



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Meet Newest Taft "Bald" Eagles

by Joan Defilippo, PTSA President

Taft High School was recently the proud host of a very important event. On March 14, 2008 over 150 students, a few parents, two brave teachers and several community members came together to fight kids cancer! They participated in St. Baldrick's, an annual event that is held throughout the country to promote awareness and raise funds for conquering pediatric cancer.

Timmy DeFilippo, a current freshman at Taft asked Dr. Tarvardian for permission to host the event this year at school. Timmy, along with his father, Kerry, is a five-year veteran of St. Baldrick's. They formerly participated in a venue in downtown Chicago, but this year, St. Baldrick's asked Timmy to form a high school team. With help from music teacher Alan Demski, along with other students, Timmy promoted the event through a pep rally in January that Fox News televised. Taft was one of a few high schools in the Fox Schools Challenge throughout Chicagoland. The students went far beyond everyone's expectations. The goal was set to raise \$5,000.00; however, the students and teachers came in with over \$14,000.00 in donations!

The APR was home to the head-shaving event and the room was filled from 9:30 until 3:00 PM. Students were asked to raise at least \$50.00 to participate; however, none were turned away. This was not only about the money; it was about raising awareness of pediatric cancer. *(article continued on page 9)*



Taft Class Reunions

January 1946

Date: September 12-13, 2008
Place: Hilton Garden Inn - Oakbrook Terrace
Contact: **Barbara Loeschen** - 941-924-0736 or
sarasotabarb@verizon.net

January/June 1948 - 60th Reunion

Date: September 26-27, 2008
Place: Holiday Inn - Skokie
Contact: **Frank Heyer** - 773-631-4701 or
frankheyer@msn.com

January 1953 - 55th Reunion

Dates: July 25, 26, 27, 2008
Place: Friday: Pickwick Restaurant - Park Ridge 5
PM
Saturday: Wayside Inn - Glenview 5 PM
(Dinner and Dancing)
Sunday: Elly's Pancake House 11 AM
Contact: **Valerie Zetek Blaue** - 847-824-5577
val5455@sbcglobal.net or
Lois Plechaty Rolf - 847-967-6993

January 1955

Date: August 2, 2008
Place: Lake Avenue Woods, Des Plaines - 10:30am
Contact: **Meg (Goodell) Magee** - 410-465-0256

January/June 1958 - 50th Reunion

Date: October 3-5, 2008 (Dinner/Dance - Oct 4)
Place: Doubletree Hotel - Arlington Heights, IL
Contact: Sentimental Journey
847-657-3639 or funreunion@aol.com

June 1959 - 50th Reunion

Date: September 24-27, 2009
Place: TBD - Welcome Reception, Picnic @ Norwood
Park, Dinner/Dance, Tour of Taft, Tour of Chi-
cago
Loop, Possible Football Game, Farewell Brunch
Contacts: www.taftreunion1959.com
Larry Marsh - fairseas2u@earthlink.net
Pat (Santell) Lutz - patlutz@comcast.net
Kent Meyer - carolekent@accelplus.net
Sue (Willers) Bruce -
mrmrsjbruce@verizon.net



January/June 1962

Date: September 13, 2008
Place: Gibson's Restaurant - Rosemont, IL
Contact: **David Robert**, chairperson
Taft62reunion@sbcglobal.net or
847-253-8876

January/June 1966 (celebrating 60th birthdays)

Date: August 16, 2008
Place: TBA (northwest Chicago area)
Contact: **Linda (Kelly) Sak** - Lulusak@aol.com
847-705-9808 (let it ring 6 times)

Class of 1977 (see notice on page 3)

Date: August 16, 2008
Place: Bunker Hill Forest Preserve
Contact: **Karl Vanderah** - 773-469-7846
email: bongwater1977@hotmail.com

All Taft Classes - 6th Annual Reunion Picnic

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2009
Place: Ft. DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg, FL
Shelter number 14 - **Noon to 3 PM**
Pot Luck - BYOB (Note: photo shoot at 2:30 pm)
(park phone number - (727) 582-2267)
Contact: **Leon Kathan** (if needed)
117 Monte Real Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33876-8056
(863) 655-4559 - leonkathan@yahoo.com

* last in LuQuinta CA

** last in Newton CT

Elementary School Reunions

1958 - Norwood Park School 50th Reunion

Date: September 12-14, 2008
Place: Norwood Park Grade School, etc.
Contact: **Jerry Beesley Bloom** (June 62)
(920) 559-7440 or jerrybloom@fales.org

1959 - Thomas A. Edison Sch. 50th Reunion

Date: Summer of 2009
Place: TBA
Contact: **Carolyn (Feare) Rominski** (1963)
carrominski@yahoo.com or
Margie (Stewart) Doud (1963) at
mcdoud@yahoo.com

Remembering Taft Reunion - Number ONE

by **Frank Zemaitis**
(June 1940)

Seeing the reunion notices in the newsletter reminded me of the very first Taft class reunion. It sure was different, more like a sock hop. Soon after Taft's first class was graduated in June of 1940, I went to see **Dr. Hoefler**, the then principal. What a nice man. He supplied me with names and addresses of our class and with the help of a committee of six or seven people, we formed the first TAA.

Mary Farrell, who was our class guidance counselor, was

a huge help in setting up a dance at the Edgebrook Golf Course community building. A jukebox was rented and Benny Goodman and Glen Miller gave us the music. Of course, there were no hard drinks available, but the great swing music was intoxicating enough.

The weather was warm and the window was open next to the jukebox. A stack of rented records disappeared. An enterprising thief had made off with those heavy 78 rpm records. No CD's then. The police were involved, but as far as we know the usual suspects were never rounded up. Mrs. Farrell, true to her nature, was kind enough to take care of the matter with the jukebox rental people.

Still, we had a lot of fun for a bunch of teenagers faced with the growing concerns of a threatening world condition. These were the pre-Pearl Harbor days of "Lend Lease" and "National Defense". The war in Europe was two years old and heating up. In a matter of months another catch phrase would be on the nations lips: "Remember Pearl Harbor". Within a year, most of us were in uniform or at work in defense plants.

