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HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,



I'm not sure where the time went. We closed another fiscal year on June 30 and we're now rapidly heading into the fall season. The Board is in the early stages of planning our full 2018-2019 calendar and we'd love to have you join an event committee. Or, if you have an idea for an event or activity please let us know. Look for more news in the near future as we develop few ideas already on the table.

I'm pleased that two alumni heard the call to action and have joined the Board. I would like to extend a hearty welcome to **Ardee Burno, Jr. '82** and **Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85!**

In addition to our two Board members, we also welcome to our Pink Out Committee Yumi McClellan, High School Consumer Math and Geometry and Dr. Stephen R. Sexsmith, High School AP Chemistry. Thank you both for helping us to raise much needed funds for families in the battle against cancer.

As always, Thank you to our Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee members for their dedication and support.

We hope to see all of you at an upcoming event.

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



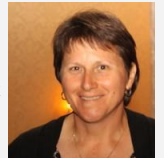
Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Associate Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg, was profiled by WHP CBS 21 Harrisburg in the July 10th segment of their "Women at Work" series. Andrea runs the Jewish Community Center summer day camp program among her other responsibilities.



View the full segment here:

<https://local21news.com/community/women-work/women-at-work-bringing-summer-camp-back-to-another-generation>

Frannie Slabonik '81, owner of Mid-Atlantic Field Hockey Camp, a sanctioned USA Field Hockey Partner Camp, recently held the 41st weeklong camp in July at Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes, Delaware. More than 130 players, from beginners to advanced, in fourth through 12th grades participated in each session. Graduating seniors and college players participated in the Mid-Atlantic Field Hockey Junior Counselor program. Frannie also serves as a physical education teacher and field hockey coach in the Eastern Lebanon County School District, Myerstown, Pa.



Looking forward to welcoming our Fashion Design program special guests to our Fall Breakfast. Pictured with his students wearing their designs is Director Richard Andries.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Homecoming Football Game
Indians vs. Conrad Weiser Scouts
Friday, October 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Roscoe Warner Field
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Pink Out Football Game
Indians vs. Red Land Patriots
Friday, October 12, 2018 at 7:00 PM
Roscoe Warner Field
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Alumni & Friends Fall Breakfast
Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Susquehanna Invitational Golf Tournament and HANNA Social
Friday, June 28, 2019
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Keegan Behrens '18
 Noah Brooks '18
 Ardee Burno, Jr. '82
 Ashton Burno, Jr. '08
 Peter Caldwell '18
 Abigail Deimler '18
 Ari Dym '18
 John Ferguson '18
 Jackie Friedlander '18
 Sandee Isaacman Romano '78

Alicia Kayer '18
 Jared Keiter '97
 Brandon Predmore '18
 Brian Sayre '18
 Wen Seng '18
 Josamarie Stalcar
 Brenna Trkula '18
 Austin Watkins '18
 Lexi Weikert '18

Have your former Classmates and friends join the 1187 members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend as a gift!

LEST WE FORGET

Charlotte L. McGee Acri '49
 Stanley Anderson '69
 Elizabeth "Julie" Kaytor Benko '41
 Janice Parthemore Blake '67
 Glenn Branca '66
 Julia Carere
 Doris Conrad Davies '51
 Richard L. Enders '54
 Kathryn "Kate" Thomas Forbes '49
 Angela Michelle Fuller '90
 Dr. Mark L. Galowitz - High School Principal
 Shawn Eugene Garnes '78
 Glenn "Benny" Lerew '58
 Elizabeth Ann Gardner Osman '65
 Shelli Brawner Schlafhauser '77
 Loretta Mae Shambaugh Smith '57
 Winifred C. Smith
 Helen Robinson Wynn '52



LinkedIn

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>

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



Class News



The **Class of 1958** celebrated their 60th Reunion during the month of June. Events included a Social on Friday, June 15, a dinner on the evening of June 16, and a Sunday Brunch. All reunion events were held at Best Western Premier the Central Hotel & Conference Center, 800 E Park Drive, Harrisburg.



The **Class of 1973** celebrated their 45th Reunion on Friday, August 24 with an informal gathering at Your Place followed by the Reunion on Saturday, August 25 at Duke's Riverside Bar & Grille, Wormleysburg.

The **Class of 1978** celebrated their 40th Reunion during week-end-long events from Friday July 20 through Sunday July 22. A Meet-n-Greet at The Millworks on Friday evening, followed by the Summer Bash on Saturday at the Postal Grounds then Sunday Breakfast at the Peachtree.



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 Irene Knapik at (717) 545-1382 or email at iknapik313@gmail.com

Around the School District



2018 Commencement

On Thursday, June 7, 2018, the Alumni Association welcomed another class to the ranks when the Susquehanna Township High School held its 106th Commencement. Class President Wen Seng extended a Welcome to the evening's ceremony. Salutatorian Noah Brooks reflection was titled "Remembrance" while Valedictorian Wen Seng's message was titled "Preparing for Changes".

