

New Alumni Board Member

Marsha Rayborn Dotson TCH 1973 vice-president Taylor Center High School resigned from the board citing personal reasons. The Alumni Association thanks her for her service. The board appointed Judy Barnhart LaFleur, TCH 1965 to fill the vacancy.

In the News

Dave Martin, West Junior High music teacher, has written "Twenty Beautiful Children" a tribute to the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. He recorded the song with a group of area children and is offering it for download on his website to anyone who makes a donation to a Sandy Hook charity such as "Healing Newtown", "Sandy Hook School Support Fund" or "Newtown Teachers". Visit shinyheadmusic.com to donate, download the song or view the video. Article appeared in the Detroit News.

Detroit News January 21-- Judge Geno Salomone (JFK 1973), started the Taylor Reading Corps program in all 8 elementary schools in Taylor. Gino has approximately 150 volunteers that spend 30 minutes to an hour with their students. The volunteers stay with their students pre-school thru kindergarten & first grade. The volunteer's goal is to improve reading literacy. Would you like to get involved? Call [313-769-6730](tel:313-769-6730) – there also is a website www.taylorreadingcorps.org

Truman boy's basketball team as of this date has a 10-3 record and they are ranked 5th in the DetroitNews Metro West standings... congratulations to the Cougars!

Let's get to know him

Taylor's Mayor Jeffery Lamarand has been a life long resident of Taylor. He attended G. Mennen Williams Elementary School, Hoover Jr High and graduated from Taylor Center High School in 1987. Jeff went on to get a BA degree from Eastern Michigan University. Prior to his election as Mayor, Jeff taught social studies and physical education for 10 years in the Crestwood School District. The Mayor believes that the city and school district has a need to work closely together to improve both and to solve the financial problems that burden every city and school district at this time.

Obituaries

Denning, Etta Sexton TCH 1962, January 2013, survived by the following graduates; Mary Sexton Moore TCH, Rosa Exton Veres TCH 1963, Sharon Sexton Dufore JFK 1966 and preceded in death by brother Jesse Sexton TCH 1958

Domaska, Terry Lee TCH 1982 December 28, 2012

Leblanc, Michelle TCH 1987 January 22, 2013

Mann, James TCH 1960 January 14, 2013

Meharry, Mary, January 23, 2013 mother of the following JFK grads: Paul 1980, Steve, 1979, Mark 1978, Patty 1976, barb 1975 and Karen, 1973

Nadeau (Azzopardi), Ava JFK 1985 December 8, 2012

Priebe, Cameron January 28 father of Cameron (Kim) Priebe JFK 1969 and Keith Priebe JFK

Sclater, Helen, January 11, 2013 district employee parent to graduates Donald, Janet & Kathleen

Upcoming events

February 13 Taylor Alumni Association monthly meeting 6:30pm School Board Office

February 13 Taylor School District foundation monthly meeting 8am School Board Office

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month- City of Taylor Council meetings

2nd & 4th Monday of the month – School Board Meeting

May 9 "Focus on the Arts" fundraiser sponsored by the Taylor Public Schools Foundation for Educational Excellence and the Taylor Alumni Association. 6-9pm at the William Ford Banquet Center in Taylor. Dinner –beverages-silent auction-live raffles- entertainment contact Lynn Polgar for information and tickets [313-622-1518](tel:313-622-1518)

August 10, 2013 JFK 1973 class reunion- Taylor Conservatory and Botanical Garden at noon- full buffet lunch and cash bar. ***live music by alumniMike "Crawdaddy" Crowley and Dave Allen**** RSVP

tokennedy1973reunion@gmail.com cost \$48pp

August 17, 2013 TCH 1988 class reunion Holiday Inn Livonia for more information email Kim Abruscato Thompson at kthompson1022@yahoo.com

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Congratulations

Great season for Taylor athletics!!!!

The Truman Cougars boy's basketball team captured the Downriver League Championship and are ranked second in the entire Metro west. The Cougars had 16 wins & 4 losses.

The Kennedy Eagles boy's bowling team won regionals and Truman came in second- both are going on to the state championships. The JFK Eagle girls bowling team captured 2nd place in the Regionals.

The Alumni Association wants you to know how proud we are of you!

