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IN THE NEWS



Larry Wright

LARRY WRIGHT, JFK 1966, HONORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

On November 12, 2016, Larry Wright was one of six Rotarians from around the World and the only recipient from North America to be honored by the United Nations.

Larry's leadership as founding chair of "Launch Detroit", has generated international interest in a program that is serving as a model for other cities in the USA and around the world.

Mr. Wright's reaction to being honored by the United Nations, "I can't begin to tell you what an honor it is to be recognized with this award, but it truly belongs to a group of dedicated Rotarians, many of whom are entrepreneurs and business owners themselves".

Larry added, "One of the things I am proudest of in

my life is being a Rotarian, as Rotarians, we are volunteers who do good around the world. When you volunteer you give the most expensive and priceless gift anyone could have given—kindness and love.”

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of Larry Wright as is the Taylor Public School Foundation of which Larry Wright is a member. 📌

You're Getting Old When...



- ▶ Your knees buckle, and your belt won't!
- ▶ Your phone book has only names ending in M.D.
- ▶ You finally get it all together and can't remember where you put it.



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

BIG SCREEN, BIG EXPERIENCE



Photo courtesy of the City of Taylor. An anonymous donation allowed the city of Taylor to purchase a portable inflatable outdoor movie screen and sound system similar to this one.

New free outdoor movies in the park program had crowds lining up early. The first movie was “The Jungle Book”. The program was created when an anonymous donor donated a \$25,000 outdoor movie and sound system to the City of Taylor. Shows will be scheduled throughout the Community from May through October next year. Heritage Park will be an obvious location as well as Northwest Park and The William Ford Senior Activities Center. 📌

LITTLE KNOWN FACTS ABOUT MICHIGAN

- ▶ NOVI—The City was named from it's designation as Stagecoach stop #6 – or in Roman Numerals NO.VI
- ▶ U OF M was founded by Priests in Detroit and was named CATHELEPISTEMIAN. The name was changed in 1821 and moved to Ann Arbor in 1841.

DOWN MEMORY LANE!

49 YEARS AGO

TCH Class of 1967

The TCH Marching Band 110 strong under the direction of Mr. Ed Rima, marched in the Detroit Hudson's Day Parade and also performed at the Detroit Lions vs. Chicago Bears football game

The Rampage won a First Place award in the annual yearbook contest conducted by Columbia University. The Rampage editor was Marilyn Trombley and the advisor was Ms. Judy Volk.

TCH Ski Club boasted of having 234 active members who went skiing at Mt Holly every Thursday night weather permitting.

Tony Messina, Phil Wilkinson, Charles Sadler and Charles Murphy led the Debate Team to First Place in the Wayne Debate League.

JFK Class of 1967

Super football season as the Eagles went undefeated in league play to claim the championship. Coach Bob Sclater was selected league "Coach of the year". Bob Trimai won many honors—All league, All Area, All Suburban and All State Honorable mention.

Five Foreign Languages were offered; French, German, Latin, Russian and Spanish.

Vocal Music Department offered concerts featuring; Concert Choir, Chorus, Kennediers (all male), Senior Girls Trio, Mixed Ensemble, Barbershop Quartet, Junior Misses and Sophomore Girls Ensemble.

First Homecoming for JFK with Queen Carol Phail, and Court Renee Androsian, Sandy Kaiponen, Sally Norman and Mary Lou Williams. ✍️



WE HEARD FROM

► **Vanessa Verдум-Morris, HST 1997**, brought to our attention that we did not mention The Taylor Library in the column "Good Things are Happening in Taylor". We sure should have as the Library has lots going on—Educational and Recreational events, free-of-charge computer lab and laptop lounge and much more. Take a look at their Web Site: www.taylor.lib.mi.us

Thanks Vanessa

► **Mark Jesulatis, TCH 1975**, emailed - Great story on Arnett (Chisholm) and coach Turcheck. Please keep up the great work you guys and thank you.

Thanks Mark

Please continue to let us know what you like and dislike. We love hearing from you. ✍️

TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY



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Larry Cretul

Larry Cretul remembers the excitement of moving into a new building and being a member of the first Graduating Class of John F Kennedy High School. A strong memory of that year and one half spent in the new high school was being a part of the band program under the direction of Roger Craig. Larry enjoyed the entire band experience, the Pep Rallies, Concerts and being invited to march in special events state wide.

In 1967 he enlisted in the Navy, serving for 4 years. His

sea duty time was aboard the USS Forrestal where he was night shift supervisor on the flight deck, an experience he will never forget. After his discharge he relocated in Ocala Fl.

In 1994 the political bug bit him and he ran for and was elected to the Marion County Commission and served two terms, a total of 8 years. In 2002 he was elected to the Florida House of Representatives. In 2009 during his final term he was elected to serve as the Speaker of the House of Representative for two years. Due to term limits he then looked for a new career.

In 2011 along with another former speaker of the house representative, Larry formed a governmental lobbying firm. They had several blue chip

clients including Disney, AT&T and Hospital Corporation of America. The firm grew to seven full time lobbyists and the client list grew to over 50. September 2016 they merged with one of Florida's largest firms, Grey-Robinson. Mr. Cretul is now part of a firm of 25 lobbyists, 300 lawyers and 13 offices in the State of Florida.

Larry has been married for 48 years to Lana Delves (JFK Class of 1967).

The Taylor Alumni Association is very proud of the accomplishments of Larry Cretul and wish him continued success in his endeavors. 📝

EURCHRE TOURNAMENT A BIG HIT

Thanks to all who attended. Everyone we talked with had a great time. Many thanks to Judy LaFleur and Janis Motsinger who organized the event. Of course we also

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 want to thank those that assisted in making the event so great— Dan Edmunds and Taylor American Legion Post, Sheri Englbrink, Caroline Patts, Nancy Mascaro, Charlene

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OBITUARIES



The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

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Harry S. Truman High School Michael Hathaway, Class of 1980, (passed September 29, 2016).

Other Thomas Miles, (passed October 21, 2016). Tom was an Elementary Physical Education teacher.

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