

**August 2019**

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## **Life & Times of the Rebels of '69**

Class of 1969 Thornton Fractional Township South High School, Lansing, IL

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### **Time to Get Your Tickets for Our 50th Reunion Banquet!**

#### **Banquet Tickets—**

**\$69 per person until Aug. 31**

**\$75 Sept 1 through cut-off date of Sept. 15**

#### **Get your banquet tickets online**

**[Click here or copy and paste into your browser window  
tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion](#)**

The TF South Class of 1969 50th Reunion Party will be held at

-Villa Cesare, 900 Eagle Ridge Drive, Schererville, Indiana

-Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019

-6 pm to midnight.

The banquet will be a family style dinner of soup, salad, bread, entrees of braised beef and chicken piccata, carrots and roasted baby potatoes, bow tie diablo pasta, cake and ice cream, and coffee and hot tea.

-There will be a cash bar.

-Dress is business casual.

-DJ spins our favorite 60s & 70s music beginning at 6 pm for your dancing and listening pleasure.



**A Block of Hotel Rooms** has been secured for Oct. 3–6, 2019, at the following 3 hotels:

- The Hampton Inn, Schererville, IN
- Holiday Inn Express, Schererville, IN
- Comfort Inn, Schererville, IN

When making your reservation, tell them you are with the TFS Class of '69 Reunion. Our special rate expires Sept. 3.

Hotel information can be found on our website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com)

You may extend your stay beyond these dates and still take advantage of the discounted pricing. All 3 hotels are near the Saturday night banquet venue. Uber/Lyft share rides are available to and from all 3 hotels.

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## ***Grade Skool BOWL-E-RAMA!***

Come one, come all!

On Sunday, Oct. 6, you are invited to the vintage Lan-Oak Lanes for an event to evoke all the best memories of our childhood in Lansing.

Here's the When & Where—

Sunday, Oct. 6

Noon–3 pm

Lan-Oak Lanes

2524 Ridge Rd., Lansing, IL

\$15 at the door



Dust off the photo albums and memorabilia in your attic and dig out things that

capture Leave It to Beaver stability and The Jetsons' "sky's the limit" style.

Memory boards for all the Lansing grade schools will be available to post and share your memories with classmates. There will also be boards to post memories of Christmas, Halloween, Vacations, and Hobbies.

For those who want to bowl, there will be a one game Tournament of the Grade Schools, and Cubs versus Brownies. But Bowl-e-Rama is all about the memories, not the bowling! If you have a vintage toy, game, or book bring it along for the Fun Museum displayed on the Lan-Oak lunch counter.

Food and drink will be available for purchase. All Rebels are welcome whether you *grade-skooled* in Lansing or elsewhere. Families are welcome, too.

Here is your suggested homework assignment:

1. Bring a handful of memories/photos printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper  
Include a brief description and your name on each memory
2. Dig out that special toy and dust it off
3. Show up at Lan-Oak Lanes, Noon Sunday, October 6!

If we all give this a little Rebel Effort, it will be a great way to cap off a fantastic 50th Reunion Weekend.

Please RSVP through Ticketbud [tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion](https://tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion)

Email Questions to [tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com)

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## **MOGC! More Opportunities to Gather & Celebrate**

More information and details for MOGC can be found

–on our class website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](https://tfsclassof69.weebly.com)

–on our ticket buying site [tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion](https://tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion)

–by emailing your questions to [tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com)

### **Chicago River Architecture Tour**

Thursday, Oct. 3

Board the boat at 10:15 a.m.

400 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL

\$24 per person

Tour Departs at 10:45 am. Returns at 12:15 pm.

Experience the city's legendary architecture as you enjoy a boat ride on the Chicago

River.

[www.wendellaboats.com/parking](http://www.wendellaboats.com/parking)

The South Shore Electric Train #214 from Hegewish will get you to Millenium Station, State and Randolph at 8:58 a.m. It's a 15-minute to walk to the Wendell Tour Boat.

