



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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PRESIDENT NOTES

I have to apologize for this newsletter coming to you so late in the year, Jerry and I both had surgeries which was the cause for the delay but it gives us a chance to wish all of you a Happy and healthy New Year.

If you look under "Taft Alumni Bargains" you will see a list of yearbooks for sale that we recently acquired, please do not call or e-mail, if you wish a certain year mail the \$25.00 check made out to the Taft Alumni Association to the Hurlbut address, it will still be first come, first served. If no copies are available, your check will be returned to you, for some of the years we have more than one copy.

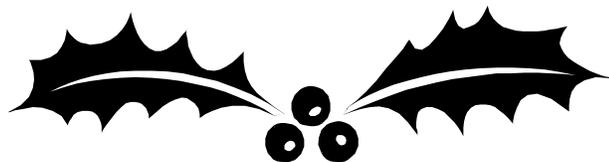
Another exciting venture is a contest to re-do our Alumni Eagle featured on the outside of the newsletter. More details are to follow in the next newsletter but if you have an idea or drawing now send it to the Alumni address.

We are also going to try to have a list of all our Alumni who have lost their lives serving our Country on our Web Site. If you know the names and years of graduation and what War they were in please also mail them to the Alumni address.

With this issue please check the little box holding your expiration date, we forgot to include it last issue and did not remove any names from our current file to give you a chance to catch up. Any dues that are not current as of March will be moved to the inactive file.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year,

Tom and Kay Kuciak and Jerry Bloom



RETIREMENT?

A couple years ago I sent a CD to Jerry [Beesley] Bloom (June 1962 - editor TAA Newsletter). It was a 5-tune sampler, designed to promote my jazz vocal quartet and 5-piece combo. Now, two years later I get E-mail from Jerry asking that I write an article about the group and my involvement. Perhaps it will be interesting to those alums about to retire! Wouldn't it be funny if we had disbanded? On the contrary, we're performing more than ever and just finished a 16 tune CD entitled, "The Song Is You."

Those who "knew me when" knew me as a golfer, certainly not a musician. My only musical distinction was to be in mixed chorus under both Mrs. Ernst and Jim Stamm. Looking back, two things hooked me on music. When Mr. Stamm replaced Mrs. Ernst we were only a few weeks away from a performance. Mr. Stamm, not wanting to be judged by Mrs. Ernst's musical selections and interpretations, selected me to direct the chorus for the concert. Talk about power! A hundred voices responding to the wave of your hand. Wow! Then it was Jim Stamm's jazz piano playing. I just loved it and I knew that someday I wanted to do that. When I went to college I spent hours in the practice rooms picking out tunes by ear in the key of C. I even started a jazz trio with me (believe it or not) playing string bass. I figured the notes were so low nobody could tell the difference. By the way, I hunted Jim down in Florida about a year ago, sent him some arrangements and we had a really nice conversation. Anyway, from those humble beginnings came The Jazz Spectrum.

For the past twenty years I've been playing piano off and on with the same group of guys under the same name. Eight years ago I decided to add 4 vocalists to the mix, two guys and two gals, and concentrate on swing music in the style of The Manhattan Transfer and The Four Freshmen. Like the band, this was just for fun and an opportunity to try out some of my vocal arranging ideas. There were a few personnel changes at first, but the same four singers have been together now for the past seven years, rehearsing weekly.

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CLASS REUNIONS

June 1946

Date: To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: **Jean Whitehead Smith**
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Delavan, WI 53215
E-mail: don-jean@elknet.net

January/June 1947

Date: June 22, 2002
Place: Holiday Inn O'Hare International
Contact: Don Williams- (847) 870-1224
1011 W. Lincoln Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
E-Mail: Dwilliams200@home.com

1952

Date: September 21, 2002
Place: To be determined
Contact: **Diane Jung (Young) Braasch**
E-mail: Newbraaschps@cs.com

January 1955

Date: September 2002
Place: Picnic
Contact: Meg (Goodell) Magee
9918 Windflower Ct, Elliott City, MD 21042

January 1957

Date: May 24, 2002
Place: Drendel Hall – Sun City Huntley
Contact: **Leo Drummer**
(847) 515-8879
lgdwd@aol.com

January/June, 1963

Date: October 11, 2003
Place: Holiday Inn – O'Hare
Contact: **Kay Kuciak**
17667 N Estrella Vista Dr
Surprise, AZ 85374
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January/June, 1967

Date: 2002 - To be determined
Place: To be determined
Contact: **Paulette English** - (219) 271-8742
E-mail: pjzae@hotmail.com
(If you have any memorabilia for display)

1972

Date: June 22, 2002
Place: Sheridan Arlington Park Hotel
Contact: **Pat (Wendt) Wiemer**
pmwiemer@yahoo.com
1310 E Best Dr, Arlington Hts, IL 60004



Grammar School Reunions

Farnsworth - June 1942

Looking for graduates
Contact: **Mary Jane Struberg**
26926 Circle Verde Dr.
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275
jstruberg@aol.com

St. Juliana's – 1952

Date: May 2002
Contact: **Bonnie Manning Bernico**-(773) 775-5905
7024 N. Odell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60631

Norwood Park – June 1958

Date: Summer, 2003
Place: Door County, WI
Contact: **Jerry (Beesley) Bloom** – (920) 743-8449
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Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235
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Letters to the Editor

To: EagleEmail@taftalumni.org
Subject: Nice newsletter
Date: Sat, 18 Aug 2001

Read your summer 2001 newsletter and was disappointed that there was no mention of the 1951 (Jan-June) reunion held last May at the Rosemont Convention Center. What a blast that was... never hugged and kissed so many women in my life. Feet were tired from dancing and didn't want to leave as there were so many old friends to catch up with and find out what they did with their lives since graduation.

Have a great video of the event if any of the attendees want a copy, \$5.00 covers postage and the tape.

Stu Bentley (June 1951)
bentley@modelhorses.com

[Editor's note: Thanks for the comments about your fun at the reunion. However, please note that the address you sent to for EagleEmail is only for updating email addresses. Any correspondence should be sent to us at Taftalum@home.com or to me directly at jbbloom@aol.com. Jerry Bloom, Editor]

To all Taft Alumni –

Please log onto

www.taftalumni.org for reunion information, message board and e-mail directory, all updated regularly.

