



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Is This Your Last Newsletter?

Be sure to check your mailing label on the back of this newsletter.

This is the time of year we review and purge our mailing list to insure we are sending newsletter to only active members. It is important we work at keeping printing and mailing costs down to avoid the unpleasant task of raising dues.

As you know, the quarterly newsletter is our biggest expense outside of our scholarship program. Additional TAA funding also goes to active programs at Taft as well as special projects around the school and grounds.

Principal for a Day



Recently, rather than having a currently enrolled student participate in the "Principal for a Day" program at William Howard Taft High School, they had the honor of choosing a former Taft graduate, from the class of 1979.

Her name is **Rose (Morreale)**

Marchuk. She preceded as Taft's honorary principal on October 30, 2007. Pictured with her are (left to right) Scott Weiss, Dist. Mgr. Office Depot, Art Tarvardian, the current Taft Principal, Rose, Christopher Callahan, Attorney Callahan Law Office. Rose is currently an Assistant Vice President at Beacon Realty Capitol, Inc.

While a student at Taft, Rose was on the "Taft Trib" staff, was a member of the honor club, tennis team, swim team, female chorus and the G.A.A (Girl's Athletic Association).

PTSA Fundraising Continues

The Taft PTSA is collecting Campbell soup labels for programs and equipment for Taft. They are impressed at the number of alumni who are already participating in their fund-raising efforts. Don't forget there are many other products made by the Campbell Company that are also eligible. Check out the fine print on labels for Swanson's, Prego, Pepperidge Farms, Spagettios, V-8, and others. Each Campbell or affiliate's label or bottlecap counts! And now, you don't need to save the entire label. Only the portion with the UPC code is required. See their website for details on how to easily collect your labels at Campbellsoup.com. Drop off your labels at the school office or mail, using the Taft address, marked to the attention of the Taft PTSA.





Taft Class Reunions

January/June 1948 - 60th Reunion

To determine if there is sufficient interest, advise **Frank Heyer** if you plan to attend.

Write: 5549 N. Austin - Chicago 60630

Phone: 773/631-4701 or

E-Mail: frankheyer@msn.com

January 1953 - 55th Reunion (not finalized yet)

Date: 3 day weekend between mid July & mid August

Activities: Silent film & ice cream parlor, dinner & dancing, pancake house for breakfast or lunch

Contact: **Valerie Zetek Blau** - 847-824-5577

E-Mail: val5455@sbcglobal.net

January/June 1958 - 50th Reunion

Date: October 2008

Place: TBA.

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 Chicago 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

All Taft Classes - 6th Annual Reunion Picnic

Date: Sunday, March 16, 2008

Place: Ft. DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg, FL

Shelter number 14 - 11AM to 5PM

(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

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 School 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

Planning A 50th Reunion

The class of January 1959 is beginning to plan their 50th reunion. Any classmates that have moved recently or would like to be a part of the planning committee, please e-mail me at npsmith721@sbcglobal.net.

We are planning the gathering for the fall of 2009. We have successfully held reunions every five years and this is the big one. Hoping to hear from anyone in our class.

Nancy Peterson Smith Jan.1959

Classmate Missing Address List for 1962

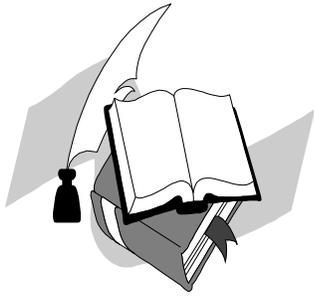
Send any information to Taft62reunion@sbcglobal.net

ABSIL - ALICE ANNETTE	HEIBERGER - RICHARD FRANK	PASTERCZYK - DARIA MARIE
ANDERSON - PATRICIA DAWN	HENRIKSEN - BARBARA JO	PATRYNS - DARLENE JOANNE
ANGAROLA - NANCY LEE	HENSEN - WILLIAM EUGENE	PAUL - ARTHUR LEONARD
ANNEL - ANITA	HILSTROM - SHARON ANN	PETERSON - HARRIETTA ELLEN
BECKER - ROBERT ROGER	HINKLE - LAWRENCE RAY	PIERSON - NANCY EILEEN
BEDNARZ - JUDITH	HOGUE - GLORIA	PIPER - ROBERT WILLIAM
BELVA - DORIAN	HUESCH - DELORES ARDELL	POLETES - GLORIA JEAN
BIELANSKI - BRUCE HENRY	HUNT - JOYCE ANN	RADIS - JUNE LILLIAN
BRANDYS - KATHRYN DONNA	HUSKA - MARTIN M	REDEMSKE - RICHARD KEITH
BRODA - CAROL DIANE	JASON - THOMAS RICHARD	REID - DENISE ARLEEN
BROWNE - STEPHEN R	JELM - ANNE SPENCER	REID - WILLIAM SCOTT
CANALE - KATHLEEN JOAN	JOHNSON - CARL JOHN	RIES - KATHRYN
CARLSON - MARY ALICE	JORDAN - JUDITH	ROPER - JANICE ARLENE
CETRONE - CONNIE MARIE	KAROWSKY - DIANE LYNN	SANTUCCI - BONNIE MARIE
CLAUSON - CAROL ANN	KEITH - DENNIS	SCATCHELL - SANDRA KAY
COLLINS - CAROL JEAN	KELLY - FRANK E	SCHAFFER - LINDA GAIL
CONNOR - KENNETH WAYNE	KEWIN - MICHEAL JOHN	SCHREIBER - KAREN ROBERTA
CROSBY - SUSAN ANN	KOSTENKO - PAMELA HELENE	SCHULTZ - WILLIAM ARTHUR
D'ASCANIO - MICHELE LYNN	KOZEL - THOMAS RICHARD	SEMELAK - DIANE ARLENE
DAVISON - GAYLE LYNN	KRAUSE - SANDRA LEE	SENUCHUK - DENNIS MICHAEL
DAY - WARREN	LOHRMANN - JEAN KAREN	SHAND - WILLIAM DAVID
ELLRICH - JUDITH MARY	LOTITO - CHARLOTTE ROSE	SIENKIEWICZ - PAULA ESTELLE
ERICKSON - MARSHA ALTHA	MADAJ - WAYNE JOHN	SLADEK - CHARLES
FAGUST - ROBERT FRANK	MARSHALL - ROBERT BARRY	STEWART - MICHAEL
FORMELLER - THOMAS LEE	MARTIN - BERT THOMAS	STYGAR - LAWRENCE RICHARD
FREITAG - CAROL ANN	MATUSKA - MARY ANN	SUSZCZENKO - NINA
GAGER - KATHERYN E	MENDEL - PATRICIA	TAYLOR - TERRY LEE
GARDALE - PATRICIA LEE	MEREDITH - MARY LEE LILLIAN	THOMPSEN - MARTHA LEE
GERBER - THOMAS JOSEPH	MILLER - VALAERIE LEE	TRISCHAN - LANCE JOHN
GESKE - MARY ELIZABETH	MOORE - MARGARET LOUISE	TURECK - MADONNA MARIE
GITZKE - NORMA JEAN	MULIS - JOHN HAROLD	VIKEN - JUDITH ANN
GLEMAKER - MALCOLM	MUNSON - CARL WILLIAM	VRECHECK - FRANK
GOTTLIEB - BEATE HENRICKE	MUSIC - MELODY SANDRA	WEGNER - CAROL ANN
GOTTLIEB - EDGAR JOSEPH	NAJARIAN - ROSEMARIE	WILSON - KATHLEEN MARIE
GRAHAM - DAVID LEE	NARUT - SHARON LEE	WULF - THOMAS HAROLD
GUST - JOHN ANTHONY	NELSON - MARILYN JEAN	ZAHNEN - ROBERT JAMES
GUSTAVSEN - CARL EINAR	OSMOLAK - DIANE MARIE	ZELAZNY - LAWRENCE S
HEDLUND - ROBERT G JR	O'SULLIVAN - PETER JOHN	ZUCHEL - DALE KATHLEEN

