



## FIRST POST 50<sup>TH</sup> REUNION COMMUNICATION

***Even if the 50<sup>TH</sup> Reunion is over the “Together Again” reconnection has just started!***

***From one of the many emails and notes of appreciation we have received: Denise Kussy-Paske has expressed the true spirit of “Together Again” theme for all of us, “It was a fairy tale week end... Instead of the memories fading they continue to grow and expand in detail, since the reunion seems to have unleashed much further emailing among reacquainted old friends as well as surprising new friendships as well. All good stuff... Next October will be fantastic...”***

TAFT June 1959 Classmates and Friends:

I sincerely trust that everyone is still enjoying the many pleasant memories of our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion! I know my wife, Barb, and I certainly are, as are my fellow Reunion Committee members. Indeed, it was a wonderful four days as we all had the opportunity to see Classmates, teammates, and friends again....in most cases after 50 years! I speak for The Reunion Committee when I say it was a pleasure, honor, and true “labor of love” to plan and execute The Reunion, and it was a lot of fun as we got to know each other again, laugh often, and “walk down Memory Lane” every month on a Saturday morning during our routine conference calls. We thank all of you who have called us and sent us very complimentary notes, e-mails, and cards. That has been most gratifying. THANKS!

On behalf of the current TAFT Principal, Dr. Tarvardian, and the faculty of our alma mater, The Reunion Committee would like to sincerely thank all Reunion attendees who so graciously donated to TAFT. A total of **\$1,840** was voluntarily contributed. According to Dr. Tarvardian, our Class had the largest reunion numbers to visit TAFT and is the first to donate to the school. The money is to be used to benefit current TAFT students, and we will receive a report on how it will be used.

For those of you who attended The Reunion, and for those of you who unfortunately had to miss it, I invite you to go to our website [www.taftreunion1959.com](http://www.taftreunion1959.com) for lots of Reunion photos and comments, which our super, talented, and dedicated webmaster, Fred Allegretti, has posted. You will certainly enjoy the Reunion “the second time around.” By the way, if you have some photos from The Reunion you would like to see posted on our website, please e-mail them to Fred (*His e-mail address is mentioned in the next paragraph*). So, do go to our website often! Besides Reunion photos, we plan to keep it updated, interesting, and memorable in the months ahead.

If you are interested in ordering a first or additional copy, we do have extra Memory Books for sale at **\$35.00** a copy plus **\$7.00** for packaging and postage. Again, this is a 162 page, *very professional*, all color product, which will not disappoint. *And, it includes the 1 hour DVD “TAFT – The Movie” all about our days at TAFT and growing up in the late 1950’s.* Indeed, it is a real bargain, and it has been described by LifeTouch National School Studios, Inc., the number #1 yearbook publisher in the country, as ***“The best Reunion Memory Book we have ever published.”*** Please contact Fred Allegretti at [freda16@aol.com](mailto:freda16@aol.com) or go to our website and download the order form: [http://www.taftreunion1959.com/memory\\_book\\_order\\_form\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.taftreunion1959.com/memory_book_order_form_FINAL.pdf)

Also, if you would like a copy of our Class photo (*which is posted on the website at: <http://www.taftreunion1959.com/Taft June 1959 - Class Picture 2009.pdf>* ), or a copy of any other official photo (*i.e. Grammar School, sports team, etc.*) taken at The Reunion banquet, please contact our photographer at:

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All are reminded to keep their contact information up to date with us, so we can continue to send you e-mails and information about our Class and annual Mini-Reunions. You may e-mail, call, or write Fred or any Reunion Committee member. For a list of Reunion Committee members click on the following web address: <http://www.taftreunion1959.com/13-CONTACT.html> Likewise, if you discover a "lost" Classmate, who missed The Reunion or who has not yet sent in his/her contact information, please let us know as soon as possible, so they may be included in the future.

I also encourage everyone who has not done so, to visit the TAFT Alumni Association website at [www.taftalumni.org](http://www.taftalumni.org) and sign up to join and start receiving the informative quarterly *TAFT Alumni Newsletter*. It always is a good read! You may also purchase current TAFT items.

Speaking for the entire Reunion Committee Team, I want to say what a joy and thrill it was to see and talk to so many of you again at The Reunion. I hope to see all of you next year on Saturday evening, 2 October 2010, at the same Hilton Garden Inn in Des Plaines for Mini-Reunion #51. We will have dinner "together again" and do a few special things as well. Please plan on it! And, here is our new, expanded Class motto:

***On behalf of all your dedicated Reunion Committee members,***

***We are Taft, June 1959 - Special Then, Special Now... and "Together Again!"***

***Larry Marsh***

*1959 Class President and June 1959 Taft Reunion Chairman*