



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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TAA Scholarship Funding

Since the Taft Alumni Association has been in existence, we have been able to set aside a portion of your annual dues to use for scholarship awards to deserving Taft graduates for college assistance. Since 1984, there have been several people, including some non-Taft graduates, who have assisted us in this effort. We started by giving \$250 scholarships, but today that would barely purchase one textbook. We've worked our way up to \$750 scholarship awards. This past year we were able to give two \$750 scholarships, plus the \$1000 Hendricksen and Dr. John P. Graven Awards.

As a result, we are pleased to say we have helped some 43 graduates in their efforts to complete their college education. To date, \$28,200 has been awarded in this effort, but we want to do so much more.

Some donors have requested to remain anonymous, while others have given openly, but all have given with a spirit of selflessness. One recent donor expressed regret that the scholarship funds are unrestricted, meaning that we do not require the recipients to use their award for a specific purpose, such as for tuition or books only. TAA policy is that each recipient is the best person to decide where the funds are needed most and how to utilize them appropriately.

Darlene (Bruemmer) Hendricksen (June 1962) has been one of those generous people who stepped up to give back to Taft. When her husband **Robert "Bill" Hendricksen** (June 1960) died over ten years ago, she pledged \$1000 towards the scholarship fund in his honor. She has renewed that pledge for these last ten years.

Our 2009 Hendricksen scholarship award recipient, **Danylo Hirnyj** sent us a note recently, and we share some of his letter here:

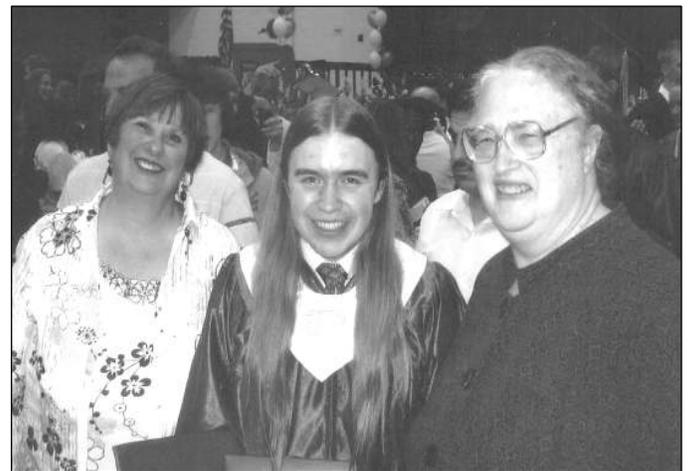
"Sorry for not writing sooner. I just wanted to let you know that everything is going well with me. I have been quite busy at college. I'm happy to say that I've pretty much adjusted to college life. Though my major requires a lot of work, I try to make time for socializing and having fun. I've been lucky enough to meet a large number of students from all over the world. I'm always curious about their lives back home and am constantly pestering them with questions.

"My professors have all been excellent. I am very impressed about their ability to offer stimulating lectures and remember individual students from classes of over 300 students..."

"Although I took a somewhat lighter semester in the fall, my next one will be a full 18 hours. I'm looking forward to this as a challenge to work on my time management skills. I am very excited about the classes I'm taking which are mostly math and physics, but include Ukrainian culture (if you recall, I'm of Ukrainian heritage) and Ice Skating..."

"I would like to thank...everyone at the Taft Alumni Association very much for awarding me a scholarship. It truly changed my financial circumstances and allowed me to attend school worry free. In addition, I am saving the money I earn from part time jobs for graduate school, which I am almost certain that I will attend now."

Now, Darlene challenges other Taft grads to continue her example, as she ends her ten year commitment. Your donation would not be required to match her sum, but we ask that you give whatever your financial position and commitment to "give back" allows. In these times of belt-tightening, college costs are more intimidating than ever. What can YOU do to help us provide funding to deserving Taft graduates through scholarship awards? As this is the beginning of a new tax season, it is the perfect time to plan this year's donations. The time for action is now!



Taft Graduation Day, June 2009. L-R:
TAA 1st Vice-President **Shirley DeWeese**,
Scholarship winner **Danylo Hirnyj** and
TAA Scholarship Committee Chairman **Anne Lunde**

Taft Class Reunions

January/June 1960

Date: October 8-10, 2010
Place: Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont, IL
Contacts: **Shirley Kalivoda DeWeese**,
jtdsad22@comcast.net, 847-885-8655

Class 1970

Date: September 25, 2010
Place: LaGrange Country Club, LaGrange, IL
Contacts:
Gary Richert - gary.richert@comcast.net
Mike Costanzo - mikecostanzo1@gmail.com
Rick Winge - richardwinge@earthlink.net

Class 1975

Date: September 17, 2010
Place: White Eagle Country Club, Naperville, IL
Contact: Kristie Sams-Faulkner at
ksams@eventplanning-info.com
Details at
<http://www.classcreator.com/Chicago-IL-Taft-1975>

Class 2002

Date: Initial planning stages
Place: Looking for committee members
Contact: **Jessica Washington** at
Jessicawash2008@yahoo.com

Get Well Wishes

Tom Kuciak, long-standing TAA Board Member (class of June 1962) is slowly recovering from a serious stroke he sustained last month. He is currently in a rehab facility and can use all the positive thoughts and prayers you can muster.

If you wish to send a personal note, you can send to his wife Kay, who will bring your notes to him. Send to Tom at taftalum@cox.net or his home at 17667 N. Estrella Vista Dr., Surprise, AZ 85374.

Also, board member **Shirley (Kalivoda) DeWeese** (1960) is undergoing treatment for breast cancer and **Arlene (Laufer) Ware** (1960) just completed surgery for lung cancer. Get well soon!!!