In our efforts to facilitate locating current status of all Taft graduates, we are now allotting newsletter space to 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. They, in turn, are to requested 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.

CLASS NOTES



1940s

HARRIET (BOOS) ROGGENBUCK (JANUARY 1941) lives in San Bernardino, CA, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

WANDA (FISHER) WALLS (JUNE 1942) lives in River Forest, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is a retired savings counselor.

MARILYN (IZARD) WEBER (JANUARY 1943) graduated from U of I 1947, lives in Lakeland, FL, has 5 sons, 15 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and is a housewife.

JAMES BOARINI (JUNE 1943) graduated from U of WI AA 1949, lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 6 children, 17 grandchildren and is retired.

JEAN (YOUNG) ARENBERG (JANUARY 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1947, lives in St Charles, IL, has 6 children/7 grandchildren and is a housewife.

JULIAN BYRDY (JANUARY 1944) lives in Streamwood, IL and is a retired carpenter.

JUNE (YEAMAN) MAC ASKILL (JANUARY 1944) graduated from Wright AA, U of I BS, lives in Avon Lake, OH, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a teacher.

ROBERT PLAZEWSKI (JUNE 1944) MARRIED **MARIE (BIANCHI)** (JANUARY 1945) they live in Cape Coral, FL, have 6 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and are retired.

KENNETH TYSSSEN (JANUARY 1945) graduated from U of I BS 1950, lives in Wimberley, TX, has 4

children 3 grandchildren and is a retired electrical engineer.

JOHN KOLENBURG (JANUARY 1946) graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary Th D, Southern Baptist MRE, Zion Theological Seminary BRE, Northwestern BS, U of I MSW, lives in Westerville, OH, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT PLOETZ (JANUARY 1946) graduated from Wright AA 1950, lives in Pleasant Prairie, WI, has 6 children, 14 grandchildren and is retired.

ROMAN BRYKOWSKI (JUNE 1946) MARRIED **TRUDIE (HELMER)** (JUNE 1949), they live in Lake Zurich, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and Roman is an optometrist.

BETTY (BACH) BURKE (JUNE 1946), lives in Bluffton, SC, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired from real estate sales.

JACK GRAY (JUNE 1946) graduated from Northwestern BS 1950, lives in Lac-Du-Flambeau, WI, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired corporate controller.

WILLIAM ROEHL (JUNE 1946) graduated from Y of KS BS 1950, Princeton MFA 1955, lives in Noank, CT, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a professor emeritus at City U in New York.

RICHARD STRAUSS (JUNE 1946) graduated from De Paul BS 1956, lives in Elk Grove, IL and is retired.

SHIRLEY (BERGREN) GOODMAN (JUNE 1947), lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

JACQUELYN (PRIMA) HOWARD (JUNE 1947) lives in Temecula, CA, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

KEN LUTZ (JUNE 1947) graduated from Lawrence BS 1951, lives in State College, PA, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

VIRGINIA (BEHR) MEYER (JUNE 1947) lives in Fox Lake, IL, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild and is retired from the USPS.

JACQUELINE (SEURIN) BOUSCARY (JANUARY 1948), graduated from Conservatory of Music, Bordeaux, France, lives in Santa Ana, CA, has 2 children and is a retired restaurant owner.

VERNON UNGAR (JANUARY 1948) graduated from U of I BSME 1952, lives in Orlando, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

DONALD DAHLKE (JUNE 1948) graduated from Northwestern BA 1952, lives in Rosemont, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

SHIRLEY (OLSEN) HORN (JUNE 1948) lives in Anoka, MN, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

MARILYN (NEWPART) LEIS (JUNE 1948), lives in Kettering, OH, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

CHARLOTTE (LEONARD) MEDLEY (JUNE 1948) lives in Sevierville, TN, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

BETTY (GLASS) SCHULTZ (JUNE 1948) lives in St Paul, MN, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren and is a housewife.

