

THE SMOKE SIGNAL

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,



I hope that you, your family, and your friends are enjoying the summer. Soon another school year will begin. We're looking forward to working even more closely with our entire school district on a host of opportunities. We hope you are able to come out to our events to support your alumni association and our beloved alma mater.

I know that our students will draw strength from being connected to you, our alumni, and having the sense that they are following in the footsteps of a storied history.

It has been an extremely busy few months since the last newsletter. We've had our successful 3rd Annual Golf Charity Event benefitting our Scholarship Fund, had our 24th Annual Banquet, which was outstanding, assisted the school district in locating an exceptional 2014 Commencement Keynote Speaker in C.J. Skender '72, and last but not least, the School District's Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Shirley Kannegieser '50 also at the June Commencement!



Partnering with the Hanna Education Foundation, we've raised nearly \$17,000 for the High School Murals Preservation Campaign. Please join us for a Murals Tour directly after the Fall Breakfast on September 27. The Vietnam Memorial project is in full swing. And the high school student's submitted a proposal to us, which we graciously accepted, to sponsor the 4th Annual Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser and events for the school district. See you at the PINK Out football game on October 24!

I hope that the Smoke Signal will help to keep our alumni and friends up-to-date with what's happening with their classmates/friends and our current student body. Of course, all of the officers, board members, and former classmates, would love to see you in person—come to a football game, join us for the Annual Golf Event and Banquet, or either of our Breakfasts.

I hope to see more of you soon—it's been too long.

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78

We miss you here!

Help us

share alumni

in the news!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fall Breakfast and HS Murals Tour
Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 9:00AM
Murals Tour at 10:15AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

*Breast Cancer Awareness PINK OUT
& Homecoming Football Game*
Friday, October 24, 2014 at 7:00PM
Roscoe Warner Field
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Charity Golf Event
(Benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund)
Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8:30AM
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road

25th Annual Banquet
Saturday, June 20, 2015 at 12:00 Noon
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kevin Hickey '86
 Steven Longenecker '83
 Gary L. Miller '59
 Stephen Morris '14
 Marv Redcross '92
 Matt Rhodes '01
 Kameron Rohacek '14
 C. J. Skender '72
 Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85
 Steve Weikert '89
 Tanner Turner-Rush '14

Top Members By Class

Class	60	97	54	61	71	65	50	56	49	63	58
Number	41	38	35	34	34	32	30	29	28	26	25

Have your former Classmates join the **1150** members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend!

LEST WE FORGET

Damon Baltimore '87
 Jean Erbacher Berrier '59
 Christopher Black '68
 Randy Brenner 'Guidance Center / Teacher'
 Jennifer Dido '09
 Bob Doyle '45
 Homer Evitts '50
 Mae Wenrick Leedy '44
 Wendy Figowitt Lieberman '67
 Anne Moody '69
 Greg Mosten '81
 Ted Pettibon '77
 Marilyn Haley Shade '81
 Zachary Moore '12



The "Harrisburg Honeys", Class of 1958



The **Class of 1964** will hold their **50th** Reunion on October 10 - 11.

- Friday, October 10: Pre-event MIXER at Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar/Rt 22, 7025 ALLENTOWN BLVD from 6 pm until ? The Mixer is OPEN TO ALL in classes '62, '63, '64, '65 & '66. Food and drinks on a cash basis. RSVP to Dave Funk in advance of the weekend at davefunk11@verizon.net or (757) 867-8885.
- Saturday, October 11: Main event at Blue Ridge CC, 3940 Linglestown Road. Reception at 6 PM; dinner buffet at 7 PM; social hour afterwards until 10 pm or later. Cost **\$50 per person** with a cash bar. Facility is handicap accessible. Attendance by *pre-paid registration only*; no "walk-ins". If any classmates have not received their info, please contact Jerry Kreider at (610) 667-4759 or jwk38@cornell.edu Last date for registration was August 1, 2014.

The **Class of 1954's** 60th Reunion is to be held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Radisson Hotel, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA 17011. The Class of 1954 Reunion Committee is attempting to locate Elizabeth Black Slusser and Phyllis Barner Fasolt. If anyone has contact information, please contact **Rita Roy Warner** at (717) 232-9009 or **Anna Young Shope** at (717) 545-9923.

