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Life & Times of the Rebels of '69

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

TFS Class of 1969 50th Reunion

We Did It! What a Weekend!!

Imagine! Fifty years ago 420 students left TFS and went separate ways to live their adult lives. Then last month, 30%, or about 125, of those students returned to the same spot on Earth for a four-day celebration of our 50th TFS Class of 1969 Class Reunion. We are indeed a remarkable group!



Our TFS Class of 1969 let Lansing know WE ARE BACK by making our mark on the TFS Rock! **Denny Walton** (Utah) and **Ken Hanes** (Indiana) got the job done, but then **Carolyn (Inky) White Scofield** (Illinois) discovered that the "young punks from the Class of '89 went over the next day and repainted it." Carolyn and her husband Dave took care of that by painting the rock again as they shouted, "TF South Class of Sixty-nine Strong!!"



Chicago Architectural River Boat Tour

Thursday, Oct. 3
Downtown Chicago



Our 50th Reunion events began Thursday with a sunny afternoon float on the Chicago River.

It was wonderful!! Love our class. We are a special class!!! None better!!—**Donna Franklin** (Florida)



TFS Golf Outing

Friday, Oct. 4

Lansing Country Club

A soggy course had our Rebel golfers playing the front 9 twice. That still makes 18 holes for 18 golfers.

Larry Valent (Illinois)—Had a great time at our 50th class reunion. Thanks to all that put in so much work to make it a success. It was great playing golf with the group on Friday and the tour at South. Thanks again to the committee and their hard work.

Here's Larry with **Alan Liptack** (Indiana), **Dave Kats** (Indiana), and **Lee Fetscher** (Indiana)



Bud Jenkins (Illinois) gets the game started. **Kathy Orban** (Illinois) tees up. **Dan White** (South Carolina) and **Phil Stewart** (Illinois) share a cart. **Len Rompca** (Indiana), **Butch Porter** (Michigan), **Chuck Haddock** (Wisconsin), and **Ed Kubic** (South Carolina) make a foursome.





TFS Class of '69 School Tour

Friday, Oct. 4

TF South High School, Lansing, Illinois



A display of our 1969 "Relics" from the new TFS Rebel Relics Museum welcomed us back to TF South. Mr. Chris Roberts, TFS history teacher, guided us through the halls, evoking many memories as we made stops at the "home-ec" (life-skills?) kitchen where students were mixing up Mexican Rice; the TFS gardens, which provide the cafeteria and local food bank with home-grown vegetables; the weight and fitness rooms; the music and arts wing; and the gym, where a girls' volleyball game was in progress.



Our TFS tour concluded with a pause at the Wall of Honor, where many of our 1969 classmates, friends, and family are

honored with plaques engraved with their name and military service.

It was good to back at TFS! Our High School looks fabulous!



Friday Night Pre-Reunion Gathering

Friday, Oct. 4

Lencioni's Pub, Lynwood, IL

Lencioni's party room filled up with classmates and friends and the noise level exceeded EPA standards, but what a rockin' good time it was as **Bill Hutchison** (Indiana), **Dean Groom** (Indiana) and their band Lake Effect raised the roof in the bar.



Al's Self-Guided Magical Mystery Tour of Lansing

Saturday, Oct. 5

The self-guided tour of our hometown began with a flood of memories at the Lansing Historical Society. (The museum has the old doors of Indiana Aveune School!) Then out to the streets to find the growing-up homes of **Dave Dickinson** (California) and **Deb Ruth Mazzocco** (Minnesota). A stop for lunch? Schoop's, of course!



Our 50th Reunion Banquet Party

Saturday, Oct. 5

Villa Cesare, Schererville, Indiana

Christine Nelson Haro (Indiana)—Our reunion was awesome. I had a great experience catching up with some friends! Food was awesome, music was beautiful, and I wish we could do it again next year! Thanks to the team who organized and put everything together! Great job!





Craig Gutowsky (Ontario, Canada) and **Patti Wozny** (Illinois) compile TFS memories submitted by classmates at our 50th Reunion. Our "memories" will be in a special Memories issue of the Life & Times this month. Watch for it!



Ken Jayne (Illinois) and his lovely wife Zeny pause for a photo at the official 50th Reunion backdrop. Ken graciously opened our banquet with a prayer that expressed our gratitude for all our TFS friends and classmates and

our thankfulness for being together once again. Ken also asked us to remember our classmates who served our country and our classmates who are no longer with us.



