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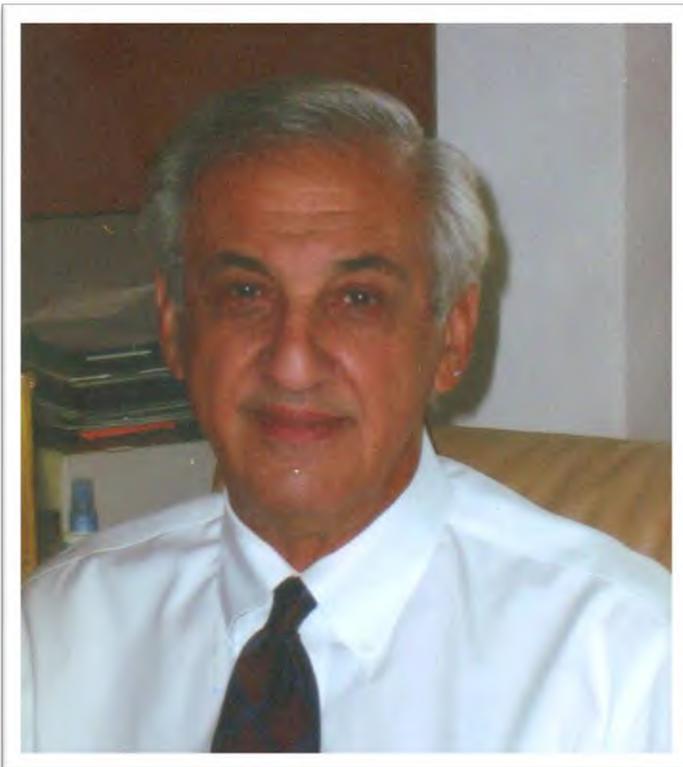
Winter 2012

Principal Tarvardian Retiring

Taft Principal Dr. Art Tarvardian has announced his plans to retire in June at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Dr. Tarvardian has made many contributions to helping to restore Taft's standing in the community, to provide programming which has enhanced the school's academic offerings in modern times, and to support the Alumni Association and its projects. The look and feel and spirit of the whole school have changed for the better.

Taft's scores have soared during his years at the helm with the help of dedicated faculty and the new programs – NJROTC, International Baccalaureate, 7th and 8th Grade Academic Center – which were starting just before he arrived but grew and matured into something special under his leadership. Taft now is one of the top performing neighborhood high schools in the city.

It is always a pleasure to have a principal who is as proud of Taft, its students, and its possibilities as the alumni are. *[Photo provided by Anne Lunde]*



Dr. Art Tarvardian

Taft Students Perform Adapted Shakespeare Play

We invite you to support Taft drama students in their latest performance effort. This spring, Taft will be doing an adaptation of the play "The Tempest" by William Shakespeare. Directed by English teacher Quintin Nadig, the play will be presented three nights in April. Mark your calendar for either April 25, 26 or 27 at 7:00 P.M. Tickets will be \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door.

Art Teacher Helen Unseth's Home is Honored

Contributed by Anne Lunde (1969)

One of Taft's former faculty members has been in the news recently, because of honors for her house.

Many of our older alumni will remember art teacher **Helen Unseth**, who counts as one of the original faculty from Taft's opening year (1939-40). It was that stalwart group who were saluted in the Taft Founders March, composed by band leader **Pops Rapier**, which younger grads know as The Taft Loyalty Song.

Taft was one of Miss Unseth's first teaching jobs. She was still here teaching 25 years later when someone counted noses and realized how many of the faculty had been there from the beginning. She did not retire for a few more years.

She wanted a home, convenient to the Taft neighborhood, a place where she and her mother could live. In 1940 she commissioned a small house from a young architect from Oklahoma, Bruce Goff. He had spent a few years in the late

1920s at Alfonso Iannelli's Studios in Park Ridge, and returned to Chicago before World War II.

The Unseth house, at 808 Park Plaine Ave., Park Ridge, one of Goff's first residential commissions, has elements of the unique and unusual architectural structures which would be Goff trademarks later. It is triangular, inside and out. There are unique window screens, an atrium window above a truly sunken fireplace, heavy glass dime store ashtrays integrated into the walls to bring in new



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Class Reunions



Class January 1952

Date: October 6, 2012

Place: Hackney's on Lake - Glenview

Contacts: **Phyllis (Holowaty)**

Albrecht, albrecjp@aol.com

Bill Becker, hwbeck@aol.com

Earl Carlson, earlacarlson@charter.net

Gordon Guth, gdid@flash.net

Class June 1952

Date: September 22, 2012

Place: Elk's Club - Des Plaines

Contact: **Carol Brokaw Yeaman** mrsyea@comcast.net

Anita Nehring Petersen anitapeterseg@att.net

Carol McGovern Clark 847-537-7385

Louise Van De Merkt Lowry 847-566-6828

Class June 1959 - (all classes invited)

Date: October 6, 2012 (dinner)

October 7, 2011 (breakfast)

Place: Hilton Garden Inn - Des Plaines

Contact: **Pat (Santell) Lutz** - patlutz@comcast.net

Class June 1961

Date: October 22, 2012

Place: Welling Restaurant and Banquets
Arlington Heights, IL

Contact: **John Prochaska & Art Kay**

TaftJune61Alums@aol.com

Class 1972

Date: June 23, 2012

Place: The Nil Tap - Chicago - 6 pm - 'til?

Contact: Patricia Wiemer - pmwiemer@yahoo.com

Class 1968

Date: TBD (looking for committee members)

Place: TBD

Contact: **Robert Clark** - clark7811@msn.com

Class 1981

Date: October 29, 2011 - 7 PM

Place: Hilton - Northbrook

Contact: **Toni Hartsell**, tonihartsell@yahoo.com

www.greatreunions.com

Class 1986

Date: April 28, 2012 at

Place: EPI's in Edison Park at 7:30

Contacts: **Kris Koenig Svachula, Diane**

Kearns, Kim Tabaka Holmen

taft1986reunion@gmail.com

Facebook: "Save the date! Taft HS

1986 26 year Class Reunion"

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 2002

Date: June, 2012 (tentative)

Place: Looking for committee members!!

Contact: **Jessica Washington**

Jessicawash2008@yahoo.com

Wait! There's more...