All Taft Classes - 7th Annual Reunion Picnic

Date: Sunday, March 7, 2010
Place: Ft. DeSoto Park, St. Petersburg, FL
Shelter number 14 - **Noon to 3 PM**
Cost: (NEW this year...) \$3/each
Pot Luck (a food item to share) + BYOB
(Note: photo shoot at 2:30 pm)
Contact: **Leon Kathan** (if needed)
117 Monte Real Blvd. Sebring, FL 33876

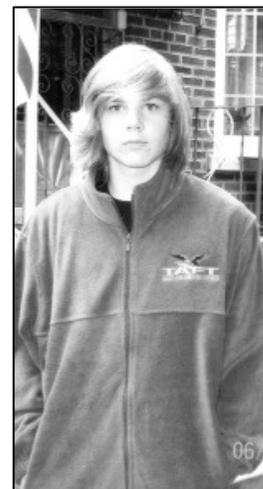
Grammar School Reunions

Oriole Park – 1975

Date: April 17, 2010
Place: Westwood Tavern and Tap in Schaumburg
(plus school tour and softball game in afternoon)
Contact: **Linda Cussen** (1979)
opclassof75@gmail.com

Show Your Logo!

Did you know that TAA offers its members some great merchandise? You bet we do! Here we feature a quality zippered fleece jacket in blue with the distinctive TAA logo embroidered on the left breast modeled by Randy Heyer, grandson of board vice president **Frank Heyer** (1948). It has two side pockets and the collar can lie flat, but when fully zipped it becomes a warm standup collar. Don't think of this as just an outdoor jacket. It's perfect to wear indoors when you're turning down the thermostat to save on energy. It comes in sizes Medium through XXX-Large for \$39.95 plus \$6.00 S&H. Please order using the handy form at the back of this newsletter.



Lost Classmates

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

Erick Eckert is looking for information on **Beverly (Anderson) Doney**. Let us know if you can help him.

Revised Guidelines for TAA Hall of Fame

Paulette English

We've only just had the pleasure of honoring the latest TAA Hall of Fame inductees, and already there have been inquiries about the next induction. TAA is a growing organization; it became apparent that we needed to formalize our nomination, evaluation and induction process accordingly. This past summer, a committee of four board members met to give our procedures serious consideration. The following are highlights of the committee's conclusions that were voted upon and accepted by the board, and will be in effect with the next induction.

- Nominees should be Taft graduates, living or deceased, who exemplify the best of Taft.
- Nominations may be submitted by any and all alumni, by family members or by Taft High School faculty.
- Nominations will be submitted on a standardized official nomination form that will be made available to alumni by the TAA Secretary upon request or on the TAA website.
- Both present and past directors will be eligible to volunteer to serve on the Hall of Fame Evaluation Committee, so long as they, themselves, have not submitted a nomination for the current induction.
- Nominees will be judged by a point system that will consider
 1. Achievement in scholastic pursuits
 2. Achievement in vocational pursuits
 3. Contributions to community and country
 4. Meritorious recognition of actions, services or achievements
 5. Significant philanthropic involvement
 6. Any additional significant considerations
- The top five scoring nominees will be submitted as the slate for board approval.
- Inductions will take place every three years, thus allowing the Taft student body to be introduced to, and become familiar with, their predecessors' accomplishments at least once during their years at Taft.
- Submissions in the year of induction will loosely follow the school calendar.
- Any nominee who is not selected for induction will be eligible for the next induction so long as a new nominating form is submitted with current data.
- If an inductee to the TAA Hall of Fame commits an act so heinous as to bring shame and dishonor to the TAA and/or to the Taft High School, the board may vote to eject him/her from the Hall of Fame by a simple majority.

Letters to the Editor

To TAA:

I saw another alumni site for Taft <http://www.alumni.class.com/tafteagles>. Is that an approved website? Do you know anything about it? I paid \$10 to join and thought it was this one!

Cynthia Gallaher (1970)

Hi, Cynthia,

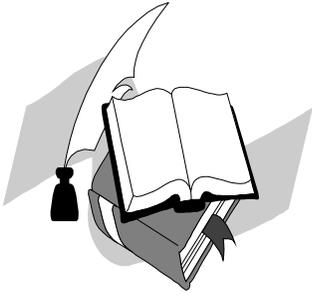
I'm glad you asked this question, although it means you've paid \$10 to the wrong organization. The only official website for the Taft Alumni Association is www.taftalumni.org. While you do need to pay dues to be a member of TAA, we do not charge you anything to view our pages (other than the e-newsletter for which you must be a member in good standing). What you found is one of hundreds of alumni websites. Some are reputable like Classmates.com; others attempt to look like official sites while taking your cash. How can you tell the difference? Most, if not all, alumni associations with websites will have [.org](#) (commonly used by organizations of a non-commercial character) as their domain rather than [.com](#) (commercial).

Paulette English, Web Editor



Craig Sabey (June 1962), **Mitch Frumkin** (January 1962) and his wife ViVi enjoy reminiscing Norwood Park reunion memories at Ki's Restaurant in Glen Ellyn last March.

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Class Notes

1940s

LA VERNE (SEIBT) BANKS (JUNE 1941) lives in Grand Prairie, TX, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and is a retired banking officer.

HOWARD PAYNE (JANUARY 1942) lives in Whittier, CA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is in sales.

HELEN (BOOTH) FESS (JANUARY 1943) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren 2 great grandchildren and is a retired school secretary.

DOROTHY LA GORIO (JANUARY 1943) graduated from Northwestern PhB 1965, lives in Niles and is retired

CHARLES DAVIS (JUNE 1943) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 5 children and is a retired Des Plaines firefighter.

AL RETTENMIER (JUNE 1943) lives in Lacey, WA, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is a semi retired insurance salesman.

HOWARD NELSON (JANUARY 1944) graduated from Northwestern BS BA 1949, North Park AA 1948, lives in Roselle, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired CPA.

KENNETH TYSSSEN (JANUARY 1945) graduated from U of I BS 1950, lives in Wimberley, TX, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired electrical engineer.

MARGIE (TROESTER) MC BRIDE (JUNE 1945) lives in Brooksville, FL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and is retired.

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

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

ED CARLSON (JUNE 1946) lives in Ft Collins, CO, has 3 sons, 4 grandchildren and is a retired electrician.

CHARLES JAMIESON (JUNE 1946) graduated from De Paul BS 1950, lives in Huntley, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired CPA.

BOB SODERHOLM (JUNE 1946) lives in Anaheim, CA, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

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

MARILYN (ELLIS) BURY (JANUARY 1947) graduated from Cornell BA, lives in Park Forest, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

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

DORIS (BOCKHAUS) BERNS (JUNE 1947) lives in Morton Grove, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and works at husbands advertising agency.

