

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,

The Alumni Association is proud of the achievements of the 2010 Senior Class. The STHS Guidance Office reports that 89% of the 2010 Class will be pursuing higher education. Special Recognition goes to the STHS teachers, administrators, and staff for their academic support in their quest for excellence.

Please do not forget to pay a visit to the Memorial Gardens located in Veterans Park on Elmerton Avenue. The World War II and Korean War Memorials are magnificent. A visit to the Memorial Gardens is a must see.

This Fall, the long awaited Digital Sign is scheduled to be installed on the northeast corner of North Progress and Elmerton Avenues. The sign will provide school district, Alumni, and community information.

Over this upcoming school year, and beyond, please continue to support our students in their various activities.

We look forward to seeing you at the October 2nd breakfast!

Thank you very much,

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President



"SUSQUEHANNA PROUD"

Chief of Police, Robert A. Martin

Senator **Jeffrey Piccola '66**, recognized Susquehanna Township Chief of Police **Rob Martin** during a recent ceremony held on the Senate floor for being named American Legion's Northeast Regional Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Chief Martin placed second for the National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award.



Elaina Miller '09 was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University. Elaina is a daughter of David and Ellen Miller.

Roy Knupp '52 has been a volunteer with the Dauphin County Honor Guard for the past seven years. The Honor

Guard was founded ten years ago.

At veteran's funerals there is a 21 gun salute and the playing of taps, which is the highest honor that can be given. The American Flag is removed from the casket, folded, and presented to the person designated by the family.



All those who participate on the Honor Guard are volunteers. The Honor Guard has participated in over 800 funerals.

If you are interested in joining the Dauphin County Honor Guard please contact Captain Jerry Thompson at (717) 939-7871.

~ Semi-Annual Breakfast ~

Date: **Saturday, October 2, 2010**

Time: 9 A. M.

Place: **Susquehanna Township High School Cafeteria**
3500 Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Cost: **\$8.00 Prepaid Breakfast Buffet (Payable to STHS Alumni)**

Deadline for reservations: September 24, 2010
(No refunds after this date)

Reservations to: Sandra K. (Keiser) Daily
5 Vineyard Haven
New Cumberland, PA 17070
Telephone: (717) 774-1582

Catered by 'Grant' from the Shellsville VFW
Handicap Entrance through the rear of cafeteria



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Edwina Galloway Cassel "67"
Barry Epstein "60"
Michael K. Foster "63"
John Frantz "79"
Nanette Kehler Frantz "82"
Robert O. Mosser "73"
Timothy S. Patterson "68"
Judy Hetrick Riley "60"
Julia Dawson Row "55"

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

Class of '60 - 43
Class of '97 - 38
Class of '54 - 36
Class of '61 - 34
Class of '71 - 34
Class of '50 - 32
Class of '56 - 31

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

Challenge your former Classmates to join the other 1145 members of your Alumni Association!

LEST WE FORGET

Mary LeVan Albert "39"
John William Barnhart "72"
Colonel Clarence A. (Chuck) Bricker (Retired) "49"
Ruth Myers Courts "54"
John Edward Fickinger "58"
Barry D. Fox "81"
Beverly Arlene (Turns) Jamison "56"
Louise (White) Mummert "41" (STHS first full time nurse)
Bryce Alexander Kreiser Park "08"
Charles Reitzel "47"
Paul C. Sangree "48"
Mary Harro Schnaithmann "32"
Carol Tolbert Seidel "61"
Helen (Gorse) Slabonik "47"
Dorothy Parson Uhazie "38"
John K. Winters "32"
Richard H. Wojnar "61"



CLASS NEWS



The **Class of 1965** has scheduled their **45th Class Reunion** on October 23, 2010 from 7PM to 10PM at Duke's Riverside Bar and Grille, Wormleysburg. \$25 per person covers room rental, hors d'oeuvres, ice tea, coffee, tax and tip. Cash Bar. Reservations by Sept 8. For Information: Barb Smith Pearce at 697-4114, please leave message, or barbpearce@verizon.net or email Linda Dale at ljdale22@yahoo.com.

