



TAFT REUNION NEWS CLASS OF JUNE 1959

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2009 REUNION SITE HAS BEEN CHOSEN!

O'HARE HILTON GARDEN INN... Voted 2008 Hotel of the Year!

Less than 10 Minutes from the Airport & Less than 15 Minutes to Taft

With SPECIAL Guaranteed Classmate Room Rates - FREE Airport Shuttle & FREE Parking if You Drive!

Memo from Larry ...

Greetings! I am very pleased today to announce to you that, after an extensive search, your Reunion Committee has selected The Hilton Garden Inn on River Road in Des Plaines as the site for our upcoming 50th Reunion in September 2009 (next year!).

Please see the attached information about the Inn. I hope you will be as impressed as we were and agree with our selection. We were fortunate to have five Reunion Committee members directly involved with the search and selection. They were: Pat Santell Lutz (Chairman of the search Sub-Committee), Joe Bartel, Fred Allegretti, Judy Thornton Lewis, and Arnie Werling. In particular, Pat's many years of working for northwest area community service, visitor, and commercial business organizations was most helpful and really paid off. I'm sure you will be interested in Pat's words which follow, describing why The Hilton Garden Inn was chosen.

To remind you, our 50th Reunion will take place from Thursday – Sunday, 24-27 September 2009. We will have plenty of rooms reserved for you at The Hilton Garden Inn, which will be the site of the big Friday night 50th Banquet and the starting point for all other Reunion activities. More information about costs, how you can sign up for Reunion events, and how you can reserve a room at the Inn will be promulgated later via these Newsletters, on our website, and through a regular mailing...so, keep an eye out for future Newsletters. For now, please reserve the dates!

If you aren't doing so on a regular basis, let me encourage you also to go to our website, www.taftreunion1959, where you will find a wealth of information about the Reunion, our Class and Classmates, the school, and the Happy Days of the late 1950s. You won't be disappointed!

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Open Taft Reunion version of the Hilton Garden Inn electronic brochure attached with newsletter to view all the details about the hotel.

It includes pictures of rooms, restaurant, lobby, ballroom, bar, fitness room, pool areas and specifics on other hotel features, benefits & amenities.



Larry continued...

In particular, I want to mention that we will again have a "Mini-Reunion" one evening in early October this fall, so please plan on attending this wonderful time of remembrances, friendships, and fun, as we eat and talk. Thirty-seven or us, plus many spouses, got together last October, and it was a wonderful evening.

We are hoping that even more will attend this October. Please plan on doing so, for we would love to see you again and catch up. "Mini-Reunion" information will be sent soon.

Finally, feel free to contact me or any Reunion Committee member (listed as part of this Newsletter). We always enjoy hearing from Classmates! Also, and this is very important, if you have any information concerning the "still missing" Classmates listed on our website, contact one of us as soon as possible. We want all to know about our Reunions...and to attend!

Thank You. Keep an eye out for our next Newsletter.

We'll be in touch...

Larry Marsh
TAFT Class President, June 1959

Thoughts from Pat Santell-Lutz ...

(Our Site Selection Committee Chairperson & former Vice President of Greater Woodfield Convention & Visitors Bureau)

Dear Classmates:

During meeting discussions, the subcommittee agreed that among the priorities for selecting the best hotel to meet our reunion needs, location held a high priority, yet at the same time the property had to be first class.. It had to offer a very competitive overnight room rate, and provide top ranked banquet/food /beverage and finally include amenities that would meet auxiliary needs. We also wanted a property that did not charge for parking, which in Rosemont and Chicago is hard to find.