Proud to be a Taylor school graduate and member of the varsity club - We received the following note from David Ashe JFK 1967-- "my JFK varsity jacket hangs with pride at my home- it was the first year varsity jackets were given out at JFK - the 1965-66 year".

Did you know?

Taylor School District graduates serving on the City of Taylor Council: Jill Brandana TCH 1981, Cheryl Burke JFK 1974, John Delo TCH 1959, Jacklyn Molner TCH 1970, Richard W Sollars TCH 1992, Dennis Stapleton JFK 1963, Suzanne Weycker JFK 1987

The Alumni Association thanks you for your public service

Financial problems

The Taylor School District, as most school districts, has financial problems. It appears that these facts have caused some of the debt - city population has dropped from 77,000 to 62,000 and student enrollment has seen a one-time enrollment of over 20,000 students drop to this year's enrollment of 7301. Those are tough problems to deal with. Let us hear from you on possible solutions

Current and Upcoming Events

March -- month long membership drive--this month only lifetime memberships will be reduced from \$25 to \$15 in a drive to have the largest Alumni Association in the area:

12 March Taylor Alumni Association meeting 630pm School Board office Northline Road

13 March Taylor Public School Foundation meeting 8am School Board office Northline Road

19 March Taylor City Council meeting - City Hall, Goddard Road

April 12 6:30 pm Taylor Public Schools Foundation is sponsoring a bowling fundraiser. All proceeds designated to help the students of Taylor.

Score Lanes, Taylor 3 games of no tap bowling pizza and pop all for \$20 and that even includes shoes plus 50/50 drawings, gift basket raffles and more. Info, contact Linda Newsome at [313-295-7313](tel:313-295-7313)

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August 10 JFK class of 73 reunion food- live music by alumni --- RSVP to tkennedy1973reunion@gmail.com

August 17 TCH class of 88 reunion - for more info email kthompson1022@yahoo.com

Obituaries

December 30, 2012 June Franklin TCH 1963

January 12 Donald Walter father of Randy Walter TCH 1977

January 28 Mike Zambeck TCH 1963

February 8 Paul Swartzentrover TCH 1976

February 9 Sherry Nutt Morris TCH 1965

February 11 David Elmore HST 1979

February 16 John Gustafson JFK 1971

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Happy New Year

Alumni March Newsletter

Membership drive

Thanks to everyone who became a lifetime member during the March "special". Remember, a portion of your membership goes to the Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence. Keep watching for possible future membership "specials".

In the News

John Fleming, Taylor Center graduate of 1960, has once again made the news. John attended Northern Michigan University and in 1994 was named a "Distinguished Alumni of Northern". John is part of a company, Innov8 Transport. The company is advocating the idea of an elevated electric and automated high-speed rail system that has the potential to revolutionize modern transportation.

John said, "we're talking about creating a roadway and vehicle system that uses magnetic levitation mode of movement by connecting the rail to a structural component built into the car or attached to the car or the car's tires. Basically, the car and the skyway would interface to facilitate magnetic levitation and the car would pretty much float over the roadway."

Travel speeds on the skyway would reach up to 130 miles per hour, but no driver input would be necessary.

The Alumni Association wishes the best for John in his new venture

Far more information is available- if interested let us know and we will provide you with more details

Schools Sports News

Congratulations to our Boy's Basketball Teams:

All Metro Third Team, All West First Team, and All State Class A First Team Honorable Mention, Aaron Foster-Smith, Truman Coach Chuck Shuttles, Truman Coach of the Year All West First Team, Robin Whitehorn and Devin Goodwell, Truman, and Ania Marsh, Kennedy, Honorable Mention All West First Team

If anyone has any Taylor school news (academic, sports, etc) to share, please email us at: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com

Obituaries

February 7 Beatrice Thomann Mother of Fred Thomann TCH 1960, David Thomann (deceased) TCH 1963 and Gloria Thomann Shelton TCH 1969

February 20 Clara McDonald Taylor teacher

February 24 Arthur Lewis
TCH class of '71

March
25 Pete Misiak TCH
Class of 1973 brother of Nancy (Frank) Uller, Mary Ann (John) Klos, and Gregory

March 19 Anna Marie Gronek, Mother of
Deborah TC '72 (Richard) Albrecht and Terry (Sharon) TC '73 (Ronald TC '73) Moran

