

THE SMOKE SIGNAL

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the new school year approaches, the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association enters the year with a new president; however, we will continue to strive for excellence.

The World War II Memorial project is dedicated and we are actively pursuing our goal to complete the Korean War Memorial.

As Alumni of "Dear Old Susquehanna" and in the Olympic spirit, we should actively support our student's interscholastic activities throughout the school year. Although we all have busy lives, we should remind ourselves how important it is for our students and student-athletes to know that the Alumni are supporting their efforts as representatives of the school district.

As president, I will continue our goal of excellence in whatever we embark upon. Remember, "Dear old Susquehanna, we're all for you".

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President



Sponsors Needed for Boys Basketball Trip to Florida

The Susquehanna Twp. Boys Basketball team has been invited to the **28th Annual Great Florida Shootout December 26-30, 2008**. The shootout brings together 16 top ranked teams from around the country. This nationally recognized tournament draws extensive media attention and is closely watched and attended by college recruiters. A \$2,000 donation from the tournament will not cover all of the expenses so the Team is seeking support from the community at large.

Please consider making a donation payable to "STHS Boys Basketball Boosters" and mail to the Booster Club Treasurer:

Sylvia Turner
2048 Deer Path Road
Harrisburg, Pa 17110



Please note "Florida Shootout" on the check.

Please contact Head Coach Vince Rogers with any questions or request additional information at (717) 645-5233

Plan on Attending the SEMI-ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Where: **Progress-Immanuel Presbyterian Church**
3640 Ash Street
Harrisburg, Pa 17109

Date: **Saturday, September 27, 2008**

Time: **9:00 A.M.**

Cost: **\$7.00** (may pay at door)

Reservation Deadline: **September 20, 2008**

Contact: **Phyllis Kegerreis (George '55) at 652-2545**

(Please leave a message with your name and phone number if we are unable to answer.)



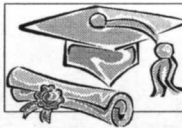


WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

R. Joseph Dolbin - Associate Member
 Sandra (Armbruster) Drum "60"
 Martha Eppley "58"
 Suzanne (Davis) Funk "60"
 Linda Larson "60"
 Glenn Lerew "58"
 Linda (Hollister) Lloyd "60"
 Karen Longenecker "77"
 Harold Rosen "60"
 Melanie (Longenecker) Sterling "78"
 Pegge (Haupt) Tennant "60"
 Sandra (Boster) Vorse "60"
 Lois J. Waltz - Associate Member
 Sue Ann (Peel) Wolfe "72"
 Alton Wright "86"
 Virginia (Miller) Wright "88"

Did You Know

The Class of '97 has the most Alumni members with 38!
 Followed closely by the Class of '60 with 36, the Class of '54 with 35,
 and the Class of '49 with 32



CLASS NEWS



The Class of 1958 held their 50th Reunion June 13-15, 2008 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Class mates came from Tennessee., Maryland, Illinois., Florida, Texas, California, Massachusetts, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

A June 14 Township tour was arranged by Superintendent *Mr. David Volkman* to view many of the changes that had been made since the class members were students. It started at our "old high school" which is now the Middle School. A catered lunch was attended by six former teachers—*Mr. Richard Hivner, Mr. John Kambic, Mr. Charles Lapinsky, Mrs. Joy (Detweiler) O'Gorman, Mrs. Peggy Keiser, and Mrs. Patricia Helm.*

The June 14 dinner was also held at the hotel. Classmate *Charles Demmy* made arrangements with the Hershey Auto Museum to have a Ford Thunderbird on display in the hotel lobby. A June 15 brunch was held at the hotel where final good-byes were made.

Submitted by Joanne Lauver

The Class of 1948 held their 60th Reunion on June 28th at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center.

The Class of 1968 is being requested to forward their current classmate contact information to email address DebiKint@comcast.net

The Class of 1973 held their 35th Reunion August 1 and 2. *Doc Holliday's Steakhouse* hosted a casual gathering of Classmates August 1. A dinner dance was held August 2 at the *Elephant & Castle® Restaurant and Bar, New Cumberland.*

The Class of 1978 held their 30th Reunion on July 26th at the *FireHouse Restaurant.* An informal "Meet and Greet" was held July 25th on the riverside deck of *Dukes Bar and Grille, Wormleysburg.* Classmates traveled from Alabama, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, Virginia and throughout Pennsylvania. Superintendent *Mr. David Volkman* and former teacher *Mr. Ron Brehm* were Special Guests.

All membership items — new members, change of name or address, and obits should be sent to:
 Membership Chairman

Helen McCollum
 6117 Blue Stone Avenue
 Harrisburg, Pa. 17112

(717) 545-4192

pthelen@aol.com

Please note!

All general correspondence should be sent to:

Dwayne DeFoor
 3404 Brookside Drive
 Harrisburg, PA 17109
 or
defoord@comcast.net

Scrapbook items should still be sent to **Pat Lebo's** address or email address found on page 3.

