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Kennedy High



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Truman High

Taylor School District Alumni Association

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President's Column.....by Caroline (Craddock) Patts, TC '73

Elections are coming up for President and Secretary positions for the Alumni Association in November. Anyone wishing to run has to be a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. Nominations for these two positions must be made before ballots are sent out. Ballots will be coming soon. You will be hearing from the election committee with the information needed.

Don't forget to check out our website. We now have a list started with company discounts for those who are lifetime members. To become a lifetime member, which costs only a \$25 one time fee, just send your money to Taylor School District Alumni Association, 22770 Northline, Taylor, MI 48180 or you can send it to John Pantalone at 7558 Melvin, Westland, MI 48185. You will receive your card in the mail and can then start using it for your discounts. All home sporting events for Truman and Kennedy are free with your lifetime membership card.

The Alumni Association is here for you to help with reunion lists and getting the information out to those who we have emails for your reunions. I am running my 35th reunion which is in November and it sure helped to have an updated list of classmates. Labels are something we can do for you also (there is a charge for printing the labels). The only thing is we ask is that whoever requests a list of classmates and labels be a member of the Alumni Association and on the reunion committee of your class. We can not give out our information to just any one.

Thanks to everyone for attending our monthly meetings. We can't run this organization without your input and help. If you haven't been to a meeting yet, they are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Taylor Schools Board of Education building on Northline Road.

HAVE A GREAT FALL!

Board Of Directors

President: Caroline (Craddock) Patts	TCHS 1973
TC-Vice President: Jennifer Fowler-Glumm	TCHS 1992
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Join the Alumni Association

Become a lifetime member!

Membership is \$25 per person for a lifetime membership. Part of the proceeds will go to the "Taylor Schools Foundation of Excellence" Scholarship Fund. Your payment may be tax deductible.

Send your check payable to "Taylor School District Alumni Association" to:

Taylor Alumni Association
22770 Northline
Taylor, MI 48180

Or visit the website at:
www.tayloralumni.org and use the online application feature

Homecoming is the welcoming back of former students (alumni) of the school. This year's homecomings are planned as follows:

Truman High School's homecoming starts on Friday, October 10 with the homecoming parade at 4:30 down Brest to Beech Daly into the school to the football field. The game is at 7pm and Truman plays Southgate.

Kennedy High School's homecoming starts on Friday, October 17 with the homecoming parade at 4:00 pm from Heritage Park on Paradee Road to the school to the football field. The game is at 7pm and Kennedy plays Trenton.

Come on out to the parade and game for some great memories!

Where Are They Now?

I'm sure you've sometimes wondered whatever became of some of your fellow classmates. Over the years, the Taylor School District has produced some truly outstanding graduates.

Truman's Class of 1977 will remember Steve Anthony, class co-valedictorian. Steve was involved in track, debate, and the honor society during his years at Truman. Steve is currently Senior Software Architect, Asempra Technologies, Santa Clara, California. Asempra makes data and application protection, recovery and business continuity systems for businesses running Microsoft Applications (such as Exchange or SQL) and File Servers.



Steve attended Harvard College and graduated with a B.A. magna cum laude in Anthropology. He also has graduate and undergraduate computer science studies at Harvard University and graduate studies in computer science at the University of California Los Angeles.

Steve worked for three summers (1979-1981) on an archaeological dig in Landshut, Germany (in Bavaria near Munich). The site was the remains of a small extended family farmstead from the late Bronze Age. He studied archaeology as an undergraduate and only started taking computer science courses in his senior year in college. He enjoyed writing software and decided that he did not have the patience for a career in archaeology so he changed direction. Steve has held several positions including Teaching Assistant at UCLA, Software Engineer for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, and Software Engineer for Brocade in San Jose, California.

Steve met his wife Susan Engle in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1983. They moved to Los Angeles in 1984 and were married in 1987. In 1996 the family moved up to Santa Clara, California where Steve worked with a couple of small Silicon Valley startup companies before joining Brocade. They have a daughter, Emily, who is a senior in high school and twin boys, Thomas and Peter, who are high school freshmen.

Steve enjoys spending time with family, travel, photography, and the California weather. Most recently he and his family traveled to South Africa, where his daughter participated in a World Championship meet (about 18 countries) for her jump rope association.