Tracy Heather Strain, Class of 1978, delivered the 2018 Keynote titled "Sometimes You Gotta Color Outside the Lines". Tracy is an award-winning filmmaker who crafts documentaries and non-fiction media projects through her Boston-based production company, The Film Posse, co-founded with her husband Randall MacLowry.

During the ceremonies, **Andrea Mercurio Weikert**, Class of 2003, was honored with the school district's 2018 Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. Andrea serves as Associate Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg.

Andrea, and husband Steve Weikert, Class of 1989, are the proud parents of two recent STHS grads, Eli, Class of 2016 and Lexi, Class of 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018, TRACY, and ANDREA!



Tracy Heather Strain '78 (left) Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85 (right)



Superintendent Dr. Tamara Willis presents diplomas to Jackie Friedlander (left) and Adam Morgan (right)

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES



President- Dwayne DeFoor '78
Vice President- Vacant
Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65
Treasurer- Charles B. Friedlander '78
 Ardee Burno, Jr. '82
 Kim Fitting '84
 Susan Gordon '78
 Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83
 Irene Major Knapik '56
 Charlene Morris '70
 Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85

Committees

Activities- Kim Fitting '84, Barb Smith Pearce '65, Sandy Daily '65
 Helen Forbes McCollum '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50
Auditing-Open
Fundraising-Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman
Susquehanna Invitational Golf Committee-Susan Gordon '78, Tammi Hammaker '83, Irene Knapik '56, Rick Machamer '77, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), John Fabian '03
Hanna Education Foundation- John Fabian '03, Dwayne DeFoor '78
Historical-Charlene Morris '70
Marketing-Susan Gordon '78
Membership-Dwayne DeFoor, '78
Memorial Gardens-Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Chair Emeritus
Newsletter-Dwayne DeFoor '78, Barb Smith Pearce '65
Nominating-Barb Smith Pearce '65
Outreach-Irene Knapik '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50
Pink Out-Tammi Hammaker '83, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Ryan Jacobs, Dr. Stephen R. Sexsmith (School District Liaison), Yumi McClellan, School District Liaison)
Scholarship-Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Susan Gordon '78, Irene Knapik '56, Charlene Morris '70
School Liaison-Julie Deniston
Social Media / Website-Charles Friedlander '78, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78



After our successful Red-n-White BBQ and Craft Show in the spring, we were happy to donate our remaining chicken dinners to the Progress Fire Company's College Live-In Program.

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

STHS Alumni Association
 PO Box 61474
 Harrisburg, PA 17106
 Telephone: 717-572-0901

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

2018 Alumni Scholarships

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients of Lexi Weikert, Peter Caldwell, and Brian Sayre. Each awardee received \$750.00 towards their post-secondary education.

Brian, son of Michael and Kathleen, plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to study Physical Therapy. Brian volunteered with Aaron's Acres who provides social and recreational programs for children ages 5-21 with disabilities and at Linglestown Life United Methodist Church as a pianist.

Lexi, daughter of Steven and Andrea, plans to attend Goldey-Beacom College where she will major in pre-law and play basketball. Lexi has been active in Pink Out, serving as Student Leadership Co-chair her senior year and volunteering for several activities at the Jewish Community Center.

Peter, son of Dann and Beth, will attend Harrisburg University to study Computer Science. Peter volunteered with Homeland Hospice and facilitated youth outreach and mission projects at both Charlton United Methodist and Shopes United Methodist churches.



Pictured with Dwayne DeFoor from left to right are Brian Sayre, Lexi Weikert, and Peter Caldwell.

Congratulations Brian, Lexi, and Peter!

gift cards

Gift cards make the perfect gift for any recipient! Choose from multiple brands—Giant Food, Karns Foods, Kohl's and Gap (Gap, Old Navy, Banana Republic and Athleta). Gift cards are available in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25 and \$50.

Another easy way to help our organization raise funds to continue our great work. We purchase discounted fund-raising gift cards, then sell the cards at face value, and the profits go directly to the Alumni Association for programs and opportunities that benefit students of the Susquehanna Township School District!

To gain the maximum benefit from each entity, we must order a minimum value of \$1,000 in gift cards for that entity. The established user base of Giant "Cash for Causes" cards is sufficient now for us to have these cards on hand. We will order the Karns, Kohl's and/or the Gap selection cards for your personal use and/or to give as gifts as soon as sufficient interest is expressed.

See the Order Form on page 7.

Do you have Memorabilia?

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

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STHS ALUMNI
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COLLEGELANESPORTSWEAR.COM
(CLICK ON CUSTOM SPIRITWEAR PROGRAMS)

Look for STHS Alumni



http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Susquehanna-Twp-Alumni_c_496.html



Memorial Gardens

A Call to Action

The Vietnam War memorial was dedicated on November 4, 2017. Sketches by Stephen Morris, a 2014 graduate of STHS, inspired the etchings for the memorial. The white granite obelisk contains the names of over 250 of our veterans.

