



TAFT REUNION NEWS

CLASS OF JUNE 1959

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MINI-REUNION READY TO GO FOR OCTOBER 2008

STILL MISSING 67 CLASSMATES!

"Together Again"

Dear TAFT Classmate and Friends,

In January 2007, we began a serious effort to plan our 50th Reunion commemorating our June 1959 graduation from TAFT. A Reunion Committee has been meeting regularly by telephone conference call since then, and we plan to continue to do so. The firm dates for the Reunion are Thursday, September 24 through Sunday, September 27, 2009. I hope you and yours are planning to attend! Please keep an eye on our website www.taftreunion1959.com for more information now and especially as the time draws nearer. A list of Reunion Committee members along with their contact information can be found on our website by clicking on the "Contact Us" Button. Feel free to contact them at any time by phone or e-mail with your comments, recommendations, or questions. And, if your name and/or address are incorrect or misspelled, please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

Additionally, we are now sending out periodic Reunion Newsletters by e-mail to keep everyone updated on Reunion plans and website content.

These Newsletters, which are posted on the website, also contain notes from the past, current information about TAFT, and interesting items to remind us of our days growing up in Chicago and attending TAFT. You don't want to miss them! If you are not receiving these e-mails, let us know. To enhance our contact with you, please give us your current e-mail address, and be sure to let us know if it changes. Thanks!

In the meantime, however, the Reunion Committee has decided not to wait another year to get together to renew old friendships and to see and talk to each other in person. Most of us still haven't seen each other for almost 50 years! Consequently, as we did last October, many of us are going to get together again for another MINI-REUNION this coming October 3rd (Friday night) for a dinner and an informal time in Chicago, and we want to invite you and ALL Classmates and spouses to join us. While I hope any and all Classmates living in the Chicago area or in nearby states will arrange their plans to attend, everyone, no matter where they live, certainly is invited.

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So, do keep Friday evening, 3 October, THIS FALL free if at all possible and plan to join us. Thanks! Additionally, we will be posting a copy of this letter on the reunion website mentioned earlier.

The only program planned that evening is to see and talk with one another again after all these years, have dinner together, take a few group pictures for posting on our website, and to hear a brief update from the Reunion Committee on 50th Reunion plans. Indeed, it should be a fun time of catching up and remembering! Again, I sincerely hope you and yours can attend.

We plan to meet at 6:30 pm sharp at The O'Hare Hilton Garden Inn, which is located at 2930 South River Road in Des Plaines...only 4.4 miles from TAFT. As many of you know, especially if you visit our website, we have contracted with the Hilton Garden Inn for our 50th Reunion, so this will be an excellent time to see where our big celebration next year will take place. To further describe the hotel and identify its location, a map is included on our website. So, again, on 3 October, following a cash bar and time for socializing and greeting, we will have dinner, which will be served promptly at 7:30.

You will have three entrée choices, which include: Sautéed Chicken Breast, Teriyaki Salmon, or a Vegetarian Plate. Dinner also will include soup, salad, a fresh vegetable, a pasta or rice depending on the entree selected, dessert, and coffee. The total cost (*including gratuity*) for the entire evening of reunion, stories, dinner, fellowship, remembering, etc. is only **\$45 per person**, which is the same we paid last year when we held our first Mini-Reunion at The Forge Club in Vernon Hills just north of Chicago.

Dress will be business casual—no coats or ties. We will have a *private room*, and all will pay their own way that evening (cash, check, or credit card). Our Classmate, Les Torrey, a member of the Reunion Committee, has been kind enough to coordinate the evening for us, and we sincerely thank him for doing so. .

I encourage you to sign up now for this wonderful evening of reunion and reconnection. To sign up, please contact Les at: ictorrey@amertech.net or call him at 773-631-2863 (Home) or 224-406-4989 (Cell). Simply tell Les the name(s) and correct spelling (*for name tags*) of who will be coming.

Then also remember to give him your entrée choice(s) from the list of three mentioned above. Again, no payment is required until the evening of the MINI-REUNION on 3 October. If we don't have your latest e-mail or phone number, tell him that too!

Again, following dinner, the Reunion Committee will give a brief update on 50th Reunion plans, and we will take a group picture. More socializing, remembering, "tall tales", etc. will round out the evening, and all will be free to depart whenever they want or need to. It certainly promises to be another great evening for all of us June 1959 TAFT graduates!

