



TAFT REUNION NEWS

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OPEN INVITATION TO ANY CLASSMEMBER TAFT GRADUATING CLASS OF 1959

From Class President Larry Marsh and the 50th Anniversary Reunion Committee

Dear TAFT Classmate

As you know, we have begun 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 last January, and we plan to continue to do so. The tentative dates for the Reunion are Friday, September 25 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. For your information, the website lists the classmates who currently comprise the Reunion Committee. Do feel free to contact them at any time with your comments, recommendations, or questions. And if your name and/or address are incorrect or misspelled, please just let us know. Thanks!

In the meantime, however, we (the Reunion Committee) have decided not to wait another two years to get together to renew old friendships and to see and talk to each other in person. Most of us haven't seen each other for almost 50 years! Consequently, many of us are going to get together this coming October 6th (Saturday night) for a dinner and informal time in Chicago, and we want to invite you and ALL Classmates and spouses currently living in the Chicago area, to join us. Of course, ANY Classmate is welcome to participate, so, if you know of someone who might be interested in traveling to Chicago from out of town on October 6th, please let them know about the evening. You might want to forward them a copy of this letter, which is only going to Chicago area Classmates. 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 and to hear a brief update from the Reunion Committee on Reunion plans to date. Indeed, it should be a fun time of catching up, remembrance, and celebration! I sincerely hope you and yours can attend.

We plan to meet at 6:30 pm sharp at The Forge Club in Lincolnshire. Following a cash bar and time for socializing and greeting, we will have dinner, which may mean everyone ordering off the menu, or, if we have a large number, a choice of three different entrees. In keeping with comfortable informality, dress will be business casual—no coats or ties. We will have a private room and all will pay their own way that evening. Since The Forge Club is a private club and used to serving only members and special guests, then billing them once a month or so, they are not equipped to handle a large number of credit cards all at once. Therefore, please plan to bring a personal check to pay for dinner and any drinks you consume. Our Classmate, Ken Yonan, a member of the Club, is also on the Reunion Committee. He has been kind enough to set up this evening for us at a very nice place, and we sincerely thank him for doing so. Total charge for dinner is \$45 per person, which includes appetizer, salad, main course, side dish, dessert and coffee/tea. The price is very reasonable for a good meal and great location, and includes gratuity.

Following dinner, the Reunion Committee will give a brief verbal update on 50th Reunion plans. 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 a great evening for all of us June 1959 TAFT grads!

In that the ordering of food and menu determination (off the menu or choice of three entrees) are 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, and would be grateful if you would notify me or Ken Yonan 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, October 1st. We won't be able to make changes after that, and will expect all who signed up to attend.

If you will be coming, please let Ken or me know by contacting us as follows ((include your e-mail and phone no. in case of any last minute changes): GO TAFT GO!
See you on Saturday night, 6 October!

Sincerely,
Larry Marsh