9th Annual Reunion Picnic SouthEAST

Date: **Saturday**, March 10, 2012, Noon to 3 PM

Place: Ft. DeSoto Pk, St. Petersburg, FL Shelter 14

Donation: \$3 per person

Pot Luck: a food item to share (BYOB)

Photo shoot: 2:30 pm

Contact (if needed): **Leon Kathan**

117 Monte Real Blvd., Sebring, FL 33876,

leonkathan@yahoo.com

2nd Annual Reunion Picnic SouthWEST

Date: Spring 2012

Place: McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park,
Paradise Ramada - Scottsdale, AZ

(<http://therailroadpark.com/visitor.htm>)

Date: March 17, 2012 11am - 4pm

Photo shoot: at 2pm

Pot Luck: Beer permit (non-glass containers)

Donation: \$3 per person

Bring lawn chairs for greater comfort

Contacts: **Paul Frizane**, aztaftalumni@yahoo.com

Paulette English, eagleemail@taftalumni.org;

Kay Kuciak, taftalum@cox.net

Classmates - Lost and Found

Lost touch with old classmates? We can help by publishing the name(s) in the newsletter. If they respond and agree, we'll forward that person's name and address to you.

Send requests and/or responses to Taft Alumni Association c/o Taft High School, 6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Chicago IL 60631 or email us at taftlum@cox.net. The suggested donation for this service is \$5 per name.

This issue, we present the following:

Kurt Marquardt, class of June 1959 seeking to find **Marilyn Dahl**, Taft graduating class of June 1962.

Les Pearson, class of June 1947 is looking for **Nancy (Barr) Kling**, class of June 1948.

1952 Reunion Help Needed

The 60th Reunion Committee's first meeting was November 10, 2011 at the Elk's Club in Des Plaines. They contracted for Sept. 22, 2012 (Saturday) for their reunion to be held there.

The committee is asking for your help in gathering updated info on all the 1952 classmates.

Please contact us with any information (names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses) you have. We need your help to make our reunion a success.

Thank you in advance and we are all looking forward to seeing you again.

Committee

Carol Brokaw Yeaman
Karen England Shaw
Joyce Christensen Johnson
Carol McGovern Clark
Judith Miller Sheehy
Anita Nehring Petersen
Lorraine Olson Barlow
Patricia Tuhy Socha
Louise Van De Merkt Lowry
Joan Weir Lease

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Letters to the Editor

To: Paulette English, TAA Web Editor

Re: Rich Corrin (June 1961) and his state track film:

'Sounds like his state track film highlights a great day in Taft sports history.

Despite having only 5 qualifiers for state, **Coach Chuck Dobrath** and the team stunned the downstate track world by winning the third place team trophy.

The relay team won the 880 yard relay, setting a state record (1:28:2) which lasted many years until track went metric and moved to EIU. The team consisted of **Fred Meyer** (June 1962), **Dave Bone** (June 1962), **Wayne Anderson** (June 1963), **Larry Albertson** (June 1961), and alternate **Jim Grabowski** (June 1962).

- Larry Albertson also scored points by winning the 220 yard dash in (21.1) and placing fifth in the 100 (9.8).
- Wayne Anderson also qualified in the 220 and long jump. (He returned to State in the 100 in 1962 and 1963. In 1963 he won the 220 (21.6).
- Fred Meyer also qualified in the 120 high hurdles and the 180 low hurdles the following year.
- Dave Bone returned in 1962 in the 440 yard run.
- Jim Grabowski qualified in the shot put. He returned in 1962 in both the shot put and discus throw. (He also played football for Taft, Illinois, and Green Bay.)
- Coach Dobrath later became Taft head football coach and retired as head of the Taft Counseling Department.
- The 880 relay team returned to State in 1962, replacing the graduated Albertson with Ron Bartel.

From: **Roy Horton**,
Taft track and cross country coach, 1967-1984

Friends,

Thru the years since I left Taft in 1944 I have certainly enjoyed the newsletters. I do not remember reading any article about the "dedication" of the fine new Taft building in the 1940's.

I walked (with several of my 7th grade friends) from Farnsworth to attend the ceremony and remember the bands and dignitaries, etc. I wonder how many former students were there on the field that "hot" day!

Keep up the good work,

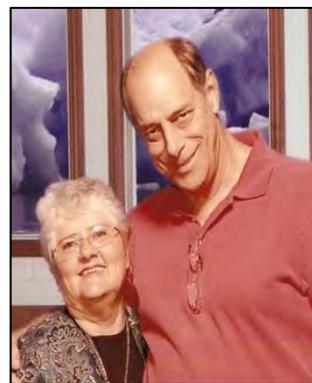
Shirley (Nancarrow) Warner (June 1944)

To TAA:

The wonderful 45th reunion for the January class of 1965, held in October 2010, had very special meaning. After dating for most of their freshman and sophomore years at Taft in the early 60s, Karen Zoellner and Bob Krukowski's parental intervention prevailed and the 'getting too serious' couple were forced to part. At the 5 year reunion, Karen and the rest of the class were mistakenly informed Bob had died. Fast forward to 2010 when Karen got a Facebook Friend Request from Bob! He was on the 45th reunion committee. She accepted, and they picked up right where they left off. More than 50 years after meeting at Taft they were married recently. At last!

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails!

Bob and Karen Krukowski (January 1965)





Dear hardworking, much appreciated board of directors,

The latest newsletter with photos in color is truly wonderful.

Susan (Moshier) Matthews (January 1957)

Dear Taft Alumni Association,

Thanksgiving, 2011 - It's time, once again, to give thanks, and I wanted to take time out to thank you for helping me to achieve

my dreams. My first year at Northwestern University was incredible; amid attending memorable football games, trudging through the snow, dancing for 30 hours straight in the Dance Marathon to help raise over \$1 million for children with heart defects, my team won an engineering award for our design project and I co-lead a summer camp for middle school girls to introduce them to engineering through our Society of Women Engineers chapter. None of this would have been possible without your support and I wanted to thank you, once again, for making such a difference in my life.

Sincerely, **Juliette Pirpiris**, 2010

[Editor's Note: Juliette was the 2010 winner of the Dr John P Graven scholarship. jbb]

Hi Shirley,

It was good seeing you in October. What a great time we had at the reunion! I was in Chicago [...] and got together with some Taft friends on July 23rd.

Pictured [below] are: **Corky Jordan** (June 1958), **Deanna (Swanson) Jordan** (June 1960), **Lynn (Foerster) Nelles** (June 1960), **Carol (Karowsky) Enslow** (June 1960), **Marian (Schleede) Busta** (June 1960), and **Tom Nelles** (June 1960).

Carol (Karowsky) Enslow (June 1960)

Hi Jerry Bloom:

Will you please change the mailing address on my "Taft alumni Newsletter"? Please send it to: [withheld]. We live in Florida for 9 months a year and in [Illinois] for 3 months each year. We have done this for the last 10 years. Thank you.

Raymond P. Fredrich (June 1950)

[Editor's Note: Hi, Ray, Thanks for the address update. We want you to know that TAA can track both of your seasonal addresses to get the newsletter to you wherever you are. Please tell me exactly which months you are at each address and we will take it from there--don't want you to miss a single issue! Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]

Paulette,

Thank you for the heads up on the alumni e-mail list. The paucity of names on the '41 graduate classes is quite a disappointment. I fully expected to see more of my classmates listed. I guess that we might attribute it to two factors. Minimum e-mail participation and age attrition. Life is like a roll of toilet paper...the smaller it gets, the faster it goes!

