

## Alumni Association

*Keeping Ties with Our Alumni*



**TAYLOR**  
School District



August 2018 Newsletter

# RETIRED TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND STAFF

The following have retired after serving the students of the Taylor Public Schools. The Taylor Alumni Association thanks you for your years of dedicated service to provide the best possible education for the students. You will be missed!

## Teachers

Bailey, Dana  
Chapman, Carole  
Cunningham, Cheryl  
Doumanian, Ted  
Hecht, Diane  
Merwin, Lisa  
O'Connor, Deborah  
Ostrowski, Gary  
Ostrowski, Karen  
Scarpace, Stacy  
Schmult, Richard  
Woolford, Michelle

## Staff

Armstrong, John Transportation  
Brewer, Corinne Transportation  
Douglas, Leslie Secretary

Evanchuck, Julie Cook  
Hensley, Lewis Transportation  
Kehr, Patricia Transportation  
Lawrence, Kelly Transportation  
McNabb, Donna Para-Pro  
Overfield, William Transportation  
Remelius, Karen Cook  
Simpson, Henry Transportation

## Principals

Ciko, Diane Downie Taylor Parks  
Jones-Jackson, Tamara Myers  
Lancina, Jacqueline Career Center  
Saylor, Tommie Kennedy

## Directors

Daihl, Rene Special Education  
Hilliker, Lee Ann Facilities  
Uranis, Thor Operations

## MILESTONE

Congratulations to Ellis (Al) Karacson, JFK class of 1979. Al will retire October 27th after 33 years with DHL Express, formerly Airborne Express. Prior to employment at Airborne Express, Al spent 4 years in the Air Force including 3 years of service in Japan. Al married Mary Nowak 38 years ago and they have raised two children, Jessica and Christopher. Al and Mary enjoy traveling. They have traveled to Korea, Guam, Belize, and to Japan several times. Al is looking forward to spending his retirement fishing, hunting and traveling with family and friends. The Taylor Alumni Association wishes him all the best in his retirement.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A  
PERSON WHO IS HAPPY  
ON MONDAY?

RETIRED.

# GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR



➤ Music and Art in the Conservatory  
Wednesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

- August 1st - Lady Sunshine and the X Band, Playing Blues, Funk and R&B. Lady Sunshine was born to sing the Blues. Born on a plantation, she grew up singing Gospel and is definitely the real deal. She is a consummate entertainer.

- August 8th - Dave Bennett and friends playing Jazz and Rock-A- Billy. A multi-instrument phenomenon, Bennett is a Clarinet Virtuoso who also plays electric guitar, piano, drums and vocalizes. He is the only artist anywhere saluting the roots of pop: covering music from the swing era to country, from Elvis to the Beatles and more.

- August 15th - The Invasion, a British Rock and Roll group. All 4 members of the

band sing well-crafted harmonies. They have 4 true lead vocalists.

➤ City of Taylor – This is a great website...visit it to see eight outstanding videos of what our city has to offer. [www.cityoftaylor.com/1](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/1)

## OTHER NEWS...

### Class of 1978 JFK

The big "D", Charlie Dickelman, donated his personal yearbooks to the Alumni Association. The association decided to raffle them off with the proceeds going to scholarships and other causes. So far, we have held silent auctions at two reunions and they were very successful.

So, here we go again. Charles' 1978 personal yearbook is loaded with notes from you his students. We are now starting a silent auction with the book going to the highest bidder. The bids will start at \$60. Send your bid to [johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net) and Mr. Pantalone will post the highest bid every two days on the Alumni's website. Bidding will close at 10 pm August 18th and the winner announced at the reunion. You need not be present to win.

# ALUMNI NEWS!



## Welcome New Lifetime Members

The Taylor Alumni Association welcomes the following graduates who became Lifetime Members.

Baxter, Marion Petre	JFK 1971
Bourlier, Keith	JFK 1968
Bowman, Larry	TCH 1969
Frasure, John	TCH 1969
Gibbons, Roger	JFK 1968
Hanson-Meier, Tanyar	JFK 1984
Heavner, Mary Evanego	JFK 1975
Isaacs, Michael	JFK 1987
McIntyre, Brian	JFK 1985
Meade, Sandra	JFK 2003
Meier, Clifford	JFK 1970
O'Sullivan, Sue Vogrin	JFK 1971
Purcell, Donna Schmoekel	JFK 1967
Revoskt, Timothy	JFK 1973
Schultz, Deborah Haveman	JFK 1971
Showler, Mark	JFK 1971
Storace, Bruce	JFK 1968
Wright, Deanna Evanego	JFK 1980
Wright, Michelle Evanego	JFK 1978

Why don't you join us? Simply write a check for \$25 payable to Taylor Alumni Association and mail it to: Taylor Alumni Association  
11501 Beech Daly Road Taylor, MI 48180. You then will be a lifetime member of the fastest growing Alumni in the state.

## JFK FAREWELL

Ken Renner and Sue Landis, committee chairpersons, reported the affair to be a huge success. Attendance both Friday and Saturday was estimated to be over 500. At Friday night's gathering, much to the delight of the graduates, 51 teachers covering the entire span from 1965 to 2018 attended. Saturday's attendance was impacted by the rain fall. Those in attendance enjoyed the Alumni Band performance during a 5 hour stretch. Ray Lauerma, JFK 1972, and his band were a big hit.

Keith Paul Hipsley, JFK 2006, took the mike and sang earning a huge ovation. Keith is going to perform in the upcoming auditions for America's Got Talent to be held in Detroit November 7, 2018. We sincerely hope we will see a star born.

