

Taft Alumni Newsletter

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"Grease" the Original Play

Shirley (Kalivoda) DeWeese



Unfortunately the Autumn 2010 newsletter went out later than expected, with some Taftites not even receiving their copy until after the ticket order deadline date of November 15, 2010. Just to let you know, we do still have some tickets available for the matinee performance, although more than half are sold so there is some sense of urgency involved.

"Grease", as originally written, will be performed on May 21, 2011, for Taft alumni as a Taft Alumni Association fund raiser. Jim Jacobs (class of June 1960), who wrote "Grease" will be there and we know this will be an absolute blast. The evening show is sold out, but we're planning an optional dinner at Mrs. Murphy's Irish Bistro, across the street from the theater, between the two shows so everyone can meet and greet if they wish.

The show will be performed at the American Theater, a small regional playhouse on the Near North side of Chicago and tickets for the matinee are \$45 each, check made out to Shirley DeWeese. Checks should be sent to me at 1425 Caldwell Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

Please include your name, address, phone and e-mail. **Call me at 847-885-8655 to be sure tickets are still available before you send your check.** Tickets are on a first come, first served basis.

So come to the Taft Day at the American Theater Saturday, May 21, 2011, bring your Taftite friends and have a wonderful time remembering those wonderful days of the 1950's in Chicago. See you there!

Passing of an Era

The final issue of the Edison-Norwood Times Review was published on Dec. 23.

The decision to close the paper was announced by the Sun-Times Media Group.

The paper was started in January 1937, and has been a source for Taft High School news ever since it announced the Board of Education's plan to build the high school.

The paper was originally published by Des Plaines Publishing Company, which sold its papers to Pioneer Press in 1994. The Pioneer Press papers and other parts of the Sun-Times Media Group were sold to new owners a year ago. A sister paper, the Edgebrook -Sauganash Times Review, was published between 1985 and 2008.

Dedication of Joe Kupcinet Gymnasium

In May 1985 the Taft Alumni Association dedicated Taft's big gym in memory of Joe Kupcinet, who served for many years as Taft's

football coach. He was one of the original Taft "founders," the faculty members assigned to Taft High school at the very beginning in the 1939-40 school year. His Taft Eagles won the city football championship and produced many excellent football players.

Earlier this year, as Taft High School prepared several other commemorative plaques, they also developed a new plaque to hang at the gym. The Alumni Association and the P.E. Department are making plans for a ceremony in spring 2011 when the new plaque will be unveiled.

If Coach Kupcinet was a special person in your years at Taft and if you would like to be notified when the ceremony date is finalized, please RSVP to: Frank Heyer - c/o Taft Alumni Assn. - 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. - Chicago, IL. 60631. (Please include your E mail address if available, as this would help to save on postage costs.)



TAA Board Meeting

The next TAA board meeting will be held at Taft on May 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Alumni are always welcome to attend

Taft Class Reunions

January 1961 Class

Date: September 10, 2011 (9/10/11)
Place: Wellington Banquet Hall,
Arlington Heights, IL - Other Activities TBD
Contact: **Ed Gersch & Holly Nielsen Rogers**
edgJan61@krzyz.com – 360-598-1860

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 Lucchrse** –
lucchesifamily@sbcglobal.net
or **Mary Jane (Mortensen) Wojkiewicz**
nutstou2@aol.com or 773-775-9853

Check out the TAA website for updates and more details that we can't show here:
www.taftalumi.org.

Class 1981

Date: TBD
Place: TBD
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/ths/1987

Class 1991

Date: TBD
Place: TBD
Contact: **Laura (Grundy) Keeling** –
blkeeling@ameritech.net

Class 2002

Date: June, 2012 (?)
Place: Looking for committee members!!
Contact: **Jessica Washington** at
jessicawash2008@yahoo.com

*The **dates** were correct last issue,
but not the days. Please RECHECK!

More Reunions!

8th Annual Reunion Picnic, SouthEAST

Date: **SUNDAY***, March 13, 2011
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 or
Email - leonkathan@yahoo.com



1st Annual Reunion Picnic SouthWEST

Date: **SATURDAY***, February 19, 2011
Place: Pioneer Park - Mesa, AZ
Ramada #5 - **11 AM to 3 PM**
Donation: Freewill offering to cover
park fees, with balance to TAA
Scholarship Fund
Pot Luck (a food item to share) + BYOB
(Note: photo shoot at 2 pm)
Contact: **Paul Frizane** (June 1967),
aztaftalumni@yahoo.com

Grade School Reunions

Oriole Park - Class 1971

Date: May 6, 2011
Place: Dino's 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 -
jttsad22@comcast.net or
847-885-8655



40s and 50s Reunion Luncheon

Date: June 25, 2011- Italian afternoon buffet
Place: Moretti's – Mt. Prospect
Contact: **Fran (Marino) Hughes** (June 1953)
bowlingbabe1@msn.com
or **Marlene (Fenske) Dougles** (June 1953)
dmarlene1717@aol.com
or **Judi (Moers) Hardman** (June 1953)
jfhardman@comcast.net

Letters to the Editor

Dear Paulette,

Thank you for the email reminder for my renewal. Please accept my apology for being late. My check for the 2 year membership renewal in the amount of \$15 is enclosed.

Again a huge thank you to all who make TAA work, and for a hard copy of the newsletter which I truly appreciate.