In addition to the upcoming reunion, members of the 1954 class meet the third Tuesday of each month for lunch at the Pan Tree Restaurant, 9 N Progress Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17109 at 12:00 Noon. Everyone is welcome—come join us!

The "Harrisburg Honeys", Class of 1958, gathered for their 16th mini Reunion in Harrisburg over the August 1 weekend...**Joanne Pickell Lauver, Margie Ross Berrier, Betsy Shelley Hetzel, and Liz Pugh Grout** enjoyed "Oklahoma" at Allenberry Playhouse followed by dinner at the Boiling Springs Tavern. Over the years, the group has traveled to Pasadena MD, Annapolis, St. Michael's, several New York theaters, West Chester PA, Wilmington DE, Stone Harbor, the Villages, FL, Ft. Collins, Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs, CO, Savannah GA, San Antonio, TX. The "Harrisburg Honeys" are always hoping to find more fun spots to visit!
 ~ See photo on right ~

Thank you Liz Pugh Grout for the Class News!

Around the School District

Pink Out for Breast Cancer Awareness



The Alumni Association is a proud sponsor of the student's *Pink Out* Breast Cancer Awareness events coming in the Fall. On October 24, 2014 the students will be holding the 4th Annual *Pink Out* at our home football game versus Mechanicsburg. As in past years, there are many exciting things the student body has planned for this evening and many ways the community can help support their efforts. Over \$28,000 has been raised during the past three events, which were donated to *Vicki's Angels* and to *Making Strides* on behalf of the students of Susquehanna Township. The student designed *Pink Out* t-shirt/sweatshirt, which is to be worn the night of the *Pink Out* game, can be purchased via the **order form on page 7**. You may also order a candle that will make up a ribbon display during the game.

High School Mural Preservation

The Alumni Association and Hanna Education Foundation continue to raise funds for the high school **Mural Preservation** campaign. The first of the murals were painted in 1971. As of August 15, **\$16,531** has been graciously donated. The funds will be used to offset the costs of the HVAC redesign and to possible creation of commemorative items for alumni and friends to purchase. We will be looking to the extended community for ideas on future activities and preservation efforts.



Thank You to the **McClure Company** for their generous donation that reduced the overall expense to \$100K and their willingness to allow a year to cover the redesign costs.

A Very Special Thank You goes to **Matt Rhodes, Class of 2001**. Matt returned from a Kenya photo shoot to take the digital photographs over the summer.

In addition, Thank You to all of our ST family who have offered advice and professional services.

Your *tax deductible check* payable to "STHS Alumni Association" may be sent to STHS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-1474. Please mark "Murals" on your check.

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Vice President- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Treasurer- Virginia Miller Wright '88

Committees

Activities- Connie Yontz Aurand '53, Frances Burd '50, Sandy Daily '65, Dottie George '47, Barbara Pearce '65, Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53, Helen McCollum '56

Auditing- Open

Fundraising- Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman

Golf Committee- Tim DeFoor '79 Chairman, Gilbert Scheibelhut '53, Joel Dietrick '56, Tony Wright '86, Brian Jackson, Bob Reichard '72

Hanna Education Foundation - Tim DeFoor '79, John Fabian '03, Eric Waters '86

Historical- Roy Knupp '52, Al Richwine '39

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

Memorial Gardens- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

* **Korean War Memorial-** 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-** Roy Knupp, '52 Chairman, Bob Chapman '55, Melvin Longenecker '52, Homer Pontius '52, Arlene Prentice '69, Albert Richwine '39, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

* **Vietnam War Memorial-** Richard Fleegal '60, Chairman, Carol Carter '63, Charles Lloyd '58, Ben Lerew, Richard Veet '65, Bill Dale '65, Barry Garber '59, Richard Burton, Gary Lyter, Harry Stoner '65, Bill Irwin '57, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

