



Taft High School • Class of June 1959 ♦ 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration

50TH REUNION REGISTRATION LETTER

Dear Taft Classmate,

February 2, 2009

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It is finally time for our 50th Anniversary Reunion Celebration and the theme is ***"Together Again!"*** Fifty years ago we were trying to be sure that we would graduate, making plans for Senior Luncheon, Prom, and Graduation Night Parties. Now it is time for our 50th Class Reunion party. The final plans for our Reunion have come together after two years of planning by the Reunion Committee Members shown on the left, as well as classmate input at our 2007 and 2008 Mini-Reunions, and **now we need your commitment and registration.**

Our June Class of 1959 had 301 Classmates. We have located 185 of our classmates, and have, unfortunately, learned that another 38 are deceased. That leaves 78 we have been unable to contact. We are still searching and welcome your help. We have included our latest list of missing classmates on the back of this letter.

Please complete the enclosed registration form, and put your check in the mail before **March 15, 2009**. It is extremely important to receive your registration now, since we need to get the reservations confirmed with the hotel banquet staff, Taft, Superdawg, and the tour bus company. Also, please submit your information for our 50th Anniversary Commemorative Memory Book which will be covered later in this package. Even if you cannot attend the Reunion, we need your Memory Book Questionnaire information. You will probably want a copy of the Memory Book, so use the Registration Form to order it.

Closing thoughts: More details will be sent as we get closer to the reunion event; look for these mailings. It is our intent to present Dr. Arthur Tarvardian, current Principal of Taft and host of our school tour, an honorarium check to further support Taft student and teacher needs, in the name of the **June Class of 1959***. We hope to do this with personal donation checks made out to "Taft High School", and any Reunion funds collected that are unused. We look forward to seeing you in September and celebrating ***"Together Again!"***

Go Taft Go!
Larry Marsh

Planned 50 th Reunion Events & Activities		
THU, Sept. 24,	Any Time Between 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.	"Together Again" Sign-In & Welcome Reception <i>Welcome Package Distributed: Name Tags, Memory Book, DVD</i> Hilton Garden Inn - Taft Hospitality Room
FRI, Sept. 25,	11 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.	Optional - Special Chicago Bus Tour
FRI, Sept. 25,	Begins at 6:00 P.M.	Gala Reunion Reception & Banquet Event Taft Hospitality Room & Hilton Ballroom
SAT, Sept. 26,	11:00 A.M.	Taft High School Tour & Student Show <i>Cafeteria Lunch Catered by SuperDawg</i>
SAT, Sept. 26,	About 7:00 P.M.	Grammar School Dinners <i>Arranged Separately - Look for Sign-Up Posters</i>
SUN, Sept. 27,	9:00 A.M. to NOON	Classmate Farewell Brunch Hilton Garden Inn - Taft Hospitality Room

*** SPECIAL NOTE:** We realize these are tough economic times and not everyone is in a position to donate to the Taft honorarium and that is perfectly OK! The object of this event is to be ***"Together Again!"*** If you can, and choose to participate with a donation, please make your check out to "Taft High School", with the word "Donation" in the memo line. Then give your check to LARRY MARSH before or during the evening of our Reunion Banquet, Friday, September 25, 2009. Your cancelled check will serve as a Tax Deductible receipt.

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Friends and Classmates:

Below are 78 names of Classmates, 50 for whom we either have NO current phone number, e-mail, or street address, 12 for whom we have contact information but have received NO RESPONSE, and 16 for whom we have contact information that is NOT YET CONFIRMED.

CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE ANYONE? If so, feel free to contact anyone on the Reunion Committee, whose phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the front side of this letter or are available on our Reunion Website at: www.taftreunion1959.com, or please contact me, Kent or Pat personally. Again, the Reunion Committee thanks you !



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As of JANUARY 2009 STILL MISSING CLASSMATES LIST					
1	Carole Albano	27	Judith Hultman	53	Joanne Alice Paldorf
2	Ruth Ann Albertz	28	Stewart James	54	James Parker
3	Augustine Alonzo	29	Mary Ann Kammien	55	Larry Douglas Payne
4	Carol Anderson	30	Melvin Kielas	56	Mary Pecan
5	Daniel Anderson	31	Al Knapp	57	Nick Pelletiere
6	Jerry Anderson	32	Suzanne Knudsen Parpus	58	Marianne Pohle
7	Ann Bachert- Pistilli	33	Thomas John Konefes	59	William Rice & Marion
8	Alan Bachman	34	Claire Kudish-Drudge	60	Jean Rupany -Ghislin
9	June Berg	35	Lorene Lansdon	61	Peter Saiger
10	Jennifer Bowen	36	Sandra Leal	62	Bonnie Schmidt-Baumgartner
11	Nancy Bower	37	Geraldine Lesniak	63	Agnes Schwamb
12	Sharon Sue Brazale-Austin	38	Jacqueline Lesniak	64	Helene Schwengel
13	Charles Burm	39	Dennis Charles Lube	65	Dominic Scimeca
14	Robert Bukowski	40	Nancy Majewski	66	Judith Stevens
15	Marcia Chesters	41	Theresa Makinen	67	William Stevens
16	James Cimfel	42	Sherry Manda	68	Janice Stiller
17	Paul Cirricione	43	Noreen Mcglade-Lethert	69	Marlene Sunagel
18	Dorothy I. Cline	44	Nancy Mikulski	70	Louise Thompson-Haldeman
19	Kathleen Ely	45	Phyllis Mindak	71	Jeff Thornton
20	Kenneth Erickson	46	Beverly Minison	72	Dennis Topolinski
21	Carole Ford-Yurkanin	47	Mary Molitoris-Utes	73	Carolyn Trefny-Showalter
22	Sandra Fulton-Strobot	48	Judith Moll-Stephens	74	Mary Vlahos
23	Judith Halihan	49	Joyce Muehleman	75	Ruth Voling - Thomas
24	Joanne Hamrin	50	Maryanne Musillani	76	Joseph Votava
25	Joyce Helms	51	Marcia Nolting-Kleve	77	Karen Waltman
26	Weston Hinkell	52	Joyce Page-Yagerman	78	Joanne Wolfe