LIDIA (RIGONI) PIPER (JUNE 1947) lives in Chicago, has 4 children (all Taft grads), 7 grandchildren and is a retired accounting clerk.

MARIAN (HEIDORN) BAKANOWICZ (JANUARY 1948) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

JACQUELINE (SEURIN) BOUSCARY (JANUARY 1948) graduated from the Conservatory of Music, Bordeaux, France 1951, lives in Santa Ana, CA, has 1 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired restaurant owner.

MATILDA (MOLNAR) RUSTEBERG (JANUARY 1948) graduated from Northern BS 1965, Northeastern BA 1973, MA 1975, lives in Town & Country, MO, has 5 children, 21 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired guidance counselor and science teacher.

RAY IHRCKE (JUNE 1948) graduated from IL State BA 1957, lives in Kalamazoo, MI, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired business owner.

JOAN (BUSCH) LONG (JUNE 1948) lives in Holland, MI, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and lives in Holland, MI and Surprise, AZ.

BETTY (GLASS) SCHULTZ (JUNE 1948) lives in St Paul, MN, has 4 chil-

dren, 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is a housewife.

DONALD THOMSON (JUNE 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1952 (a Chick Evans Scholarship), lives in Huntley, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

LOIS (HEAD) FRITSCH (JANUARY 1949) graduated from Northern 1976, lives in Woodstock, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

DONALD BLACK (JUNE 1949) married JOANNE (DASS) (JUNE 1951), Don graduated from Blackburn BS, Northern MS, Indiana EDD, Joanne graduated from Blackburn AA, Western IL BOG, they live in Macomb, IL, have 5 children, 8 grandchildren and both are retired.

BERNARD NUGENT (JUNE 1949) lives in Hot Springs, AR and is a retired resort owner.

1950s

ROBERT GALITZ (JANUARY 1950) lives in Memphis, TN, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired locomotive engineer.

RUTH (EGELAND) WITTHOEF (JANUARY 1950) lives in Unionville, CT, has 1 child and is retired.

ARLENE (JOHNSON) KURKJIAN (JUNE 1950) lives in St Charles, IL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

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

JANE (LA MARCHE) ADAIR (JANUARY 1952) graduated from Beloit BA 1956, U of FL MA 1960, U of UT PhD 1980, lives in Sun City Center, FL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

LORRAINE (OLSON) BARLOW (JUNE 1952) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

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

DAVE REX (JUNE 1953) graduated from U of WI BSME 1958, lives in Kingsport, TN, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired project manager.

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RONALD CORRADO (JUNE 1954) graduated from Wright AA 1957, Parks College 1959, lives in Sequim, WA, has 3 children and is a semi retired aircraft mechanic.

TONYA (GEISERT) LIEN (JUNE 1954) graduated from Nat'l College of Ed BA 1958, San Diego St MS 1978, lives in San Diego, CA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a consulting school psychologist.

KENNETH MOTZNY (JUNE 1954) graduated from Purdue BS 1959, lives in Rockford, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

ART REIDER (JUNE 1954) lives in St Petersburg, FL, has 3 children, 11 grandchildren and is a retired Des Plaines firefighter.

HERMINA (KIPKOWSKI) SASSE (JUNE 1954) lives in Franklin, NC, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired US Customs officer.

ELLEN (FRISEN) SCHADEN (JUNE 1954) lives in Morton Grove, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

KATHLEEN (MILLER) DASS (JANUARY 1955) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 5 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired printer.

MELVIN BEAVER (JUNE 1955) lives in Mesa, AZ, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

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

HAL OSUCHA (JANUARY 1956) graduated from MI State 1960, lives in Oak Ridge, TN, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD DENCER (JUNE 1956) graduated from IIT BS, U of I MS, lives in Burlington, IL, has 2 children and is a retired senior civil engineer.

LYNN (BLETZINGER) HAMMER-SMITH (JUNE 1956) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 6 children, 7 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

JOAN (MAAS) PETERSEN (JUNE 1956) married CHARLES (JUNE 1954), they live in Port St Lucie, FL, have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and are retired.

NANCY (WANDER) STOLFA (JUNE 1956) graduated from Blackburn BA 1960, lives in Cape Haze, FL, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is retired.

DONALD BIRGERSON (JUNE 1957) graduated from Wittenberg BA 1961, lives in Grayslake, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired from sales.

JIM MC MAHON (JUNE 1957) graduated from St Josephs College BS 1961, lives in Denton, TX, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a food service consultant.

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

LYNN TERRY (JUNE 1957) graduated from Colorado U BA 1962, San Francisco ST MA 1971, lives in Sedona, AZ, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a retired sales exec.

CAROLYN (HEINE) WALTERS (JUNE 1957) lives in Sugar Grove, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

STUART CRIPPEN (JANUARY 1958) graduated from North Park BA 1962, lives in Denver, CO, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is owner of Best Lawns.

ROSALIE (SCIEMECA) FEILEN (JANUARY 1958) lives in Sarasota, FL and La Valle, WI, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired campground owner.

MARY (HUGHES) KOBER (JANUARY 1958) graduated from Knox College BA 1962, lives in Zion, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired music teacher.

EDWARD FREISINGER (JUNE 1958) lives in Chicago and is retired.

JOHN GRUD (JUNE 1958) graduated from Marquette BS 1962, De Paul MBA 1971, lives in Lake Geneva, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired from HP Sales management.

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

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

ALLAN BROCKSTEIN (JANUARY 1959) graduated from U of I BSEE 1963, MSEE 1964, PhD 1967, lives in Henderson, NV, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired aerospace engineer.

GLENN TEMPLEMAN (JANUARY 1959) married BARBARA (LYNN) (JUNE 1959) Glenn graduated from U of I BS 1964, IL State MS 1965, Barbara graduated from U of I BS 1963, they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 3 children, 7 grandchildren both are retired teachers.

JAMES FISHER (JUNE 1959) graduated from Grinnell College BS 1963, lives in Terre Haute, IN and is a motion picture and TV writer.

SUSAN (HARVEY) WOOD (JUNE 1959) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired accounts receivable manager.