Judith (Sullivan) Sorman (June 1957)

120th Anniversary Celebration

Edison Park United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 120th anniversary in 2011. Those who grew up in the congregation or participating in its activities (such as its teen organizations, Boy Scouts or Camp Fire programs) and would like more information as plans are developed, please contact the church: by mail, Edison Park United Methodist Church, 6740 N. Oliphant Ave., Chicago IL 60631, Attention Anne Lunde; or by email, at EdisonParkUMC120@gmail.com

To TAA,

Both my husband (**Mike Tessendorf** - class of 70) and I (class of 71) enjoy the newsletter and always look forward to its release. I also have an interesting story to share, well, at least I think it's an interesting story.

Mike and I retired to Tennessee in 2004 and live in a lovely area in the eastern part of the state near the Smoky Mountains. Being new to the area we were hoping to meet some people and make new friends and so neighbors of ours introduced us to Mike and Sharon Rainey also from the Chicagoland area. After not too much discussion about where the best pizza (Malnottis, naturally) and Italian Beef sandwiches (Lukes in Palatine) the conversation then turned to where we had gone to school. To our delight we learned that **Sharon "Oley" (Olson) Rainey** had also gone to and graduated from Taft (class of 63). Small world? You bet! Well, that friendship has grown over the years and it is great knowing that you can make new friends at any age. Its good to know that friendships can survive over the years even with miles of distance between and that friendships and relationships really have no time restrictions.

I sure hope you have enjoyed this story as much as I have telling it.

Note to "Oley's" friends (and you know who you are) I understand there were some pretty good parties over on Hurlbut back in the day. You should have seen Sharon smiling and heard her laughter when she was telling me about those high school memories and I hope they do the same for you!

Linda (Ernst) Tessendorf (1971)

Dear TAA:

When I first read the question posed by **Mark Wiklund** (class of 1973), I thought "a lifetime membership...what a great idea!" It would certainly be easy...write a check one time and I would be done. Then the accountant in me chimed in and reminded me that cash flow is a good thing. By renewing every couple of years, you have a steady stream of revenue. My inner accountant and I think we should keep the current membership structure.

Ralph Walton (1982)
San Diego, CA

Re: soaring like an eagle

To: *fellow taft graduates:*

- memorabilia
- offering alumni assn. grad album (June 1940) plus goodies from '39 school functions
- and some stuff from the '89 50th re-union
- who's running the 75th ??
- want to get my res in early
- gonna 'LINDY' with classmate Muriel and, after, take her for tin-roof sundae at "buffalo" on Irving - (some dream, huh)
- regards to all and many thanks for keeping memories alive.

george fillebrown (June 1940)

A "Grease" Sing-Along

Mather Cafe located at 7134 West Higgins (near Harlem) is holding "Sing-Along Grease" on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 1:00 pm (Valentine's Day). They ask you to wear your cutest angora sweater and dig out your bobby socks because you'll spend the day reliving the rockin' and rollin' of the sweet and innocent 1950's. Songs such as "Summer Nights", "Greased Lightning", and "You're The One That I Want" will be included in the sing-a-long. The video "Grease", of course, will be shown also. The event is FREE.



Dear Jerry,
Every three months, the class of 1958, January and June, get together at the Hyatt Woodfield Hotel Restaurant across from Woodfield, for lunch. We have been doing this for two years now and everyone wants to continue. It is separate checks, buffet or off the menu and great parking in the back of the hotel. Our next scheduled date is Friday, January 21, 2011 at 12:30 pm. Each luncheon brings new classmates. Many of the Taft 'snowbirds' are now safely down south. I hope they come and join us when they return.

I am enclosing a picture from the last luncheon. Those that attended this time, left to right: **Marge Eaton Blocks**, **Carole Kliehauer Zimmer**, **Jean Koskela Wisnewski**, **Judy Edfeldt Hartman**, **Karen Drinen Johnson**, **Lytton Anderson**, **Diane Prosser De Grenier**, **Mike Bain**, **Sandra Pavlik Brigante**, **Tom Day**, **Nancy Walker Abrams**, and **Juanita Amado Phillips**.

Tom Day (June 1958) took us all down memory lane when he brought us all tee shirts with **Ral Donner** (Ralph, class of 1960) on the front. Ral was a very popular Elvis type singer in the 1950s. You may remember Ral singing at many of the Friday night Taft Dances. Also, Tom continues his very important Bugals Across America organization for the United States Veterans.

The other photo that is enclosed is a trip to the Crippen Home in Norwood Park. It is now called the Norwood Park Historical Society. **Tom Spenny**, who graduated with us, is the current caretaker. Those who went from left to right **Jean Koskela Wisnewski**, **Judy Levin Eastwood**, **Karen Drinen** and myself, **Juanita Amado Phillips**. There is one room that had memorabilia about Taft High School. [However, that special, temporary exhibit has since been removed.] The grounds were beautiful and the

docent gave us all much information. It was well worth going to.

Juanita (Amado) Phillips, June 1958



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.

Alumni in the News

Recently, two Taft alumni were honored post-humously. We thought you'd appreciate seeing why. Here are their stories:

United Airlines Pilot started with Black Sheep Squadron in the Marines.

- **Anthony Romito**, class of June 1958 died this past October 30th after a courageous battle against prostate cancer. But, that wasn't his first example of "heart". Right after high school graduation, he enlisted into the Marines at age 17 (he graduated in only 3 years) and earned his way to become one of the pilots assigned to the Black Sheep Squadron. He had a small stature, only 5-foot, 6-inches tall. But, he flew like a bird in the A-4 Skyhawk fighter planes in the squadron that earned a well-respected reputation of being a tough group of pilots back in World War II. Tony flew for the Marines and learned that height didn't have a handicap in the pilot's seat. His career was highlighted by Tribune reporter Joan Giangrasse Kates, who wrote about Tony in the November 3, 2010 issue of *The Chicago Tribune*.



