

# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

MAY 2008 ISSUE

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA  
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



### Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

This will be the last letter you will receive from me as President of the Alumni association. I hope everyone is satisfied with the direction this organization has taken. Starting with Shirley Kannegieser before me and during my 2 years I feel we have evolved from being a social group into an organization that has started giving back to the school and the community. The school has been mainly in some donations and the community with the Memorial Gardens project at Memorial Park on Elmerton Avenue which will be adding a Korean War Memorial this summer next to the existing WW II Memorial.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, all the officers and you, the membership, for all the cooperation and support over the last 2 years. I know your support will continue for the yet to be elected President in June.

The last thing I would ask each of you to consider is sending a donation towards the printing and mailing of the Smoke Signal. Donations will be greatly appreciated. It remains the most costly piece of business expense that we incur. Since we do not ask for yearly dues, any donation you provide can be sent to our treasurer, Carol Brightbill, 3817 Schoolhouse Lane, Harrisburg Pa. 17109.

John Skethway '56, President



*Thomas Au*, son of Thomas Au and Justina Wasicek, recently received the Jeffrey S. Williams Memorial Award for Integrative Study in Psychology and Economics at Kenyon College. *Thomas* is senior majoring in political science and psychology.



*Paul Waters III '07*, son of Paul and Sonja Waters, has received the Eagle Scout Award, the highest achievement in Scouting. *Paul* is a freshman at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. where he is majoring in political science.

Sophomore golfer *Scott Pugh* and his #2 ranked Oglethorpe University men's golf teammates began their quest to secure the school's first ever national championship at the NCAA Division III Championships in Braselton, Georgia May 13th.



During the Southern Collegiate Championships *Scott* shot a three-round score of 229 to finish in a tie for second place overall. *Scott* was named to the All-SCAC first team and was named to the Georgia Cup for a second straight year.

*Scott* and his teammates shot a team final round of 21 over par 305 and finished in 6th place to close the 2008 NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships May 16th. *Scott's* torrid single's play continued where he shot 4 over par 76 to come home in a tie for 7th place to earn First Team All-American honors.

*Reid Demyan* was selected as January's Rotary Club Student of the Month and *Alexander Locust* was named April's Rotary Club Student of the Month by the Colonial Park Rotary Club. *Joshua Kurtz* received the Rotary Club's Academic and Community Service Award.

*Erin Bryne* was presented the Soroptimist International of Harrisburg Violet Richardson Award for her student government volunteer work.

### Save the Date

#### 18th ANNUAL BANQUET

Where: **The Crossroads Cafe**

**Directions:** 2.5 miles east of  
Rt. 39 on the right side of Rt. 22

Date: **Saturday, June 21, 2008**

Questions or Information:

Barbara Pearce

717-697-4114

[barbpearce@comcast.net](mailto:barbpearce@comcast.net)

See the Reservation Form on Page 7



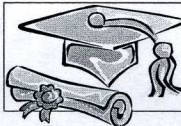
# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ron Brehm - Faculty  
 Joelind (Parson) Shirk "81"  
 Craig Evans "69"  
 Bret Dunlap "77"  
 Lawrence Rutt "60"  
 Elaine (Sheets) Rissinger "60"  
 Barry Garver "60"  
 Larry Hoopes "60"  
 Carol Hoffman "56"  
 Joe Bower - Associate Member  
 Carolee (Kuhns) Lesyk "60"  
 Kenneth E. Forbes "67"

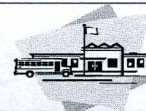
## Did You Know

The Class of '97 has the most Alumni members with 38!  
 Followed closely by the Class of '54 with 35 and the Class of '49 with 33

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



## CLASS NEWS



The *Class of 1948* will hold their 60th Reunion on June 28th at the Radisson Penn Harris Hotel & Convention Center. Please contact **A.J. Lucas** at 717-697-1295, **June Koons** at 717-766-8577, or **June Radcliffe** at 717-757-9602.