JO ANNE (BIEL) CONNERS (JUNE 1949) graduated from De Pauw BA 1953, lives in Glen Ellyn, IL, has 2 daughters, 3 granddaughters and is a homemaker.

JOEL ADAMS (JUNE 1949) graduated from Wright AA 1952, De Paul BS 1959, lives in Glen Ellyn,

IL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a real estate broker.

HOAWRD JACOBSEN (JUNE 1949) lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a retired collectables dealer.

PHILIP KLEZEK (JUNE 1949) graduated from Purdue BS 1953, lives in Brighton, MI, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired industrial engineer.

MARY (EHRlich) LUNDMARK (JUNE 1949) graduated from De Pauw BA 1953, lives in Albion, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

1950s

DICK KLEMM (JANUARY 1950) graduated from Purdue BS 1954, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 7 children, 15 grandchildren and is retired.

ARTHUR ORR (JUNE 1950) lives in Lake Barrington, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN AUGUSTINE (JUNE 1951), graduated from Chicago Tech. College BSEE 1959, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT EBENAHAN (JUNE 1951) graduated from U of No DK 1953, U of IA BSC 1955, lives in Saratoga, CA, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired airline pilot.

JOAN (WEIR) LEASE (JUNE 1952) lives in Niles, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

LILLIAN (GRUNDGEIGER) SHUMAN (JUNE 1952) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired real estate agent.

ARLENE (ENGEL) GUSS (JANUARY 1953) lives in Belton, MO, has 5 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a housewife.

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JORGEN JACOBSEN (JANUARY 1953) graduated from IL Wesleyan BS 1957, lives in Leawood, KS, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired VP from Hallmark Cards.

JOHN LA GORIO (JANUARY 1953) lives in Sarasota, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

MARILYN (ERICKSON) RAPINSHUK (JUNE 1953) graduated West Suburban Hosp. RN 1956, lives in Oakdale, CA, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

MARILYN (LOH) WENNERSTROM (JUNE 1953) graduated from the Art Institute BAE 1960, lives in Mesa, AZ, has 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

GLORIA (TOMBERG) STECKEL (JANUARY 1954) lives in Columbus, OH, has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

SALLY (HARKER) JOHNSON (JUNE 1954) graduated from Bryant Stratton 1957, lives in Hot Springs Village, AR, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired business owner.

RAYMOND RAFFEL (JUNE 1954) graduated from U of I, lives in Marine-On-St. Croix, MN, has 9 children, 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is an architect.

NORMA (GOTZ) SHAW (JUNE 1954), lives in Huntley, IL and is retired from the highway department of Texas.

ARLENE (GRUNTHER) KONECNIK (JUNE 1955) lives in Nokomis, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired business owner.

ARLENE (JOHNSON) SCHOESSLING (JUNE 1955) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired HS secretary.

MARLENE (PAWLOWSKI) SULLIVAN (JUNE 1955) lives in Ocean Pines, MD, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is retired from Time Warner.

ROLF NORMANN (JANUARY 1956) MARRIED KAY (BERG) (JANUARY 1959), they live in Scottsdale, AZ and Washington Island, WI, have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and are retired.

HAL OSUCHA (JANUARY 1956) graduated from MI State 1960, lives in Oak Ridge, TN and has 4 children, 6 grandchildren.

LUCILLE (NUTI) KRUCZEK (JUNE 1956) lives in Wonder Lake, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired bookkeeper.

VIRGINIA (BLUM) SCHROER (JUNE 1956) lives in Streamwood, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren and is retired.

GORDON GUTH (JANUARY 1957), graduated from U of I BA, lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is self employed, industrial design.

ROBERT PHILIPP (JANUARY 1957) graduated from U of I BA 1961, Law College 1967, lives in Vienna, VA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired Veterans Law Judge.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL (JUNE 1957), graduated from Bradley BS, Trinity Divinity School MAR, lives in Seeley Lake, MT, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

DIANNE (SLADKAY) FRANTZIE (JUNE 1957) lives in Glenview, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is self-employed.

RONALD JEDLINSKI (JUNE 1957) graduated from Northwestern 1961, lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is the owner/CEO of Roman, Inc.

D. PATRICK RAETZMAN (JUNE 1957) graduated from U of I BS 1961, Geo. Washington MSA 1978, lives in San Diego, CA, has 4 children and is retired.

JACKIE (NELSON) REMMERS (JUNE 1957) graduated from U of MI BS 1961, lives in Bloomington, IL, has 3 children, 11 grandchildren and is a special education teacher.

WILLIAM TAUGNER (JUNE 1957) lives in Plover, WI, has 2 children and is retired.

KENT WALLACE (JUNE 1957) graduated from IL Wesleyan BS 1962, lives in Dallas, TX, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired investor.

DONALD GIFFORD (JANUARY 1958) graduated from IA State BS 1963, lives in Elizabethtown, KY, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired sales engineer.

BONNIE JURGENS (JANUARY 1958) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 1 child and is a national sales manager.

MIKE BAIN (JUNE 1958) graduated from De Paul BS 1975, Northwestern 1971, lives in Chicago and is retired.

PENNY (NEEB) HOFFMAN (JUNE 1958) graduated from Northwestern BS 1962, lives in Olympia, WA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired editor.

RON MAC FARLANE (JUNE 1958), lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, has 1 child and is a manufacturer.

MARTIN PALUGA (JUNE 1958) graduated from Northwestern BS 1962, lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired

MARY LYNNE (MARCUS) BARRIS (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Western IL BA, lives in Redlands, CA and is a college instructor.

PHYLLIS (RUHNKE) BROSE (JANUARY 1959) lives in Elgin, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired administrator assistant.

ALLAN LAROCCO (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Monmouth College BA

1963, U of I Med 1967, lives in Villa Ridge, MO, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired elementary school principal.

DONA (OLSON) MC LAUGHLIN (JANUARY 1959) graduated from Millikin BFA 1963, Northern MS 1990, lives in Algonquin, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

BONNIE (FANSLAW) WEISS (JANUARY 1959) lives in Northbrook, IL, has 7 children, 12 grandchildren and is retired.