A walkway to connect the Vietnam War memorial to the WWII and Korean War memorials, plus shrubbery, still needs to be funded. If every household in the township would donate just \$1.00, these remaining items for the Vietnam War memorial could be completed.

Contributions may be made by check payable to the STHS Alumni Association ("Vietnam Memorial" on the memo line) and mailed to:

STHS Alumni Association
 P.O. Box 61474
 Harrisburg, PA 17106--1474

The Alumni Association is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and contributions toward this goal are tax-deductible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Vietnam War Memorial Committee

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

The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association and HANNA Education Foundation are pleased to announce this year's Susquehanna Invitational charity golf tournament raised **\$14,762!** The proceeds will be equally distributed to both non-profit organizations.

Your support of the golf tournament helps to fund Alumni Association college-bound Scholarships & Student Opportunity and HANNA Education Mini-Grants for technology and innovative enrichment programs.

Special thank you to the tournament committee of Chuck Friedlander, Susan Gordon, Tammi Hammaker, Irene Knapik, Kerry Mullen, Lori Sheinvold, John Fabian, and Dwayne DeFoor.

View additional photos on Flickr here:

<https://www.flickr.com/gp/88311519@N06/62p34W>



Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness

The students from Susquehanna Township School District and Red Land School District, in partnership with the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association are working together to raise awareness for breast cancer. The 8th Annual PINK OUT will be held at Roscoe Warner Field on Friday, October 12 during the home football game versus Red Land High School.

Money raised during this year's event will be donated to two charities: Vicki's Angels Foundation and Pink Hands of Hope. The Pink Out Committee has set a goal to raise \$15,000 this year. T-shirts, candles, and sponsorships are available.

Vicki's Angel Foundation is a New Cumberland based non-profit with a mission of helping families fighting cancer who have difficulties paying their bills during the challenging times of fighting their cancer. Vickie's Angel Foundation's goal is to take away the financial worry from the family, providing a temporary bridge that allows them to focus entirely on beating their disease.

Pink Hands of Hope is a Mechanicsburg non-profit dedicated to helping Central Pennsylvania women as they fight breast cancer. Pink Hands of Hope raises money through monetary donations and through their thrift store. Offering wigs, and other products needed while in the fight for free. Pink Hands of Hope also assists with medical bills and offers clothing. The thrift store helps fund the various projects and products offered.

Senior Ryan Jacobs is this year's Student Leadership Chair. We also welcome new faculty representatives Yumi McClellan and Dr. Stephen Sexsmith. The alumni representatives are Andrea Mercurio Weikert, Tammi Hammaker, Susan Gordon, and Dwayne DeFoor.

Pink Out t-shirt (logo on the right), candle, and sponsorship forms are available on both the alumni association and school district websites.

Let's tackle breast cancer!



Student Opportunity

Jahbree Kershaw, a junior at the time, attended the Maine College of Art pre-college experience over the summer due in part to our recently established Student Opportunity Fund. The fund provides a monetary donation to district students and organizations for activities and events.



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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,
Student Opportunity, or General Fund

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out n about

While traveling in Tel Aviv, Israel, **Chuck Friedlander '78** met up with classmate **Ann Rappaport '78**, to reminisce about dear ole STHS! Ann now resides in Israel.



During the Spring Breakfast, **Steve Morris '14** accepts from **Shirley Kannegieser '50** a framed sketch he drew which became the inspiration for the etching on the Vietnam War Memorial.



Irene Knapik '56 and **Kim Fitting '84** manning the Alumni Association and HANNA Education Foundation booth at the Holtzman May Fair. Irene and Kim all smiles during a surprise visit from the Harrisburg Senators mascot Rascal, a giant, blue river monster.



The Student Government held the Senior Citizen's Prom "An Enchanted Forest" in the spring. The high school jazz band provided the music while Bill Kessler was the magical act.



Susan Gordon '78 and **Kim Fitting '84** working our table at the August 25, 2018 Back 2 School Bash.



Dwayne DeFoor '78 representing the association at the Middle School Open House on August 30, 2018.



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Questions? Please contact Tammi Hammaker at (717) 215-7583 / thammaker21@gmail.com or
Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 572-0901 / sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone Number _____

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Card Brand	# of \$10	# of 20	# of 25	# of 50	# Total	\$ Total
Giant Foods						
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Total \$ Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to “STHS Alumni Association” and mail to:

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SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST



October 13, 2018
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 5

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.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Richard Andries

Director of the School of the Arts Fashion Technology
&
Students of the Fashion Design program

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:

Susan Woof Watts, 4006 Woodvale Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17109-1319

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