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

The *Class of 1978* will hold their 30th Reunion on July 26th at the FireHouse Restaurant. Please contact **Brian Morgan** at 717-540-0661, **Susan Gordon** at 703-671-1751, or **Dwayne DeFoor** at 717-236-3557 or **defoord@comcast.net**.

**Happy Memorial Day!**  
**Thank You to all of our Veterans and their Families.**

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

*defoord@comcast.net*

## LEST WE FORGET

*Jack W. "Jack" Bolton "49"*  
*Patricia (Parker) Harry "41"*  
*Audrey Weaver -Rhine "43"*  
*Audrey (Shope) Shultz "46"*  
*Kirsten Julia Maurer "98"*  
*Paul A. Light "42"*  
*Kathryn (Burger) Lerch "37"*  
*Betty M. Finkbone "44"*  
*Harry Longenecker "36"*  
*Barry L. Seidel "59"*  
*Grace (Anderson) Seygal "35"*  
*Lisa (Fox) Snyder "82"*  
*Howard Minnich - former teacher*  
*Bernice (Goodman) Bramson "35"*  
*Mary (Gregory) Adams "41"*  
*Larry L. Bair "57"*  
*Elwood J. Grimes "61"*  
*David Hatcher*



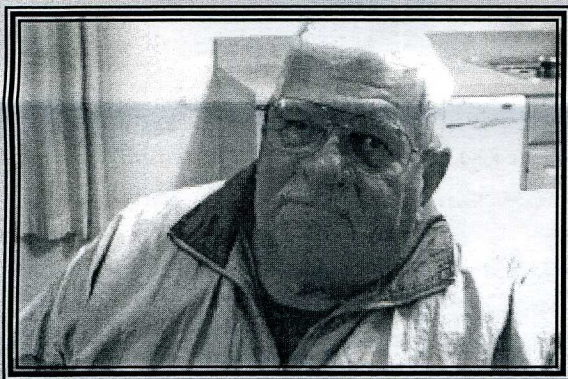
Scrapbook items should still be sent to **Pat Lebo's** address or email address found on page 3.



## ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

### Melvin Longenecker

This month's personality is Melvin "Mel" Longenecker. He is a 1952 graduate of Susquehanna Township High School. He furthered his education at Elizabethtown College, where he lettered in soccer, tennis, and basketball. Mel was inducted into the Elizabethtown College Ira R. Herr Athletic Hall of Fame on May 10, 2008. He received nine Varsity Letters in three sports during his four years at Elizabethtown. In addition to his athletic accomplishments, he served as Class Vice President, Treasurer of the Student Senate, and Head Proctor of all men's dormitories. Upon graduating, he was awarded the *Wall Street Journal's* award as the Outstanding Business School Graduate.



Following his retirement from the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare, Child Support Enforcement, Mel has been dedicated to serving on the STHS Alumni Board and as Treasurer for the Memorial Gardens Committee and WWII & Korean Memorial projects. Mel's spare time is devoted to his love for the game of tennis, which he plays on a daily basis.

Mel will celebrate his 50th Wedding Anniversary with his wife Barbara and their three children, Karen, Melanie and Stephen on August 10, 2008.

A very special **Thank You** "Mel" for all of your service to the Alumni Association and your community!

### ATTENTION 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](mailto:defoord@comcast.net)

Or send to the address found on page 2

*The Class of 1978 presented for the 30th Annual Michael Giddings Memorial Award May 14th to junior Cadrian Woodruff.*

*The Class of '78 following Mike's premature death during his junior year created the Mike Giddings Award. Recent donations from Mike's former classmates have secured the award for decades to come.*

*Mike's passion for the game, ability to read and react to offenses and his absolute fearless play on the field made him one of the finest players ever to play for STHS. Off the football field Mike was quiet, respectful and a gentleman. These qualities are the basis for selecting a junior football player to receive the Mike Giddings Award.*

*Cadrian Woodruff, is the latest in a long line of outstanding players with these special gifts.*

*Good luck in the upcoming 2008-2009 Cadrian. Congratulations from the class of 1978!*

*Brian Morgan '78*

Please consider making a Donation to the Hanna Education Foundation in support of enrichment programs for students in the Susquehanna Township School District.

