CHRISTINE (WOJTAS) ZALLY (JUNE 1958) graduated from U of I BS 1962, MEd 1967, lives in Hilton Head, SC, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

BARBARA (WALDEN) CULVER (JUNE 1959) lives in Birnamwood, WI, has 4 children and 13 grandchildren and is manager of Blue Goose Saloon in White Lake, WI.

RALPH KOLCONAY (JUNE 1959) graduated from Monmouth College 1963, lives in Charleston, SC, has 2 children and is in advertising.

MADELEINE RAYMOND (JUNE 1959) graduated from Northern BA Ed 1977, U of I MA, lives in Oak Park, IL, has 2 children and is a reading teacher.

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STEPHEN MACK (JANUARY 1960) graduated from Northwestern BA 1969, MBA 1970, lives in Inverness, IL, has 3 children and is Executive VP La Salle Natl Corp.

PENNY (RHODES) EK (JUNE 1960) MARRIED RONALD (JUNE 1956), she graduated from Wright AA 1965, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, they have 3 children and are retired.

LINNEA (LUNDBERG) CONWAY (JANUARY 1961) graduated from Southern IL BA 1964, Washington U MSN 1971, lives in Mc Allen, TX, has 4 children and is a clinical social worker who breeds Cocker Spaniels.

JUDITH (ANDERSON) MACK (JANUARY 1961) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is an accounts clerk.

ROY MILLER (JANUARY 1961) graduated from U of I Journalism, Columbia College, Communications, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is retired.

LINDA (JACOBSON) BUCKHARDT (JUNE 1961) graduated from Luther College BA 1965, lives in St Paul, MN, has 2 children and is an ESL Teacher.

LORETTA (PHILLIP) SAMBORSKI (JUNE 1961) graduated from Chgo Teachers College BA 1964, lives in Beach Park, IL, and is a water clerk.

NANCY (FRAHM) ROGERS (JANUARY 1962) lives in Coon Valley, WY, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and does home health care.

MARILYN (PROCHASKA) COPELAND (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northern AA 1965, lives in Tampa, FL, has 2 children and is a administrative assistant.

ROBERT PETERSON (JUNE 1962) graduated from Elmhurst College BA 1971, lives in Oak Park, IL, has 2 children and is a software developer.

ROBERT ZERWER (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northern 1971, lives in Elmwood Park, IL, has 1 child and is a buyer for Truserv Corp.

JEANETTE (OLSON) GILBERTSON (JANUARY 1963) graduated from Northeastern BA 1965, lives in Madison, WI, has 2 children and is a 5th grade teacher.

ALICE (ACKERT) STRAIN (JANUARY 1963) graduated from Wheaton BA 1967, Mc Cormick Theological Seminary M DIV 1994, lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children and is a Minister-Hospice Chaplain at Hospice of North Shore.

WAYNE ANDERSEN (JUNE 1963) graduated from Harvard BA 1967, U of I JD 1970, lives in Glenview, IL, has 6 children and is a Federal Judge.

PAUL HERRMANN (JUNE 1963) graduated from Wartburg College BA 1967, lives in Oakhurst, CA, has 4 children and is a carpenter and Christian Camp Director.

PATRICIA MC KEVITT (JUNE 1963) graduated from Washington U MSU 1969, lives in St Louis, MO and is Social Work Director at Washington U Medical Center Kidney Center.

SHARON (OLSON) RAINEY (JUNE 1963) graduated from Southern IL, lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is a customer service manager.

CATHY (SCHNEDIER) VOLSTORF (JUNE 1963) GRADUATED FROM Northern BA 1967, MA 1973, lives in Mechanicsburg, PA, has 2 children and is an art history teacher.

RICHARD CLARK (JANUARY 1964) lives in Virginia Beach, VA, has 2 children and is a school crossing guard.

BETTY (PAPPAS) ELLIS (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Wright 1966, lives in Palos Park, IL, has 4 sons and is manager of "Buy The Weigh".

WILLIAM LUIKAART (JANUARY 1964) MARRIED CAROL (ZOWAL) (JUNE 1964), he graduated from Roosevelt BA 1973, Carol graduated from St Marys College, they live in Lake St Louis, MO, have 2 children, Bill is self employed and Carol is a library assistant in an elementary school.

ADELE (BILLHARDT) ALASPA (JUNE 1964) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is an administrative assistant.