Congratulations on an outstanding career since graduation! Taylor graduates are the best!

MEMORIAN

The Alumni Association expresses their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of those who have passed away.

Donald Sclater, August 2008; 1958 Taylor Center. Brother of Janet Sclater Cheatham, TC 1960 and Kathleen Sclater Aker, JFK 1970

Russ Fuller, January, 2008; Language Arts Teacher, Taylor Center for over 20 years

Marilyn Kolbusz, July, 2008 she was an educator in Taylor for 30 years.

James Edward Rima, 81 years, July 2008. Taylor Center and Truman High school band director

Judith (Storm) Du Lude, June 2008, Taylor Center 1963

Denise Gardner, May 2008; Taylor Center 1977. She is survived by her mother, Danielle Kovoch Gardner, Taylor Center 1958

Sam Ellis, Truman High School principal for the 2007-08 school year

Robert Turek, Taylor Center 1964

Paul Hanson, Kennedy, 1976. Survived by father, Donovan Hanson, Kennedy's Marching Band Director

John Henry, Taylor Center 1964

Ray Lee, Taylor Center 1970

Betty Benkert, April 2008. Survived by daughters, Nancy McMahan Adamache, Kennedy 1972 and Shirley McMahan, Kennedy 1973

Carolyn (Thompson) Benivegna, September 25, 2008, Taylor Center 1960

Reunions Page

Reunions Planned

Kennedy, Truman and Taylor Center Class of 1998, tri-school reunion will be held on December 13, 2008 at the Crystal Gardens from 6:30—12:30. The cost is \$55 per person. Dinner and open bar as well as take home memorable item will be included. Contact Mimma Vitale Palazzolo at mimma09@yahoo.com or Justin Sancho at snatch039@yahoo.com

Kennedy Class of 1989 is starting to plan a 20-year reunion. They need help. Anyone interested in helping out is encourage to contact Debbie Laramie at laramiesix6@yahoo.com

Kennedy Class of 1993 is having their 15 year class reunion on Saturday, November 29 from 6—11 pm at Arnaldo's in Riverview. For more information contact Shelley Zulewski (Miller) at shelld75@yahoo.com or call 734.225.1122 (home or 313.408.2520 (cell) with any undated contact information you may have for yourself or any of your classmates.

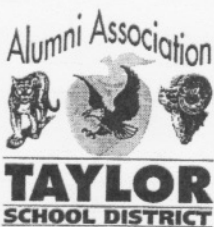
Kennedy & Truman Class of 1998 is currently being planned for the Truman and Kennedy graduated class of 1998. Send your current contact info to Jill at JillKoro80@yahoo.com

Taylor Center classes of 57, 58, 59 and 60: Saturday, October 4, 2008, The Lakes of Taylor Golf Course Banquet Room, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor MI 48180. Doors open at 5pm with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. 7pm sit down dinner; 8-midnight, music daning and renewing friendships. \$45 single or \$90 couples (includes everything but drinks). For golf registrations for Saturday, October 4, contact Roger Bechtol at rbechtol@sbcglobal.net, phone: 313-291-4254. All other questions contact one of the following: 1957 Class Karen (Clement) Shonta at cshonta@charter.net, 734-753-9876, 1958 Class Dave Evans at Evans.David@att.net, 313-386-9547, 1958 class, Barb (Weigel) Schultz at barbara0327@comcast.net, 734-374-6425, 1959 Kay (Zambeck) Roe, Jackayroe@chartermi.net, 734-782-5242, 1960 Class Donna (Jones) Cory, dcory1@aol.com, 517-546-7484

Taylor Center Class of 1958 is also having a separate reunion for their 50th on Friday, October 3, 2008 at the Taylor Meadows Golf Club, Ecorse Road, Taylor, Michigan. Doors open at 5pm with hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, 7pm buffet dinner, 8pm-midnight, music, dancing and renewing friendships. \$40 single and \$80 per couple (everything but drinks)

Taylor Center Class of 1973 35th Class Reunion on November 29 at the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, 25505 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan. 6pm to midnight, \$50 per person, dinner, dancing and cash bar. Please send payment to Caroline (Craddock) Patts, 6860 Jackson, Taylor Michigan 48180, Makes checks payable to Taylor Center 1973 Class Reunion. JJ's Photography will be present to take portraits. Packages and individuals pictures will be available. Also a CD of all pictures will be available for \$25. Credit cards and cash accepted. Any questions call 313-383-9271 or email cpatts@yahoo.com

