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Life & Times of the Rebels of '69

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

Happy Fourth of July!
Wishing you a colorful, happy summer!



Our Fourth of July fireworks photo comes to us courtesy of Larry Lyles (TFS '68).

What's in Your Vista, Kathy?



Kathy Miller Coughlin has retired to the Sun City retirement community in Georgetown, Texas, a suburb of Austin. Her vista on this particular evening was from a dinner cruise in Austin with 50 of her buddies from Sun City.



Kathy says, "Both Sun City and Austin are simply amazing places to live and thrive, no matter what your age. Our retirement community has over 8,000 active, feisty, and totally engaged seniors, and it's still growing. After searching the U.S. for 10 years before retirement, we settled here because, quite frankly, we wanted to have LOTS to do and good weather to do it. It's a perfect fit for us. John and I will celebrate 48 years of marriage this year, and we've never been happier."

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

Catching Up

I'll fill you in on what's happening. We are living in Chicago now. I'm employed as an Quality Assurance Engineer in Harvey. My wife is a restaurant manager near Chinatown, and my daughter, Meiling Jin, and I



have started a media production company, **Studio Meiling Productions, LLC.**

We are producing TV pilots and pitching in LA. We are busy and it's a 7-day-a-week life! My mom still lives in the same house in Lansing since the 1940s. She is one of the last parents alive from our old neighborhood. Hopefully our class is staying healthy and active!—**Robert Hanink** (Illinois)

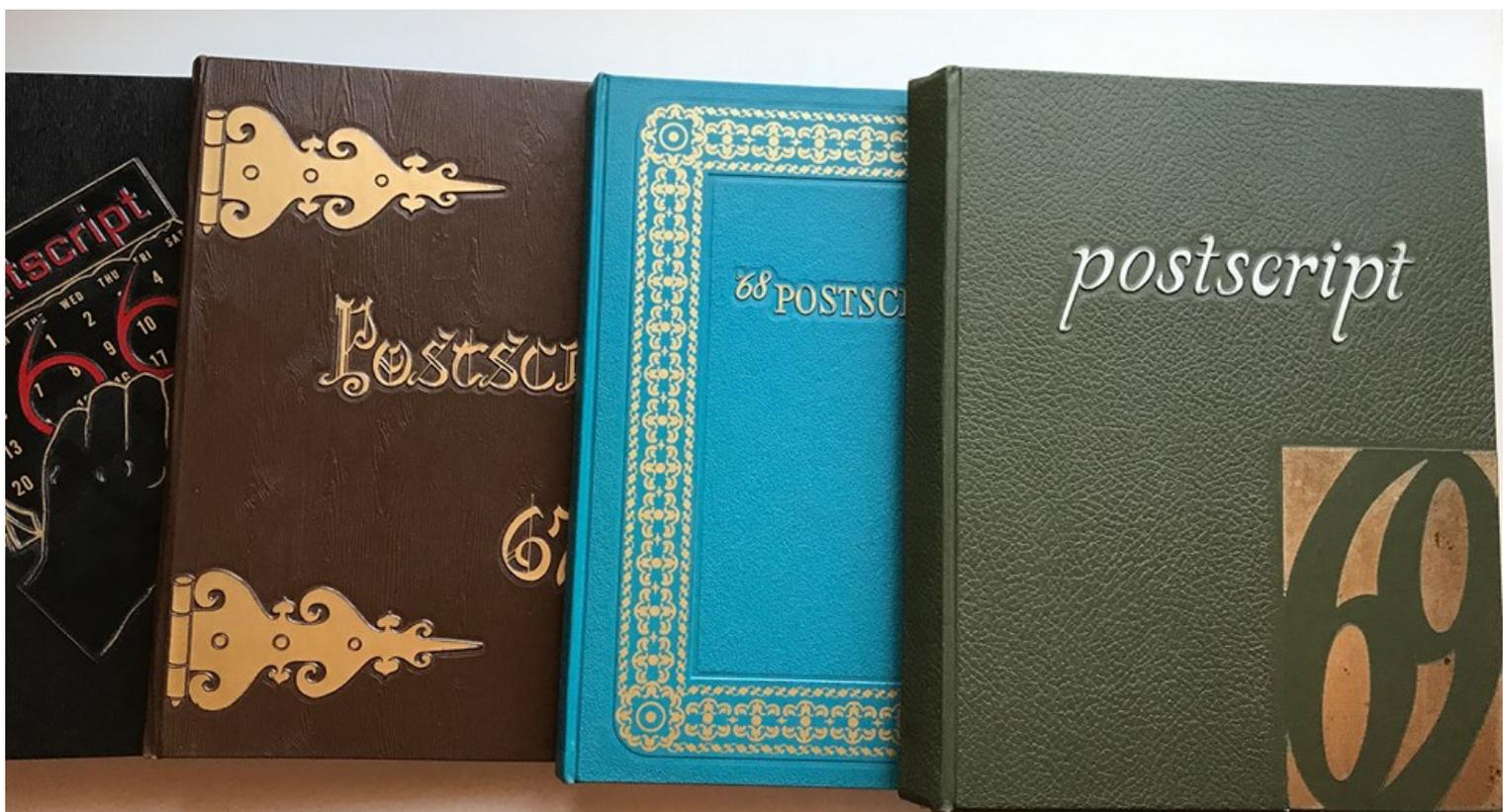
Ask Richie—



Hey Richie: Where can I get one of our TFS yearbooks?