In answer to your question [whether my wife was a Taft grad], Doris was originally from Fort Worth and when a child, immigrated, with her parents from Texas to the United States and settled in Los Angeles. (I'm sure you caught the innuendo). When I moved west in 1947, I discovered Doris in Hollywood. No...not as an actress, but a cosmetic department sales girl. This is when she swept me off my feet. It's been 62+ years, and counting, proving what a patient, understanding and tolerant person she is.

Kindest regards, **Adam Klafra** (June 1941)

To TAA:

It was a truly memorable experience to attend Taft's 50th reunion for the class of January 1961 on September 10, 2011. The tour of Taft high school was wonderful to see everything looking so well maintained after so many years. All of the classmates attending were proud and felt blessed to have been a part of Taft's history.

Enclosed is my membership application to ensure my continuing interest in an outstanding high school.

Sincerely, **Joy (Wallace) Barhite** (January 1961)

Paulette,

Thanks for all you do to keep Taft Alum's connected and informed. Also appreciate your reminders to renew membership. You don't have to be gentle.

Dick Austin
(June 1954)



To TAA,

Here's a picture of a few Taft alumni. We got together recently after finding each other on Facebook. Some of us hadn't seen each other in 40 years. Our friendship just continued as it was 40 years ago. We met at Orsi's (Mecca's) for dinner.

Kathy (Schumacher) Spaeth (January 1963)

[Thank you, Kathy! I hope you all "Like" the Taft Alumni Association on Facebook because I've posted your photo there. And you see, we've put it into the newsletter, too. By the way, does the Mecca (Orsi's) still have that fabulous steak sandwich? Paulette, Web Editor]

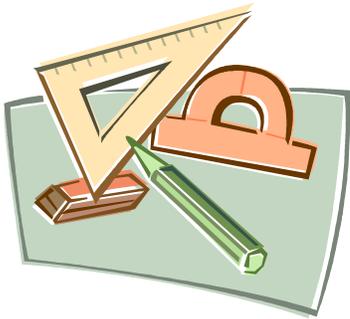
Front row - **Debbie (Peinert) Hogg** (June 1962) and **Kathy (Foster) Perry** (June 1963); Back Row - **Jay Hogg** (January 1963), **Sue Wolf** (June 1963), **Kathy (Schumacher) Spaeth** (January 1963), **Donna (Langsfeld) Madden-Freeze** (June 1963) **Bonnie (Steinke) Rafferty** (June 1963).



Hi - WOW - Just received the new and improved EAGLE [TAA Newsletter]- color pictures -WOW- really makes a difference - hope it remains!!

Judy Koehler Kozer (June 1960)

Things I Remember, 1944-1948



By **Roger Suida** (August 1948)

The last time I saw Taft with it's expanded facilities, it reminded me of how crowded we were in 1944-48. Twelve periods of classes. As a second semester freshman I had 6th to the 12th [periods]. The actual clock time as I recall was 11:40 am start time and a 5:20 pm finish.

This wasn't all bad; it allowed me to get a job in the mornings at Hagen's bakery in Edgebrook. I was paid the handsome wage of \$.50 an hour. \$.50 an hour might not sound like much today, but it was a 100% increase from the \$.25 an hour I had been making at Newman's Bakery on Milwaukee Ave. But, after all, I was 11-12 and 13 years old during that time. They hired anyone. "There was a war on."

When I got a little older (a Junior and Senior and the war was over), I found shooting craps in Norwood Park paid much better. It started with milk money the first hour. The winners would stay on and the pot sizes would grow by the hour. The previous day's winners would show up at the end of the day.

I don't remember the cost of many things from back then, but I do recall that with a student's card we could ride the CTA for half-fare to and from school - \$.04 - four cents and a pint of milk in the school lunchroom was \$.01 - one cent.

One dime would get you to and from school and two pints of milk to drink with sandwiches that your mother had made. Sandwiches [were] wrapped in wax paper and then rolled into an outside covering made from the newspaper. I never did buy a lunch at school in four years. Although, I did buy a few hotdogs from "Whitey" out on the street.

In gym class **H. S. Miller** taught us how to jump feet first from an imagined torpedoed troop ship. We pinched our nose with one hand; spread our legs scissor style (so we wouldn't go too deep into the water) and our other hand held our vital parts. Not something difficult to learn, but H. S. had us practice time and time again. I guess it works; I still remember. H. S. also taught us to scull in the water using just the movement of our hands to stay afloat for at least an hour. It was Mr. or Coach Miller to his face, but when he wasn't within hearing, the H. S. was expanded into a more colorful name.

Wayne Parker (June '47) was the only Taft student I knew that drove a car to school. We all walked or rode our bikes or the CTA. Times were much more simple and in many ways more satisfying.

If you played football you supplied all your own practice gear, except for the shoulder and hip pads. Some of the under-clothing became very odorous by the end of a full football season.

The [Chicago] Park District would flood the football field at Norwood Park and we would ice skate there all winter long or on the North Branch of the Chicago River, which always froze well enough the Sunday after Thanksgiving to allow us to skate on it.

Meat, butter, sugar and shoes were rationed during the War Years. Our neighbors, brothers and fathers were fighting in a must-win War. Times were bad... times were good.

Class Notes



1940s

Adam Klafka (June 1941) lives in San Diego, CA, has 4 sons, 4 grandchildren and is retired from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

June (Pemble) Roby (June 1941) lives in Decatur, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and is a retired apartment manager.

Douglas Small (June 1941) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a retired salesman.

Violet Fara (June 1943) lives in Mesa, AZ and is retired from Motorola.

Leona (Caboor) Lamczyk (June 1943) lives in Barrington, IL, has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

Le Roy Sanford (June 1943) graduated from Northwestern BS 1949, lives in Golden Valley, MN and is retired.

Rita (Przybylski) De Rosier (June 1944) lives in East Dundee, IL, has 12 children, 24 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and is a retired import buyer.

Jean (Novak) Smith (June 1944) lives in Olympia Fields, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is housewife.

Tom Thompson (June 1944) graduated from U of I BS 1948, U of Chgo MBA 1968; lives in Elmhurst, IL, has 4 children and is a financial consultant.

Jane (Galitz) Delaney (June 1945) lives in Tucson, AZ, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired state employee.

Jerry Moe (June 1945) graduated from Luther College BA 1949, Luther Theological Seminary BTh 1953, Edinburgh U 1957, lives in Valparaiso, IN, has 4 children, 8 grandchildren 1 great grandchild and is a retired Lutheran Minister.

Mary Helen (Smith) Beiger (January 1946) lives in Champaign, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired library catalog clerk.

Leonard Bunge (January 1946) graduated from St Olaf BA 1950, lives in Bonita Springs, FL and Huntley, IL, has 6 children, 16 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and is a retired sales manager for State Farm.

