

## Alumni Association

*Keeping Ties with Our Alumni*



**TAYLOR**  
School District



May 2019 Newsletter

# IN THE NEWS



Gordon Krater

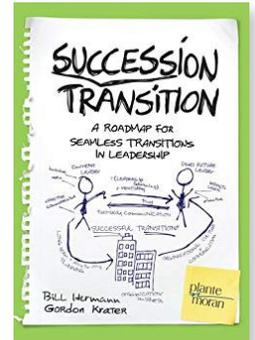
JFK, 1976 Graduate Gordon Krater is one of the recipients of The University of Michigan Ross School of Business Honorary Paton Fellow Award. He was recognized during a special induction ceremony on March 21, 2019.

To enhance the Paton Fellow Program's mission of encouraging Michigan

undergraduate students to explore a career in accounting, the Paton Center created the Honorary Paton Fellow Award to honor individuals who through their accounting expertise have made significant contributions as business leaders.

Krater received his BBA from U of M in 1980, and is a former managing partner and CPA at Plante Moran. He joined the company after graduation to follow in his father's (another U of M graduate) footsteps into public accounting. During his 38-year career with Plante Moran, Krater held a variety of positions before rising

to firm overall managing partner, where he guided the client service, growth, talent development, risk management, and strategic direction of the firm. He is the co-author of Succession Transition: A Roadmap for Seamless Transitions in Leadership, an active member of the Michigan Association of CPAs, New Detroit, the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the United Way of Southeast Michigan.



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## FOUNDATION NEWS

☑ **Comedy Night** — Over 100 people attended the Taylor Foundation Comedy fundraiser. Thanks to all of you that donated prizes and thanks to all who attended. The proceeds benefit all public school children of Taylor. Heard from many who attended that they hope the event becomes a yearly affair. Congratulations to Michelle Matney and her committee for a very successful event.

### ☑ **Theater Outing Wrap-up**

One hundred students from Taylor Community High School were excited about their trip to the Opera House to see “Phantom of The Opera”, but as we all know Michigan weather does not always cooperate. School was called off due to a storm in the area. The Fisher Group department was contacted, and they offered us tickets to the next production, “The Lightning Thief”. So, thankfully, the students were able to attend a live theater production. The Taylor Foundation asked for monetary assistance to make the trip possible and the response was

exceeded our expectations and left us with a small surplus that will be used for future theatrical events. There were five donations received that we have not recognized in the newsletter and our very sincere thanks go out to the following donors: **Ken Avery, Tom Poole, Margaret & Gerald Ziemba, Kathy & John Bowyer and the Taylor Rotary.**

The following is a note that came along with the Bowyer donation:

*We have enclosed a check to help with the theater experience program's transportation costs. Kathy and I remember trips that our classes made in the late 60's. Kathy traveled to a theater in Canada to experience a live performance of “A Midsummer Nights Dream”. I went with my class to see the movie “The Lion in The Winter”. I believe this was at the Fox Theater with Mrs. Knight's English class. Anyway, this is a great opportunity for the kids. Thanks for letting us help in a small way.*

*Best wishes,*

*Kathy (Newsome) Bowyer JFK 69 and John Bowyer JFK 70.*

We know that many organizations ask for donations and for good causes, but again the Taylor Foundation does so many

# WHAT'S IN THE NAME?

Why was the second Jr. High School named Charles E Brake? Who was he?



Charles E. Brake Junior High School  
Taylor, Michigan

The Answer...

Charles E Brake was superintendent of Wayne County Schools in the 1950's when the Jr. High was being built. He was a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship for his work in establishing school systems in Europe. Brake was a renowned educator who specialized in rural education. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1930, and passed away in October of 1972.

Next issue...Why was an elementary named Blair Moody? Who was he? Send in your answers or guesses—both will be appreciated.

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## *Wish for the Month*

FOR EVERYONE BORN,  
A PLACE AT THE TABLE,  
TO LIVE WITHOUT FEAR,  
AND SIMPLY TO BE,  
TO WORK, TO SPEAK OUT,  
TO WITNESS AND WORSHIP,  
FOR EVERYONE BORN,  
THE RIGHT TO BE FREE.

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positive things for the benefit of the Taylor students and could do so much more with your help. Every dollar donated goes directly to the students, there are absolutely no administrative expenses as all of the Foundation members serve without pay. If you care to make a donation, make the check payable to "Taylor Public School Foundation" and mail it to Taylor Alumni Association, 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor MI 48180.

### **Recent Donors**

In the April Alumni Newsletter it was stated that the TCH Class of 1969 was the first class to have spent 4 years in the Taylor Center High building. That was wrong! The 57' and 58' classes also spent 4 years in the TCH building. We now know that many people are reading the newsletters as we received many emails and phone calls pointing out the error. One phone call was received from Karen Clement Shonta, Class of 1957 from TCH. She was asked to let us know what has transpired since 1957. The following is what was received.

*After graduating from Taylor Center High School in 1957, I was employed by the Taylor School District as a school secretary. I first worked at Fairlane Elementary. From there I was transferred to the board of education office. I missed the contact with teachers and children, so I applied*

to be transferred to Brake Junior High School. While working there, I met my future husband. We were married the following year.

