



Taft Alumni Newsletter

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Spring 2011

Celebrating Coach Kupcinet's Legacy

The Taft Alumni Association will hold a special ceremony at 10 a.m. **Saturday, June 11**, at the gym lobby (the big gym, added in the 1950s addition) to honor the memory of Coach Joe Kupcinet.



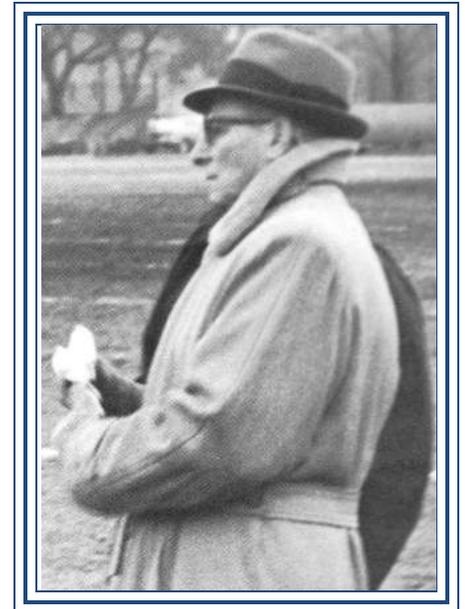
Any interested alumni are invited to attend. Players from the Kupcinet era who would like to share memories are asked to contact Frank Heyer by email at frank-heyer@msn.com, or (773) 631-4701 so you can be included in the program schedule. We would appreciate it if others who plan to attend could also notify Frank, so we can provide sufficient seating, etc.

Parking will be in a visitor's lot along Bryn Mawr Avenue, south-east of the gym. (Bryn Mawr runs one way westward from Nagle Avenue).

Take the sidewalk north as far as the gym lobby, which is the entrance which will be open.

In 1985, the Alumni Association dedicated the gym in honor of Kupcinet, who coached both football and basketball at Taft. He is also remembered by the students in his divisions, as a wonderful person as well as a great teacher. He was one of the "Taft Founders," those original year faculty members who were honored in the naming of the Taft Founders March (aka "Dear Taft, you've our loyalty..."). He continued to teach physical education at Taft until the early 1960s, with one short hiatus while serving in World War II.

A number of his football players advanced to college and professional sports careers. Many alums from the early 1960s remember the joy of Taft's first football city championship, under Kupcinet's legendary leadership. Other, newer alums may recognize the name because Joe's brother Irv was a renowned Chicago newsman and broadcaster.



The original 1985 plaque did not last as long as the coach's teaching career, so the current administration and the Alumni Association worked together to develop a new, larger plaque which also includes the Coach's image and biographical information. Jay Katzman from the Taft library staff worked with us on this plaque, the new William Howard Taft (president and chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court) plaque, and the plaque for Dr. John Graven at the John Graven Learning Center.

We are grateful to Taft's Principal, Dr. Arthur Tarvardian, for his efforts in providing funding for this replacement plaque.

TAA Board Meeting
The next meeting
will be held at Taft on
May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm
Alumni are *always*
welcome to attend.

"Grease" as you've never seen it before! See Page 13 for the latest on this special performance.

Taft Class Reunions

January 1961 Class

Date: September 10, 2011
Place: Wellington Banquet Hall,
Arlington Heights, IL - Other Activities TBD
Contact: **Ed Gersch & Holly Nielsen Rogers**
edgJan61@krzyz.com – 360-598-1860

June 1961 Class

Date: October, 2011 (tentative)
Place: TBD (See "Letters to the Editor" section)
Contact: **John Prochaska & Art Kay**
TaftJun61Alums@aol.com

Class 1966

Date: July 15-16, 2011
Place: Holiday Inn- Cumberland, Chicago
Contact: **Linda (Kelly) Sak** - lulusak@aol.com
or 847-705-9808 (Let ring 8 times for voicemail).

Class 1971

Date: September 17, 2011
Place: Four Points Sheraton - Schiller Park
Contact: **Jim Lucchesi** –
lucchesifamily@sbcglobal.net
or **Mary Jane (Mortensen) Wojkiewicz**
nutstou2@aol.com or 773-775-9853

**Check out TAA online (www.taftalumi.org)
and TAA on Facebook (Taft Alumni Association)
for updates and details not shown here.**

Class 1981

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011
Place: Northbrook Hilton
Contact: **Toni Hartsell** - tonihartsell@yahoo.com
or **Carol Ray-Nykaza** - cfn63@sbcglobal.net

Class 1987

Date: July 21, 2012
Place: Blues Bar, Mt. Prospect - www.blues-bar.com
Contact: **Joe Bartel, Jr.** - josef425@comcast.net
www.classreport.org/usa/il/chicago/th/1987

Class 1991

Date: October 1, 2011 - 6 PM
Place: TBD by end of April
Contact: **Androniki Velisaris Ganczewski**
timnikganz@yahoo.com or 773-320-3015

Class 2001

Date: July 16, 2011
Place: Biagio's, 4242 N Central, Chicago
Contact: **Erica Lumpkins**, huggiebear19@ymail.com
Tieneh Harris, tienehharris@hotmail.com
Ebony Williams, trwill2003@gmail.com

Class 2002

Date: June, 2012 (tentative)
Place: Looking for committee members!!
Contact: **Jessica Washington** at
Jessicawash2008@yahoo.com

More Reunions!

9th All-Class Picnic - SouthEAST

Date: **SATURDAY**, March 10, 2012
Place: Ft. DeSoto Park - St. Petersburg, FL
Shelter number 14 - **Noon to 3 PM**
Donation: \$3/person
Pot Luck (a food item to share) + BYOB
(Note: photo shoot at 2:30 pm)

Contact: **Leon Kathan** (June 1956) (if needed)
117 Monte Real Blvd. Sebring, FL 33876
leonkathan@yahoo.com



2nd All-Class Picnic - SouthWEST

Date: Spring, 2012
Place: Arizona (locale to be determined)
Contact: **Paul Frizane** (June '67)
aztaftalumi@yahoo.com

40s and 50s Reunion Luncheon

Date: June 25, 2011- Italian Buffet - 12 Noon
Place: Moretti's – 1799 S Busse Rd, Mt. Prospect
Cost: \$25, prepaid ASAP only to:
Contact: **Fran (Marino) Hughes** (June 1953)
117 N. Broadway, Park Ridge, IL 60068
bowlingbabe1@msn.com or 847-698-5478
or **Marlene (Fenske) Dougles** (June 1953)
dmarlene1717@aol.com
or **Judi (Moers) Hardman** (June 1953)
jfhardman@comcast.net

Grade School Reunions

Oriole Park - Class 1961

Date: June 17, 2011 - 7pm
Place: Dino's West Pizza, 7014 W Higgins - Chicago
Contact: **Stephen Gotz**, Sgotz1@comcast.net
or 847-456-4663 to confirm

Oriole Park - Class 1971

Date: May 6, 2011
Place: Dino's West Pizza - Chicago
Contact: **Donald Wolff**, wolff617@gmail.com
or 630-989-5249 for reservation

Ebinger - Classes January and June, 1956

Date: June 18, 2011 - Reunion BBQ
Place: Shirley's yard, Hoffman Estates, IL
Contact: Shirley Kalivoda DeWeese -
jtadsad22@comcast.net or 847-885-8655

Letters to the Editor

Dear Jerry,
After reading the last newsletter about **[Mitch] Frumkin** [January 1961] authoring some car books, I thought that the story about my wife's Ford Mustang would be of interest to fellow Taft-ites. My wife is a Kelvyn Park grad. (January 1960).