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

Nominating- Melvin Longenecker '52, Tony Wright '86

Publicity- Anna Mae (Harman) Mumma '52

Scholarship- Bob Chapman '55, Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Pat Miller Helm '49, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Melvin Longenecker '52, Tony Wright '86, Virginia Miller Wright '88

School Liaison- Peggy (Hummel) Keiser '45

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

John Skethway '56

Dottie Burger George '47

Audrey Hammaker '50

Albert Richwine '39



Send Membership Name Changes, New Addresses, and Obits to:

Membership Chairman

Carol Brightbill

**3817 Schoolhouse Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109**

717-545-3939

cbrightbill3817@gmail.com



Out-n-About

Golf Event Wrap-up



Community Carnival- June 17-21



24th Annual Banquet- June 28

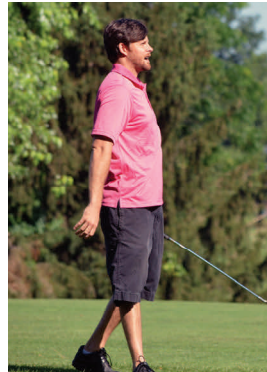


Graduation - June 11

The 3rd Annual Charity Golf event was held on the morning of Friday, June 27, 2014 at Valley Green Golf Course. Alumni golfers, donors, family, friends, and community leaders represented the diverse field. The weather was outstanding for the participants and volunteers who enjoyed the day of breakfast, golf, lunch, and prizes. This year's event raised \$2,500 for the Alumni Scholarship fund.



A special thank you to the Golf Committee who made this tournament successful. A thank you to those who played and to all those who volunteered leading up to the tournament and throughout the day.



By participating in the golf tournament, you are helping to provide assistance to graduating students in pursuit of their post-secondary education.

The 2015 event is already scheduled for June 19th at Colonial Golf & Tennis Club. See you there!



Newsletter Delivery

If you would prefer to receive your Newsletter via email, please notify Dwayne DeFoor at defoord@verizon.net. Please provide the email address where you wish to have the Newsletter delivered.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for electronic delivery so far!!! 210 and counting!!!



John Fabian '03 and wife Jenna welcome the next generation of alumni, Quinn Fabian!

Congratulations John and Jenna!!!



Sign up family or friends as Alumni Association members. Together we can make a difference!

www.hannasd.org/Page/1914

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or

www.facebook.com/STHSAA

Calling All Alumni We need a rep for your class!



We are looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to represent your class as a liaison to the **Alumni Association**. The Class Liaison would be called upon to interface with your class regarding Alumni social events, information verification, fundraising, membership, and other related activities.

PLEASE contact SHIRLEY KANNEGIESER at (717) 921-8536 or email at sjkann50@comcast.net

Military Service

Do you have an alumni family member or friend currently serving in the military? Let us know. Please provide their STHS graduation year, Military Branch and Rank, if known. We'll acknowledge them in the newsletter.

Memorial Gardens

Our Vietnam Memorial project continues to progress. The Susquehanna Twp. Board of Commissioners recently agreed to co-sponsor our request for casino grant funding. The Vietnam Memorial will honor all veterans who served from 1961-1975. Eric Waters '86 & Shirley Kannegieser '50 will present the association's grant funding request to the Gaming Commission in early September.

The students in the Art Program at STHS are diligently working on the design for the memorial. The estimated cost of this project at completion including sidewalks, shrubbery, flagpoles, etc. is \$60,000. See Pennlive article [here](#)

We are now reaching out to all former classmates, friends, neighbors, and family members to supply us with names of veterans and to help support this project with a *tax deductible* monetary donation. The memorial will contain names of STHS alumni or veterans who lived in the township and served in the military during the Vietnam War from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

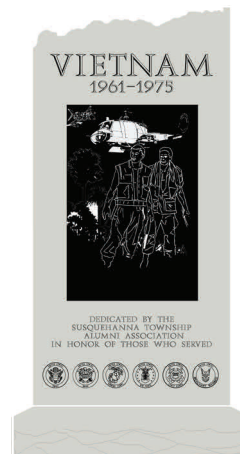
To add names to the list please send information to Charles Lloyd at CHASL10YD@VERIZON.NET - (717-503-2862) or Gary Lyter at GJLYTERI@VERIZON.NET - (717-566-8341). General questions may be directed to Shirley Kannegieser at sjkann50@comcast.net - (717-921-8536).

