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May 2016 Alumni Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS



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ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY OF A TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT GRADUATE

Taylor alumni receives the prestigious Jefferson Award. The award celebrates positive change and selfless public service. The award went to Randy Mills a 1971 graduate of John F Kennedy

High School, who dedicates countless hours to helping others. Randy exemplifies everything the award represents.

At age 16, Jenny Smith was outside tumbling, when her feet slipped out from underneath her and she sustained a spinal cord injury

that left her paralyzed from the chest down. Jenny didn't let that day define her future. She is now a rower in the Louisville Rowing Club's Adaptive Rowing Program. A club for children and adults with disabilities. Ms Smith started rowing because of Randy Mills. He asked her to give it a shot and now she has been rowing for 11 years.



While in High School Randy was a standout performer on coach Roger Bechtol's award winning gymnastics team. Randy's skill won him a gymnastics scholarship to Eastern Michigan University. In 1975 Randy was named coach of the Dominican Republic's National Gymnastics Squad in the Pan American Games.

► 1978 Mr. Mills became Assistant Director of Michigan Special Olympics in Mt. Pleasant Michigan.

► 1980 He returned home to Wayne County and taught special education in the Wayne County Intermediate School District.

► 1989 Randy relocated to Louisville KY to teach special education.

► 1990 Randy became coach of the Derby City Wheelchair Basketball Team.

► 1996 He became involved with the Louisville Adaptive Rowing Program and is now the program's Director.

Randy Mills Plans to retire September of this year. Retire, not really, as he has plans to have Biblical theme hayrides on his farm and focus on those with disabilities and otherwise do not get the opportunity to ride on an accessible hay trailer.

The Taylor Alumni Association extends congratulations to Randy Mills for receiving the Jefferson Award and for his desire to help people in need of help. 📌 —WDRB, Louisville KY



To see the video about Randy Mill [click here](#)

It takes a special kind of man to care enough to take the time for others, it takes the kind of man who, in a quiet and sincere way, will do whatever it takes to help someday out. —Hugo Porter

DOWN MEMORY LANE!



Pia's Celebrates 61 years

Where did we gather after all those football and basketball games? Where does everyone celebrate birthdays, communions and many other events. Where do we go for the best pizza around? Where does everyone like to meet when they are in town for reunions and to meet up with old schools friends? Pia's of course!

Pia's Ristorante Italiano was recently honored for 61 years of business in Taylor. Pia's was opened in April of 1955 by Luigi and Josephine Pecci. Luigi passed away in 2005. He is survived by Josephine and their children, Luigi, Dina and Paolo. Come in to the carry out side where you have a view of the kitchen and you can sometimes spot Josephine! Daughter Dina is the general manager. You can find Pia's at 21142 Ecorse Road, Taylor MI 313-383-1309 📍



Farewell to the Former Fletcher Elementary



The City of Taylor has been awarded a Blight Elimination Program Grant of \$100,000 by the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority, to tear down the former Fletcher Elementary School along Pardee Road, north of Superior. The former school will be demolished and the property redeveloped. Fletcher Elementary School was built in 1938 with 4 rooms. 2 rooms were added in 1947; 4 more added in 1957 and 6 rooms were added in 1962. 📍

GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Kennedy High School

► In today's every changing world, it is important to endure, our classrooms are integrated with technology and resources to optimize success. At the Taylor School District, our facilities are equipped with smart boards, computers and media centers. In addition, we provide added support through our literacy and early intervention programs. Students can get hand-on experience with exposure to real-world challenges through our career tech program in high school robotics or our Middle School Stem collaborative. 📍

DO YOU REMEMBER YOUR ALMA MATER?

Taylor Center—Black and Gold

Black and Gold we honor you,
to your colors we'll be true.

Taylor High we pledge to thee,
all our faith and loyalty.

School we love we're proud of you,
to you we'll be forever true.

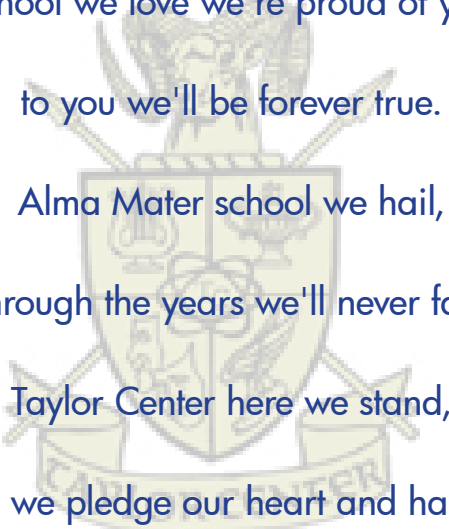
Alma Mater school we hail,
through the years we'll never fail.

Taylor Center here we stand,
as we pledge our heart and hand.

Your traditions we'll uphold
and your colors Black and Gold.

And with each succeeding year,
all your mem'ries we'll hold dear.

Taylor Center hail to thee,
in our thoughts you'll always be.

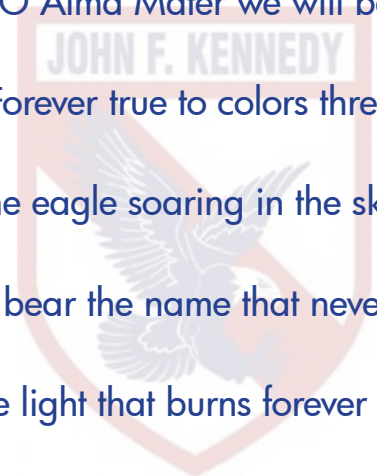


John F. Kennedy—Red, White and Blue

O Alma Mater we will be
Forever true to colors three.