Dolores (Wenk) Ebner (January 1946) lives in Littleton, CO, has 5 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired and a nationally recognized poet.

Marilyn (Bergstrom) Moore (June 1946) lives in Tacoma, WA, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired from the audit department at JC Penney.

Edward (Przybylski) Price (June 1947) graduated from OH State BA 1956, lives in Peachtree City, GA, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a retired senior systems engineer for IBM. His current hobby is TV commercials.

Marilyn (Thoren) Hindman (January 1948) lives in Coon, CA, has 2 children and is retired.

David Lee (June 1948) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children and is a mason contractor.

Joan (Guinand) Schimel (June 1948) graduated from IL Masonic Hospital RB, lives in Niles, IL, has 5 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired RN.

Roger Siuda (June 1948) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1953, lives in Overland Park, KS, has 6 children, 13 grandchildren and is a retired lighting contractor.

Phyllis (Ludwig) Strang (June 1948) lives in Merrimac, WI, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired executive secretary.

James Churchill (June 1949) lives in Island Lake, IL and has 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Ted Dahlfors (June 1949) married **Arlene (Waldorf)** (June 1949), he graduated from Coe College BA 1953, they live in Keller, TX, have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and both are retired.

Howard Jacobsen (June 1949) lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is a retired collectables dealer.

Robert Yurkowsky (June 1949) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a tool & die maker & model maker.

1950s

Marian (Martin) Barkley (January 1950) graduated from Lawrence BA 1954, Aurora U MSW 1990, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

Ronald Clough (January 1950) married **Jeanette (Nelson)** (June 1950), they live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 3 children, 5 grandchildren and are retired.

Miriam Freeman (June 1950) graduated from Swedish Covenant Hospital RN 1955, Case Western Reserve RSN 1958; lives in Brookville, PA and is a retired nurse.

Thomas Gutsman (June 1950) lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

Charlene (Stueckemann) Johnson (June 1950) lives in Appleton, WI, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is retired.

Arthur Orr (June 1950) lives in Lake Barrington, IL, has 1 child 2 grandchildren and is retired.

Joan (Wuerffel) Winfield (June 1950) lives in Crystal Lake, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a retired case aide from Catholic Charities.

John Anderson (June 1951) graduated from Missouri Valley BA 1958, lives in Kouts, IN, has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and is a retired purchasing agent.

John Heinz (January 1952) graduated from U of I BA 1957, lives in Aurora, IL, has 1 child and is a librarian/carpenter.

Paul Lauschke (January 1952) graduated from U of I BS 1956, lives in Alton, IL, has 8 children, 13 grandchildren and is a realtor.

James Lynn (January 1953) lives in Chicago and is retired from the USAF.

Bob Winkates (January 1952) married **Nancy (Zuehlke)** (January 1952). He graduated from Northwestern BS 1968; they live in Mt Prospect, IL, have 5 children, 12 grandchildren and both are retired.

Ronald Aron (June 1952) graduated from U of I BS 1958, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 5 children, 8 grand-

children and is retired from US Gypsum as a director in purchasing.

Joan (Weir) Lease (June 1952) lives in Niles, IL, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

Jerry Spachner (January 1953) graduated from Lake Forest BA 1958, lives in Elk Grove, IL and is retired from General Mills.

Sybil (Baginski) Wijas (January 1953) lives in Des Plaines, IL, has 2 children and is retired.

Vic Longman (June 1953) married **June (Bennett)** (June 1953), they live in Holiday, FL, have 4 children, 6 grandchildren and are retired. They married 10 years ago after reconnecting at the 50th Ebinger School reunion.

Roger Skiple (June 1953) married **Joyce (Padgitt)** (January 1956) Joyce graduated from IL State BS 1960, live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 2 children, 2 grandchildren, Roger is a retired carpenter, Joyce is a teacher.

Gordon Snyder (June 1953) lives in Sacramento, CA and is a retired electrician.

Donald Stanek (June 1953) graduated from U of I BS 1958, U of KS 1960, Baylor MS 1971; lives in Myakka City, FL and is a retired physical rehab consultant.

Donna (James) Mure (January 1954) lives in Palatine, IL, has 3 children, 6 grandchildren and is a retired executive assistant.

Bernie Harczak (June 1954) lives in Thompson Falls, MT, has 8 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired.

Ted Madej (June 1954) graduated from UCLA BA, Roosevelt MA, lives in Palm Beach Gardens, FL and is retired from Ford Motor Co, owner of T & M Automotive Training Center.

Mary Lou (McCullough) Petruccio (June 1954) graduated from Wright AA 1956, IL Wesleyan BE 1958, lives in Portage, MI, has 5 children, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

Jean (Plank) Schweda (June 1954) graduated from Quincy BA 1976, lives in Quincy, IL, has 1 child and is a retired free lance writer.

Joan (Gaertner) McInnis (January 1955) graduated from Northwestern BS 1958, Farleigh Dirkinson MS 1984, lives in Tinton Falls, NJ, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired computing consultant.

Wayne Barton (June 1955) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is an artist/writer.

Ronald Gohl (June 1955) lives in Wonder Lake, IL, has 7 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired from People's Energy.

Janet (Bruno) Grace (June 1955) lives in Schiller Park, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a pediatric medical assistant.

Jim Nelles (June 1955) married **Madeline (Deichl)** (June 1955) they live in Palatine, IL, have 5 children, 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and are retired from sales.

Marlowe (Petrie) Sorensen (June 1955) graduated from U of WI BA 1978, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, has 4 children, 10 grandchildren and is a retired HS English/History teacher.

Class Notes

Janine (Juhnke) Swanson (June 1955) graduated from IL State BA 1959, Sacramento MA 1975, lives in Roseville, CA, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired CA state special education consultant.

Jon Zimmer (June 1955) married **Carole (Kleihauer)** (June 1958), Jon graduated from U of I BS 1961; Carole graduated from MacMurray BA 1962, Nat'l Ed MBA 1981. They live in Elmhurst, IL, have 2 children, 4 grandchildren, Jon is a retired research chemist, Carole as a kindergarten teacher.

Richard Aron (January 1956) married **Elaine (Holt)** (January 1957), they live in Livonia, MI, have 2 children, 6 grandchildren, Richard is a retired teacher; Elaine retired as an architect rep.

James Blomquist (January 1956) married **Ruth (Mathisen)** (January 1956), they live in Plano, TX, have 3 children, 5 grandchildren. James is a retired electrician; Ruth is retired from the FDIC.

Robert Nannini (January 1956) graduated from De Paul BA 1961, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 5 children and is in packaging sales.

Roberta (Thomas) Williams (January 1956), graduated from MT State BS 1969, lives in Livingston, MT, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired teacher.

Rosemary (Schwamb) Bracher (June 1956), lives in Rockford, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is retired.