## Memorial Gardens News

The SEHS Alumni Association has placed a Memorial Wreath at the site of the WW II Monument for display during the Memorial Day holiday in honor of all Veterans



### KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Alumni Association's Korean War Memorial committee continues work on the tribute to Susquehanna Township Korean War Veterans. The Korean War Committee is seeking names of Veterans who were in the service during **JUNE 25, 1950** through **JANUARY 31, 1955**. Our goal is to include all Susquehanna Township War Veterans.

The Committee is also requesting volunteers with clerical skills for mailings and assistance in soliciting for donations from local businesses and the community at large. You can serve in many ways and your help is needed and appreciated. Your participation in this endeavor will allow you to give something back to the school and the community. If you know of any Korean War Veteran please let us know!

Those wishing to make a monetary contribution:

**Please make checks payable to:**  
Susquehanna Twp Alumni Assn.

c/o Melvin Longenecker  
3215 Brookfield Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
Phone - 717-545-2427

If you wish to volunteer or have any questions please contact **Shirley Kannegieser '50** on (717) 921-8536 or **Dr. Tom Peck '51** on (717)545-6982.

#### Korean Memorial Committee

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



## “You Pick” Charitable Golf Classic”

Friday, June 13, 2008

Sportsman's Golf Club

Susquehanna Township, PA

Hosted by: Rotary Club of Susquehanna Township

#### Schedule of Events (Rain or Shine)

7:30 AM - Registration & Breakfast

8:30 AM - Shotgun Scramble Start

1:30 PM - Lunch in Pavilion

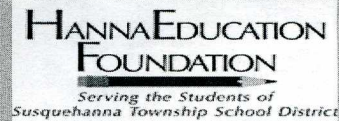
2:00 PM - Awards / Door Prizes

#### Golf Package - \$95 per person includes:

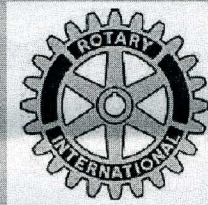
- 18 Holes of Golf w/Cart
- Skill Prizes to include Hole-in-One Contest
- Open Practice Range / Complimentary Balls
  - Light Breakfast Items in Morning
  - Hot Luncheon in Pavilion
  - Prizes for Top 3 Winning Teams
- Complimentary Beverages Served throughout the Day
  - Door Prizes!

**Dinner Only - \$35 per person**

### Charities



Contact: [Dan.Fuller@comcast.com](mailto:Dan.Fuller@comcast.com)



Rotary Club of Susq. Twp.  
Contact: [ypollart@retteew.com](mailto:ypollart@retteew.com)



Contact: [mctine@gowebway.com](mailto:mctine@gowebway.com)

Please contact Dan Fuller @ 671-0215 or  
“YouPickGolf@comcast.net” for information

	Total Enclosed	The 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual "You Pick" Charitable Golf Classic Friday June 13, 2008 - 8:30 AM Shotgun Start Sportsman's Golf Club			
\$ _____		\$95 donation per golfer / \$35 non-golfer donation includes dinner	1	2	3
1: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____			
2: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____			
3: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____			
4: _____	Address: _____	Phone: _____			

( ) I/We need to be placed in a foursome

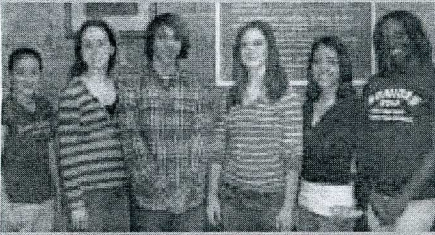
Each Player should vote for the charity of their choice above. You may choose to divide across the charities in any way you like. If votes have not been cast, "You Pick" will divide the donations equally between the four charities.  
Vote #1 - The Hanna Education Foundation, #2 - St. Margaret Mary School Athletic Association, #3 Rotary Club

(Make checks payable to "You Pick" Charitable Golf Classic & Mail to "You Pick" Charitable Golf Classic  
105 Laurel Glen Court, Harrisburg, PA 17110 by Friday June 7, 2008. Visa or MasterCard Credit Cards may be accepted. - Please contact Dan Fuller @ 671-0215 for information.)