Paulette (Zemaitis) English (1967)
Taft Alumni Association

Jerry Bloom, Editor

I have enjoyed reading the Newsletter about my classmates and others who I remember from Taft. I recall when Taft opened its doors in 1939. My mother, **Esther O'Connell**, was the Secretary to the first Principal, **Leo Hoefler**. As a result, I spent time running around the halls of Taft when she would take me with her during the summer months when I was just 10

and there were no students around. So when I finally started as a freshman in 1943, I felt quite at home there. In addition, my brother **Jack [O'Connell]** who lives in Morton Grove was a Taft student from 1940 to 1944. I was also acquainted with many of the teachers and staff who were friends of my mother who visited our home from time to time.

I saw **Chick Congden** some years ago during his vacation here in Hawaii. At the time he was working for ComEd so we talked a little shop as well as reminiscing about our wonderful years at Taft. I also saw former football teammates **Bob Ray** and **John Hess** in Mill Valley, CA in the 60s when John was a psychiatrist at IC San Francisco. I also seem to recall seeing **Jim Ploen** and **June Schmidt** in Marin County, CA back in the 60s. But that was about the only contacts I recall. I haven't found it possible to attend any of the reunions, but I hope I can get to one while there are still some of us '47 grads still around.

Keep up the good work in publishing the Newsletter.

Dick O'Connell (June, 1947)
Honolulu, HI
rloconnell@msn.com

To: Jbbloom@aol.com

Subject: **Col. Larry Larson** USMC
(Ret) – Taft Alum 1964
Date: Wed., June 27, 2001

This morning, I had the good fortune to experience the Change of Command Ceremony for MATSG-21 Pensacola aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7.) I came away from the program with renewed pride in my country, the young men in the Marine Corps, and in particular my high school, which had been maligned earlier this year by a traitor to our country.

I will send this e-mail via the postal system in order to enclose a copy of

the program which includes a biography of Colonel Lawrence L. Larson USMC (RET) a Taft grad 1964. I trust you can edit the bio down to a manageable size and I assure you that I have already alerted him that Taft was not mentioned in his bio. *[Editor's note: See "Classmates in the News" elsewhere in this issue.]* Your efforts in preparing and forwarding the Taft Alumni Newsletter are appreciated!

CDR Howard G. Nelson USNR
(Ret) (Taft - 1944)
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Dear Kay, et al,

Here's my check to renew my membership in the Taft Alumni Association. It was due July 1st – sorry! Thanks for sending the most recent newsletter on faith. I get a thrill of pleasurable excitement when I see it in the mailbox. You and your staff do a great job and I hope we who benefit from your hard work thank you enough.

The usual subscription renewal date and the year of graduation were missing from this latest issue, but were included on the previous one. ...my class was January 1942. 59 years ago – wow. I'm grateful to be here, still, and active, but saddened every time I read about old friends and school companions who are gone.

About the picture of the "Taft Girls Club". I swear I recognize these girls as having been at Taft when I was, and I left in 1942. The caption in the spring 2001 issue says the group was formed in 1947, five years later. How can they look so familiar to me if they weren't there when I was? Are you sure of that date and of the identifications? I get a sort-of Twilight Zone feeling about this.

Section Winners Wear Victorious Smiles



Front row, L. to R.: H. Manig; O. Halleen; S. Kiewatz; R. Bentzen; D. Swanson; R. Lilla; W. Topolinski; J. Tortorelli. Middle row: J. Osko; H. Wagner; L. Landerholm; A. Orr; G. Maier; M. Weber; T. Smusyn; P. Skogstrom; H. Oquist; E. Scheel. Standing: B. Beresford; R. Anderson; Capt. B. Benson; H. Johnson; E. Fagerstrom; R. Salat; R. Sienkiewicz; C. James; R. Baker; Coach J. Smilgoff.

Like **Gordon Snyder** (1953), I came to Taft from the Norwood Park Elementary School and fondly remember Mrs. Walevka. Mrs. MacMillan, and Mrs. Handwerk. By my time, Mrs. MacMillan had beautifully waved white hair. I wish I could let her know, somehow, how permanent were her lessons in grammar, especially in parsing a sentence. Does anyone learn that anymore? Her grounding in English grammar helped make better sense of Latin and French in high school and Italian and German later. Had I had the famous **Buchwalter** experience at Taft, maybe I wouldn't have had to work so hard for so little gain as an adult graduate student filling a requirement. Mrs. Handwerk literally started me on my life-long career interest in art. She gave me my first chance to take the James Nelson Raymond Fund classes at the Chicago Art Institute.

The first time was free and all the rest, through high school, were earned through merit. I ended up at the school of the Art Institute after high school and later transferred to the art department of the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Then, years later, grad school at Northwestern in Art History. Never make light of what can be started in elementary school by great teachers. I did that job for a while at one point, in Evanston, IL, so I know something about that.

Again, thanks for your continuous good work for the benefit of us all.

Nancy Gray Troyer (Jan, 1942)
Walnut Creek, CA
mtroyer@aol.com

To TAA,

In response to my request for any photos, articles, etc., regarding the



Taft's 1949 City Champs following their 2 to 0 win over Tilden Tech. George "Soo-ee" Maier, winning pitcher, is carried off in a victory celebration. Coach Smilgoff smiles his approval.

1949 City Champion Baseball Team and George, "Soo-ey" Maier, [these two photos] are just a sample of the many items I received. I was surprised how many people had saved so much memorabilia and were willing to send it. The newspaper clippings were yellow with age, over 50 years.

I wish to thank the following for sending so many different items: **Ted Voss** '51, Union, IL; **Marilyn Schmidt Truckenbrod** '49, McHenry, IL; **Jeanne Waschow Wead** '49, Sun City West, AZ; **Bill Bauer** '50, Boerne, TX; "**Purr**" **Stieber Glomski** '49, Lake Geneva, WI; **Bill Blazek** '49, Wheaton, IL; **Novelle Cunningham Dunathan** '54, Columbia, MO; and **Lynn Terry** '57, San Francisco, CA.

Marv Maier (June 1947)

Dear Jerry,

I just received my first copy of the Taft Alumni Newsletter, which must be a direct result of **Shirley Kalivoda DeWeese** (June 1960) finding my address via the Internet last year, in order to promote our 40th class reunion. Though I was not able to attend the reunion I was thrilled to learn of the success of our classmate **Jim Jacobs** (1960). I did not know Jim, or that he was the co-creator of Grease. Ever since I first saw the movie, I identified with the character, "Eugene". Maybe there was a reason. Up until then the things I remembered about my time at Taft were the construction of the Expressway, the construction of the new building addition, and the surprise visit of John F. Kennedy to our Senior Luncheon at the Palmer House. Now I wondered if there were any other famous alumni that I didn't know about.

