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IN THE NEWS

JFK'S Last homecoming Football Game—October 6, 2017

We have had many inquiries as to Homecoming this year. Here are the details we have obtained:

- ▶ JFK building will be open 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm for a walk through.
- ▶ A Parade starting at New Hope Church at Racho & Superion. Line up at 4:30 pm with a 5:00 pm start time.
- ▶ Gates open for the game at 5:00 p.m. Note, there will be no re-entry allowed
- ▶ After the game groups may take to the field for pictures.

▶ Band Alumni wanting to take part in pre-game activities must have their own instruments and contact Mrs. Bonner at JFK (734) 374-1229.

▶ Alumni Cheerleaders wishing to take part are to see Michelle Mitchell.

▶ JR ROTC Alumni wanting to participate in the parade should see Colonel Chris Wicker

▶ Pre-Sale of game tickets will go on sale at the Assistant Principals office October 2nd at 2:30 pm thru October 6th.

▶ Overflow parking will be available at the Sportsplex

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and a shuttle bus will be on hand.

► Lifetime members of the Alumni Association will have free admission, just show your card.

Pagent News

Sunday July 30th in Columbus Ohio, Da'Stanza Gabrielle Murphy (2006 JFK Graduate) was crowned the national title of Ms. Captivating 2018. Ms. Murphy was representing Ms. Pure Michigan at the National Captivating Pageant.



GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN TAYLOR

► The nationally known BJ'S Brewhouse and Restaurant is opening near Eureka and Pardee.

► Jersey Mike's Subs has opened at 9877 Telegraph. The chain started in 1956 in Point Pleasant New Jersey. The Pardee-Superior area will be getting busier with new additions soon.

► Starbucks will be opening a new location on Eureka Rd.

► Planning Committee: Hilton's Home 2 Suites and the second phase of the Heritage Park Senior Village have been approved by the Planning Commission. Michigan Neuroscience Clinic has received Planning Commission approval to occupy a site at 11780 Telegraph.

Fundraiser

The Taylor Foundation is having a fund raiser October 3, 2017. The Texas

Roadhouse at 14600 Pardee will give a 10% share of the dinner bill to the Taylor Foundation. Tell them you are there to benefit the Foundation.

Rotary Fundraiser

The Taylor and Trenton Rotary Clubs are having "The largest Indoor Tailgate" October 4th 6 pm to 10 pm at the Crystal Gardens in Southgate. Proceeds to benefit Penrickton Center for Blind Children and Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center. For tickets: 888.640.5454

NICE GESTURE

The JFK Class of 1966 had money left from their 50th Reunion and decided to gift it to Dylan Jones, the 2017 Graduate of JFK who had not missed a day of school. perfect attendance from Kindergarten through Grade 12. Great work class of 66".

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Chuck and Debbie Beatty

Chuck Beatty, 1967 graduate of JFK, now in business in South Haven Mi.

Chuck reminds us that the 1967 class of JFK, started high school at Taylor Center while JFK was being constructed. At that TCH had such a high enrollment, students were on half day schedules. In January of 1965 the 10th and 11th graders moved into the brand new JFK. He states; we had to embrace change and had the unique opportunity to define our own identity.

Teachers like Roger and Carol Bechtol, Charley Dickelman, Bert Freeman, Al Checkler, Jean Barlow and many others were very influential in preparing us for a challenging and rewarding life's journey. I was fortunate enough to meet Debbie Sielaff on my last day at Kennedy. She

was too young to date at that time, but we remained in touch and were eventually married in May of 1971.

Debbie and I went to Western Michigan University. I was supported by Ford Motor Company's Engineering co-op program and had scholarships for track and gymnastics. After graduation we both took teaching jobs in the Kalamazoo area. In 1981, I decided to leave teaching and take a job in sales with an abrasives company that had a market focus on the glass industry. That led to a position with Carborundum Abrasives. The next opportunity came from a Belgium based company that was a division of the Debeers Diamond Companies. It was the Debeers diamond management team that motivated Debbie and I to start Edgeworks. I had developed a line of diamond tools for the automotive industry. The President of Diamond asked Debbie to be the master distributor for those tools in the USA. This began a very challenging and successful career for Debbie and our family.

