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# September 2016 Alumni Newsletter

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## **IN THE NEWS**



Joseph Nardone

### **New Interim CEO of Detroit Metropolitan Airport**

Joseph Nardone, TCH 1979, Has been named Interim CEO of Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Thomas Naughton, retiring CEO, feels Joseph is an outstanding selection. Mr. Nardone is a 1985

graduate of Michigan State University. Prior to his appointment as Interim CEO of Detroit Metropolitan Airport he was the authority's Vice President in charge of business development and real estate division. He is also Wayne County's representative for the Great Lakes Water Authority.

The Taylor Public School Alumni Association is very proud of Joseph Nardone's accomplishments and wish him the best in his new new position. 🐾

## TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE SUCCESS STORY

The Taylor Public School Alumni Association recognizes that there are thousands of graduates with success stories and would like to publish as many of them as possible.



Mary Boss Boonenberg

This month we wish to recognize and congratulate Mary Boss Boonenberg a 1980 graduate of Harry S Truman High School on all of her achievements.

Mary has many fond memories of her years at Truman, where she was Vice President of her class all three years. She also found time to participate in tennis, track and forensics. But that is not all, Mary used her art talents on all the floats her class was involved in constructing, she entered the Taylor Jr. Miss contest and finished 3rd. She and classmate, Cathy LaFace, put on a very successful fund raiser for MD called "Boogie Down". Small wonder her senior class elected her "Most Talented".

Music & Art were Mary's passion. As an artist, she has designed many business logos, illustrated catalogs and painted numerous

children's murals. Mary has been active in Community Theater in all phases, designing and constructing stage sets and performing. She played the part of Mother Superior in the play "Nunsense".



Music Career - Shortly after graduation, she formed a band along with other Truman graduates. One of those graduates was Bob Boonenberg, a 1976 Truman graduate. They have now been married 30 years and have a son, Christopher. Sometimes the 3 of them perform as a Trio under the name "The Boon Band". She is now partnered with keyboard player, Cindy Pavelek and they are known as "Girl's Night Out" ([girlsnightoutmusic.com](http://girlsnightoutmusic.com)). They have been wildly successful performing 3 or 4 times per week all over Metro Detroit and the State of Michigan.

You would think Mary would not have time for anything else—not true. She has served on the City of Taylor’s Cultural Arts Commission and currently a board member of the beautiful Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. In that latest capacity, she along with Erin Dobbins helped create the Summer Concert Series at the Conservatory. For those of you not familiar with that series, it is a weekly concert featuring a wide range of music in a beautiful garden setting with food and beverages available. Her group, “Girl’s Night Out”, was selected to entertain for the “10th Anniversary celebration of the Conservatory”. One of the featured performers on that night was another Truman graduate from the class of 1980, Laura Collins Borla.

The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates Mary Boss Boonenberg on a very remarkable career and wish her the best in future endeavors. 📝

## WE HEARD FROM

Thanks to Karen Peoples. She sent the following: “Loving the newsletter. Kudos to our outstanding editor”.



We’d like to hear from you, too. Let us know the sections you like best: In The News, Happenings in the City, Good things in Taylor Schools, Success stories or Jokes. Your responses will help us to grow 📝

## DOO WOP OLDIES QUIZ

1. He asked, “why’s everybody always pickin’ on me? Who was he?”  
(a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown  
(b) Charlie Brown  
(c) Buster Brown
2. In Bobby Darin’s “Mack The Knife” the one with the knife was named:  
(a) MacHeath  
(b) MacCloud  
(c) MacNamara
3. Name the song with “A-wop bop a-loo a-lop bam boom”  
(a) Good Golly, Miss Molly  
(b) Be-Bop-A-Lula  
(c) Tutti Frutti

Answers are on the bottom of this page.

Answer to Quiz.

1. (b) Charlie Brown, 2. (a) MacHeath, 3. (c) Tutti Frutti.

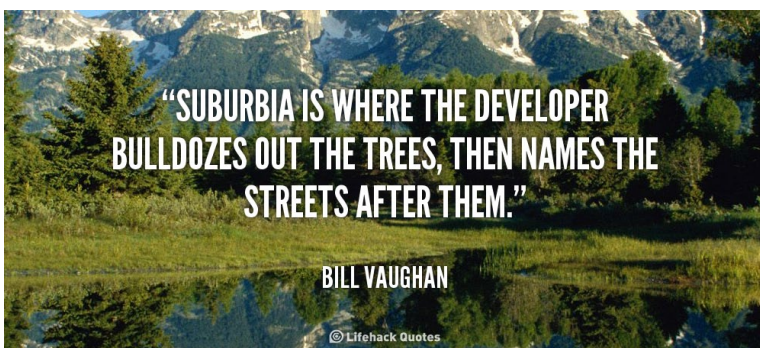
## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR

### JUNIOR WORLD SERIES

This is the 35th year the Junior World Series was held in Taylor. The Junior World Series is the "older brother of the more famous Little League World Series held in Williamsport Pa. Little League is for 12 year olds and the Junior League is for 13-14 year olds. The World Series was founded in Taylor by Greg Bzura in 1981. The JLWS started with four USA teams and has grown to 11 teams from around the world. Teams in the United States Division were Midland, Mi, South Carolina, Maryland, Texas and Hawaii. International teams were from Taipei (capital of Taiwan), Australia, Czech Republic, Panama, Alberta Canada and Mexico.