CLASS OF '69
THANK YOU
VETERANS
FOR YOUR SERVICE

Name	Military Branch	Rank	Years Served
Barclay, Paul W.	Navy	AE2	69-74
Bossick, Greg	Air Force	Staff Sergeant	69-74
Cooper, Chris	Army	Sergeant	69-75
Groom, Dean	Navy	Seaman	70-71
Grudzien, Alan S.	Air Force	A1C	70-71
Gussman Jr., George K.	Marine Corps	Staff Sergeant	68-75
Hansen, John E.	Army	Spec/4	71-74
Hasse, Frederick	Air Force	Technical Sergeant	69-92
Hassig, Wayne	Air Force	Staff Sergeant	69-78
Hutchison, William	Navy	Seaman	69-71
Jayne, Ken	Air Force	Major	69-93
Jenkins, Harold	Army	Private First Class	71-77
Knoerzer, Dennis	Navy	Boatswain's Mate/Petty Officer 3rd Class	69-73
Laird, Jerl. A. Kazen	Air Force	Staff Sergeant	70-78
Maravilla, Chris	Army	Spec/4	71-73
Perovich, Tony	Army	Specialist Four	71-73
Porter, Harrison	Army	Sergeant	70-76
Quenzler, Bruce	Army		
Regman, Robert S.	Navy	Petty Officer 2nd Class	71-75
Robinson, Dale	Air Force	Sergeant	70-74
Rosner, David	Navy	Chief Warrant Officer 3	70-95
Schoon, Richard	Army	Spec/4	70-71
Stewart, John Phillip	Air Force	Sergeant	69-73
Valco, John	Army	Spec/4	68-71
Valent, Lawrence	Army	Spec/5	71-77
Vlietstra, Henry	Army		
Wilson, Wayne	Army		
Wright, Mike	Navy	AT3	71-74

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KEN QUALLS 1968
CHRIS TROJNAR 1972
CATHY FISHER 1975
MICHAEL GALLOWAY 1975
ROBERT HEATH 1975
LARRY KRAUSE 1977
ANTHONY NADASY 1978
RACHEL CANTU-BAKER 1985
CHERYL ELLIOTT 1989
BRUCE CAP 1992
EDWARD KREUTZ 1992
LINDA CARROLL-LACKSCHEIDE 1995
ARNOLD J. MARTINSON 1996
WILLIAM THOMAS 2001
CHERYL RAE BORNFLETH-GRUTIUS 2003
PAMELA FARTHING-RILEY 2003
MICHAEL BALDWIN 2007
THOMAS DEICHEN 2007
ROGER LAFOLLETTE 2007
KATHIE BLINK- HOEKSTRA 2008

SUSAN BOARDMAN-ANASTASIA 2011
GREG BOSSICK 2011
CRYSTAL ANDERSON-RUIZ 2012
TERRY ENGELBRECHT 2012
JANICE MONALDI 2012
DICK WEBER 2012
LINDA MAROC-SCHOON 2013
FRED RASMUSSEN 2013
DIANE ANKER-VAN NOORT 2014
LARRY HARTH 2014
SUE MYERS-BREDEMANN 2015
KAREN SCHMIDT-ENGLBRECHT 2015
SANDY SOEKA-PELLETIER 2015
KATHLENE DYRCZ-ORR 2016
BRUCE QUENZLER 2016
DAVID MASON 2017
BOB REGMAN 2017
HARRY CORBETT 2018
PAT LINK-COX 2018
JAMES BEDEL 2019
GEORGE K. GUSSMAN, JR. 2019

Donna Torgerson Clark (Illinois)—
What a fantastic 50th reunion last night! Caught up with so many people!

Thank you Cheryl, Inky, and everyone who helped put this together!! Best. Class. Ever!!

Deb Ruth Mazzocco (Minnesota)—An outstanding event due to the hard work of some stellar volunteers!



Bill George (Kentucky)—As we get older, time seems to fly by! Seeing everyone at the 50th reunion was something special! Thanks committee! Great job!

Glenn Armstrong (Illinois)

Lee Fetscher (Indiana)—Thank you. It was awesome, thank all of you for the great job you did. Thanks to everyone who put this awesome weekend together.



TFS Speech Team together again!

Harry Smith (New York)

Marilyn Rea Beyer (Illinois)—For me, one of the best moments at our Reunion was dancing with Jerry to

“Blue Velvet” just like we did in our 8th-grade dance when we were co-chairs of the social committee at Memorial!

Jerry Fritz (Virginia)—GREAT seeing you all this weekend!!



Grade Skool Bowl-e-Rama

Sunday, Oct. 6

Lan-Oak Lanes, Lansing, Illinois

Marilyn Rea Beyer (Illinois)—Not everybody bowled, but we had a nice little crowd. Honestly, I think half of us were there just to spend a little time with the official Class of '69 Canadian, **Craig Gutowski!** It was a kick ogling **Dave Kats'** Camaro and just hanging out. It was fun seeing the numerous styles of bowling on display.