I also thought that M. Frumkin may be especially interested. Could you forward a copy to him or provide me his address or e-mail?

Tom Wise (January 1959)

[Editor's note: Tom, Your article is great and I've highlighted it in the "Alumni In the News" section of this issue. Regarding contact with Mitch, if he acknowledges my email to him authorizing release of his email and/or address to you, I will be happy to accommodate! J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor]

Jerry,
This is worth watching! Northwest Side Chicago memories. How is your memory?
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqmKqk_Xno4
Judy (Schmook) Erickson (June 1967)



On Facebook, we find:
"Has anyone heard anything about a reunion for the class of 1973 or 1974?"
Donna (Schaller) Evans (1974)

[TAA has not been contacted, Donna, but it's a good time for you to start the ball rolling. TAA can help you get started.

Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]

To: Jerry Bloom
Do you remember seeing Tricia Nixon and Ed Cox in our halls of ivy? She was a cheerleader. I was asked to attend a class on "hand usage" for cheerleading and she gave it to me and my friend **Carol Mallek** at Carol's home. I never did understand the technique. Carol was a stewardess for United Airlines and moved to Colorado where she married a Taft grad (whose name I don't recall). He was from Teddy Bear's English class and on the football team. They lived on his ranch out there and she had a floral shop job there and would sew skirts to earn money. She was also a ski patrol member there. I haven't heard from her in years.

Another funny story is when Patty Hearst went on a rampage out east. Well, it happened Bob and I were on our "honeymoon" to Niagra Falls and almost didn't survive "thanks" to her. She is also of the Campbell Soup fortune, I think. A very "crazy" person.

Well, one day in history class of all places I was forced to sit next to Eddie Cox and of course, the rest is history. After many letters, we finally received a letter from the President asking me not to interfere with his daughter's life. Anyway, I'm still alive! My mother ate the letter, she was so afraid - and we went on with our lives somehow.

I hope you find this as funny as I finally do.
Pat Sherman (June 1963)

Hello everyone;
I am **Judi (Moers) Hardman** and one of 3 that is working on a luncheon for TAFT graduates from the 40's and 50's. It is an Italian Buffet on June 25th at noon at Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse in Mt. Prospect. IL. We have tried to keep the cost low, so it is just \$25.00. Please contact one of us quickly even if you cannot attend. Perhaps you know friends that live in the Chicago/Suburbs and you think they may want to come. Please contact us or them. There is only room for 50 so we are asking that you get your \$25.00 to us as soon as possible. We will return your money if you pay and then find you cannot attend. But the deadline for returning your money would be June 10th.

Perhaps we could make this an annual event. Would you believe we have already heard from someone who is coming all the way from California. Bring your pictures, year books, family pictures and yes we will sing the Taft Loyalty Song.

Contact us:
Fran (Marion) Hughes
847-698-5475 - bowlingbabe1@msn.com
Judi (Moers) Hardman
847-593-7979 - jfhardman@comcast.net
Marlene (Fenske) Douglas
847-437-0544 - dmarlene1717@aol.com

Jerry,
I have enjoyed getting the newsletter for years and keeping up with what's going on at Taft. Keep up with the good work.

This picture was taken in Metamora, Michigan. We all live



in different states now. (L-R): **Carol Baumgartner-Ruehl** in Michigan (June 1954), **Carol Scheihing-Ruster** in Indiana (June 1953) and **Nancy Baumgartner-Dailey** in New York (June 1952).
Carol Baumgartner-Ruehl (June 1954)

Attention TAFT Alumni Association:
Always enjoy receiving my copy of the TAFT Alumni Newsletter.... reading the news of our classmates. Here's some news for you (well sort of)...

The Thomas A. Edison Public School (6220 N. Olcott) Class of January 1961 celebrated their **Golden Anniversary (50)** with a small get-together at Cafe Winberies Restaurant, Buffalo Grove. Many of our classmates had moved far far away; still eight of us gathered to relive memories of Edison and Taft.



Top Row: **Bob Johnson, Don Hardt, Donna (Lambrecht) Lewandowski, Lee Marsh, Wayne Silldorf.**
 Seated: **Alice (Lorang) Freeman, Barbara (Anderson) Hardt, Carol (Haen) Herley** (all from Taft class of 1965)

Bob Johnson (January 1965)

Paulette,
 Please add my name to the online addition of the Taft alumni newspaper. We enjoy reading about our former students and the updates of Taft High.

Chuck Kerkorian

(Taft teacher, World Geography, 1968-1992)
 betchk@earthlink.net

[Mr. Kerkorian, We're so pleased that you enjoy the newsletter, and your students will be glad to know that you still take such interest. Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]

Jerry,

A few days ago I mailed the Taft Alumni membership application indicating a 2-year renewal for \$15.00.

In reviewing my checkbook, I do not find a record of issuing this check to you. Perhaps I enclosed cash?? If I did not enclose payment, please let me know and I will get it in the mail today.

Jerre Staats (June 1955)

[Hello Jerre, Regarding your membership renewal...I was at Taft today to pick up the mail and there was nothing there from you. I also checked the last batch of renewals and did not find anything there either. If you just mailed it in the last day or so it may still be reroute. I won't be at Taft to pick up mail for another week so it should be here by then..I'll let you know either way. Frank Heyer, 2nd Vice-President]

Good Afternoon Paulette~

Thank you for the e-mail, my sister and I had such a wonderful time despite the weather. It was wonderful meeting you. I met so many great Taft Alumni members and had so much fun [at the Southwest Reunion].

Also thank you for reminding me of my lapsed membership, so sorry about that. I filled out the form and I will be

sending the check over the weekend :) I always look forward to the Taft Newsletter.

Patti (Zowal) Kalesz (June 1966)

Dear Jerry,

In August 2008, a few June 1961 alumni began getting together to find whomever was planning a fiftieth reunion for our class.

Using sites like Classmates, Reunion.com, Mylife, etc. & doing some commercial searches, we have been unable to locate our class officers. Our half dozen, **Art Kay**, myself, **Conrad Stoll, Jim Ingemanson, Santo Callaci, & Bob**



(L-R) **Conrad Stoll, John Prochaska, James Ingemanson, Art Kay**

Henning have identified about 40 (mostly out of state) of our class of 403, & about 20 deceased. Our class' list of email addresses on the Alumni Association website is the smallest of any listed.