Taylor Center Class of 1988, 20 year reunion, Saturday, October 4 at 6pm at the Holiday Inn-Southgate. Faculty Welcome. Contact: Debbie (Tarnowski) Fiedler: debbiefiedler@comcast.net; Kim (Abruscato) Thompson, kthompson1022@yahoo.com



Organizing Committee

Nancy (Vauris) Myers	JFK 1968
Nancy Mascaro-Miller	JFK 1967
Linda Pilous	JFK 1967
Barbara (Weigel) Schultz	TCH 1958
Mickey Turcheck	TCH 1960
Gloria (Villet) Blommer	JFK 1967
Claudia (Michael) Boyda	JFK 1967
Mary (Swartout) Rusnak	JFK 1972
Lora Coats	HST 1983
Sharon (Campau) Barnett	TCH 1964
Clair (Wasil) Conway	JFK 1967
Bea (Leonards)	
Holland-Benjamin	JFK 1985

Advisory Members

Charles Dickelman	Faculty (Retired)
Robert Haarala	Faculty (Retired)
John Pantalone	Faculty (Retired)
Amy Skehan	Executive Director, Taylor Foundation For Education Excellence

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Taylor Schools Alumni Association's 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.

Alumni Directories We still have some 2003 directories for \$5 each. The new 2008 will be coming soon

Alumni Mugs \$5 gray with all 3 mascots on them

Window Clings \$1 Alumni Association has Ram, Cougar & Eagle on it.

Alumni Association Membership Benefits...

The Alumni Association is often asked "what benefits do I get for joining the Taylor Schools Alumni Association"? The first and perhaps most important benefit is being able to stay in touch with people like you, Taylor Schools Graduates. Our website has great connections with the high schools and city so even if you no longer live in the area you can keep up to date with what is happening in your old hometown and high school. There are news items posted, class reunion infor-

mation, a chat room and bulletin board. There is even a yellow pages section where alumni with businesses can post their information. Visit the website at: www.tayloralumni.org. Receive free admittance to sporting events at the high schools for active members. We have lots of other ideas but need everyone we can get to provide input and help. Remember, any association is as good as its members. Please consider joining today!

School News

The Board of Education is beginning another search for a superintendent to replace Lee Lewis who retired in June. Former Superintendent Bethany Iverson has been hired as interim superintendent for one year.

Truman High School earned recognition from the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for the 2007-08 school year. Truman was recognized for its behavior and sportsmanship. The MHSAA reported that Truman had no officials' complaints, ejections or sportsmanship concerns during the 2007-08 school year. In a letter from the MHSAA they said "It is a credit to your student-athletes, coaches, administration, staff and community for demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the entire school year." Truman has about 300 students participating in athletics along with about 50 coaches and many, many volunteers. Congratulations Truman!

Welcome new Truman Principal, David Zech. Mr. Zech grew up in Grand Rapids area and graduated from Rogers High School in Wyoming in '75. He earned his bachelor's from Central Michigan and a master's from Western Michigan. He has been a teacher, middle school principal and athletic director.

In the News

Congratulations to **Robert Mach, a 1968 JFK graduate**. He was named the City of Taylor's Employee of the Year. He received a proclamation from the city of Taylor and one from the state signed by State Rep. Hoon Yung Hopgood (1992, HST) and Governor Jennifer Granholm. Robert is the superintendent of vehicle maintenance compost site and building maintenance. In his position he has been influential in promoting the use of alternative fuels, first natural gas vehicles and hydrogen fuel vehicles. His latest project is to work toward wind power energy.

Congratulations to **Wayne Brannon, a 1973 TC grad**. Wayne was appointed Executive Director of Chevrolet Europe. He graduated from Michigan State with an MBA. He held various senior sales and marketing positions with General Motors, in many markets some of which include Brazil, Latin American and Africa.

