



# Taft Alumni Newsletter

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## TAA Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Nominees

A large stack of applications has reached our desk. June 30, 2018 was the deadline for accepting all TAA Hall of Fame applications for this session. A review committee has been appointed and the meticulous task of review and grading of each application has begun.

With our ugly and prolonged winter season, unexpected delays have hampered our work. Our endeavor is to complete the evaluation process as quickly as possible. Watch for the announcement in our next issue of the Taft Alumni Association Newsletter and the date of the induction ceremony in Spring 2019.

Thank you to all who have applications submitted. We are excited to soon present the next class of honored alums.

## Taft Football to Play in Alaska?

2018 was the year for football at Taft. The first time since 1972, the varsity team won the Chicago Public School City Championship in November and went on to play against St. Rita High School in the Chicago Prep Bowl. Although they did not advance further in that game, they won the reputation of being a stellar team.

With the encouragement and promotion from Principal Mark Grishaber, there is a strong possibility the team may travel to Alaska for the start of their 2019 season. He is even considering traveling with the team, as he remembers the area from the time he was there earning his Master of Business Administration Degree from Akaska Pacific University. The plan is to play the 3-time state champs of East Anchorage High School on September 7, 2019 in Anchorage.

Approximately 50 players and ten coaches and chaperones expect to make the trip. It will cost an estimated \$65,000. Fund raising is already in progress. Taft alumni are invited to sponsor a player or make a donation towards that effort. Interested donors should contact Assistant Principal Ryan Glowacz at 773-534-1011.



FEATURING -



## Taft Night Out 2019

**Biagio—4242 North Central Ave.**

**March 8, 2019 from 6-11pm**

All Parents, Teachers, Staff, Alumni & Community Members (21 & Over) Invited!

- Over 100 Silent Auction items including: front row graduation seats, prom packages, teacher experiences, Cubs, Sox and Hawks tickets, theater tickets, liquor baskets, spa and salon gifts—something for everyone!
- Dancing all night to live music from the Second Hand Soul Band and DJ!
- Dinner, dessert table, cash bar, raffles, wine & dine table and more!

*Mix and mingle with parents, staff, teachers and alumni while supporting Taft academic and extra-curricular programs!*

Tickets are \$40 and include great food, live music and a cash bar. A portion of bar profits go back to Taft. Go to [bidpal.net/taftnightout2019](http://bidpal.net/taftnightout2019) for more details, to purchase tickets, or to register to bid on auction items—even if you can't attend!

To donate, sponsor, volunteer or ask a question, contact [taftnightout@gmail.com](mailto:taftnightout@gmail.com)

## Taft Night on the Town

### Wrigleyville RAFFLE!

\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100

Only 150 will be sold!

Prize valued at \$900!

#### Includes:

- ◆ \$300 voucher for any 2019 Cubs game or Wrigley Field summer concert \*
- ◆ Round-trip luxury private car transportation
- ◆ Dinner at Dutch and Doc's
- ◆ \$100 cash for concessions or anything you'd like!



Buy your tickets today at  
[bidpal.net/taftnightout2019](http://bidpal.net/taftnightout2019)

or email [taftnightout@gmail.com](mailto:taftnightout@gmail.com) for more info.



\*Based on availability. Voucher must be redeemed in person at Wrigley Field box office after April 1.



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### **9th Annual ALL CLASS Reunion Picnic ARIZONA**

**Date:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

**Place:** Stillman Ramada, Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale

**Pot Luck:** Bring something to share

**BYOB:** Beer in non-glass containers only

**Donation:** \$4 per person, bring lawn chairs

– Note – TAA baseball cap to be raffled off that day

**Contact:** Paulette English (1967), eagleemail@taftalumni.org

### **5th Annual ALL CLASS Reunion Picnic CALIFORNIA**

**Date:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 (Noon - 4pm)

**Place:** House of Savage, 2372 Recuervo Cove, Del Mar, CA

**Details:** \$8 includes for Rosati's Chicago Pizza, non-alcoholic drinks, paper products, utensils; please bring a dish to share. BYOB

**Contacts:** Mike Day (Jun 1960) - michael91942@yahoo.com

Jan (Ostromencki) Savage (1974) -

janhellokitty@hotmail.com

### **6th Annual ALL CLASS Reunion Picnic FLORIDA-EAST**

**Date:** Thursday, April 4, 2019 (Noon – 4:00 pm) **Note date!!**

**Place:** [REDACTED]

(For those unable to attend the Florida west coast affair)

**Pot Luck:** a food item to share (+ BYOB)

**Contacts:** [REDACTED]

or Jerry (Beesley) Stephenson (Jun 1962) -

jerrybloomstephenson@gmail.com

## ***Grade School Reunion***

**Thomas A. Edison Grade School**

**Class of January, 1959 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**Dates:** June 21-23, 2019

**Location:** To be determined

**Details:** Further Information to follow

**Contact:** Carolyn Feare Rominski - carromini@gmail.com

or Margie Stewart Doud - mcdoud@yahoo.com

## ***Lost Classmates***

Are you looking for old classmates with whom you've lost touch? We will help you in your search by publishing the name(s) in this newsletter. **If that party or another classmate with information on your request responds to us and agrees to share the information, 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 e-mail us at eagleemail@taftalumni.org. The suggested donation for this service is \$5 per name.