LEST WE FORGET

Jill L. Armbruster '70
Kevin B. Cawley '98
Latasha Grannison '94
Barbara Hetzel Herman '54
Doris (Sweigard) Kauffman '42
Kirsten Julia Maurer '98
Cynthia Meck '67
Lori (Spicer) Muller '86
Robert L. M. Stauffer '61
William Wood '48

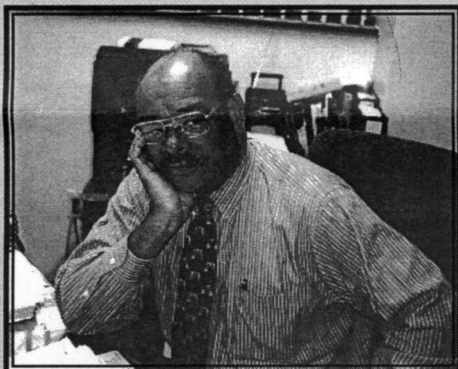


ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

Robert (Bob) Chapman, Sr.

Robert (Bob) Chapman has graciously agreed to be our 2008-2009 **President of the Alumni Association**. He is a 1955 graduate of STHS. In 1956 he entered the service and served as a helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army. From 1960-1965 he served the community as a member of the elite Susquehanna Twp. Police Department.

Bob, a Penn State alumnus, spent the next 43 years of service to the United States Postal Service in many different assignments in mail processing, marketing and field operations. He earned a PCES appointment as Field Director of Marketing & Communications, and the last 13 years of his service as the 29th Postmaster of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



In his spare time Bob has been an active board member of our Alumni Assn. & served on the World War II committee and currently on the Korean War committee now known as the Memorial Gardens committee. He also volunteers his time as a Board of Director member on the Camp Curtin YMCA Board. His hobbies consist of bowling and playing golf.

Bob has been happily married to his wife Avis for 48 years and they enjoy traveling whenever time permits. They have one son Robert Chapman, Jr. who resides in Harrisburg.

*"BEST WISHES TO YOU & THE ALUMNI BOARD
- MAKE US SUSQUEHANNA PROUD"*

ATTENTION CLASS REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We'd like to provide publicity for your Class Reunions. Please email your news items and digital photos to

Dwayne De Foor at
defoord@comcast.net or

3404 Brookside Drive
Harrisburg, Pa 17109

A VERY SPECIAL HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Katharine Witman Hocker** who celebrated her **102nd birthday** on July 21st at Homeland Center, Harrisburg with family and friends. Katherine is our oldest living alumni (Class of 1924).

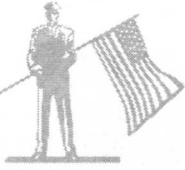


L to R behind Katherine is Janet Saltzer McLane '47, Elaine Hocker Bogar '49 (Katherine's daughter) and Peggy Hummel Keiser '45

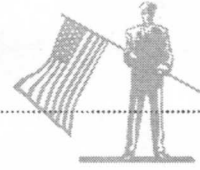


Consider making a monetary donation to the **Hanna Education Foundation** in support of enrichment programs for students in STSD. Payable to:

Hanna Education Foundation
PO Box 60023
Harrisburg, PA 17106-0023



MEMORIAL GARDENS at Veterans Park



KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

As many of you know, a World War II Memorial is in place in the Veterans Memorial gardens off Elmerton Avenue. If you have not visited the memorial, we encourage you to do so. There are over 900 men and women listed who served our country and made Susquehanna Township proud.

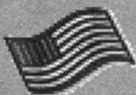
The Korean War Committee, an alumni-sponsored project, is seeking names of veterans who served in the Korean War from 1950 to 1955. Those veterans who graduated from Susquehanna Township High School or lived in the township during this period will be engraved on the Memorial. If you know of a veteran, please send a note with the Names, Dates of Service, Branch of Service, and a phone number of where they may possibly be reached.

To date, we have collected approximately \$22,000 from government grants, business donations, and individual contributions. However, we need an additional \$3,000 to complete the Memorial with landscaping, flagpoles, and a walkway to connect the World War II and Korean War memorials. We greatly appreciate all of those who have already contributed to our mission but in order to complete this endeavor more help is needed.

Please send all veteran's names or monetary contributions to Dr. Tom Peck, 5700 Ridgeview Drive, Harrisburg PA 17112. Checks should be made payable to "Susquehanna Township Alumni Association". Please note "Korean Memorial" on your check.

Korean Memorial Committee

Shirley Kannegieser-Dr. Tom Peck, Co-Chairs
Robert Chapman-James Hartman-Clair Hetzel
Bill Reynolds- Melvin Longenecker, Treasurer



MEMORIAL GARDEN "BRICK PAVERS"

The STHS Alumni Board and the Memorial Garden Committee are reaching out to the former graduating classes of STHS to obtain your class members support of the Memorial Garden Fund by purchasing a brick to honor their class.