ARDEN BYERS (JUNE 1959) graduated from Blackburn BA 1963, lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired USAF.

MILLICENT (EICHIN) ISAACSON (JUNE 1959) lives in Deerfield, IL and is retired.

NANCIE (CHYLES) KAERCHER (JUNE 1959) lives in Satellite Beach, FL, has 3 sons, 1 grandchild and is a housewife.

1960s

SANDIE (MAU) ANDERSON (JANUARY 1960) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired executive assistant.

JOANNE (BARRY) EDWARDS (JANUARY 1960) graduated from U of I BS 1964, MS 1966, lives in Leesburg, FL and is a retired HS Biology Teacher from Wheeling HS.

WILLIAM SCHALK (JANUARY 1960) graduated from Coe College BA 1965, Marquette JD 1989, lives in Racine, WI, and is a retired attorney.

WILLIAM BIBEL (JUNE 1960) graduated from Northwest MO BS 1967, Northern MS 1976, lives in San Diego, CA and is a retired school teacher.

CATHY (DUVAL) DAVIES (JUNE 1960) graduated from Carroll College BA 1964, Mt Mary BS 1989, lives in

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Waukesha, WI, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

HANS KNOFF (JUNE 1960) graduated from Columbia BS 1974, GA State MBA 1976, lives in Union City, TN, has 2 children and is retired from the US Army.

TOM MC KENZIE (JUNE 1960) graduated from U of WI 1964, lives in Petaluma, CA, has 2 children and is retired.

JUDITH (GREASLEY) MICH (JUNE 1960) graduated from Northwestern BA 1964, Cornell Med 1966, and lives in Ann Arbor, MI and is a retired teacher.

JOHN TYMITZ (JUNE 1960) graduated from Wright AA 1962, SIU BA 1964, M 1966, OK State PhD 1973, lives in Pittsburgh, PA, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a CEO.

JUDITH (ANDERSEN) MACK (JANUARY 1961) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired accounts clerk.

STEPHEN KLONCZ (JUNE 1961) graduated from De Vry 1963, Choi Karate Inst. 1980, lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a member of the Windy City Jitterbug Club, 2nd degree black belt, glider pilot and a retired Chicago police officer.

ARLENE (NORMAN) ROY (JUNE 1961) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is an administrative assistant.

DONALD THOMSON (JUNE 1961) MARRIED NOEL (JUNE 1960), they live in St Charles, IL, have 4 children, 11 grandchildren, Don is an insurance agent, Noel is a housewife.

JANET (SWANSON) CNOTA (JANUARY 1962) lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

LAURALEE (MOLL) BRADT (JUNE 1962) graduated from U of I BA

1968, lives in Ocean Isle Beach, NC, has 4 children and is a retired teacher.

MARILYN (PROCHASKA) COPELAND (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northern AA 1965, lives in Tampa, FL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is an administrative assistant.

MARIA (PAPPAS) ECONOMOS (JUNE 1962) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

RICHARD SPERL (JUNE 1962) MARRIED KATHY (BRESLIN) (JUNE 1965), Richard graduated from U of I 1971, Kathy graduated from De Anza College RN, they live in San Jose, CA. He is a retired engineer and she is an RN.

KENNETH CARLSON (JANUARY 1963) graduated from U of WY BS 1967, U of UT MBA 1978, lives in Bethlehem, PA, has 2 children and is retired from Continental Airlines, now a pilot for Citation Shares.

BETTY (LOVEJOY) PHELAN (JANUARY 1963) lives in Round Lake Hts, IL, has 6 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

ANNE (FLEXMAN) WARNER (JANUARY 1963) graduated from St Marys RN 1968, lives in York, PA, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired recovery room nurse.

EILEEN (OROSZ) BRULLE (JUNE 1963) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, Keller Graduate MBA 1984, lives in Chicago, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is an account manager.

DONNA (GRIESSMER) CATLETT (JUNE 1963) graduated from IL Wesleyan BFA 1967, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is an administrative assistant.

MARJORIE (STEWART) DOUD (JUNE 1963) graduated from Northern BS 1967, lives in Chicago, has 2

children (Taft grads), and is in banking.

DONNA (MAAG) ESPOSITO (JUNE 1963) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, lives in Marana, AL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired sales rep.

CAMILLE (SHELLY) KOSIENIAK (JUNE 1963) lives in Lexington, KY, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is a housewife.

JAMES KUHAGEN (JUNE 1963) graduated from Augustana, BA 1967, Penn St Med 1968, U of WI PhD 1975, lives in Arlington, VA, has twin boys and is a behavioral psychologist.

LINDA (DOBOSZ) MASURA (JUNE 1963) lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a senior medical staff assistant.

PATRICIA MC KEVITT (JUNE 1963) graduated from Washington U MSU 1969 lives in St Louis, MO and is a social work director.

GARY PIEHL (JUNE 1963) graduated from U of I BS 1971, lives in Redwing, MN has 1 child and is in sales.

DIANA (PHODES) WEST (JUNE 1963) lives in Thomson, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a full time minister at Cordova Dragway Park.

BETTY (PAPPAS) ELLIS (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Wright AA 1966, lives in Palos Park, IL, has 4 sons, 1 grandchild and is retired.

ADELE (BILLHARDT) ALASPA (JUNE 1964) lives in Chicago, has 2 children (1 is a Taft grad) and is an administrative assistant.

JANE (SCHAEFER) BEHNKE (JUNE 1965) graduated from Western BS 1969, lives in Woodbury, NJ, has 3 children and is self-employed.

BRIAN DU FOUR (JUNE 1964) graduated from Wright AA 1974, U of I BA 1977, Northwestern Police Adm. Training 1993, lives in Peoria, AZ, has 3 children

and is retired from Chicago Police Dept, now a realtor.

LEE MARSH (JANUARY 1965) graduated from Purdue BS 1969, Northwestern MBA 1972, lives in Palatine, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a director of operations.