I knew **about Ral Donner's** (1960) fame because his mother used to shop at Day's Pharmacy on Northwest Highway where I worked throughout my high school and college years. She would tell me stories of his experiences with the recording industry. Now I see that a complete library of all of Ral's recordings [are] available from the

Collector's Choice Music Catalog: collectorschoicemusic.com.

Previously, I discovered that **Donna Mills (Miller)**— 1958) went to Taft while I was there, but her published age doesn't seem to match her class year.

Then, this year, when the FBI arrested a spy who, with his family, were respected members of my current church, I was doubly shocked to discover that he also graduated from Taft. For your class notes, I retired from the government in 1998 with 31 years of service.

My sisters both graduated from Taft so I checked with them to see if they would care to be listed in the directory. **Loretta (Phillip) Samborski** (June 1961) lives in Waukegan and already receives the Newsletter. **Lucille "Lucy" Phillip** (June 1964) heads the new Fulton County Charter High School of Math and Science in Atlanta, Georgia.

Eugene T. Phillip (June 60)
Great Falls, VA
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Hi,

When I received this last newsletter I saw that there is a **Frank Heyer** of 1948 on your staff. I need to know if this is the same Frank Heyer that graduated with my brother. They were very close friends. Would you please check with him.

My brother, **Ed Laseman** went to Taft and hung around with a Frank Heyer and it would have been around 1948.

If it is I would like to e-mail him, if possible and tell him about my brother. Thank you very much,

Betty Laseman/Sunagel
(June 1956)

Hi Betty,

Yes you have the right **Frank Heyer**. What a surprise to hear from you. The last time I saw Ed was when my son and I went hunting on his land. That was 15 or 20 years ago, maybe even longer. At my age now time lines from the past are a bit fuzzy.

We had a lot of good times together when we were in High School. I'm sure you probably remember other names from that era -- **Harry Brown, Chuck Weadley, Bob Betts, Don Haas** to name a few.

I look forward to hearing from you so we can compare notes and memories.

Frank Heyer (June 1948)
frankheyer@msn.com

Lost Classmates

Larry Lonson (1968) would like to locate **Ed Mitchell**, the Taft Baseball City Championship Coach.

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 name(s) in this newsletter. If that party responds to us, we forward that person's name and address to you.

The suggested donation for this service is \$5.00 per name. Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association, c/o Taft High School, 6545 W. Hurlbut Ave., Chicago, IL 60631.

Remembering Our Teachers...

Dear Taft Alumni:

Yes, I was a student of **Dr. Buchwalter's** German class too. I heard how difficult she was and that's why I signed up for the class. She gave me good grades because my English usage was good. After she left, along came **Mr. Helmut Meyerbach**. What a change! He was kind, gentle and could have had a career in Hollywood in the looks department. After he left, I finished all four years of German with **Mr. Vanderah**, another compassionate teacher.

I will never forget **Mrs. Erst**, my Mixed Chorus teacher. She had a fairy tale romance with a composer, and they married.

Many thanks to **Edith Hal-verson**, my Economics teacher. In my "Memories" booklet in 1954, Ms. Halverson wrote: "May Economics help you make your dreams come true". She introduced me to the stock market. I have invested in the market all of my married life and live a comfortable retirement.

Go Taft Go!

Claire (Roszkowski)
Papiewski, (June 1954)
Dreflap@aol.com

To: TAA

Just received my Summer Newsletter and enjoyed reading it. Also see where the June 1952 Reunion is being coordinated. Will be waiting to hear the final plans! Reading through the newsletter also recognized a name that brought back many wonderful memories of my grammar school, Farnsworth - **John LaGorio** (Jan 1953). I have previously been in contact with another former classmate, **Shirley (Patti)**. I remember our Kindergarten

teacher, Ms. Stallwood, and 1st grade teacher, Ms. Geiger....but for some reason, can't remember some of the others. And....although I didn't have Dr. Buchwalter as a teacher, I surely remember her as her reputation for being very stern, preceded her. I would love to hear from any of the Farnsworth, Class of June'48 and Feb'49. You see, I went through the grades of Kindergarten to 7th grade with those that would have been in the class of Feb 49 but went to summer school during my 7th grade in order to be able to graduate in June rather than in Feb, which moved me up a semester. And I believe John was one of those I shared classes with in the earlier grades. In fact, love to hear from those who knew me through my four years at Taft also.

Helen Hendricks (June 1952)
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Dear TAA Newsletter Staff,

I just received Issue No. 3 Summer 2001, and thank you for the great reading. I appreciate very much your mention of my brother, **Robert M. Sullivan** (1961) "In Our Memories". He was a Vietnam veteran, and was wounded while there; however, he was able to complete his required military time. Bob was also one of the people exposed to Agent Orange over there. The military doctors who diagnosed, and cared for him, decided that was not the cause of his rare cancer.

We do believe in a life beyond, and though Bob fought very hard to stay a while longer with his wife, Barbara and their family, he was at peace with his future...

Thanks again for all the hard work you do to publish the newsletter. Thank you for "listening".

Judith M. Sorman (1957)
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Jerry-----

I read the references about **Dr. Buchwalter** in the last newsletter. I too had Dr. Buchwalter (Did she have a first name?) but for Spanish not German. On the first day of class, in front of the class, she embarrassed me by saying, "Mr. Fassnacht, you should be ashamed to be taking an easy language like Spanish, given your heritage. Even your brother, who was not the student you are, took German." I wanted to crawl under the desk.

At the end of the year I approached her about making up some work because the golf team was going to the state tournament in Champaign as a result of winning the City championship. I was going to miss a whole 4 days of class! She said, "I won't allow you to make up anything. You shouldn't put a stupid athletic activity above your school work." Fortunately, our assistant principal, **Mr. Teuscher**, was also the golf coach. He convinced her to let me make up the work. I saw my "S" going down the drain. To her credit she didn't penalize me. She was the toughest teacher I had in 16 years of schooling!

Bill Fassnacht (Jan. 1948)
PBFZZ@aol.co

CLASS NOTES



1940s

HARRY THORNBERG (1940) lives in Hamersville, OH, has 3 children and is retired.

SAM GARBER (JANUARY 1942) lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is retired from sales administration.