Now, it is "Remember 9/11". History does repeat itself.

Taft 2008 Scholarships Pending

Currently, the TAA Scholarship Committee is reviewing all applications submitted for this year's TAA Scholarship Awards. The deadline for this year's applications was April 11, 2008, so the committee's task now is to whittle the stack of applications to a precious few. Specific parameters are weighed and evaluated, including scholastic aptitude, teacher recommendations, extra-curricular activities and family monetary need. We will announce all the finalists in our Summer TAA issue.

Attention Class of 1977

The 2nd Annual Class of 1977 picnic will be held at Bunker Hill Forest Preserve - Grove #7 (the one near Hartz Rd) on Saturday - August 16th 2008 (11:00 AM - Sunset).

As usual, this event is open to any classmates who attended Taft during that general period of time and this will be BYOB event (hey, I already coughed-up the permit fee)!!! Come early and have some fun. If anyone has access to one of those giant grill thingies let me know and bring it. For suggestions, offers to help, ideas, complaints, or large cash donations..... get in touch with **Karl Vanderah**

email: bongwater1977@hotmail.com or phone: 773-469-7846.



2008 All-Class Reunion Picnic

We had picture-perfect weather in St. Petersburg, FL this past March 16th, as these photos show, provided by Phyllis (Holowaty) Albrecht (Jan '52) and Judy LaMarche (Jan '65). This larger group photo was taken early in the day, whereas **another** group photo taken later in the day after late arrivals appeared and the early-birds having left was not received by press-time to be included here. But, a good turn-out of over thirty-four alumni, plus a good representation of spouses, brought lots of conversations, photo-sharing, laughter and good-eating from far away places as Phoenix AZ and Ft. Atkinson WI.

The following is an accounting of those Taft grads who signed in to let us know they were present: Leon Kathan (Jun '56), Jeraldene (Beesley) Bloom (Jun '62), Jane LaMarche Adair (Jan '52), Judy LaMarche (Jan '65), Joyce (VanPuymbrouck) Tuttle (Jun '61), Janice (VanPuymbrouck) Shmales (Jun '61), Margie (Kullman) McLean (Jun '61), Sherry (Buerger) Kelly (Jan '63), Mike Kelly (Jan '60), Jeanie (Olsen) Gilbertson (Jan '63), Denny Pickett (Jun '58), Karen (Jensen) Pickett (Jan '60), Mariann (Leversen) Erlenbach (Jan '46), Evie (Fischer) Miller (Jan '46), Judi (Moers) Hardman (Jun '53), Mary Pastoszka Sikutski (Jun '55), Rich Monahan (Jan '63), Dick Vlasak (Jan '48), Marlene (Cerny) Williamson (Jun '55), Lois (Weldon) Dowd (Jun '55), Diane (Krehl) Roessler (Jun '55), Jeff Weber (Jun '71), Marjorie Nehlsen (Jun '56), Paulette McGuire (Jun '56), Margaret (Hase) Harris (Jun '54), Gail (Anderson) Gornick (Feb '55), Annette (Knuth) Gustafson, (Jun '56), Ken Gaughan (Jun '71), Victor Gramza (Jun '73), Phyllis (Holowaty) Albrecht (Jan '52)





1940s

KATHRYN (MITCHELL) FROST (1940) graduated from Moser Business 1943, lives in Glen Ellyn, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

DORIS (VENEMA) BRUNKHORST (JANUARY 1941) lives in Sun City West, AZ, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

GEORGE KASDORF (JANUARY 1942) graduated from American Television Institute 1947, lives in Brookfield, WI, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired TV engineer.

PHYLLIS (HARPER) CARSON (JUNE 1942) graduated from U of Chgo BS 1946, Purdue MS 1975, lives in Goodland, IN, has 3 children (2 are Taft grads), 6 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired dietitian.

IRENE (ROSS) FRANSEN (JANUARY 1944) lives in Huntley, IL, has 8 children (7 are Taft grads), 4 grandchildren and is retired.

MARJORIE (SOPER) HELDT (JUNE 1944) graduated from Wright AA 1946, lives in Bay Village, OH, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired school secretary.

RUTH (KAAGE) SCHWEITZER (JUNE 1944) lives in Warrenville, IL, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD RAHN (JANUARY 1945) MARRIED **JEAN (LA ROSE)** (JUNE 1948), they live in Des Plaines, IL, has 4 children (all Taft Grads), 2 grandchildren and are retired.

JACK REDDEN (JUNE 1945) graduated from Drake 1950, Harding Grad. School MA 1973, lives in Memphis, TN, has 2 children and is a consultant.

DOROTHY (BOWEN) MICHELSON (JANUARY 1946) graduated from Northern BA

1961, lives in Punta Gorda, FL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired teacher.

DANIEL NUGENT (JANUARY 1946) MARRIED **BONNIE (WEIDMAN)** (JANUARY 1946), Daniel graduated from Northwestern BS 1951, Bonnie graduated from Northwestern BS 1949, they live in St Paul, MN and Naples, FL, have 2 children, 8 grandchildren and are retired.

JOAN (JEPSEN) BELL (JUNE 1946) lives in Fontana, WI, has 1 child, 1 grandson and is a housewife.

CHARLES AVICHOUSER (JUNE 1947) graduated from Roosevelt BA 1958, MA 1970, Cosmopolitan School of Music BA 1958, lives in Chicago and is a retired teacher, choral director from Taft and Kelvyn Park.

DORIS (BOCKHAUS) BERNS (JUNE 1947) lives in Morton Grove, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and works in her late husband's (Robert, June 1946) advertising agency.

ROY RAUSCHENBERG (JUNE 1947) graduated from U of I BA 1951, MA 1956, PhD 1960, lives in Columbus, OH, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired Ohio U History teacher.

MARION BAAKANOWICZ (JANUARY 1948) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD AKIN (JUNE 1948) graduated from Santa Ana College 1963, lives in Diamond Springs, CA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired communications consultant.