THIS ISSUE, Lynette E. (Dickow) Clooney (June 1957) is looking for classmate Sandra (Schmidt) Ederlen Lindenberg (June 1957)

### **Class of January, 1959 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

**Dates:** September 13-15, 2019

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn. Des Plaines IL

**Details:** Further Information to follow

**Contacts:** Norm Gunther - NHGunther@aol.com or

Barb Peterson - 847 934-0334

### **Class of June 1959**

**Date:** April 2019 (All Classes invited) Day TBD

**Details:** Luncheon

**ALSO**

**Date:** October 4-6, 2019

**Details:** 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration

**Location:** Hilton Garden Inn, Des Plaines

**Contacts:** Anne Fear-McManus - 630-584-9194

or Penni Eichin-Isaacson - 847-945-5168

or website, www.taftreunion1959.com

### **Class of 1969**

**Date:** October 19, 2019

**Place:** Moretti's Edison Park, 6727 N Olmstead, Chicago

**Contacts:** Anne Lunde – alundewriter@gmail.com

or Laurel Kaage – kaagefamily@gmail.com

or email: Taft1969@aol.com

### **Class of 1989**

**Date:** Saturday, October 5, 2019 (8pm-Midnight)

**Place:** Moretti's Edison Park, 6727 N Olmstead, Chicago

**Details:** 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion Celebration - \$29 per person  
eventbrite link will be on Facebook in September.

**Contacts:** Kris Hardt - kristinehardt234@gmail.com

### **16th Annual ALL CLASS Reunion Picnic FLORIDA-WEST**

**Date:** Saturday, March 9, 2019 (11:00 am – 3:00 pm)

**Place:** Maxine Barritt Park, 1800 Harbor Dr. S, Venice, FL

(Meeting at smaller pavilion near north end parking area)

**Pot Luck:** a shared dish that serves 6

**BYOB:** Drinks in non-glass containers only

**Photo shoot:** 1:30 pm

**Donation:** \$5 per person, lawn chairs suggested

**Contacts:** Leon Kathan (Jun1956) - 863-835-2211

leonkathan64@gmail – or

Jerry (Beesley) Stephenson (Jun 1962) 920-559-7440

## Taft Wrestling City Champs

Last month, The Eagle Wrestling Varsity Team defended their CPS Championship they earned in 2018. For the second year in a row, Taft Eagles wrestlers were



on top of their game by winning the Chicago City Championship. Seven Eagles won individual titles and the team outscored the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams combined. See photos of their achievements at the Taft High School web site at <http://tafths.org> and click on the "athletics" tab.

## The St. Tars/Taft Connection

Submitted by **Pam Borek McDonald (1973)**

I just spent a weekend in Dallas recently with some of my Pom Pon girl friends from 1973 and we all talked about how lucky we were to have had the experiences and the education Taft offered us in the early 70s.

I really enjoy reading the {TAA} Newsletter. I notice alumni write about many connections Taft had in their respective elementary schools. I, too, have a fun connection.

The early 70s saw the beginning of many of us "Catholic School" kids going to Taft instead of the usual Catholic school routes of Resurrection, St. Pat's, Alvernia, etc. This was not because Resurrection and the like schools did not offer good academic options. I believe it was more so that Catholic high schools became more and more expensive and were far distance-wise.

St. Tars was right in Taft's backyard per se, and seemed a strong option to many of our parents, especially parents who had gone to Taft, Schurz, Lane, etc. Out of 135 students in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating class of 1969 at St. Tars, more than 25% went to Taft that year. As the years went on, [the percentage of] students attending Taft from St. Tars continued to increase, with some interesting results for Taft.

Our 1972 Public League Football Championship team had a nucleus of St. Tars and Hitch graduates, many of whom played CYO football under the tutelage of Mr. Mike Small at St. Tars. That nucleus included star junior starting quarterback Bob "Pearl" Perlowski and other St. Tars star players like Ron Rzewnicki and Vic Gramza. Our Pom Pon Squad also included St. Tars graduates Peggy Cole, Linda Bernauer, and myself. The summer before that fun-filled fall, our Pom Pon Squad practiced many times at the St. Tars Social Center dutifully going to the rectory and getting the key to the social center from Father Kush.

When Taft won the Public League Championship, the fete was noted in the Sunday Bulletin with all the Taft parishioners who were part of the effort... team members, cheerleaders, and pompon girls listed.

As the 70s continued and Title IX kicked in for girls sports, many of those first girls basketball players had come through the ranks of St. Tars, again under the coaching of Mr. Small.

So, a final fun connection is that Taft's current principal also attended St. Tars. Mark Grishaber is from the St. Tars class of 1975.

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## Grads in the News

**Mike Winfrey (1977)** was in a lead story in the Nadig newspaper last fall and he says the Winfreys were "pelted with calls" as a result.

During the October LSC meeting, it was reported that Joe McFeely, a former LSC member, was doing a metal detector search of Taft Field and found a Taft ring about 6 inches below in the ground. Mike Winfrey's name was engraved inside. The Taft Alumni Association was solicited for details on him from our database of alums. We found his name in the Master File, but no current address or email. As a result of the Nadig story, he responded to the school. He apparently had given the ring to his former girlfriend and it was returned not too carefully. He always wondered what happened to it. His wife, **Gail (Mieling) Winfrey** is also from class of 1977.

Mike planned to come to the next LSC meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup>. We have not received any update to know if he retrieve it and finally got his ring back.

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For over 30 years **Robert Johnson** (January 1965) has been active in SEAOL ([www.seaol.org](http://www.seaol.org)) trying to bring an awareness of the (structural) engineering profession. Suggested reading: <https://builtworlds.com/news/invisible-engineer-not-bob-can-help/>

Included in those efforts has been his struggle to promote the host of engineering competitions to students. Having attended many of these competitions, he reports that coverage by local media has been infrequent. In recent years Bob tried to reach out to media making them aware of the host of engineering outreach efforts to children. Finally, he achieved success when a Chicago Cable Station (CAN-TV) reached out for an interview to discuss some of these programs.