BILL BESSEMER (JUNE 1942) graduated from Northwestern BS 1949, U of MI MBA 1957, lives in Vacaville, CA, has 2 children and is retired.

GERTRUDE (STROZEWSKI) GANDER (JUNE 1942) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a part time administrative assistant.

JACK ZETTERBERG (JUNE 1942) graduated from Northern BSE 1948, Northwestern MA 1952, lives in Green Oaks, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

NINA (BURNS) BEALL (JUNE 1943) lives in New Port Richey, FL, has 4 children, 12 grandchildren and is a retired graphic artist.

MARY ANN (COSCO) FREEMAN (JANUARY 1944) lives in Encinitas, CA, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is a housewife.

MICHAEL GLIENNA (JUNE 1944) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JUNE (THORNBERG) JAROSZYNSKI (JUNE 1944) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 6 children, 20 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired lunchroom attendant from Taft and the Branch.

PHILIP NELSON (JUNE 1944) lives in Elm Grove, WI, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

WALTER REINECKE (JUNE 1944) lives in Minden, Nv and is a retired Park Ridge Police Officer.

DOLORES (WALLACE) WARNER (JUNE 1944) lives in Chicago, has 5 children, 4 grandchildren and is an office manager.

SHIRLEY (NANCARROW) WARNER (JUNE 1944) lives in Sandia Park, NM, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a housewife.

JUNE (STYRMOE) CARLSON (JUNE 1945) lives in Chicago, has 4 children (all Taft grads), 7 grandchildren and is a housewife.

ANNE (HARVEY) COSTA (JUNE 1945) lives in Sun Lakes, AZ, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

JANE (GLAITZ) DELANEY (JUNE 1945) lives in Tucson, AZ, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

ADELE (WOJDAK) FREEBUS (JUNE 1945) lives in Albuquerque, NM, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

LESTER GRAVES (JUNE 1945) graduated from De Paul BS Commerce 1969, lives in Arlington Hts, Il and is retired.

BILL HACKBARTH (JUNE 1945) MARRIED MARJORIE (GROEGER) (JUNE 1945), he graduated from North Park College, lives in Sun City Center, FL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

BARBARA (WHITTIER) HANSON (JUNE 1945) GRADUATED FROM northwestern PhB 1951, Western Reserve MA 1961, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and is retired.

DOROTHY (VODVARKA) HINCKS (JUNE 1945) graduated from Cal St BA 1982, lives in Brea, CA and is retired.

DOLORES (KOCH) REICHERT (JUNE 1945) graduated from Wright AA 1948, lives in Arroyo Grande, CA, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN STEFFEN (JUNE 1945) MARRIED CORALYNN (MANCHEE) (JUNE 1945), they live in Bonita Springs, FL, have 4 children, 7 grandchildren and are retired.

IRVIN KAAGE (JANUARY 1946) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, 3 generations of Irvin (JR, III,IV) all graduated from Taft, he is retired (HAHA).

ELAINE (RUBOYANES) BLAZEK (JUNE 1946) graduated from Wright, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a housewife.

DELORES (BRUBACH) GORR (JUNE 1946) lives in Schiller Park, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a certified painting instructor.

JEANNE (BAILEY) WITBROD (JUNE 1946) lives in Auburndale, FL, has 7 children, 20 grandchildren, is retired, won the gold medal in swimming in the Senior Games for 2 years running.

DON WILLIMAS (JANUARY 1947) MARRIED CAROL (SCHMELZLE) (JANUARY 1949), he graduated from Northwestern BS 1955, Kent College of Law JD 1964, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired attorney.

MARGARET (PFENDER) WINTERSDORF (JANUARY 1947) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 7 children, 16 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

HAROLD CICHOWSKI (JUNE 1947) MARRIED MARILYN (HAYOR) (JUNE 1947), they live in Beverly Hills, FL, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and are retired.

FREDERIC CONVILLE (JUNE 1947) graduated from Millikin BA 1954, lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

CHESTER MATHISON (JUNE 1947) graduated from St Olas College 1955, lives in Bellingham, WA, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

ELIZABETH (WITBROD) ROSSMAN (JUNE 1947) lives in Auburndale, FL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

LAVERNE (FERGON) TRAVOSEK (JUNE 1947) lives in Ocala, FL, has 2 children and is a retired motel owner.

DORIS (CLEBAN) WOOD (JUNE 1947) graduated from College of Du Page AA 1980, lives in Wheaton, IL, has 5 children, 15 grandchildren and is retired.

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

BETTE (WAGNER) MEYER-HARDING (JANUARY 1948) graduated from De Paul BA 1956, Eastern WA Med 1967, BA 1971, lives in Spokane, WA, has 3 children, 2 stepchildren and is a semi retired historian/writer.

DAVID TRACY (JANUARY 1948) graduated from IL Wesleyan PhB 1953, Mc Cormick Seminary 1987, lives in St Simons Island, GA, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired Clergy.

CLASS NOTES

DON BRETWISCH (JUNE 1948) lives in Waupaca, WI, has 7 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired carpenter.

MARY (TURNER) GEORGE (JUNE 1948) graduated from Grinnel College BA 1952, Nat'l College of Ed Med 1954, lives in Cave Creek, AZ, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

ADELINE (PAULSEN) LOFSTROM (JUNE 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1952, Post Grad Rutgers, lives in Metuchen, NJ, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired high school math teacher.

RICHARD SWANSON (JUNE 1948) lives in Woodstock, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired bricklayer.

HOWARD JACOBSEN (JUNE 1949) lives in Chicago, has 1 children and is a collectables dealer.

JAMES JACOBSEN (JUNE 1949) graduated from Northern BS 1952, Bradley MS 1957, No CO EdD 1964, lives in Macomb, IL, has 1 child, is retired and an antique dealer.

MARY ANN (ALLEN) LOWRY (JUNE 1949) lives in San Diego, CA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JAMES POWERS (JUNE 1949) graduated from Northern IL BSEd 1957, U of I MA 1958, lives in Mt Dora, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

1950s

NANCY (BLACK) GUTTERY (1950) graduated from CO State Eng 1985, lives in Colorado Springs, Co, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is semi retired.

DALE KENDRICK (JUNE 1950) graduated from Northern, lives in Libertyville, IL and is the owner of Barnaby's Restaurant in Des Plaines.

ROBERT LAWRENZ (JUNE 1950) graduated from U of I BS Finance, lives in Rockford, IL, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is a financial planner.