WILLIAM CANTWELL (JUNE 1948) graduated from Northwestern CPA 1958, lives in Rockford, IL, has 10 children, 18 grandchildren and is a retired corporate controller.

DANIEL HUBERT (JUNE 1948) lives in Round Lake Beach, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

JOAN (BUSCH) LONG (JUNE 1948) has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, lives in Holland, MI and winters in Surprise, AZ.

LOLA (TELLSCHOW) MARKUS (JUNE 1949) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, is retired and ranked #1 nationally in Racquetball 70+ woman's and in the Racquetball Hall of Fame.

JAMES JACOBSEN (JUNE 1949) graduated from Northern BS 1952, Bradley MS 1957, lives in Macomb, IL, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a retired professor, now an antique dealer.

BARBARA (CALKINS) KELLER (JUNE 1949), graduated from Harrington Inst. Of Design 1980, lives in Columbus, NC, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild and is retired.

BARBARA (LATTNER) KOSMEN (JUNE 1949), graduated from the Chicago School of Dental Nursing, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is a dental hygienist.

ROBERT TURK (JUNE 1949) lives in Norridge, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

1950s

MARGARET (SCHWENDEMAN) MURDOCK (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Grinnell College BA 1953, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired kindergarten teacher.

JEAN (KASMAN) KOHMSTEDT (JUNE 1950) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is retired from United Airlines.

PAT (DOLESH) KUBIAK (JUNE 1951) graduated from St Elizabeth Hospital RN 1954, lives in Itasca, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired RN.

BILL BECKER (JANUARY 1952) graduated from U of I BS 1957, lives in Rockford, IL, has 3 children and is a retired consultant.

BARBARA (STENDAHL) BEHRENS (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Chicago Teachers College 1955, Harper Dental Hyg., lives in Rolling Meadows, IL and Jensen Beach, FL. She has 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is a retired dental hygienist.

ARTHUR EICHLIN (JANUARY 1953) MARRIED **MARIAN (HEINZ)** (1968), they live in Billings, MT, they have 1 child. Art is a retired college administrator, Marian does mental health billing/test scoring.

GLADYS (WESSELS) HINRICHS (JANUARY 1953) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and works in school cafeteria for Dist. 214.

RONALD KLEZEK (JANUARY 1953) graduated from Valparaiso 1961, Nat'l College MA 1977, lives in Palatine, IL, has 1 child and is a retired teacher.

GERALD MUNIER (JANUARY 1953) graduated from U of Miami BSCE 1959, lives in Oro Valley, AZ, has 3 children and is a retired civil engineer.

BEATRICE VALTERS (JANUARY 1953) LIVES IN Chicago and is retired.

GEORGE WALLACE (JANUARY 1953) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

GERMAINE (BURHOP) KELLEY (JUNE 1953) graduated from Northwestern BA 1958, lives in Shelburne, UT, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN PETRIE (JUNE 1953) lives in San Angelo, TX, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a semi retired data processing executive.

MARJORIE (GAY) TUCK (JUNE 1953) graduated from Duke AB 1957, Vanderbilt MA 1958, lives in Gainesville, VA, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired HS history teacher.

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

JERRY BECKER (JANUARY 1954) graduated from Lake Forest College BA, lives in Deerfield, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

LOIS (FREDRICH) CHRISTOFFERSEN (JUNE 1954) graduated from National Lewis BS 1958, lives in Chicago, has 2 children (Taft Grads), 4 grandchildren (grandson now at Taft on the Varsity football team), and is a retired kindergarten teacher.

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SUZANNE (WHEAT) FARWELL (JUNE 1954) graduated from Wright AA 1956, lives in Miami, FL and is an aide to the county commissioner.

TED MADEJ (JUNE 1954) graduated from UCLA BA, Roosevelt MA, lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and is retired from Ford Motor now owns T&M Automotive Training Center.

ROBERT STANEK (JUNE 1954) graduated from U of I BFA 1959, lives in Marietta, GA and is retired.

ALAN AVERY (JANUARY 1955) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child (Taft grad) and is a retired electrician.

NANCY (SMITH) BECHTOLD (JANUARY 1955) lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 4 children (all Taft grads), 7 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD BECKERT (JUNE 1955) graduated from Northwestern 1971, Case Western MBA 1982, lives in Bluffton, SC, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a retired director of transportation.

PAUL NEUHAUSER (JANUARY 1956) graduated from U of I BS 1960, De Paul MBA 1967, lives in South Barrington, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren retiring 6/08 as a division auditor for R.T.A.

MARY ANN (KENNETT) DOHERTY (JUNE 1956) graduated from Wright AA 1958, lives in Monona, WI, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is an office manager.

ROD JAEGER (JUNE 1956) lives in Grayslake, IL, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired sales rep.

RONALD ROMANO (JUNE 1956) graduated from U of MO BSME 1968, U of Chicago MBA, lives in Kankakee, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

BRUCE WEINWURM (JUNE 1956) graduated St Olaf BA 1960, MBA 1976, lives in Middletown, NJ, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired general manager.

JIM MC MAHON (JUNE 1957) graduated from St Joseph College BS 1961, lives in Denton, TX, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is president of his own company.

ARLEEN (GALLA) SOTERAS (JUNE 1957) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

DAVID SWANSON (JUNE 1957) graduated from Northwestern BA 1961, lives in Bettendorf, IA, has 2 children and is retired.

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

TOM DAY (JUNE 1958), lives in Berwyn, IL, has 2 children and is the president and founder of "Bugles Across America".

BARBARA (WALLNER) MARCOTT (JANUARY 1958) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

ANNA (LUNDBERG) OTTO (JUNE 1958) lives in Waynesboro, VA, has 8 children, 6 grandchildren and owns D'Loho Trucking Co.

BONNIE (TIBBETT) PARKER (JUNE 1957) lives in Hawthorn Woods, IL, has 4 children, 12 grandchildren and is retired.