You can watch the 30 minute video: ENGINEERING OUTREACH TO STUDENTS <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7R7ftKB7ucc> Another 30 minute segment, STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING for Kids, discusses the F.I.R.S.T. Robotics Competition and mentions several other engineering programs at the end of the segment. <https://youtu.be/T8Wg9p-KaA>

Side note: The woman in the video (Connie Kelly) has a connection to Taft H.S. Her late husband, **Frank Kelly** (June 1962) was a TAFT Grad.

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**Thank you for supporting Taft Alumni Association**

This is a great and painless way to do fund-raising! If you shop through Amazon.com, you can benefit. Instead of going to Amazon.com, simply go to the web site your Taft Alumni Association each time you shop. It's true!

Sign on to AmazonSmile.com and register.

Amazon will donate a small percentage of your transaction to the Taft Alumni Association. Just select us as your charity of choice and let Amazon do the rest. This is a great way to benefit the TAA by shopping for things you would buy anyway. Giving a gift while buying things for yourself or others...We see it as a great win-win proposition!

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the 501.C3 charitable organization of your choice. **We've already seen some results with this great fund-raising tool. Simply make Taft Alumni Association YOUR choice!** Check in with <https://smile.amazon.com>

**Letters to the Editor**

To All of You [TAA Board of Directors],

Your hard work and dedication are much appreciated.

Thank you.

**Mary (Seitz) Drummer** (June '62)  
and **Greg Drummer** (January 1960)

To Paulette,

Can you help me? I am trying to locate **Sandra Schmidt Ederlein Lindenberg**.

We grew up together, graduated June, 1957 and attended our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion together. We remained in contact until last year. She sent a note she was getting divorced. Her last address I had was in Fairhope, AL. I've tried her home & cell phones, not successful. I have not had email, but will have it in next week or two, so I would be able to reach her through this method, as well as mail and phone. I really would like to remain connected with her.

A check for \$10 is enclosed. Advise if more is required. Thanks so very much.

**Lynnette E. Clooney** (June 1957)

*[Lynnette, Our records of the last email we have for Sandra was from 2014 and appears no longer valid. She is in our records with an inactive status and we do not have a current address for her. I put her name in our "Lost Classmates" section for you in hopes others may have more current info on her. If someone responds to us, we will certainly let you know. Jerry Stephenson, TAAN Editor]*

To TAA:

I finally met up with **Howard Payne** (January 1942). His daughter drove him up to Del Mar for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual all-class reunion. My caregiver drove me and is a two-hour drive from our home. We were only 15 people but a good time was had by all.

Keep up with the good work with the Taft Alumni newsletter. You all do such a good job.

**Mary Jane (Paddi) Struberg** (June 1948)

Hello Jerry,

Hope that you... are well and enjoying this Florida winter weather. Chicago is expected to set a new daily record on Wednesday [January 27<sup>th</sup>] with minus 15 as the high (wind chills are out of sight).

Looking forward to seeing you at the Taft West Reunion March 9th in Venice, Florida.



Our Christmas celebrations, started early as we took a southern Caribbean cruise to Aruba, Bonaire & Curacao. Weather and water were perfect. The picture above shows us just after the tree lighting ceremony. Each day had more, with a parade, caroling and a large gingerbread house village.



**Judie and Joe Popp at Stonehenge**

We celebrated my 70th with a Baltic cruise, then a land tour of England, Scotland and Wales. We found Stonehenge the most interesting of the many places we visited. Wish we could have spent more time there. The Baltic cruise took us from England to Copenhagen, Belgium, Germany and St. Petersburg, the latter Joe had planned to spend in for his 70th birthday, but high winds kept the ship out of port. I guess we will need to plan another trip.

In November we rested from a long bus trip to San Antonio and the Alamo. Thanksgiving for us was spent with friends, a turkey and chocolates.

To get really in the Christmas spirit, we went to St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in the USA where we took a trolley tour of the city on a cold (50 degree F) night, witnessing the maze of lights on buildings, plants & trees.

Looking forward to seeing [alums] at the upcoming Florida Taft all class reunions.

**Joe Popp** (June 1966)

Jerry:

[Below] is photo of (left to right) **Len Wislow, Tom Wendorf, Frank Lakufka, Tom Hillis, Al Nelson, Gary Andersen** and **Kent Stocking** (all '66 graduates) taken at 2nd annual Taft Athletes' Reunion at Gibsons, Rosemont, IL on Thursday, December 6th.

**Gary Anderson** (June 1966)



**Taft Athletes' Reunion - 2018**

To TAA,

Given clearance and encouragement by my cardiologist, my wife **Cindy Ludtka Prochaska** (June 1964) and I made 2018 a travel year. In March we were off to Tampa to visit sister **Marilyn Prochaska Copeland** (June 1962) and to Naples to see cousin-in-law **Dennis Bergt** (June 1965).

An April trip to London with daughter Amy and family, included visiting castles, Buckingham, Kensington, and Hampton Court palaces, Parliament and small museums.

August brought a week long family reunion in Destin, FL, with 13 adults, including sister Marilyn, brother **Jerry Prochaska** (June 1969), and 10 grandchildren.

In September it was on to Edinburgh through London, with visits to the Scottish Parliament, the Castle, Royal residence and the National museum.

November brought a trip to Berlin, with visits to the Bundestag, Brandenburg gate, Checkpoint Charlie & the Wall, and museums. Nuremberg included the German National Railroad museum and the Documentation Center, followed by a cruise on the Danube with side trips to Salzburg and the great Abbey at Melk. A week in Vienna included the Hofburg, Schonbrunn, & Belvedere palaces, numerous museums, the Opera House, coffee cafes & chocolate shops, Cathedrals and churches, concerts, and Christmas markets.

**John Prochaska** (June 1961), TAA VP/Treasurer

Dear Paulette,

Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of TAA as well as all staff members who devote so much time and efforts on their tasks.

