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Life & Times of the Rebels of '69

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

Let's Get This Party Going!

Thirteen classmates and spouses began the recent TFS Class of 1969 50th Reunion planning meeting with a rally cry of "Let's get this party going!" followed by lively discussions that advanced the plans for our 2019 reunion.



Making plans for our 50th Reunion at the July meeting are (seated from left) Rich Krilich, Lee Fetscher, Pat Walsh; (2nd row) Marlene Koster Taylor, Cheryl Ridder Woldhuis, Carolyn "Inky" White Scofield, Kathy Orban, Cheryl Bailey Zima; (3rd row) John Link, Dave Kats, Alan Liptak, and Phil Stewart. (Also attending but not in the photo was Peggy Link.)

Our SurveyMonkey questionnaire was emailed to classmates in early July, and we had 90 respondents. The results are providing great direction in helping the committee plan and make decisions.

The five-question survey revealed preferences for an informal/business casual-type event with a family-style type buffet priced in the \$40–\$60 range to be held late summer or early fall. A tour of our high school topped the list of must-do activity choices along with a Friday night pre-reunion gathering, a golf outing, and a Saturday daytime activity.

Classmates stepped up to investigate venues and menus and explore Saturday daytime activities, souvenir choices, and musical entertainment. Also getting attention are budgeting and communication options that will get the word out about our 50th reunion.

The next planning meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm, Friday, September 14, once again at Benny's in Lynwood, IL.

If you have questions or comments, or if you plan to attend the meeting, please contact the Reunion Committee at tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com

REMINDER...The next Reunion Planning meeting for our TFS High School 50th Reunion is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 6:30 pm at Benny's, 2549 Glenwood-Lansing Rd, Lynwood, IL. Please email us if you plan to attend the meeting.

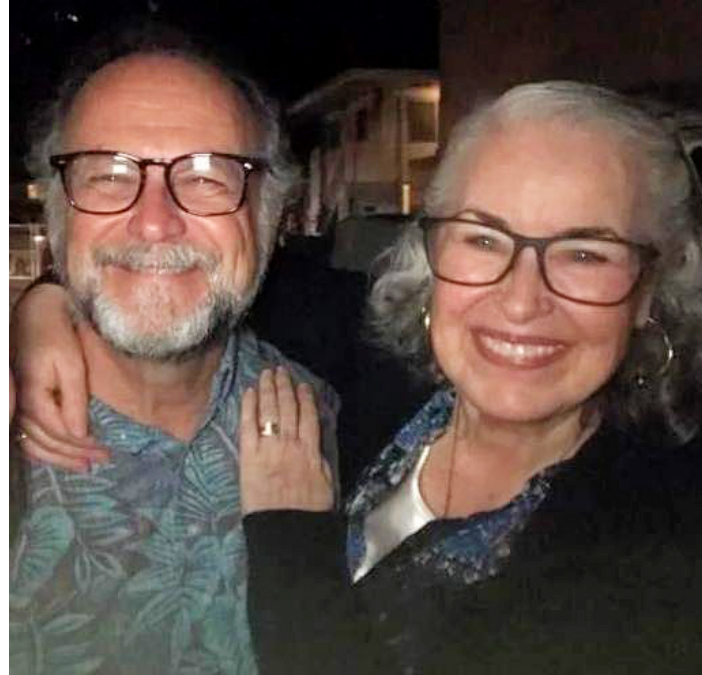
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**A Reunion Message from Jack Wiers—
"See You Next Year!"**

Mahalo [thank you] for the many kind birthday greetings in July. I hope to see you all next year.

My birthday was a wonderful first retirement/last Hawaii birthday where I watched the Cubs and Sox, talked to friends and family, made a rare sojourn to Waikiki for dinner—Octopus tacos (weird but fun) and a Mezcal Old Fashioned, and did some touristy type chillin' with my best girl, Carol [Bendell-Wiers] (TFS 69.5). Thanks for thinking of me and see you all next year!

—**Jack Wiers** (Hawaii/Arizona)



What's in Your Vista, John?

