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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,



We are pleased to once again dedicate our August newsletter to our generous DONORS and SUPPORTERS. A financial donation, a prize for one of our charity events, or a contribution of your time and talent, plays an invaluable role in our service to our extended Susquehanna Township family. Winston Churchill stated it best *"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give"*.

What have we accomplished during the 2015-2016 fiscal year?

- ◆ We sponsored the October-long PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness student-led fundraiser. \$9,000 was raised to support those brave women and their families in the battle against cancer.
- ◆ We moved closer towards the construction of our Vietnam Conflict-era Memorial. The design has been finalized and we are driving towards raising the last \$25,000 to complete our project.
- ◆ We increased our two Scholarships to \$750.00 each. Our Strategic Plan is to continue to grow the Scholarship Fund to enable us to provide additional awards including to those alumni returning to school.
- ◆ We supported several student related programs/activities including the Senior Citizens Prom, HS Musical, and THON.
- ◆ We partnered with the STSD Booster Clubs to kick off a much needed campaign to build a new Field House, with an Alumni Hall, to stand at Roscoe Warner Field. Funds are now being raised for architectural conceptual designs.

This upcoming football season, we are extremely pleased to partner with the Touchdown Club to celebrate all of the past participants of our football program at the September 23 game against Red Land. We are looking to "Welcome Home" all of our Alumni and Friends,

Look for more opportunities for us to get together in the upcoming months? Please go to our website www.sthsalumniassociation.com to view information related to ordering Tickets or Making a Donation to any of our events and activities.

In closing, I would like to thank our 2016-2017 Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee members for their dedication to keeping the traditions of our alma mater alive while being mindful of the future.

We hope to see you at an upcoming event. Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

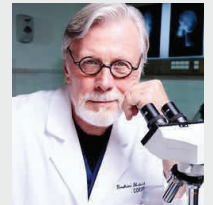
Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78
defoord@verizon.net

Gary Martin '81, was unanimously approved on Monday, May 16 by the school board as the Susquehanna Township Boys Basketball head coach. After graduating from Susquehanna Twp., Gary played at Lock Haven before taking on a myriad of assistant coaching positions. He then spent two years as the head coach at Cedar Cliff before arriving at Greencastle-Antrim, where he amassed an 87-54 record in six seasons.



Graham Hetrick '63, premiered his eight-part forensic series "The Coroner: I Speak for the Dead," on July 18 at 10:00PM. Graham's series is broadcast on Investigation Discovery or ID (part of the Discovery family). In Harrisburg it is on Comcast 111 and Verizon 123. Check your local listings.



Alex Bender '05, is currently the trumpet player on Cirque du Soleil's Broadway musical, *Paramour*. Alex' previous credits include Broadway's *Finding Neverland*, *Side Show* and *Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Cinderella"*, touring with *Idina Menzel*, and NBC's production of *Peter Pan Live*. Alex also finds time to perform in the quintet, *New Age Brass*.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Alumni Fall Breakfast

Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Homecoming Football Game

Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7:00PM
Roscoe Warner Field
3500 Elmerton Avenue

PINK OUT Football Game

Friday, October 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Roscoe Warner Field
3500 Elmerton Avenue

"No Time to Spare" Bowling Event

Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 PM
ABC North Lanes
5303 Locust Lane



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Zoe Clark '16
Rhyce Hammaker '16
Wade Hisiro '16
Kevin Peter '75

Elliot Solomon '16
Mark Sussman '77
Miriam Gomez Witmer '79

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

LEST WE FORGET

Rebecca Wrighton Banks '45
Ray Bates '49
John 'Randy' Colden
Donald Crumlich '57
Mary E. (Betsy) Kingsborough Davidson '58
Christopher Downs '74
Guyon Lee Fair '54
Carl 'Skip' Giddings '50
Edith Johnston Henry '52
Clarence 'Mike' Hollinger 97
Larry Hoopes '60
David C. Isele '64
Mary Leedy
Virginia Lenker '41
Joseph 'Joe' Montgomery '67
John Pedlow '59
Roger Splawn '51
Albert 'Slugger' Thorpe
George F. Turns 42
Rita Warner 54
Richard Meredith Weaver '53
Irene 'Renie' Wolford '56



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**.

Current Class Reps are posted on our website at www.sthsalumniassociation.com

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

Having a Reunion? Let us know!

Email us at sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com and we will post your event to:

Alumni website: www.sthsalumniassociation.com

Alumni Facebook page: www.facebook.com/STHSAA

School District Alumni page: <http://hannasd.org/Page/4104>



Class News



The **Class of 1954**, beginning **September 28, 2016**, will meet **ANNUALLY** on the **LAST WEDNESDAY** of **SEPTEMBER** at Gilligan's on Eisenhower Boulevard. You will select and pay for your own meals.

All members of the Class of 1954 are also invited to meet for lunch the third Tuesday of each month at the Pan Tree Restaurant on Progress Avenue at **NOON**.

The **Class of 1961** celebrating their 55th Reunion! Congrats!!!



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:
STHS Alumni Association
PO Box 61474
Harrisburg, PA 17106-1474

Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ (if appropriate)

Phone _____

Email _____

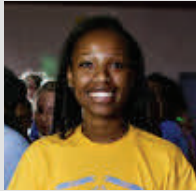
Prefer to receive your newsletter via email? Circle: Yes or No

Include a **Tax Deductible Donation** \$ _____
In support of Scholarship, Memorial Gardens, Newsletter,
or General Fund

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Around the School District

The Patriot-News/PennLive Best and Brightest for 2016 included STHS' **Joan Michelle Njoroge '16** and **Elliot Solomon '16**.



Joan's honors include being a panelist on the Youth Violence Forum 2016, the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center PULSE program, Mid-Penn First Team All-Stars field hockey, AP Scholar, Soroptomist Violet Richardson Award, Key Club Thomas Muchler Distinguished Club President's Award, and National Honor Society. Joan's activities were the Key Club, internship at Jatto Internal Medicine and Wellness, field hockey, yearbook staff, student government vice president, Pinnacle Health summer volunteer, National Black MBA Association Leaders of Tomorrow, and HCR Manor Care volunteer. Joan will attend Boston University to major in neuroscience.



Elliot's honors included Key Club International Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award 2015, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Junior Advisory Council, Hanna Education Foundation student representative, National Honor Society, AP Scholar, and PHEAA certificate of merit for SAT performance. His activities were the Key Club, Student Government, President of the Class of 2016, prom committee, cross country, and a teacher's assistant at Beth El Religious School. Elliot will attend Schreyer Honor College at Penn State University, where he will major in finance.

Track & Field



Yasmin Brooks (middle)

The ladies of STHS demonstrated their prowess during the 2016 Track & Field season. STHS finished tied with North Penn for 3rd in the State team title behind Cheltenham and State College. Junior Yasmin Brooks won both the 100M 300M hurdle events. The 4X100 finished 4th running 47.19 and the 4X400 finished 3rd in a blistering 3.46.69. Yasmin's 300M hurdle time of 41.71 and the 4X400 relay team both achieved National Federation of High Schools Honor Roll! On the way to States, the ladies were repeat District 3 AAA Track and Field TEAM CHAMPIONS with three wins, including two from Yasmin.

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Vice President- John Fabian '03

Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Treasurer- Tammi Hammaker '83

Committees

Activities- Connie Yontz Aurand '53, Frances Burd '50, Sandy Daily '65, Dottie Burger Gillard '47, Barb Smith Pearce '65, Helen Forbes McCollum '56,

Auditing- Open

Fundraising- Tammi Hammaker '83 Chair

Golf Committee- Mike Buskey '85, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), Mike Ferguson '85, Tammi Hammaker '83 Chair, Andrew Rutherford '03, Gilbert Scheibelhut '53, Matt Tucci '78, Shirley Kannegieser '50

Hanna Education Foundation- John Fabian '03 President; Dwayne DeFoor, Vice President; Eric Waters '86

Historical- Al Richwine '39, Pat Lebo '54, Dwayne DeFoor '78

Membership- Dwayne DeFoor, '78

Memorial Gardens- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Chair

* **Korean War Memorial-** Bob Chapman '55, James Hartman '51, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50 Co-Chair, Melvin Longenecker '52, Dr. Tom Peck '51 Co-Chair, 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, Carol Carter '63, David Funk '64, Charles Lloyd '58, Ben Lerew, Richard Veet '65, Chair, 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

Publicity- Anna Mae (Harman) Mumma '52

Scholarship- Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chair, Tammi Hammaker '83, Pat Miller Helm '49, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Melvin Longenecker '52

School Liaison- Julie Deniston, STHS, Peggy (Hummel) Keiser '45

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

John Skethway '56



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

STHS Alumni Association
PO Box 61474
Harrisburg, PA 17106

Telephone: 717-236-3557

sthshalumniassociation@gmail.com

More Around the School District

Baseball

The Boys Baseball team turned in an outstanding 2016 campaign. The Indians defeated Mid-Penn Keystone rival Bishop McDevitt by a score of 5-4 in the District 3 Class 3A third place game.

Qualifying for States, STHS opened with a 6-5 win over District 12 champion Archbishop Wood followed by a 10-0 win over District 11 champ Palmerton. The Palmerton win propelled the team to the first PIAA Class 3A baseball semifinal in school history. In the semifinal game, STHS defeated District 2 champion North Pocono 1-0 to set up the PIAA Championship game against District 6 champion Bellefonte.



STHS closed out a brilliant season and first PIAA Finals appearance in our school's history, with a hard fought 0-2 loss to Bellefonte. Shortly after the season, Coach Rob Martin announced his retirement.

2016 Graduation

On Thursday, June 9, Susquehanna Township High School held its 104th Commencement at the Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. Elliott Solomon, 2016 Class President, welcomed everyone to the 104th Commencement. Valedictorian was Wade Hisiro. Joya Maser and Joseph Nguyen shared Salutatorian.



Dr. Miriam Gomez Witmer (left), Class of 1979, a Professional Public Speaker at MGWSpeaks (Miriam Gomez Witmer Speaks) and adjunct faculty member at Millersville University, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, delivered the Keynote Address "Defining Moments". While **Dwayne DeFoor** (far right), Class of 1978, STHS Alumni Association president and HANNA Education Foundation vice-president, was honored with the school district's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2016! Your Alumni Association wishes you all the best as you continue on your journey. We are with you.

Touchdown Club "Welcome Home" Football Game

The Susquehanna Township Touchdown Club, in partnership with the Alumni Association would like to start a new tradition, one that includes our Alumni. Anyone associated with the football program throughout its history, including players, cheerleaders, band members, trainers, coaches, and support staff, are invited back to Roscoe Warner Field to be recognized during the September 23, 2016 football game against Red Land.

This "Welcome Home" event is designed to showcase participants from all decades of our football program. And to welcome you back in what is hoped to be an annual tradition.

Let us know of your interest. We'll compile a participant list to ensure we have interest and allow us to adequately recognize those in attendance. Send an email to sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com. Look for additional information on our website and Facebook pages shortly.



Do you have Memorabilia?

Please contact **Shirley Kannegieser** at (717) 921-8536 or sjkann50@comcast.net

Happy 30th Anniversary GREG KELLER on your State Track & Field Championships!

In 1986, **Greg Keller** won the 1986 PIAA State titles in both the discus (168.4) and the shot put (54.8) while helping STHS win the State Team title. Greg was a back to back dual State Champ in both events. In addition to winning the State discus title in 1986 and 1985, Greg also won in 1984! It should be noted that Greg was also District Champ in the same events over the same years. Greg is an orthopedic surgeon in the orthopedic trauma service at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center located in Phoenix, Arizona..



Like us on Facebook!

Search on "Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association"

or

www.facebook.com/STHSAA

2016 Golf Tournament

Join your alumni and friends on the golf course in support of our Scholarship Fund! Sign-up to day for our **Fifth Charity Golf Tournament** on **Friday, June 30, 2017** at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club at 8:30AM.

Not a golfer? Be A **Hole Sponsor**, **Donate a Prize**, **Volunteer on the Committee**, or **Help on Event Day!**

Please direct interest and questions to either:

Timothy DeFoor (717) 319-5658

tidefoor@comcast.net

or

Tammi Hammaker at (717) 215-7583

thammaker@verizon.net

or

John Fabian at (717) 645-5430

John.Fabian@gmail.com



Sign up via Eventbrite with a credit card:

www.eventbrite.com/e/tee-off-for-scholarships-tickets-24365158846

or make a Donation or provide a Sponsorship

2016 Golf Committee:

Mike Buskey '85, Tim DeFoor '79 Honorary Chair, John Fabian '03, Mike Ferguson '85, Tammi Hammaker '83 Chair, Andrew Rutherford '03, Gilbert Scheibelhut '53, Matt Tucci '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78

Benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund

Memorial Gardens

VIETNAM
1961-1975



DEDICATED BY THE
SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED



Artist drawing of proposed memorial

Our Vietnam Committee submitted another Dauphin County Gaming Grant request on July 29. We expect a response in early 2017. The goal is to be able to raise the last \$30,000 to allow us to achieve a Spring of 2017 installation. The Vietnam Memorial Committee recently finalized the drawings to be etched on the monument. It is estimated the total costs to construct our third memorial will be approximately \$60,000.