I hesitated to provide my email as I have moved three times in two years and have not set up my computer. I can, however, receive on my phone. I happily admit I am a technological dinosaur! I am still not fully settled in either place; my final move to Maui will occur this November 2018.

My oldest granddaughter graduated with a teaching degree and license at Wisconsin U. My youngest granddaughter is a multi-award-winning photographer.

**Roberta (Lockerbie) Fiali** (June 1953)

*[Roberta, Whether or not you are a wiz on the computer, you know that TAA will happily tag along on your moves. We wish you all the best in your new home. Paulette English, TAA Web Editor]*

**[Letters to the Editor – Continued on page 10]**





## **William Howard Taft High School Drama Schedule**

Bryan Wilson, teacher in the Taft High School Drama Department is pleased to announce their 2018-2019 season! If you are in the area, we encourage you to come out and support Taft's Dramatic Arts Program. You can obtain tickets through Taft High School's website at [https://tafths.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=65794&type=d](https://tafths.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=65794&type=d)

### **In Taft's Black Box Theatre: Spring**

- **One-Act Festival**  
**May 29-31, 2019**  
Directed by the Directing Class  
Faculty advisor: Mr. Jon Cohen

### **In the Auditorium:**

Spring Musical:

- **"Chicago: High School Edition"**  
with music by John Kander,  
lyrics by Fred Ebb,  
and book by Ebb and Bob Fosse  
**April 3-7, 2019**  
Directed by Mr. Bryan Wilson  
Musical Direction by Mr. Philip Platakis  
Choreography by Ms. Alexandra Jados



## **William Howard Taft High School Donation Policy**

If you are considering making a donation to William Howard Taft High School, I would like to say "Thank you." On behalf of our 3339 students and 280 staff members I would like to commend you on helping us educate the next generation of Eagles.

There are four ways in which you can donate to our school:

- The first way to support Taft is to make a check out to **Taft High School**. In the subject line you can either print, General Funds or you may print a sport, club or activity you would like to support. (Example, Swimming Team) I will make sure those funds go into the appropriate account. You can mail the check to:  
**Taft High School**  
**6530 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.**  
**Chicago, Illinois 60631**  
**C/O Mr. Grishaber**
- The second way you can support Taft is to make a check out to **Taft PTSA**. This is our Parent-Teacher-Student- Association. These funds will go directly into helping our students our teachers. You should mail the check payable to Taft High School, C/O PTSA and we will place it in their mailbox.
- The third way to support Taft is to make a check payable to the **Taft Alumni Association** and mail it to Taft, C/O Alumni Association. The Alumni Association will then mail you a seasonal newsletter updating you on all upcoming alumni reunions and alumni news.
- The last way you can support Taft is to donate furniture, computers, books, etc. to our school. If you would like to donate materials to our school, please contact Mr. Grishaber at 773-534-1017 and I will get back to you and discuss whether or not your donation is needed at Taft.

These are the **only ways** you can support William Howard Taft High School. We do not support or condone any other organizations, foundations or non-profits that claim they are working with Taft High School. Once again, I would like to thank you for your generosity and support.

**Mr. Grishaber**, Principal  
William Howard Taft  
High School

## Class Notes



Your TAA Class Notes includes names of both new TAA members and renewals, when received prior to going to press. If you want to include other special details, please include that information on your membership form as shown on the inside of the last page of this newsletter.

### 1940s

- Trudy (Strozewski) Gander** (Jun 1942), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, lives in Hoffman Estates, IL; CPS (Certified Professional Secretary), is a retired administrative assistant since 1985, recently moved to an assisted living facility.
- James Geisler** (Jan 1947), married **Margaret Kaufuss** (1949), has 4 children, 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Brewster, MA; is a retired salesman.
- Rodney Lowell** (Jun 1947), has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Tucson, AZ; U Chicago BA; US Army 1952-1954, is a retired physics technician.
- Marge (Kaufuss) Geisler** (Jun 1949), married **James Geisler** (17168), has 4 children, 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, lives in Brewster, MA, GED; Nursing School, is a retired LPN.
- Leonard Hamachek** (Jun 1949), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Rockford, IL; Eureka College BS; US Army 2 years, Korea, is retired from sales management, "Sweet Pea" and "Bumble Bee" have been married for 62 years.
- Joan (Schwarek) Orr** (Jun 1949), has 4 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Palm Desert, CA, is a retired commercial and industrial realtor.
- Richard Sienkiewicz** (Jun 1949), has 4 children, 12 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Altamonte Springs, FL; NIU BS Edu, MS Edu; US Navy 1956-1958; is retired from IBM.

### 1950s

- Marilyn (Huntman) Giese** (Jan 1950), married **Stan Giese** (deceased) (Jun 1945), has 5 children, 18 grandchildren, lives in Aurora, IL; Iowa St Coll; Coll of DuPage, is an author, enjoys giving programs on the life of St. Peter.
- Carol (Dehlinger) Doyle** (Jun 1951), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Scottsdale, AZ, Illinois State College BS Edu '55, Nat'l College of Ed. '82, is a retired teacher.
- Richard Lally** (Jun 1951), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Edgerton, WI, Chicago Tech; US Army 2 years (Korea), is retired.
- Roberta (Lockerbie) Fiali** (Jun 1953), has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, 4 grandchildren, lives in Kihei, HI; Metropolitan Bus,

McHenry County Comm College, is retired owner of Fairview Secy Services/Fairview Financial.

