



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 of 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	<div>CONTACT INFORMATION FOR "MISSING" CLASSMATES</div> <div> <p>Larry Marsh: 703-444-6255 fairseas2u@cox.net</p> <p>Ken Meyer: 765-362-9262 carolekent@accelplus.net</p> <p>Pat Santell Lutz: 847-259-0120 patlutz@comcast.net</p> </div>	
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		



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DesPlaines, IL 60018

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<http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=ORDCHGI>

Recently voted Hotel of the Year 2008!

Taft High School Class of June 1959

*Reunion Site Selection Team
is proud to announce the
location of the our . . .*

**50th Anniversary Reunion
Celebration Event**
September 24-27, 2009

We have contracted for . . .
**Special Room Accommodations,
Hospitality and Ballroom Facilities for
Our 50th Reunion Banquet at the
Hilton Garden Inn**



Hilton Garden Inn® Chicago O'Hare Airport



Hilton lobby space is outstanding for visiting & talking until all hours to catch up on the past fifty years.

Lobby accommodates seating for up to 145 people in great sitting areas. Plus a lobby bar, restaurant & 24 hour pantry with snacks and refreshments.



Hilton Garden Inn® Chicago O'Hare Airport

Lobby Bar & Refreshment Area



Guest Business Office Area



In addition to great sitting areas in the lobby, the Hilton Garden Inn offers a lobby bar, the American Grill restaurant & a 24 hour self-serve snack & refreshment pantry.

Great American Grill is open:

6:00 am - 11:00 pm
Mon - Sun, 7 Days

Serving:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner &
- Brunch on Sunday's

Additional Hotel Services & Amenities

- Safety Deposit Box
- Room Service
- On-Site Convenience Store
- Multi-Lingual Staff
- Local Area Transportation
- Laundry/Valet Service
- Gift Shop
- Elevators
- Coin Laundry
- Baggage Storage
- 24hr complimentary shuttle
- Automated Teller (ATM)

Great American Grill - Lobby Restaurant



Nighttime
Dining



Daytime
Dining

24-Hour Lobby Pavilion Pantry



Hilton Garden Inn® Chicago O'Hare Airport

**The extra large bedrooms &
Room Amenities
are impressive:**

For your Comfort

- 250 Thread Count Sheets
- 26 Inch Flat HDTV
- Remote-Controlled Television
- TV-Pay per view & TV-Cable
- Complimentary TV-Premium
- HBO, CNN, ESPN
- In-Room Movie Channel
- Air Conditioning
- Black-Out Curtains
- On-Demand Movies & Games
- Ergonomic Mirra Desk Chair
- Work Desk with Adjustable Lamp
- Curved Shower Rod
- Large Arm Chair with Ottoman
- Adjustable Room Thermostat

For your Confidence

- Audible alarms
- Double Locking Doors
- Secondary Locking Device
- Controlled Access Corridors
- Automatic Door Closer
- Electronic Smoke Detector
- Visual Strobe/Hearing Impaired
- Handicap Access *(Available)*

For your Convenience

- Bathroom Amenities
- Coffee Maker
- Complimentary Remote Printing
- Convenient Electrical Outlets
- Desk Level Electric Plugs
- Desk Level HSIA Connection
- Desk Level Phone Jacks
- Evening Room Service Available
- Hairdryer
- High Speed Internet-No Charge
- Ironing Board
- Microwave
- Mini Refrigerator
- Newspaper M-F (USA Today)
- Telephone - Auto Wakeup
- Two Lines Telephone with Dataports, Speakers & Voicemail

Additional Suite Amenities

- The Garden Sleep System
- Sleep Number - Virtual Sleep System
- Jacuzzi Tub
- Night Lights in Bathroom
- Nintendo Entertainment
- Internet access in guest room
- Telephone-with Speaker phone
- Night Lights in Bathroom
- Refrigerator
- Wide Angle Door Viewer



 **Hilton
Garden Inn®**
Chicago O'Hare Airport

Full Workout Room

Fitness Room &
Expanded Exercise Room
All Equipment & Towels are provided.



