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*The Official Newsletter of the Taylor High School Alumni Association*

## Welcome Class of '07 to the Taylor Alumni Association

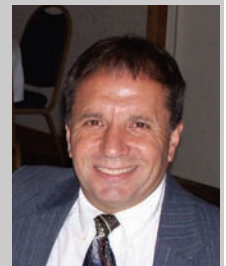


School is out and summer has arrived. It's hard to believe that it is June already. Over the past few months the alumni association has been busy. First and foremost, don't forget to renew your membership. Our membership renewal drive is going on right now. We have mailed membership renewal cards to everyone who has been a member of the THS Alumni Association in the past. When renewing your membership, please make sure that we have your current address. In the past, our members have moved and not told us or updated their membership renewal cards. So please help us out and make sure we have your correct address.

Coming up on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 will be our THS Alumni Dinner Dance. The cost is \$25.00 a person. Social hour starts at 6:30 pm est. and dinner is at 7:15 pm est., once we are done with dinner, it is time to party with everyone!!! So be ready to dance, visit with your school buddies and just have a great time. We are hoping that everyone will bring their friends to this fun filled night. So mark your calendars, make your reservation and send your money in as soon as possible. Remember, there will be no meeting, or recognitions this year. It is a Dinner Dance only. We do have a couple of class reunions joining us this year. One in particular is the Class of 1947! So get your dancing shoes ready.

This year the annual business meeting will be held on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 6:30 pm est. at the American Legion Hall in Cleves. At the meeting we will have the election and installation of officers and we will present the Scholarship recipients with half of their scholarship monies. All are welcome to attend.

Once again our Alumni show was a great success. Because of your support, the Alumni Chorus made over \$6,000.00!!!! All proceeds from the show went into the Alumni Scholarship fund. I want to thank Martha (Meyer) Seymour, the chorus, the stage crew, the lighting crew, Randy Peak (our sound man), Dixie Howard, Kathy Thinnies, Mary Pieczonka, Pam Peak, Patty Carlson, and many more. Because of everyone's loyalty and commitment to the show, we had a great production. I apologize in advance if I have left anyone out acknowledging their efforts in helping to put the 2007 show together and making it a grand success.



Danny Stacy '71

**The President's Piece**

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From the success of this show, we were able to present three \$2,000.00 scholarships to the following Taylor High Graduates: Sydney Benter, Kelsey McCarthy and Tyler Hellebusch. Congratulations to these three recipients! (pictures on pg. 7)

Fellow Alumni, the board is asking for your financial support in helping to replace the curtains in the Taylor High School Auditorium. The cost to do this is approximately \$15,000.00. The THS Alumni Chorus and Association use the stage several times throughout the school year and we would like to support our Alma Mater by heading up this project. If you would like to support this project, please make your tax deductible check out to: THS Alumni – Auditorium Project. Send it to P.O. Box 94, North Bend Ohio, 45052. Let's show our strength and support this project.

In closing, as always I ask you to support our THS Scholarship Fund. It is something that we all are very proud of. If you would like to make a Tax Deductible donation to the THS Alumni Scholarship foundation, please send donations to:

### **THS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION**

**C/O THS Alumni Association**

**P.O. Box 94**

**North Bend Ohio 45052**

Have a great summer and I will see you at the Dinner Dance on July 20, 2007!!!!

Sincerely,  
Danny Stacy- President.



# We Need YOU!

## Taylor High School Alumni Association

### 1st Annual Dinner Dance Friday, July 20, 2007 The Meadows 6:30-10:30

**\$25 per person Includes:  
Dinner & Dancing**

There will be NO business meeting

**All Graduating Classes are invited  
and encouraged to attend!**

**THS Alumni Dinner Dance Reservation Form**  
**Friday July 20, 2007 @ "The Meadows"**  
**in Addyston Ohio**

**Happy Hour: 6:30 pm Dinner: 7:30 pm**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Yr of Grad. \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

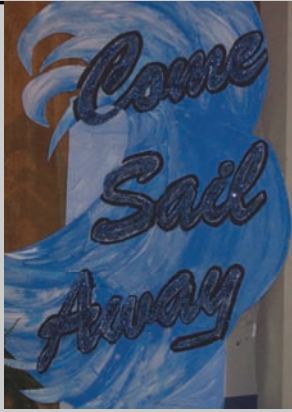
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Would you like to donate to the Scholarship  
Fund? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Kat's Choral Corner

It is hard to believe that another Taylor Alumni Chorus Production has come and gone! After rehearsing for nine months, there were two nights of excitement, nervousness and success. And wow! the production was a success in so many ways this year. The Taylor Alumni Chorus raised \$6,000 enabling the Taylor Alumni Association to provide three \$2,000 scholarships for Taylor's graduating seniors this year.