BILL PAVELEC (JANUARY 1965) graduated from College of Artesim BA 1969, lives in Auburn, AL, has 1 child and is a personal trainer.

WILBUR CHEW (JUNE 1965) lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 1 child and is a retired electrician.

MARIE (WITTENDORFER) GOODKIN (JUNE 1965) graduated from U of I BA 1969, MA 1972, lives in Pak Park, IL, has 2 children and is an office administrator.

MARIE (MARQUARDT) RODGERS (JUNE 1965) graduated from the Interior Design Institute 01, lives in Irvine, CA, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and works at a law firm and interior designs.

ROD ROMANO (JUNE 1965) GRADUATED FROM Northern BS 1969, lives in Tallahassee, FL and is retired from Sprint.

SUSAN (SCHWENGELS) PREGLOW (JANUARY 1966) lives in Loveland, OH, has 3 children, 1 grandchild.

ALLAN BARTEL (JUNE 1966) graduated from Bradley BS, U of I MS, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children and is in the music industry.

AMY (JOHNSON) CALKINS (JUNE 1966) graduated from Western IL BS 1970, MS 1971, lives in Tacoma, WA, and has 5 children and is a karate instructor and systems analyst.

JUDY (MUSSO) DUMELE (JUNE 1966) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a VP in sales support.

WILLIAM OTT (JUNE 1966) graduated from De

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Vry BEET 1976, Keller Grad. MBA 1988 lives in Naperville, IL and is retired.

JUDITH BOCKI (JANUARY 1967) graduated from Northeastern BA 1971, MA 1982, lives in Grayslake, IL and is a retired educator.

MEL ELLINGSEN (JANUARY 1967) graduated from Western BS 1971, lives in Antioch, IL, has 2 children and is in sales.

JUDIE (MONTGOMERY) FEZEKAS (JANUARY 1967) lives in St Louis, MO, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is in data entry.

KATHIE (YEHLING) HABER (JANUARY 1967) graduated from NEIU BS 1970, lives in Petersburg, TN, has 1 child and is a retired teacher who breeds Llamas/Alpacas.

EDWARD KRZEMINSKI (JUNE 1967) graduated from Suffield U AS 1992, lives in Countryside, IL, has 2 children and is a project manager for Central Du Page Hospital.

ROBERT NAATZ (JUNE 1967) graduated from U of I BS 1971, CAP 1972, CPCU 1985, lives in Elgin, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is an account manager.

YOIT (STRATTON) CALLAGHAN (JUNE 1968) lives in Lake Mary, FL, has 1 child and is in commercial real estate sales.

DOUGLAS DEAN (JUNE 1968) graduated from Cal State BA 1977, MS 1979, CSF 1981, lives in Chino Hills, CA, has 2 children and is an educational psychologist.

JUDY EILKEN (1968) graduated from U of I BA 1968, MA 1977, lives in St Louis, MO, has 1 child and is a HS German teacher.

CAROL (SMYTHE) EVANS (1968) graduated from Rosary College BA 1972, lives in Spark, NV and is retired Navy, now director of human resources.

WAYNE GENERAL (1968) graduated from Loyola BS 1972, FL Inst of Tech PhD 1980, lives in Mesa, AZ and is a clinical psychologist and plays the violin with the Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra.

CHRISTINE LILLA (1968) graduated from Triton LPN 1984, Harper AA 1989, lives in Schaumburg, IL and is an RN.

BONNIE (BROOKS) LOPEZ (1968) lives in Arvada, CO, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is an aesthetician.

GAIL (GALLA) NEHRIG (1968) graduated from U of MO BS 1978, lives in Estes Park, CO, has 2 children homemaker.

TRACY (NOVAK) PROSI (1968) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a housewife.

EMIL KANE (1969) lives in Westchester, IL, has 2 children and is an aluminum broker.

KATHRYN (BICKLER) LESNIAK (1969) graduated from Western IL BA 1973, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a medical assistant.

CHRISTINE (WIRTH) MAXWELL (1969) graduated from IL State BS 1973, lives in Wheaton, IL, has 2 children and is a special ed teacher.

ROBERT PARY (1969) graduated from Loyola BS 1973, MD 1977, lives in Springfield, IL and is a professor of psychiatry.

JAMES TRAUDT (1969) LIVES IN Cary, IL and is an electrical contractor.

1970s

JIM BOBUS (1970) graduated from U of I BS 1974, Loyola MBA 1977, lives in Palatine, IL, has 3 children and is a marketing director.

RONALD KAZMAR (1970) graduated from U of I BS 1974, CPA 1974,

Northwestern MS 1989, lives in Plainfield, IL and is the CFO of Central Steel & Wire Co, also 2nd term President of Board of Education Plainfield SD 202.

LIZABETH (SCANLAN) NOLAN (1970) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 1 child and is an administrative assistant.

AVIS (SCHILLING) SORENSEN (1970) graduated from Brigham Young BS 1975, lives in Holmen, WI, has 5 children, 4 grandchildren and is a piano teacher.

STEVEN TERLECKI (1970) graduated from U of NM BA 1974, lives in Littleton, CO, has 3 children and is a consulting petroleum geologist.

BILL CALABRESE (1971) lives in Chicago and is a police officer.

JILL FORBES (1971) lives in Chicago and is an emergency medical tech.

DARLENE (WISE) HORODYSKY (1971) graduated from Northeastern BA 1975, lives in Anaheim Hills, CA, has 2 children and is a docent.

DEBRA NYBERG (1971) graduated from U of Phoenix BA 1993, lives in Long Beach, CA, and is a senior account executive.

DIANE (RUTLEDGE) SUNDBERG (1971) graduated from Milton College BA 1975, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a paraprofessional.

ROBERT WEISS (1974) MARRIED LINDA (ROSS) (1973), they live in Mt Prospect, IL, have 2 children. Robert is a LT Schaumburg Fire Department; Linda is in payroll and insurance at School District 21.

CINDY BOLLMAN (1975) graduated U of CA BA 1992, School of Psychology PhD 1997, and lives in Mc Lean, VA, has 2 children and is a clinical psychologist.

