

Alumni Association

Keeping Ties with Our Alumni



TAYLOR
School District



August 2019 Newsletter

While our current newsletter editor is on vacation, a couple of other Alumni members prepared this newsletter. We, of course, don't possess the skill our current editor does in preparing a beautiful newsletter but hopefully this will suffice until she returns!

Keeping Up with Alumni

Randy Snell, JFK 1971 is a country singer/songwriter using the name Randy Jack. Randy has appeared as a warm-up for such stars as Tony Orlando, Ray Charles and Ann Murray. He has shared the stage with Ernest Tubb, Jerry Lee Lewis and Tanya Tucker to name a few. Currently, Randy is in Nashville recording an album to be released in September. The album will contain several songs he has written.

When asked for memories of high school, Randy responded with- State competitions the vocal department under the direction of Mr. Banks and winning several of them. Teachers he felt had an impact on him were, Mr. Bechtol, Mr. Gorski his baseball coach and Mr. Rocket in math.

He then added and last but not least some of the great pranks. Randy did not choose to enlighten me on those.

Randy will be performing September 28 at the Michigan Kentuckians Hall 28391 Bredow Road,
Romulus Mi

Carol Anders, TCH 1962 is current host of a weekly program on station WSFM in Ashville, N.C. The one hour show is called DREAMERS & DOERS. I talk with people about what they do and why they do it. I ask them about how they made their dreams come true, challenges, joys and how they see the future. I hope to inform and inspire my listeners to dream and more important to do.

I asked Carol about memories of TCH. She replied, I still credit Ms. Mascara, Mr. Furbush and Mr. Waltmire for opening my mind to theater, literature and much bigger than a I thought a 15-16 year old could absorb. Mr. Baut encouraged me to write for the newspaper and co-ordinate the Year Book. I would not trade , for anything, my formative years, my class of 1962 , that grounded me in to being- Me!!

Donations

This past month donations were received from the following:

*Betty and Harold Michaelis
John Pantalone*

Thanks to all for your generous contributions.

THERE IS A LOT HAPPENING IN THE CITY OF TAYLOR



The **Lake House Grill at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Course** will be kept open all year under the new management of Walleska Balmaceda. She previously held the same position at the popular Pete's Place.

Free concerts in the open air pavilion include August 2 Larry Lee & the Back in the Day Band. Then on Friday September 6 it will be Jill Jack, winner of 41 Detroit music awards.

August 10-16 Taylor will be hosting The **Junior League World Series**. The best teams in the World will be in competition. **Our Own Taylor 13 year old team will be representing the area . Go Taylor!**

New Business Openings

Bob's Discount Furniture

Part of a nation- wide chain it is located in the greater Southland Center Complex.

BJ's Wholesale Club a nation- wide chain is opening two locations in Michigan this year, the Taylor location on Eureka Road and another in Madison Heights. BJ's is major competitor to brands like Costco and Sam's Club.

Development has been approved for two new major residential projects, **Terraces at Autumn Woods** will have 52 single-family condos and **Aberdeen** at Racho will have 26 duplex buildings.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

March 4, 1996 President William Clinton made a visit to the City of Taylor. 7,500 people gathered at the DPW complex to welcome the President to our city. Mayor Cameron Priebe and U.S. Representative John Dingell were on hand to greet the President.

Do we have your current email address? If not, email us a: tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com

REUNIONS

If you have not done so you have to take a look at the **JFK Class of 1969 50th Reunion** web-site.

Honestly the best web site I have seen. <https://www.jfkreunion.com/>

Even the opening page is great. There is a beautiful picture of the building but things you might not notice immediately: in the puffy white clouds there is a faint picture of the President and above the flag there is an eagle. With in the rest of the web site you can find lists of students they have contacts for- status of those planning on attending- a survey asking if those attending want it to be a one, two or three day event. The reunion date is October 5th at Taylor Meadows Golf Club Hall.

Some of the teachers will also be in attendance. As of this date Roger Craig, Red Dickson and John Pantalone have indicated they will be in attendance. We hear there will be several more.

JFK CLASS OF 1979

October 12 at Mallie's located at Northline & Allen Rd. 7:30 - ?? Casual attire- cost only \$20 per person and includes dinner, private room. Cash bar with discounted prices such as \$2 Bud and Bud lite. Also \$5 Margaritas. For more info call Steve Meharry at 313-551-5159

Several Teachers will be attending including Mike McLean, John Pantalone and Ron Sussman

**Save the Date
September 27
Alumni Party!**

Watch our website, Facebook page and your email for details coming soon!

REUNIONS-cont'd

TC Class of 1974 45th Reunion

William D. Ford Senior Center
6750 Troy St, Taylor, MI 48180
On October 26th
From 6 – 10 PM

Cost is \$25 per person which includes dinner, soft drinks and dessert.

Payment option are as follows:

Pay Pal thru Karen Wade – paypal.me/birdladywade1

Venmo thru Greg Digue – 317-966-9254, Gregory_digue@sbcglobal.net

Checks can be mailed to Mark or Sandy Ennis – PM me for address

All payments must be received by September 21st

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

Pamela (Dick) Cosner, Class of 1981 (passed July 8, 2019)

Linden Foster, Class of 1960 (passed July 19, 2019)

Dennis Scott, Class of 1980 (passed July 19, 2019)

Richard Jerome, Class of 1969 (passed July 21, 2019)

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH

John Terry Szabo, Class of 1968 (passed June 1, 2019)

STAFF

Charlie Constantine, taught at Taylor Center High, Truman High and Taylor Career Center (passed July 8, 2019)

Stephen Bizek, Teacher taught at Kennedy High School and Charles Brake (passed July 12, 2019)

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