In 1991 we were giving away more tools than we sold, but very soon companies like Ford, Chrysler and Guardian Industries, took us under their wing and our little family owned

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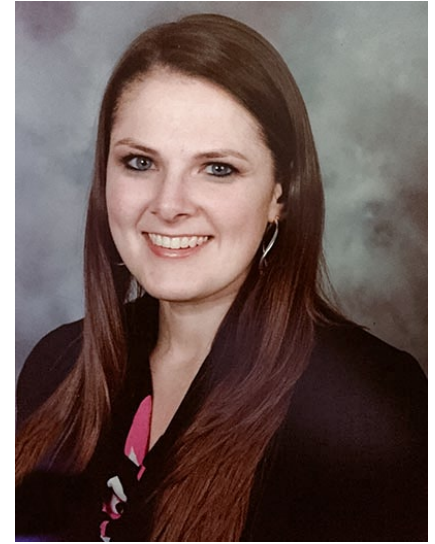
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business took off. By 1998, we had grown to become a Tier one supplier to Ford Motor Company and Daimler Chrysler. Today we remain a Tier One supplier to Carlex Glass Company, who supplies all the glass to Ford Motor Company. We have partnered patents with several of our customers including Ford and Guardian.



Debbie and I have now been married for 46 years and we have received more blessings than we ever imagined. We are now looking toward retirement and hope to turn our little family owned business over to our daughter Brianna. Debbie and I are extremely appreciative for the preparation and the foundation that we received at Kennedy High School. One never really knows where your career path is going to take you. But I can tell you that those unique experiences while at Kennedy were important in preparing us for the many challenges that we encountered and overcame.

Next, we hear from Lora McParland-Savoie. I have always been proud to be a graduate of John F. Kennedy High School (JFK) in Taylor, Michigan. Being from a large family in Taylor,



Lora McParland-Savoie, JFK Class of "

I was the fifth sibling to graduate from JFK. Teachers were already familiar with my family from past sibling, which sometimes was not always the best thing with certain teachers. However other teachers already had nicknames picked out for me before I even knew them, such as my 9th grade gym teacher Mr. Monroe, who called me Tom Petty's sister, which he nicknamed my brother Tom Petty years prior.

I was as active as one could be in high school. I participated in as many advanced placement courses as possible, my favorite being advanced placement calculus with Mr. Somerville. I was a member of the Key Club, a Student Council Representative, Student Government Treasurer, National Honor Society all four years, homecoming committee

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member, homecoming Float committee member, participant in spirit weeks and lip sync, and a team member of the JFK girls' soccer team. If the school needed help with anything, I volunteered. I made my time at JFK as memorable as I could.

My efforts in school paid off when I was awarded a large scholarship to attend Baker College of Allen Park. I graduated with my Associates Degree in Business Administration, concentration in Paralegal studies in June of 2007. I further advanced my education by participating in the advanced bachelors program for Business Administration. I graduated with my Bachelor's degree in December of 2008 with honors.

Upon graduation, I married my high school sweetheart, Tim Savoie in 2009, purchased a home in Taylor, worked as a local deputy court clerk and began my studies for Law School. I was honored to have graduated from Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School in September 2014.

Fast forward to currently, I am a mother of 2 amazing boys, an associate attorney in Taylor, volunteer Team Mom for the Taylor Northeast Little League, volunteer assistant coach for



Cabrini Soccer, a member of the Down River Bar Association, a member of the Wayne County Family Law Bar Association and a Host Parent for 8 years for the Junior League World Series. I have also participated with the Michigan Supreme Court program traveling to Michigan High Schools to teach and allow high school students the opportunity to see a Michigan Supreme Court Oral Argument. However, one of my favorite honors was being the 2017 Graduation Keynote Commencement Speaker for John F. Kennedy High School.

