



TAFT REUNION NEWS

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OCTOBER 3, 2008 **MINI-REUNION**

"Evenings just don't get any better than this!"

"Together Again"

Our Class Reunion Motto

This is to update you on recent Class reunion activities and plans. On Friday night, 3 October, we had a most successful and enjoyable Mini-Reunion at the Hilton Garden Inn on River Road in Des Plaines.

Forty-six Classmates attended and twenty spouses/guests joined as well. We started the evening getting our nametags, enjoying cocktails, and seeing Classmates we hadn't seen in a long, long time in a separate reception area. We also had a "TAFT June 1959 Aerie Yearbook" and some other memorabilia to jog our memories and recall those formative, exciting, and fun years we all spent at TAFT, 1955-1959.

Our Class Treasurer, Joe Bartel, provided his professional sound equipment for some brief announcements in the reception area; and, later, he did the same for our after dinner announcements and entertainment. Fred Allegretti, our Class website Webmaster, had printed up nametags and prepared a welcome packet for all. We found this new Hilton Garden Inn to be very accommodating, friendly, and helpful; and, we all now are more convinced than ever that it will be the perfect place for our 50th Reunion next September. There is plenty of free parking, well-appointed rooms, a large lobby, and a large banquet facility. The hotel also provided a large screen free of charge, which we utilized when Fred showed a 15 minute "teaser" of "TAFT-The Movie". It's clear we have chosen the right place for our 50th!

For dinner, we had our choice of plated teriyaki salmon, sautéed chicken breast, or a vegetarian special. It all was well-prepared and presented, another plus for the hotel and their catering. During dinner, we worked on Pat Santell Lutz's 25 Question "Mini-Reunion TAFT Memory Test", which was a lot of fun and a real brain teaser.

We did it by tables, and Classmates at the winning table all received a TAFT Alumni Association Baseball Hat. It was somewhat amazing that we remembered so much! Pat, in particular, has a great memory! We also had 50's music playing in the background thanks to Joe and Fred.

After dinner, I had the pleasure of introducing the Reunion Committee present and reading their short comments from the yearbook. Joining me that evening were: Class Vice President Barb Knudson Newlin, who also designed and had made a great Reunion Banner which we had displayed on the wall all night; Webmaster Fred Allegretti; Treasurer Joe Bartel; Pat Santell Lutz; Ken Yonan; Judy Thornton Lewis; Les Torrey; and Arnie Werling.

Out-of-towners Kent Meyer (our Master Name/Locator Spreadsheet Keeper) and Sue Willers Bruce (our primary website searcher for missing Classmates) were unable to join us, but both are planning to travel to Chicago next September.

Fred then showed us 15 minutes of the DVD he diligently is working on: "TAFT-the Movie", 1955 to 1959. Indeed, he got a standing ovation following his presentation. Seeing photos and video, watching some animation, and listening to the sound effects and music from our era at TAFT were worth the price of the evening alone. It is an entertaining, clever, oft humorous, professional, and memorable production! We all now await the 60-90 minute final product, which Fred is diligently working on.

You will DEFINITELY want to get a copy and watch it at the 50th. By the way, this DVD will be included in the cost of the Reunion....no extra charge.

We concluded the MINI-REUNION by taking a group photo, which will be on the website, and then all rising to sing our alma mater "Dear TAFT, You've Our Loyalty"....not once, but twice through! It was a wonderful evening and a great prelude to next year's 50th!

Afterwards many of us lingered in the banquet area or hotel reception area until the wee hours talking, remembering, joking, enjoying. ***Evenings just don't get any better than this!***

Speaking of the 50th, early next year all Classmates for whom we have a valid address will receive a 50th Reunion Registration Package which includes a Registration Form along with an important Memory Book Questionnaire. Filling out both the Registration Form and the Questionnaire, and sending both back before March 15, 2009 with your 50th Reunion Reservation check will be essential. We will need both to finalize plans for the big weekend and to print up a bound Memory Book, which also will be included in the cost of the Reunion....no extra charge. So, watch for this Registration Package early in the new year, read the cover letter for the Registration Form and the cover letter for the Memory Book Questionnaire carefully, and please act on it promptly. Thanks!