- Harry Magee** (Jun 1953), married **Meg Goodell** (Jan 1955), has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Ellicott City, MD; Northwestern U BA, is an analyst for the Social Security Administration.
- Darlene (Morris) Stenstrop** (Jun 1953), has 3 children, lives in So Barrington, IL, is retired.
- Bette (Oliver) Kash** (Jan 1954), has 3 children, 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, lives in Park Ridge, IL, Wright Jr College, is a retired homemaker.
- Gregory Jaeger** (Jun 1954), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Arlington Hts, IL; Northwestern U BSBA; US Army Counter Intelligence Group 1959-62, is a retired general manager of multiple corporations.
- Alan Avery** (Jan 1955), has 1 child, 1 grandchild, lives in Des Plaines, IL; is retired, and is one of five Averys who, beside himself, graduated from Taft: Lucille 1941, George 1943, Carole 1950, Ellen 1993.
- Meg (Goodell) Magee** (Jan 1955), married **Harry Magee** (Jun 1953), has 4 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Ellicott City, MD; Northwestern U, Appalachian St, is a retired medical secretary.
- Lois (Weldon) Dowd** (Jun 1955), has 4 children, 8 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, lives in Nokomis, FL; is a retired cost accountant.
- Ronald Gottfred** (Jun 1955), has 4 children, 15 grandchildren, lives in Inverness, IL; Western St College '60, Bus Admin; US Marines 6 years, is retired.
- Patricia (Dunn) Hall** (Jun 1955), has 3 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Huntley, IL; Bradley U AA '57, is a retired Delta Airlines reservation agent, then after many years as a stay-at-home Mom, moved to the San Francisco Bay area, went back to school, worked managing doctors' offices, and says, "Thanks for all you do".
- Madeline (Deichl) Nelles** (Jun 1955), married **James Nelles** (Jun 1955), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, lives in Naples, FL; is a retired buyer of retail furniture, met husband James without knowing he was a fellow Taft graduate.
- Jim Nelles** (Jun 1955), married **Madeline Deichl** (Jun 1955), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Naples, FL, US Army 2 yrs, is retired from AT&T marketing.
- John Beall** (Jan 1956), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Newport, NC; Clemson U BS Math/Educ '60, is retired from personnel and industrial education, lives and travels in a motor home and volunteers to help build churches and maintain Christian youth camps.
- Chuck Thor** (Jun 1956), has 5 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Jackson, MI; BA, MA, PhD; US Air Force 1956-60, is a partner at TSI, Inc.
- Arleen (Galla) Soteris** (Jun 1957), has 3 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Crystal Lake, IL, is a retired go-go dancer.

**William Berquist** (Jun 1958), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, lives in Streamwood, IL, is retired.

**Louis Holian** (Jun 1958), has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL, De Paul U BSC, is self-employed.

**Fred Kaiser** (Jun 1958), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, lives in Orange, CA, is retired, and took a summer trip to Germany with two grandchildren who wanted to see where Grandpa's family grew up.

**Ron Knoll** (Jun 1958), has 2 children, 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, lives in Algonquin, IL; IIT BSEE '65, is a retired engineer, and "Radio Ron" has fun as a volunteer radio program host on Rhinelander, WI Public Radio Station WXPB.

**Joan (Petersen) Murray** (Jun 1958), married **Robert Murray** (deceased) (Feb 1952), has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, lives in Niles, IL, is a semi-retired permit coordinator at Feldco.

**Camille (Nigro) Caccavari** (Jan 1959), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Franklin Park, IL, is a Target team member.

**Ruth (Haasis) Babka** (Jun 1959), lives in Chicago, IL; North Park U BA '63; Concordia U MA '77, is a retired CPS teacher.

**Elizabeth (Henning) Murphy** (Jun 1959), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Burnsville, MN; BA Elem Ed/Spec Ed, BA Art Ed, is a retired teacher.

## 1960s

**Greg Drummer** (Jan 1960), married **Mary Seitz** (Jun 1962), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Gainesville, GA; BA, MA, is retired.

**Barbara (Blomberg) Johnson** (Jan 1960), has 5 children, 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, lives in Trabuco Canyon, CA; BA Iowa State U, is a retired fashion coordinator, teacher and Dale Carnegie trainer.

**Steve Mack** (Jan 1960), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Inverness, IL; Northwestern BSBA '69, MBA '70, CPA '73, is a retired CPA partner at Ernst & Young.

**Martha (England) Woodman** (Jan 1960), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in McFarland, WI, is a retired bank bookkeeper and daycare teacher.

**Raymond Fairbank** (Jun 1960), has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Des Moines, WA, Golden Gate U MS Communications; US Navy, Aviator, Vietnam; US Air Force, Captain, Medical Service Corp Desert Storm, is a retired insurance broker and Commander in the VFW; met his wife Linda, an Air Force Flight Nurse, in Desert Storm and lost a daughter to diabetes.

**Tom McKenzie** (Jun 1960), has 2 children, lives in Colorado Springs, CO; U WI BS '64, UI grad work; US Naval Reserve active 1966-69, reserve 1970-76, is a retired economist/real estate, enjoys Air Force Academy sports.

**David Orland** (Jun 1960), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Rio Vista, CA, is retired.

**Alex Wendorf** (Jun 1960), has 3 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Tucson, AZ, is retired.

**Christine (Wojtowicz) Batalden** (Jun 1961), has 6 children, 17 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, lives in Crystal Lake, IL; Wright Jr College, McHenry County College, is a retired legal stenographer, homemaker and volunteer plant monitor at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, and thanks TAA for its service.

**Conrad Stoll** (Jun 1961), married **Janet Knoll** (Jun 1962), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Wheaton, IL; AS '63, BS '66, OD '67, is a retired optometrist.

**Mary (Seitz) Drummer** (Jun 1962), married **Greg Drummer** (Jan 1960), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Gainesville, GA, NIU BA '67, is retired.

**Fred Meyer** (Jun 1962), has 2 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Elk Grove, IL; SIU BA '67, is retired.

**Janet (Knoll) Stoll** (Jun 1962), married **Conrad Stoll** (Jun 1961), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, lives in Wheaton, IL, is a retired office manager.