DONALD GRABOWSKI (JUNE 1958) graduated from U of I 1967, De Paul Law 1975, lives in Lake Forest, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is an attorney.

LAWRENCE ROSE (JUNE 1958) lives in West Des Moines, IA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired general manager.

BARBARA STEWART (JUNE 1958) graduated from Northern BA 1962, MA 1971, lives in Chicago and is a retired teacher of the hearing impaired.

CLIFFORD STOLL (JUNE 1958) graduated from Wright AA 1960, De Very AAS 1963, lives in Columbus, OH, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired software engineer.

MERRILIS (COOK) WEED (JUNE 1958) graduated from Chicago Academy of Fine Arts BA 1962, lives in Bonita Springs, FL, has 2 children and is an A.S.I.D. interior designer and a member of the US Ski Team.

ROBERT ZUGEHR (JUNE 1958) lives in St Charles, IL and is retired.

NORMAN GUNTHER (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of I 1963, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren

and is retired from data processing.

BILL SCHAEFER (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Cornell BS 1963, Northern MS 1965, lives in Glenview, IL and is a retired computer programmer.

GWEN (BUCK) SWANSON (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of I BA 1963, lives in Tucson, AZ, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired college administrator.

LEAH (HERBST) MC WHORTER (JUNE 1959) lives in Crockett, CA, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

1960s

BONITA (DEPOWSKI) ECKARDT (JANUARY 1960), lives in Sun City West, AZ, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a manager of a show store.

BARBARA (UEBEL) KINLEY (JANUARY 1960) lives in Buffalo Grove, IL and has 2 children, 3 grandchildren.

STEPHEN MACK (JANUARY 1960) graduated from Northwestern BSBA 1969, MBA 1970, lives in Barrington, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired auditor/CPA.

ANITA (SCHOESSLING) BARRETT (JUNE 1960) graduated from U of WI BS 1964, lives in Hot Springs, AR, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is the owner of a KOA campground.

KEN FRIZANE (JUNE 1960) graduated from Wright AA 1962, U of I BS 1965, IIT MS 1971, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a retired comp. Network manager.

SANDRA (SWANSON) HIPPI (JUNE 1960) graduated from U of I BS 1964, Northern MS, lives in Aurora, IL, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is a Biology teacher.

ROGER JENSEN (JUNE 1960) graduated from St Olaf BA 1964, Valparaiso ID 1967, lives in St Paul, MN, has 2 children and is an attorney.

THOMAS KLEIN (JUNE 1960) graduated Lewis U BS 1968, Northern MBA 1969, lives in Fresno, CA, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

ELAINE (BOBER) LECINSKI (JUNE 1960) graduated from U of

I BA, lives in Spring Grove, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

PAUL NASIATKA (JUNE 1960) graduated TN BS 1977, lives in Gresham, OR, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired from international telecommunications.

TOM NELLES (JUNE 1960) MARRIED LYNN (FOERSTER) (JUNE 1960), both graduated from Cornell BA 1964, they live in Hoffman Estates, IL, have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and are retired.

NORM PHOENIX (JUNE 1960) graduated from Wright AA 1963, IIT BSEE 1967, MSEE 1972, lives in Chicago and is a Math & Physics teacher currently at Taft.

RON TARICA (JUNE 1960) graduated IIT BS 1964, Northwestern MS 1967, PhD 1969, lives in Atascadero, CA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, retired chemical engineer, teaches classical music appreciation to seniors at community college.

CHRISTINE (WOJTOWSKI) BATALDEN (JUNE 1961) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 6 children, 14 grandchildren and is a housewife.

ROBERT BRION (JUNE 1961) lives in Richardson, TX, has 4 children has a self owned and operated horse ranch in Royse City, TX.

MARGIE (SAIGER) HALLWAS (JUNE 1961) graduated from Oakton Community College 1983, lives in Chicago, has 1 son (who graduated from Taft 1991) and is a legal secretary/real estate agent.

CONRAD STOLL (JUNE 1961) MARRIED JANET (KNOLL) (JUNE 1962), he graduated from Wright AA 1963, IL College of Optometry BS 1966, OD 1967, lives in Wheaton, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is an optometrist.

DORET (CUNIS) TOOKEY (JUNE 1961) MARRIED BOB (JUNE 1961) both graduated from Miami of OH 1965, they live in Hermitage, PA, have 3 children, Doret is an English Teacher, Bob is VP Sales at Sharon Tube Co.

DOUGLAS WITT (JUNE 1961) graduated IIT BS 1965, MS 1971, lives in Walnut Creek, CA, has 2 children and is an engineer.

KATHLEEN APPLEBY (JANUARY 1962) graduated from

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Northern BS, Northeastern MA, lives in Lake City, FL, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren and is the owner of Vision Assoc.

KAREN (GIBBONS) BLADO (JUNE 1962) graduated from U of I BS 1966, U of CT JD 1980, lives in Savannah, GA, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired attorney.

BEVERLY (BOROWSKI) BORNHORST (JUNE 1962) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

MARSHA (ROBINSON) KANABLE (JUNE 1962) lives in Columbus, IN, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a banker.

KEN KOFINK (JUNE 1962) lives in Loudon, TN and is retired.

LYNN (HIBARGER) SARACCO (JUNE 1962) MARRIED BILL (JUNE 1960), they live in Snellville, GA, have 5 children, 3 grandchildren. Lynn is in real estate.

KATHLEEN (ADREANI) THIEL (JANUARY 1963) lives in Mt Prospect, IL and Surprise, AZ, has 8 children and tons of grandchildren and is retired.

RANDALL FISCHER (JUNE 1963) graduated from De Paul BSA, Walton BA, and U of I CPA, lives in Lake Forest, IL, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is a CPA.

DLORAH (RUD) HAYDEN (JUNE 1963) lives in Woodstock, IL, has 7 children, 15 grandchildren and is retired.

TRUDY (DOMINICK) KAUFMAN (JUNE 1963) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 2 children and is a HS learning disabilities instructional aide.

ALCIE (MOHRMAN) KOSNIK (JUNE 1963) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 2 children and is a retired Spanish teacher.