ROBERT BUELOW (JUNE 1964) MARRIED MARLENE (LOUNSBURY) (JUNE 1967), they live in Bensenville, IL, have 2 sons, Bob is a sheet metal foreman and Marlene is a consultant for Scholastic Book Fairs.

RICHARD GOTTFRED (JUNE 1964) graduated from Valparaiso

BA 1969, lives in Golf, IL, has 3 children and is a stockbroker.

STUART WEINSTEIN (JUNE 1964) has just been names president of the American Orthopaedic Assoc., the oldest national orthopaedic organization in the world.

LESLIE (IZBAN) FALCO (JANUARY 1965) lives in Chicago and has 2 children.

NANCY (REPETA) BUCUK (JUNE 1965) lives in Williams Bay, WI, has 1 child and is a manager.

DIANE (BUCHER) DRUMMOND (JUNE 1965) graduated from Harper AA Data Processing, lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a secretary/bookkeeper.

LYNN (MARSHALL) GERBER (JUNE 1965) graduated from Nat'l College of Ed., lives in Florence, KY, has 2 children and is a kgr/1st grade teacher.

THOMAS MIROCHA (JUNE 1965) MARRIED PATRICIA (POWERS) (JUNE 1966) they live in Lake Zurich, IL and have 2 children.

PAT (AFFARANO) MONDELLI (JUNE 1965) lives in Itasca, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a cosmetologist.

WAYNE WILLEMS (JUNE 1965) graduated from Western IL BA 1969, Northwestern MBA 1974, lives in Dallas, TX, has 2 children and is in investments.

JANET (HOWARTH) AREHART (JANUARY 1966) graduated from North Park BA 1970, lives in Arlington Hts, IL and has 2 children.

KAREN (OSUCH) DEAN-FELBER (JUNE 1966) lives in Miramar, FL and is an aviation tradeshow coordinator.

JIM GRUND (JUNE 1966) lives in Long Grove, IL, has 2 children and is an Exec. VP with Fidelity Group.

JOHN MANGIAMELI (JUNE 1966) MARRIED MAIDA (HARRIS) (JUNE 1967), John graduated from Bradley BS 1970, is a national sales manager, Maida graduated from Bradley BS 1971 and is an administrative

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asst., they live in Hawthorn Woods, IL and have 2 children.

ELMER MANNING (JUNE 1966) graduated from Christian Bros U BA 1970, Lewis U JD 1978, lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 3 children and is an attorney.

JOE POPP (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of I BSME, lives in Lombard, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a senior project engineer and Chgo Ski Council Publicity Chairman.

RICK HUNT (JANUARY 1967) lives in Elmhurst, IL, has 3 children and is distribution center manager.

PAULETTE (ZEMAITIS) ENGLISH (JUNE 1967) lives in South Bend, IN, has 1 child and is an application specialist.

SONIA (EWASKO) REARDON (JUNE 1967) graduated from IL State BS Ed 1971, Governors St MA 1976, lives in Lake Forest, IL, has 2 children and is a teacher at Glenbrook HS.

ROBERT ROYCE (JUNE 1967) MARRIED BARBARA (MAC) (JUNE 1968) Barbara graduated from Roosevelt BA Rosary College MLS and is a Librarian, Bob is a systems tech for Ameritech, they live in Schaumburg, IL and have 2 children.

BARB (EURICH) ANDERSON (1968) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children and is a benefits director.

CHRISTINE (RUTZEN) ANDERSON (JUNE 1968) graduated from Taylor U BS Education 1972, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child and is a homemaker.

JEFF CZACH (1968) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 3 children and is self employed in auto repair.

NANCY LUIKAART (1968) lives in Streamwood, IL, has 1 child and does desktop publishing.

LINDA (VANDLIK) MAHANEY (1968) graduated from Northern 1973, lives in St Charles, IL, has 2 children and is a realtor for Coldwell Banker.

CORINNE (SCHULTZ) MURPHY-HINES (1968) graduated from U of I BS Health

1975, Northeastern MS 1988, Natl Lewis 1996, lives in Wilmette, IL, has 4 children and is Director Cardiology Services at Swedish Covenant Hospital.

LAURA NATHANSON (1968) lives in Chicago and is an employee benefits manager.