The **Class of 1980** will hold a **30 year Reunion** on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at The Firehouse Restaurant on 2nd Street in Harrisburg. Invitations will be sent later this year. If you are a member of the STHS Class of 1980 please email your current mailing address, email address and telephone number to sths1980@gmail.com

The **Class of 1975** will celebrate their **35 year reunion** at Arooga's (Rt. 22) on Saturday, October 2 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm

The **Class of 1995** will celebrate their **15 year reunion** on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at Appalachian Brewing Company - details to follow closer to the event date. Contact Molly Brennan Capp at molly.capp@hcps.org or (410)-808-4457 with questions.

The **Class of 2000** will celebrate their **10 year Reunion** on Saturday November 27th, 2010 from 6-10pm at the Appalachian Brewing Company in Harrisburg. For more information please contact Alana Avent at (717) 329-8799 or lanielove_42@hotmail.com

The **Class of 1949** celebrated their **Reunion** recently at the Holiday Inn Grantville. Twenty-two class members attended the event that was chaired by Charles Kannegieser. Doloris Gutshall Miller, travelling from Alaska, came the furthest distance. Charles Kannegieser created and presented each class member a stained glass yellow rose sun-catcher as a memento. The yellow rose is the Class flower.

The **Class of 1950** held their **60th Reunion** on Saturday August 28th at the home of Karlene (Pud) Bolton. An all day picnic was enjoyed by twenty-three classmates and their spouses and friends. Perfect weather set the tone for the outstanding event. A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to "Pud" for being such a SPECIAL HOSTESS and to all of the classmates that helped make this a day we will always remember fondly.

The **Class of 1960** held their **50th Class Reunion** at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel June 18-20, 2010. Eighty-three people attended including forty-five class members and their guests with some coming as far away as California. Friday evening was a Meet and Greet over snacks and drinks. Twenty deceased classmates were fondly remembered.

The reunion dinner was held Saturday evening with Larry Rutt serving as MC and DJ. Larry has emceed Air Shows throughout the US. Joy Detweiler O'Gorman, Pat Amos Helm, and Richard Hivner, along with Mrs Hivner, honored the Class with their presence. Sunday morning, Carol Brightbill opened her home and beautiful yard for a delicious Brunch.

The Class presented three gifts to the Susquehanna Twp School District: an Honor Brick at the Veteran's Memorial Park with the Class of 1960 inscribed, \$500 towards the electronic Billboard, and \$400 toward the building of the Vietnam War Memorial.

Please note!

All general correspondence should be sent to:
Dwayne DeFoor
3404 Brookside Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17109
or
defoord@verizon.net



YOU ARE INVITED!!!

The Alumni Association will hold a Board Meeting on **Thursday October 14 at 7:00PM** in the STHS Keiser-Fearen library.

All Alumni and Friends are invited to attend. Come join the Board for a brief meeting and **light snacks** so that you may get acquainted with your Alumni Association.

We are always looking for and welcome interested new board members and volunteers to help in this worthwhile membership experience. It's always fun recalling "the good old days!"

Come Join Us on October 14

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

Are you a Golfer? Know a Golfer?

The Alumni Association is reviewing the possibility of sponsoring a Golf fundraiser in 2011. We are polling members to determine interest.



If you have any interest in Golfing PLEASE contact **Bob Chapman** at (717) 232-0683 or chapmarw@verizon.net

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Robert Chapman, Sr. '55

Vice President- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Secretary- Sandy (Keiser) Daily '65

Treasurer- Carol Brightbill '60

Committees :

Membership- Carol Brightbill '60, Dwayne DeFoor, '78

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

Publicity- Anna Mae (Harman) Mumma '52

Activities- Connie Yontz Aurand '53, Frances Burd '50,
Dottie George '47, Barbara Pearce '65, Sandy Daily '65

Historical- Roy Knupp '52, Al Richwine '39

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

School Liaison- Peggy (Hummel) Keiser '45

Auditing- Marlin McElheny '50, Pat Miller Helm '49

Hanna Education 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

Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53

Dottie Burger George '47

Audrey Hammaker '50

Pat Lebo '54

Elizabeth Kannegieser King '53

Alice J Robinson Lucas '48

John Turski '49

Albert Richwine '39

Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Tony Wright '86



All membership items — New Members, Change of Name or Address, and Obits should be sent to:

Membership Chairman

Carol Brightbill

**3817 Schoolhouse Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109**

717-545-3939


cbrightbill17109@verizon.net



~ SPOTLIGHT ~

An International Family

The McLaren's '76, '77 and '79



Beth (McLaren) Durand '76 resides in France. After graduating from STHS, she went on to major in French at Millersville where she met and married French native Christian Durand. Their two children, Claire and Christophe, were born in France where the family has resided since 1992. Claire is planning to live with her grandmother and take her 10th grade at STHS for the 2009-10 school year.