We are considering having a dinner in October, but would desperately like to hear from our classmates, or their siblings. We can be reached at: TaftJun61Alums@aol.com

John Prochaska & Art Kay (June 1961)

Hi Paulette:

Permit a thought to assist your goal, more paid members (current). For me as I believe is true for most I can afford the annual fees, find them necessary and the general information provided of interest.

Next time you pay for your car license plate tags (Illinois), you will pay an extra \$2.25 for credit card call in payments. This same thing can be done via a clearing house. The fee of \$2.25 in reality is a good deal. I need not use a 44 cent stamp, walk out to the mailbox, or fill out any forms and the process is secure. I guess part of this depends on how we value our time. Each step makes the process easier.

(Letters to the Editor continued on page 8)

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.

Get your TAA newsletter issues online. If you've already signed up, we thank you! Email us at eagleemail@taftalumni.org and do it today! You'll be happy you did. We will, too!

First Annual Southwest Reunion Picnic

Paulette English (June 1967)

On Saturday, February 19, 2011, a ferocious Pacific storm swept across Southern California and into Arizona. Despite being sand blasted, wind whipped and rain dropped, more than 30 intrepid people gathered in Mesa for the First Annual Southwest Taft Alumni Reunion Picnic. These hardy souls came armed with cameras, food, year-books, memories and laughter...lots of laughter.

Some alumni had come from as far as Illinois and Michigan; most are now residents of Arizona. But, as the winds gusted and paper plates took wing, more than one person pointed out that we are all Chicagoans, after all, raised in the Windy City. What's a little grit in the teeth among friends?

Enthusiasm for this new venture was evident as ideas were floated for future picnics. It was suggested that we make it a moveable feast—assemble in different towns, like Tucson or Sedona, to give us something new each year to see and do during that weekend. Another great idea—time it with spring training and attend a Cubs game.



After the group photos were taken (say, “eagle” everyone!), we burst into song. If we didn't sing the *Taft Founders March* on key, we certainly remembered the words. Photos have been posted on the Taft Alumni Association Facebook page. Feel free to tag the folks you know with their names. If you have additional photos you'd like to share, please send them to eagleemail@taftalumni.org.

Thank you all for making the reunion picnic a success far beyond our expectations. The Taft bumper sticker is right—you just can't hide that Eagle Pride. See you all next year!

Attendees—Are you missing?

Jack Will [Jan 49]
Dolores (Evanicki) Michalski [Jan 50]
Lois (Plechaty) Rolf [Jan 53]
Walter Meisner [Jan 54]
Mel Beaver [June 55]
Gayle Schroeder Meisner [June 55]
June (Norton) Fratzke [June 55]
Jay Forbregd [Jan 57]
Roger Sedjo [June 57]
Jim and Barbara Ann (Swanson) Klein [Jan 57]

Carol (Schroeder) Gallagher [Jan 60]
Robert and Eileen (Gierke) Rasmussen [June 61]
Lynn (Syversten) Haye [June 61]
Diane (Fluet) Williams [June 61]
Ron and Donna (Maag) Esposito [June 63]
Tom and Mary (Terlecki) McKelvey [Jan 63]
Anita (Grabowski) Steinkemper [June 64]
Patti (Zowal) Kalesz [June 66]
Paul [June 67] and Beatrice Frizane
Paulette (Zemaitis) English [June 67]

Eighth Annual Southeast Reunion Picnic



Although our group was smaller than other years, we still managed to enjoy the sun and bring back the memories! Lots of laughter, food, photos and friendships renewed. Not everyone who attended got into this group photo, but thanks to Paulette (Hase) McGuire for the photos. And, yes... we DID remember the words to our "Taft Loyalty Song"!



Left to Right, all from Class of 1956: **Sue Keiler Lechowicz, Paulette Hase Mc Guire, Leon Kathan, Annette Knuth Gustafson, Marjorie Nehlsen.**

Attending: Bernie [Lane 52] and Jerry (Beesley) Bloom [June 62], Fred and Judi (Moers) Hardman [June 53], Richard Vevang [Jan 51], Leon Kathan [June 56], Annette (Knuth) Gustafson [June 56], Paulette (Hase) McGuire [June 56], Marjorie (Klarquist) Nehlsen [June 56], John Mihalik [Lane 53], Sue (Keiler) Lechowicz [June 56], Jeanie (Olsen) Gilbertson [January 63], Margaret (Hase) Harris [June 54], David [Lane 52] and Lynn Swanson [Joliet 61], Stephen Wren [January 61], Jane LaMarche Adair [January 52], Phyllis (Holowaty) Albrecht [January 52], Jim Albrecht, Sharon (Hines) Dykes [June 64], Gary Dykes [Lane], Judy LaMarche [January 65] and Rob Stainback, Joyce (VanPuymbrouck) Tuttle [June 61], Margie (McLean) Kullman [June 61], Evie (Fischer) Miller [January 46], John LaGorio [January 53], Robert Haak [June 57], Ruth [June 55] and Paul Pierburg [June 53].

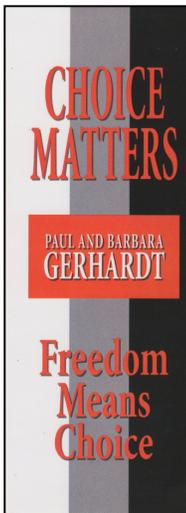
Alumni in the News

1964 Mustang Restored

Tom Wise (January 1959) and his wife Gail were featured in the December 2010 issue of car magazine, *Mustang Monthly*. The sub-title says it all. "Gail Wise purchased her '64-1/2 Mustang Convertible on April 15, 1964, but it was her husband who convinced her to keep it all these years." Although Gail is a Kelvyn Park High School graduate (January 1960), we felt it worthy of highlighting here. She had an on-again, off-again love affair with this car for 47 years. Tom and Gail married in 1966 and had the typical tight money with young marriages and starting their family. Then, Tom was the daily driver of this car and the Chicago winters took their toll on the car body. By 1979, it was a rust-bucket and was parked on the street during the big snowstorm of that year. The battery had been stolen, so the car had to be pushed into a driveway across the street by Gail and a couple neighbor ladies to allow the snow-plows to maneuver their street. That was a feat in itself!

It was Tom's goal to save the car for a retirement project, and had to really negotiate with Gail to keep it in the garage for the next 27 years until he could fulfill his dream of restoring Gail's original-owner Mustang convertible. Once he finally started the project in 2006, he realized portions of the restoration were way beyond his expertise. He was fortunate to stumble across Greg's Auto Body shop in Lake Bluff. There the sheet metal was repaired or replaced as need, including the floorpans, door skins and fenders. After 10 months, they got the car back and he proceeded to install a new interior and new convertible top. The engine was given to another shop to "give it the once-over".