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MISSING CLASSMATES		
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REGISTRATION FORM



Complete this Registration Form, make a COPY and SEND this FORM along with your PAYMENT to our Reunion Treasurer: JOE BARTEL at 7629 W. Isham Avenue, Chicago IL 60631-1540

Please use the enclosed pre-addressed envelope to mail in your:

1. Registration Form,
2. Memory Book Questionnaire,
3. Personal Check payable to "Taft Reunion - Class of 1959"

Please correct your contact information, if necessary, and fill in the requested information below.

Name in High School		Name Today (If different)	
Attending Guest Name		Email Address	
Mailing Street Address		City	State ZIP
Phone Preferred		Alternate Phone	

** BASIC PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES		
All Items & Activities Included for One Price to Classmates \$125 & Reduced Cost for Guests \$100		
THU	1pm to 9pm	♦ 50th Reunion "Together Again" Welcome Reception
FRI	Begins at 6pm	♦ Gala Reception & Ballroom Banquet Hospitality Room Reception with Bartender and Banquet is a Sit Down 5 Course Dinner
		♦ Gala Entertainment - DJ 9pm to Midnight - Featuring 50's & 60's Music
		♦ Door Prizes and 50 th Reunion Raffle - Featuring Taft Merchandise
		♦ Professional Photographer Available for Group & Individual Pictures
		♦ Taft Gathering/Hospitality Room - FREE Snacks & Memorabilia Tables - THU, FRI, SAT & SUN
		♦ Entertainment - Ongoing Video Showings of: "Taft the Movie 1955 to 1959"
		In Taft Hospitality Room, Movie features Taft Class of '59 Students, Teachers, Sports & Events
		♦ Website Access available in Taft Hospitality Room: www.TaftReunion1959.com
		♦ 50th Anniversary Commemorative Memory Book
		♦ Taft the Movie 1955 to 1959 Commemorative DVD
		♦ Ballroom & Hospitality Room Decorations

Please check (✓) the events you will attend and whether you will be joined by a guest. Then enter Total Cost in last column.

EVENT / ACTIVITIES	CLASSMATE COST	✓	GUEST COST	✓	TOTAL COST
"Together Again" Thursday Sign-In & Welcome Reception	No Charge		No Charge		No Charge
Special Chicago Bus Tour (4 hours - Price based on 45 participants)	\$50		\$50		\$
BASIC PACKAGE FRIDAY GALA RECEPTION & BANQUET <small>Note: Both the Memory Book and DVD are included in the Basic Package if attending.</small>	\$125		\$100		\$
Saturday Taft High School Tour & Student Show	No Charge		No Charge		No Charge
Saturday Lunch Catered by SuperDawg	\$12		\$12		\$
Sunday Farewell Brunch-Hilton Garden Inn	\$16		\$16		\$
Non-Attending or EXTRA Copy of Memory Book*	\$30		N/A		\$
Non-Attending or EXTRA Copy of "Taft-The Movie" DVD*	No Charge		No Charge		No Charge
* For packaging & postage cost, add \$5.00 for one item, \$7.50 for both items.					
FINAL CHECK TOTAL					\$

ENTER DINNER SELECTION: Classmate Guest
Teriyaki Salmon, Prime Rib or Chicken Breast _____

Special Needs or Comments: (Diet Restrictions, Mobility Assist, etc.) _____

Also, I am planning to bring the following memorabilia to share with Classmates: _____

* NEED HOTEL RESERVATIONS? We have reserved a block of rooms at the O'Hare Hilton Garden Inn located at 2930 S. River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60018, Tel: 847-296-8900, Fax: 847-296-8999, www.hiltongardeninn.com. This is the site of our 50th Reunion Anniversary Gala Banquet on Friday, September 25, 2009. The rooms are available for classmates at a special TAFT REUNION Rate of \$89.00 per night for a single or double room. The O'Hare Hilton Garden Inn will hold these rooms on a first come first served basis. So, contact the hotel early to make your reservation and don't forget to tell them you're with the Taft June 1959 Reunion group to get the special rate.