In the meantime, please also visit our website often www.taftreunion1959.com and keep an eye out for future e-mail updates. Note the list of 78 "Still Missing" or "No Response" to current contact information. See attached list and let me or any Reunion Committee Member know at once if you have any clue on how we might contact one of these "Still Missing" Classmates. Thanks!

Stay in touch; and, on behalf of the entire Reunion Committee, I wish all a very memorable, relaxing, safe, healthy, and blessed holiday season as the year 2008 draws to a close. Keep enjoying life to the fullest and keep remembering 1955-1959. See you September 24-27, 2009!

Larry Marsh
TAFT June 1959
Class President

FOR CURRENT "MISSING CLASSMATE LIST"
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*Together
Again!*

Friends and Classmates:

Below are 78 names of Classmates, 50 for whom we either have NO current phone number, e-mail, or street address, 12 for whom we have contact information but have received NO RESPONSE, and 16 for whom we have contact information that is NOT YET CONFIRMED.

CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE ANYONE? If so, feel free to contact anyone on the Reunion Committee, whose phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the front side of this letter or are available on our Reunion Website at: www.taftreunion1959.com, or please contact me personally. Again, the Reunion Committee thanks you!



*Go Taft Go!
Larry Marsh*

As of JANUARY 2009 STILL MISSING CLASSMATES LIST

1	Carole Albano	27	Judith Hultman	53	Joanne Alice Paldorf
2	Ruth Ann Albertz	28	Stewart James	54	James Parker
3	Augustine Alonzo	29	Mary Ann Kammien	55	Larry Douglas Payne
4	Carol Anderson	30	Melvin Kielas	56	Mary Pecan
5	Daniel Anderson	31	Al Knapp	57	Nick Pelletiere
6	Jerry Anderson	32	Suzanne Knudsen Parpus	58	Marianne Pohle
7	Ann Bachert- Pistilli	33	Thomas John Konefes	59	William Rice & Marion
8	Alan Bachman	34	Claire Kudish-Drudge	60	Jean Rupany -Ghislin
9	June Berg	35	Lorene Lansdon	61	Peter Saiger
10	Jennifer Bowen	36	Sandra Leal	62	Bonnie Schmidt-Baumgartner
11	Nancy Bower	37	Geraldine Lesniak	63	Agnes Schwamb
12	Sharon Sue Brazale-Austin	38	Jacqueline Lesniak	64	Helene Schwengel
13	Charles Burm	39	Dennis Charles Lube	65	Dominic Scimeca
14	Robert Bukowski	40	Nancy Majewski	66	Judith Stevens
15	Marcia Chesters	41	Theresa Makinen	67	William Stevens
16	James Cimfel	42	Sherry Manda	68	Janice Stiller
17	Paul Cirricione	43	Noreen Mcglade-Lethert	69	Marlene Sunagel
18	Dorothy I. Cline	44	Nancy Mikulski	70	Louise Thompson-Haldeman
19	Kathleen Ely	45	Phyllis Mindak	71	Jeff Thornton
20	Kenneth Erickson	46	Beverly Minison	72	Dennis Topolinski
21	Carole Ford-Yurkanin	47	Mary Molitoris-Utes	73	Carolyn Trefny-Showalter
22	Sandra Fulton-Strobot	48	Judith Moll-Stephens	74	Mary Vlahos
23	Judith Halihan	49	Joyce Muehleman	75	Ruth Voling - Thomas
24	Joanne Hamrin	50	Maryanne Musillani	76	Joseph Votava
25	Joyce Helms	51	Marcia Nolting-Kleve	77	Karen Waltman
26	Weston Hinkell	52	Joyce Page-Yagerman	78	Joanne Wolfe

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