My time as a JFK student was priceless, and I plan to give back to our community as much as possible. No matter where life will take me next, I will forever be an Eagle.

A THOUGHT AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR

"Teach the children so you won't have to teach the adults" –Abraham Lincoln

ALUMNI NEWS!



New Members

Welcome to our newest Lifetime members:

Nancy Pearson Bacha, JFK 1967

Rebecca Bone' Cassells, JFK 1977

Lorraine Busman, TCH 1971

Patricia Keeter Calhoun, JFK 1968

Michael Cleaver, TCH 1972

Bill Mascaro, JFK 1967

Richard Reid, TCH 1961

William Bill Stephens, TCH 1961

Janice Verhelle, TCH 1971

Robert Verhelle, TCH 1972

Janice Zychiewicz, 1965

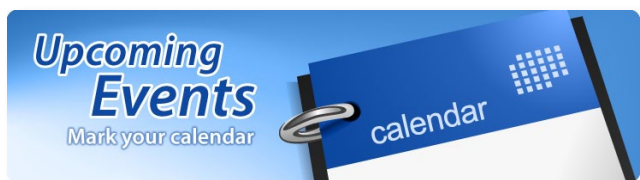
We've had two great months of new members
Why not joined today? It's only \$25 for a
lifetime membership and a portion of that goes
to scholarships.

We also encourage you to take a look at our
great website tayloralumni.org. It's loaded with
information.



Helping Hands

- Michele Milledge Stephens , TCH 1975,
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- Charles Bonner, JFK 1967, Media Specialist
- Tim Entwisle, JFK 2004, Contributor
- Judy Barnhart LaFleur, TCH 1965,
Contributor
- Dave McGhee, Teaching Staff, Contributor
- John Pantalone, Teaching Staff, Contributor
and Editor
- Ken Renner, JFK 1970, Contributor
- Barbara Weigel Schultz, TCH 1958,
Contributor
- Donna Hoffman Sigler. TCH 1960,
Contributor



The Fall Party with all schools all classes has been cancelled due to the tremendous interest in the last Homecoming game for both JFK & HST

- October 7th JFK Class of 1987 30 year reunion. For more information contact Renee Hartwig Ott at P.O. Box 270544 Littleton, Colorado 80127.
- October 7th TCH Classes of 1966, 1967, 1968 & 1969 Reunion. Holiday Inn Southgate. \$75 per person. Dinner, Dance, Open Bar & Souvenir. Make checks payable to TCH and mail to TCH Reunion at 25143 Lyncastle, Farmington Hills Mi 48226. Please direct questions to Joan Cleveland Graham (248) 476-3558 or email to jngraham2@aol.com.
- October 22nd Taylor Historical Museum at Heritage Park - Open House 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Town Hall will also be open).
- October 26th College Fair - Truman High 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Twenty six colleges and universities—Open to all high school students
- October 27th Hallow-Palooza City of Taylor Halloween in Heritage Park
- November 25th Taylor Winter Festival and Santa's Magic Forest Kickoff, including a parade, lighting of the City's official City Holiday tree and the opening of Santa's Magic Forest.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Harry S Truman Home Schedule (all games 7 PM)

October 6th Gibraltar Carlson
 13th Kennedy

John F Kennedy Home Schedule (all games 7 PM)

October 6 Melvindale



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.

Taylor Center High

Debra Pruitt Francis, class of 1980, (passed August 24, 2017)

John Gendron, class of 1973 (passed August 27, 2017)

Tina Tidwell Jacobs, class of 1979, (passed September 8, 2017)

Dennis Koschnitzke class of 1973 (passed August 30, 2017)

For more information about the deceased and there families, please visit the alumni website tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".