



Taylor
Center High



John F.
Kennedy High



Harry S.
Truman High

Taylor Schools Alumni Association

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Taylor Center High class of 1962 Hawaiian Cruise

The NCL Cruise Ship "The Pride of Aloha" will welcome members of the Class of 1962 for a seven-day cruise March 6-13, 2005. Itinerary includes Kauai, Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu. Cabins are still available for prices as low as \$1,000 per person plus airfare. John Pantalone is in charge of travel details. Contact him at 734 421-1159

Alumni Association achieves all of first year goals

The Taylor Alumni Association is one year old and we are happy to report that all first year goals have been met. The organizing committee drew up a list of goals for each of the first three years of operation. First year goals were as follows.

Write by-laws and apply for non profit exemption

Secure bulk mailing permit

Establish budget

Open a bank account

Create an Alumni web site and secure a web master

Send out first newsletter to active members

Continue to work on data base for 45,000 graduates

Establish the capability of assisting reunion classes with names, addresses, email addresses, labels, etc.

Start activities—party at Pias, booth at Heritage Festival, booths at homecomings, TCH Sock Hop

Elect officers

Much has been accomplished, but there is still much we can do. We are setting a second year goal of more activities—homecoming gatherings, alumni gatherings, etc. Expanded membership and incentives for members such as discounted hotels, meals, etc.

We need help! Please contact us if you are willing to serve on committees.

******Win Tickets to see the NBA Champion Detroit Pistons******

The Taylor Alumni Association is excited to announce that they will be giving some lucky winners Detroit Pistons Basketball tickets.

When an alumni applies for a new membership or renews their existing membership by February 26th, they will be entered into a drawing for 4 - 6th row seats to see the Detroit Pistons take on the Toronto Raptors Friday March 18, 2005. The winner will also receive 2 VIP parking passes, a voucher for a free Hoop magazine, a free

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Renew your membership or join today!

Send your check or money order payable to.....

Taylor Alumni Association
Attn: Nancy Mascaro Miller 22770 Northline,
Taylor MI 48180

Friday, June 24, 2005

Taylor Foundation of Excellence Golf Outing - Lakes of Taylor

For info contact Amy Skeehan at 313 295-5764 or skehana@taylor.k12.mi.us



THANK YOU...

Rudy Baas for donating \$100 to the Alumni Association. Rudy lives in Honolulu, Hawaii and is a 1968 Kennedy graduate.



News about the Taylor School District

by Bea (Leonards) Holland JFK 1985

For those of you that have been out of the loop for a while, the Taylor School District has downsized a bit, and many changes have taken place over the past few years.

Currently there are two high schools: John F. Kennedy and Harry S. Truman. Taylor Center, the first Taylor High School, closed in 1997. Both high schools house ninth through twelfth grades. The big news at these schools this year is that bussing has been cut due to budget problems. This probably sounds familiar to some of you, reminding you

of the early 80's! And speaking of budget cuts, sports has become a pay-to-play system. Many are displeased with this, but at least they haven't cut the sports program.

Brake, Hoover, and West switched to the Middle School Concept several years ago. Teachers taught on teams, and got to know their seventh and eighth grade students very well. This however costs more money, so this year the schools switched back to being Jr. High's again. They have some sports, but still have not recovered to 100% of the sports they

had in the 60's and 70's.

There are 13 elementary schools - Eureka Heights, Federal, Fischer, Holland, Johnson, Kinyon, McDowell, Moody, Myers, Racho, Randall, Taylor Parks, and Wareing and one Early Childhood Center—Treadwell. Racho is housed in the old Bartlett building on Monroe, and the students are bussed. The old school has been demolished. The School Board is considering redistricting for the elementary schools.

Look for more School District news in future Alumni Newsletters.

IN THE NEWS

Mike Lewis JFK 1972.... After 19 years as a TV reporter and weekend anchor on WDIV-TV, he is starting a new career. Due to Mike's wife studying medicine at Michigan State University, Mike and family are moving to Okemos. Mike is currently chief of Oakland University's communications program. Mike had a great run at channel four and we wish him the best in his new ventures.

Carolyn Thompson Benivegna, TCH 1960..... Carolyn is president of the Ovarian Cancer Alliance of Florida-Gulf Coast. She recently was honored with a women of achievement award by the American Association of University Women-Greater Naples Branch. She was honored for her efforts in championing the cause for ovarian cancer awareness.

Jennifer Lynn TCH 1992.. Jennifer

received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Detroit Mercy and is currently employed as a dental hygienist. She is married to Jim Zelek of Redford. Jim is owner and operator of J&D Property Maintenance.



HOOPS.....

Pistons Insider program and \$20 in coupons for the concession stands or merchandise in the Palace Locker Room.

So come on all you Cougars, Eagles, and Rams - support your Alumni Association and be sure to become a 2005 member before the deadline on February 26, 2005 to be entered to win this exciting prize pack worth over \$375. The drawing will take

place at Pia's Pizza located at 21142 Ecorse Road, Taylor - check our web site for the date and time! Fun will be had by all who attend - all Taylor graduates are invited, so come join the fun and reunite with old familiar faces!

The Alumni Association will also be holding a raffle for 4 more tickets to see the Detroit Pistons take on the Los Angeles Clippers on April 1, 2005.

More information on this raffle will be available soon. Please visit www.tayloralumni.org for the most up to date information on all of the association events.