March 25 Elma
Nora Reyna, Mother of, Dave Reyna JFK
'69, Ron Reyna JFK '71, Dan Reyna GED, and Billy Reyna HST '74

Upcoming events

April 10 Taylor Foundation Meeting, School Board Office
on Northline

April 12 Taylor Foundation Bowling Fundraiser, Skore
Lanes, 6:30 pm, \$20 includes shoes pizza and pop. Raffles and 50/50. Contact Linda Newsome for more info (313) 295-
7313

April 16 Alumni Monthly Meeting, School Board Office on
Northline in Taylor

April 19 City of Taylor Council Meeting City Hall,
Goddard Road, Taylor

April 28 The Alumni
Association is offering a bus trip to Hollywood Casino in Toledo. Bus departs Home Depot parking lot (Telegraph Road
in Taylor (corner of Goddard) promptly at 9:15 a.m. We will leave the Hollywood Casino promptly at 3:30 pm. Cost is
\$30/person and you receive \$20 back from the casino in slot play. Payment in advance to: Taylor Alumni Association, c/o
Lynn Polgar, 15090 White Avenue, Allen Park, MI 48101. Call Lynn with questions (313) 622-1518. Payment NO LATER
THAN APRIL 15. We need a minimum of 35 participants. Anyone 21 and older is welcome - do not have to be a member
of the Alumni Association or graduate of Taylor Schools. A portion of the trip fees will be donated to the
Taylor Alumni Association.

May 9

The Taylor Public School
Educational Foundation for Educational Excellence is holding a "Focus on the
Arts!" fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, May 9, at the William D. Ford
Banquet Center, 6750 Troy, Taylor.

All funds raised from this event
will be utilized for arts programs within the Taylor School District.
Highlights of the evening will include entertainment provided by Taylor
students including kindergarten violin players, second grade hand bells players
and more. Silent auctions, raffles and dinner also will be provided. Students
from the Taylor School District are creating unique items of art that will be
included in the silent auction.

"The Taylor Public School
Foundation is very excited to host this event," said Jeremy Waechter, president
of the foundation. "We will showcase the great work the students are doing
while allowing the Foundation to raise funds to support future art projects.
Now more than ever, our students and schools need community support to pursue
their creative talent. This event addresses those needs.

Tickets are \$30 per person and
may be purchased at the Taylor School Board office, 23033 Northline Road,
either in person or through the mail. Credit cards may be used to purchase
tickets, or make donations, by contacting Foundation Director, Lynn Polgar at
(313) 622-1518. The Foundation may also be contacted by email at TSPFEE@GMAIL.COM.

Merchants have donated items for the raffles and auction, including a five-burner Charbroil grill; one-year family pass to The Henry Ford; room and dinner packages to area casinos; Detroit Symphony tickets; Michigan Opera Theatre tickets; Prince Fielder autographed MLB baseball; Jordan Tootoo autographed NHL hockey puck; a Royal Caribbean Cruise; Bearclaw Coffee Basket; an iPad, and many other exciting items.

Additional sponsors (both business and individual) are being sought. To donate an item for the auction and raffle, or purchase an ad in the event program, please call (313) 622-1518

Current sponsors include:

Penguin Juice Company (providing all beverages)

Howe-Peterson

Abtrex Industries

Atlas Oil Company

Wade Trim

Taylor Community Credit Union

Wal-Mart

Taylor Big Boy

A Day Away Design

Reunions

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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013
Sorry for the lateness of the newsletter....
IN THE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO TRUMAN QUIZ BOWL TEAM
THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES COACH MICHAEL MCCLAIN AND HIS QUIZ BOWL TEAM ON ANOTHER OUTSTANDING YEAR.
THE TEAM WON THE DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 8TH TIME SINCE 2001, THE CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 4TH TIME AND FINISHED 3RD IN THE STATE MEET, LOSING BY ONLY ONE QUESTION TO CATHOLIC CENTRAL. TEAM MEMBERS: ADAM GREENE, IKE IBRAHIM, JESSICA, JOHNSEN, PATRICK MURRAY, JOE ANGE, NOAH EVERSOLE, GRE THOMAS, NICK ALLEN, ZACK OVARES, SIDNEY TRIPP & ASIEL CLARK

JFK FOOTBALL

A NEW FOOTBALL STAFF HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL. THE NEWLY APPOINTED HEAD COACH, PAUL NAPPO AND HIS ASSISTANT WILL BE PAUL ZMUDA, 1978 GRADUATE OF TRUMAN HIGH.

THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WISHES THE NEW COACHING STAFF THE BEST IN THIS VENTURE AND THE UPCOMING FOOTBALL SEASON.

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

APRIL 28 THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARRANGED A CASINO OUTING IN RESPONSE TO MANY REQUESTS FROM ALUMNI. A BUS FULL WENT FROM TAYLOR TO THE NEW HOLLYWOOD CASINO IN TOLEDO. A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. WE WILL KEEP YOU POSTED REGARDING ANOTHER OUTING. LYNN POLGAR MADE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS AND DID ANOTHER OUTSTANDING JOB

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 14 ALUMNI BOARD MEETING 630PM BOARD OFFICE
SEPTEMBER 20 ANNUAL 3RD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER ALUMNI GATHERING – MARK YOUR CALENDARS—
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
REUNIONS

AUGUST 10 JFK CLASS OF 73- EMAIL CHERYL MCCULLUM STURGEON FOR MORE
INFO CHERYLSTURGEON@SBCGLOBAL.NET

AUGUST 17 TCH CLASS OF 88- EMAIL KIM ABRUSCATO THOMPSON FOR MORE
INFO KTHOMPSON1022@YAHOO.COM

SEPTEMBER 20 PARTY TIME ANNUAL FALL ALUMNI GATHERING- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOVEMBER 30 TCH CLASS OF 73- EMAIL LUANN MCGOWAN FOR MORE INFO LUANNLOVESSAINTS@AOL.COM

OBITUARIES

FRAISER, SUE TIPPERY TCH 1961 PASSED AWAY FEBRUARY 28, 2013-04-15
GRONEK, ANNA MARIE – MOTHER OF TCH GRADS DEBBY 1972, TERRY (SHARON) 1973 AND SON-IN-LAW RON MORAN TCH 73
KENNEDY, RUSSELL TCH 1971 PASSED AWAY APRIL 24, 2013
MARONEN, MIKE (MICKEY) TCH 1962 PASSED AWAY MARCH 2, 2013
MARTIN, SEVY JFK 1966 PASSED AWAY APRIL 11, 2013
PRICER, PETE TCH 1966 PASSED AWAY APRIL 23, 2013
REGAN, (RYZNAR) CHRISTINA JFK 1967 PASSED AWAY APRIL 9, 2013-04-27
SKRZYCKI, DONALD- APRIL 4 FATHER OF PAUL JFK 69, GERALD JFK 75
TOMCSIK, MITCHELL TCH 1993 PASSED AWAY APRIL 2013
WALTERS, CHARLES- TCH 1965 APRIL 8, 2013

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER – MAY

MAY 21, 2013 A DEDICATION CEREMONY WAS HELD RENAMING THE KENNEDY SOFTBALL DIAMOND TO "THE MIKE BAUM SOFTBALL FIELD". MIKE HAS TAUGHT AND COACHED IN THE DISTRICT FOR 40 YEARS. MANY WERE IN ATTENDANCE INCLUDING PLAYERS FROM HIS FIRST SOFTBALL TEAM AND STEVE AVERY WHO FUNDED THE FIELD. A COMMITTEE HEADED BY STAN KILYANEK ORGANIZED THE AFFAIR.

LET'S GET TO KNOW OUR LEADERS

TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT DIANE ALLEN

DIANE, A MICHIGAN STATE GRADUATE, STARTED HER EDUCATIONAL CAREER AS A 3RD GRADE TEACHER AT MCDOWELL IN 1972. SHE SPENT THE NEXT 22 YEARS IN VARIOUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN TAYLOR AND THEN 18 YEARS AS PRINCIPAL OF CLARENCE RANDALL. JULY 1, 2012 DIANE WAS APPOINTED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. SHE INTENDS TO WORK DILIGENTLY AT RETURNING THE DISTRICT TO FISCAL HEALTH, WHILE REVITALIZING OUR SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

**WOULD YOU BELIEVE AT THE TOP OF HIS CAREER GORDIE HOWE CAME TO KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL TO SPEAK AT THE 1970 ATHLETIC BANQUET.