The production is a culmination of so many incredible and generous people on so many levels. I would like to recognize a couple of people who work behind the scenes and are so important to the success of the chorus, our gigs and our productions.

Dixie Howard is our Communication Coordinator. Dixie is responsible for communicating all the logistics of the chorus. She lets us know what is going on through emails and telephone calls.

As our annual production gets closer Dixie's communications can take place daily or even hourly if logistics change (and they do!) Dixie is the backbone of our choral group. Without her we

wouldn't know where, when or what we were to do. Dixie also helps by lending a helping hand in whatever way needed. She will pick up materials and help coordinate events. Dixie is a jewel in the Alumni Chorus crown and we are blessed to have her.

Gerry Crow also came forward this year taking on projects that no one was willing to do. She is always there with a smile and a helping hand.

*Come Sail Away* was a success too because of the generosity, flexibility and patience of the Three Rivers School District. Tom Bailey, Director of Development helped get the word out about our production. Randy Mecklenborg, Principal of Taylor High School opened up the auditorium for our use and provided posters for advertisement. Court Lily, Assistant Principal of Taylor, gets the "most patient award" for working on scheduling auditorium times and rescheduling and revising for us. Allison Pulskamp, Director of the Drama Department at Taylor, worked with us in making sure the stage was cleared so that we could rehearse and helped provide little extras without hesitation.

The Taylor Alumni Chorus was surrounded by the support of the community who came and saw the show. We are truly thankful for the generosity and support of everyone involved. Below I am listing, last but not least, the cast of characters (and I do mean characters) who made *Come Sail Away* sail to success:

### MUSIC DIRECTOR

Martha Seymour

### MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Patty Carlson, Pam Peak, Danny Stacy

### SOPRANOS

Joy Boehm  
Mary Jeanne DeMoss  
Dixie Howard  
Mary Lou Ollier  
Mary Pieczonka  
June Rininger  
Diana Sullivan

### DANCERS

Donnie Bennett  
Darlene Bennett  
Patty Carlson  
Butch Payne  
Pam Peak  
Danny Stacy  
Pam Wray



### ALTOS

Lorraine Herbert  
Marty Kraus  
Alma Jean Robertson  
Martha Seymour  
Kim Thiefauf

### STAGE CREW

Greg Boyasko  
Ron Carlson  
Jack Rininger

### TENORS

Gerry Crow  
Frank Gibbs  
Jerry Hawk  
Babs Wylie

### LIGHTING

Patrick Christman  
Tom Mohr  
Rachel Seymour  
Ryan Thiefauf

### SOUND SYSTEM

Randy Peak

### BASSES

George Dreyer  
Al Harris  
Mike Herbert  
Charlie Peak

### SPECIAL GUEST

Rachel Seymour



It is incredible to see the participation, the generosity and the commitment of so many people in our community all to help support our Three Rivers students. The Taylor Alumni Chorus is proud and thankful to be part of the Three Rivers community.

-Kathy Thinnes

## LAST YEAR FOR HAMILTON COUNTY LEAGUE

### 1964 CHAMPS

By Don Bennett

This season, 1964, marks Coach McMillan's 11<sup>th</sup> year as the Jackets football coach. In those years his teams have won two championships, in 1955 and 1959, and a pair of co-championships in 1958 and 1962. Considering that Taylor is the smallest school in the H.C.L. with only 207 boys in the upper three grades, the record is an impressive one.

The start of summer practice 1964 only 27 boys turned out for the team. Summer practice, what fun with two practices a day, but Coach is getting us ready for league play.

First game – Taylor vs. Lawrenceburg, Ind. Taylor rolled up the biggest score in school history beating Lawrenceburg 71-0.