Monetary donations for the Vietnam Memorial may be handled as follows: Make checks payable to the Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn. (mark *Vietnam Memorial* on your check) and send to:

Melvin Longenecker
Memorial Gardens Treasurer
3215 Brookfield Rd.
Harrisburg, Pa., 17109

Thank you for your continued support!

Vietnam Memorial Committee
Richard Fleegal-Chairman, Carol Carter, Larry Carter, Bill Dale, Dave Funk, Barry Garber, Ben Lerew, Charles Lloyd, Harry Stoner, Richard Veet



Artist drawing of proposed memorial

2014 Graduation

Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50 was presented the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award by Dr. Jeffrey Miller, acting superintendent, Susquehanna Twp. School District during the June Commencement.



Congratulations Shirley!

The 2014 Keynote was delivered by **C. J. Skender '72**. A professor at the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flagler Business School, C.J.'s address was titled "*Reflections of STHS and Beyond*". Here are just a few of many many memorable quotes made by C.J.:

"Have a roadmap of where you want to go. And what you want to do. Write it down."

"Don't be afraid of failing or of making mistakes. You're human, aren't you? It's how you handle adversity that is key. Take risks."

"Give something back and pass something on. To move forward in life and grow, you must do this. The fact that you are here tonight graduating means someone.... Or many some ones have sacrificed for you along the way. Reciprocate. It's what you do for others that ultimately measures your worth."



Thank You C. J.!

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Giant Foods Cash for Causes Gift Cards

Do you or do you know someone who shops for groceries and gas at Giant Food Stores? Here's an easy way to financially support the Alumni Association with expenses like our Newsletter costs.

You do not have to make donations or buy extra products. Simply, just purchase your Giant Cash for Causes gift card directly from the Alumni Association then shop at Giant with your gift card instead of cash or credit.

The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association will earn 5% on every gift card purchased.

Please contact Tammi Hammaker via telephone at (717) 215-7583 or thammaker@verizon.net

THANK YOU for your support



MEMBERSHIP ALUMNI & FRIENDS



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY

\$15.00 for Alumni / \$20.00 for Associate (non-Alumni)

Check payable to: *STHS Alumni Association*

Mail your check and Membership Info to:
Virginia Wright
4317 Beaufort Hunt Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Prefer to receive your newsletter via email? Circle: Yes or No

Include a **Tax Deductible Donation** \$ _____
In support of Scholarship, Memorial Gardens, Newsletter,
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 **Pink Out** Long Sleeve Shirts, Sweatshirts and Beanies

Your Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Due by September 19th	Sm	M	L	XL	2XL (+\$2.50)	3XL (+\$4.00)	One Size Fits All	TOTAL
Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$15								
Hoodie \$25								
Beanie \$12								

Due by October 4th	#	TOTAL	In Honor of	In Memory of
Candle \$10 ea (displayed in ribbon on game day)				

Please indicate which school your apparel items should be delivered for pick-up:

School pickup: _____

Checks Payable to STHS Alumni Association (Please note PINK OUT in memo line)

Mail form and payment to:

STHS Alumni Association

PO Box 61474

Harrisburg PA 17106-1474



SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI BREAKFAST & Murals Tour

Saturday, September 27, 2014

STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

Registration & Doors Open at 8:00 a.m. / Meal Served at 9:00 a.m.

Murals Tour (free) starts at 10:15 a.m. in high school lobby

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses

DEADLINE: September 22

We are responsible to pay for the number of reservations that we submit.

Questions/Information: **SANDY KEISER DAILY** at (717) 774-1582

Name _____

Ladies—please note Maiden name

Guest Name _____

Class of _____

Telephone # _____

Number of reservations _____ at \$10.00 each Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Reservations must be accompanied by a check made payable to:

STHS Alumni Association

Mail this form with check to:

Sandy Keiser Daily, 5 Vineyard Haven, New Cumberland PA 17070-2251



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