# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

**AUGUST 2007 ISSUE** 

### Letter from the President

Well guess what? It's time again for some pearls of wisdom to come out of this office. Well guess what? Nobody's home. I could write about how wonderful the Monument ceremonies where and how great the monument is, but someone else is doing that. So, all I can say is, if you have not been there be sure to stop in and see it. I could write about the up and coming breakfast, but someone else is. So, all I can say is, get your reservations in and I'll see you there. I could write about the annual banquet we had in June, but if you were there you already know how nice it was. So, all I can say is, see you at the next one in 2008.

If you haven't seen the new football field at STHS it's well worth a trip. I can tell you that since I asked for donations for the Smoke Signal postage, you responded with enough for at least one mailing. That was without giving you any one to send it to. If you would still like to donate please send all donations to Carol Brightbill, 3817 Schoolhouse Lane, Harrisburg Pa. 17109.

I would like at this time to thank all the officers, committee members and board members that served this past year with me for their help and cooperation. Hopefully the following year will fare as well.

John Skethway '56, President

### SEMI-ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Where: Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church

3640 Ash Street

Harrisburg, Pa 17109

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2007

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Cost: \$6.00 (may pay at door)

The deadline for reservations is September 21, 2007

Reservations must be <u>cancelled prior to Sept.26</u>. Reservations will not be accepted after Sept 21st due to limited space. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

For Reservations Call:

John Skethway '56 at (717) 526-4189

### A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA Township high school alumni association



### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



The Hanna Education Foundation provided 100 dollars each to STHS students Jamar Helton, Tinder Zoe, and Desiree Deerdon towards their China education enrichment trip with the People to People Student Ambassador Program over the summer. President Dwight D. Eisenhower began the program to bring different cultures together to foster peace and friendship.



Jeremy Thrush, '06 was one of 12 players selected to represent the United States in the Pan American Games for the Deaf, that ran Aug. 11–18 in Valencia. Jeremy Thrush had his best game ever and scored 25 points during the USA vs. Columbia game on

August 15th.

As a senior at STHS, the 6-foot-3 center led his team to a District 3-AAA title. Thrush scored 11 points and the Indians beat Greencastle-Antrim 56-46. STHS ended its season with a 40-36 loss to Scranton Prep in the PIAA second round. Jeremy will leave for Gallaudet University, a school for the deaf in Washington, D.C., as soon as he returns from Valencia. Jeremy will play for the Bison and major in physical education.









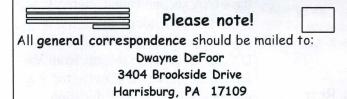
### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Richard A. Christ "57" Justin L. Benfer "07" Jonathan Blackner "96" Tammy (Durham) Blakely "67" Richard N. Blair Jr. "83" Robert D. Blair "86" Margues E. Colston "01" Renee Custer "07" William Dempster "07" Nicole Enterline "07" Daniel Hammaker "83" Tammi (Bonneville) Hammaker "83" Jessica Holtzman-Rich "97" Jordan Rigel "07" Roberta Wallower - Associate Member Larry Weisberg "84"

Alumni lifetime membership \$15 Associate (non-alumni) lifetime membership \$20.

Rebecca (Silverstein) Weisberg "87"

#### All membership items — new members, change of name or address, and obits should be sent to: **Membership Chairman** Helen McCollum 100 6117 Blue Stone Avenue Harrisburg, Pa. 17112 (717) 545-4192



Scrapbook items should still be sent to Pat Lebo's address or email address found on page 5.



### CLASS REUNION NEWS



Members of the *Class of 1947* class enjoyed their 60th Class Reunion in Hershey on June 12th. Recognition was extended to Joyce (Scout) Smedly, Reunion Chairperson, Bob Blosser and his wife Joan, Memorabilia and Contact lists, and to Janet McClane for the tireless effort in maintaining contact with class members through telephone calls and letters.

The class will meet again next year on the second Saturday in June.

Class members in attendance were Janet (Salzer) McLane, Shirley (Packer) Gill, Nancy (Jones) Brandt, Genevieve (Bowman) Lanza, Joyce (Scout) Smedley, Robert Blosser, Nellie Baer, Joyce (McHenry) Arnold, Joan (Hershey) Blosser, Marian (Brightbill) Arndt, Robert Baker, Merlin Miller, Roberta (Reiss) Berdolfe, William Rudy, Eleanor (McElheney Bjoring, Lester Folk, Joan (Saunders) Knapp, Dale Harro, and Edward Parson.