After personal visits to several suburban hotel locations, and thanks to Joe Bartel's extra leg work, the subcommittee finally met with and had lunch with the management of the Des Plaines Hilton Garden Inn and after comparing many hotel options, we offer the following as evidence for choosing the HGI property (253 rooms over 8 stories, which opened 2 1/2 years ago) as our favorite. Pat Santell Lutz

PAT'S TOP 10 REASONS TO PICK THE HILTON

1. Location - Location - Location, approximately 10 minutes from O'Hare Airport & less than 15 minutes to Taft straight down Devon Road.
2. Free shuttle to & from airport or local restaurants & Free Hotel Parking
3. Best guaranteed guest room rate of \$99 (plus taxes) per night in 2009. Classmates make their own reservations with the hotel & rooms offer 2 double or queen size beds. We Blocked 50 rooms for our group, which can be increased or reduced.
4. Rooms are oversized & have over 40 listed amenities. See page 4 of the 9 page Hilton Garden Inn electronic brochure.
5. Banquet room large enough to accommodate our numbers & facilities such as Fitness Center, Pool & 24 hour Pantry
6. Food service is directed by a ranked chef, & served by a high quality kitchen and wait staff. Banquet menu selections are plentiful & up to us. Optional breakfast buffet \$12.95 each morning is offered.
8. Hospitality Suite - Complimentary for entire event & other hotel services exceeds most typically offered.
9. Warm & inviting lobby for gathering & talking.
10. Hotel staff that is very anxious to provide FIRST CLASS SERVICE for our function & has recently earned the distinction of Hilton

TAFT HIGH SCHOOL MISSING CLASSMATES from CLASS of JUNE 1959

As of April 25, 2008

1	CAROLE ALBANO	24	SANDRA LEAL	47	BONNIE SCHMIDT (Baumgartner)
2	RUTH ANN ALBERTZ	25	GERALDINE LESNIAK	48	AGNES SCHWAMB
3	CAROL ANDERSON	26	JACQUELINE LESNIAK	49	HELENE SCHWANGEL
4	DANIEL ANDERSON	27	DENNIS CHARLES LUBE	50	PHYLLIS SORRENTINO (Stratton)
5	RUTH BENTZ	28	NANCY MAJEWSKI	51	JUDITH STEVENS
6	JUNE BERG	29	THERESA MAKINEN	52	WILLIAM STEVENS
7	JENNIFER BOWEN	30	SHERRY MANDA	53	JANICE STILLER
8	NANCY BOWER	31	NANCY MIKULSKI	54	MARLENE SUNAGEL
9	ROBERT BUKOWSKI	32	PHYLLIS MINDAK	55	CAROLYN TREFNY (Showalter)
10	MARCIA CHESTERS	33	BEVERLY MINISON	56	MARY VLAHOS
11	CATHERINE CRISANTI	34	MARY MOLITORIS (Ed Utes)	57	RUTH VOLING (Thomas)
12	KATHLEEN ELY	35	JOYCE MUEHLEMAN	58	KAREN WALTMAN
13	CAROL FRENZEL (John Kemp)	36	MARYANNE MUSILLANI	59	CHARLENE WATZKE (Donat)
14	KENNETH GROSSICH	37	SHARON LEE OLSEN (Engel)	60	JOANNE WOLFE
15	JUDITH HALIHAN	38	JUNELLE ANN OTREMBA	CONTACT INFORMATION FOR "MISSING" CLASSMATES Larry Marsh: 703-444-6255 fairseas2u@cox.net Kent Meyer: 765-362-9262 carolekent@accelplus.net Pat Santell Lutz: 847-259-0120 patlutz@comcast.net	
16	JUDITH HALTERMAN	39	Vivian JOYCE PAGE (Yagerman)		
17	JOANNE HAMRIN	40	JOANNE ALICE PAIDORF		
18	JOYCE HELMS	41	JAMES PARKER		
19	JUDITH HULTMAN	42	LARRY DOUGLAS PAYNE		
20	LOIS JACOBS (Meute)	43	MARY PECAN		
21	STEWART JAMES	44	MARIANNE POHLE		
22	MARY ANN KAMMIEN	45	DAVID ROSS		
23	LORENE LANSDON	46	PETER SAIGER		