Next up for the Jackets – McNicholas out of the G.C.L. In a hard fought game Ray Shinkle and Benny Drollinger scored touchdowns. Taylor 12 – McNicholas 6.

Taylor ran our winning streak to three games as we scored our first league victory in beating the Colerain Cardinals 6-0. Scoring the winning touchdown was Mark McCowan.

Our fourth game was against the Anderson Redskins. After being held scoreless in the first half we roared back in the last two quarters to beat Anderson 14-0. Touchdowns by Steve Clark and Ben Drollinger.

The fifth game of the year is against the Princeton Vikings. In a tough game the Jackets and Vikings battled to a scoreless deadlock played on the Taylor gridiron.

Our next game we continued on the victory road by dropping the Norwood Indians 20-6 with Mark McCowan scoring three times.

Against Harrison we took over sole possession of first place by beating the Wildcats 42-14. Touchdowns by McCowan (3), Alexander (2), and Dale Witt (1).

Next was the Oak Hills Highlanders. Three touchdowns passed by Jacket quarterback Bob Kent enabled the Yellowjackets to defeat Oak Hills 27-0. Touchdowns by Drollinger, McCowan, Clark and Shinkle.

Coach McMillan's Taylor Yellowjackets put the finishing touches on our 1964 H.C.L. championship as we stopped visiting Finneytown 24-6. Taylor touchdowns by Clark & McCowan.

Coach McMillan was named Coach of the Year in Cincinnati by his colleagues. Taylor also placed 8 players on the H.C.L. All Star team. Jackets on the team are Steve Clark, Mark McCowan, Ben Drollinger, Oz Pieczonka, Jim Alexander, Bob Kent, John Welsh and Don Bennett.



#### STARTING LINE UP:

Bob Kent – QB - S  
Jim Alexander – HB - CB  
Mark McCowan – FB  
Dale Witt – HB  
Oz Pieczonka – C – LB  
Don Bennett – G – NT  
Mike Conner – DT  
John Zimmerman – G  
John Welsh – T – LB  
Wayne Lozier – T – DT  
Benny Drollinger – E – DE  
Steve Clark – E – DE  
Ray Shinkle – HB - S

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## 2007 ALUMNI GAME AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup> 2:00 PM GULF PARK

The Taylor High School men's soccer program is pleased to announce the return of the alumni game vs. the Taylor varsity soccer team. All former players from Taylor High School are welcome to join us for this event. Please Contact Coach Mercer via email to sign up for this event or return this form. We are planning a cookout after the game and details will be sent out as the event date gets closer.

[jmercerc@neverplumbing.com](mailto:jmercerc@neverplumbing.com)

623-5264

#### Alumni Sign Up Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Years played at Taylor \_\_\_\_\_

# Alumni Spotlight

## Academy of Country Music Honors THS Grad



Congratulations to **Jack Lameier '60** on being honored by the Academy of Country Music. An exhibit in Nashville honors Jack for his lifetime working with Sony and Columbia records, working to promote records of Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson, and Tammy Wynette. He served on the Academy's committee for many years and was a former president of the committee. In addition to Jack, Harlan Howard, Waylon Jennings, Buck Owens, Dolly Parton, and Don Williams were also honored.

### In Memorium

**Tim Creemer '49**

March 19, 2007

**Linda Wickman Fry '55**

April 19, 2007

**James S. Kirk '57**

May 4, 2007

**Longtime Educator in Three Rivers**

**William J. Loughrey**

April 25, 2007



**Beulah Grubbs Dickerson '28**, is the oldest living Taylor High School alumni. Beulah, along with Mary Thomas, were the first two African-American students to graduate from Taylor High School in 1928. Beulah resides in Roselawn.

### Taylor High School Sports Hall of Fame 2007

Inductees: **Debbie Holford, Harold Robertson, Jim Eldridge, Lawrence Wright, Thom Maltbie, Jim Gulley, and Gary Vaughn – Coach**

Banquet - Sunday, October 7, 2007

The Meadows in Addyston \$35.00 per person Open Bar & Dinner 4:00 to 8:00

Golf Outing - Saturday, October 6, 2007

Miami Whitewater Golf Course - \$60.00 per golfer Tee-Off 12:00

For additional information or to make reservations call Lynn Lee 941- 8827.