It is again their pride and joy, and Tom relishes entering their pride and joy in car shows where the Skylight Blue Mustang has earned top honors. Gail fell in love with the car at first sight and may have purchased the car two days before the official sale date by Ford in 1964, but the love-affair has stayed strong through the years, fanned by Tom's gentle influence. They are both happier for that.



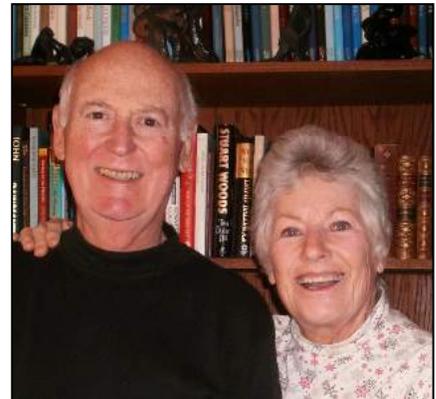
"Choice Matters" is Worthy Reading

Barb and Paul Gerhardt are co-authors of their newest book entitled "Choice Matters". Barb (Peterson) is a June 1956 Taft grad and Paul "Gig" is from the class of January 1954. Paul said, "We met when Barb was a sophomore and she chased me out to the Univ. of Colorado. We were married in June of '58."

This book is about the choices we can make and the choices we would like to make, but which are forbidden to us. The choices are not only personal, but societal, as well. Barbara and Paul, who have spent most of their lives together, loving, caring, bitching, moaning, questioning, discussing and trying to find the answers to factual information to which we refer is common knowledge or readily accessible on the Internet. Their book tackles tough questions and comes up with possible, pragmatic, workable solutions. It includes 25 chapters covering a wide variety of topics from women's reproductive issues to gambling, gun control and War vs. Peace. They say,

"Our choices for solutions may not be yours, but if we can get people thinking and discussing issues and searching for good solutions, our reason for writing the book would be fulfilled."

They've also published children's books and one about the feline world. If you'd like to learn more or where to find these books, check them out at www.gerhardtbooks.com or contact them at giggerhardt@yahoo.com.



Get well wishes extended to TAA Board Member **Andy Madsen** (class of 1969) who is currently undergoing rehabilitation therapy at Resurrection Medical Center after severe leg surgery in early April.



Amazing Mentor

Robert B. Johnson (January 1965) is a Senior Engineer for Bowman, Barrett & Associates Consulting Engineers in Chicago. He is a licensed Structural Engineer in Illinois and a Registered Professional Engineer. For almost 25 years Mr. Johnson has brought visibility to structural engineers. He has spoken to thousands of school children on structural engineering in a host of engineering outreach programs. He has written many articles and letters on engineering topics which have been published in a host of publications and websites. He serves as a volunteer to Future City Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology EWEEK program and Past Chair to the Chicago and Engineers Week program. Soon he will be a presenter at the inaugural "Engineering Day" program being offered by the Chicago Architecture Foundation (www.architecture.org)

He has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognition for his outreach efforts to engineering associations and the public, most recently the Robert Cornforth Award to an individual for exceptional dedication and exemplary service to a structural engineering organization. This past March he was highlighted in the children's magazine "Amazing Kids" Read the full article at <http://mag.amazing-kids.org/2011/03/01/amazing-mentor-spotlight-interview-with-bob-johnson/>

(Letters to the Editor continued from page 4)

Nevertheless, I am addressing the envelope, placing the stamp on the envelope, completing the check and form, putting everything in the envelope and walking out to the mailbox. No big deal, but first I have to do it in an already very busy day. I am not complaining but am trying to provide an already existing creative solution. Give it some thought, it may work? Also, thank you for your time, and persistence.

Mark Reed Anderson (June 1963)

[Mark, Thank you so much for your consideration (and your check!) TAA is not currently set up to take credit card payments, but it's something to consider, as are other payment options like PayPal--there's always something new on the horizon. We need to be able to collect the membership application data along with the payment. One thing that some of our members may not be aware of is that we do not have a central office from which to perform these tasks. We are strung out across the country, united by telephone, mail, and the Internet, so we have to consider the most efficient and economical way to operate with the board volunteers and resources that we have available. We appreciate members' feedback and it's a pleasure to know our members care. Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]

To TAA:

With all due respect to **Bob Lawrenz's** [June 1950] letter to the editor in the Autumn 2010 Taft Alumni Newsletter, I must set the facts straight. I was the starting center fielder and lead off batter for the 1949 City of Chicago high school baseball champions, the Taft Eagles.

- #1 We lost one game that year to Schurz 6 to 4
- #2 We beat Austin at Wrigley Field in the semi finals 4 to 1
- #3 We beat Tilden in the championship game at the old Commiskey Park 2 to 0. We scored the 2 runs in the top of the 9th inning. The runs were scored on a single, a double and a single. One of which was hit by our catcher **Dick Sienkiewicz** [June 1949].

Good luck with your book "I remember", Mr. Lawrenz, I believe this City of Chicago championship was the first for Taft in a major sport.

My wife of 50 years [**Rosalyn (Coy) Wagner**] graduated in June 1952.

Henry "Bud" Wagner (June 1949)

Jerry,

Rob and I had a great time at the Annual Taft Reunion Picnic at Fort DeSoto [Florida] ! ...My Aunt **Jane (La Marche) Adair** (January 52) took this photo of Rob and me with her classmate, **Phyllis (Hollowaty) Albrecht** (January 52) and her husband Jim.



Judy LaMarche (January 1965)

Hi Paulette,

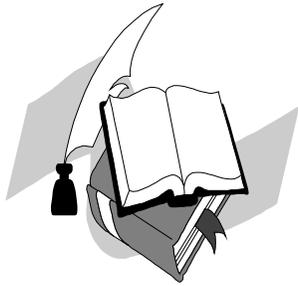
Thanks so much to you and everyone who puts in so much time and effort into the Taft Alumni Association Newsletter. You do an amazing job, and I look forward to every issue. It's fun to see names I recognize from my class and my brother, **Scott Kalish's** class (January, 1961).

Now that many of us are receiving the newsletter online, I was wondering how we would know when our memberships expire. Will we be notified by email? I look forward to your response, so I can be sure to stay up to date and not miss an issue.

Barb Kalish (June 1965)

[Barb, we're so happy that you enjoy the newsletters. Yes, we will notify you by email when your membership is due to

CLASS NOTES



1940s

CHARLETON BARD (June 1941) married **EVELYN (SIEVERS)** (January 1942); he graduated from U of Chicago BS & Bph 1946, MS 1948, PhD 1950. They live in Pittsford, NY, have 4 children, 11 grandchildren and are retired.

BETTY (LEMKE) STEWART (January 1942) graduated from North Park 1945, lives in Chagrin Falls, OH, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired receptionist.

MARY JANE (CABOOR) CINNELLI (June 1942) lives in Park ridge, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired office clerk.