RUTH ELLEN (FRAME) VAN REKEN (JUNE 1963) graduated from West Suburban Hospital RN 1967, Wheaton College BS 1969, lives in Indianapolis, IN, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is writer/speaker and has 3 books published.

LESLEY (KRAUSE) BEST (JANUARY 1964) MARRIED JERRY (JANUARY 1964), THEY

LIVE IN Elk Grove, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and Lesley is a secretary at Elk Grove Police, retiring in 5/08.

MARGARET (WINGERT) HARDY (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Northern Bsed 1968, lives in Aurora, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

MARILYN (LANGE) MAJOR (JUNE 1964) graduated from U of WI BS 1970, Nat'l Lewis MS 1980, lives in Chicago and is a retired special education teacher.

MARY (STRANDIN) GOODLOW (JUNE 1965) graduated from U of I 1969, lives in Cary, IL, has 4 children and is a retired loan officer.

JOHN HENDRICKSEN (1965) MARRIED PAMELA (STERN) (1965), he graduated from Northwestern BS 1969, they live in Mt Prospect, IL, have 2 children, 2 grandchildren. He is President of Henricksen, The Care of Trees.

TERRY LONG (JUNE 1965) graduated from U of I BS 1972, lives in Woodland Park, CO, has 1 child and is a semi retired engineer.

JOHN PLACKO (1965) graduated U of I BS 1971, FL Inst Tech 1984, lives in Goodyear, AZ, has 3 children and is director of pharmacy at Banner Estrella Medical Center.

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

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

JOHN JACKANICZ (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of I BA 1970, lives in Chicago and is a ballpark vender and dockworker.

FRANK LEBER (JUNE 1967) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is a mail carrier.

RODNEY NIEMI (JANUARY 1967) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children and is a real estate appraiser.

PATRICK COLLINS (JUNE 1968) graduated from Northeast-

ern BA 1972, lives in Sharon, WI, has 4 children and is a retired Chicago Police Officer.

LARRY LONSON (1968) graduated from Columbia 1972, Western MBA 2000, lives in Longboat Key, FL, has 2 children and is a retired executive.

CYNTHIA (PESKA) NORTHRUP (1968) graduated from Northwestern BSM 1972, MD 1974, lives in Sheboygan, WI, has 2 children and is a family physician, lives on a 30-acre farm.

SUSAN (HECKEL) SIECK (1968) lives in Shreveport, LA, has 2 children, breeds and shows Great Danes and a Montessori teacher.

GAIL (MATHISEN) CRISTOE (1969) graduated from Northeastern 1973, lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a 5th grade teacher.

ANDREW MADSEN (1969) lives in Chicago and is a machine builder.

1970s

DAVID ERICKSON (1970) graduated from Elmhurst College BS 1974, U of WI MBA 1976, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is self-employed.

ROGER PAIML (1970) graduated from Western BA 1974, lives in Hoover, AL, has 3 boys and is senior key account manager for Anheuser-Busch.

CHRISTOPHER SADOWSKI (1971) graduated from U of I BA 1975, lives in Westerville, OH and is a special agent.

DEBRA (LEFTAKES) SCRIMGEOUR (1971) MARRIED JEFF (1971), they live in Chicago, has 2 children and she is a bookkeeper.

ROGER SLABOCH (1971) graduated from Monmouth College BA 1975, lives in Sacramento, CA, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a credit manager.

JANINE KLICH-JENSEN (1972) graduated from U of I 1976, lives in Chicago and is president of a mortgage company/attorney.

JEFFREY WOLFF (1972) graduated from Northern BS 1976, lives in Long Grove, IL, has 3 children and is a VP with Marriott International.

SUE (WILLIS) HALL (1973) graduated from Northeastern BA 1976, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 1 child and is a real estate broker.

JOYCE (LUGA) SELKER (1973) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children and is a medical receptionist.

ROBERT STUMPF (1975) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a truck driver.

CYNTHIN (PENESIS) FAGIANO (1976) graduated from Northeastern BS 1982, lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a firefighter in Chicago and an aerobics instructor.

STUART RUTLEDGE (1976) graduated from Wright AA 1978, Northeastern BA 1981, lives in Cary, IL, has 2 children and is in insurance sales.

GREG GONDEK (1977) graduated from Northern BS 1981, lives in Naperville, IL, has 2 children and is an accountant.

PHIL PRIEST (1977) graduated from U of I AB 1981, Nat'l Lewis MAT 1992, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 3 children and is a 4th grade elementary school teacher in Lake Zurich.

DAWN (RUSCITI) SIMMONS (1979) lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a Re Max Realtor.

1980s

RONALD KITOWSKI (1980) MARRIED JACQUELINE (ZERBE) (1980), they live in Chicago where Ron is an LT Chicago Fire Dept/owner of Ron's Snowplowing. Jacqueline is account analyst at Central States H & W.

NANCY (EAKER) SPENK (1981) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child and is in purchasing.

LISA (LICCIARDI) MEDINA (1985) graduated from UIC BA 1988, MA 1990, lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 3 children and is a principal.

1990s

GORAN DAVIDOVAC (1996) graduated from Northwestern AA 2002, lives in Chicago and is a concert promoter/DJ.

Letters to the Editor



Bob Wleklinski (L) and George Workman (R) both class of Feb. 1943 in Guam in 1944

Dear Kay,

Enclosed is my check covering the cost of membership in the Taft Alumni Association for my wife Gerry and me. I'm also enclosing a photo of **George Workman** and myself on Guam, Mariannas Islands in 1944 when we were overseas. He was stationed on the battleship USS South Dakota and was able to get off when they were in dry dock at Piti Harbor. I was with the 3rd Marine Division FMF. I lost contact with George a few years ago and would like to see him again. I have a lot more pictures of us together and would like him to have them.

I notice that George's sister **Dorothy Brouder (Workman)**, class of January 1946 has written you in the last Newsletter. Maybe if she reads this she can help me out. I'm in Arlington Heights and listed in the directory.