MR. WILLIAM CARLSON, MATH TEACHER AT TAYLOR CENTER HIGH AND THEN KENNEDY, HAD A BROTHER-IN-LAW, WELDY OLSON. WELDY WAS A HALL OF FAME HOCKEY PLAYER AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND THEN A MEMBER OF TWO MEDAL WINNING OLYMPIC HOCKEY TEAMS. HE WON A SILVER IN 1956 IN CORTINA, ITALY AND THEN IN 1960 WON A GOLD MEDAL AT SQUAW VALLEY. UPON RETURNING TO THE DETROIT AREA WELDY BECAME GOOD FRIENDS WITH COLLEEN AND GORDIE HOWE. MR. CARLSON ASKED WELDY TO CONTACT THE HOWES TO SEE IF GORDIE WOULD SPEAK AT THE ATHLETIC BANQUET. TO OUR SURPRISE, AS HIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WERE IN HIGH DEMAND, GORDIE AGREED TO COME AND DONATE HIS SERVICES.

IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT FOR KENNEDY HIGH AND ALL OF TAYLOR. IN ADDITION TO HAVING PERHAPS THE GREATEST HOCKEY PLAYER OF ALL TIME AS FEATURED SPEAKER, THE GYMNASIAC TEAM UNDER THE COACHING OF ROGER BECHTOL, WAS HONORED AS STATE CHAMPIONS

** WHEN THIS WAS ORIGINALLY SENT OUT WE FAILED TO INCLUDE THAT ON THE SAME NIGHT, THE JFK BAND DIRECTOR, ROGER CRAIG, WAS ALSO HONORED. IN A CONVERSATION WITH ROGER HE REMINDED ME THAT HIS DAD (NOW DEPARTED) HAD ATTENDED. DAD, BEING A CANADIAN AND RED WING SEASON TICKET HOLDER WAS THRILLED TO MEET GORDY IN PERSON. ROGER WAS GIVEN A VARSITY K BLANKET AND TELLS ME HOW MUCH HE STILL TREASURES THE BLANKET AND THE MEMORIES OF THE NIGHT.

BILL MCCARTNEY-- ALSO IN MAY, BILL WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME. BILL HAD A HALL OF FAME CAREER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO. HIS FOOTBALL COACHING RECORD IS OUTSTANDING. ***** BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT HIS FIRST COACHING EXPERIENCE WAS AS AN ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH AT TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967

ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY

WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS GRADUATES OF THE TAYLOR SCHOOLS HAS ACHIEVED. HERE ARE HI-LITES OF AN ARTICLE THAT APPEARED IN CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS MAGAZINE. DAVID GEISS, A 1985 GRADUATE OF HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH, WAS NAMED TOP CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR A PUBLIC COMPANY WITH REVENUE UP TO \$250 MILLION. DAVID HAS BEEN A CORPORATE ATTORNEY FOR 18 YEARS FOR PLYMOUTH BASED TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIER PERCEPTRON. DURING THE PAST YEAR, DAVID WAS INVOLVED IN TWO LITIGATIONS. HE OBTAINED A \$2.9 MILLION JUDGEMENT FROM PANAVISON IMAGING, INC AND A \$1.9 MILLION JUDGEMENT FROM A QUEBEC COMPANY GDS INDUSTRIES. DAVID STILL RESIDES IN TAYLOR.

DAVID, THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES YOU ON YOUR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. IT IS GREAT TO SEE HOW MANY OF OUR GRADUATES ARE SUCCESSFUL AND YOU ARE SURELY ONE OF THEM.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 6 GRADUATION JFK

JUNE 7 GRADUATION HST

JUNE 10 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

JUNE 11 ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING 6:30 ALL WELCOME

JUNE 24 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING (2ND AND 4TH MONDAY EVERY MONTH)

SEPTEMBER 20 ANNUAL 3RD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER ALL SCHOOL ALL CLASSES GATHERING- MARK YOUR CALENDARS – PLAN YOUR TRIPS- GREAT CHANCE TO RENEW FRIENDSHIPS IN AN INFORMAL SETTING- MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

REUNIONS

SEPTEMBER 21 TCH CLASS OF 1963 REUNION FRATELLO'S--- SHARON MANDELL FOR MORE
INFO PKMAN@WIDEOPENWEST.COM
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SEPTEMBER 21 TCH CLASS OF 63 FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SHARON GRIGG MANDELL
AT PKMAN@WIDEOPENWEST.COM
NOVEMBER 30 TCH CLASS OF 73 - FOR MORE INFOCONTACT LUANN MCGOWAN
AT LUANNLOVESAINTS@AOL.COM