GERTRUDE (STROZEWSKI) GANDER (June 1942) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired administrative assistant.

MERCEDES (WARNER) INDA (June 1942) lives in Freeport, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

DOLORES (ANDERSON) JOHNSON (January 1944) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired secretary.

HOMER LEMKE (January 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1951, lives in Portland, OR, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired systems manager.

ROBERT FORNEY (June 1944) graduated from Purdue BS 1947, MS 1948, PhD 1950, lives in Unionville, PA, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired executive VP from Du Pont.

EDMUND MAZUR (June 1945) graduated from U of I BS 1952, U of WI MS 1972, lives in Edgewater, FL, has 9 children, 14 grandchildren and is a retired architect and water media artist.

GERRY (SHRAMEK) PAYSON (June 1945) graduated from U of I BA 1955, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 2 children and is a retired musician, owns Payson Percussion Products.

LEONARD PIEKORSKI (June 1945) lives in Mundelein, IL, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is a retired mailman.

RICHARD STAHL (January 1945) lives in Evanston, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and is retired from FMC Corp.

CAROL (SIMONSON) FITCH (January 1946) graduated from IA State BS 1950, U of I Med 1958, lives in Bethesda, MD, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

EVELYN (FISCHER) MILLER (January 1946) lives in St Petersburg, FL, has 7 children and is a retired paralegal.

LOIS (BASSETT) WILLHARD (January 1946) lives in Webster, WI, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is retired.

FLORENCE (DAHLQUIST) WHITE (June 1946) lives in Aurora, CO, has 5 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

SHIRELY (CLAUSEN) MAHAFFEY (June 1947) graduated from U of I BS 1953, AZ State MS 1958, lives in Urbana, IL and Sun City, AZ, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

DAVE NELSON (June 1947) married **MARILYN (NETT)** (June 1947). He graduated from U of I BS 1957, they live in Leawood, KS, have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and are retired.

DICK O'CONNELL (June 1947) graduated from Marquette BS 1951, MA Inst of Tech MS 1954, lives in Houston, TX, has 5 children, 11 grandchildren and is a retired engineer from the Environmental Protection Agency.

ELSIE (GAYDOS) PENNINO (June 1947) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired book-keeper.

JUNE (AXTATER) DAVIDSEN (January 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1965, lives in Fontana, WI, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

SHIRLEY (JACOBSEN) HILL (January 1948) lives in Indian Creek, IL, has 4 children, 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a homemaker.

T. DALE SHELDON (June 1948) graduated from Northwestern BS 1952, U of Pittsburgh MBA 1960, lives in Napa, CA, has 3 children and is a retired investment broker.

MARY LOU (CROTTE) ZOLLI (June 1948) lives in Bella Vista, AR, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

JANICE (JEFFERY) BURDEN (January 1949) lives in Mesa, AZ, has 5 children, 8 grandsons, 1 great granddaughter and is a housewife.

RICHARD SIENKIEWICZ (June 1949) lives in Altamonte Springs, FL, has 4 children, 14 grandchildren and is retired from IBM.

Giving Back - How Can I Still Be Connected to Taft?

We are looking for a few proud Alumni to join the ranks of dedicated people who still deeply care about Taft. And, want to do something for it.

If you live in the Chicagoland area and are willing to invest some time through the year, we are looking for people to work with the Taft Alumni Association Board, on committees or special projects to benefit Taft and its students. We're looking for folks with fresh ideas, or who are able to follow through on assignments or tasks related to running the organization.

Please contact us for information on ways you can support your school. Call President Kay Kuciak at (623) 544-0226 or Vice President Anne Lunde (773) 631-1104, or email to taftalum@cox.net about your interest.

1950s

SHIRLEY (MEYERS) HAHN (January 1950) graduated from Ravenswood Hosp. RN 1953, lives in Ladoga, IN,

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MARILYN (WOLF) MASON (January 1950) lives in Mesa, AZ, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD WHARTON (January 1950) graduated from U of I BSME 1954, lives in Naples, FL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a semi retired VP from Safco Co.

ANNETTE (MATULA) KISTLER (June 1950) graduated from Washington U BS 1954, lives in Carmel, IN, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired office manager.

PAUL SKOGSTROM (June 1950) graduated from Carthage College BA 1954, U of NE MA 1955, lives in Clarksville, OH, has 7 children, 14 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a psychologist.

ARTHUR ANDERSON (January 1951) lives in Yalaha, FL, has 6 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired from Coca Cola.

BRUCE GEISERT (June 1951) graduated from U of I BS 1956, lives in Midland, MI, has 1 child and is retired as business development director for Dow chemical.

DOUG LATTNER (June 1951) graduated from U of I BSEE 1955, U of Chicago MBA 1975, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired from Ameritech.

RENEE (VERPLANCKEN) SWANSON (June 1951) lives in Bokeelia, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired legal secretary.

RALPH ADAMS (June 1952) graduated from Northwestern BSME 1957, lives in Hendersonville, NC, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired Pan Am Pilot.

PATRICIA (SCHUESSLER)

HAASE (June 1952) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL and has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.

ART EICHLIN (January 1953) married **MARIAN (HEINZ)** (June 1966), they live in Billings, MT, have 1 child and Art is a retired college administrator.

PAT (MATTHEWS) HALL (January 1953) graduated from Oakton Community College LPN 1982, lives in Wheeling, IL, has 5 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired nurse.

JAKE JACOBSEN (January 1953) graduated from IL Wesleyan BS 1957, lives in Leawood, KS, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired from sales for Hallmark Cards.

LOIS (PIECHATY) ROLF (January 1953) graduated from Wright AA, Chgo Teachers BE, lives in Niles, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

PAT (MILLER) BURNSON (June 1953) lives in Naples, FL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired nursery teacher and artist.

JEANNINE (SEBBY) MAY (June 1953) lives in Harvard, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired volunteer choir director.

BLANCHE (REINHARDT) PETERSON (June 1953) lives in Chicago and is a retired nanny.

DANIEL RICE (June 1953) graduated from Northwestern BA 1957, Drew U BD 1961, PhD 1966, lives in Chicago, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired college professor.

MARLEEN (MARTIN) ROMANO (June 1953) married **JOE ROMANO** (June 1953), they live in Santa Barbara, CA, have 5 children, 13 grandchildren and are retired.

CAROL (SCHEIHING) RUSTER (June 1953) lives in Ft Wayne, IN, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

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

BETTE (OLIVER) KASH (January 1954) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 12 grandchildren and is a housewife.

MARCIA (TRIDEMY) RATAJIK (January 1954) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired.

ROBERT BEBEE (June 1954) married **ALICE (SARAU)** (June 1954) they live in Deland, FL, have 3 children, 13 grandchildren and are retired.

C. SCOTT GROVE (June 1954), graduated from Southern Methodist BS 1963, Chicago Medical MD 1969, Cook County Hospital 1969, Yale, Psychiatrist 1972, lives in Branford, CT, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a physician/psychiatrist.

JERRY IVERSON (June 1954), graduated from Florida ST BA 1958, lives in Golf, IL, has 4 children, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is president of Iverson & Co.

JAMES DICKE (June 1954) graduated from St Olaf BA 1958, U of UT BS 1960, U of MI MS 1966, Harrington D.Sc (Honorary) 2000, lives in Raleigh, NC, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired meteorologist for NOAA.

PETER LAURIDSEN (June 1954) graduated US Coast Guard Academy BS 1959, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Virginia Beach, VA, is a retired Captain, now a consultant US passenger vessel industry.

RAYMOND MIKKELSON (June 1954) lives in Plantation, FL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired Lieut., Chicago Fire Department.

NOVELLE (CUNNINGHAM) PAL-LANICH (June 1954) graduated from Northwestern BS 1957, U of UT MS 1967, U of MO PhD 1978, lives in Lees Summit, MO, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired professor/consultant.

DILLIS ALLEN (January 1955) graduated from U of WI BSME 1960, George Washington U LLB 1963, lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is a patent attorney and inventor.

BARBARA (MILES) BECCHETTI (June 1955) lives in Niles, IL and Henderson, NV, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

RONALD GOTTFRED (June 1955) graduated from Western IL BA 1960, lives in Inverness, IL, has 4 children, 14 grandchildren and is a retired business owner.

SUE (BURHOP) ORIGER (June 1955) lives in Palatine, IL, has 7 children, 23 grandchildren and is retired.

JOHN SNOW (June 1955) graduated from Coe College BA 1959, lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children and is a retired truck driver.

ROSALIE (DAVIES) ZWEIFEL (June 1955) lives in Dodgeville, WI, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and is an artist.

PAULA (MEYER) HOVLAND (January 1956) lives in Island Lake, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

MARY (MURPHY) RICHARDS (January 1956) lives in Pana, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and is retired.

SUZANNE ANDERSON (June 1956) graduated from Grant Hospital RN 1959, U of Redlands BA 1977, lives in Escondido, CA and is an RN.

DON OSTROM (June 1956) graduated from St Olaf BA 1960, MA 1970, Washington U PhD 1972, lives in Minneapolis, MN, has 3 children and is a retired college professor.

CAROLE (WINTHER) MATHIS (June 1956) lives in Spokane Valley, WA, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a housewife.

LEO DRUMMER (January 1957) lives in Lakewood, IL, has 1 child, 6 grandchildren and is a retired VP, ice cream industry.

JAY FORBREGD (January 1957) graduated from Wright AA, lives in Phoenix, AZ, has 1 child and is in sales.

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BRUCE LONGMAN (January 1957) graduated from Northern BS 1961, lives in Cape Coral, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandson and is a retired mfg rep for scuba equipment.

LYNN (MORLEY) MARTIN (June 1957) graduated from U of I BA 1960, lives in Done Acres, IN and Hobe Sound, FL, has 7 children, 19 grandchildren and is a professor/consultant.

CAROLE (TOBIASZ) RODI (June 1957) lives in Pinehurst, NC, has 1 child and is retired.

CAROL (BRUNS) ANDERSON (June 1958), lives in Yucaipa, CA, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a retired accountant.

LYTTON ANDERSON (June 1958) graduated from Wright AA 1960, lives in Hillside, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired, now does part time receiving for Michaels.

DONALD ERICKSON (June 1958) graduated from Northeastern BA, lives in Maricopa, AZ, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired sales director.

MARTIN PALUGA (June 1958) graduated from Northwestern BS 1962, lives in Las Vegas, NV, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

JUANITA (AMADO) PHILLIPS (June 1958) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

MARCIA (MAC LEISH) HIGGINS (January 1959) graduated from Ripon College BA 1963, lives in Green Lake, WI, has 2 children, 1 grandchild, winters in Sarasota, FL and is retired.

ANNETTE (ROOS) ONDRAKA

(June 1959) married **JOSEPH ONDRAKA** (January 1954) she graduated from Andrews BA 1987, they live in Fallbrook, CA, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren, both are retired, Annette a VP from Accu-Spec, Inc, Joseph as a business owner.

1960s

SUSAN (MATTHEWS) BERG-DAVIS (January 1960) graduated from Chicago School of Dental Nursing 1961, IL Central AA 1985, lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 7 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

CAROL (SCHROEDER) GALLAGHER (January 1960) graduated from Passavant Hospital RN 1963, lives in Ionia, MI, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

CAROL MONDEL (January 1960), lives in Chicago, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a cash management coordinator.

ROBIN SCHROEDER (January 1960) graduated from Northland College BA

1966, lives in Northfield, MN and is a retired consultant and publisher.

MARTHA (ENGLAND) WOODMAN (January 1960) lives in Mc Farland, WI, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired child care teacher.

DENNIS DZIAK (June 1960) graduated from Wright AA 1966, De Paul 1975, lives in Palm City, FL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired CPA.

PAT (KLOSKE) METZ (June 1960) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a coordinator.

JACQUELINE (KJELLEN)

SCHMIDT (June 1960) lives in Glen Ellyn, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a restaurant/ bar manager.

NANCY (PITTATIS) (January 1961) married **TOM MILLER** (January 1958), they live in Mt Prospect, IL, have 2 children, 3 grandchildren and she is a payroll assistant.

STEVE REGOPOULOS (January 1961) graduated from U of I BS 1969, lives in Inverness, IL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a real estate developer.

SUSAN (MILLER) ALDRICH (June 1961) graduated from De Paul BA, lives in Lincolnshire, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a broker.

RUDY DROST (June 1961) married **LYNN (ANDERSON)** (June 1961).

He graduated from Coe College BA 1965, and John Marshall Law, Lynn graduated from Roosevelt BA 1985; they live in Palatine, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren. Rudy owns an insurance agency, Lynn is a psychologist in private practice, youth center volunteer counselor.

EILEEN (GIERKE) RASMUSSEN (June 1961) graduated from Wayland Baptist BA 2004, lives in Paradise Valley, AZ, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired court clerk supervisor.

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

LINDA (ROMAN) SCHULTZ (June 1961) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

MARJORY WEILER (June 1961) graduated from Saddleback College GRI 1990, lives in Williams Bay, WI, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a real estate broker.

DAVID BARTH (January 1962) lived in Bartlett, IL, has 4 children, 3 grandchildren and works doing Voice overs for such clients as Kraft Foods, the International Code Council, the American Osteopathic Association, Retail-

Training.com and others. Note: This is an additional input to last issue.

JOHN ELLIS (June 1962) graduated from Citadel BA 1966, So Methodist JD 1969, Geo Wash MSFS 1973, Nat'l Law Center LLMTAX 1974, lives in Houston, TX, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is director of Houston Rodeo, attorney and professor.