Leo Golda (June 1956), lives in Harvard, IL on a farm, also winters in Redington Beach, FL; has 4 children, 7 grandchildren and is retired.

Lucille (Nutti) Kruczek (June 1956) lives in Wonder Lake, IL, has 4 children, 9 grandchildren and is a retired bookkeeper.

Carol (Thompson) Metzger (June 1956) lives in Crete, IL, has 2 children, 2 granddaughters and is retired.

Barbara (Furlong) Toomey (June 1956) lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is an executive assistant.

Roland Carlson (January 1957) graduated from U of MN BA 1961, lives in Maple Plain, MN, has 1 child, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

Patricia (Belshaw) Tabor (January 1957) lives in Okeemos, MI, has 4 children and is a retired court recorder.

Barbara (Vaughn) Wolff (January 1957) lives in Chicago and Estero, FL, has 3 children (all Taft grads), 2 grandchildren and is retired.

Mary Lou (Hachmeister) Kristovich (June 1957) lives in Chicago, has 6 children, 3 grandchildren and is a home fashions consultant.

Chuck Mader (June 1957) lives in Sarasota, FL, has 2 children and is a manager for TWA aircraft services.

Diane (Kath) Roginski (June 1957) lives in Chicago, has 5 children (4 are Taft grads), 21 grandchildren and is retired.

Class Notes

Beverly (Walker) Tabern (June 1957) graduated from Chicago Teachers BEd 1961, lives in Northbrook, IL, has 1 child and is a retired teacher.

Mary Ann (Balk) Bernes (January 1958) graduated from Luther College BA 1962 and lives in Fox River Grove, IL.

Carole (Hilden) Romer (January 1958) lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired.

Mike Bain (June 1958) graduated from De Paul BS 1975, Northwestern AA 1971; lives in Chicago and is retired.

Judith (Edfeldt) Hartman (June 1958) lives in Mt Prospect, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a clerk in her husband's company.

Stephen Huska (June 1958) graduated from IL Wesleyan BA 1962, lives in Deer Park, IL, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and has a family owned insurance agency.

Jean (Koskela) Wisniewski (June 1958) lives in Schaumburg, IL, has 4 children, 5 grandchildren and is retired.

Edward Rodiek (January 1959) lives in Garden, MI, has 3 children, 7 grandchildren and is a retired park superintendent at Chain O'Lakes State Park.

Bonnie (Fanslow) Weiss (January 1959) lives in Northbrook, IL, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired financial counselor.

Audrey (d'Almaine) Gerlitz (June 1959) lives in Mt. Prospect, IL and is retired.

1960s

Diane (Nelson) Chapin (January 1960) graduated from U of Miami BA 1964, George Washington U MA 1972, lives in Potomac, MD, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a college professor.

Hans Knoff (June 1960) graduated from Columbus College BS 1974, GA State MBA 1976, lives in Union City, TN, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is retired US Army.

Lorna MacLeish (June 1960) graduated from Ripon College BA 1964, lives in Mt Prospect, IL and is an office manager.

Frank Madsen (June 1960) graduated from IIT 1968, lives in Delavan, WI; taught at IIT until 1976, now an exhibit designer/firm owner.

John Majka (June 1960) graduated from U of I BS 1973, lives in Louisville, KY, has 1 child, 3 grandchildren and is an instructor/engineer.

Carol Jo (Krejci) Sasson (June 1960) graduated from cosmetology school, lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 2 children, 5 grandchildren and is a retired cosmetologist.

Joy (Wallace) Barhite (January 1961) graduated from Edison State AA, lives in Ft Myers, FL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired secretary.

Barbara (Reinke) Finnegan (January 1961) lives in Southampton, PA, has 2 children, 7 grandchildren and is a legal investigative assistant.

Eva Ree (Tymitz) Galka (June 1961) lives in Oakland, CA, has 3 children and is a homemaker.

Arnold Kraby (January 1962) graduated from U of I 1966, lives in Dacula, GA, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, he is a retired pilot for Delta, now manager pilot selection for Delta.

Richard Merk (January 1962) graduated from Wright AA 1964, lives in Campbell, CA, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren and is in public transportation.

Diane (Foster) Montero (January 1962) lives in Chicago and is a retired teacher and now a high rise apartment manager.

Nancy (Miller) Ashby (June 1962) lives in Linn, MO, has 3 girls, 6 grandchildren and is retired.

Rose Anne (Baetz) Austin (June 1962) graduated from Baylor BS 1966, AZ State MS 1969, lives in West Hartford, CT, has 2 children and is a retired HS science teacher.

Elaine (Gunther) Brummitt (June 1962) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is retired as a senior field promotion manager.

Donald Freeman (June 1962) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired van driver for CPS.

Marilyn (Orzyp) Gehr (June 1962) lives in Longwood, FL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren (twins) and owns a drapery installation service.

Robert R. Johnson (June 1962) lives in Palatine, IL, has 4 sons, 4 grandchildren and is a retired letter carrier.

Debbie (Wernes) Mahler (June 1962) lives in Morris, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is retired on a 5 acre lake.

Kenneth Przysiecki (June 1962) graduated from American Int'l College BA 1972, lives in Glastonbury, CT, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a CPA, director of school finances for the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT.

Robert Satkiewicz (June 1962) married **Marilyn (Romano)** (June 1962, they live in Lake Villa, IL, have 2 children, 2 grandchildren and both are retired.

Richard Hoehn (January 1963) married **Marjorie (Sauer)** (June 1964). He graduated from IIT BS 1971. They lives in Chicago, have 2 children, 5 grandchildren and Ricky is a retired product manager.

Richard Sliwinski (January 1963) graduated from Northwestern BS 1967, U of Chgo BA 1971; lives in Plano, TX, has 2 children and is retired.

Gilbert Jones (June 1963) graduated from Ottawa U BA 1979, lives in Durango, CO, has 3 children, 10 grandchildren and is retired from Bank of America.

Ginny (Devereux) McCarthy (June 1963) graduated from Wright AA 1966, lives in Venice, FL, has 1 child and is in data entry.

Gary Piehl (June 1963) lives in Red Wing, MN, has 1 child and is in sales.

Nancy (Jopp) Sanders (June 1963) graduated from Troy State BS 1981, lives in Pickens, SC, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is retired.

William Luikaart (January 1964) married **Carol (Zowal)** (June 1964). He graduated from Roosevelt BA 1973;

they live in Lake St Louis, MO, have 2 children, 1 grandchild, Bill is self employed in sales; Carol is a retired library assistant in an elementary school.

Patricia (Zwiki) Swaggerty (January 1964) lives in Chicago, has 3 children, 3 grandchildren and is an executive assistant.

Susan (Adreani) Smith (June 1964) lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children, 2 grandchildren and is VP at Norwood Builders.