Thanks so much for the Newsletter. My advice to the young ones just graduating - keep in touch.

Bob Wleklinski (January 1943)

Dear Shirley [DeWeese - TAA Board Member],

Last Friday afternoon when I was off, I picked up my hometown newspaper. It is delivered on Wednesdays but I did not have time to read it. Westmont HS was presenting their musical this weekend - "GREASE"! Well, I decided to call the school and they said all the tickets had sold out, but that I could come to one of the

performances and check on tickets. So, I decided to go today, Sunday, to the 2 PM show. There were a few tickets left and so for \$5.00 I attended the play done by the high school students from my area. It was very fun and done well. I was very pleased and excited that I could attend! I told the lady sitting next to me about how I went to Taft and that the author/writer, Jim Jacobs, attended Taft HS as well. She also came last minute today - a group of people she meets for breakfast after church, today invited her. So, it was a great afternoon. And, I did like the play very much. The student actors did a great job!

Of course I wonder how the play is doing on Broadway? Also, how are the two actors that were chosen on TV last year doing?

I will bring [TAA] a copy of the program from today - just for "FYI". Tell Jim, if you write to him, nice play! Also, nice music and singing/songs! The program says that all the kids love this play and wanted to do it so much!

Beth Charvat (1967)

[Editor's note: Checking with the official web-site for the Broadway musical revival, Grease is still going strong and enjoys active ticket sales to all their shows. Max Crumm (from Arizona) and Laura Osnes (from Minnesota) continue to excite the audiences with their young, enthusiastic talent at the Brook Atkinson Theater in New York City. As you may recall, they won the lead roles in the talent competition last year on the TV auditions show, "Grease - You're the One I Want". J. Bloom TAA Newsletter Editor]

Dear Jerry,

We graduated from Taft 64 years ago - class of January 1944. From there, we went to the University of Illinois, class of 1947. We dated our future husbands at the U. of I. - all three of them members of the same fraternity. Thanks to these multiple connections we have stayed close and in touch.

When we are together we reminisce about Taft. World War II loomed large in our life then - but we still had a great time and have many wonderful memories. Thanks for keeping the Newsletter active!

Clair (Chulay) Agger (January 1944)



L/R Claire Chulay Agger, Jean Young Arenberg and June Yeaman MacAskill

Dear Staff,

I guess it's about time I renew my subscription to the Alumni Newsletter. Even though I know very few of the former graduates I find it interesting to read about other lives and events. A few Alumni from the June 1940 class have written, but I'd be thrilled if more would write-would be even better if we could have a class reunion. We're all in our 80's so we'd probably only recognize one another by name-and possibly not remember some of them!

As editor, Jerry you and all your staff do a terrific job with the Newsletter. I know it takes a lot of time and energy as I do one for the Glen Ellyn American Legion. Happy New Year and good wishes for 2008!

Kathryn (Mitchell) Frost (June 1940)

To TAA,

I played the violin in the Taft orchestra under "**Pops**" Rapier. In 1946, we were invited to play in the auditorium of the Chicago Public Library on Michigan Blvd. This was for the citizenship ceremony for a large group of new Americans. After over 60 years later, it's still a fond memory.

Bill Cantwell (June 1948)

Hi Jerry,

Here's a picture of some class of '51 alumni in Largo, Florida from February of 2008. We hope you can print it. We enjoy seeing pictures of our classmates in past issues.

Not in picture, are **Beverly Black** (taking picture), **Jerry Gerhardt** (1951) and his wife Lee.

Ted Voss (June '51)

Jerry,

Thanks for putting [the 1959 Edison 50th Reunion notice] in the last edition and please do put it in again. We have heard from many but have lost a few. Maybe you could mention their names. Also, we have included the January group so you might mention that. Plans are still being formulated but everyone seems excited about our reunion.

Here are the people we are looking for: **Paul Hermann, Bill Jones, Bill Strickland, Dennis Lausar and Janet Kormanak.**

Thanks, **Carolyn (Feare) Rominski** (1963)
carrrominski@yahoo.com

Jerry,

...I've been in on and around a number of organizations and I know how much you and Kay and all the many others mean to TAA. Seems there is always a small cadre of volunteers that keeps things going. I also know that in every case it isn't a chore but a labor of love.

Glad you will take the Toons. Soon as I can scan and Email them, I will. This infernal machine was not designed for octogenarians. The Toons will be in reunion settings and poke clean fun at typical grads.

Frank Zemaitis (June 1940)

[Editor's note: Thanks, Frank for your wonderful collection of cartoons. I've used one with your nostalgic article on page 3 of this issue and will save the others for appropriate insertion as time and space allow in future newsletters. J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor]



L/R Pam Voss (1954), Ray Black (Jan 1951), Bud Desruchers (June 1951), Ted Voss (June 1951) and Bud's wife Loca Desruchers

Hi -

I had a hard time negotiating your web site. Is there a list to be added to so that I would be contacted if there were a reunion? Thanks.

Heidi Hoffer Berthiaume (1975)

[Editor's note: Thank you, Heidi, for your input on TAA web site. We do not (at this time) have a method to notify persons about upcoming reunions on the web site other than providing a listing of those we know of. Instead, we recommend you join the Taft Alumni Association and receive info on ALL happenings with the association and former classmates. Cost is minimal - only \$15 for 2 year membership and includes subscription to the Taft Alumni Newsletter, issued quarterly. Obtain application form on the inside of the last page of this issue or on our web site - www.taftalumni.org. Jerry Bloom TAA newsletter editor]

Dear Ms. Kuciak,

I just found out that one of our teachers, **Ralph Zekelman**, passed away about March 15th, 2 weeks ago. He taught Physics from 1959 to about 1962 as best as I can remember. ...

He was responsible for sending many Taft grads on to MD, PhD and other advanced degrees. I know of two, myself and **Gary Christoph** PhD, Taft 1963

I am interested in secondhand copies of the yearbook for 1961 and 1962. I was one of the yearbook and newspaper photographers, and about half of the photos in the 1961 yearbook are mine. [My copies] were lost in a flood.