OBITUARIES

MAY 7 - Mouro, Jerry JFK High 1968 Graduate
MAY 18- Keimer, Scott HST High 1985 Graduate
MAY 18—Harris, Wanda, Wife of Steve Harris Longtime Teacher and Band Director
MAY 23- Rich, Michael HST 1993 Graduate
JUNE 3 Patrick, Wayne TCH 1958 Graduate

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER - JUNE

Highlights of Spring Sports

Kennedy boys golf team advanced to the regional tournament – the alumni congratulates the team and Coach Jim Vasko
JFK baseball team district champions – season record 25 wins and 8 losses
JFK girls tennis team were champs in 3 different tourneys
Truman's April Mischeaux, a junior, advanced to the state finals in track. April was also named "best female athlete in the downriver league"

Scholarships

In addition to the alumni and foundation funded scholarships, the foundation manages others. Here are a few of them and the students they were awarded too.

Chevrolet dealers – one to each school

JFK- Elaine Czarnik- 4. GP while taking many advanced placement classes – marching band drum major- captain of soccer team enrolled in UofM Dearborn with a career goal of IT Manager

HST- Ashley Lucier – 4. GPA- many advanced placement classes-symphony and marching band solo and ensemble flute awards- varsity tennis- tutored students- she is enrolled at UofM with a career goal in accounting

Taylor mayoral scholarship- one to each school

JFK- Sara el-Rifaal 3.7 GPA- many advanced placement classes- student government president-principals advisory committee-red cross volunteer, salvation army bell ringer- enrolled UofM Dearborn with goal of Human Resource Manager

HST- Brittany Oren- 3.97 GPA-many advanced placement classes-student council, symphonic. Marching and pep bands- volunteered at Gleaners Food Bank, Penrickton School for the Blind and others- will be attending Eastern Michigan University - undecided career goal

Donations to scholarship fund

Several have asked is they could contribute to the scholarship fund. Absolutely!! We have had contributions all the way from \$5 to \$1000. All you need do is make check payable to Taylor School District Alumni Association. Note that it is a scholarship contribution and mail it to:

Taylor schools Alumni Association
11511 Beech Daly Road
Taylor, Michigan 48180

Here is another thought-- you can have your own scholarship- it can be for one year or longer-- you set the criteria- for example one student from either high school wanting to major in engineering--- or one student from either high school who participated in marching band.. Anything you want. You can have it in honor of someone or on behalf of the Jones family. We have one that has the names of the 3 contributors "the Haarala, Nelson, Pantalone scholarship". You then can take part in the selection of the student and be at the school to present

Lifetime membership

Of the lifetime memberships received this month, two were very special. A lifetime member purchased a lifetime membership for a friend as a birthday gift. What a great idea.. Ron Williams long time Taylor teacher has been living in the south for several years. He looked us up and thanked us for all the emails keeping him in touch with Taylor and the school district. He then purchased a lifetime membership.

For those of you who have not yet joined, why not? A membership is only \$25 and \$5 goes toward the scholarship fund. Join now.....

Obituaries

April 28, 2013 Hillier, Michael TCH 1965
May 21, 2013 Baughman, Taira Johnson JFK 1990
May 29, 2013 Frank, Margaret HST math teacher
May 31, 2013 Green, Charles JFK 1979
June 1, 2013 Chamlee, Gary HST 1990
June 7, 2013 Tucker, Denise Thomas TCH 1975
June 16, 2013 Grow, Roy TCH 1959
June 21, 2013 Maliszewski, Donald JFK 1973
June 21, 2013 Jose, Jamie HST 1998

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER – JULY

SUCCESS STORY

(PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE SUCCESS STORY ON JIM TERRY, TCH CLASS OF '67)

REUNIONS

AUGUST 10 HST CLASS OF 83- PORTOFINO ON THE RIVER 7-11P- FOR MORE INFO CONTACT BILL KORMAN AT WMKORMAN@YAHOO.COM

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SEPTEMBER 7 JFK CLASS OF 83-EMAIL DIANE MCEACHERN FOR MORE INFO 4PLAYFUN44@GMAIL.CO OR CALL 734-751-1585