**Robert Zerwer** (Jun 1962), has 1 child, lives in Elmwood Park, IL; NIU '71, is a retired buyer for Truserv Corp.

**Carol (Jessen) Adler** (Jun 1963), has 2 children, 3 grandchildren, lives in Streamwood, IL; is a retired computer programmer of 20 years, enjoys reading the TAA newsletters, and says "keep up the good work".

**Carol (Thorson) Hildebrand** (Jun 1963), has 2 children, lives in Poinciana, FL, Gustavus BA '67, National U MS Med '80, is a retired Commander, US Navy Nurse Corps 20 years.

**Gary Piehl** (Jun 1963), has 1 child, lives in Red Wing, MN; UIC BA '71; US Army 1965-67, is retired.

**Karen (Huber) Rudnik** (Jan 1964), lives in Carol Stream, IL; Mayfair Jr Coll RN '76; DePaul BSN '83; Nat'l Coll Cert Sch Nurse '90, is a retired high school nurse.

**George Streske** (Jan 1964), has 4 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL; Mayfair College AA, is retired.

**Glenn Erickson** (Jun 1964), married **Judy Schmoock** ((Jun 1967), has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Rio Rancho, NM; AA, US Army 1968-70, is a retired police officer.

**Lynn (Bonowic) Muttini** (Jun 1964), has 2 children, 1 grandchild, lives in Poynette, WI; is a retired bank customer service specialist, winters in Texas.

**Lee Marsh** (Jan 1965), has 3 children, 9 grandchildren, lives in Palatine, IL; Purdue U BS '69, Northwestern U MBA Taxation '72, is retired (except during tax season).

**Arlane (Gulbrandsen) Christensen** (Jun 1965), married **Robert Christensen** (Jun 1965), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Marengo, IL, is a retired registered nurse.

**Bob Christensen** (Jun 1965), married **Arlane Gulbrandsen** (Jun 1965), has 3 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Marengo, IL, BS Bus Admin.

**Richard Ulasy** (Jun 1965), lives in Mc Henry, IL; US Army 2 years, is a retired mechanic.

**Martin Emrath** (Jan 1966), has 3 children, 7 grandchildren, lives in Brentwood, TN; UICC BS ME '70, U of I MBA '73, is retired.

**Lynne Ostfeld** (Jun 1966), lives in Chicago, IL; UI BA, MAT French, John Marshall Law School JD, is an attorney.

**Nancy (Mugnolo) Billings** (Jun 1967), has 2 children, 16 grandchildren, lives in Lombard, IL, is retired.

**Beth (Samuels) Charvat** (Jun 1967), has 2 children, lives in Lombard, IL, is a registered nurse. She is a former TAA board member.

**Paul Davies** (Jun 1967), has 1 child, lives in Palatine, IL; is a retired investigator of gang crimes and narcotics for the Cook County Sheriffs Police.

**Judy (Schmook) Erickson** (Jun 1967), married **Glenn Erickson** (Jun 1964), has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Rio Rancho, NM, is retired from purchasing for an electronics company.

**Janice (Fusick) Glure** (Jun 1967), has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, is retired.

**Steve Horn** (Jun 1967), has 2 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Florence, SC; BA Bus WIU '77, is a retired sales executive, and after retiring in 2017 started a sales consulting business specializing in the automotive aftermarket.

**Glenn Jensen** (Jun 1967), has 1 child, 17 grandchildren, lives in Sycamore, IL; US Navy 1970-75, is a retired computer technician.

**Thomas Lorenz** (Jun 1967), has 1 child, lives in Wheeling, IL; US Army 2 years, is in law enforcement.

**Jim Schroeder** (Jun 1967), has 6 children, 5 grandchildren, lives in Richmond, VA; Luther Col BS, MCV DDS; MCV MS Bio-chem, is a retired associate professor, VCU and LBD Consulting.

**Alexis Bernard** (1968), lives in Milwaukee, WI; U MA Boston BA '81, is a retired corporate training and communication consultant, and married Clark Smith in 2012.

**Barbara (Gron) Gron-Grosse** (1968), has 5 children, lives in Northbrook, IL; NIU, Northwestern, is retired.

**Linda (Vandlik) Mahaney** (1968), has 2 children, 2 grandchildren, lives in Smyrna, GA; NIU BSA, is retired, moved after 35 years in St. Charles IL, spends time traveling to see family and friends and other parts of the globe.

**Tim Raetzman** (1968), has 2 children, lives in Park Ridge, IL; is retired.

**Bob Kanen** (1969), has 3 children, lives in Waldwick, NJ; NEIU BA Soc '74; BA Psych '75, Ill School of Prof Psychology PsyD '82, is a clinical forensic psychologist.

**Darlene (Mika) Straka** (1969), has 3 children, 6 grandchildren, lives in Sleepy Hollow, IL; Roosevelt U BA '09, is retired from Jewel Foods.

**Anita (Pasquinelli) Welch** (1969), has 2 children, lives in Phoenix, AZ, BA Special Ed, is a retired teacher.

**Gail (Anderson) Iglitz** (1970), married **Phil Iglitz** (1969), has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Corvallis, MT, UNLV BS '03, is a retired landscape architect.

**Stan Jaworski** (1970), has 2 children, lives in Hinsdale, IL, NEU Boston MBA, is a retired healthcare IT consultant, is a board member at The Boulevard, Harmony, Hope and Healing in Chicago.

**Bob Peroni** (1970), lives in Austin, TX, DePaul U BSC '73, Northwestern U JD '76, NYU LLM Taxation '80, is a law professor.

