



50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration  
**CLASSMATE SCRAPBOOK**  
**ARRIVAL & WELCOME**

**June Class of 1959 - 50th Anniversary  
The GREETING & WELCOME**



*The O'Hare Hilton Garden Inn*

*The majority of the overnight Classmates began to arrive on Thursday, September 24, 2009.*

*They were met by a group of local Classmate volunteers coordinated by Reunion Committee Member Barb Kundson-Newlin.*



*The lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn.*



*Our "Together Again" welcome table where we distributed "WELCOME KITS" to Classmates before they checked into the hotel.*

*The Hilton Garden Inn had plenty of places for small groups to meet and reconnect with Classmates they haven't seen for 50 years.*







TAFT HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS of JUNE 1959  
50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION CELEBRATION  
WELCOME BAG CONTENTS

Taft Class of June 1959  
50th Reunion Celebration  
"WELCOME KITS"

No.	Description	Notes
1	CLASSMATE MEMORY BOOK - With "Taft the Movie" DVD	
2	CLASSMATE & GUEST NAME TAGS - Used for all events	
	REUNION EVENT(s) TICKET ENVELOPE - for Classmates & Guests	
3	a. Special Chicago Bus Tour Tickets	Paid Only- Others See Joe Bartel
	b. Reunion Gala Banquet Tickets	Color & Type Represent Dinner Choice
	c. Taft Tour Tickets	Paid Only- Others See Joe Bartel
	d. Taft High Tour Tickets	Paid Only- Others See Joe Bartel
4	HANDOUT INSTRUCTIONS - 6 Page Arrival Instructions	
	POCKET GUIDE TRI-FOLD - 50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion Pocket Guide - Reunion Events At-A-Glance	
5	a. Reunion Events At-A-Glance	4 Day Events in Detail
	b. Reunion Gala Banquet Agenda	50th Anniversary Celebration Schedule Detail
	c. Where to Meet for Taft Tour	Taft Parking Map
	d. Taft High School Floor Plan	Taft H.S. Floor Map
	e. Taft Alma Mater Bookmark	Taft H.S. "Fight Song" Words
6	GRAMMAR SCHOOL DINNER FORM - Instructions Sheet for Sign-up Sat Dinner	
7	TAFT CHORUS CD ORDER FORM - Original Mixed & Girls Chorus Recordings from 50's & 60's	
8	CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM - Make sure it is correct NOW!	
9	CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE POST CARD - For future contact information changes	
10	TAFT BUTTONS - Button souvenir compliments of Larry Marsh	
11	TAFT ALUMNI SIGN-UP FORM - For those wishing to sign-up for the Taft Alumni	
12	1950'S ORGAN MUSIC CD - Compliments of the KBS Radio Performing Dentist Les Zurawic	
13	50 <sup>th</sup> REUNION COMMEMORATIVE BOOKMARK - Compliments of Karen Newburg-Mueller	
14	LIST OF 32 RESTAURANTS - Within 3 miles of the Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare	
15	LIST OF 25 CHURCHES - Offering Services within 3 Miles of the Hilton Garden Inn O'Hare	
16	RIDE or DRIVE to TAFT SIGN-UP SHEET - Saturday Taft Tour rides for out of towners	



Here is a list of the 16 items found in the WELCOME KITS.







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Classmate Volunteers as Greeters*



↑ *Jim Fisher picks up his Welcome Bag*



↑ *Ron Barth poses for a picture at the Welcome Desk*



↑ *Barbara Knudson-Newlin coordinated all the greeting volunteers over the two days of arrivals prior to the Gala Banquet on Friday, September 25th. Her smiles show just how much fun she had executing this important role.*



↑ *Sue Gardner-O'Connell Can't stop smiling thinking about all the fun she is going to have at the 50th Reunion. After raising 5 children and Grandmother to 12 and Great-Grandmother to 3 she deserves a fun weekend.*



↑ *Janet Wordell-Pfannensteil arrives from Door County/Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin*





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← In the background: Les Zurawic and Carol Warden-Furcon, Judy Thornton-Lewis is behind the Welcome Desk, and Leah Herbst-McWhorter and her husband Dennis are talking with Classmate Janet Wordell-Pfannenstiel.



← Jeff Carson and Dennis McWhorter in background, Les Zurawic discussing the Special 50's Music CD he created and performed for each classmate, with Pat Santell-Lutz and Karen Lange-Wilson.



← Les Zurawic and Karen Lange-Wilson have a conversation while Paul Walker and Karl Fiedler discuss the past 50 years since seeing one another.



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↑ Barb Kundson-Newlin, Rae Marie Hilliard-Byrd apparently thumbing for a ride, & Arnie Werling's wife Jane



↑ Welcome ambassador Sue Willers-Bruce greets Dave Barth brother of classmate Ron Barth and the Founder/Director of "The Voices of Spirit Chorus" that provided a wonderful performance at the Gala Banquet on Friday.



↑ Pat Santell-Lutz and Judy Thornton-Lewis manning the Welcome Desk, with Dave Barth directing something off camera.



↑ Joe Bartel talking with Betty Henning-Murphy with her husband Dave looking on. Les Torrey and Pat Santell-Lutz are in the background.



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↑ Penni Eichin-Isaccson and Fred Allegretti in final preparation for Welcome Desk arrivals.



↑ Betty Henning-Murphy and Karen Knuth-Neibarger in the foreground with Larry Marsh in the blue Taft jacket & hat directing traffic at a very busy Welcome Desk.



↑ Rae Marie Hillier-Byrd coming in from Oklahoma, Yvonne Klincik-Prisble & her husband Dan arriving from Tucson, AZ and Karen Lange-Wilson who flew in from Laguna Niguel, CA. "Together Again" at the 50th Reunion.



↑ Carole Mommsen-Meyer, Sue Willers-Bruce & Larry Marsh in the Blue Taft Jacket, Grey Taft Shirt, Blue Taft Baseball Cap, sporting his Taft Reunion Button & HS pictured Name Tag. To say Larry REALLY got into this reunion stuff would be an understatement.





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*Here is Sue Willers-Bruce welcoming Carole Mommsen-Meyer arriving from Indiana and Ron Barth arriving from Southern California.*



*↑ Part of the west coast contingent Jeff Carson, Leah Herbst-McWhorter and her husband Dennis, talking with Classmate Diane Dykeman-Howery.*



*↑ Pat Santell-Lutz and Joe Bartel talking with Judy Thornton-Lewis.*



*Pat Santell-Lutz in the far background, then Karen Lange-Wilson to the left of what looks like a cowboy but is really Karl Fiedler talking to Paul Walker and an unknown woman. We believe the woman is a classmate or a Taft Reunion button thief posing as a classmate.*



*Here is our get around greeter Sue Willers-Bruce welcoming Nancy Nelson-Scimeca & her husband Roger arriving from Ft. Collins, CO.*





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← Anne Fear-McManus talking to Carol Mommsen-Meyer, with Arnie Werling's wife Jane in the foreground walking to the Welcome Desk.



← Sue Willers-Bruce, sporting her new Taft Reunion Button & HS pictured Name Tag found in her Welcome Bag.



↑ Penni Eichin-Isaccson and Kelsey Peterson buds since Grammar School. Penni is getting information on a friends hip replacement and she is helping Kelsey understand what the difference is between Purl Stitch and Moss Stitch.