NANCY (ANDERSON) HELDT (1975) graduated from Northeastern BS 1984, UIC BS 1992, lives in Crystal Lake, IL and is a clinical instructor.

LAURI (HILLSTROM) KARMAN (1975) GRADUATED FROM Western IL BBA 1978 U of I MBA 1981, lives in Springfield, IL and is a credit manager for utility company.

THOMAS ORSI (1976) lives in Marengo, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

LINDA (FEE) STECK (1978) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is a project leader.

1980s

JOHN GILMORE (1980) graduated BS 1986, Milwaukee School of Engr. AAS, EMT-B 2003, lives in Racine, WI, has 2 children and is in law enforcement, K9 handler and on the search and rescue team.

TERRI (DICK) HATFIELD (1982) lives in Fergus Falls, MN, has 3 children and is a homemaker.

TAMMY (MAC FARLAN) MACAHON (1985) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children and is a bookkeeper/business owner.

JOSEPH BARTEL, JR. (1987) graduated from Columbia BA 1992, lives in Mt Prospect, IL and is in international sales and our very own DJ.

1990s

ELSA (MONTOTO) VEGA (1991) graduated from NIC BSW 1995, MSW 1997, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a school social worker.

STEPHANIE (WROBLE) BROWN (1994) graduated from Worsham College 1999, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a funeral director and embalmer.



Letters to the Editor

This photocopy was enclosed with a check for a recent renewal to TAA from **Jackie (Sevrin) Bouscary** (Jan 1948). No note; but we checked into it and thought you'd enjoy seeing it, too. Do you recognize these gals? The fellow in the back row (who was the sponsor for the bowling team) is a **YOUNG Mr. Puippo**, science teacher at Taft for many, many years. The other names indicated are **Lois Williston**, **Phyllis Wagman**, **MaryJo Brokaw**, **Jackie Sevrin** and **Dorothy Bicking**. Lois is the only other person we have in our membership records.

To TAA,
Do you know what this is all about? Never heard of the person shown... probably another year than us, but you gotta be careful on the web.
Hello, You have been invited to join a new alumni database for classmates from William Howard Taft High School. It's entirely free and many of your old classmates have already joined. Find your alumni database here. Hope to see you on the site soon.
Regards,
Chase Stevens
Sharon (Blitzner) Deutscher (1967)

[Hi, Sharon, Thanks for bringing this to our attention. I see that "Chase Stevens" is back at it. Once again, we remind our members that this person or business is in no way related to,

or sanctioned by the Taft Alumni Association. Only TAA has the only official database of Wm. Howard Taft H.S. alumni.

Reply to his email with caution. The fine print at the bottom states, "You are receiving this mail because you have previously been a member of Alumnigraduate. AOL users may have to paste the URL into their web browser if the links within this mail don't work. To unsubscribe, simply [click here](#)." I recommend that you identify it as junk in your email program rather than respond, lest you land on unwanted mailing lists.
Paulette (Zemaitis) English - TAA Web Editor]



The class of 1959 enjoys a lunch together to catch up on old times and to have some early discussion of the upcoming 50th reunion in September 2009. From left to right is **Barb Peterson** (Jan-59), **Sue Harvey-Wood** (Jun-59), **Wayne Schimpff** (Jan-59), **Norm Gunther** (Jan-59), **Dan Evasink** (Jan-59), **Sharon Evasink-Rosin** (Jun-62) and her husband Daniel Rosin. [See page 2.]



**NOTE: Newsletter deadline for
photos, articles or events
to be included in next issue:
April 15, 2008.**

Dear Officers of the Taft Alumni Association,
The class of June 1957 is proud to send you this donation of \$238.32 from our 50th Anniversary reunion. There are no restrictions on the use of these funds, but we are very supportive of the effort by the Association to fund scholarships. Please see a recap of our event [elsewhere in this issue] and look at our reunion photos at <http://web.mac.com/bobfizzell>.

Thank you for your work,

Bob Fizzell (June 1957)
Reunion Chairman

Dear Alumni Association,

Thank you for the scholarship. I am starting my first year at MSOE [Milwaukee School of Engineering].

Volodymyr Hirnyj (2007)

P.S., Thanks from Olena Hirnyj, Mother

Hello there Kay,

I'm attaching a group photo taken on July 28, 2007 of the Taft Class of 1987 20th reunion held at Trakside in Arlington Heights (see photo at left). We all had a fantastic time and I thought that you might be able to use this for the alumni letter as you've listed other class reunion pics from around the country. Thanks so much and I hope you and Tom are doing great.

Joe Bartel, Jr. (1987)
20th reunion committee head

[Editor's note: We have difficulty printing large group photographs due to space constraints. But, here it is. Again, we do not have the names of people in the photo. But then, that would be difficult for us, too. See above letter from Bob Fizzell, where a better solution has been given to you're your class reunion photos. J. Bloom, TAA New Editor]

Hi There,

Just looked at my newsletter from the association and see that you have listed my daughter's address, **Linda (Valters) Scaggs** as Hollywood, MN, when it should be Hollywood, MD. I wrote and asked her why she did not tell us she moved!

She wrote back to say that is probably why she is not getting the newsletter. Please change that one letter for us. Thanks.

Wally Valters

[Oops! Consider it done. J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor]

To the Editor:

Re: Note about **Tom Grud** by **Tom Klein** in the Fall 2007 issue of the Taft Alumni Newsletter.

I want to answer the question raised about my brother Tom Grud. Tom was a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corp and was an NFO (Flight Officer) on an RF-4B Phantom Reconnaissance jet. He was returning from a mission over North Vietnam on Dec 25, 1967 when his plane crashed while landing at DaNang airfield in South Vietnam. He died as a result of the crash. His squadron VMCJ-1 was made up a close-knit group of Officers and men. Over the last forty years and as recently as two months ago a number of them have contacted me to share their feelings of Tom.

I was very happy to see the note from Tom Klein as it made me feel good that people still remember my brother Tom.