He stayed with the Marines in the early 60s where he flew war games in the South Pacific and probably monitored the Russians during the Cold War era. When he returned home, he figured his flight training would be an asset to build on. So, he applied to several major airlines. But, he really only wanted to fly for United, as their base was Chicago, and he wanted to stay here. As luck would have it, all wanted him, except one. United didn't accept him because of their height requirement policy. That didn't sit well with Tony, so he wrote a letter that, according to family members, was hot and to the point. He basically said that he was capable of flying for the Marines in A-4s, so the slow "buckets of junk" they had would be no problem, and that the height requirement was not relevant. That policy should be eliminated.

He got the job. And more than 30 years later, he retired from United Airlines after flying their planes all over the world. He ended his career only six months before the attacks of September 11, 2001. Even before that date, flying was losing its glamour. People complained about airport security and the hassles associated with going through the check points. Tony felt that people should be happy their safety and welfare was being addressed. It was just part of life, like paying taxes. Just do it!

He earned the respect and admiration of his peers. His reputation of being the kind of captain that took command made you comfortable in his presence. They said he had the ideal temperament for the job, cool and collected. He was an old school character that made him taller in everyone's eyes, maybe even bigger than the flying ace "Pappy" Boyington, from the Black Sheep Squadron fame. The 1970s series "Baa Baa Black Sheep, starring Robert Conrad was the family's favorite show then. On his last flight before retirement, he invited his entire family to be with him for his last touchdown, and they proudly flew with him to Frankfurt and back. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Robert Berns in Illinois Seniors Hall of Fame

- Most of you will remember that **Robert Berns** (a 1940s grad who died August 10, 2007) was the alum who designed the Taft Alumni logo we now use. Recently, *The Niles/MortonGrove/Park Ridge Bugle* neighborhood paper published an article saying that he is a posthumous addition to the Illinois Dept on Aging Senior Hall of Fame. His son and wife still run the ad agency he owned in the O'Hare Lakes Office Plaza off Devon (right)



behind the Des Plaines casino construction). His wife is **Doris (Brockhaus) Berns**, who graduated from Taft in June 1947. The <http://www.state.il.us/aging/2awareness/hall/hall2010.htm> website states their accolades as: "(Posthumous inductee) Robert Berns, 79, of Morton Grove, graduated from the Ray Vogue School of Commercial Art and worked as an advertising manager and art director for several sporting goods companies including Brunswick Corporation, Wilson Sporting Goods, MacGregor Sporting Goods, PGA Golf, Ram Golf and Northwestern Golf. His revolutionary golf equipment designs won numerous national awards. In 1969, he started his own advertising agency and continued to specialize in sporting goods before branching out into other industries. Berns won so many awards for his woodcarving designs and techniques that he wrote an instructional book about it, entitled Patterns for Woodcarving. Berns was a winner for awards from the Graphic Arts Council of Chicago, the recipient of a national offset-lithography award and was cited for outstanding achievement in advertising by the Chicago Federated Advertising Club, among other accolades".

And, another Taft Alum in the news:

- **Mitchel J. Frumkin** (January 1962) has coauthored a book with *Chicago Tribune* auto editor Jim Mateja titled, "First To One Hundred," which takes the reader on a journey covering 100 Chicago Auto Shows. It was at these shows that the newest, biggest, fastest, safest, and weirdest vehicles were introduced to educate and captivate the car-buying public. Those 100 shows, from 1901-2009 (no shows during World War II), have introduced the horseless carriage and its numerous derivatives to the masses.

Crank start to push button start. Gasoline, batteries and soon hydrogen. And always the cars have been the stars.

Within this 194-page book, readers can check out the highlights of each show, the newest concepts and production models, and the celebrities, athletes, and entertainers that came with them, including over 650 photographs, as well the Mitch's personal observations and memories.

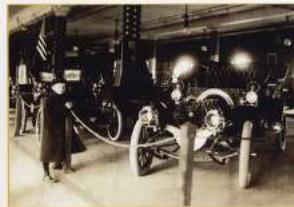
This year marks the 103rd edition of the Chicago Auto Show, with public show running Friday, February 11 through Sunday, February 20.

The Chicago Automobile Trade Association (CATA) offers copies of *First to One Hundred* to Taft students/alumni at a special price of \$10.00. The book originally sold at the Chicago Auto Show for \$25.00. Contact the Chicago Automobile Trade Association at 630-495-2282 to place an order by phone. Mailing address is: CATA, 18W200 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181.

To date, Frumkin has authored four books: "Muscle Car Mania," "Son of Muscle Car Mania," "The Great Auto Trivia Book," and "Classic Muscle Car Advertising." He also co-authored two other books: "World's Greatest Auto Show," and "American Dream Cars." [Editor's note: Apologies to Mitch in my misspelling of his name in the last issue of TAA Newsletter. As I was only a half-year behind Mitch throughout grade and high school, that error is totally regretable. Sorry... J. Bloom, TAA Newsletter Editor.]

First To One Hundred

History of First 100 Chicago Auto Shows



Mitchel J. Frumkin and Jim Mateja

If you have a few spare minutes, check out the current Taft students and their impressive 28-page school paper, now called "Taft Today". It is only available in digital format, and can be viewed at the school website, <http://www.tafths.org/>

CLASS NOTES



1940s

RICHARD DE LA MATER (1940) lives in Rocklin, GA, has 2 children and is retired from Montgomery Ward.

