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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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*Eleventh Annual  
Commencement Exercises*

**Thornton Fractional Township**

**High School**

**South**

DISTRICT 215

LANSING, ILLINOIS



FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 1969

*"I was looking through some old boxes the other day and found an old calendar that noted our June 1969 graduation was on Friday the 13th. An auspicious, if ominous, send-off."*

*—Jerry Fritz (Virginia)*

**An Invitation to TFTGAA—**

**Classmates of TFS 1969 are Golden!**

## **Greetings—**

Members of your class are eligible to join the **Thornton Fractional Township Golden Alumni Association** this year and attend the Banquet/Reunion to be held on June 20, 2019.

We would also hope you and several of your classmates would serve on our Board of Directors. Each class from each school gets one vote but can have multiple members. Our senior member is from the Class of 1944. One of our newest, but not youngest, member of the Board is someone you all know, Jim "TFS Coach K" Kijewski, Class of 1954.

On a personal note, I commend you and the TFS Class of 1969 for your excellent newsletter and unity. You are truly an outstanding class. Perhaps the best ever.



I was on the faculty at TFS 1968–69. It was my second year as a Business teacher and the first of 19 years in District 215. I have enjoyed reading your outstanding newsletter, as well as working in District 215.

Bob Schneider (TFS '62)

Former President of Thornton Fractional Township Golden Alumni Association

## **More About the TFTGAA**

The Thornton Fractional Township Golden Alumni Association (TFTGAA) is celebrating its 20th anniversary. This non-profit, volunteer association is open to all 50-year and plus graduates of TF South and TF North. Membership dues are \$15 a year, which include your TF graduate spouse, your name in the annual directory, inclusion on the TFTGAA mailing list, notice of association activities, and a copy of the annual directory of members.

Activities, you ask? The main event is the annual TFS TFN Reunion Banquet. This year it will be held June 20, 2019, at Casa Maria Banquet Hall in Dyer, Indiana. More than 250 alumni attend the banquet each year.

And wait! There's more. TFTGAA is dedicated to providing annual scholarship funds to graduating TFS and TFN students. This year four TFS and four TFN students will each receive \$1000 to help them reach their education goals and encourage them with alumni support and best wishes.

OK, Newly Minted Golden Alums, do you want more info on TFTGAA? Contact either Sandy Muta Lewis (TFN '65) Membership Secretary at [Sllewis6664@hotmail.com](mailto:Sllewis6664@hotmail.com) or current TFTGAA President, Carl Mueller (TFN '61) at [mueller150@aol.com](mailto:mueller150@aol.com)

Yes, Rebels, the TFS Class of '69 is truly GOLDEN!

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



Have you seen the countdown clock on our website? [TFSClassof69.weebly.com](http://TFSClassof69.weebly.com)  
CHECK IT OUT!

Yes, the pressure is on! Have you thought about the enormous amount of work and consideration that goes into making the 50th Reunion as GOLDEN as we have envisioned! Fifty years of friendships formed, memories made, re-acquaintances re-kindled, and new bonds forged within the 10 years since our 40th Class Reunion.

For most of us, we started out at the elementary schools such as Reavis, Lester Crawl, Indiana Avenue, St. Ann's, Lansing Christian, Sunnybrook, Coolidge, and St. John's, where our earliest bonds of friendship were born. Those are the childhood friends who have known us the longest.

While this class reunion may be our 50th Reunion, it is truly Golden, too. It is Golden to have been friends and classmates for 50 PLUS years! So let's begin to get the party started! It really is a time to celebrate!

—Cheryl Ridder Woldhuis (Illinois)

## TFS '69 50th Reunion Committee Report

Are you ready to party? The 50th Reunion is GOLDEN! Watch your email inbox in the next few weeks! We will be announcing how to purchase tickets through a website. If you know someone without computer access, please let us know by emailing us at [tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com](mailto:tfs69.50threunion@gmail.com).

We will need their phone number and address to contact our non-digital-age

classmates.

In July we will announce the optional activities we have planned for classmates arriving early and wanting to reconnect before the big banquet party on Saturday, October 5, and the activities for those who may stay longer.

Don't forget to make your hotel reservations! Our special rate expires September 3rd! Hotel information can be found on our website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com)

Let's get this party started!

## **SAVE THIS DATE!**

### **TFS CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION PARTY**

**Saturday evening, Oct. 5, 2019**

**at VILLA CESARE Schererville, Indiana**

**The banquet will be a family-style dinner of soup, salad, 2 entrees, 2 sides, pasta, and dessert.**

**Weekend activities are also planned.**

## **Happy June Birthday!**

Nancy Hekkema, Paul Carter, Harrison "Butch" Porter, Lynda Schneider Gleim, Kathy Neumann Smith, Donna Franklin, John Valco, Rich Wold, Kathy Miller Coughlin

## **Classmates Celebrating June Wedding Anniversaries**

Rick & **Marilyn Rea Beyer** (Illinois)—33 years

Sue Taylor & **Fred Hasse** (Kentucky)—19 years

Pam Miller (TFS '71) & **Ron Schultz** (Illinois)—18 years

Carol Bendell (TFS '69.5) & **Jack Weirs** (Arizona)—13 years

**Ed & Peggy Peacock Kubic** (South Carolina)—46 years

Mark & **Christine Jacobs Burr** (Kentucky)—14 years

Chuck & **Laurie McVicker Norris** (Florida)—46 years

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## **The Life & Times Heard from...**

**Robert J. Murray** (Georgia)—Reservations booked. Look forward seeing everyone



for a festive October weekend.

**Wayne Brumm** (Indiana)—Thanks for all you do for the Class of '69. The same goes for your team. I look forward to catching up at the Reunion. Meanwhile, many blessings to you.

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## 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](http://TFSClassof69.weebly.com) or by contacting us at [TFSouth69@gmail.com](mailto:TFSouth69@gmail.com)

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## Our Condolences...

to Jean Duzek Wood (Illinois) and her family on the passing of Jean's mother Josephine Duzek in May at the age of 94. Services for Mrs. Duzek, a Lansing, Illinois resident, were held at First United Methodist Church of Lansing.



## Update Your Info

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)

## Keep in Touch

Our 231 classmates and "friends of the class" stay in touch by subscribing to our free monthly newsletter. Not subscribed? Sign up at our website [tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com) or email us at [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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