The eagle soaring in the skies
Does bear the name that never dies.

The light that burns forever free
Will honor thee dear Kennedy.



Harry S. Truman—Blue and White

Truman High School, Blue and White
Your torch of knowledge, burning bright,

Thoughts of Truman we will hold,

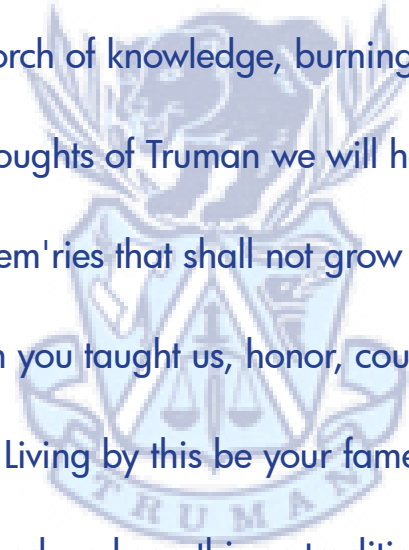
Mem'ries that shall not grow old

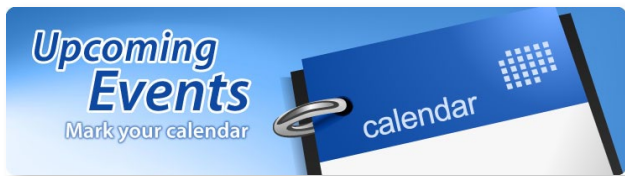
Truth you taught us, honor, courage,

Living by this be your fame

And we keep this as tradition,

So that all will know your name.





June 11, 2016

Ken Wood Memorial Golf Outing—The 8th Annual Memorial Outing will be held at the Lake Erie Metro Park Golf Course at 1 pm. For questions, please call Rod Fadoir at 734-735-0082 or email him at rfadoir@gkcorp.com.

June 10, 2016

March in Gold—50 years after their first graduation ceremony 20 graduates of the JFK Class of 1966 will again take part in a graduation. The following 1966 graduates have been fitted for gold caps and gowns and will march with the 2016 graduates June 10th in the current graduation ceremonies: Paula Adkins, Rita Barnard Feitel, Fred Baugh, Chuck Bloomer, Linda Brown Colstrom, David Burkeen, Marilyn Pannanen Devore, Alice Fredricks Juszko, Richard Gorski, David Harrison, Penny Fiske Harrison, Gerald Marcis, Fred Phail, David Reid, Nancy Rimar-Howard, Charlene Roberts Ansel, Linda Robinson Marcis, David Schuck and Larry Wright.

June 18, 2016

JFK 1966 50th Class Reunion. 3 - 9 p.m., Taylor Conservatory, 22314 Northline Road. Cost is \$50 per person and covers traveling food stations and live band. Please mail check or money order to: JFK 66 50th, 11539 Syracuse, Taylor, Michigan 48180. Contact Paula Adkins 734-771-7871, email adkinspd@ameritech.net or Linda Milne 313-585-1198.

June 22 - 26th

Taylor Summer Festival at Heritage Park.



CLASS REUNIONS

Truman High School Class of 1976

40th Year Reunion
SAVE THE DATE:
September 10, 2016

Details are in the early stages but wanted to be sure you save the date. It is scheduled to be held at The Bently in Wyandotte. Please spread the word and I will be in touch soon. For more information please join the "Harry S. Truman Class of 1976 40th Reunion" Facebook group. For any of our classmates that do not have a Facebook Account and are interested in attending, please also have them email truman76reunion@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Gina Fiorini Laarkamp



John F. Kennedy High School Class of 1976

40th Year Reunion

October 15 2016- 5pm - JP McGuires on the corner of Mortenview and Goddard. 50/50 tickets, casual dress, wear what you like.

Tickets for JPs \$25 each, \$50 couple, food is great. Cash Bar.

October 16 2016 - 10am to ??? - Bierkellers located at the corner of Goddard and Ziegler.

Bierkellers Blues, Beatles Brunch. Casual dress, PJs if you like. If flying out Sunday can leave luggage at my house. (Terri McCreary Coulston) I'm right down the street. Brunch is for families also so bring them if you like.

Brunch will be on you. If we get enough people we'll have a tent. If we have a tent there will be a \$5 charge.

Please friend me on FaceBook for any additional information or updates. If there is a football game Friday night would also be a good time! Can't wait to see my old classmates, have to say so much interest already. Let's go Eagles, put the word out see you in October.

Please Contact Terri McCreary Coulston, for any additional info 734-502-9925.

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.

John F Kennedy High

Lori Dewey, Class of 1990, (passed February 24, 2016)

Steven Nicolas, Class of 2002 (passed April 16, 2016)

Taylor Center High

Robert (Bob) Varga, Class of 1960, (passed November 2015)

Deloris Loftis, Class of 1961, (passed February 16, 2016)

Russell "Skip" Pett, Jr., Class of 1972, (passed March 25, 2016)

Mary Conduff, Class of 1972, (passed March 2016)

Keith Hyatt, Class of 1967, (passed April 16, 2016)

Harry S. Truman High School

Karen Bonner Kanouse, Class of 1974, (passed January 21, 2014)

Jeff Bonner, Class of 1982, (passed June 21, 2014)

Other

Kristin Valleau, Elementary Teacher (passed March 28, 2016)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH!

Just one person saying to me "You've made my day" makes my day. 📌