COREEN (PETERS) VICINI (JUNE 1950) lives in Morton Grove, IL and has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

JOHN NELSON (JANUARY 1951) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired AT & T supervisor.

CHARLES KEATON (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of I BS 1955, lives in Indianapolis, IN, has 3 children and is retired.

MARGE (ANDERSON) KIATZEL (JUNE 1951) lives in Bensenville, IL and has 4 children.

JOHN PASZKIET (JUNE 1951) lives in Fayetteville, AR, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

PAUL LAUSCHKE (JANUARY 1952) graduated from U of I BS Civil Engr 1956, lives in Alton, IL, has 8 children, 10 grandchildren and is a realtor.

HAROLD OQUIST (JANUARY 1952) MARRIED VALERIE (VEHRS) (JUNE 1952) they live in Montecito, CA, have 4 children, 4 grandchildren and are retired.

LORRAINE (OLSON) BARLOW (JUNE 1952) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

MARILYN (PAULSON) KETCHPAW (JUNE 1952) graduated from Wright AA 1956, winters in Winter Haven, FL, summers in Elkhorn, WI, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

WILLIAM BRUHN (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired tool and die maker.

JOAN BECKERT (JUNE 1953) graduated from Northwestern BA, lives in Arlington Hts, IL and is an administrative manager at a CPA firm.

CARL EDWARDS (JANUARY 1953) MARRIED ALICE (TAYLOR) (JANUARY 1953), he graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering. She graduated from North Park AA 1955, Chgo Teachers College 1961, they live in Chicago, have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, Carl is a construction consultant and Alice is a retired teacher.

JAMES O'CONNOR (JUNE 1953) MARRIED CAROLYN (CELLA) (JANUARY 1959) they live in Evergreen, CO, have 4 children (all Taft Grads), 10 grandchildren and he is a retired Captain, Chicago Fire Dept.

BETTY (PETERSEN) PHILLIPPI (JUNE 1953) graduated from MI State BA Spec Ed/ Blind, MA Rehab Counseling, U of MI MSD Social Work, lives in Tipton, MI, has 6 children, 15 grandchildren and is co-owner and director of Adrian Psychotherapy Assoc., clinical social work.

RALPH WIRTH (JUNE 1953) lives in Clearwater, FL, has 3 girls and 4 grandchildren, and is retired.

W. KEITH WEINWURM (JANUARY 1954) graduated from St Olaf College BA 1962, lives in Troutville, VA, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

LEE ALBERTS (JUNE 1954) lives in Roselle, IL, has 2 children and is a painting contractor.

JAMES HOPPE (JUNE 1954) graduated from U of WY BS 1958, Med 1968, lives in Casper, WY, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired elementary principal.

PATRICIA (KOLBUS) MC INERNY (JUNE 1954) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

ART REIDER (JUNE 1954) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired firefighter.

KATHLEEN (MILLER) DASS (JANUARY 1955) lives in Wonderlake, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired printer.

LOIS (WELDON) DOWD (JUNE 1955) lives in Davis, IL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

MARYLOU (O'NEILL) CZARNIK (JUNE 1956) lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is an office manager.

JAMES HARTZER (JUNE 1955) graduated from De Paul BA 1959, MI State MA 1968, lives in Norwalk, CT, has 3 children and is President of a TV production Co.

DONALD LEARN (JUNE 1955) lives in Belvedere, IL, has 6 children 23 grandchildren and is a retired machinist.

DIANE (GOTZ) RANIERE (JUNE 1956) graduated from Elmhurst College BA, has 1 child and works for Peterson Ice Cream Co.

LOIS (NIELSEN) WASCHOW (JUNE 1956) lives in Chicago, has 3 children (all Taft grads), 5 grandchildren and is a medical assistant librarian at Resurrection Hospital.

DEON WIECHMANN (JUNE 1956) lives in Blaine, WI, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

NANCIE (SEDOR) WHITE (JUNE 1957) graduated from Bryant College AA, lives in Englewood, FL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

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MARIANNE (BURGBACHER) CELCE-MURCIA (JANUARY 1958) graduated from U of I BA English 1962, UCLA MA Linguistics 1964, PhD Linguistics 1972, lives in Santa Monica, CA, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a professor of applied linguistics at UCLA.

KAREN (DRINAN) JOHNSON (JANUARY 1958) graduated from Triton AAS 1977, Harper AA 1984, lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 6 children, 12 grandchildren and is an x-ray technologist.

ROBERT ZAUN (JANUARY 1958) graduated from Valparaiso BA 1962, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, is retired, has a jazz quartet with the new CD available at jazzspectrum.com.

NANCY (KAMPE) ZEPPOS (JANUARY 1958) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a trainer/auditor customer service.

DIANE (MILLER) FALK (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of Chgo AB 1969, AM 1966, U of PA MSN 1971, Rutgers PhD 1985, lives in Mays Landing, NJ, has 1 child and is a college teacher at Richard Stockton College.

GLENN TEMPLEMAN (JANUARY 1959) MARRIED BARBARA (LYNN) (JUNE 1959), he graduated from U of I BS 1964, IL State MS 1965, Barbara graduated from U of I BS 1963, they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, Glenn is retired and Barbara is a substitute teacher in HS Dist 214.

JUDITH (NELSON) DE STEFANO (JUNE 1959) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

1960s

STEPHEN ANDERSEN (JUNE 1960) graduated from SIU BA Art Ed 1964, U of CO MFA Ceramics 1976, lives in

Estes Park, CO, has 3 children and is an artist and retired art professor.

MARIAN (SCHLEEDE) BUSTA (JUNE 1960) graduated from Northwestern BA, lives in Park Ridge, IL and is an RN.

MILLIE (ELIAS) CITTI (JUNE 1960) lives in Brookfield, WI, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a Brookfield Librarian.

RAYMOND FAIRBANK (JUNE 1960) graduated from Golden State U AA 1974, BA 1976, lives in Helendale, CA, has 3 children and is an insurance broker

SANDRA (MAHNKE) HOLMES (JUNE 1960) lives in Winchester, MO, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a bookkeeper/tax preparer..

JOHN KNUTSON (JUNE 1960) graduated from Augustana BS 1964, WA State MS 1967, PhD 1969, lives in Iowa City, IA, has 2 children, 1 grandchildren and is a Professor at U of IA.