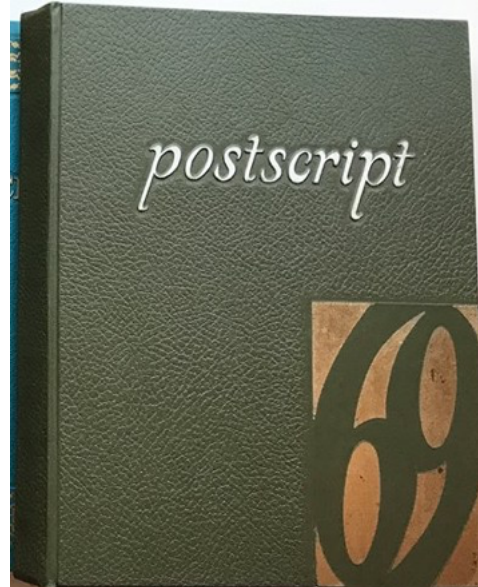


Our August Vista comes from **John Jones**, who tells us, "Our home in Costa Mesa, California, is 4 miles from Newport Beach. Our traveling home is in our back yard. We moved to Costa Mesa two years ago after I retired from 43 years of teaching. Best part—We are now five minutes from our three grandchildren."

Share Your Vista Send a photo of where you live and tell us what you like about the place you call home. Email your photo to the Life & Times TFSouth69@gmail.com

Two Classmates Are Looking for Yearbooks

Two classmates want to add our TFS 1969 Postscript Yearbook to their collections—



Denise Steinberg Johnson (North Carolina)—I would like to find a yearbook, especially the 1969 one.

Jim Wagner (South Carolina)—I lost my '68 & '69 yearbooks during one of the 10-plus moves I made through the years. I would love to be able to buy these 2 missing yearbooks. Thanks.

Can you help? If you know where they can get one, or maybe you have a sibling, spouse, or friend who wants to lighten their load, please let us know and we will connect you. TFSClassof69@gmail.com

Retirement News from Sandy Fritz Zaborski

My husband, Timothy, of 41 years, recently retired after working for Amoco/BP for 38 years. The past 20 years he worked 12-hour shifts, which is to say that he missed celebrating holidays with his family is an understatement along with missing many other stages of ordinary life. As I was brought up with a shift-worker dad, I was used to going to special occasions by myself or with the kids.

Tim and I are both battling health issues, but are trying to get organized and do spring/summer cleaning from the last...20 years. 😊 NOT an easy task when you're in your 60s! Remember the Turtle and the Hare...well you know which we are.

I just want to give Timothy a shout out for being such a good provider our whole life together and hope that we can both have some time relaxing and continuing our quest to find our basement floor and patio.

—**Sandy Fritz Zaborski** (Illinois)



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Life & Times Heard from...

Candy Follmer Roth (Indiana)—I know many of you knew a good friend of mine, Rhonda Pauling Wadwell (TFS '70). Rhonda, age 66, passed away July 11, 2018, in Green Lake, Wisconsin, of complications from cancer. She was a wonderful person and friend to many.

John Jones (California)—Thanks for all the work you do for the Class of 69.

John Hansen (South Carolina)—Liked the message from Alan Eckhardt, daughter looks just like him. [July 2018] See you at the 50th, Al.

John Giles (Wisconsin)—Dear TFS69, Great newsletter, thanks.

Michael Wright (Colorado)—What a surprise to come down from my wilderness photo shoot and find your birthday messages on Facebook. Thanks!

Congratulations!

Carol Stanhope (TFS '68) and **John Jones** welcomed new granddaughter Rilynn Grace in June 2018. The first time parents are Bob and Christina Jones, who live near Carol and John in Costa Mesa, California.



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 Celebrated July Wedding Anniversaries

Tim & **Bonnie Van Kley O'Connor** (Indiana)—46 years
Dave & **Gina Langbeen Russell** (Arizona)—39 years
Linda & **George Gussman** (Indiana)—40 years
Barbara & **Denny Walton** (Utah)—35 years
Darlene & **Paul Carter** (Indiana)—47 years
Larry & **Cheryl Baily Zima** (Indiana)—41 years
Debbie & **Dick Schoon** (Florida)—4 years
Barb Lafferty & **Owen Watterson** (Wisconsin)—33 years
Nancy & **Eston Ellis** (Illinois)—40 years

TFS Class of 1968 Reconnects Next Month

The TFS Class of 1968 will hold its 50th Reunion Sept. 15, 2018, at Teibel's Family Restaurant, Schererville, IN. Weekend activities are also planned. For information about the Class of 1968's 50th Reunion, email the organizers at tfs50threunion@gmail.com



We're Always Looking for Classmates

We've lost touch with some of our classmates. If you are in contact with anyone listed below, or if you are forwarding the newsletter to a classmate, please invite him or her to subscribe to the Life & Times through our website TFSClassof69.weebly.com or by contacting us at TFSouth69@gmail.com

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Ron DeValk
Bruce Crawford
Ralph Corriere
Ken Conrad
Bill Conley

James Paul Christensen
Jim Chenoweth
Ron Chafee
Ron Carlson
Linda Campbell
Ken Burse

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