GAIL (GALLA) NEHRIG (1968) lives in St Louis, MO, has 2 children and is a homemaker and volunteer for the St Louis Symphony.

BRUCE ZAK (1968) graduated from MA Inst of Tech BS 1973, U of Dallas MBA 1982, lives in Carrollton, TX and has 1 child.

DALE ZILLIGEN (1968) MARRIED KATHERINE (BLASSICK) (1968) Dale graduated from Washburn Trade, Carpentry 1972 and is a systems engineer, Katherine is an insurance agent, they have 2 children and live in Chicago,

JODY (CONNORS) ARNOLD (1969) graduated from Northeastern BS, Rosary MS Spec Ed, lives in River Forest, IL, has 2 children and owns 3 stores.

ROBERT AUMILLER (1969) graduated from U of I BA 1973, lives in Forest Park, IL and has 1 child.

NOEL HABIB (1969) graduated US Military Academy BS 1973, Geo. Wash U MA 1980, U of I Medical School MD 1984, lives in WSMR, NM, has 3 children and is an MD, OB/GYN.

PHIL IGLITZ (1969) graduated from UIC BS 1974, UNLV MS 1992, lives in Boulder City, NV, has 1 child and is a HS Math Teacher.

EMIL KANE (1969) lives in Oak Park, IL and has 2 children.

JIM MACHNICKI (1969) graduated from Elmhurst BA 1974, lives in Scottsdale, AZ and has 3 children.

RICHARD RYBA (1969) lives in Wheeling, IL, has 2 children and is an electrician.

VALERIE (STEWART) SOSNOWSKI (1969) graduated from Ravenswood RN 1973, Cert. Operating Room Nurse 1991, lives in Lindenhurst, IL, has 1 child and is an RN Manager, Surgery.

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LYNN (HALICKI) ARNOLD (1970) lives in Cary, IL, has 1 child and is a bookkeeper.

ELIZABETH (SIMON) CONRO (1970) graduated from Northern BA 1974, MS 1982, lives in St Charles, IL, has 4 children and is a software engineer at Lucent Technologies.

GARY DEMBEK (1970) lives in Schaumburg, IL and is a facility & security director.

MORT KROGSTAD (1970) lives in Chicago and is a firefighter.

PAUL KRUTY (1970) graduated from U of Chgo BA 1974, U of WI MA 1984, Princeton PhD 1989, lives in Urbana, IL and is an Architecture Professor.

WILL SASS (1970) graduated from Eastern IL BA 1976, MA 1978, lives in Naples, FL and is a school Psychologist.

TOM SCHEEL (1970) MARRIED SHERRY (OSTROWSKI) (1974) they live in Elk Grove, IL and have 3 children.

BRUCE TALBOT (1970) graduated from Southern IL BS Admin. Justice 1975, Roosevelt MS Public Admin. 1984, has 2 children, lives in Bolingbrook, IL and is a Police Sergeant in Woodridge.

ROBERTA (MACHOWSKI) WEISS (1970) graduated from Carroll College BA 1974, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 1 child and is a housewife/teacher.

FRANK BERAUER (1971) MARRIED EILEEN (DUNN) (1973) they live in Mt Prospect, IL and have 3 children.

PATTI (STUBBLEFIELD) GUNTHER (1971) lives in Rio Linda, CA, is disabled and builds bird houses. E Mail address: MC at 104273.3617 @ CompuServ.Com.

DEBORAH (POKORNY) KOLZE (1971) graduated from Triton AA 1981, Rosary BA 1984, lives in Wood Dale, IL and is a culinary center manager at Mc Donalds.

MARGARET (KELLY) MOELLER (1971) graduated from Northeastern BA Earth

Science 1977, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a substitute teacher.

DEBRA (WHITNEY) OCHOA (1971) lives in Mesa, AZ, has 5 children, 4 grandchildren and is a sales rep for home improvement.

RICHARD PIPER (1971) graduated from Loyola BA 1976, De Paul MBA 1981, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is in real estate finance.

SUSAN WEINSTEIN (1971) graduated from U of I BS 1976, Natl Lewis U MS 1989, lives in Evanston, IL, has 1 child and is a school based occupational therapist.

HARRY BECKCUS (1972) graduated from U of I, lives in Spokane, WA and is a corporate president and Jr HS football coach.