John Culpepper (January 1965) lives in Island Lake, IL, has 2 children, 1 grandchild and is a retired HVAC salesman and shop owner.

Ginny (Hall) Brown (June 1965) graduated from Carroll College BA 1969, lives in Mukwonago, WI, has 3 children, 5 grandchildren (triplets and twins) and is a retired teacher.

Bob Clesen (June 1965) graduated from SIU BS 1973, lives in Denver, CO and is a designer/remodeled.

Janet (Como) Hagel (June 1965) graduated from Loyola BSN 1969, Aquinas College MM 1993, lives in Holland, MI, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren and is a retired realtor.

Pat (Affarano) Mondelli (June 1965) lives in Itasca, IL, has 1 child, 4 grandchildren and is a hairstylist.

David Bergbreiter (June 1966) graduated from MI State BS 1970, MIT PhD 1974, lives in College Station, TX, has 2 children and is a retired chemistry professor at Texas A&M.

Katina Kralis (June 1966) lives in Chicago and is a data entry operator at the Daley Center.

Melodie (Henne) Nelson (June 1966) graduated from Broward AD 1980, U of FL BSN 1993, lives in Dunnellon, FL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is an RN.

Ron Stolle (June 1966) graduated from George Washington U BA 1971, Loyola MBA 1976, lives in Hudson, OH, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a finance professor at Kent State.

Sandy (Post) Bilowos (January 1967) lives in Lyons, IL, has 2 children and is a homemaker.

Janet (Cote) Lafata (June 1967) graduated from Carthage College BA 1971, lives in Oviedo, FL, has 1 child and is retired from sales/consulting for Safety Products.

Bill Olsen (June 1967) graduated from Northeastern BA 1971, lives in Bartlett, IL, has 2 children and is a construction field project manager.

Richard Walter (June 1967) graduated from U of I BS 1972, lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 2 children and is a partner in a design firm.

Bob Altergott (1968) lives in Palatine, IL and is a senior project supervisor.

Margaret (Maggie) (Schmidt) Cross (1968) graduated from Carthage College BA 1972, U of MN MA 1973, lives in Naperville, IL, has 2 children and manages theatre group sales for Drury Lane.

Jack Dustin (1968) married **Linda (Lease)** (1968) he graduated from Northwestern BS 1971, MD 1981. Linda graduated from Northeastern BA 1972. They live in Arlington Hts, IL, have 2 children; Jack has a board certified family practice and Linda is a teacher in District 59.

Karen Flynn (1968) graduated from Northern BS 1972, lives in Chicago and is a retired teacher from Steinmetz.

Linda (Schaffert) Hendricks (1968) lives in Bartlett, IL, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and is a retired business manager.

Linda (Hewicker) Maher (1968) graduated from U of I BA 1975, De Paul MA 1978. U of I MBA 1981, De Paul JD 2004, lives in Chicago, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is an infrastructure programs attorney for Argonne Labs.

Susan (Zelichowski) Skinner (1968) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a retired medical assistant.

Roger Wiklund (1968) graduated from Loyola BBA, lives in Elk Grove, IL, has 3 children and is a futures trader.

Dale Zilligen (1968) married **Katherine (Blassick)** (1968). He graduated from Washburn Trade 1972; they live in Nilus, IL, have 2 children. Dale is a building engineer, Katherine is an insurance agent.

Suzanne (Jancovic) Huestis (1969) lives in West St. Paul, MN, has 2 children and is an elementary school paraprofessional.

Debra (Kaleux) Paddack (1969) lives in Arlington Hts, IL, has 3 children, 4 grandchildren and is a publication manager.

Ed Prelletz (1969) lives in Peoria, AZ, has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and is a small business underwriter for American Express.

Michael Wojcik (1969) lives in Mt. Prospect, IL and is in hotel services.

1970s

Rich Cardella (1970) graduated from U of I BS 1974, MD 1978, lives in Cincinnati, OH, has 4 children and is a radiologist.

Michael Costanzo (1970) graduated from Western BA 1974, lives in Sioux Falls, SD, has 2 children and is VP GM Midcontinent Radio Stations.

Mort Krogstad (1970) married **Jan (Leiper)** (1970), they live in Park Ridge, IL, have 1 child, 1 grandchild. Mort is a firefighter, Jan is an entrepreneur.

Robert Peroni (1970) graduated from De Paul BSC 1973, Northwestern JD 1976, NYU LLM 1980, lives in Austin, TX and is a law professor.

Ed Piper (1970) married **Marianna (Speciale)** (1970) they live in Mundelein, IL, has 2 children, 2 grandchildren; Ed is a home inspector, Marianna a stay at home Mom.

Joyce (Wilgus) Sherman (1970) lives in Prospect Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a medical assistant/stress tech and enjoys landscape design.

Timothy Arado (1971) graduated from IL State BS 1975, Control Data Inst. 1981, lives in Chicago and is in property management.

Roberta (Lehr) Davis (1971) lives in Roselle, IL, has 1 child, 1 grandchild and is a school bus driver.

Class Notes

Edward Knapp (1971) graduated from SIU BS 1976, lives in Glen Ellyn, IL, has 2 children and is in insurance sales.

Carol (Carson) Brimer (1972) graduated from Purdue BA 1975, BS 1980, U of MO MS 1987, lives in Manchester, MO, has 3 children and is a structural engineer.

Linda (Rink) Goff (1972) graduated from Northwestern BA 1976, MA 1990, lives in Harwood Hts, IL, has 3 children and is a teacher in Chicago.

Carole (Sullivan) McCulloch (1972) graduated from U of CO BS 1986, Rush Pres. Medical Center RN 1978, lives in Keystone, CO, has 6 children and is a nurse.

Nancy Stevens (1972) graduated from U of I BS, U of So FL MS, lives in Clearwater, FL and is a HS guidance counselor.

David Swoch (1972) graduated from U of I BSEE 1977, De Paul MBA, lives in Rolling Meadows, IL, has 2 children and is an electrical engineer.

Mike Zimney (1972) graduated from U of I BSME 1977, De Paul MBA 1983; lives in Park Ridge, IL and is a mechanical engineer.

Mark Krejci (1973) lives in Huntley, IL, has 4 children, 2 grandchildren and is an electrical field engineer.

Brian Kula (1973) lives in Chicago and works for the US Post Office.

Robin (Adkins) Lasnoski (1973) graduated from Marquette BS 1972, lives in Hobart, WI, has 2 children, 8 grandchildren and runs the front office in her husband's dental practice.

Susan Moresi (1973) graduated from Blackburn BA 1972, MA 1997; lives in Cordova, TN and is a USPS networks specialist.

Debbie (Pietraszewski) Burgess (1974) graduated from College of DuPage 1993, lives in Woodridge, IL, has 3 children, 1 grandchild and is an RN.

Karolina (Haderspeck) Grib (1975) graduated from U of I BS 1980, MS 1983; lives in Park Ridge, IL, has 3 children and is an engineer.