Richie says: We've had a few classmates looking to complete their set of our TFS Postscript yearbooks 1966–1969. Some books were lost in floods, and some were just lost. If you need a yearbook or know a Postscript that could use a good home, let us know.

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A Message from Alan Eckhardt

Here's me, Alan, with my daughter, wife Cindy, ex-wife Phoebe, and stepdaughter Cinde. Oh, and cousin Chico. We were enjoying a Garden Tour in Atlanta, Georgia. You can figure out who is who!

I am a Very Blessed Man.
See you next year at our
50th Reunion!

—Alan Eckhardt
(Georgia)



TFS Class of 1969—50th Reunion Update

THANK YOU CLASSMATES for responding to our 50th Reunion Planning Survey! We emailed 173 surveys to our classmates who also subscribe to the Life & Times. And we got back 88 completed surveys!

The overwhelming and welcome response to the survey will help us plan the type of reunion gathering, pre-reunion activities, price range, and Saturday Non-Golfer outing. We will present the results of the survey at our next committee meeting July 13, 2018, at Benny's Place in Lynwood, IL. If you have questions, constructive comments, or plan to attend the meeting, please contact the Reunion Group at tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com

Reminder...The next Reunion Planning meeting for our TFS High School 50th Reunion will be Friday, July 13, 2018, 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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Life & Times Heard from...

Pam Neal Pfeffer (Michigan)—About the prom picture in the June 2018 Life & Times—**Denise Troppman** married "Barney," aka Chuck Thompson, and they live in Indiana. Denise and I worked in the Dean's office for Mr. Flowers. We would sit in his office and tell jokes. I remember in my senior year I came to school and walked

back out with **Ken Yates** (Mississippi) to ditch school. When I returned to school the next day, Mr. Flowers knew I ditched school, but he didn't do anything about it. He was my drivers' ed teacher also. I had a lot of respect for him.

Glenn Wierzbicki (Illinois)—My son Evan Wierzbicki moved to Nashville and landed a gig with the Mustang Sally Band. They split their time between Put In Bay in Ohio by Sandusky and Panama City Beach in Florida. And once in a while, Evan tours Italy and plays concerts in Sweden or Switzerland. Boy, did he grab the brass ring or what?

Christine Markiewicz Paryl (Illinois)—It was a great newsletter as always. Thank you for all your efforts. [June 2018 Life & Times]

Connie Kats (TFS '65)—Great issue. I like getting the Life & Times. I also had Mr. Flowers at TFS. He was coming in when I was going out. He was a lot of fun. [June 2018 Life & Times]

Happy July Birthday!

Robert J. Murray, Glenn Wierzbicki, Jack Wiers, Al Greenfield, Sandy Fritz Zaborski, Dan White, Rob Garrison, Tom Stephen, Nancy Horvatich Tschischik, Deb Ruth Mazzocco, Mike Wright, Robert Hanink, Mark Feigenbaum, Sharon Gulley Escalante

Classmates Celebrated June Wedding Anniversaries

Rick & **Marilyn Rea Beyer** (Massachusetts)—32 years

Sue Taylor & **Fred Hasse** (Kentucky)—18 years

Pam Miller (TFS '71) & **Ron Schultz** (Illinois)—17 years

Carol Bendell (TFS '69.5) & **Jack Wiers** (Hawaii)—12 years

Ed & Peggy Peacock Kubic (South Carolina)—45 years

Mark & **Christine Jacobs Burr** (Kentucky)—13 years

Chuck & **Laurie McVicker Norris** (Illinois)—45 years

Our Heartfelt Condolences to...



Marilyn Rea Beyer, Dorothy Rea (TFS '60), Christine Rea-Briskin (TFS '87), and their families on the passing of Marilyn's brother, William Rea, at the age of 76. Bill was a member of the IBEW Local 697 and the Lansing Country Club. He loved the outdoors, fishing with his granddaughter, playing bocce, and skunking folks at euchre. Bill and Dorothy were married 55 years.

Marilyn wants the many kids from Coolidge, Memorial Jr. High, and TFS who knew Billy to know that Billy, her dad Augie, and all the other family members who have gone before are "taking great delight in looking down on us from some sunny perch above."

TFS Class of 1968 Will Reconnect in September

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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Chris Gallion
Debra Freeman Adams
Art Fotschky
Ellen Fogle
Nancy Flaws

Christine Feeley Moore
Lena Ekseioo
Jean Duzek Wood
Donna Draus Vick
Linda Dommer Peres
David Dodaro

Stay in Touch!

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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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