JACKLYN (SHANNON) CILLY (1972) graduated from Northern BS, U of WI MA, lives in Elk Grove, IL and is a cytologist.

LINDA (IUSSA) DE Wald (1972) graduated from Northeastern BS Ed 1977, lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a bartender.

DON HARRISON (1972) MARRIED LYNN (PETERSON) (1972), she graduated from UIC BA 1977, MST 1993, they live in Gurnee, IL, have 2 children. Don is a quality supervisor and Lynn is a teacher.

RICHARD IDE (1972) graduated from U of I BS In Engr 1977, lives in Norco, CA, has 2 children and is a mfg engineer manager.

RON BLASZKOWSKI (1973) lives in Oak Forest, IL, has 7 children and is an operations manager.

LARRY BOYSEN (1973) MARRIED PEGGY (COLE) (1973) Larry graduated from ISU BS, Peggy graduated from NIU BS Ed & MS Ed, they live in Park Ridge, IL, have 3 children, Larry is a CPA.

NANCY (GUADAGPUOLO) BURBICK (1973) graduated from U of I BS Finance 1977, Northwestern MM 1984, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and works for Siemens Bus. Comm. Systems.

JOYCE (UNDERWOOD) LEESMAN (1973) graduated from Wright AA 1975, U of I BS 1977,

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lives in Atlanta, IL, has 3 children and is a graphic designer.

JOSEPH PECKO (1973) graduated from Loyola BS 1977, JD 1981, lives in Burr Ridge, IL and is an attorney.

ANN MARIE (BURSONI) STEIN (1974) MARRIED **DON** (1972), lives in Niles, IL and has 1 child.

DENISE CAMILLO (1975) graduated from Oakton Comm. College AA 1977, Natl College of Education BA, lives in Chicago and is a flight attendant.

VICKI (WOJDA) GOCKENBACH (1975) graduated from Northeastern BS Biology 1986, lives in Stoughton, WI, has 2 children and is a lab tech.

JAMIE (MOFFAT) PASTWA (1975) graduated from IL State 1979, Northeastern 1985, lives in Orion, IL and is a substitute teacher.

BOB CAPACE (1976) graduated from Northeastern BS 1980, lives in Hilliard, OH, has 2 children and is a sales manager.

MARY (KOSTER) GOELZ (1976) graduated from Northeastern BA 1979, lives in Palm Bay, FL, has 3 children and was elected to Recreational Advisory Board, Palm Bay, also is a manager at Unix Systems Operations.

STUART RUTLEDGE (1976) graduated from Northeastern BA 1981, lives now in Cary, IL, moving to Barrington, IL, has 2 children and is in insurance sales.

JUDY (JACOBUCCI) CONNELL (1977) lives in Glenview, IL, has 3

children and is the owner of Technique Dental Lab.

BARBARA OTAKE (1977) graduated from Harper Comm. College AA 1980, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a product manager.

DONNA (LANGE) O DRISCOLL (1978) lives in Chicago and does data processing.

LAURA (DOJUTREK) STOCK (1978) graduated from Northeastern BA 1982, lives in Austin, TX and is a restaurant owner "Barbara Ellens".

DEBORAH ALTMAN (1979) lives in Chicago and does catalog production and electronic marketing.

ROBERT IOVINO (1979) MARRIED **KAREN (DYMARKOWSKI)** 1980) they live in Mt Prospect, IL and have 4 children.

GAIL (UNDERWOOD) KLEWIN (1979) graduated from Wright AA 1981, De Paul BS Finance 1983, MBA 1987, lives in Glencoe, IL and is senior vice president and corporate trust manager.

MARIA (LOMBARDO) LOMBARDO-NITSCHKE (1979) graduated from U of Chgo BA 1986, MA 1987, PhD 1994, lives in Oak Park, IL and is a foreign language instructor.

RICHARD NEE (1979) graduated from Northern BS Acct 1983, Northwestern MBA 1991, lives in Libertyville, IL. Has 2 children and is an accountant.

STEVE ORUSA (1979) graduated from Western BS 1983, lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 1 child and is a firefighter/paramedic.

KEITH RANG (1979) lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a supervisor.

JULIE (KOSZCZUK) WELCH (1979) graduated from U of I BS Acct 1984, U of Chgo MBA 1993, lives in Chicago and is a finance director.

