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Life & Times of the Rebels of '69

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

A Once-in-a-Lifetime Event!

Our TFS Class of 1969 50th Reunion Is Here!

The TF South Class of 1969 50th Reunion Banquet Party is
at

-Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019

-6 pm to midnight

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

The Banquet: 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.

-Cash bar

-Dinner at 7 pm



-Business casual attire

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

-Group photo at 6:45 pm. Photo immediately available to you for \$20. The photographer will also take small group photos by your arrangement.

Attention!
**Last-Minute-Ticket-Buyers, Procrastinators &
Those-Who-Can-Come-After-All...
It's Your Lucky Day!**

Oct. 5 Banquet—We can squeeze you in, but you need to act quickly!

Email the TFS 50th Reunion Committee **NOW** and ask them to SAVE YOUR SEAT! TFS69.50thReunion@gmail.com

Golf & Bowling—Let us know you're coming. Then pay your \$ at the door at the time of the event.

TFS School Tour—Join us at the Main Door of TFS a little before 4 pm Friday. All you'll need is a smile on your face.

T-Shirts & Sweatshirts—A limited number of Class of 1969 shirts will be available for purchase at the Friday night gathering at Lencioni's and at the Saturday banquet. Cash or check only. Order forms will be available at all our events. Also, current TFS High School wearables and collectibles will be available at the TFS School store on our Friday tour. Cash only.

**Here's Your Itinerary
for Our 50th Reunion Celebration!**

Chicago River Boat Architecture Tour

Thursday, Oct. 3

Board the boat at 10:15 a.m

\$24 per person + service fee

Tickets at our ticket buying website tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion

Wendella Boats

400 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL

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

Or...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/

TFS Golf Outing

Friday, Oct. 4

9 am to 1 pm

\$30 for 18 holes and cart

Lansing Country Club (Sportsman Club)

18600 Wentworth Ave., Lansing, IL

RSVP online through tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion

Pay at the LCC Pro Shop

Meet at Lansing Country Club by 8:45 a.m.

lanscc.com/

TFS Class of '69 Guided School Tour

Friday, Oct. 4

4 pm

Free

Tour begins at the main entrance at the front of TFS

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/

RSVP through Ticketbud tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion

Bring TFS memorabilia for donation to the TFS Rebel Relics Museum

TFS items available for purchase at the TFS School Store. Cash only.

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 classmates, Bill Hutchison and Dean Groom and their band Lake Effect, will begin playing at 7:30.

A party room will be available for visiting.

Food and beverage available for purchase.

Families welcome

Al's Self-Guided Magical Mystery Tour of Lansing

Saturday, Oct. 5

Free

Pick up your self-guided tour info 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/

Lansingite Dan Bovino will be on hand 11 am–1 pm to give tours of the Lansing Historical Society and Museum.

50th Reunion Banquet Party

Saturday, Oct. 5

6 pm to midnight

Villa Cesare

900 Eagle Ridge Dr., Schererville, IN

Grade Skool Bowl-e-Rama

Sunday, Oct. 6

Noon to 3 pm

\$12 at the door

Lan-Oak Lanes

2524 Ridge Rd, Lansing, IL

lan-oak-lanes.business.site/

A farewell event to evoke all the best memories of our childhood in Lansing! Bring photos if you got 'em!

Tell us you're coming or RSVP through Ticketbud

tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion

Friends and families welcome

More details and information can be found on

–our class website tfsclassof69.weebly.com

–our ticket buying website tfsouth.ticketbud.com/50th-reunion

–or by emailing the Reunion Committee TFS69.50thReunion@gmail.com



A 50th Reunion Message from Donna and Pat, 62 Years in the Making...

We entered Indiana Avenue School in 1957. First Grade. Miss Mook's class. Then 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 4th. Back together at Memorial Jr. High's "Brain Room." (We are not responsible for that name.)

After-school time: Band (Donna on French horn, Pat on clarinet), school plays, and boy/girl parties in the Torgerson's finished basement (highly chaperoned!).

1965—We entered TFS and went off in different directions.

1969—We went even further afield to different colleges, different states, different careers.

2018—We discover we have homes 5 miles apart in Southeast Wisconsin. Coffee, lunch, texting, catching up followed.

So Classmates, do you think we, two first-grade friends, will be at our 50th Reunion? You betcha! We don't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime event to talk, catch up, reminisce, reconnect, celebrate, and dance with our TFS Class of '69! See you there!