I/We cannot attend but would like to: \_\_\_\_\_ Make Contribution \_\_\_\_\_ Donate Item for Door Prize/Silent Auction

# STHS : Highlights in Pictures

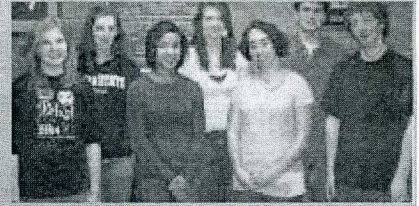
**Scholastic Writing**



**Science Fair**



**Scholastic Writing**



**Certificate of Merit**

**Silver Key**

**District Chorus**

**Scholastic Writing**

**Scholastic Art**



**Gold Key**

**Certificate of Merit**

**County Orchestra**

**District III**

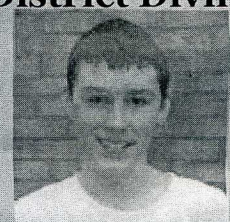
**State Runner-Up**



**Wrestling  
Champ**

**District**

**District Diving**



**Scholastic Art**

**District III Champs**

**Orchestra**

**Third Place**



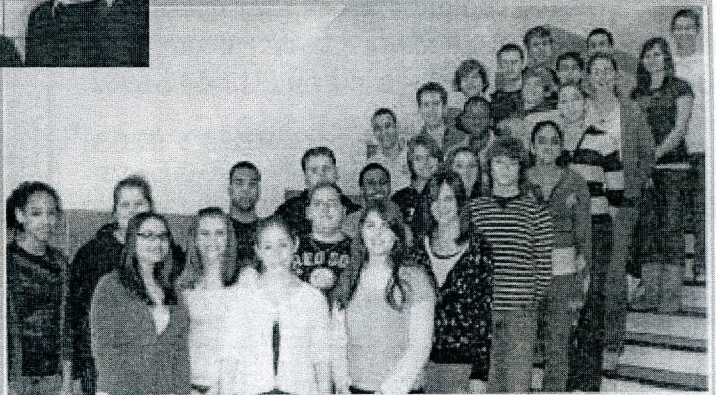
**Regional Chorus**



**County Chorus**

**Silver Key**

**Science Olympiad**





## 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:**

Will remain open to  
anyone wishing to  
support the Memorial  
Gardens project

**Sample Inscriptions**

FOR VETERANS

SGT. JOSEPH JONES  
US ARMY  
WW II

FOR NON-VETERANS

SALLY SMITH  
STHS - 1948

(Orders take 4-6 weeks and installation will begin in 2008.)

## The STHS 18th Alumni Annual Banquet

Saturday June 21, 2008

The Crossroads Cafe

**Directions:** 2.5 miles east of Rt. 39 on the right side of Rt. 22  
Come enjoy good food and seeing old friends.

**Registration & Doors Open at 11:00 AM — Luncheon at Noon**

This year's banquet features:

Baked Stuffed Chicken

Baked Ham with Pineapple Sauce

Also included are Side Dishes, Desserts and Beverages



Member (s) name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ladies please include your Maiden Name)

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ (\$22.00 each)

Entrée choice: Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ or Ham \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to *STHS Alumni Association*

Mail to: Carol Brightbill  
3817 Schoolhouse Lane  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

**DEADLINE**

**June 1, 2008**

(No Refunds Please)

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