SEPTEMBER 21 TCH CLASS OF 63 – EMAIL SHARON GRIGG MANDELL FOR MORE INFO PKMAN@WIDEOPENWEST.COM OR CALL 734-671-8236 OR EMAIL SUE HOOVER

JAMES SJAMES22@ATT.NET OR CALL 313-295-2454

NOVEMBER 30 TCH CLASS OF 73 – EMAIL LUANN MCGOWAN FOR MORE INFO LUANNLOVESSAINTS@AOL.COM

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO ALUMNI BOARD MEETING IN AUGUST- NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 10 630PM BOARD OFFICE NORTHLINE
SEPTEMBER 20 BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR ANNUAL 3RD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER ALUMNI GATHERING-MARK
YOUR CALENDARS- GREAT CHANCE TO VISIT CLASSMATES, FRIENDS AND FACULTY . NO ADMISSION FEE-
CASH BAR. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

OBITUARIES

JUNE 11, 2013 FIELHAUER, MONICA TCH 1996

JULY 1, 2013 DEMICK, (ARSENAULT) JOANN TCH 1957

JULY 15, 2013 BOWMAN, MRS. LIBBY MOTHER OF BOB BOWMAN JFK
71, RICK BOWMAN JFK 73 AND DONNA BOWMAN HOFFA HST 1975

JULY 18, 2013 BACHO, LOUIS TCH 1957

JULY 22, 2013 ZOLLWEG, RICHARD 1957

AUGUST 2013 ALUMNI NEWS LETTER

SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 ALUMNI GATHERING- ALL SCHOOLS – ALL CLASSES. INFORMAL PARTY AT THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL ON BREST ROAD FROM 630 TIL ?? NO ADMISSION FEE- JUST A GREAT TIME TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS AND CLASSMATES..MANY OF YOU HAVE ASKED TO HAVE TEACHERS AND STAFF ATTEND.. ALREADY WE HAVE HEARD FROM THE FOLLOWING THAT HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL BE THERE: JOHN & DIANNE DELO, CAROL & ROGER BECHTOL, DAN EDMUNDS, BOB HAARALA, WAYNE HAMILTON, DICK KOZIK, LARRY MCKEOWN, JOHN PANTALONE, TOM POOLE, AL SEBASTIAN, JODI STODDARD, RON VESPREMI AND MANY MORE. IF THERE IS SOMEONE YOU'D LIKE TO SEE, GIVE US THE NAME AND WE WILL TRY TO CONTACT THEM

FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS THE WEEK OF AUGUST 26 FOR BOTH HIGH SCHOOLS. TRUMAN IS COMING OFF A 9 WIN 2 LOSS SEASON AND IS PICKED TO BE IN THE RUN FOR A LEAGUE TITLE. THE DETROIT NEWS PICKS WYANDOTTE, ALLEN PARK AND TRUMAN FOR THE TITLE. KENNEDY HAS A NEW COACHING STAFF AND HOPES TO IMPROVE ON LAST YEARS WIN LOSS RECORD. THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WISHES BOTH PROGRAMS THE BEST.

SMALL WORLD

A GROUP OF TAYLOR EDUCATORS AND ALUMNI, DANIEL EDMUNDS, AIMEE FORTON, LINDA HAMILTON, WAYNE HAMILTON, BILL MASSERANG. TOM POOLE, SHARON VESPREMI AND RON VESPREMI WERE ON AN ALASKAN CRUISE TOUR. WHEN THEY REACHED SEAWARD, ALASKA A HOLLAND AMERICAN CRUISE REPRESENTATIVE MET THEM AND STAYED WITH THEM AS THEIR GUIDE FOR 5 DAYS. TO THEIR SURPRISE THE AGENT WAS MIKE HEPLER A 1983 GRADUATE OF TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 10 ALUMNI BOARD MEETING 6:30PM SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE ALL WELCOME
SEPTEMBER 11 FOUNDATION MEETING SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE 8AM
SEPTEMBER 20 PARTY TIME ALL SCHOOLS ALL CLASSES AMERICAN LEGION HALL ON BREST RD 6:30-TIL?????
SEPTEMBER 21 REUNION TCH CLASS OF 1963 WHAT A GREAT IDEA TO TIE IT IN WITH THE ANNUAL 3RD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER PARTY