George Gussman 1951–2019

We are greatly saddened by the recent death of Classmate George Gussman. George was a proud Marine and a fine family man. In August 2017, George wrote an article for the Life & Times about his service to our country and about his family. We include the link to that issue here: [August 2017 Life & Times "To My TFS Friends."](#) George's sister tells us below how much George hoped and wanted to be at our 50th Reunion. We will miss him.

Hello,

It is unfortunate I have to announce that my brother George K. Gussman Jr. passed away 9/21/2019 suffering from lung disease. He tried his best to hang on for the 50th Class Reunion. That's all he talked about for months and was even willing to show up in a wheelchair bearing his oxygen tank knowing his time there would be limited by minutes.

He knew he didn't have the strength or energy to attend the days of activities, but he would at least attend the dinner with his wife Linda and say hello to dear old friends for one last time.

Please know he loved his Class of 1969 and was so proud to share the story of longevity. Thank you for brightening his days and his hopes.

Sincerely and most affectionately,





50th Reunion 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 Can I Stay?

Many Classmates are staying at

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

All 3 hotels are near the Saturday night banquet venue. Uber/Lyft share rides are available to and from all 3 hotels.

How Do I Get Tickets?

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Golf & Bowling—Let us know you're coming please, then pay your \$ at the door.

TFS School Tour—Join us at the Main Door of TFS a little before 4 pm Friday.

Will There be a Group Photo?

The group photo will be taken at 6:45 at the Oct. 5th Banquet and will be

immediately available for purchase for \$20. Small group photos can be arranged with the photographer.

Where Do We Meet for the School Tour?

Meet at the main entrance of TFS at the front of the school a little before 4 pm Friday Oct. 4.

Is Our TFS Tour Accessible to Those with Mobility Disabilities?

Yes, the TFS High School main entrance and first floor tour are ADA accessible. The elevator will be available if a second floor visit is requested.

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.

Life & Times Heard from...

Darlene Barzda Snell (Florida)—Really looking forward to it! Blessings to all. See everyone in October!

Dennis Knoezer (Missouri)—Unfortunately, I will not be at the reunion. My Navy ship reunion is at the same time. I am on permanent reunion committee and we just switched from every two years to every year. We served on the Rush from its commissioning in 1945 until it was sold in 1978 to the South Korean Navy. It went to the scrapyard in South Korea in December 2017.

I hope everyone has a great time at the reunion. Villa Cesare and Lencioni's Pub are good venue choice.

Dean Groom (Indiana)—Looking forward to it!

Gina Langbeen Russell (Arizona)—Good morning fellow classmates! It is with sad regret that I will not be able to attend this very special reunion My husband Dave has been in ill health much of this past year and unable to travel. I will be with all of you in spirit for the food, the drink, and the dancing!! Sounds like an absolute "fun filled evening" for sure!! Best wishes to all of you!!

Art Banet (Alaska)—I'd like to thank all the members of the Reunion Committee for all the time, thought, suggestions, and planning that they have invested in this great event. I'd love to be a part of this party, however it just isn't going to happen. Maybe next time. My best to all who can make it. ENJOY!

Happy October Birthday!

Jim Wagner, Mike McNary, Ed Kubic, Sally Steeb Harvey, Bill George, Alan Liptak, Henry Sterk, Jeri Kazen Laird, Cheryl Ridder Woldhuis, Ruth Percak Patterson, Judy Wrzesinski Cuffey, Laurie McVicker Norris, George Grote, Eston Ellis

Classmates Celebrating October Wedding Anniversaries

Juno & **Marion Luszyk Bunge** (Indiana)—37 years

Holly & **Dave Ervin** (Indiana)—43 Years

Wanda & **Keith Gardner** (Illinois)—46 years

Deborah Moss & **Rich Wold** (Indiana)—48 years

Bobbie & **Chris Cooper** (Illinois)—42 years

Bob & **Anita Harris O'dell** (Indiana)—49 years

Our Heartfelt Condolences...



to Classmate Marilyn Reading Spencer of Lansing and her family and friends on the September passing of Marilyn's husband, David Spencer, at the age of 71. Marilyn and David were married for 32 years. They attended our 40th Reunion in 2009, and we were looking forward to seeing David again at our 50th.

David honorably served our country in the U.S. Army and was an administrator in the U.S. Department of Education and a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Chicago Heights, IL. David wrote several books, which can be found at the Lansing Public Library. He enjoyed drawing, collecting baseball cards, and cheering for the Cubs.

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 [Our Website tfsclassof69.weebly.com](http://tfsclassof69.weebly.com)

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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