The City of Taylor by Sharon Barnett

The City of Taylor, twenty four square miles of perpetual growth, is a great community with eighteen major employers (100 + employees) and as of this writing, seventeen new housing developments including homes, apartment buildings and condominiums. Two splendid golf courses, featuring homes and condominiums, starting price range, \$300,000. Focus on the Goddard Pardee area has been a mid-town concept, with Brownstone buildings and brick crosswalks. Just down the street is Heritage Park, if you have not had the opportunity to visit there, it is an excellent way to spend

an afternoon with its great petting farm and small shops. Those alumni, who have moved to another area, would indeed be impressed by the city's growth and progress. I know I am. Just recently the city was awarded the "Outstanding Achievement Award" from the Michigan Municipal League, for their successful *brownfield redevelopment* program. This program allows communities to assist the redevelopment of blighted, functionally obsolete and contaminated properties in order to promote economic growth. "Brownfield redevelopment has made a difference in

our community" stated current Mayor of Taylor, Gregory Pitoniak.

The City of Taylor offers many opportunities for the young as well as senior members of our community. Human Services, numerous recreation programs, a superb sports stadium, Taylor Sportsplex, senior programs, fitness, teen services, excellent schools and a community college, just to name a few. Easy access to key expressways and Metropolitan Airport, make Taylor an ideal location to live, work and play.

References: City of Taylor Info Summer 2004
City of Taylor Web Site www.cityoftaylor.com

Reunions.....

John F. Kennedy class of 1985

August 13, 2005 at Park Cove Banquet Hall in Allen Park, Michigan. Please contact Bea (Leonards) Holland at pomcoach@hotmail.com for more information.

Taylor Center High class of 1985

The class of 1985 is planning a reunion. Addresses, both email and other, are being sought for classmates.

Contact

classof1985reunion@yahoo.com or mail information to *Class of 1985*, 3225 Royal Blvd., Commerce, MI 48382.

Taylor Center High Class of 1994

The class of 1994 will hold a 10-year reunion Nov. 20 at Arnaldo's of Riverview. Contact classof94reunion@aol.com or princess

23501@aol.com for details.

Truman High Class of 1994

THS will hold a reunion on Oct. 23 and is seeking interested classmates. For more information, contact Chrissy Masters at 313 575-2214 or Jenny Bireta (Zahn) at 313 410-4532



THS/TCH/JFK—Class of 1974

We are currently planning a reunion for THS/TCH/JFK graduates from the class of 1974. The following individuals will be the contacts.

Cheryl (Trolley) Schiebold
734 334-1462 work 313 850-6409
email_schiebc@resa.net

Debbie (Campbell) Doute 615 791-1015/email_thintowin@aol.com

Jim Lee 770 486-4333/jlee@cooperlighting.com

Don Vogrin

email / Donald.f.vogrin@gm.com

information on alumni.

Truman High class of 1995

THS is seeking classmates for a 10-year reunion to take place in the fall of 2005. Call Michelle DaSilva at 313 492-73169 or Erin Van Norden at 313 295-1934 for more information or email_mdasil01@comcast.com

John F. Kennedy Class of 1984

Contact Jeff Anderson at jfk84reunion@yahoo.com to submit



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Organizing Committee

Nancy (Vauris) Myers	JFK 1968
Linda Pilous	JFK 1967
Barbara (Weigel) Schultz	TCH 1958
Mickey Turcheck	TCH 1960
Gloria (Villet) Blommer	JFK 1967
Claudia Michael Boyda	JFK 1967
Mary (Swartout) Rusnak	JFK 1972
Lora Coats	HST 1983
Sharon (Campau) Barnett	TCH 1964
Clair (Wasil) Conway	JFK 1967
Bea (Leonards) Holland	JFK 1967

Advisory Members

Charles Dickelman	Faculty (Retired)
Robert Haarala	Faculty (Retired)
John Pantalone	Faculty (Retired)
Amy Skehan	
Executive Director, Taylor Foundation For Education Excellence	

Taylor Schools Alumni Association's purpose.

To enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District by developing an active alumni association for the common good of both the graduates and the school district.

Alumni Directories \$30 for non-members (this will include a 1 year renewable membership.) \$10 for paid members.

Alumni Mugs \$5 gray with all 3 mascots on them.

Window Clings \$1 Alumni Association has Ram, Cougar & Eagle on it.

Pads of Paper 50 cents Kennedy, Taylor Center & Truman (individual schools) 5 1/2" x 8 1/2"

Taylor Center Pins \$3 It says 1953-1997

From the President

Thank you to everyone who voted for our first board of Directors and to Linda Pilous, Barb Schultz, and Sharon Barnett the election committee.

Also, a huge THANK YOU to those who have worked so hard to organize the Taylor School District Alumni Association! Especially **John Pantalone** who was the person who put this group together and made his idea a reality.

With any organization just starting out, we have a lot to do to make this an active group. Anyone who would like to help in anyway, feel free to get in contact with us. You can email us at tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com or mail to 22770 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180.

The more people we have involved the

more ideas we can gather. It takes a lot of people to run an organization especially one with over 45,000 alumni and growing every year.

Our goal is to be an active group. We want everyone to feel proud about being an alumni from the Taylor Schools or a friend of the Taylor Alumni.

Some ideas already for the future are to get the Taylor Center museum up and running as soon as the School Board decides what they are going to do with the building. To participate in school homecomings. Homecomings are actually for alumni to come home or back to their school. We would like to have sections to sit in the bleachers and even our own float for the school's parade.

We would also like to get some kind of

coupon/discount from businesses for all paid members.

We have a long road ahead of us and hopefully you all are driving down the road with us!

Thank you!

Taylor Schools Alumni President

Caroline Patts, TC '73



John Pantalone

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