HERB MELLOR (June 1941) married JANE (GEIB) (June 1941); he graduated from Northwestern BA 1948; they live in Tacoma, WA & have 2 children, 1 grandchild and are retired. Herb is president of Mc Chord Air Force Base Museum Foundation.

MARGE (ANDERSON) ROSBERG, (June 1941) lives in Mt. Prospect, IL and has 2 children, 4 grandchildren.

THOMAS WRIGHT (June 1941) married SUE (SCHIESSER) (January 1946), He graduated from MO Valley BS 1951, they live in Belmont, CA, have 4 children, 2 grandchildren and are retired.

MARIAN (KOSEL) ANDERSON (January 1942) graduated from Wright AA 1944, lives in W. Dundee, IL, has 6 children, 21 grandchildren; 4 of her children graduated from Taft; she is a homemaker.

VIRGINIA (CATO) PRESTON (June 1944) graduated from U of NM BBA 1950, Northern MA 1967; lives in Itasca, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

TAFT LOWELL (January 1945) married HAZEL (IDLE) (January 1946); he graduated from Lake Forest BA 1949; they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 3 children, 2 granddaughters and are retired.

MARY (DALTON) OLSON (January 1945) graduated from Purdue BS 1949; lives in West End, NC, has 3

children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

RICHARD DALY (January 1946) lives in Salt Lake City, UT, has 4 children, 4 grand children, 10 great grandchildren and is a retired air traffic controller.

ROMAN BRYKOWSKI (June 1946) married TRUDIE (HELMER) (June 1949). They live in Lake Zurich, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren and Roman is an optometrist.

LORRAINE (BARRY) LATORIA (June 1946) lives in Bartlett, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild and is a retired secretary.

SIRI (CARLSON) MCDORMAN (January 1947) lives in Roscoe, IL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

BURTON CALKINS (June 1947) graduated from Northwestern 1956, lives in Bloomfield, IN, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired mechanical engineer; now has a cattle and Christmas tree farm.

SHIRLEY (OLSEN) HORN (June 1948) lives in Rogers, MN, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

RONALD LEMANSKI (June 1949) lives in Niles, IL, has 6 children, 16 grandchildren and is a retired LT Niles fireman.

1950s

JAMES OFENLOCH (January 1950) lives in Algonquin, IL, has 9 children, 15 grandchildren and is retired.

WILLIAM RING (January 1950) graduated from Youngstown ST BA, Kent ST MA, lives in Monterey, TN, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired clergyman.

BERNADETTE (GUCWA) BECKER (June 1950) graduated from Northern 1954, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired private math tutor.

RONALD PETERSEN (June 1950) graduated from Monmouth BS 1955, U of Chicago MBA 1965, U of CA JD 1981, lives in Glendale, CA and is a retired lawyer.

CAROL (DEHLINGER) DOYLE (June 1951) graduated from IL State 1955, Nat'l College of Ed 1982; lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

MYRA (ANDRES) FISHER (June 1951) graduated from Ohio U BS 1956, lives in Woodland Hills, CA, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

CHARLES FITZHUGH (June 1951) graduated from U of I BSEE 1956, Lake Forest MSM 1973, lives in Mundelein, IL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired electrical engineer.

JEAN (ZACHARY) MASKUS (January 1953) lives in Charlotte, NC, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

DONALD GREGORNIK (June 1953) lives in Lake Wales, FL, has 9 children, 11 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired general contractor.

FRAN HUGHES (June 1953) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

JOANNE (KRAUSE) MEISSNER (June 1953) lives in Wood Dale, IL, has 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and is retired.

MARILYN (LOH) WENNER-STROM (June 1953), graduated from Chicago At Institute BAE 1960, lives in Mesa, AZ, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

DARLENE (SWEENEY) MC GRATH (January 1954) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired collections manager.

WALTER MEISNER (January 1954) married GAYLE (SCHROEDER) (June 1955). He graduated from U of WI BEME & BSN 1958; Gayle graduated from Madison General Hospital RN 1958, they live in Hayward, WI and Fountain Hills, AZ, have 5 children, 11 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren; Walter is a retired engineer, Gayle a retired RN.

RICHARD AUSTIN (June 1954) graduated from American College MS, lives in Safety Harbor, FL, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired insurance company president.

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JACQUELINE (BENDLER) NELSON (June 1954), graduated from Wright AA 1983, Northeastern BA 1987, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is retired.

CLAIRE (ROSZKOWSKI) PAPIEWSKI (June 1954) lives in Elgin, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

ERNEST STOLLE (June 1954) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children and is self employed.

LE ROY BETZ (JANUARY 1955) graduated from Northwestern 1972, lives in Mt. Prospect, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is in real estate.

ALAN SWANSON (January 1955) graduated from U of I BS 1959, lives in Spring Lake, MI, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired marketing manager.

HERB BRANT (June 1955) lives in Buena Park, CA, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is retired from the Air Force.

JOANNE (STILLER) MCKENNA (June 1955) graduated from Columbia MS 1978, lives in Sarasota, FL, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired financial specialist.

BEN CAMPANELLA (June 1956) lives in San Jose, CA, has 4 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

BOB CARROLL (June 1956) lives in Valley Center, CA, has 3 children and is retired.

RAE (LE FEBER) DALE (June 1956) lives in Buffalo Grove, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

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

ROBERT OLESKOW (June 1956) lives in Naples, FL and Lake City, MN, has 2 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired.

CAROL (SMALL) SMALLY (June 1956) lives in Wood River, IL, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired from the corps of engineers and still rides a Gold Wing Motorcycle.

ALAN CARLSON (JANUARY 1957) lives in Springfield, OR, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a retired police officer.