1960s

JO ANNE (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.

GREG DRUMMER (JANUARY 1960) married MARY (SEITZ) (JUNE 1962), they live in Gainesville, GA, have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and both are retired teachers.

KAREN (JOHNSON) GAPINSKI (JANUARY 1960) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a benefits manager.

WILLIAM HORN (JUNE 1960) graduated from Cornell BS 1964, U of IA MS 1967, PhD 1969, lives in Clermont, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired chemist, exec. VP from Fire Retardant Chemical Association.

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

KATHY (ALTERGOTT) ARCHULETA (JUNE 1961) graduated from North Park BA 1965, lives in Redding, CA and is retired from Alameda social services.

VICTORIA (SCANLON) CROSLLEY (JUNE 1961) graduated from IIT BS 1968, Governors State MA 1979, John Marshall JD 1980, lives in Homewood, IL, has 2 children and is a retired lawyer.

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

NANCY RUHLOW (JUNE 1962) graduated from U of I BS 1966, Northeastern MA 1972, lives in Couderay, WI and Lombard, IL and is a retired HS PE teacher.

JAY HOGG (JANUARY 1963) married DEBBIE (PIENERT) (JUNE 1962), they live in Sleepy Hollow, IL, have 4 children; Jay is a mfg. Rep. Debbie is a finance asst. and they are both very involved with Pioneer Center for the Handicapped.

DONNA (GRIESSMER) CATLETT (JUNE 1963) graduated from IL Wesleyan BFA 1967, lives in Des Plaines,

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IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is an executive secretary.

PAUL HERRMANN (JUNE 1963) graduated from Wartburg College BA 1967, lives in Sun City, AZ, has 4 children and is a retired carpenter and Christian camp director.

BETTY (PAPPAS) ELLIS (JANUARY 1964) graduated from Wright 1966, lives in Palos Park, IL, has 4 sons, 3 grandchildren and is self-employed.

ROGER POWELL (JUNE 1964) graduated from U of Memphis BA 1988, lives in Arlington, TN, has 2 children and is a retired LT. Firefighter.

NANCY (NOBLE) ZORICK (JUNE 1964) lives in Indio, CA and is an artist and TAA Hall of Famer.

DANIEL LAZAR (JANUARY 1965) lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 1 child and is retired from Mercedes Benz.

JOAN (JOHNSON) WALENDY (JANUARY 1965) graduated from U of WI BS 1968, Nat'l Lewis U MS 1992, lives in Bloomingdale, IL, has 2 children and is a first grade teacher at Spring Hills School.

DAVID DAVIES (JANUARY 1966) graduated from Northern BS 1971, lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is an insurance broker.

JANET (POZIWILO) JABLON (JUNE 1966) married RON (JUNE 1962), lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is housewife.

MICHAEL MEGARIS (JUNE 1966) graduated from U of MO BBA 1988, MBA 1990, lives in Overland Park, KS, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a real estate investor.

DEE (STECMAIER) TOBERMAN (JUNE 1966) lives in Sleepy Hollow, IL, has 3 children and is a real estate agent.

BART BRION (JUNE 1967) married LINDA (TERRY) (JUNE 1967); they both graduated from Wright, lives in Plano, TX, have 2 children and are both retired.

GLENN JENSEN (1967) lives in Sycamore, IL, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a computer tech.

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

RICHARD OLSON (JUNE 1967) graduated from U of WI 1971, lives in Wakefield, MI, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is retired.

LINDA (CULPEPPER) PETERSON (JUNE 1967) lives in Bensenville, IL, has 1 child and is retired.

CHERYL (BRANDT) MC CAUSLIN (1968) lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is on the cat staff of Save-A-Pet Shelter.

KATHLEEN (SUBA) FIRNSIN (1968) lives in Villa Park, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired customer service rep.

JEAN (SCHNEIDER) ZIMA (1968) graduated from Augustana School of Nursing, lives in Metamora, MI, has 2 children and is retired.

BARBARA (KOZUBEK) MC KOWN (1969) lives in Gurnee, IL, has 2 children and is an inventory analyst.

PEGGY ROBERTS (1969) lives in Crystal Lake, IL and has 2 children.

JOHN SCHMIDT (1969) graduated from U of I BS 1973, MS 1974, CO State MBA 1986, lives in Loveland, CO and is a program manager at Hewlett Packard.

DARLENE (MIKA) STRAKA (1969) graduated from Roosevelt BA 2009, lives in Barrington Hills, IL, has 3 children and is retired.

1970s

OURANIA MALLIRIS (1970) graduated from Radcliffe BA 1974, Harvard Medical MD 1978, lives in Seattle, WA, has 2 children and is a Pediatrician.

MONICA (SAPA) NETKOW (1970) lives in West Dundee, IL, has 2 children and is a teacher.

JACK SENYSHYN (1970) graduated from U of I BA, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a retired Palatine police officer.

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

DEBRA NYBERG (1971) graduated from U of Phoenix BA 1963, lives in Long Beach, CA and is a senior account executive.

JAMES GARZINO (1972) married KAREN (MC DONOUGH) (1973), he graduated from SIU BS 2003, they live in Naperville, IL, have 1 child, Jim is a paramedic/firefighter in Naperville, and Karen is an accounting clerk.

CYNTHIA (CLAY) CROUSE (1975) graduated from Columbia BS 1991, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, won National Ice Skating Championship in April '09 and a CEO International Trade Assoc.

FAITH (SCHULTZ) KREBS (1975) graduated from U of I BS 1980, lives in Naperville, IL, has 1 child and is a director of operations for McDonald's Corp. She is a recent TAA Hall of Fame recipient.

LARRY COFFEY (1976) lives in Kildeer, IL, has 2 children and is an insurance account manager.

KENT STOTZ (1976) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children and is on the Honda Factory Drag Team, 4 time national champion.

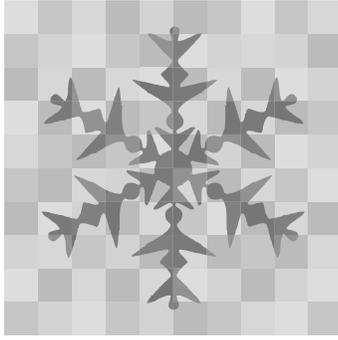
KAREN WELTER (1976) lives in Chicago and is in customer service.

DARLENE (KLEBBA) KODIS (1977) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and makes candles and is an E Bayer.

ROBERTA (PIZZO) NICHOLS (1979) lives in Arlington Hts, IL and has 1 child.

PAUL ORZESKE (1979) graduated from IIT, lives in Maple Grove, MN, has 2 children and is the president at Honeywell Building Solutions.





[Editor's Note: We regret having to publish so many names this issue, but many of these names came from the 1960 and 1969 reunion booklets on their own memorials pages. The names listed here are in addition to those we've previously recorded. You can see the complete listing on our website – www.taftalumni.org]

Jim Thomson, class of June 1944, died November 5, 2009.
Dean Burton, class of June 1945, passed away on October 2, 2009 from cancer.
James Harsch, class of January 1946, date of death unknown -- from California.
Shirley Peterson Bretwisch, class of February 1946, passed away on August 26, 2009.
Claudia (Philips) Vennell Fuller, class of June 1947 died October 21, 2009.
Nancy Setzer-Sarysz, class of June 1951, passed away January 8, 2009.
Richard Rossen, class of January 1958, died of lung cancer in September, 2009.
Patricia Beckstrom, class of January 1960, date of death unknown.
Rose Marie Block, class of January 1960, date of death unknown.
Lawrence McCann, class of January 1960, date of death unknown.
Barbara Nelson, class of January 1960, date of death unknown.
Elaine Rechsteiner, class of January 1960, date of death unknown.
Judith Rice Marx, class of June 1960, passed away of lung cancer in 2007.
Mary Crisanti, class of January 1964 died May 31, 2008 from pancreatic cancer.
Linda (Zabel) Scatena, class of June 1965, died 1 October 14 2009 of lung cancer.
Bonnie (Tonn) Olsen, class of June 1966 died on August 27, 2007, wife of **Randy Olsen**, class of June 1965.
Richard Allen Croft, class of June 1967, deceased date unknown, married **Kathleen Ryan** from class of June 1969.
Rosemary Fortunata (Abbate) Rybarczyk, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Christine Janine (Hummel) Adams, class of 1969 died February 16, 2004.
Susan Eileen (Herring) Andersen, class of 1969, died August 28, 2009.
Edwin Bagley, Jr., class of August 1969, died September 19, 2009.
Lawrence Arthur Bethel, class of 1969, died September 26 2001.
Donald Dominick Biancalana, class of 1969 died December 13, 1999.

In Our Memories

John Lawrence Boyer, class of 1969 died March 11, 2005.
Robert Allen Conrad, class of 1969 died June 27, 2001.
Robert Cornielsen, class of 1969 date of death unknown.
Richard Charles Crumback, class of 1969, died June 1986.
Daniel L. DaValle, class of 1969, passed away suddenly December 14, 2009. He was President and Owner of Crown Construction and Development Company of Chicago and lived in Glenview.
Steve Demas, class of 1969, date unknown.
William Dobosz, Jr., class of 1969, died May 17, 2008.
Christine Figge, class of 1969, died date unknown.
John Joseph Gac, class of August 1969, died June 1980.
Neil Robert Gerrits, class of 1969 died December 6, 2006.
Paul Martin Graff, class of 1969, died November 21, 1998.
Richard Charles Halla, Jr., class of 1969, died October 25, 2005.
Judith Louise (Woronecki) Hanson, class of 1969, died April 11, 2000.
Lawrence W. Hill, class of August 1969, died October 8, 1990.
William Harold Hinkle, class of 1969, died Marc 25, 2009.
Keith Woodrow Jackson, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Stephen Joseph Keenan, class of 1969, died June 11, 2007.
Daniel Patrick Kehoe, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Robert Langford, class of 1969, died June, 1980.
Roger Lindenau, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
James Loftus, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Helene Nehr, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Lanae Julie (Lundmark) Olson, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Salvatore Louis Palmisano Jr., class of 1969, died April, 1981.
Mark David Panzer, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Fred Pobat, class of 1969, died May 20, 2008.
Bruce Edward Poole, class of 1969, died January 9, 2005.
Thomas Carl Severson, class of 1969, died February 13, 2009.
Richard Spencer Strong, class of 1969, died March 31, 2007.
Bruce Arthur Tambourine, class of 1969, died date unknown.
Bruce Dudley Taylor, class of 1969, died date unknown.
Elizabeth Anne (Habib) Tobler, class of 1969, died April 22, 1996.
Charles George Wehrheim, class of 1969, died date unknown.
Sally Jean Wleklinski, class of 1969, date of death unknown.
Diane (Waldschmidt) Geyer, class of 1970 died this past spring.
Raymond Hutchison, class of 1979, passed away on November 9th, 2009.

TAA Board Meeting

The next TAA board meeting will be held at Taft on January 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Alumni are always welcome to attend.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

Dear Taft People,

My name is **Randy Olsen**, class of 1965. My wife **Bonnie (Tonn)**, class of 1966 and I were married for 39-3/4 years. God brought her home [last August – See "In Our Memories", page 7]. We were blessed with two children and five grandchildren.

Bon and I were high school sweethearts for two years at Taft, my junior and senior years. We walked the halls together, got those look a-like sweaters, exchanged our Taft rings and passed notes between classes. We walked to Parsee's Hot Dog stand, enjoyed a dog and coke and just loved our time together. What great days. Taft you were our start - Thank You Thank You.

We were married in January of 1968. We worked with the youth in the churches we attended up until her death. ... She endured diabetes since she was 13 years old without complaints.

Bon was my best friend and I loved (still do) her so much... Lastly to the husbands: love your wife a little more than you ever have because you don't know how long you have.

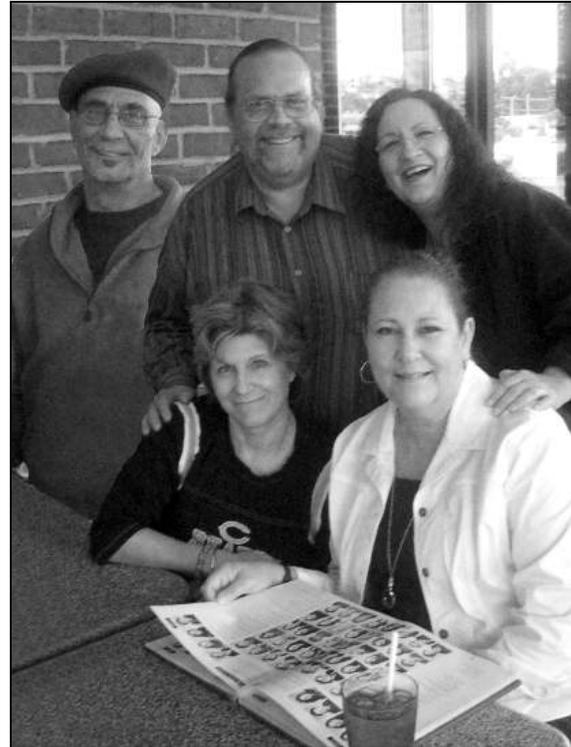
Randy Olsen (June 1965)

Getting Wired/Going Green!

If you haven't already thought of it, please consider helping reduce the publishing costs of this newsletter and feel good about reducing excessive consumption of trees, water, electricity, etc. that would be needed if you continued to receive your newsletter via the regular mail.

Contact us at Website: <http://www.taftalumni.org> and do it today! You'll be happy you did. We will, too!

A Meeting 38 Years in the Making



Clockwise from left: **Doug Wolfe, Frank Zemaitis, Bunny Wolf, Gail Sullivan, Missy (Michelle Kretschmer) Danielson** (all from class of '72)

A few days before, who could have guessed that the five of us would be meeting at the California Pizza Kitchen in Deer Park, IL on September 20. The gathering happened quite by chance when Doug got in touch with Gail a few months earlier. Most of us had already been in contact in one way or another for a year or two. Doug invited Gail down to visit Bunny and him, Bunny invited me and I invited Missy. We had such a good time we got together again in early December.

Since then we've contacted 17 other '72-'74 Alumni who have expressed varying degrees of interest in attending future dalliances. I estimate that the next meeting will be 10+ people. If you have interest in joining the group, contact me at katznjamerkid@gmail.com. All are welcome!

Frank M. Zemaitis (1972)

To: Dave Barth

Thanks to **Anne Lunde** (1969), I was able to get a copy of the chorus CD's you produced -- they brought back a lot of memories! Thanks for your efforts in putting this set together -- I may have to order another one or two for some friends who were in Mixed Chorus but

aren't in touch with the rest of the Taft alumni community.

If you run out of copies, do you have any objection if I make duplicates for other Taft friends and family?

One item that may help fill in the blanks: "He Never Said a Mumblin' Word" and "Peaceful River" were performed by Mixed Chorus at the city choral competition when I was part of the group -- that competition was either fall '68 or spring '69. I know those performances were recorded -- is it possible that these performances on the CD came from those recordings? Of course, I don't know how many times J.J. recycled those pieces.

I attempted some recording of the Mixed Chorus myself during my time at Taft, but I'm afraid my results were of pretty low quality, and if I could find the (open-reel) tapes I doubt they would be playable today.

I was just back in Chicago for the class of '69 reunion, and we were able to take a tour of Taft, including the "new" addition. The new chorus room is definitely an improvement from the one used in the 60's, but some of J.J.'s signs are still there, including the names of chorus "all-stars". Thanks again for your efforts!

John Schmidt (1969)

[Editor's Note: Thanks to David Barth for forwarding John's note to us and Dave's response here. jbb]

Good Morning John!

Thank you for the very nice note. Like everyone else, it always feels good to be appreciated.

The CD's may be copied...but...on January 14th [2010], at their request, I'm meeting with the Alumni Association Board to talk with them about making the CD's a fund raiser for the Association. Because I am a video producer/director by trade, I was able to get very good pricing on the first batch, and therefore was able to hand over a \$400 check to the Association. It represented the "profits" so to speak.

If you can see where I'm going with this, I would prefer you did not make copies, but rather purchase them through me so that the Association might make a few dollars. It will also give you the printed insert and label copy. If you can wait until after the 14th, I will get back to you with what the Board chooses to do.

The dates on the selections you listed were earlier. As a matter of fact, I sang them and graduated in January of 1962. So yes, JJ did recycle. For that fact, he probably did them every four years or so.

I won't bore you with details about why I was at the '59 reunion the end of September, but I also was on a tour of Taft. Did not get to see the new chorus room but did sneak up to the third floor and saw the old one. What memories!!!

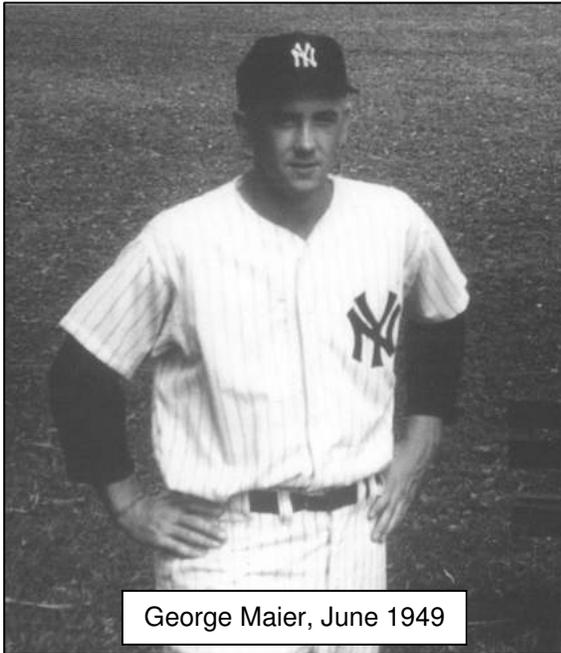
Finally, you mentioned some alum who are not in touch with the alumni community. They should be and you could be the catalyst in making that happen. Have them contact Jerry Bloom at jerrybloom@fales.org and she can Give you all the details. And if not her, she get you going in the right direction. It truly is a great organization and I owe a lot to them for what they have done for me over the past number of years. Thanks again for your note.