Bruce McLaren '77 resides in Germany. He, too, went on to Millersville where he majored in computer science. After living in Pittsburgh for several years where he earned a master's degree and a PhD, Bruce and his wife, Gabriele, and their two sons Patrick and Dominik are presently living in Germany. Bruce does research on the use of computers in classrooms. His work is done in part for Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and in part for Saarbrücken University in Saarbrücken, Germany.

Mark '79 resides in Florida. He graduated from Bloomsburg and earned his MBA from Penn State. He has since passed the CPA licensing test and is currently working on his CFA charter. He is a self-employed consultant. He and his wife, Sandra, have three children, Mason, Hadley and Reece.

The youngest McLaren, **Deborah Shultz**, and her husband, Andrew, and their two children, Zachary and Hannah, live in Lewisberry, PA. After attending Susquehanna Township schools she graduated from Dauphin County Vo-Tech.



~ In Memoriam ~

Published in Patriot-News on August 14, 2010

Retired U.S. Army Colonel Clarence A. (Chuck) Bricker



Retired U.S. Army Colonel Clarence A. (Chuck) Bricker, 77, of Mt. Holly Springs, was born September 13, 1931 in Harrisburg, PA and passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2010 in his home.

During his 40-year military career his enlisted service carried him to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was appointed to warrant officer and achieved the grade of Chief Warrant Officer W2 prior to attending Officer Candidate School, Ft. Benning, GA, where he was promoted to Second Lieutenant.

He held many top-level staff assignments and was the first full-time Battalion Commander for the 108th Field Artillery in Carlisle. He held two positions of Executive Officer in the 1st SQDN, 104th Cavalry and retired as the Executive Officer of the 28th Infantry Division Artillery.

After his retirement he held positions of Assistant Track Coach at Dickinson College, sports writer for the Evening Sentinel and Deputy Sheriff for Cumberland County. He was also a PIAA baseball, track and basketball official.

A native of Harrisburg, Bricker graduated from Susquehanna Twp. H.S. where he excelled in football, basketball and track, setting scoring records in the Lower Susquehanna Conference in basketball and District 3 records in track. He attended Shippensburg State Teachers College prior to entering the Army and lettered in football, basketball and track. He was a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Washington, D.C. and the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.





MEMORIAL GARDENS at Veterans Park

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

A committee has been formed to begin the process to erect a Vietnam Memorial in the Memorial gardens. Anyone that would like to be a member of the Vietnam Memorial Committee, please contact Shirley Kannegieser at (717) 921-8536.

The Alumni Assn. is seeking your support in acquiring the names of all Vietnam Veterans who either graduated from STHS or lived in the Township during the period of time that they served in the service from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

We will keep you posted as fund raising opportunities begin and grant funding becomes available.

If you have any information regarding Vietnam Veterans you may send it to Shirley Kannegieser at 27 Hillside Rd., Dauphin, Pa., 17018 or (717) 921-8536.

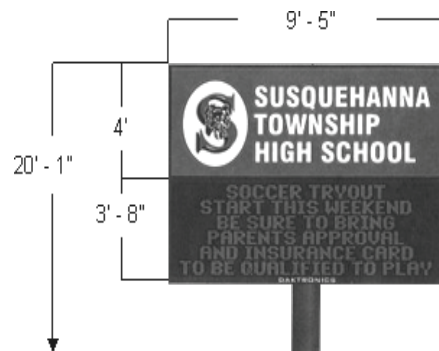
Digital Sign Capital Campaign

Donations are still being accepted for the Digital Sign. The proposed digital sign will sit at the corner of Elmer-ton 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 sign with an LED matrix display. The top portion 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 digital sign will stand 20 feet high.

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 Kannegieser at 921- 8536 if you have any questions or comments.



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 at (717) 921-8536.

See order form located on page 7



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An application can be completed on-line at:
www.giantaplus.com

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The 2010-2011 program begins October 10, 2010, and runs through March 19, 2011.

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)



Digital Sign 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