DIANE (KLIER) DIERKS (January 1957) lives in Marengo, IL, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired school secretary.

RONALD ENCK (January 1957, lives in Algonquin, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired analyst.

MARCELYN (HAERR) NORRIS (January 1957) lives in Lombard, IL, has 1 child, 6 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

RONALD UNDERWOOD (January 1957) graduated from Northwestern BS, BA 1961, U of I MBA 1967, CPA 1975, lives in Surprise, AZ, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired CPA.

ROBERT BRODA (June 1957) graduated from Northwestern BSEE 1962, MBA 1969, lives in Lake Barrington, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and a retired VP from Recon Optical.

BARBARA (WALKER) LEWIS (June 1957) graduated from Chicago Teachers BS 1961, Northeastern MS 1969, lives in Mt Home, AR, has 2 children and is a retired teacher.

VIRGINIA (BOBENG) LEWIS (June 1957) lives in Dacula, GA, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is in part time sales.

PENNY (NEEB) HOFFMAN (June 1958) graduated from Northwestern BS 1962, lives in Olympia, WA, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired editor.

BONNIE (DVORAK) LARSON (June 1958) lives in Gages Lake, IL, has 3 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired.

CHESTER LEE (June 1958) graduated from Roosevelt BS 1977, lives in Westlake Village, CA, has 2 children and is a retired software engineer.

LYNN (ANDERSON) LEE (June 1958) graduated from De Pauw BSN 1962, lives in Three Lakes, WI, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

CAMILLE (NIGRO) CACCAVARI (January 1959) lives in Franklin Park, IL, has 2 children and is retired and works at Target.

BARBARA PETERSON (January 1959), graduated from Wright AA 1961, lives in Palatine, IL and is a retired senior engineer in the telephone industry.

JOE BARTEL SR (June 1959) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is president of Print Sales.

FELICIA (ZAMORSKI) LINDBERG (June 1959) lives in Wautoma, WI, has 2 children, 4

grandchildren and is retired from retail sales.

LEANNE (MATTICK) SPIEGEL (June 1959) lives in Hoffman Estates, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a teacher's assistant.

JIM ZUBERT (June 1959) married LAUREN (CONGIUSTI) (1969); they live in Wauconda, IL and have 2 children.

1960s

CAROL (CARLSON) COADY (January 1960) lives in Fairbanks, AK, has 3 children and is a nurse.

BARBARA (VAN DERLIP) MORETTI (January 1960) lives in Lake Geneva, WI and has 2 children, 3 grandchildren.

CAROL (PTAK) DEWIRE (June 1960) lives in Punta Gorda, FL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERTA (MOORE) AL-KHATIB (JUNE 1960) graduated RN 1965, BS 1995, Health Law 1998, lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a retired RN.

JUDITH CALOUD (June 1960) lives in Chicago and is retired.

CATHY (DUVAL) DAVIES (June 1960) graduated from Carroll College BA 1964, Mt Mary BS 1989, lives in Wauke-sha, WI, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired.

RAYMOND MALCZYNSKI (June 1960) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired Chicago police officer.

LINNEA (LUNDBERG) CONWAY (January 1961) graduated from SIU BA 1964, Washington U MSN 1971, lives in Mission, TX, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a clinical social worker.

CAROL (HILLIS) GELLER (January 1961) graduated from Southern BS 1967, MS 1969, VA Tech EdD 1978, lives in Newport, VA, has 2 children and is a professor emeritus.

EVELYN (KUEHN) KUZNICKI (January 1961) graduated from Roosevelt BA 1966, lives in Franklin, NC, has 2 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

GREGG SCHUMACHER (January 1961) married DONNA (CATAN-ESE) (June 1960). They live in Palm Coast, FL, have 3 children, 4 grandchildren and are retired.

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SCOTT SCHREIBER (January 1961), graduated from North Park BA 1966, lives in Rio Rancho, NM, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

BARBARA (BUCK) THOMPSON (January 1961) graduated from U of I BS 1965, lives in Marion, IL, has 2 children and is a substitute teacher.

JOAN (WEIGLEIN) WELCH (January 1961) graduated from Elmhurst College 1966, lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 5 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired x-ray technologist.

ANN (RICHARDS) ANDERSON (June 1961) graduated from Oberlin College BA 1965, Brandeis U MMHS 1988, lives in Jamaica Plain, MA, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is an affordable housing administer.

JANET (SCAFURI) BUCHHOLZ (June 1961), lives in Edmonds, WA, has 6 children, 11 grandchildren and is a retired financial co-coordinator.

DAVID BARTH (January 1962), lives in Bartlett, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired film and video producer and retired director of a 100 voice ecumenical Christian chorus.

THOMAS COOK (January 1962), graduated from Notre Dame 1965, Loyola MD 1969, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired physician/ medical director.

WENDY (THORNTON) DAVIDSON (January 1962) graduated from Western BS 1966, lives in East Peoria, IL and is a retired rural outreach coordinator for Hemophilia Center.

NANCY (FRAHM) ROGERS (January 1962) lives in Coon Valley, WI, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and is a retired preschool teacher.

ROSEMARIE (CARONE) CHANNON (June 1962) graduated from Northeastern BA 1966, MA 1977, lives in Skokie, IL and is a retired educator.

EDWARD PARQUETTE (June 1962) lives in Palatine, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

GINNY (SUTTON) EVERET (January 1963) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and works for a non profit or-

ganization in the fund raising department.

JIM PETERSEN (January 1963 lives in Bolingbrook, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired IT project manager.

WAYNE ANDERSEN (June 1963), graduated from Harvard BA 1967, U of I JD 1970, lives in Glenview, IL, has 6 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired District Judge and TAA Hall of Famer.

LOIS (SOBY) BAHLOW (June 1963) lives in Valrico, FL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is in sales.

PHYLLIS (BELTLE) BROWN (June 1963) graduated from Northeastern BA 1967, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is an insurance reviewer.

RICK KASPER (June 1963) lives in Chicago and is a retired employee of the City of Chicago; also owns a real estate office.

THOMAS CIESCO (January 1964), lives in Las Vegas, NV and has 5 children and 11 grandchildren.

BRIAN DUFOUR (June 1964) graduated from Wright AA 1974, U of I BA 1977, Northwestern Police Adm. Training 1993, lives in Peoria, AZ, has 3 children and is a retired Chicago police officer, now a realtor.

WARREN LUCKNER (June 1964) graduated from Luther College BA 1968, U of MD MA 1970, U of KY MA 1972, lives in Lincoln, NE, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired actuary/university professor.

RICHARD MALL (June 1964) lives in Hollywood, FL, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is retired.

ROBERT ROZYCKI (June 1964) graduated from U of I BA 1968, Northeastern MA 1973, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 2 children and is a retired school principal.

GLENN SZURGOT (June 1964), lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a paint and wallpaper contractor.

JUDY LA MARCHE (January 1965) graduated from U of WI BA 1968, MS 1970, Utah State PhD 1984, U of AL MBA 1998, lives in Miramar Beach, FL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a psychologist/neurophysiologist.

DONNA (KALTEUX) GRIFFIN (June 1965) lives in Elgin, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is in sales.

BILL MOODY (June 1965) graduated from IA State BS 1970, lives in Dallas, TX, has 3 children and is an operations manager.

LEROY POMERANING (June 1965) lives in Scottsdale, AZ and is retired.

BRAD SCHNELL (June 1965) graduated from U of I BA 1971, Loyola MBA 1979, Ht MS 1991, lives in Des Plaines, IL and is a rehab teacher.

RICH SCHUTZ (June 1965) graduated from Oakton Community College ALA 1984, Roosevelt BA 1986 and is a paralegal.

GAIL FRANSEN (June 1966) graduated from UIC BA 1970, Meramec CC AA 1976, De Paul MA 1990, lives in Willowbrook, IL and is a retired operations manager at the Brookfield Zoo.

ALAN DITTMER (January 1967) graduated from U of I BS 1973, Benedictine MBA 1979, lives in Tucson, AZ and is president of a consulting firm.

BOB FRIEGLANDER (January 1967) graduated from Southern BS 1971, lives in Richland, MI and is a hockey scout for the LA Kings.

KATHIE (YEHLING) HABER (January 1967) graduated from Northeastern BS 1970, lives in Petersburg, TN, has 1 child and is a retired teacher and breeder of llamas/alpacas.

PAM (ERBACH) KUELTOZ (January 1967) graduated from Northern BA 1971, lives in Lockport, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is an office manager.

PAM (SCHALLER) CHAPMAN (June 1967) graduated from Wright AA 1975, Northern BS 1978, MS 1989, lives in Hampshire, IL, has 2 children and is a retired professor of computer info systems.

BETH (SAMUELS) CHARVAT (June 1967) graduated from Augustana Hospital 1972, lives in Westmont, IL, has 2 children, is an RN and former TAA board member.

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FREDRIC LIND (June 1967) graduated from Lewis Inst. Of Tech. 1968, lives in Park Ridge, IL and is a regional parts/service manager for KIA.

DONNA (SWOCH) PAULY (June 1967) graduated from U of WI BSE 1971, LSU MSE 1980, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired media center director from Lincoln School.

GALE FABISCH (June 1968) graduated from Southern BS 1973, IIT Grad. Studies; lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children and is a semi retired consulting engineer.

COLLEEN (MALONEY) LA PAGLIA (June 1968) lives in Sandy Springs, GA, has 2 children and is a flight attendant.

SHARON (HOLM) NAJDOWSKI (June 1968) lives in Sugarland, TX, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a homemaker.

MILDRED (REYNOLDS) ZASADIL (June 1968) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is an insurance agent.

1970s

ROBERTA (MACHOWSKI) WEISS (1970) graduated from Carroll College BA 1974, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 1 child and is a teacher.

FRANK BERAUER (1971) married EILEEN (DUNN) (1973); they live in Mt Prospect, IL, have 3 children; Frank is an accountant.

DALE DVORAK (1971) married JANE (KRUSINSKI) (1971). He graduated from West Point BS 1975, Boston U MBA 1995; Jane graduated from Northeastern BA 1975, they live in Waco, TX, have 3 children, 2 grandchildren; Dale is a business owner, Jane is a teacher.

NANCY (PILIOR) JARED (1971) lives in Eden Prairie, MN and has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

SHERYL (SCHMIDT) PIERCE (1971) lives in Hot Springs Village, AR and is an administrative assistant.

RAYMOND RZEWNICKI (1971) lives in Tempe, AZ and has 3 children, 1 grandchild.

MIKE HANRAHAN (1972) graduated from U of I BA 1971, lives in

Plymouth, MN, has 2 children and works at an advertising agency.

MARK WIKLUND (1973) graduated from De Paul BSC 1977, MBA 1979, lives in Hinsdale, IL, has 3 children and is a commodity trader.

CARL PRIEST (1974) graduated from Augsburg College BA 1978, lives in Edina, MN, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a project manager.