David A. Barth (June 1962)
email: davidabarh@comcast.net

Editor:

Recent issues of the newsletter have contained letters on the subject of **George "Sooeey" Maier** (June 1949), who pitched Taft to its first city baseball championship in 1949. These recollections were limited and a bit hazy and since none of his former teammates at Taft have written in to fill the gaps, I thought I would step forward on his behalf. Most of my knowledge about this gifted athlete comes from the information I gathered when **Denny Pickett** (June 1958) and I organized a reunion of our 1957-58 city championship baseball teams. That event took place in 2003 and was open to all players from coach **Jim Smilgoff's** highly successful 13-year reign at Taft. One of the attendees at our banquet was **Marv Maier** (June 1947), George's older brother and biggest fan. Prior to that evening, Marv and I had a number of conversations and e-mail exchanges regarding his brother's life and baseball accomplishments and he sent me a number of clippings about the 1949 season, his career at the University of Illinois and in the minor leagues. I still have them in a scrapbook I put together for the reunion.

"Sooeey" Maier was a school-boy phenom as a 16-year old senior during Taft's 1949 title winning season. He posted a 12-1 records with a string of five consecutive shutouts during the regular season and followed that by striking out 12 while blanking Tilden Tech 2-0 in ten innings in the championship game at Comiskey Park. After Taft, George Maier went on to the University of Illinois, where two years later he followed up a season as the best pitcher in the Big Ten by signing a \$90,000 bonus contract with the New York Yankees! It was the biggest sum ever paid to a Chicago area player up to



George Maier, June 1949

that time. "Sooley" played several seasons in the high minor leagues before calling it quits. According to Marv Maier, he came close to sticking with the Yankees on at least one occasion, but was sidetracked when the team acquired Bob Turley and Don Larsen (of '56 World Series perfect game fame) from the Orioles right before the regular season began. My recollection is that Marv told me his brother's career was finally short-circuited when a foul ball hit him in his pitching arm while he was seated in a minor league dugout.

"Sooley" went on to finish his college education and eventually became a lawyer in Kansas City. Unfortunately, despite being such a terrific athlete, George Maier was also a long time smoker and he was stricken with lung cancer and died in his late 50s.

Lynn I. Terry (June 1957)

[Editor's Note: Records indicate George Maier was born in 1932 and died October 11, 1991. jbb]

Hi Jerry,

I hope you remember me. I'm **Margit Wevang's** (June 1962) cousin and I was the one who wrote you about the ROTC Sword.

I'm now looking for a couple of pieces of information. First, I enjoyed reading the latest information regarding George Maier. We were friends and played in the band together. I would appreciate any information you can give me regarding contacting George or at least send him my name. I would sure like to talk to him again.

He and I and Sheldon Mehr used to hang together.

The other item I would like to find out is where can I find out the criteria and application for submitting someone for the Taft Hall of Fame? Thanks for your help. Keep up the good work. Sure enjoy the Newsletter.

Ted Dahlfors (1949)

[Editor's Note: Hi Ted! Yes, we do remember you. Your ROTC sword story took a while to wind down. But, it was a good thing. It certainly brought out lots of memories from many former Taft ROTC members. Sorry to inform you about your friend George Maier. See the letter and my response above. With regard to your request about the "Hall of Fame" nomination applications, Paulette English wrote an article that should answer all your questions. See it on page 3 of this issue.jbb]

Paulette,

St. Monica Academy at Harlem and Foster was my elementary school. We had a 50th grade school reunion in September, about 20 of the 55 showing up. Fellow Taftites were **Marcia Sakiewicz, Brian Duffy** and **Carl Zver**, all Taft class of [June]1963. We're all looking forward to our 50th reunion from Taft -- just a few years away. I left out **Ginny Devereux, Jeanne Weaver** and **Jim Dudek**. Did **Allen Zientko** graduate from Taft in '63 too? Funny how I don't remember who all from St. Monica's went on to Taft -- most of the kids went to Catholic high schools.

Thanks for the good work on the news.

I do enjoy hearing about Taftites, and am purchasing the mixed chorus cd -- don't we all remember **Mr. Stamm!**

Cathy Schneider Volstorf (June 1963)

[Editor's Note: We acknowledge all your friends as Taft grads, with the exception of Jim Dudek. Perhaps he was one of the kids who went on to St. Pat's or Notre Dame. jbb]

To: Taftalum@cox.net

Sent: Friday, December 04, 2009 9:23 AM

Subject: Paddi Cheerleaders

The Taft Alumni Newsletter is an invaluable service with fascinating history, thank you so much for all of your work. I was a cheerleader with Margie and Shirley Paddi and would love to know more about Margie's life. I would also like to see the whole photo of the cheerleaders from the Taft vs. Waller game from Sept. 7, 1949.

Margie and I sadly lost contact after graduation.

Mary Ann Buddenbaum Tittle (Jan. 1950)

[Editor's Note: Mary Ann, I'm afraid I don't know any more of Margie's life, as I reported all the details in the newsletter that were sent to me. It appears Margie and Shirley have passed on. But, I'm sending you the full photos as I received them for you. I hope this helps you reconnect memories.jbb]

[Letters to the Editor continued on page 12]



Sitting (L-R): **Marcelyn Hoerr, Diane Klier, Beverly Diller, Elaine Holt, and Barbara Bromberg.** Standing (L-R): **Susan Moshier, Heanette Kelly, Karen Taylor, Ron Underwood, Sylvia Linde, Bruce Townsager, Betty Lou Krieger, Lloyd Larsen, Leo Drummer**

To Frank [Heyer], Thanks again for your tour of Taft [recently] with Marilyn and myself. Enclosed is a picture of some of the classmates of January 1957 at our Reunion Luncheon held at Cooper's Hawk Restaurant in South Barrington, October 24, 2009. **Leo Drummer** (January 1957)

TAA Newsletter is Now Online

Folks, we have liftoff! While the electronic newsletter kickoff wasn't flawless, it was successful. We heartily thank all of you who have made the leap and have discontinued the hard copy in order to divert more funds toward TAA scholarships and other good works. Here's what some of you told us:

- *Just finished reading the current electronic copy of the Alumni newsletter--great issue. It is nice to know that I don't have to save the copy if I want to refer to it again in the future. Keep up the good work. **Myra (Andres) Fisher** (Class of '51)*
- *For all the reasons highlighted in the latest issue, I would like to stop the hardcopy and just receive the newsletter electronically. **Warren Luckner** (Class of '64)*
- *...WOW ... WHAT A GREAT JOB -- THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK TO BRING OUR NEWSLETTER TO US ELECTRONICALLY! **Carolyn (Coco) Lilla** (Class of '66)*
- *I would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail...I'm a former Taft teacher, retired in 1999. I enjoy reading every issue and thank the alumni association for making it available. **Glenn Anderson***

So, if you'd like to receive the TAA newsletter electronically, please go to www.taftalumni.org and click on the e-newsletter signup link. Please be sure your TAA membership is in good stead (but we'll remind you if it isn't). You don't need to give up your hard copy if you still wish to receive it, and if you and your spouse have a "couples" membership, you may both receive the e-newsletter at separate email addresses.

Did you sign up but have yet to receive a response? Please sign up again or drop us a line at eagleemail@taftalumni.org. We discovered a few problems with invalid email addresses and no way to contact you. We also found one or two folks who provided their street address instead of their email address. Don't give up—we want you to receive the newsletter the way you want it.

Your TAA Web Team, Kevin and Paulette

2009 Taft City Softball Champions



Congratulations! On Thursday, October 29, 2009, Taft Boys 16" Softball won their **first ever** City Championship!

They slaughtered Lane Tech in the semi-final game, 18-8 in 6 innings and then they went on to overcome Walter Payton HS 12-2 in 5 innings. Coach **Kirk Vidas** couldn't be prouder.

The Eagles will get hit hard by graduation attrition by losing nine of 10 hitters in their starting lineup. In addition to Doyle, Nick Vidas, Los, Tsekov and Campus, Taft will bid adieu to team captain, left fielder and leadoff hitter D.J. Guardiola, catcher John Prestianni, third baseman Johnnie Gordon and right fielder Anthony Viola. "As much as we're celebrating our victory, I know to make sure we're ready again next year," Vidas said. "Even though we got (Lane) this year I know they'll be back. They don't regroup, they just reload."

[Editor's note: Excerpts taken from November 2009 Edison Norwood Times article submitted by Emily Bouzarelos-Vidas, mother of team member Nick Vidas. jbb]

Letters to the Editor (Continued from page 10)
To TAA:

Herb Manig (June 1952 – see Summer TAA Newsletter, p3) -- yes, I will always remember you! It was early September 1949 at Norwood Park Field. My only goal in life at nearly age 14 was to make the Defending Champs Baseball Team. During tryouts and an intra squad game you fired one of your superfast fast balls to me as a righthanded batter. Somehow I hit a live drive to right center for a home run. I was so happy but after I touched home plate, Coach Smilgoff ran out and asked my name and began to scold me for not rounding 3rd base properly. He told me that I had a lot to learn about running bases and baseball.

Herb, I will never forget that day when I was freshie, your super pitching and the great Coach **Jim Smilgoff** who did, in fact, teach me the game. Fortunately, I played for him for 4 years and have the highest respect for a wonderful man. Thanks again, lefty.

Darrel Tate (June 1953) Dtate55870@aol.com



To TAA:

Barbara Peterson
(January '59) [on left
with Jim Jacobs] and
Carole McLean Kaiser
(June '58) joined several

others at Mather's Café on Higgins, near Harlem, for a talk by **Jim Jacobs** (class of June '60) about the origin of "Grease". He discussed Taft High School as well as friends and teachers from the late 50s, all of which contributed to the story of "Grease". He also took questions, posed for pictures, and signed autographs. Everyone enjoyed the program.

Norm Gunther (January 1959)

[Editor's Note: This letter is reprinted from the Fall TAA Newsletter, where we inadvertently deleted this photo. Apologies. Jbb]

Hi Kay!

Last Friday! [October 23, 2009] WOW!!! What an honor! Not in a million years would I ever have thought that some day I would be nominated and elected into the Taft High School Hall of Fame. But then twenty years ago when I founded the Spirit of Life Chorus with seventeen charter members, did I ever think it would grow to what we have today.

As I sat listening to the other nominees.....a Nobel Prize recipient, a McDonalds Executive, the Senior Pastor of a church with 5,000 members, the CEO of Borg-Warner, etc., I kind of kept wondering.....why me? But in talking with **Anne Lunde** who attended our concert last Sunday, she firmly answered my question. She said one word summed up what I do with the Spirit of Life Chorus, and that was "Glorious!" And what we in the Chorus all do is sing

gloriously in praise and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

So thank you for honoring what has been a twenty year passion. I am indeed humbled by the award. It was a wonderful afternoon! Some fifteen to twenty members of Spirit joined my wife Lucia, daughter Jennifer, grandson Grant and other family members in support. On behalf of all of us, please express my heart felt gratitude to your fellow Board members and to the nominating and selection committee.

David Barth (Jan. 62')

MEMO TO ALL YEARS

In my dreams Taft sails on like a Great Mother Ship with people embarking and disembarking. The progress of the generations in Taft Alumni News (TAN) is like watching a boatload of cats. If the ship ever docks we can write an anthology to be called *True TAN*.

At this happy time of the year's end I would like to assign an essay on what we have learned. This is the time to collect others experiences in the great bed of life. My contribution is my recent TAN article on our Boy's Swim classes (Summer 2008). I think it was read by Chicago Sun Times columnist Mark Brown, who just wrote two columns like it.

TAN scribes should realize now that no subject is out of bounds. We older cats have daring experiences. As the old movie line goes: 'Forty knows what Twenty does not....' However older cats should also look through the other end of the telescope, because now Teen knows what Seventy does not.

Doesn't conversation with kids curl your hair? Was it good for you too?

John Heinz (January 1952)

[Editor's Note: Thanks to Craig Sabey (June 1962) we have copy of those Sun Times articles too. jbb]



Our namesake is still in the news - 100 years after his Presidency. This cartoon is shown, compliments of **John Placko** (June 1965) with permission of Tom Thaves and taken from comics.com website.

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