**Nancy (Dobbertin) Blanco** (1971), lives in Mesquite, NV, is retired.

**Mike West** (1971), has 2 children, lives in Westchester, IL, is retired.

**Nancy Stevens** (1972), lives in Clearwater, FL; UI BS '77, U South FL MA '89, is a retired teacher and guidance counselor.

**Pam (Borek) McDonald** (1973), has 4 children, 11 grandchildren, lives in Lakeville, MN; UI BS El Ed, U of St. Thomas MA Gifted Ed, is a retired consultant and adjunct professor.

**Linn Joyce** (1976), has 2 children, 4 grandchildren, lives in Chicago, IL, NIU BA, is an ESL teacher, moved back to Chicago after 27 years in the suburbs.

## 1970s

**Phil Iglitz** (1969), married **Gail Anderson** (1970), has 1 child, 2 grandchildren, lives in Corvallis, MT; UIC BS '74, UNLV MS '92, is a retired math teacher.



**William Howard Taft High School under construction  
- 1939**



This collection was submitted by one of our Taft alums who was organizing her old photos recently. How many alums can you identify (first and last names) and year of graduation? Send us your list and we will announce the "winner" who correctly identifies the most classmates in our spring issue. Send to Paulette English – eagleemail@taftalumni.org

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Paulette,  
 [Regarding the cropped reunion photo in last issue, Autumn, 2018, page 13] What was most important to me was that the four classmates were cut out of the "professional" photo. I was unhappy that that happened. So, I paid to have it added to and shrunk to a more manageable size.  
 Thanks for working with this. Is a color inset doable?  
 Dealing with a former English teacher can be stressful - I am pretty anal about my spelling and punctuation. Cudos to those who agree and will help guarantee the paragraphs are printed as planned.

**Carolyn Toerpe (1968)**



Hi, Paulette and Jerry,

Hope your holidays were awesome and Happy New Year!

The graduating class of 1968, celebrated their 50th reunion on September 29, 2018. (Prior to the main event, Friday the 28th found alum at the Cubs' game and the Taft Homecoming football game.)

Saturday activities began with tours of Taft. For many, it was the first time returning to school since graduation, so it was a quite an eye-opener to see the familiar halls and classrooms (Was the pool always that small?), as well as the many changes that have taken place over the years. Thanks go out to Ryan Glowacz, Asst. Principal, for helping us organize the tours. Those who attended truly enjoyed sharing memories while navigating our Taft "home".

The evening festivities were held at Colletti's - El Centro Pizzeria during our Taft days. We had 100 classmates attend the dinner/reception. Conversation was at a high octane level throughout the evening, as everyone was reuniting with friends and table hopping to share memories.

We gave out some prizes. The longest married Taft couple went to Kathy Blassick/Dale Zilligan; the classmate living nearest to Taft - .07 miles, was Karen Flynn, the farthest commute went to Patrick Collins who came from California, and most grand kids, 11, went to Jane Scholl/Brenner, to name a few recipients.

We tried to capture the 100 alum, but the room did not offer the best of space for such a large group. And we did our best to identify each and every one who squeezed in to add to the memories of the evening. Apologies to those we may have mistakenly named and for anyone whose name was accidentally omitted.

After a year and a half of planning, we were happy to enjoy the day with everyone and accept their appreciation throughout the evening and into the following week, for all the attention to details. It was absolutely worth every moment to witness the happy faces throughout this incredible once in a lifetime event. Plans are already in place for September 28, 2019 for a smaller gathering here in Illinois.

Special thanks to out to Bob Clark for the search and rescue of so many alumni, and Debbie Swantes Domes, Nancy Luikaart, and Maggie Schmidt Cross for assisting with last minute preparations.

Finally, reunion booklets were given to all who attended. If you could not attend and wonder what those of us who did are doing these days, we have 35 memory books available. Email either Nancy or I with a request, or send \$5.00 via snail mail with your request. Nancy Warzecha, 2065 Plainfield Drive, Des Plaines, IL 60018 - [nancywarz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancywarz@sbcglobal.net) Carolyn Sykes Toerpe, 527 Grimes Avenue, Naperville, IL 60565 - [Carolyn.Toerpe@gmail.com](mailto:Carolyn.Toerpe@gmail.com)

Co Chairs **Carolyn** and Nancy (1968)

Hi Taft Alumni Assn.,

Enclosed photo of our 65<sup>th</sup> class reunion (January 1953) was held at Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 85 S. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove IL 60089 on September 15, 2018.

**Lois (Plechaty) Rolf** put this together and a great time was had by all and now looking to our 70<sup>th</sup> reunion.

**H. Paul Rebscher** (January 1953)



### Class of January 1953 Reunion

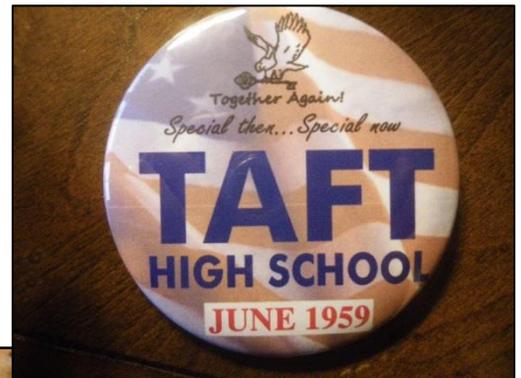
Seated (L/R): **Barbara (Thompson) Olson, Alice (Taylor) Edwards, Lois (Plechaty) Rolf, Nancy (Herz) Stahlberg, Sybil (Baginski) Wijas, Priscilla (Nanos) Kretekos.** Standing (L/R): **Gus Olson, Richard Hyps, Barb (Stendahl) Behrens, Gladys (Wessels) Hinrichs, Jim Rossen, Sue (Plein) Carroll, H. Paul Rebscher, John LaGorio, Peter Spachner, Bill Bruhn, Carl Edwards, Jim Keiler and (almost) Rich Anderson**

To TAA,

In late December, Class of June 1959 held their Annual Christmas/New Years' Luncheon at the Des Plaines Hilton Garden Inn.