John R. Lorenz, MD (June 1962)

To the class of 1986,
Happy 40th everyone, have a great year.

Gale (Gundersen) Gardner (1986)

Dear Taft Alumni,

I'm hoping you can help me. I keep thinking about our music teacher of the 1940's period, **Ruth Lino**. She was a fascinating and entertaining teacher who loved her work. I was in the "Music Appreciation" class and I listened to her attentively. I did a bit of choral but never played an instrument. Ruth could bring all the music to life! All her music

direction was polished. I'd enjoy a history on her and date of death if such information is in your file.

John O Grady (January 1945)

[Editor's Note: Sorry, John. We have no information on her. Perhaps there is another alum who sees this and can respond with more about her for all of us. J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor]

Dear Frank,

Enclosed is my reservation for our 60th reunion, we look forward to an interesting time. Can you relay the following information to the Alumni News Editor?

My husband and I just returned from a cruise west tour of the Sea of Cortz, Mexico. I met a woman, **Carol Connelly**, on the tour who is a Taft graduate and went to my grade school, Ebinger. What a surprise and we had a great time sharing. She is an Alumni member and lives in Chicago. She graduated several years after I did but we compared notes about mutual friends.

I thought we had a unique experience and we had fun relating to each other the whole trip. Will wonders never cease!

Jean (Tapp) Beal (January 1948)

[Editor's note: According to our records, Carol Connelly's maiden name is Uhl, class of June 1953.]

(continued from page 1 - Newest Taft "Bald" Eagles)

There were a few brave females in the group who shaved their heads, one being a current sophomore, Rosalie Aiken. Rosalie handled it like a champ, never wavered, and just sat in the chair with a huge smile on her face. Many girls donated their long locks to "Locks of Love" which will take their ponytails and make wigs for children to wear while they are undergoing chemotherapy.

School spirit flowed through the halls much like the green river flows on St. Patty's Day in Chicago. The students showed solidarity and kindness throughout the day, all while staring at each other's bald heads, counting childhood scars that had just been recently covered with hair. Many boys commented as they were being shorn, "It is cold in here." They could not believe the difference that losing some hair made.

In a time where most teens are viewed as being rebellious, "typical" teenagers, or any other cliché we have all heard through the years, this was not the case at Taft on March 14, 2008. The students made the entire faculty happy to say, "I am proud to teach these students!"

Patrick Elwood, Fox News Sportscaster interviews **Patrick Smith** and **Timmy DeFilippo** at the Fox School Challenge Pep Rally on January 2008.



You can view all photos of St. Baldrick's on Taft's website, www.taftths.org, and click on the link on the events page for over 300 before and after photos of the shavees. If you'd like to be involved in next year's event, please email Joan DeFilippo at jmdefilippo@sbcglobal.net. We will need [additional] barbers and volunteers next year.



Dear Kay,

In my Taft yearbook our senior pictures are close. They are on the same page literally bordering each other not even one inch apart. It's no surprise though that in a big school like Taft, alphabetically can be the closest you ever are to a classmate. How abruptly that changed though when nearly four decades after graduation Dave Csanda, fellow Taft class of 1970 graduate, opened my car door.

Dave Csanda has traveled countless miles since graduating Taft. Dave is a renowned Outdoor spokesperson. For 30 years he has appeared in television shows and written articles about fishing "from Alaska to Australia, Europe to South America and all

he is a very sought after seminar host. And, that's how, after 38 years, we once again ended up adjacent to one another, in the same boat so to speak.

Though retired, I still arrange some public relations events. Dave was coming to town to host a seminar at a huge regional Outdoor Show and had agreed to be a last-minute guest for a local television station interview. During the car ride to the TV station our conversation covered the two courteous topics that strangers often have; how was your trip? and, where are you from?

"The trip was fine" said Dave congenially "and I'm originally from Chicago, Illinois" he added. My interest rose. "Chicago?" I queried, "north side or south?" "Actually the north WEST side" Dave clarified. "I graduated from Taft high school in 1970" When I responded; "So DID I" our wide-eyed, open-mouthed stares resembled the gaping fish-faces that Dave usually sees on the end of a stringer. For a moment we quietly blinked through the car windshield realizing that the ocean had suddenly become an aquarium.

Then, we cast our thoughts back forty years and pulled up schools of names from distant shores like: Principal John Gravin, Asst Principal Gianetti, Music Director J.J. Stamm and others. We found many fond memories lying just underneath the surface patiently waiting to be lured out into conversation. Parsee's hot dogs, our high school musical "Guys and Dolls", the Taft Bowling team all were discussed. We relived and happily remembered some of the best times of our lives. We had a nice time. And, we may even get together later this summer to "wet a line" in a Minnesota fishing hole that, unbelievably, we both frequent.

Dave and I did not know each other in high school. But, based on this remarkable experience, here's my advice to you. If there is a person from your days at Taft that you've been meaning to re-connect with but have not yet done so, go ahead and make the effort. You might find out like I did that you're closer than you think to a pleasant experience.

Regards,

Mike Costanzo
Class of 1970
www.mikecostanzo@usa.com

TAA Online

Paulette (Zemaitis) English
TAA Web Editor

Have you have visited our website at www.taftalumni.org lately? Not ever, you say? Well, let me tell you what you're missing:

- TAA Bylaws (we do try to follow the rules)
- TAA E-mail Directory (a searchable list of alumni and "Friends of Taft" e-mail addresses)
- Taft Hall of Fame (those living alumni who are worthy of our honor and respect)
- Reunion Resources (upcoming reunions, school tour info, floor plans, Founders' March lyrics)
- TAA Merchandise (jackets, t-shirts, caps, yearbooks and more)
- Taft in Photos (an interesting look at Taft through the years)
- In Memoriam (a list of deceased alumni)

In Memoriam: It's this last feature that I'd like to comment on a bit more. If you learn of the death of an alumnus, kindly let us know by e-mailing eagleemail@taftalumni.org. This will result in a listing online as well as in the next newsletter. It's helpful to give us the individual's current name as well as the name at graduation, the dates of graduation and death, and the cause of death. No one wants to find an old friend in this listing, but we do want our information to be as accurate as possible.