The Taylor Alumni Association commends Ken, Sue and their committee for an outstanding farewell to JFK.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CAROL GAUTHIER KRYANAK

Carol Gauthier Kryanak graduated from Taylor Center High in 1971. She then went to Central Michigan University and graduated with a B.A. in Education including classes in the teaching of driver's education. She was hired to teach Drivers Training at Mt. Pleasant High School. In 1977 she moved to Grand Rapids to teach Drivers Training in the Grand Rapids public schools. The district had a driving range and received grants for driving simulators to supplement on the road driving. Carol also taught adults who needed to improve driving skills. She had a class of immigrants from Viet Nam and in order to teach them she had to learn enough of their language to cover all the safety rules and road signs.

She moved to Saginaw in 1983 and began employment with Saginaw County Community Mental Health where she worked as case manager for adults with developmental disabilities. Carol participated in the de-institutional movement at the Caro Regional Mental Health Center. Working as a behavior specialist in Anger Management, her desire to return to teaching became evident. She renewed her teaching certification while earning a Master of Arts in teaching from Saginaw Valley State University. She taught in a program for children with autism before retiring in 2014.

Her memories of TCH include French as taught by Monsieur Geib. She visited Paris and used some of the French she had learned. Mr. Walters helped her overcome her trepidation of Geometry and Trig. That helped her through the rest of her education. Typing and English classes also provided a strong basis for career and educational success. The after-school clubs, such as GAA and the Ski Club, started her on the path to maintaining physical fitness.

Carol still lives in Saginaw where she and her husband, Mark, raised two children. She keeps busy with two grandchildren, managing her rental properties and as a member of the Saginaw Landlords Association. Her siblings also benefited from their Taylor School District education. David Gauthier (now deceased) graduated from TCH, Charlotte, Barbara and Lyle all are HST graduates. All are Taylor Alumni Association Lifetime members.

### A LITTLE HUMOR

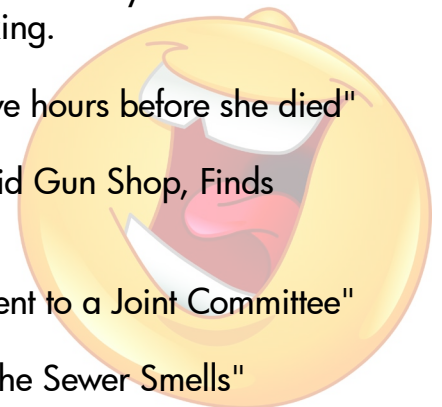
Real "Headlines" that make you wonder what was the editor thinking.

"Diana was still alive hours before she died"

"Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop, Finds Weapons"

"Marijuana Issue Sent to a Joint Committee"

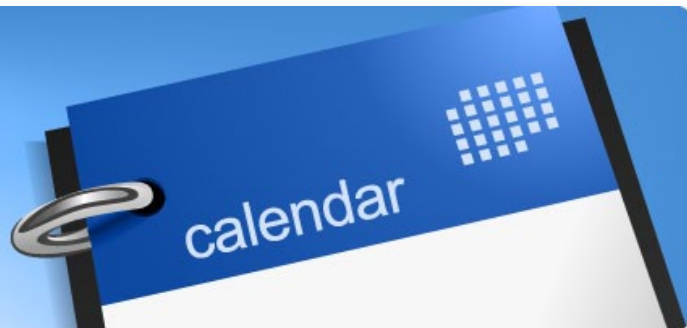
"City Unsure Why the Sewer Smells"





# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



August 11th

Truman High School Class of 1978 will be celebrating their 40 year reunion at the Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, 22314 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM EDT. All classes are welcome to attend. The cost is \$50 and includes: Appetizers, Dinner & Dessert from Alvi's BBQ, Music, Bonfire & Tons of Reconnecting, Reminiscing and Fun. 1978-era Music and Dance Floor. \$\$ Cash Bar \$\$\$. Please wear comfortable attire for an outdoor garden party. Note - heels may be challenging in the grass. Purchase tickets via the Eventbrite link, click [here](#).

August 18th

JFK Class of 1978 40th reunion. Masonic Hall 23263 Goddard Road. Dinner and Dancing followed by a picnic in the park on Sunday, August 19th. The cost is \$35, please send check to "JFK Class Reunion" c/o Kathy Davis 11141 Westpoint, Taylor MI 48180. For more info email [Kathrynquiel2017@gmail.com](mailto:Kathrynquiel2017@gmail.com).

September 21st

Plans are underway for the 2018 **All Schools-All Classes-Get Together**. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 21st. This will be a great opportunity to meet with classmates, teachers and friends. No admission fee—food and drinks available for purchase. Location is Sneaky's (owned by a Taylor Public School Grad) on Allen Road in Woodhaven. More information will be sent out in the near future.

October 6th

JFK Class of 1968's 50th Reunion will be held at the Taylor Meadows Golf Course, 25360 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, MI 48180 from 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm. If planning to attend the cost is \$40 per person for dinner and dancing and must be paid by June 30, 2018. There will be a cash bar. Please make checks payable to John F Kennedy Class Reunion and mail to Mary Burgraph Baugh, 8320 Stephenson Rd., Ousted, MI 49265. We have a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline, Southgate, MI, 734-283-4400 (please mention JFK Reunion). Rooms cost \$99.99 king bed or \$109.99 for two beds. Please direct questions to Nancy McVay Strong at 734-654-8395, Mary Burgraph Baugh 734-512-7272, or Lynn Carson Boughton at 517-902-4406. headcount is needed please email [nmcstrong@charter.net](mailto:nmcstrong@charter.net) if you plan to attend.