As a reminder, the memorial will contain names of STHS alumni or veterans who lived in the township and served in the military during the Vietnam Conflict era from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

We currently have 225 names. Keep them coming!

Information or questions may be directed to either **Shirley Kannegieser** at sjkann50@comcast.net / (717) 921-8536 or **Richard Veet** at (717) 564-6597.

Would you like to make a *tax deductible* monetary donation towards the Vietnam Memorial? 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 War Memorial Committee

Richard Fleegal, Carol Carter, Larry Carter,
Bill Dale, Dave Funk, Barry Garber, Shirley Kannegieser,
Ben Lerew, Charles Lloyd, Gary Lyter,
Harry Stoner, Richard Veet

cash for causes

Giant Foods Cash for Causes Gift Cards

Shop at Giant Food Stores? Here's an easy way to financially support the Alumni Association with expenses like our Newsletter costs.

Simply purchase your Giant Cash for Causes gift card **at face value** directly from the Alumni Association, then shop at Giant with your gift card instead of cash or credit.



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

Please contact

Dwayne at (717) 236-3357 or defoord@verizon.net
Shirley at (717) 921-8536 or sjkann50@comcast.net
Tammi at (717) 215-7583 or thammaker@verizon.net

We're Searching for **VOLUNTEERS**

Golf Event
Scholarship Fund
Class Reps
Outreach

Fall Breakfast Pancake Breakfast
 Mural Preservation Annual Banquet
 Spring Breakfast Event Planning
 Bowling Event non-profit
 Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraising
 Events Sponsors Donors Vietnam Memorial Outreach
 Class Donations public charity

Your Support at Work

Thank You!



Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness
(Sponsoring Organization)



Paint Up 4 the Kids Run- Four Diamonds Fund
(Donor)



Chicken BBQ / Flea Market - HS Field House



Bowling for Scholarships

Another Fun Way to Make a Difference!

Corporate Charity Basketball Challenge October 1, 2016



Where: Susquehanna Middle School, 801 Wood St. 17109

When: Oct. 1st, 2016, registration 7:30 am

Team Entry Fee: \$300 per team (Min. 3 players and Max. 5)

All Teams will be guaranteed a minimum of 2 games, each game will be half court and self-refereed.

Each team MUST be fielded by players that work for or are members of the organization that was invited to participate.

100% of the proceeds will be donated to the **STHS Alumni Association** for the benefit of programs (Scholarships) and projects (High School Field House), and **The GLY Foundation Funding for Cancer Research and Treatment**.

Registration checks should be made payable to the *Susquehanna Township Alumni Association* and forwarded to STHS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg, PA 17106. Call John at (717) 730-1842 with any questions.

Enter a Team!

Organization: _____

Player 1 Captain) _____

Email _____

Player 2 _____

Email _____

Player 3 _____

Email _____

Player *4 _____

Email _____

Player 5* _____

Email _____

SCHOLARSHIPS **FieldHouse**
 breakfasts
 HersheyVolunteer memorial
 gifts programs PinkOut
 STUDENTS golf
 SUPPORT community
GiantGiftCards
 DONATIONS bowling
 Historical



SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

"No Time to Spare" Bowling Event

Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2:00PM

ABC NORTH LANES

5303 Locust Lane, Harrisburg, PA 17109

\$15.00 Per Bowler

Includes: 3 games & Shoes

Info:
Tammi Hammaker
(717) 215-7583

Raffle Prizes
No additional purchase except entry ticket

Proceeds benefit the
Alumni Scholarship Fund & Thomas Holtzman Food Pantry



Make check payable to: STHS Alumni Association
Or pay via Credit Card at our Eventbrite.com post: [Bowling for a Cause](#)

Send your check marked "Bowling" to:

\$15.00 per person

STHS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg PA, 17106

Deadline: November 1, 2016

SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 24, 2016

STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

Registration & Doors Open at 8:30 a.m. / Breakfast Served at 9:00 a.m.

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses

DEADLINE: September 16

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 include your 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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