He taught school for one year in Northville (Northville is located in and divided by Oakland and Wayne counties). That was just before the American Football League was being formed. He contacted the coach and asked if he could try out for the team and was told he would be able to and the rest is history. Chuck went through the training camp and had the great fortune to be chosen for the team. He played for the Boston Patriots which is now the New England Patriots for eight years. He started out in the AFL and ended up in the NFL. And yes, a concussion ended his career. Living in Boston during the season was fabulous. It is a great place to live. Lots of wonderful restaurants and history.



Fortunately, he had his teaching degree and taught for 33 years in Northville.

We have two daughters. One followed in her father's footsteps and became a teacher teaching in Northville. Our other daughter is

an editor and free lances at home. We have four grandchildren, 2 girls and 2 boys. We lived in Romulus for 42 years and now live in New Boston. Most of our summer is spent in Port Hope (thumb area) at our place on Lake Huron.

Several years ago, we went on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Our high school counselor, Mrs. Pauloski, just happened to live on the big island of Hawaii. I had always been in touch with her because we shared the same birthday. I wrote to her and told her our ship would be stopping in Hilo. She and her husband, John, met our ship. They took us all over the island to see all the fabulous sights. That evening Mrs. Pauloski came on board the ship and had dinner with us. We had such a wonderful day with them.

There is a small group of us graduates who meet for dinner once a month. Most of us are from the 1957 and a few from 1958 classes. We have been doing this for many years and if you might be interested in joining us, please give me a call. We would love to see you again after all these years. Our dinners are on the first Tuesday of the month, usually at 5:00 p.m. Our last one this spring will be in May and we begin again in the fall. Karen (Clement) Shonta (734) 753-9876. 📞

# ALUMNI NEWS!

☑ **Award** — The Taylor Alumni Association congratulates Beau Keathly, HST Class of 2017, on being awarded Horizon League “Pitcher of the Week”. Beau pitches for Oakland University.

☑ **Recently Created Scholarships** — Tom Schuck, JFK Class of 1976, established a Thomas Schuck Family \$1000 Scholarship. Chris Hopgood, retired Principal, established The Hopgood Award for Continued Success, a \$2000 Scholarship. The Taylor Alumni Association thanks Tom and Chris for their very generous donations to help the graduates of Taylor High School.

☑ **Are You Able to Help?**

We received a request for information. We need your help as we do not have any answers. We are trying to locate Mr. Herb Wilson who taught Auto Mechanics in 1982. Can any of you send information regarding Mr. Wilson?

☑ **Alumni Yellow Pages** — If you are looking for any type of professional service provider, why not check out business owned or operated by your Alumni by visiting the Yellow Pages tab on the Alumni Website, [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org). Likewise, if you have a business and would like it included on our website, please email a clear copy of your business card to: [tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com](mailto:tayloralumniassociation@yahoo.com).



Lanny Mills  
Kennedy Class of 1967

Lora McParland-Savoie  
Kennedy Class of 2005

Darold Schonscheck  
Taylor Center Class of 1960

Kevin Mullins  
Kennedy Class of 1975

Susan Pileggi Falahee  
Kennedy Class of 1970

Larry Keck  
Taylor Center Class of 1963

An example of the listing on the Alumni yellow page tab



The Taylor High School football team is holding a golfing fundraiser on Sunday May 19th and would appreciate donations such as gift cards or baskets to raffle off. Contact Head Coach Jeff Morrow at Jeffrey.morrow@taylorschools.net for further information.

May 9th Foundation meeting board office 8:00 a.m.

May 14th Alumni Association 6 p.m. at Board Office

May 16th Taylor Center Class of 1960 luncheon 12:30. Call Barb Garner Belcher for more info.

June 5th Farewell assembly Taylor High

June 6th Graduation Taylor High



## 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

Janet Crawford Allen, Class of 1961 (passed April 12, 2019)

Edward Collins, Class of 1971 (passed March 28, 2019)

Beverly Lowe Layne, Class of 1958 (passed on March 26, 2019)

### Not reported but found on Facebook

Gregory Arsenault, Class of 1974 (passed April 11, 2019)

Jerry Cleveland, Class of 2019 (passed April 4, 2019)

Judy David Darling, Class of 1975 (passed April 3, 2019)

Anna Wallaker, Class of 1973 (passed December 18, 2018)

Peggy Bennett Modglin, Class of 1967 (passed March 13, 2019)

Earl Knedgen, Class of 1960 (passed November 6, 2018)  
Gerald Sheehan, Class of 1975 (passed November 30, 2018)  
Mike Fuller, Class of 1972 (passed December 26, 2018)  
Shirley Norman Cherry, Class of 1963 (passed December 28, 2018)  
Ruth Terry West, Class of 1982 (passed September 26, 2018)

### **Correction**

In the March edition we listed an obituary as Eleanor Dul Ridenour it should have read Barbara Dul Ridenour, Class of TCH 1958 (passed November 13, 2018)

### **John F Kennedy High**

Alice Fredricks Juszko, Class of 1966 (passed January 23, 2019)  
Don Kalinsky, Class of 1971 (passed January 17, 2019)

### **Not reported but found on Facebook**

Nancy Boyd Reedy, Class of 1976 (passed December 4, 2018)  
Mike Jones, Class of 1981 (passed May 1, 2015)  
Dawn Grove, Class of 2019 (passed April 6, 2019)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website [tayloralumni.org](http://tayloralumni.org) and click on "In Memoriam".