TOULA (DEMAS) GARBIS (June 1962) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, lives in Glenview, IL, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

JUDITH (GRAU) HITZEMAN (June 1962) married **KEITH HITZMAN** (June 1961). They live in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and she is a housewife.

MICHAEL BIENIK (June 1963) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a mold maker.

TERRIE (CLARKE) DALY (June 1963) lives in Gurnee, IL, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired paralegal.

DONNA (LANGSFELD) FREEZE (June 1963) lives in Naperville, IL, has 6 children, 13 grandchildren and is a realtor, business manager for husband's business.

LINDA (BILLESBACH) HEINZ (June 1963) graduated from Roosevelt BS 1985, MBA 1988, lives in Ft Myers, FL and is a college professor.

BARBARA (PUCCINELLI)

MONSTVIL (June 1963), graduated from Northern, lives in Morton Grove, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a travel services administrator.

SHARON (STROBOT) NIEFT (June 1963) lives in Streamwood, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and works for Marriott Hotels.

SHARON OZIMINSKI (June 1963) lives in Niles, IL and is a human resources manager.

GEORGE STRESKE (January 1964) graduated from Chicago City College BA 1966, lives in Chicago, has 4 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired carpenter.

CHARLENE (TRITTHARDT) BIECAKOWSKI (June 1964) graduated from De Paul BA 1999, lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

JUDY (WATERS) GRANDKE (June 1964) lives in Arlington Hts, IL and has 2 children.

GAY (MALEWICKI) SWEELY (June 1964) Ill Wesleyan BA 1968, U of UT MA 1973, U of Melbourne double PhD 1998, lives in Richmond, KY, has 2 children and is a professor of Art History Eastern Kentucky University.

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JACK WILLIAMS (January 1964) married **PAULA (STEEN)** (January 1965); Paula graduated from Northeastern BA 1969. They live in Rolling Meadows, IL, have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and Paula is a relocation counselor.

LOUISE (ANDERSEN) HANDLEY (January 1965) graduated from Eastern BS 1969, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

RONALD ELSNER (June 1965) graduated from U of I BS 1969, U of I MS 1970, PhD 1976, lives in Huntsville,

AL, has 2 children and is an astro-physicist employed by NASA.

JIM FLEMING (June 1965) graduated from College of Du Page AA, Hanover BA, lives in Addison, IL, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

BONNIE (STEWART) JILEK (June 1965), graduated from Northern BA 1969, lives in Simpsonville, SC, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired from United Airlines.

THOMAS MIROCHA (June 1965) married **PATRICIA (POWERS)** (June 1966), they live in Spring Grove, IL, have 2 children, 5 grandchildren. Tom is a retired Varian Medical Midwest District Manager.

OSCAR MARQUIS (January 1966) graduated from Northwestern BA 1970, U of I JD 1974, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is an attorney.

JUDITH (SWANSON) STONE (January 1966) graduated from Eastern BS 1970, Concordia MA 1994, lives in Twin Lakes, WI, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired teacher/literacy council coordinator.

PATTI (ZOWAL) KALESZ (June 1966) lives in Phoenix, AZ, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is an administrative assistant at Chandler school district.

DONALD MC KENZIE (June 1966) graduated from U of KS BA 1970, lives in Topeka, KS, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and owns a music store.

LYNNE (LYLE) BACKER (January 1967) graduated from Northern BA 1970, MA 1972, lives in Wauconda, IL and is a retired teacher.

MARY MOUNT (January 1967) lives in Georgetown, TX and is a retired US Customs and border protection assistant.

KATHY (MC ALLISTER)

SCHRAMM (January 1967) lives in Mc Henry, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired receptionist.

MARCIA (WALSH) HEDBORN (June 1967) graduated from Northern BS 1971, lives in Naperville, IL, has 2

children, 3 grandchildren and is an administrative assistant.

BILL ONDRAKA (June 1967) lives in Arlington Hts, IL and is retired.

BARB (EURICH) ANDERSON (1968) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a human resources manager.

MICHAELINE (TWOREK) WONG (1968) lives in Silver Spring, MD, has 2 children and is retired.

GEORGE ZITTAN (1969) graduated from U of I BS 1977, lives in Fishers, IN and is the owner of Speedway Steel.

1970s

DEBRA (EWANIC) ALLEN (1970) graduated from U of I BS 1974, U of I MS 1981, lives in Columbus, OH, has 3 children and is a graduate coordinator at U of MO.

LUANNE (SCALZITTI) STONE (1970) graduated from Triton 1975, lives in Gepp, AR, has 2 children and is a taxidermist.

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

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

CARL OVERHULS (1972) lives in Niles, IL, has 2 children and is a real estate broker.

DIANE (MAHERAS) JOHNSEN-PARKS (1972) graduated from OH Wesleyan BA 1976, Northwestern MA 1978, lives in Elkhorn, WI, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is a piano instructor.

DON STEIN (1972) married **ANN MARIE (BURSONI)** (1974). He graduated from U of I BA 1976, De Paul MBA 1983; they live in Niles, IL, have 1 child and Don is an office manager.

TOM PERSINO (1974) married **DONNA (STANLEY)** (1974). They live in Des Plaines, IL, have 2 boys. Tom is a self employed plumber, Donna is a bookkeeper.

THERESE VAN DORPE (1975) graduated from U of I BA 1979, lives in Chicago and is an insurance claims analyst.

LINDA (GAWLIK) NEWELL (1976) graduated from Canyon College BS 2001, lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 1 child and is the owner of a State Farm agency.

NICK CHIUSOLO (1977) lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is a VP division sales for wholesale produce.

MARTIN HERTEL (1977) graduated from Luther College BA 1981, Wart-bury Seminary M Div 1985, lives in No. Las Vegas, NV and is in marketing support with Guardian Angel Home Care.

ROBERT PAHL (1977) lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 2 children and is a maintenance manager for a pharmaceutical company.

BARBARA (WOSCHITZ) WOSCHITZ-MATUSIK (1979) lives in Lake Villa, IL, has 2 children and is a stay at home Mom.

1980s

DON JOHNSON (1982) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children and is in business development.

RITA KRIPKO (1987) lives in Niles, IL.

1990s

2000s

Classmate Lost and Found

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 and agrees, we'll 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.



In Our Memories

Annette (Avery) Rasmus, Class of June 1942 passed away July 13, 2010.

Marilyn Jean (Fisher) Maxwell, Class of January 1946 passed away February 3, 2011 after a long battle with Alzheimers Disease.

Shirley (Hartwig) Matheson, Class of January 1946 died in November 2010 from pancreatic cancer.

Alexander Stewart, Class of June 1948 died of cancer on July 12, 2010.

Donald George Utt, Class of June 1948 passed away peacefully on March 22, 2011. He lived in Palatine, IL for the past 55 years. He was brother to **Emund Utt** (February 1946) and **Gerald Utt** (June 1950).

Robert Anthony Fill, Class of June 1949 died January 1993.