THOMAS LAFIN (1977) married JEANNINE (BENSON) (1980), he graduated from U of TX MBA 1996, CPA 2006; they live in Flower Mound, TX, have 2 children and he is an accountant, Jeannine is a dental assistant.

KEITH RANG (1979) lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a service supervisor.

1980s

ELIZABETH (WOLFF) HILB (1980) lives in Vernon Hills, IL, has 2 children and is a housewife.

BRIAN KRATZ (1980) married NATALIE (KOZIOL) (1982), they live in Chicago, have 2 children; Brian is a gas & oil burner service owner, Natalie is a homemaker.

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

JOSEPH BARTEL, JR (1987) graduated from Columbia BA 1992, lives in Mt Prospect, IL, does inside sales and is a DJ who has performed at many of Taft's reunions.

1990s

2000s

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 eagle-mail@taftalumni.org and do it today! You'll be happy you did. We will, too!

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.

FABULOUS FIFTIES LUNCHEON

Original poem by
Frances (Marino) Hughes
(Class of June 1953)

Let's get together and have some lunch,
Re-live the exciting 50's and see the old bunch.
Where we have been and who have we seen,
From '50 to '59, we'll cover the scene.
Bring cameras and notebooks to remember the day,
Don't tarry a second and lose your way.
The excitement is building, so come-on-a-long,
Yes, we'll be singing our Taft High School song.

In Our Memories

Celia Friedlander, Taft HS cafeteria worker from 1968 to 1976 passed away at age 88 in Las Vegas on November 5, 2010. She was married to Robert who helped coach frosh-soph baseball teams in the early seventies.



Vivian McKenzie (Morris) Horn, Class of January 1941 passed away December 23, 2010.

Jack Zetterberg, Class of June 1942 passed away on September 9, 2009.

Dean (Bambini) Burton, Class of June 1945 died October 2, 2009. His name was changed after graduation for business reasons.

John (Jack) Kolenburg, Class of January 1946, passed away on November 3, 2010.

Charlotte Marilyn (Leonard) Medley, Class of June 1948, passed away November 18, 2010.

Raymond Krutwig, Class of June 1950, died suddenly October 28, 2010.

Leroy "Lee" Beening, Class of June 1954, died from cancer January 7, 2011.

Richard Lindquist, Class of June 1954 died September 28, 2010 from pneumonia.

Charles Petersen, Class of June 1954 died September 1, 2010 from complications with multiple sclerosis. His wife was **Joan (Maas) Petersen**, Class of June, 1956.

Judith (Van Derlip) Makus, Class of January 1958, died September 1, 2009.

Anthony Romito, Class of June 1958, died October 30, 2010 of prostate cancer. See article in "Names in the News" section of this issue.

Kenneth Leland "Pierre" Watson, Class of January 1959, died January 2011 after a declining illness.

Janet (Sedjo) Spegele, Class of January 1960, died March 18, 2006.

Douglas Linn, Class of January 1961, died May 23, 1982.

Allen Paul, Class of January 1961, passed away February 6, 2005.

Faith Peters, Class of January 1961, passed away April 1, 1994.

Scott Schwenkler, Class of January 1961, died July 19, 2005.

Malama "Molly" (Mitchell) Xerras, Class of June 1963, died after a year long battle with cancer on December 10, 2010 in Peabody, Massachusetts.

Janet (Marflak) Churak, Class of June 1964, died August, 2009.

Christine (Thompson) Minor, Class of June 1964, passed away December 19, 2001.

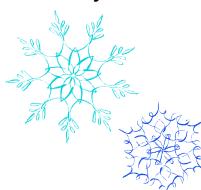
Leonard H. Beckstrom, Class of 1966, died Oct 27, 2010.

Keith William Vezensky, Class of June 1970, died of a heart attack in Los Angeles on December 14, 2010.

Rich Loane, Class of 1980, passed away in November, 2010.

Joseph Woschitz, Class of 1980, passed away June 8, 1985.

Richard Lafin, Class of 1983, died October, 11, 2010.





To TAA,

Please put this picture in your next issue of the Taft Trib. I am a friend of **Carol**

Ann Mclean McKaiser - Class of June '58 - and Royal is her Uncle. I have no relation to Royal Peterson. Carol showed me the picture and I thought it would be nice to share with the Alumni of Taft.

Photo is of:

Top left - **Royal Peterson** - Taft Baseball team player. He lived on Coyle Avenue in Edison Park in 1940. He was in Taft's first graduating class.

He is the Uncle of Carole Ann McLean Kaiser, Class of June 1958, and

Margery McLean Kullman, Class of June, 1961.

Also in picture, Royal's sister, Edith McLean and cousins Don and Wallace Benson and Chet Hegstrom, and Aunts Rose Benson and Lillian Hegstrom.

Norm Gunther (January 1959)
NHGunther@aol.com

To TAA:

I noticed with regret that **Art Biesenthal** [Class of January 1948] passed away. Art and I were classmates and played on the basketball team from 1945 through 1948.

Art was our high scorer and a fine player. He got a scholarship to DePaul when the famous Ray Meyer was the coach.

Art and I couldn't get enough basketball, so after playing for the team Monday through Friday, we'd play at Norwood park on Saturday and Rosedale on Sunday.

I will always remember a game we played against Roosevelt or another North Section team. Our coach, **Jack Rapper**, said they'd play a zone defense, so we would fast break at every opportunity. Art and I were the forwards and every rebound seemed to come to Jim Evans, the guard on my side. When I got the ball from Jim, Art was already half way down the court and I'd throw the ball to him. He made 18 baskets that game and never even got fouled. I think at that time 36 points was a Taft record.

Sadly, at the two reunions I attended Art didn't show, so I never saw him after graduation.