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Taylor High School Class of '57 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 20, 2007. The reunion will take place at Dante's at 6:30pm.

Contact **Erma Piczonka** at [epiczonka@fuse.net](mailto:epiczonka@fuse.net) or **Jim** at [jim.p@fuse.net](mailto:jim.p@fuse.net) to reserve your spot or for further details.

**October 20, 2007**

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# Have you seen these grads?

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Ken Aday 1979  
Phyllis Addison 1979  
Dawn Arey 1979  
Randy Beck 1979  
Tami Braun 1979  
Mark Breaker 1979  
Angela Chandler 1979  
Janet Compton 1979

Nick Coyle 1979  
Eric Day 1979  
Larry Drew 1979  
Paul Fangman 1979  
Cindy Fettig 1979  
Jackie Foster 1979  
Drew Gillham 1979  
Shara Gross 1979

Cindy Hayes 1979  
Keith Hoffman 1979  
Brad Hudgins 1979  
MaryLou Kurlas 1979  
Larry Lemieux 1979  
Scott Loring 1979  
Cindy Mellon 1979  
Patsy Mills 1979

Steve Pryor 1979  
Janet Savely 1979  
Don Sawyers 1979  
Gay Sizemore 1979  
Kevin Thomas 1979  
Tom Truitt 1979  
Carolyn Walter 1979  
Ray Wohlfrom 1979

# Alumni Association Scholarship Recipients



**Kelsey McCarthy**



**Tyler Hellebusch**



**Sydney Benter**

# Giving Opportunities

The Three Rivers School District is in Great Need of NEW pianos. Our Choirs at both the Middle School and High School along with our Drama and Band departments depend on pianos that are in working order. We have several pianos we must replace, but have no funding for this need. This is a great way to honor or memorialize a loved one.

Permanent plaques will be attached to the pianos to honor or memorialize each donation made.

Help our music and drama departments excel. A donation of \$5,000 will completely fund the purchase and delivery of a new piano with engraved plaque attached. Partial donations are also accepted.

To make a tax deductible donation send check to:

Three Rivers Piano Replacement

92 Cleves Ave.

Cleves, Ohio 45002

Questions on the piano needs of the fine arts department email [balbright@three-rivers.org](mailto:balbright@three-rivers.org)

Did you read Danny Stacy's article on Page 1 & 2? The alumni Association is heading up the efforts to replace Taylor's Stage Curtains, which are literally falling down.

Donations can be made to:  
 THS ALUMNI - AUDITORIUM PROJECT  
 P.O. BOX 94  
 NORTH BEND OHIO, 45052  
 We will also be spearheading a fund raising event in the Fall. To get involved in helping with a fundraiser for the purpose of replacing the curtains please call Tom Bailey at 941-6400.

Thank you to all of our alumni who have contributed to our first annual fund drive. Please help by clipping the bottom of this page and mailing **today**. *Joe Sykes '48 & Marshall Brumback*, campaign co-chairs

Yes, I/we want to support Taylor and the students of Three Rivers with a contribution to the 2007 Annual Fund Drive.



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**Upcoming Events**

- ◆ **1st Annual Alumni Dinner Dance**  
Friday, July 20, 2007 at The Meadows 6:30-10:30pm  
\$25 for Dinner & Dancing  
Call 513-941-6400 for tickets
- ◆ **Annual Alumni Business Meeting**  
Thursday, August 9, 2007 at the Legion  
6:30pm
- ◆ **Alumni Wine Tasting—ALL Years Welcome**  
Where: Rohrer's Tavern—3 Rivers Parkway, North Bend  
When: Monday, August 27, 2007  
Time: 6:30pm start  
Cost: \$10 cover, which includes wine tasting and appetizers  
Special Pricing on orders of Bottles of Wine  
\*\* If you don't like wine, there is a cash bar open all night. The kitchen will also be open for dinner/food purchase.
- ◆ **Taylor High School Sports Hall of Fame 2007**  
Banquet - Sunday, October 7, 2007  
The Meadows in Addyston \$35.00 per person  
Open Bar & Dinner 4:00 to 8:00  
Golf Outing - Saturday, October 6, 2007  
Miami Whitewater Golf Course - \$60.00 per golfer  
Tee-Off 12:00
- ◆ **Raise the Curtain Fundraiser—TBA**