[www.mysouthshoreline.com/](http://www.mysouthshoreline.com/)

### **TFS Golf Outing**

Friday, Oct. 4

8 am to noon

Lansing Country Club (Sportsman Club)

18600 Wentworth Ave., Lansing, IL

\$30 for 18 holes and cart.

RSVP online through [tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion](http://tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion)

Pay at the Pro Shop

Meet at Lansing Country Club by 7:45 a.m.

[lanscc.com/](http://lanscc.com/)

### **TFS Class of '69 Guided School Tour**

Friday, Oct. 4

4 pm

TFS High School

18500 Burnham Ave., Lansing, IL

Re-live the scene of your youth and see how our high school has grown and improved. Tour includes a pause at the Wall of Honor.

[tfd215.org/south/aboutus/wall-of-honor/](http://tfd215.org/south/aboutus/wall-of-honor/)

Families welcome

### **Friday Night Pre-Reunion Gathering**

Friday, Oct. 4

Starting at 6:30 pm

Lencioni's Pub

3325 Glenwood Dyer Rd., Lynwood, IL

(708) 757-4304

Our own classmates, Bill Hutchison and Dean Groom. will be playing with their band Lake Effect. A party room will be available for visiting. Food and beverage available for purchase.

Families welcome

### **Al's Magical Mystery Tour of Lansing**

Saturday, Oct. 5

A self-guided tour of Lansing.

Start at the Lansing Historical Society located in the  
Lansing Public Library, 2750 Indiana Ave, Lansing, IL  
Hours 9 am to 5 pm  
[www.lansinghistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.lansinghistoricalsociety.org/)

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See information at the top of this newsletter

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[lan-oak-lanes.business.site/](http://lan-oak-lanes.business.site/)

A farewell event to evoke all the best memories of our  
childhood in Lansing!

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See the Bowl-e-Rama article above for details.

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## **FAQs—**

What Do I Wear to the Banquet?

Our Oct. 5 Banquet is business casual. Wear what makes you comfortable. If you want to dress up even more, go ahead. If you want to wear your 50th Reunion T-shirt, OK. This evening is about reconnecting with classmates, enjoying food and drink together, and rockin' to the music of the 60s.

Join us as we gather and celebrate!

Where Do I Stay?

Find hotel information on our class website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com) by clicking  
“50th Reunion Hotel Info” tab at the top of the webpage.

How Do I Get Banquet Tickets?

Make your Reservations and Ticket purchase online.

Go to [tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion](https://tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion)

Will I Get an Invitation in the Mail?

No. Invitations are not being snail-mailed out. We've entered the digital age. Keep checking our website, Facebook page, Life & Times Newsletters, and your email inbox for up-to-date info.

Anything Else I Can Do?

Yes. Please share our TFS 50th Reunion information with classmates that you are in touch with or see about town. Help us make sure that no '69 Rebel will be left out.

## A 50th Reunion Message from Robert...

My wife and I live in the Chicago Loop. Our daughter lives in the unit next door. We are within walking distance of the lakeshore and museums, and we can drive to the Museum of Science and Industry. We are members at all of them. It's like living in the museums. Science is still my favorite past time even before Mr. Hess's science class and grade school with the Bell Lab Science Films (now on YouTube, and I still watch them).

I love exploring the underground passages in Chicago. I believe I have the longest underground walk discovered. Plus the food is great. I'm always on a diet. Chicago is the most friendly city you could want. I love the very diverse population and there are so many talented people here. Plus if you live here, it's very easy to get around. The new River Walk is the place to be in the summer for food, walking, or people watching.

Come up to my backyard—Chicago. I can't wait for our 50th Reunion, and I plan on being around for our 60th!