In that the ordering of food and reserving a right-sized private room is very important, we do need an exact count of the number planning to attend; so, if you want to join us, I would ask you now to make a firm commitment; so, again, notify Les Torrey either by e-mail or phone call as soon as you can. In any case, we need a firm count by the end of the day, Monday, September 29th. We won't be able to make changes after that, and will expect all who signed up to attend.

Of note, several of you have sent website material to our super Webmaster, Classmate Fred Allegretti, who used it as he continues to enhance our website www.taftreunion1959.com.---Fred will return all materials at the MINI-REUNION in October. If you would like your material back sooner, or if you have additional website memorabilia or material to submit, please contact Fred at freda16@aol.com. Speaking of Fred, he plans to give everyone who attends the MINI-REUNION a DVD copy of the latest version of **"TAFT the Movie"**, which he is producing. It is over one-hour long and all about us and our time at TAFT High School, 1955-1959.

It remains a "work in progress". It won't be finished by October, but it already is terrific, thanks to Fred. The final version will be shown as part of the 50th Reunion next year. That's it for now. Stay in touch.

Let us hear from you...and, again, take a good look at the enclosed list and help us find the "missing". Thanks! Larry Marsh

**See you on Friday night, 3 October!
GO TAFT GO!!**



MISSING CLASSMATES September ~ 2008

*Together
Again!*

Friends and Classmates:

Below are 67 names of Classmates which we have been unable to confirm mailing or emails addresses & phone numbers, or have been able to notify about our scheduled 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration on September 24-27, 2009, at the Hilton Garden Inn, located in Des Plaines, IL.

CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE ANYONE?

If so, please contact me personally, or the Reunion Committee members listed below, or any of the eight other Reunion Committee members listed on our Website: http://www.taftreunion1959.com/_13-CONTACT.html.

Thanks! GO TAFT GO!! - Larry Marsh,
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MISSING CLASSMATES					
1	CAROLE ALBANO	25	LORENE LANSDON	49	BONNIE SCHMIDT (Baumgartner)
2	RUTH ANN ALBERTZ	26	SANDRA LEAL	50	AGNES SCHWAMB
3	AUGUSTINE ALONZO	27	GERALDINE LESNIAK	51	HELENE SCHWENGEL
4	CAROL ANDERSON	28	JACQUELINE LESNIAK	52	DOMINIC SCIMECA
5	DANIEL ANDERSON	29	DENNIS CHARLES LUBE	53	PHYLLIS SORRENTINO (Stratton)
6	JERRY ANDERSON	30	NANCY MAJEWSKI	54	JUDITH STEVENS
7	ANN BACHERT (Pistilli)	31	THERESA MAKINEN	55	WILLIAM STEVENS
8	JUNE BERG	32	SHERRY MANDA	56	JANICE STILLER
9	JENNIFER BOWEN	33	PHYLLIS MINDAK	57	MARLENE SUNAGEL
10	NANCY BOWER	34	BEVERLY MINISON	58	LOUISE THOMPSON (Haldeman)
11	ROBERT BUKOWSKI	35	MARY MOLITORIS (Utes)	59	JEFF THORNTON
12	Charles Alphonse BURM	36	JOYCE MUEHLEMAN	60	DENNIS TOPOLINSKI
13	MARCIA CHESTERS	37	MARYANNE MUSILLANI	61	CAROLYN TREFNY (Showalter)
14	KATHLEEN ELY	38	MARCIA NOLTING (Kleve)	62	MARY VLAHOS
15	CAROLE FORD (Yurkanin)	39	SHARON LEE OLSEN (Engel)	63	RUTH VOLING (Thomas)
16	SANDRA FULTON (Strobot)	40	JUNELLE ANN OTREMBA	64	JOSEPH VOTAVA
17	JUDITH HALIHAN	41	JOYCE PAGE (Yagerman)	65	KAREN WALTMAN
18	JOANNE HAMRIN	42	JOANNE PAIDORF or PALDORF	66	CHARLENE WATZKE (Donat)
19	JOYCE HELMS	43	JAMES PARKER	67	JOANNE WOLFE
20	WESTON HINKELL	44	LARRY DOUGLAS PAYNE	STILL MISSING CLASSMATES Have Information? Contact:	
21	JUDITH HULTMAN	45	MARY PECAN		
22	STEWART JAMES	46	VITO Nick PELLETIERE	Larry Marsh:	fairseas2u@cox.net 703-444-6255
23	MARY ANN KAMMIEN	47	MARIANNE POHLE	Kent Meyer:	carolekent@accelplus.net 765-362-9262
24	THOMAS JOHN KONEFES	48	PETER SAIGER	Pat Santell Lutz:	patlutz@comcast.net 847-259-0120