1980s

THOMAS O DONNELL (1981) graduated from U of I BS Computer Science 1987, BS Psychology 1989, lives in Palatine, IL and is a computer consultant.

JEFFREY DORJATH (1982) graduated from Bradley BSME 1986, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a sales engineer.

NATALIE (KOZIOL) KRATZ (1982) MARRIED **BRIAN** (1980) they live in Chicago, have 2 children and she is a homemaker.

KARL BELZER (1983) graduated from Washington U BA 1987, Bowling Green St U MBA 1994, lives in Pocatello, ID and is a banker at Zions Bank.

LAWRENCE YOUNG (1983) lives in Chicago and is a maintenance mechanic.

MARIE (GEMPIS) CARDUCCI (1984) graduated from U of I BS Biology 1988, lives in Naperville, IL and is a Physician at Naperville Medical Assoc.

KAREN (GAUGER) PTASNIK (1984) lives in Franklin Park, IL, has 1 child and is a property manager.

DEAN OHLIN (1985) lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is an ironworker.

DEBBIE (HARDT) SCHLAPIA (1986) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 1 child and is a homemaker, part time database manager.

TAFFANY (JONES) JONES-EVANS (1987) graduated from U of TN BS Microbiology 1992, lives in Knoxville, TN and is a business owner.

BETH KOENIG (1988) graduated from Wright AA 1992, Morehead State BS Journalism/Speech 1993, lives in Chicago and is a help desk coordinator at Walgreens.

SUSAN (WHITE) LAPITAN (1988) graduated from Northern, lives in Chicago and is in retail management.

1990s

PATRICK LUSTER (1990) lives in Chicago and is a Pep Boys service writer.

KERRIN RILEY (1990) lives in Chicago and is a video specialist.

LAURA DAHMS (1991) graduated from Oakton Community College AA, IL State. Early Childhood Development 1997, lives in Chicago and is a teacher.

IN OUR MEMORIES

Eldridge (Al) Adams (class of 1940) died in June, 1997.

Maxine (Malott) Basista (class of June, 1950) passed away in June, 1997 after a short battle with cancer.

Ivan S. Danko (founder class of June, 1943) died in March, 1949 of tuberculosis.

Nancy R. Hollander (class of 1966) died after a short illness October 9, 1996. She was the lead in many drama department productions while a student at Taft, including Anne Frank and Bye Bye Birdie and later was calligrapher and weaver.

Arthur Jungdahl (class of June, 1943) died April 19, 1997.

Don Kubiak (class of June, 1951) died April 15, 1997 from complications of Parkinson's disease. He was married almost 40 years to Pat (Dolesh) Kubiak (class of June, 1951)

Jill (Shannon) Mendez (class of June, 1968) died October 15, 1995. She was a RN living in Chicago.

Shirlee (Brinkworth) Rielley (class of June, 1942) died September 6, 1997.

Kenneth Schultz (class of 1954) passed away on August 3, 1995. He lived in Schaumburg, IL at the time of death.

Robert Thiel (class of 1947) passed away February 10, 1997 of cancer. See letter from Jane Thiel elsewhere in this issue.

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was good.

Most students didn't like her as a teacher. She was not only strict, but bitter; I don't think I ever saw

her smile. Eventually, she began telling our class about the Second World War, and she described with grief and emotion the decimation of the beautiful cities of her homeland, Germany, in which American and British planes bombed and destroyed ancient parts, art museums, and great cathedrals, to say

nothing of innocent people and their homes. From another class, a story circulated that she had been engaged to a young soldier who was killed in that war the day after it was declared over. His outfit had not been informed of the Nazi defeat and had not stopped fighting.

I guess I've finally lived long enough to understand that people are not always what they seem. too bad we go to high school when we're so young.

Thanks, Kay, for keeping the Taft spirit alive.

Jeannette (Huntman) Sutfin (Jan., 1953 - almost)

Dear Kay, How nice of you to send on my newsletter after I moved - thank you. I really enjoyed the Summer edition. **Stu Dunn** (June, 1960) lived across the street from me. My 3rd grade neighbor here in PA did a skit in school from "Grease" - said it's her favorite movie! I've heard this from high schoolers here, too.