EXAMPLE: **STHS**
CLASS OF 1950

The Class of 1950 designated a representative to collect funds from as many members of the class who wished to support this project. The class representative recently forwarded a \$100.00 check to the Memorial Fund committee to purchase a brick paver in memory of their class. The price per brick is \$100.00. Make check payable to "STHS Alumni Association" and include Memorial Garden Fund on check. Any amount donated above \$100.00 will help defray landscaping expenses.

LET US SHOW OUR VETERANS THAT WE ARE
"SUSQUEHANNA PROUD".

Mail your check to Shirley Kannegieser, 27 Hillside Rd., Dauphin, Pa., 17018. Any questions please call Shirley on (717) 921-8536.

See order form located on page 7



Advisory Committee Proposal

Dear Alumni,

As part of our responsibility of promoting Susquehanna Township High students and Alumni, there is a need to explore the possibility of forming an Activity Committee.

The Advisory Committee will be a "standing committee" constituted to perform a continuing function and remain in existence permanently in the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association.

The plans call for the committee to provide the Officers of the Alumni Association with ideas, ways, and the means of enhancing our relationship with Susquehanna Township High School.

The proposed committee will be constituted by Name, By Resolution, which is in effect, and requiring a two-thirds vote by the Officers for adoption.

The standing committee assigned functions will not affect the rule of parliamentary procedure in any way. The committee will be established according to the "Rule of Order".

It is my belief that the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association can be extremely effective in promoting the interest of the High School and Alumni by creating this Advisory Committee with specific instructions of formulating and presenting ideas to the Officers of the Alumni Association.

This proposal will be presented to the Officers of the Alumni Association at the scheduled September, 2008 meeting.

Bob Chapman '55

Fall Home Athletic Schedules:

Cross Country

Tue 09/02/08 Bishop McDevitt High School * STSD Veterans Park 4:30PM
Tue 09/02/08 East Pennsboro Area Senior High School * STSD Veterans Park 4:30PM
Mon 10/06/08 Central Dauphin East High School * STSD Veterans Park 4:00PM
Mon 10/06/08 Central Dauphin High School * STSD Veterans Park 4:00PM

Golf

Tue 09/02/08 @ Steelton Highspire Senior High School 2:00PM
Fri 09/05/08 @ Red Land High School 2:00PM
Mon 09/08/08 @ East Pennsboro Area Senior High School 2:00PM
Mon 09/22/08 @ Bishop McDevitt High School 2:00PM
Mon 09/29/08 @ Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School 2:00PM

Fall Home Athletic Schedules:

Field Hockey

Fri 08/29/08 Carlisle High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:15PM
Wed 09/03/08 Bishop McDevitt High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 3:45PM
Mon 09/08/08 Harrisburg Academy * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Wed 09/10/08 Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Thu 09/18/08 Northern High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Tue 09/23/08 Gettysburg High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Mon 09/29/08 Hershey High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Thu 10/02/08 Lower Dauphin Senior High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM
Fri 10/10/08 Middletown Area High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 4:00PM

Soccer (Boys)

Tue 09/02/08 Lower Dauphin Senior High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 7:30PM
Tue 09/09/08 Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 7:30PM
Sat 09/13/08 Palmyra High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 10:00AM
Tue 09/16/08 Gettysburg High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 7:30PM
Thu 09/25/08 Middletown Area High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 7:30PM
Sat 09/27/08 Camp Hill Senior High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 11:00AM
Mon 10/06/08 Hershey High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 7:30PM
Sat 10/11/08 Bishop McDevitt High School * STHS Roscoe Warner 10:00AM

Co-Ed Swimming

Tue 12/16/08 Gettysburg High School 4:00PM
Tue 01/20/09 Bishop McDevitt High School 4:00PM

Tennis (Girls)

Fri 08/29/08 Susquenita Senior High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Sat 08/30/08 Harrisburg High School * STHS Tennis Courts 11:00AM
Wed 09/03/08 Central Dauphin East High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Tue 09/09/08 Lower Dauphin Senior High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Thu 09/11/08 Bishop McDevitt High School 3:15PM
Fri 09/12/08 East Pennsboro Area Senior High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Thu 09/18/08 Hershey High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Fri 09/19/08 Cumberland Valley High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM
Thu 09/25/08 Red Land High School * STHS Tennis Courts 3:15PM

Wrestling

Fri 12/05/08 @ Bloomsburg DKI Tournament 5:00PM
Sat 12/06/08 @ Bloomsburg DKI Tournament 10:00AM
Thu 12/11/08 Camp Hill Senior High School * STHS Gymnasium 7:00PM





MEMORIAL GARDENS BRICK SALE

Make check payable to: Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn.

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

Inscription: _____

Your Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Return your order to:

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

ORDER DEADLINE:

**Orders will continue
to be accepted**

Sample Inscriptions

FOR VETERANS
SGT. JOSEPH JONES
US ARMY
WW II

FOR NON-VETERANS
SALLY SMITH
STHS - 1948

(Orders take 4-6 weeks to complete)