Yearbooks: In regard to ordering yearbooks, please check online to see what years are currently available before sending in your order. We sometimes receive yearbooks back from the families of deceased alumni, and for that we are truly grateful.

E-mail Directory: If you send in a request to be listed or updated in the directory, be sure to type something in your subject line. Since we cannot know you are alumni, this helps us to identify your request and not categorize it as junk mail. Please

include your year of graduation, your name at graduation, as well as current name. When you use the search function, use only one of the search criteria (year, last name, graduation name) at a time. Otherwise, your results may not be what you expect.

Naturally, we'd like to think we've thought of everything, but we know that's not true. Please give us your feedback. We are always open to suggestions. You'll find a "Contact Us" page just for that purpose..... Now, go and pay us a visit!

Lost Classmates

Are you looking for old classmates you've lost touch with? 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.

Send your request and/or response to Taft Alumni Association c/o Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago IL 60631 or email us at taftalum@cox.net. The suggested donation for this service is \$5 per name. This issue we present the following:

Carlene (Wegelt) Shultz, drckshu@aol.com, is looking for **Beverly (Hansen) Voight** both of class 1970.

Hello,

Can you tell me if Taft had a military program in the 1940s? I'm helping a friend track down her family. They lived on N. Linder Ave. and she has a photo of her father, whom she never knew, in a military uniform as a teen.

*He graduated from high school around 1946 and his name was **Art Castillo**. He died when he was 31. He may have had a younger sister named Cathleen, who allegedly ran away from home as a teen. Any information you could give us would be appreciated. My friend will cheerfully make a donation to Taft's Alumni. Thank you!* **Janice Betz**

[Note: Contact Jerry Bloom at jerrybloom@fales.org with any information that can help, and we will pass on to Janice.]

TAA Board Meeting

May 29, 2008 at 7 pm is the date and time for our next board meeting at Taft High School. All interested alumni and friends of Taft are welcome and encouraged to attend. It will be the last meeting of this school year.

In Our Memories

Ralph Zekelman, passed away March 15 2008. He taught Physics at Taft High School from 1959 to about 1962.

Robert Kaage, class of June 1940, died January 2008.

Norma (Pfeifer) Walter, class of June 1940, died of bone cancer October 2007.

Bernie Dabbert, class of January 1942, passed away on March 5, 2008.

Rita (Hoppe) Kivlehan, class of June 1942, died March 29, 2007.

Hume "Dick" Harris, class of January 1943, died February 7, 2008 from lung cancer.

He recently received his high school diploma years after he left before his graduation ceremony to join the war effort on December 18, 1942.

Clarence "Red" Hansen, class of June 1946, died on January 2, 2008.

Clara (Corlett) Taylor, class of June 1946, passed away December 2, 2007.

Patricia (Lieberman) Dahl, class of January 1948, passed away on June 13, 2005.

Robert Jones, class of June 1948, succumbed to bone cancer in February 2008.

Richard Eric Brown, class of 1970, died March 21, 2007, after losing his battle against cancer.

Ernest Grant, Jr., class of 1975, was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Hampshire IL on January 21, 2008.



Is your E-mail address up to date?

This notice is being repeated as a reminder. Since it's inception nine years ago, the Taft Alumni E-mail Directory has become a very popular feature of the TAA website. Over 1,500 alumni from the Classes of 1940 through 2007 have registered. The directory, however, can connect classmates only if the information is accurate.

Please take a moment and check your entry at www.taftalumni.org (click on Searchable e-mail Directory) to verify that we have listed your name, your year of graduation, and your e-mail address and/or website accurately. Write to eagleemail@taftalumni.org if you wish to add your name or make any changes.

For your protection, we do not post your address as a hyperlink. Your bio and street address information should be addressed directly to TAA President Kay Kuciak at taftalum@cox.net.

Taft - Class of January 1955 - Lost List

Charles Donald Henderson
Richard Allen Lewis
William Thomas O'Brien *
James Rayburn Olson
David Harold Schultz (MD?)
James Edwin Hayes
William James Simonson
Nancy Smith (Herman?)

Lois Irene Johnson
Edwin Emil Lund, Jr.
Richard Eric Olson **
Anthony Joseph Rush
Donald William Brown
Barbara Parsche' (San Roman)
Donna (Piper) Johnson
Annette DeCherie (Johnson)

Mary Louise Kreinbring
Peggy Ann Nedberg
Mary Ann Albrecht
Robert Jay Schaffer
Kathleen Lola Erzig
George Edwin Harris
Dolores Marie Semchuck



The 1955 reunion committee needs your help. If you have knowledge of any of these graduates, please contact **Meg (Goodell) Magee** - 410-465-0256 right away! Thank you.

In our efforts to facilitate locating current status of all Taft graduates, we are now allowing active reunion committees newsletter space here to highlight names of missing classmates. We hope you review this list and contact the reunion group with any leads of addresses, phone numbers you know to be current or relatives of these people who may have those details. We, in turn, are requesting the reunion committees to provide any classmate updates for our Taft Alumni Association files.

Reunion committees are requested to provide a monetary donation to TAA for defraying a portion of printing costs for this service.

Taft Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Yearbooks: These yearbooks are hard to keep in supply. Requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Thanks to all who have tried to replace your lost or destroyed books. Currently, as of March 23rd, we

have the following yearbooks available:

1942 Jan (1), 1947 Jan (1), 1982 (5), 1983 (1), 1985 (25), 1986 (53), 1987 (83), 1990 (48), 1991 (23), 1992 (132), 1993 (4), 1994 (48), 1995 (186), 1996 (65), 1997 (49), 1998 (152), 1999 (147), 2000 (349), 2001 (122), 2003 (16), 2004 (17) and 2005 (16).

Still needed to complete our archived set: Yearbooks from January/June 1956, January/June 1957 and June 1958. Your donation of these yearbooks gratefully accepted!



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