PAUL NASIATKA (JUNE 1960) graduated from East TN BS Business 1977, lives in chantilly, VA and is in international telecommunications.

ROSEMARY (CHUDZINSKI) NOVAK (JUNE 1960) lives in Ballwin, MO, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

EUGENE PHILLIP (JUNE 1960) graduated from ITT BSEE 1967, lives in Great Falls, VA and is a retired Government engineer/manager.

SANDRA (SCHOLL) STEINER (JUNE 1960) lives in Mission Viejo, CA and has 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

SCOTT SCHREIBER (JANUARY 1961) graduated from North Park BA 1966, lives in Rio Rancho, NM, has 2 children and is semi retired.

ROBERTA (LENZ) KOCH (JUNE 1961) graduated from Loyola BS 1965, lives in Niles, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and does Quixtar direct sales.

GLORIA (KUHLES)ADAMS (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northwestern and Mundelein College, lives in Chandler, AZ, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is an account rep.

MARGARETE (KEIL) GROSS (JUNE 1962) graduated from Mundelein College, Art Institute of Chicago, Rosary College 1982, lives in Chicago, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a free lance artist and archivist at the Chicago Public Library.

DAVID BARTH (JANUARY 1962) graduated from Elmhurst College, lives in Streamwood, IL, has 4 children and is a film video producer also director of 100 voice ecumenical Christian chorus.

BARBARA (BOROWSKI) KING (JUNE 1962) MARRIED TERRY (JANUARY 1960)they live in Vernon Hills, IL, have 2 children and she is an executive assistant.

KATHEE (ANDERSON) HOUSER (JUNE 1962) graduated from U of CO BA 1966, lives in Flagstaff, AZ, has 2 children and is a member of co-op fiber artist/teaches sewing.

PAM (FISK) LOBENHOFER (JUNE 1962) graduated from North Park BA 1966, Nat'l College of Education Med 1987, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children and is a resource teacher, gifted program at Juliette Low in Arlington Hts.

BRAIN OLSON (JUNE 1962) lives in Bristol, WI, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is in purchasing.

PAULA (SIMONIDES) WEGLARZ (JUNE 1962) graduated from IL State BA 1966, lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is an associate writer.

GINNY (SUTTON) EVERT (JANUARY 1963) GRADUATED FROM American Academy of Medical Technology, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is in the fund raising department of a non profit organization.

JANET (TEMPLIN) WLODARCZYK (JANUARY 1963) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is a retired nail technician. Husband wrote "Riverview Gone But Not Forgotten".

MARK ANDERSON (JUNE 1963) graduated from Wright AA 1966, lives in Sycamore, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is president of 2 international transport companies.

LOLA (COX) DIEHL (JUNE 1963) lives in Carol Stream, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a bookkeeper.

DAVE DOKKA (JUNE 1963) graduated from Drake BA 1967, lives in Jacksonville, IL, has 2 children and is a business owner.

GAYLE (MEYER) FETRO (JUNE 1963) lives in Woodlands, TX and has 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

SHARON (OLSON) RAINEY (JUNE 1963) graduated from Southern IL, lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a customer service manager.

VIVIAN VILLERS (JANUARY 1964) graduated from U of IA BA 1968 Creative Writing, lives in Chicago and is owner of Sage Planning in Northbrook.

BOB KRUKOWSKI (JANUARY 1965) graduated from SIU BA Ed 1984, Webster U MBA 1992, lives in Lake Villa, IL, is an author, first novel "The Spirit Taker" recently published under pen name Robert Lloyd Frankland.

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LINDA (BECKER) LASSEIGNE (JANUARY 1965) graduated from Valparaiso U BS Ed 1969, lives in Auburndale, FL, has 2 children and is a substitute teacher.

BOB CLESEN (JUNE 1965) graduated from Southern IL BS Interior Design 1973, lives in Denver, CO and is a designer/remodeler.

STEPHEN KAUFMAN (1965) graduated from Alexian Brothers Hospital RN 1968, North Park BA Psychology 1972, Medical College of WI MA bioethics 1995, lives in Harwood Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a director, accreditation services at Ambulatory Health Care in Wilmette, IL.

DENNIS STEPHENS (JUNE 1965) MARRIED JUDI (LUGA) (JUNE 1965) he graduated from U of I BS Elec Engr 1969, MSEE 1971, they live in Barrington, IL, have 3 children. 1 grandchildren and he is an electronics engineer.

PAT (KUTA VUICH) (JUNE 1965) lives in Chicago and is an administrative assistant.

GINGER (NORBERG) YACTOR (JUNE 1965) lives in Palatine, has 2 children and is a housewife and HS student supervisor.

GAIL (FRANSEN) GORSKI (JUNE 1966) graduated from UIC BA 1970, Meramec CC AA 1976, De Paul MA 1990, lives in Willowbrook, IL and is operations manager grounds & janitorial at Brookfield Zoo.

AUDREY (JOHNSON) NELSON (JUNE 1966) MARRIED ALAN (1966) she graduated from Mankato State BS 1970, lives in Milford, MI, has 3 children and is a housewife.

JENNY (GOODRICH) DECKER (JUNE 1967) graduated from Natl Lewis BA 1992, St Xavier MA 2000, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren

and is a 4th grade teacher at Butterfield in Lombard.

STEVE JOHNSON (JUNE 1967) graduated from Northeastern BA 1972, American Academy of Art AA 1976, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is an artist and teacher of art.

EDWARD KRZEMINSKI (JUNE 1967) graduated from Wright, mech. engr., College of Du Page, electronics, lives in Countryside, IL, has 2 children and is an American Airlines facility mechanic and Alderman in Countryside.

JANET (COTE) LAFATA (JUNE 1967) graduated from Carthage College BS Theatre 1971, lives in Oviedo, FL, has 1 children and is in sales and consulting for Safety Products, Inc.

SHARON (VAN LANEN) LOHSE (JUNE 1967) graduated from Loretto Hts College BS Nursing 1971, Loyola MS Nursing, lives in Belle Mead, NJ, has 3 children and is an RN clinical nurse in Psychiatry.

DONNA (SWOCH) PAULEY (JUNE 1967) graduated from U of WI BSE 1971, LSU MSE 1980, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children and is a resource center director at Lincoln School.

JAMES SCHROEDER (JUNE 1967) graduated from Luther College BS 1971, Medical College of VA MS Biochemistry 1976, DDS 1976, lives in Richmond, VA, has 6 children and is a Dentist.

JAMES CIESCO (1968) MARRIED JOYCE (STOCH) (1968) they live in Mc Henry, IL and have 2 children.

KENNETH GAUGER (1968) graduated from Wright AA 1971, Northwestern BS 1981, lives in Mt Prospect, IL and is a finance accountant.

LARRY LONSON (1968) graduated from Columbia 1972, Western Intl MBA 2000, lives in Phoenix, AZ and is an executive.

CHERYL (BRANDT) MC CAUSLIN (1968) lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 3 children and is in retail sales.

SHARON (HOLM) NAJDOWSKI (JUNE 1968) lives in Sugarland, TX, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

MICHAELINE (TWAREK) WONG (1968) lives in Silver Spring, MD, has 2 children and is a senior account executive for a printing company.

SUSAN (DOBBERTIN) ASLETT (1969) lives in Russell, IL, has 3 children and is a rural carrier.

1970s

BUD ECKHOLM (1970) graduated from Northeastern BA 1976, James Madison U Med 1981, counseling psychology, lives in Phoenix, AZ and is a family therapist.

JUDY JACOBSEN (1970) MARRIED LE ROY NEGA (1970), graduated from Wright AA 1973, lives in Hawthorn Woods, IL, has 1 children and is retired.

CATHERINE (JOST) KANE (1970) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

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.

HELEN (SZYMCZYK) JACKSON (1971) graduated from U of I BS Medical Dietetics 1977, lives in Glenview, IL, has 1 child and is a clinical dietitian.

MITCHELL WHITE (1971) LIVES IN Brighton, MI, has 2 children and is a transportation manager.

CAROL (CARSON) BRIMER (1972) graduated from Purdue BA 1975, BS 9180, U of MO MS 1987, lives in Manchester, MO, has 3 children and is an engineer.

LOUIS MAGURNO (1972) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children and is a self employed home remodeler.

LEE ANN (SHELLABARGER) MURDOCH (1972) graduated from Western IL BA 1977, lives in Racine, WI and has 2 children.

ROBERT RENELLA (1972) graduated from Wright AA 1975, Lewis BA 1985, lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 3 children and is a director of telecommunication sales.

MARY ROMANO (1972) graduated from Regis U International Business 1990, London School of Economics MBA 1993, lives in Scottsdale, AZ and is in sales management.

DON STEIN (1972) MARRIED ANNIE (BURSONI) (1974) he graduated from U of I BA Management 1976, De Paul MBA 1983, lives in Niles, IL and is an office manager.

PATRICIA (WENDT) WIEMER (1972) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a teacher assistant.

RANDY CYGAN (1973) graduated from U of I BS Chemistry 1977, Penn State MS Geochemistry 1980, PhD 1983, lives in Albuquerque, NM, has 2 children and is a geochemist.

ANTHONY DE SALVO (1973) graduated from Northeastern BA Political Science 1976, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a sales manager.

RICHARD EVANS (1973) MARRIED DONNA (SCHOLLER) (1974), lives in Elgin, IL, has 2 children and is a branch service manager for an electronics firm

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SHARON (KASLUGA) BIERNAT (1974) graduated from Southern IL BS Elem Ed, lives in Wilmette, IL, has 2 children and is in sales marketing..

RICHARD CAPPARELLI (1974) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is an auto dealer.

CHRISTOPHER IACULLO (1974) graduated from De Paul BS Acct 1981, MST 1988, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children (1 set of triplets) and is a CPA.

JO ANNE BOBUS (1976) graduated from Florida Atlantic U BA Ed 1984, lives in Buffalo Grove, IL and is a corporate account manager.

MARY (PERLOWSKI) BOYLE (1977) lives in Algonquin, IL, has 2 children and is an accountant.

LINDA KUFFEL (1977) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is an export administrator.

JOSEPH PALKONER (1977) graduated from Normandale CC AA 1980, U of MN BA 1981, lives in Ingleside, IL and is disabled.

CAROL (KOBLE) LOVE (1978) graduated from Loyola BA 1983, lives in North Canton, CT and is a library clerk/substitute teacher.

TERRI (WARD) REEVES (1978) lives in Lakemoor, IL, has 5 children and is a homemaker and part time bookkeeper.

JULIE (COLL) ALGRIM (1979) graduated from U of WI BS, lives in Racine, WI, has 2 children and is a part time x-ray tech.

MICHAEL DUGGER (1979) graduated from U of I BSE 1984, Northwestern PhD 1990, lives in Tijeras, NM, is a materials scientist and a member of the wilderness search and rescue team.

SOPHIE (SZYBOWICZ) MC DONAUGH (1979) graduated from Triton AA 1982, Automotive Tech, lives in Chicago, has 4 children and

owns Three Arrows, Inc Radiator Shop.

1980s

DAVE BUCHER (1980) MARRIED CONNIE (STESSL) (1982) they live in Lisbon Falls, ME, have 3 children and Dave is a US Flight Engineer/Aviation Electrician.

THOMAS HIZEL (1982) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a CNC programmer.

JENNIFER (SACKETT) POLIZZI (1987) graduated from U of I BA English 1992, lives in Chicago, has 2 children, Jennifer was our 2nd scholarship winner .

In Our Memories

Marvin Isberner, class of June 1942 passed away on October 25, 2001 after falling off his roof while making repairs.

Dorothy (Peterson) Ford, class of June 1944 passed away on July 22, 2001.

George (Asimopulos) Ames, class of 1945 passed away on August 3, 2000 as a result of a ruptured abdominal aorta.

Marlis (Brunner) Breisch, class of January 1946 passed away on April 24, 2001.

Betty (Lophr) Cremin, class of January 1947 passed away on September 10, 2001.

Harvey W. Peter, class of June, 1948 passed away December 23, 2000 from heart disease.

Walter Kolanko, class of June 1955 passed away on July 12, 2001 from cancer.

Edward Wehrheim, class of 1971 was killed by a gunman at the Melrose Park "Navistar Plant" in 2000.

Greg Granahan, class of 1972 passed away on September 9, 1998 from a heart condition.

Joan Ellen Beecroft passed away on September 15, 2001. She taught at Edison Park Grammar School from 1955 through 1962.

Norman Gierke, retired teacher who worked at Hitch Grammar School for 35 years died September 18, 2001.

George Kupka, Taft mathematics teacher since 1985 died September 4, 2001. George served as a teacher representative on the Taft Local School Council from 1991 to 1993. He also coached the school's soccer team.

Classmates In the News

On June 27, 2001 Colonel **Lawrence L. Larson** (June, 1964) relinquished command of the Marine Aviation Training Support Group-21 in Pensacola, FL. He retired after 28 years in the Marine Corp. Previously, his assignments included service with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadrons and primary flight instructor with Training SQ TWO and Search and Rescue Detachment, Iwakuni, Japan. Over the years, he was awarded the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal w/Gold Star, Navy Com. Medal w/Gold Star, Air Force Com. Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Air Force Presidential Unit Citation w/Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

New Student Entrance

If you drive by the Bryn Mawr side of Taft High School, you will immediately notice a big change. The large canopy over the new student entrance is now complete and in use. CTA buses now pull into the semi-circular driveway to drop off and pick up students here, eliminating the need for the walk through the neighborhood and across the railroad tracks to Northwest Highway or Nagle buses. Metal detectors have been installed in the staging area just inside the entrance doors. Special ID badges issued to each student are required to be swiped in the card readers before being allowed to enter the main portion of school.

Other improvements that are not so obvious are new air conditioning units in the two 2nd floor gyms and repairs to the PA system. Taft's principal, Dr. Tarvardian hopes to upgrade the school soon with the installation of an elevator, to bring the school in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Also needed are replacing door handles in the school, modifying sinks in the bathrooms and constructing a ramp on the Northcott Ave. side.

Larry earned an engineering degree from U of I in 1972. After joining the Marines, he continued his education and secured a Masters of Science degree in Systems Mgmt. from U. of So. CA (1978) and Master of Arts degree in Defense Resources Mgmt. from the National Defense U. (1994).

Earl Hughes (2002) senior running back of the Eagle's varsity team, earned "Athlete of the Week" from Pioneer Press newspaper last month. His outstanding performance helped his team beat Schurz as well as their homecoming game against Kelvyn Park. He rushed for 199 yards during the game, including scoring two touchdowns. That put the team in a first place tie with Lane, though they lost that when Lane beat them the following week.

The Norwood Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry honored Taft High School principal, **Dr. Arthur Tarvardian** at their annual dinner on October 18, 2001. He was recognized for his leadership and commitment to the student and community in restoring Taft as "one of Chicago's finest high schools."

Ralph Capparelli (June, 1942), Taft Hall of Famer and current deputy majority leader in the Illinois House

of Representatives, has the honor of having the new fitness center at the Norwood Park Home on Nina Avenue named the Ralph C. Capparelli Strength Training Center. He was able to secure a \$50K Illinois FIRST grant for the purchase of the equipment for the center.

Ralph always believed in fitness since his football days at Taft. He still works out daily and can probably outdo most young people today as he can bench press over 275 pounds.

Bob Lilla (June 1950) received the 2001 Chet Stewart Award from USA Hockey, Inc. This award was established in 2000 to recognize an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the USA Hockey Officiating Education program during many years of service to the hockey community as an official and volunteer. After 23 years on the ice, he retired. For the past eight years he has served as an off ice official for the Chicago Wolves of the International Hockey League.

Retirement (Continued from page 1)

I retired from mortgage banking in June, 2000 and The Jazz Spectrum has been usurping my time ever since. Recently we've performed at Chambers in Niles, at the College of Lake County, on the Anita Dee II cruise ship off Navy Pier for the Sysix Corporation and for the Illinois Association of Realtors in Tinley Park. We did many summer community concerts including Elgin, Highland Park, Vernon Hills, Palatine, Crystal Lake, Downers Grove, and Kenosha. The highlight this year, of course, was the release of our first full length CD plus the creation of our Website. If you check it out please note that we have a wonderful holiday program if anyone is interested.

The best part of this "retirement project" is my fellow performers. We're really like family. Actually, we are! My daughter sings alto, her husband is our drummer, my son helps with the arrangements, my wife baby-sits the two grandkids and my Mom (92, still driving and playing bridge) is our number one groupie. This is retirement?

Bob Zaun (January 1958)
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[Editor's Note: I've really enjoyed listening to his sample CD I got a couple years ago. Anyone interested in booking the Jazz Spectrum or purchasing a CD for \$15 may call or email Bob. Jerry Bloom]

Attention Eagle Baseball Players

Well, the 2001 baseball season is over. Naturally, there is no post-season play on either the north or south sides of town. What better time to think about next year. But I don't mean the Cubs or Sox. I mean us. When was the last time you chased down a fly ball? Laid down a bunt? Threw from the stretch? Hit into a double play (ouch)? If your answer to any or all of these questions is "to long ago", then maybe we should do something about it. I would like to hear from any former ballplayers who would be interested in having an alumni baseball game. Depending on the response we could even look at two games; a junior game 30 years old and younger, and senior game for the 31+ crowd. All graduating classes welcome.

I am trying to set this up for next summer, probably July or August but it will depend on the availability of the baseball field. Anyone who is interested in playing, umpiring, coaching or doing anything else, please send me an e-mail at dback_lf00@msn.com

John Sokolowski, class of 1976



Top row: Alice (Mc Creary) Lundberg, Dick Schultz, Ernie Stolle, Betty Yost, Hermina (Kipowski) Sasse, Ron Newmann. Bottom row : Dick Lindquist, Ken Lundberg, Margaret (Barthel) Michel, Searles Laswell, Gayle (Kenney) Dompke, Virginia (Rosenke) Koelling, Sonia (Lubinetz) Swanson, Art Reider

Onahan, Class of June 1950 held its 51st reunion on October 28,2001. Fourteen classmates and one spouse enjoyed an evening of fellowship and reminiscing with the help of memorabilia.



Mary Alice (Turner) George, Phoenix, AZ, Elizabeth (Gillogly) Bryant, Leesburg, VA, Roberta (Krieger) Robertson, Brentwood, TN, Joanne (Mayer) Christenson, Norwalk, CA. Get together of 4 Taft graduates from Edgebrook School.



\$5.00 each

- Taft Alumni recipes from 1940s through 1990s, including some Taft lunchroom favorites.

Jackets: \$30.00 each

Special purchase blue nylon windbreakers with a white flannel lining and snap front with a drawstring bottom. The silver emblem on the left breast area reads "TAFT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI" with an eagle in the center: M (38-40), L (42-44), XL (46-48)

Yearbooks: \$25.00 each

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Jan 1943	1990	1996
1982	1991	1997
1984	1992	1998
1985	1993	1999
1986	1994	2001

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