The USA winner was Hawaii and the International winner was Taipei. The 2016 Champion is Taipei as they defeated the United States Champion Hawaii 9 to 1 to conclude another very successful tournament in Taylor. 📌

**TAYLOR VETERANS MUSEUM** - Another gem you should visit is the City of Taylor Veterans Museum, located in the Atrium of City Hall. The Museum is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Admission is free. Inspired by service members past and present, former Taylor Police Officer and City Councilman, Herman "Butch" Ramik along with many dedicated volunteers worked countless hours to make this museum possible. Each case inside the "Room of Honor" is designed to tell the story of an individual soldier, male and female in the American Armed Forces. Volunteers oversee the museum and they could use more volunteers. After viewing the Museum you may want to offer your services, which would be greatly appreciated. Great things are indeed happening in Taylor. 📌



"CITIES, LIKE CATS, WILL REVEAL THEMSELVES  
AT NIGHT."

RUPERT BROOKE

© Lifehack Quotes



## GOOD THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE TAYLOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

Taylor schools continue to accept Exchange Students. Have you thought about traveling the world? What if the world could come to you? Learn about a new culture through hosting an exchange student. Hosting an exchange student is the sharing of culture between an international youngster and your family—customs, friendships, personalities, even the food and the holiday traditions—it's a growth and learning experience that touches hearts for a lifetime. For more information contact Valerie Snyder at [vsnyder@flag-intl.org](mailto:vsnyder@flag-intl.org). 


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### TAKE A TRIP TO ENGLAND IN THE SUMMER OF 2017

This excursion is open to Advanced Placement English students and Accelerated students in the classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Parents, too, are welcome. Attend a Shakespearean play in Shakespeare's Globe Theater.

Visit the birthplace of Shakespeare,

- See the streets of London
- Enjoy an English high tea
- Learn about architecture, art and history
- Peruse London's National Gallery
- Visit Stonehenge, and more

This trip is planned by the Explorica company and is scheduled for June 26- July 3, 2017. They will arrange all travel (air, motor coaches, etc.), all admission fees, two meals per day, tour guide 24/7. 





- September 10th Truman Class of 1976 Reunion. Email [Truman76reunion@gmail.com](mailto:Truman76reunion@gmail.com) for more information.
- September 10th Eight Annual "Dentistry From the Heart" — Shwedel Dental will offer free dental work to the needy from 8 am till 5 pm. For more information call 313-769-3459.
- September 17th In 2015 the Taylor Fish & Loaves charity distributed 1.6 million pounds of food to 2,500 needy families. To ensure no one goes hungry, the 8th annual Fish & Loaves Golf Outing will be held Saturday, September 17th at The Taylor Meadows Golf Course. The Day's activities start with coffee and continental breakfast, the 18 holes of golf with cart, includes lunch at the turn, prizes, dinner, two hour bar service all for \$80 per person. For golfing information call 313-295-4950. For sponsorship information contact Karen Reeber Salomone at 734-612-3612.
- September 24th "Get Together" at the Taylor Masonic Lodge Hall, 23263 Goddard Road, Taylor, MI, from 6 pm till 1 am. Pizza, pasta, salad, other side dishes, dessert, pastries, beer, setups, soft drinks, chips & dips. Great music and dancing. Surprise gift to a guest (raffle drawing). The cost is \$20 payable to Barbara Garner Belcher by September 20th. Contact Ira Slaven at [Islaven@aol.com](mailto:Islaven@aol.com) for more information.
- October 1st "Who was your favorite Taylor Center High School Teacher?" Saturday, October 1st we are going to honor every teacher that taught during the 44 years that Taylor Center High existed. Dean Elliott, TCH Class of 1977 wants to honor every teacher that taught at TCH from 1957 to 1994. For more information contact Dean at: [dean@aboundinghope.com](mailto:dean@aboundinghope.com).
- October 15th-16th Kennedy Class of 76 Reunion. Call (734) 505-9925 for more information.

## 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**

Alan Abrams, Class of 1979 (passed June 24, 2016)

Michael McDermott, Class of 1970 (passed June 23, 2016)

Thomas Sutika, Class of 1977 (passed June 24, 2016)

### **Taylor Center High**

Diana Hicks Walkowski, Class of 1978 (passed July 22, 2016). Donated her body to Wayne State Medical School.

Joan Geer (passed August 6, 2016) wife of Dan Greer (Dan taught music at TCH, JFK & HST and is now living in New Port Richey, Florida).