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### LET'S MEET OUR LEADERS



Angela Croft

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Angela is a 1985 graduate of John F Kennedy High School. She writes that she has many great memories of her years at JFK, the excellent teachers, great friends, many of whom I am lucky enough to still be in contact with. One person that has had a lasting impact on my life was most definitely my Counselor, Mr. Tremba. He was an active listener who

challenged me to question traditional roles and to never accept less than what I knew I was capable of.

In the years since leaving Kennedy, she completed her Bachelor of Business degree and went on to graduate from Wayne State University with a Master's in Business Administration. Angela spent 14 years working at Detroit Metro Airport as a Department manager.

Currently she is the City of Taylor's Council Chair Pro-tem serving a four year term she

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# TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



JFK High School

## Sad News For Alumni

The school board has voted to consolidate the current two high schools into one. In school year 2017-18 all incoming 9th graders will be attending Harry S Truman High School. For the 2018-19 school year all 9th thru 12th grade students will be attending Harry S Truman High School. Committees are being formed to create a smooth transition; one of those committees will propose a new name for the consolidated high schools.

I am sure all Kennedy and Truman Alumni are very sad to hear about their school closing. JFK will have had 52 graduating classes

and HST will have had 44 graduating classes when the two are consolidated. All of us, staff and graduates have so many fond memories of the days spent in those schools, memories that will never be forgotten. However, with enrollment declining to less than 800 in each building, the consolidation was inevitable. Enrollment had dwindled to the point where it would be no longer possible to offer the classes needed for our current students.

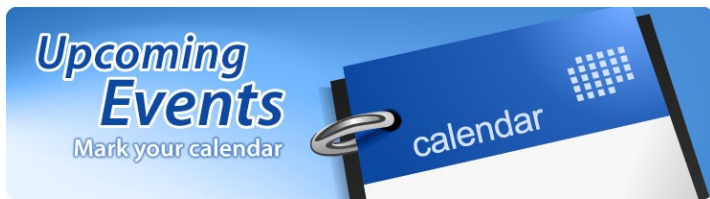
The building now being occupied by Truman High School and other programs was designed to be able to house over 3000 students. The 1600 nine thru twelfth grade students can easily be housed in that building. Committees will be challenged to come up with the name of the new high school as well as school colors, mascot and more.

“New” is always exciting, but the closing of schools we loved is hard to deal with. We all have memories of all the great things that happened to us in the schools we loved. . There will be many events in the next two years to honor all the years of John F Kennedy and Harry S Truman High Schools.



Truman S. High School





May 20th

Many have been asking, **“When are we going to have an Alumni Get Together”?** Well it’s Party Time—All are invited—All classes—All schools All Faculty/Staff. From 6 pm until at the Playoffs Sports Bar and Grill (owned by a Taylor School Graduate). Located at Goddard and Inkster Roads.

As at prior events no admission charge. Food and drinks will be available to purchase. It will be an opportunity to visit with other graduates, old friends and hopefully new friends. See you there. Alumni party all schools all classes at the Playoffs Sports Bar, Goddard and Inkster Roads. 6 pm till.



July 29th

JFK class of 1967 50th reunion. 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm Taylor Meadows, \$45 per person. A block of rooms are being held at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 6778 Telegraph Road in Taylor at a rate of \$89.99 by mentioning “Kennedy Reunion 1967”. Questions contact Linda Pilous 248-478-4145, Gloria Villet 734-775-6167 or Nancy Mascaro 313-291-3556.

October 7th

TCH Classes of 1966, 67, 68 & 69 Reunion. Holiday Inn Southgate. \$75 per person. Dinner, Dance, Open Bar & Souvenir. Make checks payable to TCHS and mail to TCHS Reunion at 25143 Lyncastle, Farmington Hills Mi 48226. Please direct questions to Joan Cleveland Graham (248) 476-3558 or email to jngraham2@aol.com.

September 23rd

The TCH Class of 1960 is planning a “Birthday Bash”. Most of their Grads are turning 75 so a big birthday party is being planned: a three course dinner, open bar, music, etc. More news will be on the way but mark your calendars. For questions or suggestions email Dave Flodquist at flodlite@aol.com or call him at 313-580-1312.

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was elected to in 2013. Mrs. Croft also works full time for Alion Science & Technology at the Detroit Arsenal's Tank Automotive Research Development Engineering Center where she is a Senior Project Manager.

Angela still finds time to be an active community member with memberships in Taylor Rotary and the Taylor Conservatory. Angela's son, Anthony Croft, is a 2013 Graduate of John F Kennedy.

The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates Angela Croft for a great career and thanks her for being an active supporter of the City of Taylor. 📝

## ALUMNI NEWS!



### Welcome to the Taylor Alumni Association

- ▶ Vickie (Flood) Laskey, TCH 1972
- ▶ Dale Rose, JFK 1968
- ▶ Donna Hauser Diederich, JFK 1981

How about YOU? Please join the fastest growing Alumni Association in the State. To

join send your name, school and year of graduation along with \$25 payable to the Taylor Alumni Association and mail to the Taylor Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly Road, Taylor, MI 48180. It's that easy. 📝



## WE HEARD FROM

Laura Collier Scaturo- Laura stated that the swimming team from JFK in the mid-70's are planning a reunion and would like to invite their coaches, Carolyn Wyman and Les Moore. The Taylor Alumni Association does not have information on either one and we would like your help in obtaining phone numbers or addresses.

We would like to hear from more of you. Let us know how we can make your alumni association better and what you would like your board to do, etc. 📝



## Business Directory

The Alumni Association received and email from Carly Lundgren-Barnard the business teacher at Truman High School. They are putting together a book, listing all Taylor alumni business owners (doesn't matter what school the business owners attended). The Alumni Association received and email from Carly Lundgren-Barnard the business teacher at Truman High School. They are putting together a book, listing all Taylor alumni business owners (doesn't matter what school the business owners attended). Any alumni interested in having their business included in the listing please send the answers to the questionnaire below to [taylorsschoolsalumniassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:taylorsschoolsalumniassociation@yahoo.com) or by U.S. mail to: Taylor Schools Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180 c/o Ms. Lundgren-Barnarda.

Also, feel free to include a business flyer or advertisement (see example below) and the answers to your questionnaire will be printed on the other side.

## Questionnaire

Where did you graduate from?

What year did you graduate?

What schooling did you receive after high school?

What type of business do you own?

What degrees did you get?

What advice would you give a high school student who wants to open their own business now or in the future?

How long did it take you to start up your business?

What are some skills you feel are necessary for owning your own business?

What advice would you give to future business owners.

Anything else you would like to include in your bio for students to learn from please feel free to add in.

What is your company name, address, logo, social media links, etc.

We would love to have you join our future bo\$\$ Squad if you are interested in guest speaking, our business expo, or other ways to get involved with the schools please let us know.

Please feel free to forward this email to other business owners who are Taylor School District alumni.

Thank you for anything you can do for us.

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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.*

### **John F Kennedy High**

Sherri Kent Crisp, Class of 1997 (passed November 15, 2016)

### **Taylor Center High**

Louis Birchmeier, Class of 1964 (passed March 24 2017)

### **Faculty**

Peggy Koppy-Arthur, Teacher and Counselor (passed April 12, 2017)

Charles "Big D" Dickelman, Teacher, Yearbook Advisor and more (passed April 15, 2017)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) and click on "In Memoriam".