

# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

AUGUST 2017 ISSUE

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,*



Today is a day to remind all of you just how much your efforts and support are appreciated. As is our tradition, the August Smoke Signal is dedicated to the generous VOLUNTEERS and DONORS who made a contribution throughout our fiscal year, which closed on June 30. The success of our association is the success of everyone.

THANK YOU for your time and/or financial support.

What have we accomplished during the 2016-2017 fiscal year?

- ◆ Raised \$8,900 during the October-long PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. The student-led fundraiser supports the brave women and their families in the battle against cancer.
- ◆ Raised \$14,185 during the 5th Susquehanna Invitational Charity Golf Tournament. The partnership with the HANNA Education Foundation supports our Scholarship Fund and the Foundation's Mini-Grant Program for student enrichment.
- ◆ \$750 Alumni Scholarships were awarded to both Madeline Shipe '17 and Michael Feeley, Jr. '17 towards their college education.
- ◆ \$2,500 raised towards the "Building Champions" Field House Capital Campaign.
- ◆ Over 240 hours completed in our Hershey Entertainment Volunteer program. While the volunteers received Hershey Park ticket vouchers, the association received Hershey monetary contributions.
- ◆ Supported several student related programs/activities including the Senior Citizens Prom, HS Musical, and Mini-THON.
- ◆ Our Vietnam War Memorial will be Dedicated on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. in Veterans Park. All are welcome to attend.



Don't forget to order your apparel to show your Alumni Pride. Artistic Imprints is hosting our store at [http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Susquehanna-Twp-Alumni\\_c\\_496.html](http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Susquehanna-Twp-Alumni_c_496.html) or go to [COLLEGELANESPORTSWEAR.COM](http://COLLEGELANESPORTSWEAR.COM) then click on Custom Spirit Wear then choose Susquehanna Twp Alumni. Makes a great gift!

As always, Thank you to our Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee members for your dedication and support. You are making a difference!

We hope to see all of our alumni and friends at an upcoming event.

**Go Indians!**

*Dwayne DeFoor '78*  
[sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)

Dwayne DeFoor '78, was presented with the 2016 Gold President of the United States Volunteer Service Award. The award, bestowed by the Points of Light Foundation and Corporation for National & Community Service, is in recognition and appreciation for a commitment to strengthen our nation and communities through volunteer service. Dwayne received a gold lapel pin, a letter and certificate from the President.



## ALUMNI SURVEY

STHS alumni have been invited to participate in a survey being conducted to determine the impact of the coursework and guidance they received when in high school towards ensuring their success in college and during their careers. Janet D. Foor, the Director of Special Education for the Chambersburg Area School District, is a doctoral student at Gwynedd-Mercy University. Her doctoral dissertation and research includes STHS and Chambersburg HS. Results will be shared with the district for impact analysis. The deadline for submitting responses to the survey is October 1, 2017. You may access the Survey and Consent Form on the school district website at <http://www.hannasd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=2803&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=22413&PageID=1>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Alumni Fall Breakfast

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM  
STHS Cafeteria  
3500 Elmerton Avenue

### Homecoming & Pink Out Football Game

Indians vs. Lower Dauphin Falcons  
Friday, October 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Roscoe Warner Field  
3500 Elmerton Avenue

### Vietnam War Memorial Dedication

Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 1:00 PM  
Veterans Park  
1955 Elmerton Avenue



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Have your former Classmates and friends of ST join the **1145** members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend!

## LEST WE FORGET

James T. Harry '40  
Richard E. Hollinger '38



## Middle School Mentors Needed!

Our Middle School is looking for alumni mentors. Spend just 15 to 30 minutes each week with a student. The program will be run by the Township Police Department.

Email [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com) with your interest.

## Join our LinkedIn group to Network or Mentor!

Search on "Susquehanna Township Alumni Group"  
or  
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/susquehanna-township-alumni-group-829436123>



### 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](http://www.sthsalumniassociation.com)

PLEASE contact Irene Knapik at (717) 545-1382 or email at [iknapik313@gmail.com](mailto:iknapik313@gmail.com)

## Having a Reunion? Let us know!

Email us at [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com) and we will post your event to:

Alumni website: [www.sthsalumniassociation.com](http://www.sthsalumniassociation.com)  
Alumni Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/STHSAA](http://www.facebook.com/STHSAA)



# Class News



The **Class of 1954** will hold its second annual reunion on Wednesday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. at Gilligan's on Eisenhower Boulevard. All class members are encouraged to attend. Each attendee will order from the menu and pay for their lunch individually. Reservations should be made by Saturday, September 23rd by contacting Anna Young Shope at [akys128@aol.com](mailto:akys128@aol.com) or (717) 545-9923.

The **Class of 1982** will hold its 35th Reunion on Saturday, October 14th at Rubicon located at 270 North St, Harrisburg, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. The cost is \$77 per person. Other STHS classes and faculty are welcome to join at the bar beginning at 9:00 p.m. For information please call (301) 370-5076 or email [STHSClassof1982@gmail.com](mailto:STHSClassof1982@gmail.com).

The **Class of 1956** held a covered-dish picnic at Ron and Gloria Gutshall's home on June 25.



## 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



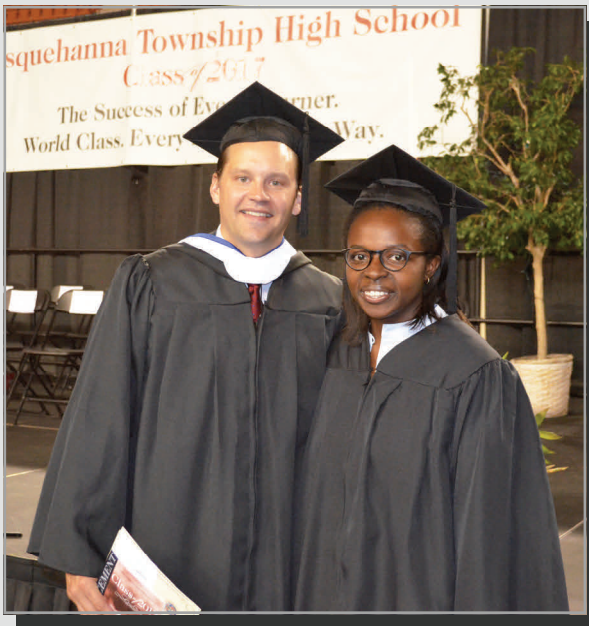
## 2017 Commencement

On Thursday, June 8, 2017, Susquehanna Township High School held its 105th Commencement. Class President Viet Pham welcomed everyone to the ceremony. Valedictorian Albert Ji's reflection was titled "*Insert Title Here*" while Salutatorian Viet Pham's message was titled "*Happiness*".

**Imeme Umana**, the 2017 Keynote Speaker, Class of 2010, is a Harvard College graduate. Following graduation she began a joint-degree program with Harvard Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Most recently, Imeme was elected President of the Harvard Law Review, becoming the first black woman in the journal's 130 year history. Her Keynote Address was titled "*Convictions and Courage*".

During the ceremonies, **John A. Fabian III**, Class of 2003, was honored with the school district's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. John, a former School Board member, is the current HANNA Education Foundation President and Susquehanna Township Alumni Association Vice-President.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the Class of 2017, Imeme, and John!**



John A. Fabian III and Imeme Umana

# BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES



**President-** Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Vice President-** John A. Fabian III '03

**Secretary-** Barbara Smith Pearce '65

**Treasurer-** Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83

### Committees

**Activities-** Sandy Daily '65, Barb Smith Pearce '65, Helen Forbes McCollum '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Kim Fitting '84

**Auditing-**Open

**Fundraising-** Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman

**Susquehanna Invitational Golf Committee-** Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), John Fabian '03, Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Hanna Education Foundation-** John Fabian '03, Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Historical-** Charlene Morris '70, Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Marketing-** Susan Gordon '78

**Membership-** Dwayne DeFoor, '78

**Memorial Gardens-** Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Chairman

**Vietnam War Memorial-** Richard Fleeegal '60, Carol Carter '63, David Funk '64, Charles Lloyd '58, Gary Lyter, Ben Lerew '58, Richard Veet '65, Bill Dale '65, Barry Garber '59, Richard Burton, Harry Stoner '65,

Bill Irwin '57, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

**Newsletter-** Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Nominating-** Melvin Longenecker '52

**Outreach-** Irene Knapik '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

**Pink Out-** Tammi Hammaker '83, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Dr. Patti Buffington (HS) and Jillian Fletcher (MS), Lexi Weikert, Ryan Jacobs

**Scholarship-** Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Shirley Kannegieser '50, John Fabian '03, Irene Knapik '56, Sandy Daily '65

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

**Social Media / Website-** Dwayne DeFoor '78

**Golf Event**  
**Scholarship Fund**  
**Class Reps**  
**Activities**  
**Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness**  
**Events**  
**Sponsors**  
**Outreach**

Fall Breakfast Pancake Breakfast  
 Mural Preservation Annual Banquet  
 Spring Breakfast Event Planning  
 Bowling Event non-profit  
 Fundraising  
 Vietnam Memorial Class Donations public charity

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

STHS Alumni Association  
 PO Box 61474  
 Harrisburg, PA 17106

Telephone: 717-236-3557  
[sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)

# More Around the School District



Elias Coke, 9, now a fourth grade Middle School entrepreneur and owner of Spin City spinners (<https://www.facebook.com/spincitypa/>), donated \$50.00 to the “Building Champions” High School Field House project.