Taft teachers: I remember **Mary Del Campo** for French. There were 5 "Cathy's" in our class. When she call the name, we all looked at each other - each thinking "I hope she doesn't mean me!" She always mistook **Jan Sieker** (June, 1963) who took German, for me, and would glare at her, barking "Bonjour, Mademoiselle!" loudly in the hall, later asking me why I didn't say hello to her. So Jan would say, "Bonjours" when she saw her coming to keep me out of trouble! But thanks to her I majored in French and taught it in high school.

Senior year **Nanci John** (June, 1963) and I sang "Work Song" (about a convict on a chain gang) on the radio for Marty Faye. We called ourselves "The Jive Sisters" just to be silly - but we sure had fun!

I remember **Mr. Stamm** and the mixed chorus performing the Christmas concert. The songs and the singing were lovely.

I've been away from Chicago for 19 years, but I have a lot of happy memories of Taft.

Cathy (Schneider) Volstorf (June, 1963)
Mechanicsburg, PA

LOST CLASSMATES

Searching for old classmates for whom you've lost touch? The Taft Alumni Association does not provide names or addresses of alumni from our records other than for legitimate class reunions. However, we will help you in **your** search by publishing the

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The suggested donation for this service is \$5.00 per name. Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association, c/o Kay Kuciak, 47 W. Lancaster Lane in Des Plaines, IL 60018.

This issue we ask help locating:

Ron Schultz (class of 1968) for **Barb Anderson** (June, 1968)

Nancy Bucuk (June, 1965) is looking for classmate **Nancy Schoenbeck** (class of 1965)

Jerry R. Iverson is trying to locate classmate **Joyce Jacobson** (June, 1954).

Elaine (Kucera) Lovelady is looking for **Phyllis Graham, Alice Hackmeister** and **Helen Schmidt**.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

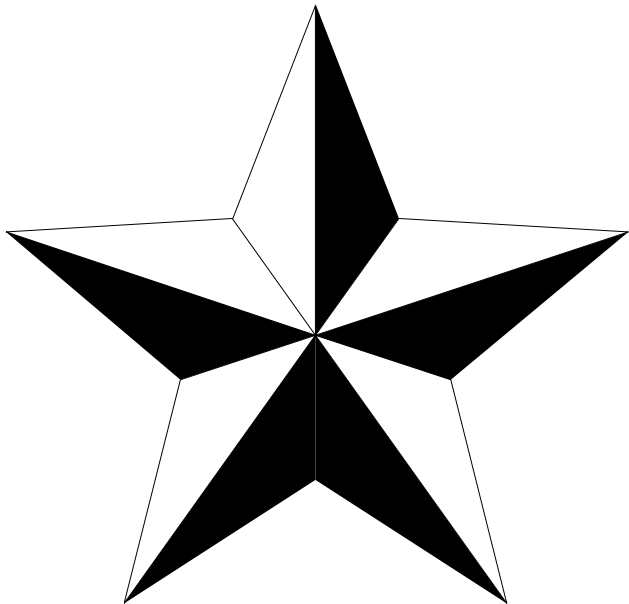
Be sure to stop in to see "Space II" a piece of art by **Jennie Kiesling** (class of ????) at the 10th annual Exhibit of Fine Art by Women at the Old Court House Arts Center in Woodstock. Jennie is an instructor at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. Currently she is teaching a course in Ethical and Educational Issues in Community Based Programs, and works at helping local artists who would like to attend the school.

The CBS television show "20/20" aired a wonderful tribute to Taft graduate **Cara Dunne** (class of 1988) on September 19th. Though losing her eyesight at age 5, she never felt it was a "handicap" she couldn't overcome. The show highlighted her many accomplishments in her young life, including attaining her degree at Harvard in 1992 Magna Cum Laude, continuing at UCLA for her law degree and earning several medals from the Paralympic Winter Games in giant slalom and super giant slalom skiing in 1984 and 1988 and last summer's triumphs (1996) on tandem cycling in Atlanta. For a transcript of the show, call 1-800-CALL-ABC.

Prolific writer and author of several books, **Richard C. Lindberg** (class of 1971) has just published another, entitled "The White Sox Encyclopedia". It truly fits its name as it is 592 pages of an oversized (9X12" format) volume including 700 photographs. Richard is the official White Sox historian and Managing Editor of the *Illinois Police & Sheriff's News*.

Luis Socias (class of 1997) was recently honored as one of 14 Central Bureau area nominees for Scholar-Athlete of 1996-97 by the Pioneer Press newspaper.

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