Indoor Pool Area

Features a full size pool, Indoor
Whirlpool, Indoor Cool Pool &
Indoor Children's Pool



Banquet & Ballroom Facilities

Chef Carl will prepare our served four course
50th Anniversary Banquet Meal

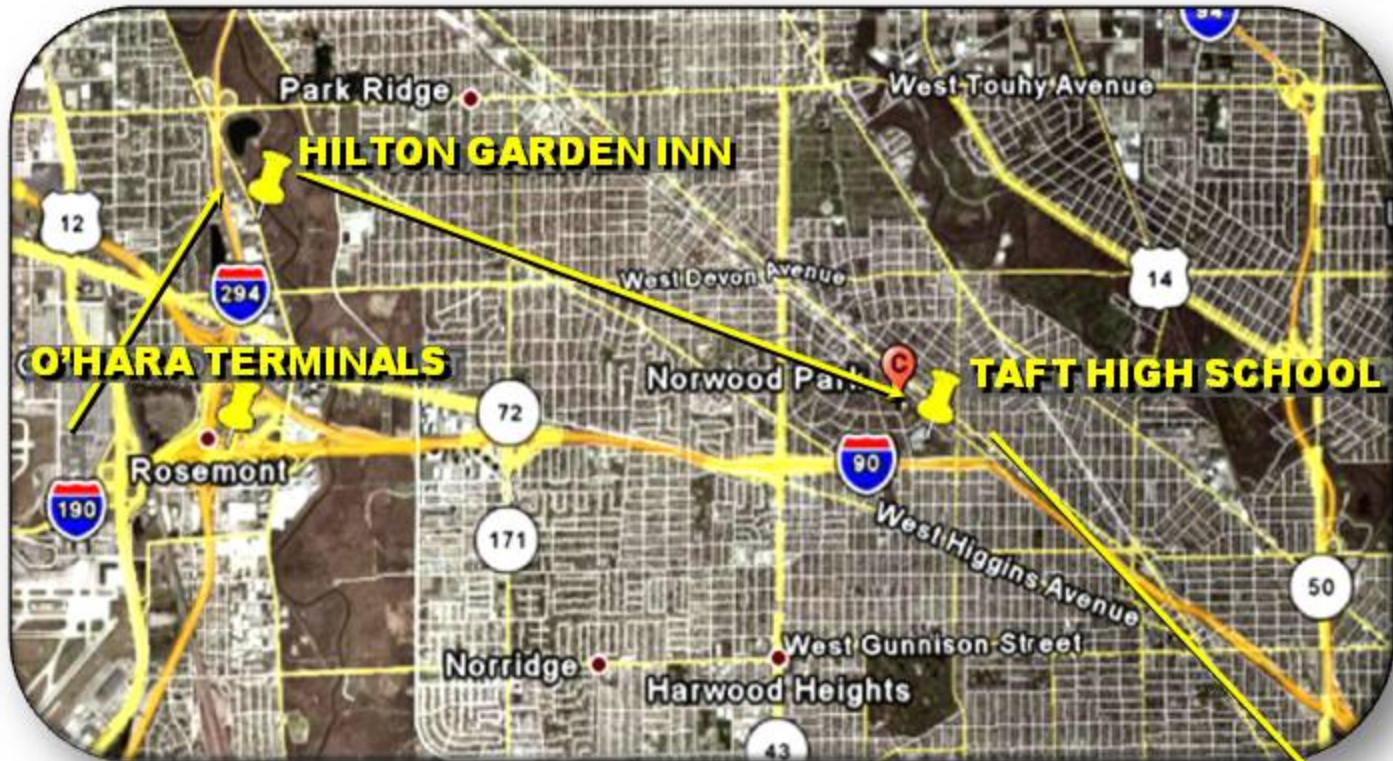


The Access to & from the Airport is quick & FREE!



**10 Minute FREE Shuttle
from Airport to Hotel
& FREE Parking if you Drive!**





Hilton to & from
SUPERDOG is
about 10 Minutes!

"HILTON GARDEN INN" to "WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT HIGH SCHOOL"

- 1 Head south on Des Plaines Ave/S River Rd toward Devon Ave/E Devon Ave
go 0.4 mi
- 2 Turn left at Devon Ave/E Devon Ave Continue to follow Devon Ave
go 1.6 mi
- 3 Slight right at Talcott Ave/W Talcott Rd Continue to follow Talcott Ave
go 1.8 mi
- 4 Turn left at N New Hampshire Ave
go 0.2 mi
- 5 Turn right at W Hurlbut St
go 0.4 mi
- 6 Turn right at N Northcott Ave
go 417 ft
- Route
Distance: 4.4 mi (about 13 mins)



The Access to & from Taft High School is less than 15 Minutes!



Route from Hilton Garden Inn to Taft High School Shown in Purple