### LEST WE FORGET

Helen (Wolfgang) Fortney "38"
George Barbary "40"
Barbara Anne Dayhoff-Rogers "76"
Marvin Smith "42"
Hiram G. (Jim) Weimer "45"
Donald E. Nulk "39"
Steven P. Kammerer "65"
Frances Wolfgang "40"
Tucker Dunkle "40"
Georgiann E. Ciortan "79"
Anna (Schmidt) Moriarty "40"
Edward J. Potteiger "42"
Walter Harner "42"
Sara Doan, Teacher



### INVITATION TO ALL ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

To all Association members.....we are only a phone call away!

Please feel free to attend any/all of our board meetings so that you may gain a better understanding of how we function and how we choose our projects.

Although our meeting times and locations vary for various reasons, a telephone call to President Skethway will immediately update your information.

We are always looking for and always welcome interested new board members and volunteers to help in this worthwhile membership experience. Evenings meetings will be scheduled for members who can not attend during the daytime. It's always fun recalling "the good old days!"

Come Join Us!

If you have any newsworthy items regarding STHS or your former classmates—Email, Call or Mail to:

Dwayne DeFoor 3404 Brookside Drive Harrisburg PA, 17109 (717) 236-3557 defoord@comcast.net

### DATES TO REMEMBER



Annual Banquet Saturday, June 21, 2008



Homecoming Football Game Friday, October 19, 2007



### BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- John Skethway '56

Vice President- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Secretary- Pat Miller Helm '49

Treasurer- Carol Brightbill '60

Committees :

Membership-Helen Forbes McCollum '56, Dwayne DeFoor, '78

Newsletter- Dwayne DeFoor '78, Pat Miller Helm '49

Publicity- Doris Fissel Smith '52

Activities-Bea Skethway '56, Connie Yontz Aurand '53,

Barbara Pearce '65

Historical- Roy Knupp '52, Jim Frank- Faculty

Nominating-Pat Miller Helm '49, Carol Brightbill '60

School Liaison-Peggy (Hummel) Keiser'45

Auditing - John Turski '49, George Kegerreis '55

Hanna Foundation-Dwayne DeFoor '78,

WWII Monument Project-Roy Knupp, '52 Chairman, Bob Chapman '55,

Melvin Longenecker ' 52 , Joel Parson '52, Homer Pontius '52, Arlene

Prentice '69, Albert Richwine '39, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

### ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53

Stanley Colestock '60

Bill Fearen '45

Dottie Burger George '47

Richard Gill '48

Elizabeth Kannegieser King '53

Alice J Robinson Lucas '48

Marlin McElheny '50

Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Barbara Shepler '49

Beatrice Skethway '56

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Rebecca Wrighton Banks '45

Sylvia Radcliffe Bowers '48

Alice Fearen '43 and Faculty

Ruth Wood Raffensperger '45

Eleanor Shields '34

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Pat Lebo 3694 Rauch Street Harrisburg PA, 17109 (717) 657-0098 iampjl@comcast.net



## WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL DEDICATION CEREMONY



The WW II Memorial Dedication was held July 1 at Veterans Park on Elmerton Avenue on a beautiful sun-filled day. Guest Speakers included State Senator Jeffrey Piccola '66, State Representative Sue Helm '61, Lt. Col. Richard Denison, Susquehanna Township Board of Commoners' President Mrs. Jacquelyn Patton, Susquehanna Township School District Superintendent David Volkman, and Lt. Col. Ted Pesano (retired), United Concordia. The Keynote address was presented by Colonel Robert Hodgson, Commander Fort Indiantown Gap.

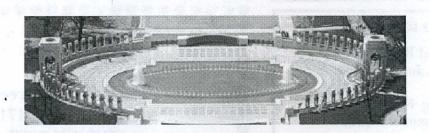
Musical selections were provided by Mrs. Kathy Dunn, Susquehanna Township Music Teacher (retired), William Perbetsky '77, STHS Band Director, & members of the High School band, and Ian Bowling '07.

Mel Longenecker '52 served as the Master Ceremonies. Al Richwine '39 led the WW II committee in unveiling the Memorial and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Carter performed the Field Cross Ceremony.

Photographs, courtesy of George Drees '78, can be found on the next pages.

Also Visit The National WW II Memorial, Washington, DC17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues

Website - www.wwiimemorial.com





















# MEMORIAL GARDENS Brick Sale



Red Brick size is 4" x 8"
Bricks can be engraved up to 3 lines
15 characters per line including spaces
All lettering will be done in CAPITALS
Cost per each red brick is \$100.00
Orders must be prepaid
Make check payable to:
Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn.

Please identify "Memorial Garden" on the bottom of your check



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Your Name	Telephone Number

Make checks payable to STHS Alumni Association; "Memorial Garden" is identified on the bottom of your check

### Return your order to:

Shirley Kannegieser 27 Hillside Rd. Dauphin, Pa., 17018 Phone: (717) 921- 8536

### **ORDER DEADLINE:**

DECEMBER 31, 2007 (Orders take 4-6 weeks and installation will be in early spring 2008.)