

## Alumni Association

*Keeping Ties with Our Alumni*



**TAYLOR**  
School District



October 2018 Newsletter

# ALUMNI SCAM SPOTTED

An attempt to scam Taylor Alumni was spotted by Chuck Bonner JFK 1967. He reported it to John Pantalone and that enabled your Alumni Association to act swiftly. A call was placed to our web master who initiated a program to remove the scam material from Facebook. Sheri Engelbrink and Caroline Patts immediately Emailed our Alumni with a warning. Hopefully, the quick action prevented the attempt to scam members of \$75 for phony memberships.

The association thanks Chuck Bonner for providing us with the information. Chuck has been a

"Super Alumnus", he has taken the role of **Social Media Director for Alumni News**, he sponsored a scholarship in his name for the class of 2018, and has committed to sponsor a scholarship for the class of 2019.

Please note Anytime Your Association asks for money it will list our mailing address as Taylor Alumni Association 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180 📧



## Social Media

Chuck Bonner, JFK 67, reported that last month's Alumni News article regarding the School Board granting a diploma to Michael Coleman received the most views on his Facebook pages of any he has posted. If you missed the article you can find it on our website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) under the newsletter tab. 📧

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## GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The West Middle School chorus attended a performance at the Detroit Opera House. The operetta was performed by the Michigan Opera Theater Children's Chorus (MOTCC), an auditioned select group of children who learn music theory and sight singing. They perform in their own all-children's opera on the main stage and are featured in professional productions by the Michigan Opera Theater.

Two of our students auditioned for the MOTCC and both have been accepted. They are Elizabeth Garcia and Elizabeth Pryer. The program cost is \$650 per student per year and the families must provide uniforms and transportation. What a great opportunity for these students and to assist the families with the costs, the Taylor Foundation has made a generous donation.

The Taylor Alumni Associations extends congratulations to the students and their music instructor Mr. David Martin.

## THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

### New Housing

- **Island Lakes of Midtown** - Located off Goddard Road east of Mortenvue. Eighty four three and four bedroom Colonials ranging in size from 1,658 square feet to over 3,000 square feet. Price starting at \$250,000.
- **Cypress Gardens** - Located south of Goddard Road near Holland. Ninety homes ranging in size from 1,500 square feet to 2,000 square feet. Price starting at \$200,000.
- **Timbers Edge** - Located on Goddard just west of Telegraph Road. A gated community of 37 four-unit condominiums. Each condo is about 1,700 square feet. No price has been announced.

For more information check out the City of Taylor' website [www.cityoftaylor.com](http://www.cityoftaylor.com).



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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

DIANE COWELL PIPER, JFK (1978)

I heard from Diane Cowell Piper, JFK class of 1978. She sent me (John Pantalone) the following:

After graduating from JFK in 1978, I was accepted at Central Michigan University which was my mother's alma mater. I joined the U.S. Navy in December of 1980 and was trained as an Electronics Technician. I was in the Navy, stationed in various ports. During that time, I was married and had a son, Christopher Robert Durbin, in 1984. I left the military in April of 1992. My last station was in Alameda, California where I met my second husband and stayed in California. I became a Project Manager for Low Voltage at several Companies until 2008, when the recession occurred and the company I was working for closed their doors. During that time, I studied and became a Registered Communications Distribution Designer, which landed me in my current company, Kaiser Permanente, as a Senior Engineer-Infrastructure, one of the largest healthcare companies on the West Coast.



Thanks to Diane for an update on her life after JFK.

## RACING'S UNSUNG HERO

PAUL ROSSI, TCH 1960

CHRYSLER POWER, the number one Mopar Performance Magazine, featured Paul four consecutive months. He was referred to as "Racing's Unsung Hero" and they predict he will be inducted into Racing's Hall of Fame.



Part 1 of his amazing story starts with – A Dodge Challenger standing itself up on the rear bumper during a quarter mile launch.... The name on the door "Paul Rossi". This 1970 Challenger caught the eye of Chrysler's Engineers who had pumped millions of dollars into the development of Maximum Performance wedges and the Hemi engines. This landed Paul a Sportsman's dream: a full-time factory sponsorship with unlimited engineering data at his disposal. In the ensuing years, Paul threw together a Dodge Mirada and Aspen Stocker, as well as another Miranda for Super Gas eliminator, all the while hosting clinics and seminars. The Paul Rossi story will be continued in our next Alumni Newsletter.

# ALUMNI NEWS!



## Welcome New Lifetime Members

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

Randy James,	TCH 1971
Ronald Reyna,	JFK 1971

Why not join us today? 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.