Cheryl (Stulrajter) Nuber (1975) graduated from John Logan College AA 1993, AA 1996, lives in Albuquerque, NM, and is a semi retired bookkeeper.

David Ozag (1975) lives in Chicago and is a CNA for Home Health care.

Jamie (Moffat) Pastwa (1975) graduated from IL State 1979, Northeastern 1985, lives in Orion, MI and is a teacher.

Susie (Peter) Gleffe (1976) graduated from Robert Morris College AA 1978, Northwestern 2003; lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is an executive administration asst.

Linda Kuffel (1977) lives in Park Ridge, IL and is an export administrator.

Michael Quinn (1978) lives in Chicago and is the owner of Quinn Print.

Christine (Penesis) Anderson (1979) graduated from Northeastern BA 1983, Kent College of Law JD 1986; lives in Chicago, has 2 children and is an attorney.

James Hartford (1979) lives in Chicago, has 1 child and is an electrician.

Maryanne (Norum) Jones (1979) lives in Brookfield, IL and is an executive assistant.

1980s

Andrea (Fransen) Kellick (1980) graduated from De Paul BS 1984, U of Chgo MBA 1989, lives in Edina, MN, has 2 children and is a VP merchandising for Target Corp.

Nadine (Koziol) Kleinfelter (1980) graduated from IL Wesleyan BA 1984, lives in Chesterfield, NJ and is an actuary.

Kati (Graniero) Gleeson (1982) graduated from DePaul BS 1989, lives in Downers Grove, IL, has 2 children and is a cash manager.

Michael Marras (1982) graduated from Harvard BA, lives in Vernon Hills, IL, has 3 children and is a landscape contractor.

Brian Holmen (1985) married **Kim (Tabaka)** (1986). They live in Buffalo Grove, IL, have 2 children and he is a carpenter.

1990s

Elsa Montoto-Vega (1991) graduated from U of I BSW 1995, MSW 1997; lives in Chicago, has 3 children and is a school social worker.



From Cookies To Community Service

Contributed by Anne Lunde
(1969)

Christmas is over, and now 'tis the season for dreaming of trefoil-shaped shortbread and those crunchy, chocolaty thin

mint cookies, and hunting for a Girl Scout, Brownie or Daisy Scout to take your order. Girl Scout cookies debuted in the Chicago area in the 1930s. Girl Scouts debuted in Chicago in 1920. And Girl Scouts in America started almost 100 years ago.

Maybe those cookies are your only contact with the Scouts, but it's more likely that many alumni have been a Girl Scout, had one in the family or in a friend's family, or maybe dated one. We know a couple of male alumni who have done their part with coordinating cookie sales as their daughters were growing up.

If you'll be in Norwood Park sometime before November, you may want to check a special Girl Scout exhibit of memorabilia, which is open Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., at the Noble-Seymour-Crippen House, the Norwood Park Historical Society's headquarters at 5624 N. Newark Ave., Chicago – one block west of Taft.

The actual anniversary will be in March, 2012, marking the day when Juliette Gordon Low decided to found an American Girl Scout program in her home town of Savannah, Ga., based on the Girl Guides program in England. Juliette's grandparents were John H. and Juliette Kinzie, and her great-grandfather, the senior John Kinzie, were pioneers in frontier Chicago.

Chicago's first troop was founded a few blocks from Taft High School in 1920, by troop leader Olive Quinn (Hurlbut and East Circle Avenue) and assistant leader Kath Fetter, who started Fetter's Moving and Warehouse on Northwest Highway. Troop 1, sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women at Immaculate Conception Church, was the first of many units which have served Taft girls area over the years, and the unit number is still used by the I.C. Scouts.

The Noble-Seymour-Crippen House has some extra connections which made it a special place for this exhibit. The house was built in 1833 by Mark Noble Sr., and

is currently the oldest surviving building in Chicago. The first place the Nobles lived when they came to Chicago in 1831 was the John Kinzie cabin, Juliette Low's great-grandfather's home. The Nobles were the last to rent the old building as a residence; it had been built by founding settler Jean Baptiste Point du Sable.

A few years ago, all of the Chicago area Girl Scout councils were merged, and are now called collectively "The Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana." Historians – generally very active, long-time leaders who still find great fulfillment in working with the program – took special care with this exhibit to assemble books and badges and uniforms and costumed dolls and activity materials which have both general and specifically local connections to the Northwest Side troops from what is now called the "Legacy Chicago Council."

There will be some other exhibits out and around the metropolitan area this year, but most will be very brief. This one will be up for 10 months, open for museum hours on Saturdays, on monthly meeting nights and during some other events. Tours or visits outside of regular museum hours must be scheduled in advance; leave a message at 1-773-631-4633 to make arrangements.

Letters to the Editor (continued)

Paulette,

Thanks once again for the "green" Taft Alumni Newsletter. I understand the economic plight some are currently experiencing and did not realize that the summer issue was sent to everyone. That is a real luxury. I hope the board does everything they can to keep these newsletters coming to the paid members and that we are not affected by any necessary cutbacks they are forced to make. I agree that \$15 is extremely reasonable for a 2-year membership, which includes the newsletter, and I for one would be willing to pay a little more if necessary to support the hard work of the alumni volunteers who put many hours in on their own time to make this happen for all of us. I look so forward to the newsletters, as it is one of my only connections with high school classmates, as I am sure many alumni do. Thank you again for your hard work and for the hard work of everyone who puts this interesting publication together.

On another note, I would like to make sure you received my dues for the next two years, which should have arrived during the first week of July. I was surprised not to see my information that is usually published when one renews. Possibly it was received too late for this issue. Please let me know that you have received them and I look forward to my update in the next issue. Thank you very much.

Valerie Stewart Sosnowski (1969)

[Hi, Valerie, Thanks so much for your words of support. I've forwarded your message to Kay Kuciak who will check on the

status of your dues. We often batch them together into larger deposits. Your name was published in our Autumn issue of "Class Notes". Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]

Dear Jerry,

This photo is our Christmas get together Dinner at Wellingtons of Arlington Heights Restaurant.

Thank you for your work on the Taft Newsletter. We all look forward to receiving it to keep up with the news at Taft and our fellow classmates at Taft.

Diane (Gotz) Ranieri (June 1956)



L-R: **Norma (Gotz) Shaw, Gail (Werner) Larkin, Joyce (Rutkay) Lewis, Donna (Severance) Lesker, Diane (Gotz) Ranieri and Judy (Sherman) Anderson.** All are from class of June 1956, except Norma, who is from class of June 1954.

In Our Memories

Janis Mae (Fischer) Forster, class of 1941 passed away November 27, 2011 at her home in Mesa AZ, of heart failure.

Marilyn (Sonderman) Bydalek, class of January 1942, passed away August 7, 2011. Her brother is Lowell Sonderman (June '46).

