

Taylor Alumni Association Newsletter

June 2025

RECIPIENTS OF THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Thank you to Greg Pitoniak and Mary Ann Stephens for their donations toward our scholarship this year. We were able to give out two \$1000 awards. The recipients were Hope McClain (Father TCHS 1991 & Sister THS 2021), she has been accepted to University of Michigan, Dearborn for Pre Dental and Kaitlyn Isaacs (Father JFK 1987 & Mother JFK 1989), has been accepted at Eastern Michigan University for Psychology. Congratulations to both recipients!



New Look to Our Website

We are in the process of moving our website to a new platform. We are still getting the bugs worked out on some areas so please be patient. Our May newsletter was not sent out as the emails were being worked on. Therefore, we have included what was in the May newsletter.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?? TELL US YOUR STORY!!

Don't forget to send us your story for our "Where are they now?". (We would like to make this a regular feature in our newsletter.) We would love to share your story! Email the Alumni Association: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

Taylor School Plans Benefit for Orchestra Hall

In a benefit for the Save Orchestra Hall fund, a Taylor high school will stage the musical, "The 13 Clocks" on Friday and Saturday evenings.

John F. Kennedy High School in Taylor is presenting the musical based on the James Thurber story at 8:17 p.m. each night in its auditorium, 13505 Pine, a block east of Telegraph off Northline.

Benefit ticket donations are \$5, available at the school or by telephoning the Save Orchestra Hall committee in Detroit.

<u>A Blast from the Past:</u> Taylor Schools Were in the News!

Detroit Free Press May 11, 1973 page 20

Anyone remember the names of the JFK students who performed in this musical?

How much was raised for the "Save Orchestra Hall Fund" ?

Who was the JFK Drama Teacher?

Let us know if you attended the performance and anything you remember about it, etc.

Taylor Foundation of Educational Excellence Wall of Fame

The Taylor Alumni Association extends its congratulations to the recipients of the first Taylor Foundation Annual Wall of Fame. On April 25, 2025, two outstanding people received the honors of being chosen for this award. The recipients were Loren Ristovski, who was the athletic director for Taylor Schools before passing away, and John Pantalone, who was a teacher, administrator, counselor, and principal, and is still active after retiring from the Taylor Schools. He is now 96 years old and still going strong. John also is the person who started the Taylor Alumni Association in 2004. Thank you to both recipients for your dedication to Taylor Schools and students!



John Pantalone Wall of Fame Award



Loren Ristovski (deceased) Wall of Fame Award

IMPORTANT NOTICE - ALUMNI DIRECTORY UPDATE

Did you receive a postcard, email, or call from PCI, asking you to confirm your details for our upcoming directory? If you didn't get anything, no worries! You can call PCI's dedicated Taylor Alumni line at 866-441-5581 or email them at PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com, and they'll send you a personalized link. I confirmed mine. They will be asking you to purchase a directory and clothing. **You are NOT obligated to purchase anything**. Just let them know you want to check your information and that is it.

If you ordered a directory or package but later change your mind, you can cancel by calling PCI's customer service at 1-800-982-1590 or emailing PCIservice@publishingconcepts.com—they'll be happy to help. And if you run into any issues, reach out to us at tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.



Thanks for staying connected with the Taylor Alumni Association! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com.

Taylor School District Alumni Association Board

We Asked and You Responded.



Thank You to those of you who responded to our email regarding the alumni who served in the military and thank you all for your service to our country! We received 160 names of living and deceased veterans.

The Alumni Association and Taylor Historical Society are coordinating with the Taylor Veterans Museum to honor those who have passed or are still alive that are veterans of any military branch and enlisted or served while living in

Taylor. It was overwhelming heartfelt seeing how many served our country. The Veterans Museum along with the VFW group in Taylor honor those names on Armed Forces Day. This year's ceremony will be on May 17, 2025, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm in the Cameron Priebe center near city hall/police station on Goddard Road. If you can attend, please come. The Taylor Historical Society will continue to collect names so if you haven't sent your information to us, please do so. Send us your name, birthdate, branch, dates/years of service, where you were stationed, and if you were in any war, which one. If you send information about a loved one who has passed, please also give the death date and the cemetery name if buried.

Thank you again for the responses and God Bless America!

Taylor Schools Alumni Night at the Gardens



We had so much fun last year — we're doing it again! Join us for a beautiful summer evening at the Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens during Music & Art in the Gardens (don't fret if the weather is bad they move the show to the Sheridan Open Air Pavilion) Wednesday, July 23

Featuring the smooth sounds of SOUNDPROOF, a Motown Tribute Band!



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Stroll through the fine art display

Enjoy food, drinks, and a full bar (available for purchase) from on-site vendors

Come show your school pride — represent your alma mater!

Gates open at 5:30 PM | Admission just \$5

Bring a lawn chair, blanket — whatever makes you comfortable!

Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens

22314 Northline Rd (Corner of Pardee & Northline) Taylor, MI 48180

TAYLOR CENTER, CLASS OF '65 REUNION



The 1965 60th Class Reunion will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at Taylor Meadows Golf Club.

From 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Appetizers will be served at 5:00 and a cash bar.

We will have a plated dinner. This includes warm dinner rolls, fresh garden salad, Green Beans Almondine and Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes. You will have a choice of Roasted Salmon with wilted spinach or a 12 oz New York Strip or a 7 oz Airline Chicken Breast. Vegetarian option upon request. You must choose one per person. Dinner will be served at 6:30. And cake for dessert.

Tickets will be \$60 per person, due September 1, 2025, with your main course choice per person. Send checks and requested information to Carol (Stellini) Hack, 3534 Green Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48324. In the memo line 1965 Gathering. Please include (maiden name), address, email address and phone numbers.

The price is based on 50 people. I will let you know if we do not have enough participants. If you have a button with your picture, please wear it. Always fun to see our younger self.

Florida Reunion for JFK 1967-1999

UPDATE:

For those interested in the JFK Florida Reunion for classes (1966-99) in 2026: Hi! I'm pulling together all the names of people who are interested in a Florida reunion next year. Could you please friend the page JFK Taylor Kennedy 2026 FL Reunion so you will be included in any news and updates? Thank you! The link is below. Laura Scaturro JFK '77

Charles "Chuck" Bonner JFK '67

https://www.facebook.com/share/1Z7d7N2r6G/?mibextid=wwXlfr

Hello Kennedy Alumni!

The other day, we crossed paths, and we were kicking around the idea of planning an all-JFK Taylor Kennedy graduates' reunion in the Sunshine State for those of us who graduated during the 1900s! (Hope that made you giggle!) Classes 1967 through 1999.

At this point in the planning we are determining the amount of interest there is in getting together in Florida in March or April in 2026. The one-day, mid-day event would take place during the week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). We would find a central location, handicap accessible, after we learn the number of people interested. If it's 30 people, it may be a restaurant, if it's 100+ it may be a park with a pavilion. At this point in the planning, it would be to bring/purchase your own lunch/refreshments event.

Please share this request with your respective class pages and/or with your respective classmates who graduated during the 1900s (1966-1999) from John F. Kennedy in Taylor, Michigan.

Please send a friend request to either of the following Facebook sites to receive updates throughout our planning process.

JFK Taylor Kennedy 2026 FL Reunion OR



Laura Scaturro

We will be asking you to provide us three pieces of info:

1. Your name

- 2. Your graduation class year
- 3. The city in Florida you will be coming from

Please let us know by August 1, 2025, if you're interested! We'll keep you posted through the Facebook sites and the Taylor Schools Alumni Association Newsletter.

Thanks, Chuck Bonner JFK '67 Laura Scaturro JFK '77



Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Hungarian Rhapsody Restaurant 14315 Northline Road, Southgate, Mi, 48195

Additional information to come.

Please contact: LuAnn McGowan - luannmcgowan1218@gmail.com Nancy Tanner Greer – nancy3054@hotmail.com

Taylor Center and Truman, Class of 1975 reunion

DATE: October 18, 2025



LOCATION: Lakes of Taylor, 25505 Northline Rd., Taylor TIME: 6P-10P TICKET INCLUDES: Strolling food stations, 2 drink tickets, dancing and the opportunity to reconnect with old friends! TICKET PRICE: \$80, Space is limited so **please purchase early** PURCHASE TICKETS: Go to <u>https://75ramsandcougars.ticketspice.com/class-of-75-50-yearreunion</u> PARTNERS/SPOUSES Are welcome DRESS: Cocktail is suggested



Please pass this information on to any classmates of Truman and Taylor Center you may still be in contact with

Questions: email <u>Reunion Taylor 1975@yahoo.com</u>

*There will be a cash bar available.

** No refund

John F. Kennedy Class of 1975 - 50th Reunion



REUNION TICKETS \$65 PER PERSON

VIA CHECK: RAMONA BLAIR 8423 RUCKER RD GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN 48138

VIA PAYPAL: TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO: ATLLC@COMCAST.NET

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR NAME, HOME ADDRESS, AND EMAIL FOR UPDATES:

WE NEED YOUR HELP - WE WILL BE POSTING CLASSMATES THAT WE CAN'T FIND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, PLEASE FORWARD THE PAGE TO THEM OR LET THEM KNOW TO CONTACT US AT: JFKS0THREUNION@YAHOO.COM

EVENTS

CITY WIDE GOLF GET TOGETHER - THURSDAY OCT 16TH CLASS OF 75 - ALL 3 SCHOOLS! TAYLOR MEADOWS TEE TIME: 1PM COST: TBD

CONTACT PETE ZUKOWSKI OR JANE SHOWLER GOAD FOR MORE DETAILS PZUKOWSKI01@COMCAST.NET - JANEGOAD96@GMAIL.COM WE NEED MEN/LADIES FOURSOMES TO REPRESENT JFK!