Bill Fassnacht (January 1948) PBFAZZ@aol.com

From our Facebook page (September 4, 2010) : I had the great pleasure of meeting **Cara Dunne-Yates** (1988) in Dallas Tx at the Velodrome there. Little do we hear about track cycling these days, but Cara was a Champion on and off the track in the blind tandem events. A true Gold medalist in Body, Mind and Spirit, also tremendous courage in speed. She is truly missed. **Lawrence Lonson** (June 1968)

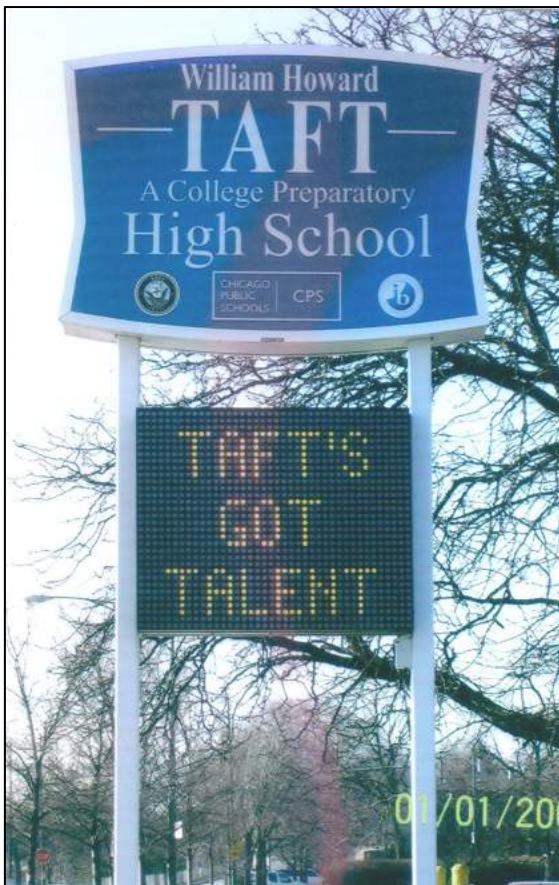
Mark Twain once said of the New Year, "Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual."



Taft Spring Musical Coming



Taft High School will present the musical, "Once Upon a Mattress," by Mary Rodgers this spring. This very funny take on "The Princess and the Pea" fairy tale originally helped launch Carol Burnett's career. Performances are 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, March 30 to April 4, plus a 1:30 p.m. Saturday matinee. Tickets are normally \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. However, Taft alumni, especially those who have been associated in past drama productions, are invited to come April 1. An alumni reception will start at 5 p.m. in the drama lab (Room 187) and a special section will be set aside for alumni at the evening performance. Tickets for this treat are only \$4. Contact director William Skar in care of Taft or at wdskar@cps.edu.



Light It Up

Travel west up Bryn Mawr Avenue as you drive past Taft High School, and you will be able to view the latest improvement on the campus. It is even visible from the expressway. This summer a 28-square foot, state-of-the-art illuminated sign was erected. It stands 20-feet above the ground and sports the school logo as well as the NJROTC insignia. It is something the parents and students have lobbied for these past few years and took some significant effort to pull off.

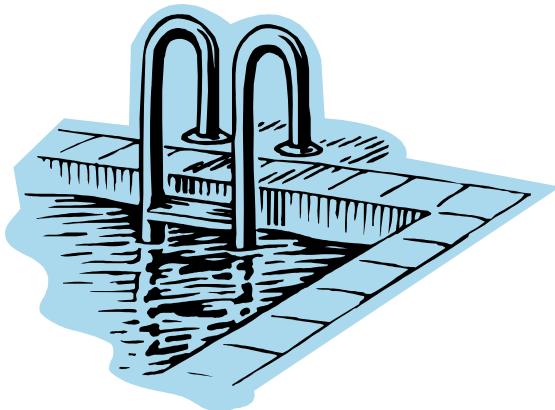
Since the school is located in a residential neighborhood, a zoning change was necessary. A sign of this magnitude required more than a simple zoning variance, according to Brian Doherty, 41st Ward alderman. He decided to push for a new classification for institutions, such as schools and churches. As a result, the entire city benefits from this effort.

The cost of the sign and its installation was significant, and (then) head of the Chicago Public Schools, Arne Duncan had to do some searching for the funds to pay for it. It is reported to cost nearly \$54,000. The money needed was ultimately taken from the school system's budget. It now is operational and highlights and promotes various school announcements and events. Thanks to Frank Heyer (June 1948) for this photo of the new sign. Go, Taft, Go!

Federal Regulations Affect Taft

A piece of legislation passed in 2008 has affected the Taft High School 70-year old indoor swimming pool enjoyed (?) by gym classes since 1939. The Virginia Graeme Baker law was named for a child who died in a pool mishap, requiring special antisuction equipment to be installed in pools with a single main drain.

That is our pool. It is an expensive fix, and the funds to do it haven't been available. However, the federally mandated deadline said to do it now, or the pool won't be able to open. So, this past summer they were able to install the alteration to be in compliance with the federal law. The 30-by-30 inch drain with a special safety feature replaced the former, much larger outlet.



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Yearbooks available for purchase: Some years are hard to keep in supply. All requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. As of January 1, 2011, we have the following yearbooks: 1954 Jan (1), June 1955 (1), 1961 (1), 1962 (1), 1966 (1), 1982 (1), 1985 (24), 1986 (48), 1987 (78), 1990 (52), 1991 (10), 1992 (132), 1993 (4), 1994 (58), 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).

Have 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.

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