Vera (Obosla) Frano, Kovach, class of June 1942, passed away on October 2, 2011, at the hospital in Menomonie, WI from complication of kidney failure.

Norbert (sobriquet Nob) Klafka, class of June 1943, became deceased January 24, 2010 from cancer. His brother is Adam Klafka (June 1941).

Donald Raymond Martinez, class of June 1943 died from cancer, date unknown.

Norman Morris Ness, class of June 1943 died from cancer January 10, 1991.

Le Roy Sanford, class of June 1943, died October 12, 2011.

Homer Grant Lemke, class of January 1944, passed away in December, 2011 from cancer. His sister is Betty Jane (Lemke) Stewart (June 1942).

Roy Anthony Rauschenberg, class of June 1947, died suddenly on February 6, 2011.

Dolores (Jepsen) Tantillo, class of June 1949 died May 9, 2006 after complications from surgery.

Elmer Rudolph Gustafson, class of January 1950 passed away October 28, 2011 from cancer.

Charles Edward Henricks, class of June 1952, passed away suddenly October 26, 2011. He was the husband of Marilyn (Johnson) Henricks, class of June 1953.

Carmen (Amado) Fanta, class of June 1953, died September 15, 2011 from cancer.

James Edward Sullivan, class of June 1954, died September 21, 2011 of pneumonia as a result of complications with AD. - He was the brother of Judith Sullivan Sorman (June '57) and the late Barbara Sullivan Klingenberg (Jan.'51).

Diane Inadee (Dykman) Howery, class of June 1959 passed away after a long battle with cancer on November 28, 2011.

Darlene Frances Bakula-Hastings, class of January 1961, passed away March 1, 2011 from pancreatic cancer. She lived in Woodstock, Illinois. Her twin sister is Helene Bakula-Erwin (January 1961).

Scott Greame Schreiber, class of January 1961, passed away on July 21, 2011 of Parkinson's Disease.

Wesley Paul Meyer, class of June 1964, passed away in November 1994. His brother is Fred Meyer (June 1962).

Daniel Patrick Loftus, class of 1966 died on November 6, 2011 in Hawaii from a water accident. His brother was the late James Loftus (1969), who died in 1969.

John Francis Nicholson, class of 1970, passed away at his Marina Del Rey, CA home on December 26, 2011 after a short but courageous battle with lymphoma. He was the brother of Michael (Lane), James (1970), Steven (1972) and Todd Nicholson (1974?), as well as Marylinn Nicholson Schwanitz (1973).

Jim Gerster, class of 1979, is deceased with death date unknown.

Eugene D. Chapuis, class of 1980, died July 11, 2010. He was the brother of Eduard Chapuis, class of 1981.

Brian Felde, class of 1980, died in 2004.

Tom O'Neill, class of 1980, died in 1983.



Class of 1961 Wants Help

The reunion date and place are set. But, there are still about 270 classmates unaccounted for. Even if you can't attend, if you think you can assist in locating these people, contact the reunion committee as found on page 2. Or, you can write to them and ask for a copy of their list by writing to: Taft June 1961 Reunion, PO Box 369, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

They have prepared a spreadsheet with some potentially helpful clues. If you live in the same or adjacent community, you could check the white pages in your local area telephone directory. Or, use any internet search tool that you are familiar with, or are trying to learn.

Taft Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations for 2012

There's still time to send your nomination to Taft Alumni Association. We are extending the nomination process to March 31, 2012, so, get going on your paperwork for submittal.

Nominees should be Taft graduates, living or deceased, who exemplify the best of Taft, people we can be proud of holding high as our colleagues and peers. They bring honor to the name of Taft High School through their accomplishments in their careers, personal achievements, service to others, leadership and courage.

There are a few changes to the rules. Nominations may be submitted by any and all alumni, by family members or by Taft High School faculty – but people cannot nominate themselves. Candidates can be from any class if they meet the criteria. At this time, students who attend the Taft Academic Center in seventh and eighth grade but do not continue at Taft High School, are not eligible. If a couple is nominated, or if a nominee spent at least three years at Taft but did not complete a degree, the candidates will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

We have a nomination form available to download at www.taftalumni.org. All materials must be mailed to Taft, including copies of corroborative information. It is important to have the same type of data for each candidate, i.e., degrees, accomplishments, etc.. Work with your nominee, if you can, to be sure you have their permission and to collect correct and complete information. We must be able to contact the nominee (or the family if deceased) for them to be considered.

(Helen Unseth's house - Continued from page 1)

sources of sunlight, a triangular living room, Miss Un-

seth's former studio, and an amazingly different garage. Bruce Goff did a lot of unusual designs, primarily for professional artists, who could understand the concepts that he introduced – perhaps. Another of his houses, designed for Charles Turczak, is in Edison Park a few blocks west of Brooks Park, and is a Chicago city landmark. Most of the body of Goff's work would seem very comfortable in modern science fiction / fantasy. He went home to Oklahoma and became world famous, inspiring the next generation of architects.

The city of Park Ridge began designating city landmarks for the first time in September 2010. The Unseth House became the city's fourth official landmark in November. The Iannelli Studios, acquired by the Kalo Foundation of Park Ridge at the end of August 2011, is expected to join the list in mid-January. [Photos courtesy of Anne Lunde]



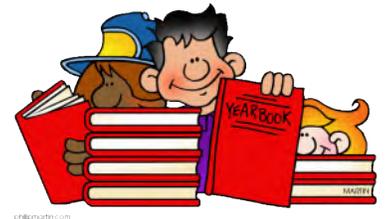
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Yearbook Inventory

Some years are hard to keep in supply. All requests are on a first-come, first-serve basis. As of today, we have the following yearbooks for purchase:

1954 Jan (1), 1985 (24), 1986 (48), 1987 (78), 1990 (52), 1991 (9), 1992 (132), 1993 (5), 1994 (57), 1995 (183), 1996 (65), 1997 (52), 1998 (154), 1999 (151), 2000 (351), 2001 (123), 2003 (76), 2004 (77), 2005 (56), 2006 (40), 2007 (40), 2008 (40).



Time to Renew?!!

Thanks to all who read our plea in the summer issue about keeping current with your membership. If you receive the newsletter electronically, you'll find an emailed reminder in your inbox when you are about to or have lapsed. If you receive the newsletter by post, check your address label for your year of graduation above the eagle logo on the back page. Is it correct? Also, check the expiration date of your current membership with the Taft Alumni Association located just below the graduation date.

If your expiration date is close, sit down NOW, complete the membership form on the next page and write out a check for \$15 or just \$20 for husband/wife graduates at the same address. 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 on the following page to share with us the latest updates in 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		Elementary School Attended	
Other news you'd like to share			
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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).			
Enclosed is a check or money order for dues in the amount of <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is a check or money order donation in the amount of \$ ____ .00			
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