



TAFT REUNION NEWS

CLASS OF JUNE 1959

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WELCOME

**To YOUR NEW & IMPROVED TAFT REUNION
Class of June 1959 ~ 50th Anniversary Website**

Dear Classmates,

I am very pleased to announce that with help from our own classmate and Reunion Site Webmaster, Fred Allegretti, & efforts on the part of our entire Reunion Committee, we are in a position to launch our new and improved Taft Reunion 1959 Website!

(See "Fred's Top Ten Reasons" for taking another look at our reunion website. ~ Column 3)

After Google searching other reunion support websites, I can unequivocally say, "Your Taft Reunion - June Class of 1959 website is like no other created to support a 50th Reunion Celebration!". It is destined to win awards for creative design, user content, fun and value. You can be proud to be a classmate of the June 1959 Graduating Class of William Howard Taft High School.

To remind you, our **50th Reunion Celebration Event will take place from Thursday – Sunday, 24-27 September 2009**. We will have plenty of rooms reserved for you at the O'Hare 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 to continue to use our website: www.taftreunion1959.com where you will find a wealth of information about the Reunion, our Classmates, our graduation events, the school, and the "Happy Days" of the late 1950s. You won't be disappointed!

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Just a reminder, we are planning another "Mini Reunion" for **Friday, October 3, 2008**. Attending this next Mini-Reunion II comes with a bonus. You will also have an opportunity to preview our 2009 reunion site, since it will take place at the O'Hare Hilton Garden Inn, which happens to be the location for our 50th Anniversary Reunion Event Celebration in 2009. Please plan on attending this wonderful time of remembrances, friendships, and fun, as we eat, drink, talk and laugh our way into the night. Last October, thirty-seven classmates, plus many spouses, got together, 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 II" information will be sent out soon & posted on the website.

(Mini-Reunion II details can be found by clicking the "REUNION PLANS" Button on the left-side Blue Navigation Panel on the website).

Finally, feel free to contact me or any of Reunion Committee members. We always enjoy hearing from Classmates!

(Contact details can be found by clicking the "CONTACT US" Button on the left-side Blue Navigation Panel on the website).

Also, and this is very important, if you have any information concerning the "Missing" Classmates, contact one of us as soon as possible. It is our goal as a Reunion Team to make sure all our classmates know about the reunion and we are hoping they will come.

(The most recent missing classmate list can be found by clicking the "FINDING CLASSMATES" Button on the left-side Blue Navigation Panel on the website).

One last thought, we'll be in touch...

Keep an eye out for our bi-monthly Reunion Newsletters, *(via email)*, where we will update you on the progress we are making toward an event to remember.

Larry Marsh

1959 Class President,
Reunion Committee Chairman

So What's New on the Website?

Fred's Top 10 Reasons to Visit the New Taft Reunion Website

1. **BECAUSE** you are a June 1959 Taft High School Graduate!
2. **BECAUSE** you shared a four year passage to adulthood & **You are dying to know what happened to over 300 classmates during the past 50 years!**
3. **NEW CLASSMATE PROFILES:** Get to know your Classmates all over again. **BEFORE the Reunion Event in September 2009.** Classmate Profile pages feature 500 word essays about classmates & they include 5 of their favorite or what they consider to be their most important pictures. "Profiles" answer the question: "So what have you been doing for the past 50 years?"
4. **NEW MEMORABILIA FILE CABINET:** With 30 Tabs of Taft Photos, Files, Documents & Memories displayed on over 300 content pages. Tab categories include: All Sports, Music, Chorus, Concerts & Assemblies, Clubs, Graduation Events, Teacher Yearbook Photos & much, much more.
5. **NEW NOSTALGIA CORNER:** This section has over 80 pages of photos, documents, fun stuff & high school memories from the 1950's.
6. **NEW TEACHER PHOTO ALBUM:** Consisting of 24 pages of pictures of those who provided the foundation for our future success as adults.
7. **NEW LIBRARY of ENHANCED PHOTOS & DOCUMENTS:** For those who want a download a PDF copy to Save, View or Print an enhanced version of all displayed on the website.
8. **NEW DASHBOARD NAVIGATION PANEL:** Providing quick access to major points of interest on the site & Enhanced PDF Download Photos, Files & Documents.
9. **TOTAL OVERHAUL OF STUDENT YEARBOOK PHOTOS:** Better photos, improved download of photos & better navigation for quick access to the photos.
10. **UPDATED INFORMATION ON PLANS & SITE SELECTION:** Color brochure on the selected site for our **September 2009 Reunion Event** & new information on our **Mini-Reunion II scheduled for October, 2008.**