—**Robert Hanink** (Illinois)

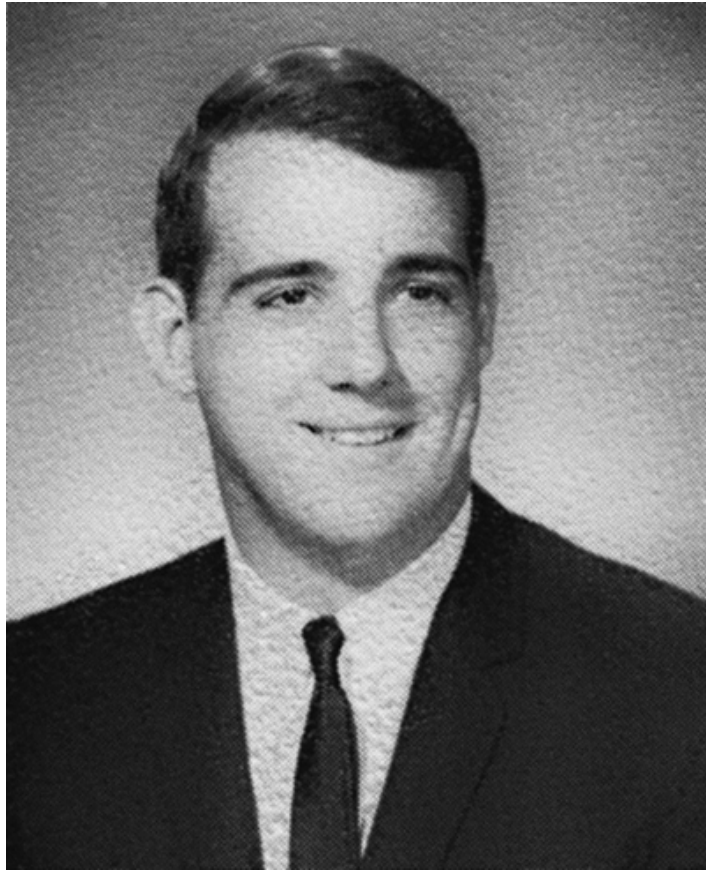


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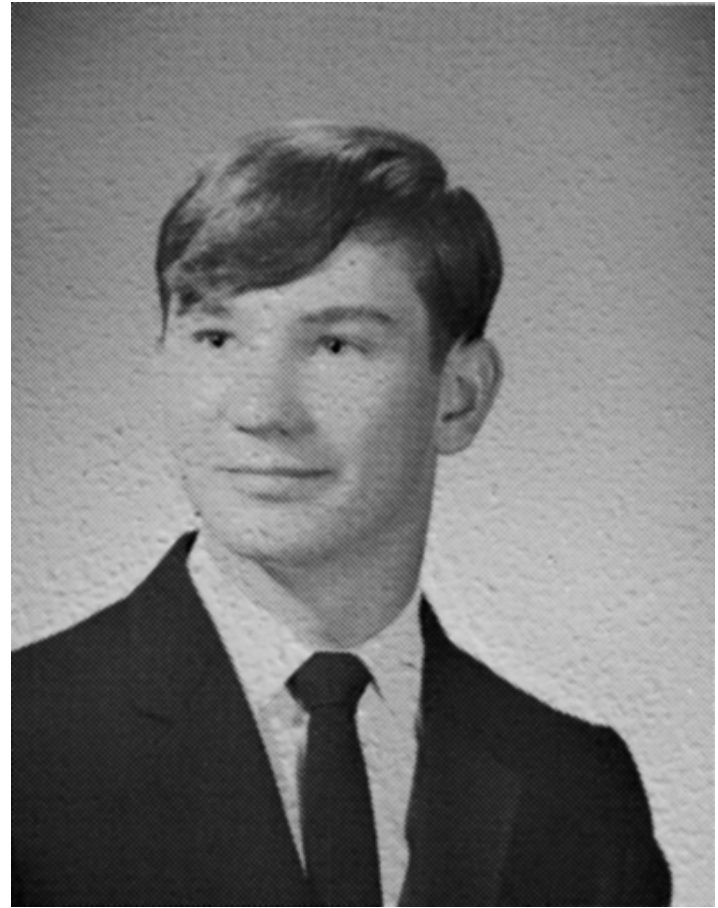
### Sadly We Report

Sometimes as we look for classmates whom we've lost touch with, we are saddened

by what we find. This month we discovered that our class lost classmates Roger LaFollette in 2007 and Bill Thomas in 2001.