Many of the 24 attendees, including some from other Classes, are shown below. Several, including Principal **Mark Grishaber**, had to leave prior to the photo. Mark gave a very informative power point presentation about TAFT today and the outlook for 2019, which was appreciated by all. Next for

the Class of June 1959 will be their Annual Spring Luncheon at the end of April, and their 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion next October 4-6.



If you learn of a classmate, faculty member or other person affiliated with Taft High School

who is deceased, or if any of the information we present appears to be in error, please contact us so that we can remember them with respect both in the newsletter and on our Memorials page online.

This page on our web site now includes, when known, civil or military service and which conflict, if any, the person was associated with. We always appreciate your help in keeping our files up to date.



**Henry Anders "Hank" Anderssohn**, class of June 1943) died May 21, 2005. He served in the US Marines during WWII. He is the brother to the late Alice (Anderssohn) Swetman (June 1946) and the late Ruth (Anderssohn) Napier (June 1949).

**Sheldon Wayne "JB" Becher**, class of June 1943, died October 8, 2018. He joined the US Air Force and was stationed in Germany for three years. He is brother of the late Donald Becher and the late Shirley (Becher) Hayes (June 1942).

**Amelia Julia "Amy" (Stefkovic) Henderson**, class of June 1944, died October 18, 2018. She is sister to the late Josephine (Stefkovic) Korcek and the late John Stefkovic (June 1947).

**Evan Gordon Olson**, class of January 1945, died June 26, 2018. He served his country during the waning years of World War II. He is the husband of Georgia (Wharton) Olson (January 1944) and father-in-law of Richard Meredith (June 1966).

**Alice Ellen (Anderssohn) Swetman**, class of June 1946, died July 30, 2008. She is the sister of Ruth (Anderssohn) Napier (June 1949) and Henry Anderssohn (June 1943).

**June Lavern (Paddi) Heller**, class of June 1948, died September 24, 2018. She is the sister of Mary Jane (Paddi) Struberg (June 1946).

**Ruth Harriet (Anderssohn) Napier**, class of June 1949, died November 7, 2018. She is the sister of the late Alice (June 1946) and the late Henry (June 1943) Anderssohn.

**Edward Raymond Lindquist**, class of January 1951, passed away on January 10, 2019 in Plano, TX of Alzheimer's Disease. He was the husband of Marlys (Petersen) Lindquist (June 1951), brother-in-law of the late Ronald E. Petersen (June 1951) and sister-in-law of Anita (Nehring) Petersen (June 1952).

**Carole Mae (Novak) Gauntlett**, class of June 1951, died in March 2018 of cancer. She was a Taft cheerleader in 1950-51.

**Doris Lazelle (Baldus) Moore**, class of June 1952, passed away on January 18, 2019 in San Diego, California, of Alzheimer's Disease.

**Alice Jean (McCreary) Lundberg**, class of June 1954, died December 28, 2018.

**Carole Jean (Oliver) Matheson**, class of January 1955, died July 8, 2017. She is the sister of Betti (Oliver) Kash (January 1954).

**Robert William "Bobby" Garland**, class of June 1955, died September 4, 2018 from Alzheimers Disease and ALS.

**Marion Louise "Micky" (Spierling) Leavy**, class of June 1956, died February 25, 2018.

**Fred Allegretti**, class of June 1959, passed away January 12, 2019. He served in the US Army in the Middle East and Europe. His is the brother of James Allegretti and Antoinette (Allegretti) Vasquez (June 1957).

**John Donald Ellis**, class of June 1962, died January 20, 2019 of complications from Parkinson's Disease. After graduating from The Citadel, he served ten years in the Army during the Vietnam War. He served as general counsel for the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC and held the position of Adjunct Assistant professor for the UT Houston Medical School since 1975. He was a past foreign trial observer for the republic of Germany and the US Dept. of State appointed John as consular general counsel for the Republic of Malta. His most treasured achievement was that of Director for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, a position he held for over 30 years.

**Frank E. Kelly**, class of June 1962, is deceased, date unknown.

**Garold Lee "Gary" Stenzel**, class of June 1964, died in September 2018. He was founder and owner of Stenzel Graphic Arts in Elk Grove Village.

**Robert Albert Rodrick**, class of June 1966, died January 2, 2019.

**Gregory Lynn Downing**, class of 1968, died December 11, 2018 in Oklahoma. He served our country in the US Navy. He is the brother to Gary Downing (1969), Karen Downing and Kathy (Downing) Dafnis (1971).

**Karen Margaret Jensen**, class of 1971, died in November 2018 in Danville IL. She was dedicated nurse until her death and is the brother of Gerald Jensen.

**John Gilmore**, class of 1980, passed away on June 2, 2018, of No-Hodgkin Lymphoma cancer in Caledonia, WI. He is the brother of Linda (Gilmore) Marasco (1981) and son of Joyce (Christensen) Johnson (June 1952).

**Stephen J. Johnson**, class of 2008, died October 18, 2018. He is the son of Carol (Berger) Johnson (1971)

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If your expiration date is close, we urge you to sit down NOW, complete the membership form on the next page and write out 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.

Thanks to all who have opted to receive their newsletter electronically. It has made a BIG difference in our printing, mailing and handling newsletter costs. Bottom line, it gives us more opportunity to use our funds for other important TAA projects for Taft.



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*Month/Year You Graduated		Number of Children _____ Children, _____ Grandchildren, _____ Great Grandchildren, _____ Great Greats?			
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Occupation			Retired? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Elementary School	
Other news you'd like to share?					<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Do not publish my information in the Class Notes</b>
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