



TAFT REUNION NEWS

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COUNTDOWN HAS STARTED! 112 DAYS REMAIN BEFORE OUR 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

"Together Again"

Dear TAFT Classmate & Friends,

By now, each of you should have received a 50th Reunion Sign-Up Package in the mail sometime between last February and May.

I know many of you have returned your Sign-Up Form and Memory Book Questionnaire, and all of us on the Reunion Committee are looking forward to seeing you and any guests this September! **Attached to this e-mail is a detailed DRAFT agenda for the big Friday, 25 September, 50th Reunion Banquet.** As you will see, it will be a great evening of fun and memories for all of us! Please note that our TAFT Music Program Director, J.J. Stamm is planning to attend.



ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL

Also, the website has a list of the **80 Classmates**, who currently plan to attend the Reunion. That brings the total to **134, including guests.** The list is growing daily; so, If you received your 50th Sign-Up Package and have not yet signed up, let me encourage you to do so as soon as possible. There is still time. Again, we would like ALL Classmates to attend; and, if I can help solve any attendance issues for you, please let me know. We don't want anyone to miss this "reunion of a lifetime."

Whether you are able to attend the 50th Reunion or not, please fill out the important "Memory Book Questionnaire" and return it to our Reunion Treasurer and Classmate, Joe Bartel, as soon as possible... **BEFORE 1 JULY.** That is the cutoff date to allow us to finalize the "The Memory Book" and take it to the printer.

We want to include all of our Classmates in our Memory Book, so please don't miss this date!

By the way, if you would like to see what the final version of **YOUR** Memory Book Profile looks like, feel free to contact Fred Allegretti, our Class Webmaster and Memory Book designer at freda16@aol.com or call **815-578-4557**. He will be happy to e-mail you a copy and then make any changes or corrections you may desire as long as it can be done before the July 1st cutoff date.

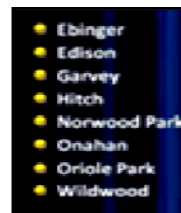


Speaking of Classmates, if you know of any who are hesitating in attending the 50th Reunion, or who might not yet have heard of our plans, please let me or a Reunion Committee member know, and we will contact them and encourage them to attend.



If you are planning to attend without a guest and want to share a room at the Hotel to minimize your costs, please let me know. I will then try to find another Classmate attendee who has the same desire.

I also want to remind you that the **dinner with Grammar School buds is scheduled for Saturday evening and should be arranged separately by you and fellow Grammar School Classmates;** so, using the website list of Reunion attendees, let me or Fred Allegretti know who you would like to contact, and we will put you in touch with your Grammar School Classmates.



If desired, you also will be able to discuss Saturday evening plans during the Friday evening Reunion Banquet, but I recommend you contact Classmates now and not wait until the Reunion to make these Grammar School dinner plans.

Finally, for all who are planning to attend the 50th, let me encourage you to bring whatever TAFT and 1955-1959 memorabilia you may still have in your basement, attic, garage, etc. **We plan to have a special area set up for a "Taft 1955-1959 Museum"** for viewing all these significant "memories" from our past.



So, let's stay in touch as we prepare for our 50th Reunion. Again, it is your Reunion Committee's sincere desire to have ALL CLASSMATES attend all or some of our 24-27 September reunion activities. If you have not yet decided to join us and have some issues or questions about attending, please let me know (fairseas2u@cox.net or call **703-444-6255**) and perhaps I and The Reunion Committee can help you.

We all delight in hearing from Classmates at any time.

Don't miss this wonderful, one time Reunion.

Thank you.

Larry Marsh

TAFT June 1959 Class President,
"GO TAFT GO!"

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

Taft High School
June Class of 1959
50th Reunion Celebration & Dinner
Friday, September 25, 2009

Dress: Men- Coat and Tie; Women- Appropriate

Featuring: Background music throughout evening

Cash Bar in Hospitality Room & Dining Room

Looping of Taft the Movie 1955-1959 DVD in Hospitality Room

Evening Agenda

5:30 p.m.	RECEPTION IN HOSPITALITY ROOM	<i>All</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Classmates Pick Up Name Tags, ◆ TAFT Buttons, Memory Books/DVD, ◆ Special Music CD & ◆ Event Schedule 	
6:30 p.m.	CALL TO DINING & GROUP PHOTO	<i>Photographer</i>
	I. Group Photo Taken	
	II. Reunion Committee Welcome	<i>Larry</i>
	Class President and Reunion Committee Chair	
	Committee Introductions	
	III. Taft the Movie - 1955 to 1959 (DVD-10 Minute Preview)	<i>Fred</i>
	IV. All Classmate Introductions	<i>Sue</i>
	V. Awards for "TAFT Remarkables" Like:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Farthest traveled ◆ Most kids, grandkids , great grandkids ◆ Longest married ◆ Most Unique TAFT Memory 	<i>Barb & Carole</i>
7:30 p.m.	DINNER SERVED	<i>Hotel</i>
	<i>Chicken, Salmon, Beef & Conversation</i>	
	VI. Final Exam (The Taft Game)	<i>Pat</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discussed & Answered by Table during Dinner ◆ Also at table: Throw away camera ◆ Copies of TAFT Founders March (Fight Song) 	
8:30 p.m.	LOOKING AHEAD to OTHER WEEKEND EVENTS	<i>Joe</i>
	VII. Review & Reminders of Saturday & Sunday's Events	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Sign up for rides to Taft from Hotel and Return ◆ 11:00 a.m. - Meet at Taft High School ◆ 11:30 a.m. - Lunch in Cafeteria catered by Superdawg; More door prizes! ◆ 12:30 p.m. - Tour of TAFT hosted by TAFT Principal ◆ 1:30 p.m. - Cheers and Student Presentation ◆ Dinner Saturday with Grammar Schools Buds or On Your Own - Sign Up Sheets ◆ 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday Farewell Brunch Buffet at Hotel 	
8:45 p.m.	SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT	
	VIII. Spirit of Life Chorus, Director David Barth (TAFT 1962)	<i>Arnie</i>
	<i>Taft Fight Song & More ~ Supported by J.J. Stamm, Retired Taft Music Director</i>	
9:30 p.m.	DANCE or LISTEN to OLDIES BUT GOODIES MUSIC	
	IX. D.J. and Tapes	<i>Until We Adjourn</i>
	<i>Occasionally Interrupted By: DOOR PRIZES</i>	
	X. Hourly from 9:30 p.m.	<i>Larry & Ken</i>
	FINAL REMINDERS, RE-CONNECT & LINGER	<i>All</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Taft Museum memorabilia in dining room for perusing ◆ See everyone tomorrow in casual dress ◆ Visit Taft Alumni Association Table ◆ Anyone pulling an all-nighter without the help of EMT's will get Special prize! 	