**Roger LaFollette** passed away at the age of 56. Roger had a sister Nancy and brother Larry. He had lived in California and now lies at rest in Sharp, Arkansas, next to his father, James, a former Coollidge Elementary School principal, and his mother, Barbara.



**Bill Thomas** was living in Chandler, Arizona, at the time of his passing in 2001. Bill worked as a mechanic. At the time of his death he was survived by his wife; brothers David, Jim, Tim, Donald, and Russell; 2 sons, 2 daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

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## Life & Times Heard from...

**Alan Danaher** (Florida)—Want to let you know my wife Mary Helen and I are planning on attending the 50th reunion on October 5. Please keep me in the loop related to future newsletters. See you in October.

**Kathy Miller Coughlin** (Texas)—Hate to miss it, but I'll have to pass. I was the yearbook editor, so you'll all be youngsters in my memory anyway. Have fun.

**Patty Bain Mansker** (Illinois)—I purchased my ticket online and made hotel reservations. I plan to attend the Friday gathering and the reunion Saturday.

Sue Taylor and **Fred Hasse** (Kentucky)—We will arrive a couple of days early in October. Keep us in mind to help with anything.

**Donna Torgerson Clark** (Illinois)—Two tickets—check! Can't wait!

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## Happy August Birthday!

Phyllis Vander Noord Evert, Sharon Aurich Comer, Mary Ebbens Knighton, Harry Smith, Floyd Ballard, Dave Dickinson, Peggy Peacock Kubic, Nancy DeBoer DeAngelo

## Classmates Celebrating August Wedding Anniversaries

Fred & **Diana Steinweg Plese** (Illinois)—49 years  
Joan & **Harrison "Butch" Porter** (Michigan)—40 years  
Carol Stanhope (TFS '68) & **John Jones** (California)—47 years  
Cindy & **Dave Melendorf** (Georgia)—40 years  
Boyd & **Sharon Reid Kerley** (Arizona)—48 years  
Dennis & **Sally Steeb Harvey** (Indiana)—49 years  
Greg & **Donna Torgerson Clark** (Illinois)—42 years

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## With Heartfelt Condolence...



to Darlene Barzda Snell and her family on the loss of Darlene's oldest daughter, Tamara, in July. Darlene wrote, "May God give her peace and the love we feel for her."

Also our condolences to Renay Vanderby and the Vanderby family on the loss in July of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Kitty Kiester Vanderby. Renay's mom is fondly remembered by many as a teacher and Dean at Thornton Fractional North High School in Calumet City. She received her B.S. from Illinois State University and her M.S. from the University of Illinois and was a member of the DAR. Mrs. Vanderby was a Lansing resident at the time of her passing at the age of 95.

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## We're Always Looking for Classmates

With your help, every now and then, we find another classmate with whom we've lost contact. That's why we keep looking. If you are in contact with anyone listed below, or if you forward the newsletter to a classmate, let us know at [TFSouth69@gmail.com](mailto:TFSouth69@gmail.com). We'd like to invite them to the 50th Reunion and to subscribe to the Life & Times.

Randy Krolak  
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Karen Johnson Sons



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Vita Klos  
Keith Kieres  
Liz Kersten Kocharoff  
Nancy Horvatic Tschischik  
Patricia Kerr Karasov

Nancy James Johnson  
Linda Illo Faron  
Jean Horgeshimer Schwingendorf  
Richard Horgan  
Jim Hopp  
Ralph "Skip" Hoover  
Bill Hodge

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## Stay in Touch

Help us keep our Class of '69 database current. Send changes in your phone number and email and snailmail addresses to [TFSouth69@gmail.com](mailto:TFSouth69@gmail.com)

Our 226 classmates and friends of the class stay in touch by subscribing to our free monthly newsletter. Not subscribed? You can sign up at our website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com) or send an email to [TFSouth69@gmail.com](mailto:TFSouth69@gmail.com).



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**Mission of the TFS Class of 1969:** To promote and grow our network of TFS Class of 1969 friendships by sharing information and planning reunion events to keep the spirit of the 40th Reunion alive and vibrant.

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