John Grud(1958)

Dear Jerry:

I just received the Fall newsletter. I so much appreciated the comment on page 11 written by **John Heinz** (1952). Please pass on my thanks to him for reading and appreciating my story. To follow-up, I heard from 2 women and one man who e-mailed me after the letter was published. The women made favorable comments. One of the women, **Janet Buchholz**, (1961) remembered me and **Barb Henriksen** (1962), but had lost touch years ago and has no idea how to reach her. The other woman just wrote to say thanks for writing my story. The man, interestingly, was the young boy in my story who did not go along with what the others were doing. He made no comment as to his actions, just acknowledged me and asked how I was doing. I responded and asked if he remembered it the way I did, but he never wrote back and I thought it best to let it go. Unfortunately, I never heard from Barbara Henriksen and probably never will. Nevertheless, the story stands printed to her honor. Thanks again for publishing it.

Margie Hallwas (1961)

I AM NOT DEAD!! Please take me off the dead list. You can also include me e-mail on your listings. Thank you.

Richard W. Padbury Jr. (1983)

[We're so glad! You must have a practical joker for a friend who reported, like Mark Twain's, your untimely demise. I did think dying in Tibet was over the top...no pun intended. I've removed you from the dead and place you among the living. Our apologies for the mixup. Paulette (Zemaitis) English - Web Editor, TAA]

To TAA:

As always, really enjoyed the latest edition of the newsletter - but, please find a way to provide the names of the folks from the class of June 1955 who were pictured in the group photo on page 13. I am a member of the class of Jan. 55, so am sure

I would know many of them. Thanks for your help!

Meg Goodell Magee (January 1955)

[OK. Those names are unknown to us. Can someone out there help here? J. Bloom, TAA News Editor]

To TAA:

Enclosed is my copy of the "Taft Founders March" which I got in the 40's when I was a student at Taft. I was going through my old sheet music that I had stashed in a trunk (I no longer have my piano) and hope you can use it - though after the article in the latest newsletter you probably are getting dozens of them.

I can't tell you how much I enjoy my alumni newsletters-read every page-thanks to all of you for doing such a great job. I'm in town for the Holidays and am having my great nephew drop this off as he is a freshman at Taft.

Dorothy (Workman) Brouder, January 1946

[Editor's Note: Thank you, Dorothy! The sheet music has been placed in our archives for safe keeping. Kay Kuciak, Pres.]

Dear Jerry,

Thanks for the great job you and your dedicated staff do on each issue. I really look forward to each issue. Having lived in California for over sixty years it is the only way I am able to keep up with some of my former classmates. I have lived here in Placerville for forty of those years. Placerville is located eight miles from Coloma, where James Marshall discovered gold and started the stampede to California.

Virginia (Hunt) Barnett-Buchner, June 1941.

Jeraldene,

I was quite surprised and honored to see a picture of myself along with a very nice brief about my attending the 40th Memorial in D.C. of the USS Forrestal disaster that I was injured in. To date, I do not know who submitted the picture and info. Thank you mystery friend! To me, it was more of a tribute to those fallen heroes.

Having enlisted just after graduation, all the letter of encouragement and well wishing came from two sources, family and school friends. Unfortunately, after discharge, I withdrew and did not want to talk about Vietnam; hence I, for one, never thanked all the friends who supplied me with thousands of words of comfort and joy through their letters. Years have faded many of their names, but I still remember four of them: **Judy Becker, Sue & Sandy Posedy** and **Bud DeBlase**. A long overdue THANK YOU to all who did keep my spirits up. I would love to hear [again] from those who remember writing.

Wilbur (Bill) Chew (1965) billchew@cox.net

Hi Jerry,

Our 50th class reunion held earlier this month (October 5-7) was a huge success. A big "thank

you" to **Bob Fizzell**, **Toni Allegretti** and all those who helped. It was so nice to see former classmates after fifty years. The weekend could not have been more enjoyable and our Memory Book is such a nice keepsake. I think I can safely say, "A good time was had by all".

Thanks also to **Roberta (Gael) Hewson** who organized the reunion for the 1953 Class from Ebinger Elementary School. Our brunch at the Egg Harbor was an excellent place to meet and the food was good, too. Thanks Gael and to any who helped you along the way.

Ginny (Bobeng) Lewis (June 1957)



Taft Career Program

Throughout Chicago, there are currently 199 11th and 12th grade students attending the Chicago Police and Fire Fighter Training Academy. It is a program that started eight years ago. There are fifteen Taft students participating in the program this school year. Some past graduates are already hired as police officers in the Chicago area, including several suburbs.

It is not a program for the casual student. They work hard on techniques and skills required to pass the rigid requirements of the Chicago Fire and Police Departments.

The students meet three days a week for several hours and split their training between the Police and Fire Departments. They must maintain at least a 2.0 grade-point average with all other classes, have a 95% attendance record and pass a drug test. Once they completed the program, they are entitled to a two-year waiver toward an associates degree in any of the City Colleges of Chicago.

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.

Currently, **Jack Ristow** is looking for **James Wade**, class of June 1946. You can contact Jack directly at Jackristow@msn.com.

TAA Board Meeting

February 21, 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.



People in the News

The current head coach of the women's basketball team at Oakton Community College is **Rich Bolinder**, class of 1970, where he has been coaching since 1985.

His assistant coaches are his wife Lisa and **Dick Varyu** who is from the class of 1968. Also, on his team this year is **Samantha Zalewski** from the Taft class of 2007. How interesting!