Elias stated he wanted to use his company to perform charitable gifts throughout

the year, and chose the “Building Champions” project as one of this year’s recipients.

What an outstanding young man! We can’t say THANK YOU enough.

You may make your donation too by going to our crowdfunding page: <https://fundly.com/building-champions>

# 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.



We earn 5% on every gift card purchased.

Please contact

Dwayne at (717) 236-3357  
[sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com) or

Shirley at (717) 921-8536  
[sjkann50@comcast.net](mailto:sjkann50@comcast.net)

# SUSQUEHANNA TWP ALUMNI WEBSTORE

THESE ITEMS PLUS SO MUCH MORE!



— VISIT —

**COLLEGELANESPORTSWEAR.COM**  
(CLICK ON CUSTOM SPIRITWEAR PROGRAMS)



**Like us on Facebook!**

Search on “Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association”

or

[www.facebook.com/STHSAA](http://www.facebook.com/STHSAA)

## Do you have Memorabilia?

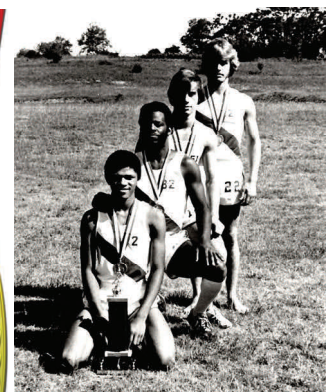
Please contact Charlene Morris at (717) 238-3751 or [clcbasp@live.com](mailto:clcbasp@live.com) or Dwayne De Foor at (717) 572-0901 or [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)

## Happy 40th Anniversary 880 Yard Relay and One Mile Relay State Track & Field Champions!

In 1977, Susquehanna Township’s 880 Yard Relay and One Mile Relay teams won State Track and Field Championships. Both teams set State Records during their races. The 880 Yard Relay is the retired State Record, before the conversion to meters, while the One Mile Relays record was broken in 1978.



One Mile L-R: Dwayne DeFoor, George Diamond, Vince Courts, Bryant Watlington



880 Yard L-R: Dwayne DeFoor, Bryant Watlington, John Frantz, Brian Morgan



One hundred and forty-seven enthusiastic golfers joined us on June 30th at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club for our 5th Susquehanna Invitational charity golf tournament which benefited both the STHS Alumni Association and the HANNA Education Foundation..

This was by far our biggest and most successful event as an organization, and we could not be more proud, or grateful. We are pleased to report this year's tournament, social, and auction brought in \$14,185! The funds will be used to support Alumni Scholarships and HANNA Education Mini-grants.

Although the sky was clear blue as the golfers took the course and ended in a thunderstorm, every participant enjoyed the beautiful setting and camaraderie throughout the entire event. A Special Thank You to *Mellow Minded Cafe* for the on-course hot dogs and Wilsbach Distributors for the on-course beverages.

Each golfer competed for prizes: 1st place team, 2nd place team, 3rd Place team, closest to the pin and Longest Drive.

The support of our local sponsors made the tournament a resounding success. Thank You ALL!

**See you next year!!!**



**2017 Committee:**

Tim DeFoor '79, John Fabian '03, Tammi Hammaker '83, Kerry Mullen, Lori Shienvold, Dwayne DeFoor '78

# Vietnam Memorial Dedication

VIETNAM  
1961-1975



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

Artist drawing of proposed memorial

Your Vietnam War Memorial Committee cordially invites you to attend the dedication and unveiling of the Alumni Association's memorial recognizing our alumni and community members at Veterans Park on November 4, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The memorial contains names of 225 veterans who lived in the township and served in the military during the Vietnam Conflict era from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

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

Would you like to make a *tax deductible* monetary donation towards future site improvement such as benches, sidewalks, and landscaping? 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

Bill Smith '67 (left) presents a \$796.48 check on behalf of the Class of 1967 towards the Vietnam Memorial to Shirley Kannegieser and Richard Veet! **Thank You Class of 1967!**





# Alumni Volunteerism and Support



Thomas Holtzman May Fair



Senior Awards Night - Alumni Scholarships



Spring Breakfast



Township Parks and Recreation Bike Safety Rodeo



Susquehanna Invitational Charity Golf Tournament



Susquehanna Invitational Charity Golf Tournament

# More Susquehanna Invitational Photos

See additional photos on FLICKR here: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm5Y29hY>



**See you next year!**



## SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST



Saturday, October 7, 2017  
**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

**Also, thank you to all who make their reservations in advance.**

**DEADLINE: October 2**

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

Questions/Information: Barb Smith Pearce (717) 697- 4114 before 9 p.m.



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:**  
 Barb Smith Pearce, 171 Brindle Rd., Mechanicsburg PA 17055

**S.T.H.S. Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 61474**  
**Harrisburg, Pa. 17106-1474**

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