Congratulations to **Dr. Wayne and Darlene Pobur Baker**. Both have announced their retirement. **Both are 1960 TC graduates**. Wayne has been president of York College in York, Nebraska since 1996. During his tenure great strides were made in the building program with the construction of a student center and dining hall, a new field house and a new science hall. Dr. Baker has successfully advanced the college's four year programs offering now over 40 Bachelor degrees. The economic impact on the community of York is estimated to be \$25 million a year. Dr. Baker served at Rochester College in Rochester Hills, Pepperdine University in Malibu, California and Faulkner University in Montgomery Alabama prior to this tenure at York.

Annette Jurkiewicz Berry, 1978 JFK graduate has been on TV and in the news constantly this year. She is a Wayne County Circuit Court Judge. She is assigned to the "Thrill Kill" case where two teenagers killed a man and attempted to hide the body. Annette has done a marvelous job of handling the case and the sentencing.

Congratulations to **Brian Theil, Taylor Center 1967** who has been selected as interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction PreK-12 for the Taylor School District.

Congratulations to **Bea Leonards Benjamin, Kennedy 1985**. She has been named interim principal at Kinyon Elementary School in Taylor.

Congratulations to **Marsha Rayborn Dotson Taylor Center 1973** who was named Director of Senior Services for the City of Taylor. She is also Community Development Director

Congratulations to **Judy White Warner Taylor Center 1958** for being elected President of the Marquette, Michigan Chapter of American Association of University Women. Judy is also on the State Executive Board of that organization.

Rebecca Park, Truman 1986 was recognized as one the Taylor Schools District's employee of the month this year. She began her career as a teacher for the emotionally impaired at McDowell Elementary, then became a first grade teacher at McDowell.

Congratulations to **Dru Steeby, Truman 2008, Jamie Narkun, Truman 2008 and Ike Anyanetu, Truman 2007**. All three grads are attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and were selected to be members of the school's marching band.

Congratulations to **John and Jennifer Jones, both Taylor Center graduates**. They recently opened Mid-Town Pizza at 21250 Goddard Road, just west of Mortenvue.

Ken Petry, Taylor Center 1963 keeps on coaching! Every school year since 1984-85 he has coached at least one basketball team and quite often three teams at the elementary school level. Most recently he has been coaching the sixth-grade intramural league run by the Taylor Parks and Rec Department. He also volunteers at the scorers table during varsity basketball games and Kennedy.

We know there are many more graduates who have outstanding careers and lives. Please send in information on someone you would like recognized to: John Pantalone at: johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

The Alumni Association hosted an informal get together for all Taylor School graduates on Friday, April 24 at Stool Pigeons Tavern, Ecorse Road in Taylor. Stool Pigeons is owned by a Taylor School grad. There were raffles held, pizza and beverages and lots of hugs, laughter and reminiscing! Everyone had a great time. Remember, check your emails (do we have your up to date email address?) the Alumni website (tayloralumni.org) for information on the next get together.

Stool Pigeons, April, 2008



MEMBER DISCOUNTS

Did you know that if you are a lifetime member of the Taylor Alumni Association you are entitled to great discounts from local merchants? Below are some of the wonderful local businesses that are offering you, our lifetime members, great discounts on their great products!!

All home sporting events for Truman and Kennedy High School are free with your lifetime membership card.



Authentic Italian Cuisine

31735 Plymouth Road

Livonia, MI 48150

Giulio's Cucina Italiana

20% Discount on any food order

Giulio's Italian Restaurant is the local source for Livonia's best Italian food. They also specialize in fine wines, cocktails, live entertainment, catering, and gluten-free menu items. When you go, stop and say hello to Ray Borden, Co-Owner. Ray is a 1979 Graduate of JFK!

Heritage Perk

10% Discount

If you are looking for espresso that is comparable to what you would find in Italy, You have to stop in and give it a try. Our regulars sought us out to let us know that our espresso is better than anything they've tasted in the United States!

(Well one of them said that, but the others with him agreed)



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Or

20155 Telegraph Rd

Romulus, MI 48174

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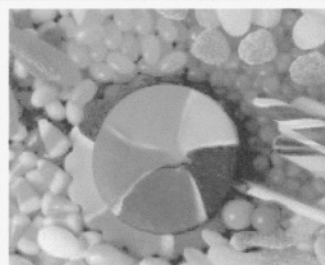
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