> MEET AND OREET - FRIDAY OCT 17" CLASS 75, CITY WIDE - ALL 3 SCHOOLS WILL BE PRESENT

PIA'S RISTORANTE ANY TIME AFTER 7PM (ON YOUR OWN FOR PIZZA AND BEVERAGES) 21142 ECORSE RD – TAYLOR

50TH REUNION CELEBRATION - SATURDAY OCT 18TH THE SAND TRAP VENUE

BREAKFAST GOODBYE - SUNDAY OCT 19" BIERKELLER TAVERN + EATERY ANY TIME AFTER 10AM (ON YOUR OWN FOR BREAKFAST) 20085 GODDARD RD – TAYLOR

THIS MAY BE THE LAST TIME WE WILL GET TOGETHER LET'S MAKE IT THE BEST EVENT YET!

HOTEL INFORMATION

BEST WESTERN HOTEL \$110/NIGHT

21700 WEST RD. WOODHAVEN, MI 48183 (734) 676-8000 AVAILABLE DATES 10/17 – 10/20, 2025 SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 2025 CALL HOTEL AND ASK FOR JFK CLASS OF 1975 RATE FOR BOOKING

HAMPTON INN & SUITES BY HILTON \$129/NIGHT

16400 SOUTHFIELD RD. ALLEN PARK, MI 48101 (313) 383-9730 AVAILABLE DATES 10/17 – 10/20, 2025 SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL 9/17/2025 ONLINE BOOKING: GO TO HILTON.COM ENTER DATES/ENTER SPECIAL RATE GROUP CODE THS OR YOU CAN CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY AND MENTION "TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION" FOR RATE.

HILTON HOME 2 SUITES

14300 PARDEE RD. TAYLOR, MI 48180 (734)486-7200 KING STUDIO SUITE \$158 / NIGHT TWO QUEEN STUDIO SUITE SIAO/NIGHT TWO QUEEN STUDIO SUITE SIAO/NIGHT SPECIAL RATE AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING UNTIL 9/26/2025 ONLINE BOOKING: GO TO HILTON.COM ENTER DATES/ENTER SPECIAL RATE GROUP CODE CHTBET

FAIRFIELD INN BY HILTON \$113/NIGHT

20779 EUREKA RD. TAYLOR, MI 48180 (313) 788-285 CHECK FOR SENIOR RATE

ALUMNI LIFETIME MEMBERS

Want to become a lifetime member? It is only \$25. See the form at the end of this newsletter.



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. Please Note: If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.

Taylor Center

Doug Kargel – Class of 1968 (4-29-2025) Teresa Fulton Knick – Class of 1989 (4-15-2025) Louise Cipollina Toigo– Class of 1979 (5-14-2025) Carol Gray Lang – Class of 1958 (5-2-2025) Steven English – Class of 1969 (5-10-2025) Carol Gregory Kastura – Class of 1961 (5-31-2025) Patricia Anderson – Class of 1958 (4-19-2025)

<u>Kennedy</u> Timothy Resovsky – Class of 1973 (6-5-2025) Frederick Baugh -Class of 1966 (6-1-2025) Patricia Williams Woliver – Class of 1980 (3-27-2025) Hugh Hauser – Class of 1976 (4-7-2025) Frances Haines Moore – Class of 1981 (4-27-2025) Sam Hankins – Class of 1970 (3-26-2025)

<u>Truman</u> Kevin Byers – Class of 1981 (5-12-2025) Rebekah Mertz Nash – Class of 1998 (3-24-2025)

<u>Staff/Faculty</u> Helen Rapley – Secretary (6-10-2025) Andrew Zulewski -Attendance Agent at TVLA (4-16-2025)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit tayloralumni.org In Memoriam

Alumní Association



Taylor School District

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> > Email us:

tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com

Facebook: TaylorMichiganAlumniAssociation

Taylor Alumni Association Board

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Vice Pres THS	OPEN POSITION
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Alumni Association Purpose

To enhance the educational atmosphere of the Taylor School District by developing an active alumni association for the common good of both the graduates and the school district.

Taylor School District Alumni Association Application for Membership

Alumni lifetime membership: \$25 per person. Please print clearly:

Last Name_____

First Name_____

Maiden_____

School Attended_____

Graduation year_____

Street Address_____

City

State_____

Zip

Phone

email

Make checks payable to:

Taylor School District Alumni Association

Mail this form along with your payment to: Taylor School District Alumni Association 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180

Benefits of your lifetime membership:

Monthly newsletter Website Facebook page for info email notices Class reunion information Alumni Museum Social get togethers Scholarship donations