Phil Stewart (Illinois), **Fred Hasse** (Kentucky), and **John Link** (Indiana) catch up at our final Reunion event. Everyone, including **Marilyn Rea Beyer** (Illinois), **Pat Walsh** (Wisconsin), **Dave Dickinson** (California), **John Link**, **Craig Gutowski** (Ontario), **Chuck Roseen** (Illinois), and **Alan Liptak** (Indiana) enjoy examining the many grade school class pictures and jr. high yearbooks on display.

Life & Times Also Heard from...

Becky Bonnar Eck (Minnesota)—What a fun time we had at the reunion. Thank

you so much to everyone who worked so hard organizing our 50th Reunion. What a fun weekend! So well planned, great venue, and such fun seeing everyone who attended! How lucky we are to have been part of such a great high school class! Hope to see you all in 10 years!

Paul Carter (Indiana)—I really enjoyed our reunion and I want to thank all the GREAT classmates that put it together. I was wondering if we could make our next reunion a little easier to plan out, like get a permit in Lansing, cater in some food. Bring chairs, BYOB, and bring any family members you would like to enjoy a warm day in the park.

Christine Markiewicz Paryl (Illinois)—We had a great time, thanks for all the planning that went into it.

Robert J. Murray (Georgia)—The Party Rocked!!!

Pat Steele Gavin (Illinois)—A big huge thank you to the committee for all their hard work!!! Everything was perfect! Reconnecting with classmates, sharing memories, and laughing was priceless! And to those who couldn't be there, know you were missed! Until next time...

George Grote (Illinois)—My wife and I had a good time at the reunion dinner. Thanks to all the people who put it on. Their hard work is appreciated.

Art Banet (Alaska)—I really appreciate all the work, time, and thoughts the reunion committee put towards the 50-year celebration of our class. I hope the newsletter will keep us in touch.

Reunion Odds & Ends & Wrapping Up

Class Gift

The committee conducted two 50-50 raffles and sold sweatshirts and T-shirts, which will result in a generous class gift to be presented to TFS after the final committee meeting in November.

Reunion Souvenir Photos

TFS Class of '69 panoramic class photo and grade school group photos taken at the Reunion banquet can be ordered and shipped to you.

\$20 for the TFS Class of '69 panoramic picture

\$15 for grade school group pictures

\$5 for shipping and handling

Pay by credit card over the phone or drop a check in the mail to:

Jim Thorpe Photography Company, 12201 S. 74th Ave, Palos Heights, IL 60463

Or call 708-705-5154 and ask for Jim Thorpe.

T-Shirts

A few long-sleeve and short-sleeve TFS Class of '69 T-shirts are still available for sale. Email the committee at TFS69.50thReunion@gmail.com for pricing, sizes, and availability.

Lost & Found

Ron and Chris Markiewicz Paryl picked up a black sweater left on a chair at the reunion banquet Saturday. Is anyone missing one? The Paryl's will be happy to send it to you. Email us at TFSouth69@gmail.com

Getting Famous

We were featured in the Lansing Journal!

www.thelansingjournal.com/news/2019/10/01/tf-south-class-of-1969-to-reunite-this-weekend

Happy November Birthday!

Barbara Homans Schwarz, Craig Gutowski, Dick Schoon, Janet Ferko Carey, Dave Bulla, Donna Zentz Diver, Patty Bain Mansker, Terry Nespor, Owen Watterson, Cindy Graham Kats, Barb Elliott Rudow, Diana Steinweg Plese, Peggy Padgen Mekki, Dean Danks, Mark Inman

Classmates Celebrating November Wedding Anniversaries

Maria & **Rich Krilich** (Illinois)—24 years

Sandy & **Rob Garrison** (Illinois)—39 years

Ben & **Michelle Linn Robins** (Utah)—20 years

Herb & **Nancy Horvatic Tschischik** (Florida)—26 years

The Life & Times, They Are A-Changing

After 5 years of editing and putting together this version of the Life & Times, and a few years of doing the original Life & Times with Paul Warn, I believe it is time for someone else to bring their fresh approach and ideas to our newsletter. I'll be handing over the computer keyboard after the December 2019 Christmas Card. Would you like to help? Contact us at TFSouth69@gmail.com.

Keeping in touch with you to hunt down your news, photos, and stories has been fun. I've learned a lot about e-newsletters, 21st century communication, and herding cats. What an amazing and wonderful group of classmates! Each of you has an interesting and important story to tell. Thank you for letting us be a part of your world.

In 2020, watch for a new look, new editor, and maybe a new publishing schedule, too, as we continue our Life & Times of the Rebels of '69!

—**Patricia Walsh** (Wisconsin)

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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 & 50th Reunions alive and vibrant.

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