Eurie Jane "Sue" (Volling) Smith, Class of January 1950 passed away from complications of pulmonary disease on January 21, 2011.

Ronald Lester Ploetz, Class of January 1951 passed away January 18, 2011 in Mesa, AZ due to a stroke. He is the brother of **Robert Ploetz** (February 1946).

Diane (Gromke) Anderson, Class of June 1953 passed away in March 2010 from a brain hemorrhage. Her husband is **Arthur Anderson** (January 1951).

Joan DeMent, Class of June 1956 passed away February 22, 2011.

William Andrew Schaefer, Class of January 1959, passed away January 25, 2011. Bill was a Commander in the Navy and afterwards worked as a computer programmer at Allstate until retirement. He was brother to **Gail (Schaefer) Stapert** (January 1957) and **Jane (Schaefer) Behnke** (June 1965).

Robert Baeder, Class of January, 1960 passed away, date unknown.

Linda Crabtree, Class of January, 1960 passed away, date unknown.

Valerie (Feilen) Becker, Class of January, 1960 passed away, date unknown.

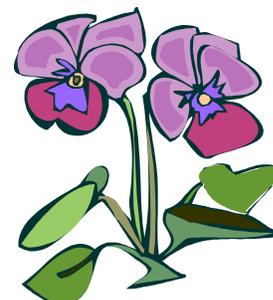
Albert Kleinhuizen, Class of January, 1960 passed away, date unknown.

Sandra Nofke, Class of January, 1960 passed away, date unknown.

Mary Ann (Stec) Kapusnik, Class of June 1965 passed away October 18, 2010 from ovarian cancer. She is the wife of **Robert Kapusnik** (June 1963).

JoAnne (Post) Wikary, Class of January 1966 passed away suddenly December 2, 2009. She was the sister of **Sandy Post-Bilowos** (January 1967)

James P. Mularz, Class of June 1967 lost his hard fought battle with cancer on October 14, 2010.



“Grease, the Original Play” Update

Sunday, May 22, 2011 is the date. American Theater at 1909 W. Byron in Chicago is the place. Are you ready? This is a Taft Alumni Association fund raiser and ticket sales are being handled solely by **Shirley (Kalivoda) DeWeese** (1960). A second appeal for ticket sales was announced in the last issue of the Taft Alumni Newsletter. But, as with the first announcement in the fall issue, delays in mailing created a “hiccup” in her plans. Difficulties with a very heavy late winter storm caused the newsletter to be delayed being mailed. This time is WASN'T the mailman's fault.

The alumni who opted for the electronic version of the newsletter were unaware of the difficulties and delays. They contacted Shirley promptly and got their tickets. But, in an effort towards fairness, since the original show date was sold out so quickly, Jim Jacobs and his staff agreed to put on another performance in the afternoon. This matinee still has a few tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



If you would like to be present for this unique showing of “Grease” as originally written - uncensored and uncut, and meet the co-writer **Jim Jacobs** (Class of 1960), then you need to act fast. Call first at 847-885-8655 to insure tickets are still available before you send your check. Shirley will be happy to give you all the particulars.

TAA Merchandise Order Form

Qty	Item	Specifics	Price Each	Total Price
	Windbreaker—blue nylon drawstring bottom printed with white TAA logo	Medium Only	\$25.00	\$
	Baseball Cap—blue embroidered “Taft Alumni” with full-color eagle	One Size Fits All	\$15.00	\$
	Car Sticker—clear printed in blue/gray “You Can’t Hide That Eagle Pride”	----	\$ 3.00	\$
	T-Shirt—gray cotton printed with blue TAA logo	Medium	\$10.00	\$
	T-Shirt—gray cotton printed with blue TAA logo	Large	\$10.00	\$
	T-Shirt—gray cotton printed with blue TAA logo	X-Large	\$10.00	\$
	T-Shirt—gray cotton printed with blue TAA logo	XX-Large	\$12.00	\$
	T-Shirt—gray cotton printed with blue TAA logo	XXX-Large	\$12.00	\$
	Taft Alumni Logo Fleece Jacket	Medium	\$40.00	\$
	Taft Alumni Logo Fleece Jacket	Large	\$40.00	\$
	Taft Alumni Logo Fleece Jacket	X-Large	\$40.00	\$
	Taft Alumni Logo Fleece Jacket	XX-Large	\$40.00	\$
	Taft Alumni Logo Fleece Jacket	XXX-Large	\$40.00	\$
	Taft Yearbook (be sure to state year)	Year:	\$30.00	\$
Shipping and Handling: Stickers only = \$1.00, all other orders = \$6.00				\$
Total			Remitted	\$
Name (please print):				
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<p>Send check or money order (no cash please) with completed order form to: Taft Alumni Association, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave, Chicago IL 60631 Please use a separate order form for separate addresses.</p>				



Yearbooks available for purchase: *Some years are hard to keep in supply. All requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. As of April 9, 2011, we have the following yearbooks: 1954 Jan (1), June 1955 (1), 1966 (1), 1982 (1), 1985 (24), 1986 (48), 1987 (78), 1990 (52), 1991 (10), 1992 (132), 1993 (4), 1994 (57), 1995 (183), 1996 (64), 1997 (52), 1998 (153), 1999 (151), 2000 (351), 2001 (123), 2003 (76), 2004 (77), 2005 (56), 2006 (40), 2007 (40), 2008 (40).*

Are You Expired?

Check your address label for your year of graduation on the upper right corner, just below the postal permit. Is it correct? Also, check the expiration date of your current membership with the Taft Alumni Association located just above your graduation date. So, look now. If your expiration date is close, sit down NOW and write out a check for \$15, or just \$20 for husband/wife graduates at the same address.

Even though postal rates have been steadily increasing, you still get your alumni membership and newsletter at the same price as before. You'll receive **TWO** full years of newsletters filled with opportunities to learn about classmates, reunions, school events and alumni programs. Be sure to use the application above to share with us the latest updates of your life.

Taft Alumni Association Membership Application

Please tell us as much about yourself as you like so that we can share your news in the newsletter's *Class Notes*. Only fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required for membership. We will not publish your address or phone number.

*First Name (PLEASE PRINT)	* Last Name at Graduation	* Current Last Name	
*Home Street Address	*City	*State	*ZIP
Home Phone	Email Address		
*Month/Year You Graduated	Name of Spouse		Year Married
Month/Year if Spouse is a Taft Grad	Number of Children	Number of Grandchildren	
Schools of Higher Learning, Degrees, Year of Graduation			
Occupation		Interests	
Other news you'd like to share			
<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be listed in the <i>TAA Email Directory</i> on the TAA website www.taftalumni.org			
You have three options for receiving the quarterly <i>TAA Newsletter</i> . Please select <u>one</u> of the following:			
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Dues are \$15.00 for a two year membership or \$20.00 for an alumni couple (give spouse's name if a Taft graduate).			
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