June '57 Class Holds 50th Reunion

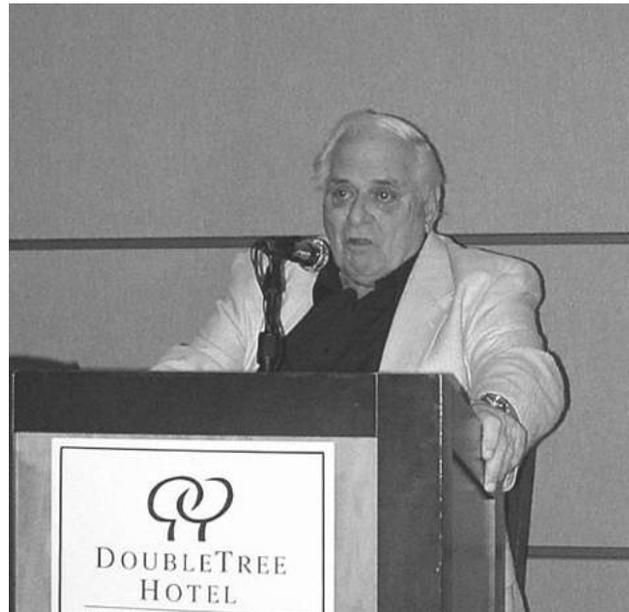
The June '57 class held its 50th reunion the weekend of October 5-7 at the Arlington Heights Doubletree. Out of a class of approximately 260 graduates, 101 attended at least one of the weekend events. Twenty-six classmates are known to be deceased, and 102 were never located.

Festivities began with an Ebinger June '53 reunion brunch. **Robert Hewson**, **Susan Enabnit**, and **Herb Korff** were instrumental in getting that together. Joining together at Egg Harbor restaurant in Arlington Heights, several classmates who did not go on to Taft were present and it was difficult to bring the gathering to an end.

Friday evening, a reception kicked off the official reunion. With 107 persons attending, it was a great chance to meet old friends and make plans for the weekend. If there had been an award for looking the most like you did in high school, **Toni Allegretti** would certainly have been one of the contenders. Once we realized who someone was, it seemed just like yesterday that we last met and it was obvious who the person was. The high light of the evening was the "Memories Book" that Toni and **Linda McGrath Howard** produced. Not only was it very professional and attractive, but it contained interesting information about most of our classmates. **Bob Soske's** Presstech shop printed the book, which added to its quality.

Saturday morning 49 people arrived at the new entrance to Taft to begin a tour of the building, which they hardly recognized. Principal **Arthur N. Tarvardian** started the tour by giving us an overview of the recent history of Taft and some of the changes he has introduced. As we progressed around the building, we finally came into the wing of "our" building where the bookstore used to be and progressed past my old division room, under the direction of Miss Gibbons. Passing classrooms brought back memories and initiated stories of memorable teachers and notable and notorious activities.

Saturday evening 155 persons spent nearly 6 hours enjoying dinner and reconnecting with old friends. **Lynn Morley Martin** talked to us for a few minutes to bring back memories of the great faculty at Taft and the high level of academic achievement that was achieved by our class. The Memories Book had pointed out that nearly half of the respondents had completed bachelor degrees while many others had gone directly into business and had been very successful there. **Bruce Wochinski** helped us remember how we enjoyed ourselves in 1953-1957: the places we hung out and activities we would admit to! **Lynn Terry**



James Stamm, musical teacher extraordinaire and director of Taft's Mixed Chorus at Taft in the 50s, 60s and 70s, speaks at the 1957 class reunion.

reminded us of the wonderful athletic teams we had and the great coaches that led us. He noted how many of our classmates continued successful athletic careers after Taft.

The evening program concluded with comments by the one faculty member who could join us, **Jim Stamm**. As well liked as Mr. Stamm was, it was quite appropriate that he should be able to join us. He helped us remember that we not only had great athletics, but also had many classmates who were talented in the performing arts and who also went on to successful careers in those fields. Bringing comments from **Jim Jacobs**, about the origins and early performances of Grease was especially timely, as many of the Pink Ladies were in the audience. While **Bob Fizzell** provided many hours of background music with CDs from the '50s, there was really no need for any effort to help the festive atmosphere. The friendships and the memories were all we needed.

Sunday morning, 64 people gathered for brunch and final plans to stay in touch. It was sad to have to leave, but it is clear that many reconnections will be maintained. The class will try to hold quarterly lunches in the NW suburbs, and places like Arizona and Florida have enough classmates to hold local gatherings. Photos of the events are available on the web at:
<http://web.mac.com/bobfizzell/>

In Our Memories

Darlene (Izard) Simpson, class of 1940 passed away November 2006 from Lymphoma.

Gladys (Kitty) (Kuevlie) Matthies, class of June 1941 passed away on September 4, 2007.

Henrietta (Kritikson) Blume, class of January 1942 died October 21, 2007 after lung surgery.

Doris Storm, class of June 1948 passed away October 2007.

William Blazek, class of June 1949 died on September 9, 2007.

Robert Page, class of June 1964 died on August 6, 2007 after long struggle against cancer. His wife was **Eva (Ezan) Page**, class of June 1964.

Elizabeth Ann (Betty Godwin) Coyle-Odem, class of 1966 died from a ruptured aneurysm on December 23, 2007. She was the mother of **Tim Coyle**, class of 1994.

Herbert J. Paske, class of January 1957 passed away November 17, 2007. He was the former Dean of Students at West Leyden High School in Northlake, IL.

Ronald Drumke, class of January 1959 passed away on July 29, 2007.

Renee (Margiotta) Michaelis, class of June 1963 died October 28, 2007 after living thirty-four years in a nursing home with Multiple Sclerosis.

Daniel James Parquette, class of June 1964 passed away on October 21, 2007 due to a dirt bike accident in Florida. He was the brother of Michael D. Parquette, also from the class of June 1964.

Kenneth Preglow, class of 1966, died suddenly on October 4, 2006.

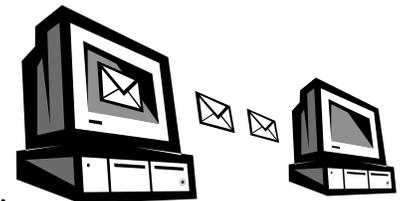


Is your E-mail address up to date?

This notice is being repeated as a reminder. Since its 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.



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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. Thanks to a recent yearbook donation, we have four hard to get copies from the late 60s now available.

Currently, as of January 23rd, we have the following yearbooks available:

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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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