## In other News...

### ➤ Good Time Had By All

A successful gathering of Grads from all three high schools was held September 21st. Mark your 2019 calendar for next year's get-together to be held the third Friday of the month, September 20, 2019.

Perhaps those of you planning class re-unions can schedule in conjunction with this event.

### ➤ Alumni "Yellow Pages"

Need carpet cleaning? Check the Alumni Yellow Pages on our website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org)

### ➤ Donations

Ron Dezi, JFK 1978, was the highest bidder for Charles Dickleman's 1978 Yearbook.

Forrest Bone, TCH 1961, made a donation to the Taylor Alumni Association's general fund.

Gary Villet, TCH 1960 donated toward the Northern Michigan University Scholarship.

### ➤ Scholarships

New scholarships have been established by:

John Cruden, TCH 1964

Randy Fritz, JFK 1969

Tim Rogers, JFK 1976

Gordy Krater, JFK 1976

How about you? Many students need help to continue their education. If you would like to help by donating to a Scholarship fund, contact Ken Nelson Scholarship Chairman at 734-453-2776 or Scholarship committee member John Pantalone at 734-421-1159.



## The Taylor Boys Of Summer

While playing senior softball this summer against a team from Dearborn, we noticed that our entire infield was made up of Taylor Center graduates from various years. That day I was playing 3rd base, Hank SS, Tom rover, Gary 2nd base, and Jack 1st base. We took a photo that day and realized that we knew of another group of players in our league that had also graduated from Taylor High Schools. We rounded them up and took the group photo with the nine players, names, and graduation years are listed below. We may have accidentally overlooked or not realized others who also play. We play for a team based out of Taylor, and utilize the Rotary Park fields, behind the State Police Post on Telegraph road as our home field. We are sponsored by Lombardi's in Taylor, also on Telegraph Road. We are part of the Western Wayne County Suburban League. We play from early May thru late August. We play 2 games a

week, at 10:30 am in the morning, on Monday & Wednesday, or Tuesday & Thursday. We play in a 6 team league, and play against 5 other teams, representing Dearborn, Livonia (2 teams), Westland, and Canton. I think I speak for all the guys when I say that we always look forward to these games because of the good spirit on the team, the camaraderie, the fresh air, the exercise, and the pure fun of it. We also appreciate the fact that we are still able to participate in this sport at our senior age (over 60) and plan to continue for the foreseeable future. —Chuck Maffesoli

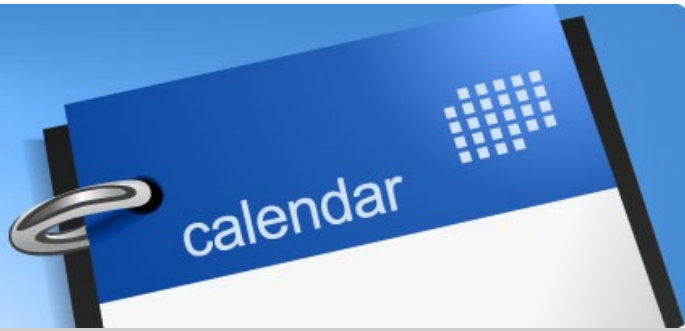
Players are pictured below from left to right.

Chuck Maffesoli	TCH, class of 1965
Jack Kline	TCH, class of 1971
Dave Schuck	JFK, class of 1966
Gordie Ferguson	TCH, class of 1965
Brian Crawley	JFK, class of 1972
Gary Lansky	TCH, class of 1969
James (Dave) Lanier ,	TCH, class of 1967
Tom Carlson	TCH, class of 1969
Hank Sower	TCH, class of 1971



# Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar



October 6th

JKF 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. Dinner, dancing and a cash bar. 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. A head count is needed, please email [nmcstrong@charter.net](mailto:nmcstrong@charter.net) if you plan to attend.

October 6th - 7th

Wild Weekend features exotic animals 11 am - 4 pm at the Petting Farm.

**October 19th**



Taylor High won their first football game, a 22 to 0 win over Southgate Taylor High J V's defeated Southgate 42-0. And the Taylor High Freshmen beat previously undefeated Belleville 16-12. The last football game for the newly formed Taylor High School. will be on the 19th, 7 pm. Go Griffins.

October 18th

TCH Class of 60 monthly luncheon at "Merriweather's", Telegraph Road near 10 mile. It's informal – any graduate is welcomed., usually 20 or so attend—great time

October 20

Musical Tribute to John Denver at the Heinz Prector auditorium on the Wayne County Community College campus.

October 25

Spooky Magic show at the Taylor Library.