OBITUARIES

AUGUST 2013 MERTA, ANTHONY TCH 1968

AUGUST 8, 2013 FRASER, JOAN LONG TIME TAYLOR TEACHER ELEMENTARY INCLUDING BARTLETT & MYERS

AUGUST 14, 2013 DAUPHINAIS, CHARLES EMPLOYEE OF THE TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT- FATHER OF TCH ALUMNI DENISE, DENNIS AND KENNETH

AUGUST 29, 2013 SIEMIENSKI, FRANK JFK 1971

AUGUST 30, 2013 CRAIG, JOAN WIFE OF ROGER CRAIG TAYLOR TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR

AUGUST 30, 2013 FRITZ, LEONARD, FATHER OF JFK ALUMNI KAREN, RANDY DOUG, ELAINE AND LOUIS

REUNIONS

TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1978 35TH REUNION, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:30 P.M., TROLLEY STOP LOUNGE, 8820 PELHAM IN TAYLOR, \$10 PER PERSON (PAY AT DOOR) INCLUDES PIZZA, WINGS, SALAD, CHIPS & SALSA, LIVE DJ, CASH BAR, NEED HEADCOUNT BY OCTOBER 1. OTHER ACTIVITIES, FRIDAY, 10/11, TRUMAN HOMECOMING GAME AGAINST KENNEDY, BONFIRE HOSTED BY JEFF LENNON, FOLLOWING THE GAME, WEATHER PERMITTING, BYOB, SATURDAY, 10/12, GOLF. DETAILS AND TEE TIMES TO BE POSTED. IF INTERESTED EMAIL TERI OR JEFF. UPDATES POSTED ON FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE, "HARRY S TRUMAN HIGH SCHOOL TAYLOR MI 1978", CONTACTS: TERI (BLACKBURN) FRITZ TLFB76@YAHOO.COM OR JEFF HALL JKHALL1010@COMCAST.NET.
ALUMNI NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER

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JIM TERRY'S SUCCESS STORY

MANY OF YOU HAVE INFORMED US THAT YOU LIKE THE "SUCCESS STORIES". HERE IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF HOW WELL TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATES DO.

JIM TERRY GRADUATED FROM TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL IN 1967. WHILE THERE HE PLAYED FOOTBALL, WAS IN THE PEP BAND AND WAS STILL ABLE TO FIND ENOUGH TIME TO BUILD A CAR FOR HIMSELF. UPON GRADUATION HE JOINED THE UNITED STATES NAVY SPENDING 10 YEARS ASSIGNED TO A NUCLEAR SUBMARINE AND WAS AN INSTRUCTOR AT A "SEAL TEAM 6" TRAINING STATION.

JIM CREDITS THE STAFF AT TAYLOR CENTER HIGH FOR INSTILLING A DESIRE TO LEARN. HE RECEIVED DEGREES FROM GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY INCLUDING BUSINESS AND ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN.

JIM TERRY HAS ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH. HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HIS AMAZING CAREER- PROGRAM MANAGER OF THE UNITED KINGDOMS TRIDENT NUCLEAR SUBMARINE PROGRAM, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR SEVERAL BUSINESSES, EARNED A PILOTS LICENSE AND **** HE FOUND TIME TO BUILD HIS OWN AIRPLANE- NOT FROM A KIT.. IT TOOK HIM 12 YEARS. THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS ASKED TO USE HIS PLANE'S NAME FOR THE V-22 MARINE CORPS AIRCRAFT THE "OSPREY". HE ALSO SOLD THEM THE MISSION COMPUTER FOR THE OSPREY. THIS COMPUTER IS ALSO USED IN ALL NAVY JETS..

MR. TERRY WAS "KNIGHTED" IN A CEREMONY IN THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL ALONG WITH ATTORNEY GENERAL ED MEESE, HAS HAD DINNER WITH PRESIDENT BUSH AND MRS. CLINTON AND MUCH MORE.

MR JAMES TERRY HAS PROVIDED US WITH DOCUMENTS AND PICTURES DEALING WITH THE ABOVE ARTICLE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE THESE TO YOU IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS VERY PROUD OF JIM TERRY, TCH 1967 GRADUATE. ONCE AGAIN SHOWS US WHAT GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY GRADUATES OF THE TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT.