

THE SMOKE SIGNAL

FEBRUARY 2009 ISSUE

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

There is something remarkable and unique about the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association. It is really an Association, not an Organization whose membership benefits amount to a little more than having your name on a mailing list and receiving a newsletter. When you joined the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association, You don't belong to it, — the Alumni Association belongs to you.

You have the option of attending meetings and participating in projects associated with school district activities. You can actively participate in our quest to honor Susquehanna Township military veterans. You can assist in promoting the interests of the school students as well as the alumni while fostering a continuing relationship between the school district and the Alumni Association.

Remember, the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association belongs to you.

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President



ANNUAL SPRING ALUMNI BREAKFAST

WHEN: Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9 o'clock A.M.
WHERE: Susquehanna Township High School Cafeteria
3550 Elmerton Avenue
COST: **\$7.50 per person**
Deadline for reservations: March 7, 2009



RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 7, 2009 AND NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE. WE MUST PAY FOR THE NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS THAT WE SUBMIT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: PHYLLIS KEGERREIS
3607 SALEM ROAD
HARRISBURG, PA 17109-4028

ANY QUESTIONS CALL 652-2545

RESERVATION FORM:

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

GUEST: _____

RESERVATIONS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Reservations are pre-pay due to past late cancellations.

Peter Matangos '78, a third-generation owner of the famous local **Matangos Quality Candies**, was one of the contributors to the Keystone Chocolatefest held recently at the Hershey Lodge. This well known fundraiser is a first-class chocolate lover's feast and one Peter has participated in for the past 14 years. His specialty for the occasion was chocolate-covered strawberries but he also included samples of the famous **Matangos** candies. In the course of 14 years, he has donated approximately 7,000 pounds of candy.

Chris Franklin '91, is a current member of the Harlem Globetrotters under the stage name of "Handles Franklin".



Chris was profiled in the Harrisburg Patriot-News on November 11, 2008. His Globetrotter profile can be found on:
www.harlemglobetrotters.com/team/players/index.html?player_id=28

The next local Globetrotter performance is scheduled for March 13, 2009 at 7:30PM at the Giant Center, Hersheypark Drive.

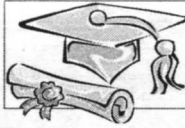
Jesse Rawls Jr. '91 was hired as the new Central Dauphin East High School principal to begin the 2008/2009 school calendar year.

Mr. David W. Volkman, STSD Superintendent, announced his retirement on January 27 effective at the end of 2009. Superintendent Volkman has spent 40 years in the school district beginning in 1969 as a Political Science and American History teacher.

The Alumni Association would like to **Thank You** for your 40 years of dedicated service. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors and hope that you can now spend the time on all of your planned activities.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



CLASS NEWS



The Class of 1943 celebrated their 65th Reunion during the Fall of 2008 at Geo's Country Oven.



Seated from Left: Leoda Galloway, Laurretta Galloway Tobias, Janice Novinger Logan, and Dorothy Seiger Hershey. *Second Row from left:* Elizabeth Bates Carlson, Martha Corbett, Jean Kriner Wasson, and Helen Messick Swartz. *Back Row from Left:* George Harro, Paul Pugh, Fred Rudy, and Park Smaling

The Class of 1954 will have lunch at Geo's Country Oven located at the Linglestown Road exit of I81 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:00 noon.

2009 High School Musical: Guys and Dolls

Dates:

February 13: 7:30 PM
February 14: 7:30 PM
February 15: 2:00 PM

Donna (Houseal) Bowers "74"
Beverly (Maurer) Frantz "60"
Charles Kannegieser, Jr. "71"
Robert Kannegieser "75"
Deborah (Kannegieser) Kerr "74"
Hyung J. Kim "86"
Paula (Koehler) Knerr "55"
Donna (Longenecker) Robson "58"
Judith (Rosenberg) Rosenbluth "63"
Stan C. Smith "58"
Tracey H. Strain "78"
Agnes (Stockley) Weaver "53"
Richard M. Weaver "53"

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

- ◆ Class of '97 - 38!
- * Class of '60 - 37
- * Class of '54 - 35
- * Class of '71 - 33
- * Class of '49 - 32 (tie)
- * Class of '50 - 32 (tie)

Alumni lifetime membership \$15

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@verizon.net

LEST WE FORGET

Judith (Kirker) Accettola '74
Lee Ann (Lenker) Baber '73
Audrey (Knupp) Cassel '48
Steve Condes - Attendance Officer
Robert D. Dunbar
Ciera M. Grant '05
Loy Hammaker '51
Betty (Gregory) Helsley '40
Ross B. Hershey '55
Harry Leitner '52
William "Willie" McWhite, Jr.
Richard Montgomery '47
Violet (Bolash) Parson '51
Richard H. Rudy '44
Samuel E. Sowers II '53
Dr. Jack S. Pincus—Township Commissioner



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

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 pro-
jects.

Although our meeting times and lo-
cations vary for various reasons, a tele-
phone call to President Chapman will
immediately update your information.

We are always looking for and al-
ways 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 former classmates—
Email, Call or Mail to:

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



DATES TO REMEMBER



Annual Banquet
Susquehanna Township High School
Cafeteria

May 2, 2009 @ 11:00 AM

Contact PHYLLIS KEGERREIS on (717)
652-2545 or BARBARA PEARCE on (717)
697-4114 for additional details.

More Info to come!!!

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Robert Chapman '55

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- Connie Yontz Aurand '53, Frances Burd '50,

Dottie George '47, Barbara Pearce '65, Phyllis Kegerreis

Historical- Roy Knupp '52, Al Richwine '39

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

Korean War Memorial Project- Bob Chapman '55, James Hartman '51,

Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50 Co-Chairman, Melvin Longenecker '52,

Dr. Tom Peck '51 Co-Chairman, Bill Reynolds '51, Claire Hetzel '51

WWII Memorial 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

John Skethway '56, Immediate Past President

Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53

Dottie Burger George '47

Audrey Hammaker '50

Pat Lebo '54

Elizabeth Kannegieser King '53

Alice J Robinson Lucas '48

Marlin McElheny '50

Albert Richwine '39

Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Beatrice Skethway '56

Barbara Zeigler '48



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

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

"One Wet Indian"

Bob Kannegieser (Class of '75)

I might as well start from the very beginning to give you an appreciation of my journey. I started swimming around the age of 6. My mother (Shirley – **Class of '50**) will tell you that my memory is at times suspect so the rest of what you are about to read may or may not be completely accurate – but hey – it's my story.

I come from a pretty athletic family that by the way all graduated from Susquehanna Township. My Grandfather (**Jake – Class of '25**) played basketball, Dad (**Chuck – Class of '49**) played Baseball, Basketball and Football. Mom played Basketball and was Head Major-ette. My Brother (**Chuck – Class of '71**) and Sister (**Deb – Class of '74**) were both Swimmers and Deb also played Field Hockey and was on the Band Front.

Growing up there was only one swimmer I wanted to be beat in Central Pa. – that person just happened to be one of the best in the mid-state and also just happened to be my sister Deb. I was a pretty good swimmer in the early years but never a super star by any means. It wasn't until I was a Junior that I was able to finally beat her. Of course, she may tell you differently.

My Senior year at "Hanna" (and by the way – we never called it Hanna back then but I think it's cool so I'm gonna use it) was a turning point in my swimming career. At the District III Championship meet I was seeded 3rd or 4th in the 500 yd. Freestyle. As the race progressed I was plodding along in 3rd place and the two guys ahead of me, I think, were oblivious to their surroundings. With only a couple laps left I was still close and just had enough energy to make a last ditch effort and touched them both out at the wall. Looking up in the stands after the race seeing family and friends going crazy was just phenomenal.

After graduation I attended Clarion State College in Western Pa. My swimming fortunes continued my Freshman year at the Pa. Conf. Championships. I was in the outside lane for the 1650yd. Freestyle. The race started, I took off and held the lead for the entire race and was able to hold off the field at the end and ended up winning. Again, family, friends and alumni were in the stands -- It doesn't get any better than that.

Now, almost 30yrs. after leaving Clarion, I am still swimming competitively. At the age of 51, I'm still doing times as fast as when I was in High School. Over the past several years I've had the opportunity to swim in several Masters National Championship meets.

I've won my share of races and have even been able to set some records along the way. Two years ago I traveled to Paris to swim in an International Masters Championship meet where I won 5 events and set several records. In 2006 I was ranked in the Top 10 in 5 different events in the United States for my age group and number 5 in the World in the 400 Meter Individual Medley. Most recently I swam in my first Open Water swim up in Provincetown, Mass. It was a 1.5 mile swim in the ocean and I did surprisingly well coming in 2nd. Now, the kid that beat me was only 15 and he only beat me by about 20 seconds – so needless to say I was pretty happy.

I've been very fortunate my entire life to have remained healthy and to still have the drive to compete and you know, there's always a message to every story. I guess mine would be to always do what makes you happy and always remember from whence you came. Nothing is more important than family and the lessons you learn during your journey.

Swimmin' On — Bob K.



ATTENTION CLASS REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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

Dwayne De Foor at
defoord@verizon.net

or mail to:

3404 Brookside Drive
Harrisburg, Pa 17109

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

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



MEMORIAL GARDENS at Veterans Park



KOREAN WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Korean Memorial Project is progressing towards our target dedication date of Sunday, May 31, 2009. The memorial has been cut and ready for final engraving which is tentatively scheduled to arrive in April.

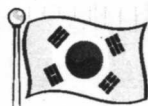
The committee has been working diligently to obtain additional funds to complete the walkway around the memorial and shrubbery to the landscaping. We are making a final drive to add approximately \$2,000.00 to our fund for completion of this project. A special "Thank You" goes out to Senator, Jeffrey A. Piccola and Representative Sue Helm for their combined effort to help get us the necessary Grant appropriations of \$15,000.

We are requesting help from the members of the alumni association to let us know if you have a member of your family, relative, or former classmate that should be on the memorial to please give us a call so we may validate their name against our list. We do not want to miss anyone. Just check on your classmates as well

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

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



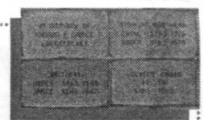
VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

We are now reaching out to the Alumni Association and the community to obtain members for our Vietnam Memorial Committee. Yes, this might seem premature but it takes several years to obtain all the names and coordinate a project of this size. If you know of anyone that is interested in serving on this committee, please give us a call.

Please contact Shirley Kannegieser at (717) 921-8536 if you would like to serve or have any suggestions or questions.



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 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

Billboard Capital Campaign

Have you driven by the High School and had difficulty reading the sign that has stood in front of the building as long as anyone can remember. Did you imagine what it would be like to see a state of the art sign highlighting events at the High School and throughout the school district? Now is your opportunity to help to make a lasting impact by partnering with the school district to usher in a new digital display billboard by making a monetary donation to the **Billboard Capital Campaign** today!

The proposed billboard will sit at the corner of Elmerton and Progress Avenues. This location will provide the most visibility and enable the school to maximize communications with the community at large. It is a high-resolution freestanding billboard with an LED matrix display. The top portion of the billboard will say **Susquehanna Township High School** and the bottom will be 6 lines that can be modified from the front office on a daily basis. The billboard will stand 20 feet high. The cost of the sign is approximately **\$52,000**. To date \$22,000 has been raised from generous donations from alumni and community members.

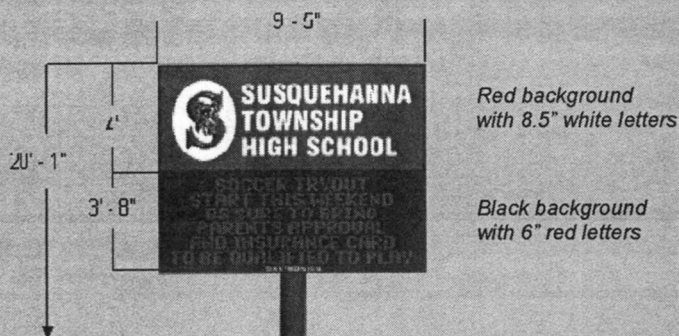
The successes of our previous endeavors such as the World War II Memorial have been possible because of your past generous contributions. The billboard will be another enduring testament to the support the Susquehanna Township community has always provided. Please consider sending in your much appreciated gift today.

The donor form can be found on page 7. Your check made payable to the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association with "Billboard" documented in the memo may be sent to Carol Brightbill. A complete list of donor names will be provided to the school along with the consolidated Alumni donations we receive.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Please contact Bob Chapman at 232-0683 or Shirley Kanne-gieser at 921- 8536 if you have any questions or comments.

Go Indians!



Marques Colston and the Harrisburg Stampede

Marques Colston '01, *New Orleans Saints* wide-receiver ended his third year in the NFL on another high note. Although Marques missed five games with a thumb injury suffered during week 1, he returned to full speed and was once again performing at the levels of his first two years in the league. During 11 games he had 47 receptions, 760 yards, and 5 touchdowns. In his last three games, Marques caught four TDs while averaging more than 100 yards per game.



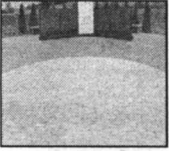
It was announced early last year that Marques will be a part-owner, along with John Morris of a Harrisburg franchise of the American Indoor Football Association (AIFA). The Harrisburg Stampede will play in the Northern Division with the Baltimore Mariners, Canton Legends, Reading Express, and Erie River Rats.

The Stampede will play its home games at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex & Expo Center. Regular season games will be played from March – June 2009. Play-offs and the AIFA Championship Game will take place in July 2009. The team will be comprised of a 30 man roster with 20 players dressing for each game.

The Harrisburg Stampede's website can be found at www.harrisburgstampede.com

STHS
Homecoming Football Game
Friday, September 26, 2009 7:00PM
Susquehanna Twp. vs. Gettysburg

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)



Billboard Capital Campaign Donor Form

Make check payable to: Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn.

Please identify "BILLBOARD" on your check

Your Name _____ Telephone Number _____

In Memory Of _____

Donation Amount _____

Return your donation to:

Carol Brightbill
3817 Schoolhouse Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109

