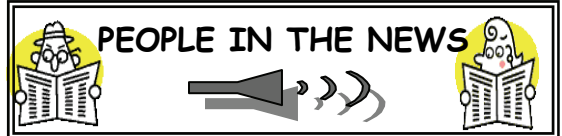


THE SMOKE SIGNAL

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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Happy 2011-2012 school year!

The Alumni Association welcomes you to 2012!

I want to thank the Officers and the Executive Board for their dedicated efforts in making 2011 a successful year.

We are Susquehanna proud when we approach the digital sign that stands at the corners of North Progress and Elmerton Avenues. The digital sign is a reflection of the efforts by both the Susquehanna Township School District and the Alumni Association. Thanks to all for a job well done!

The existence of our public schools are being challenged. Certain entities are promoting the charter school concept over public school education. Therefore I am requesting our membership and all alumni to support the school district in their endeavors to preserve the public school concept as we know it today. I will share more information as the school district's strategy develops.

I look forward to seeing you at the spring breakfast at the high school cafeteria on March 17, 2012. **Go Indians!**

Sincerely,

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President

Harlem Globetrotter **Chris "Handles" Franklin '91** demonstrates some of his ball handling skills at Rowland Middle School, Harrisburg, during a meeting of the Three Star Foundation, a faith-based mentoring program that aims to reach city youths in grades nine through 12 with the promise of playing basketball. Chris has been a member of the Harlem Globetrotters since 2007. Chris and his Globetrotter teammates will be at the *Hershey Giant Center* on **March 23rd at 7:00 PM**



Picture M. DIANE MCCORMICK
The Patriot-News

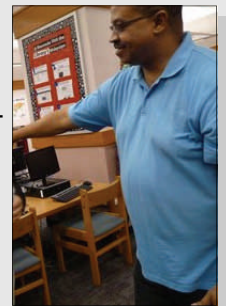


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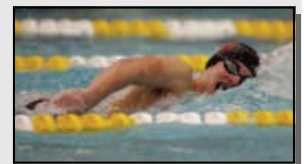
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Congratulations and continued post-season success to the High School boys swimming team. The team, led by Coach LuAnn Hetherington, won their first Mid-Penn Conference boys' division title with a 9 and 0 record.



Pictured: Senior Jay Kosier

More People in the News on page 4

DATES TO REMEMBER

Spring Breakfast

Susquehanna Twp. High School
Saturday March 17, 2012 @ 9:00 AM

Reservation form on page 7

Alumni Golf Tournament

Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
Saturday June 22, 2012 @ 8:30 AM
Contact **Tim DeFoor** at (717) 525-8250 or
tldefoor@comcast.net

Reservation form on page 7





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Kerr Baylor
William E. Geary '50
Charles Lingenfelter '58
Carl E. Miller
Randy Sayers '64
Lois M. Free Wade '52

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

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Class of '60 - 43  
Class of '97 - 37  
Class of '54 - 36  
Class of '61 - 35  
Class of '71 - 34  
Class of '50 - 33  
Class of '49 - 31  
Class of '65 - 31  
Class of '56 - 29  
Class of '47 - 25  
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Challenge your former Classmates to join the other **1141** members of the Alumni Association!

LEST WE FORGET

Mildred L. Vanatta Allen '24
Sara Rohrer Boynton '31
Jaywood L. Brubaker - Faculty
Robert Pitt Bubb '50
Helenrae Connors Eisel '78
Katherine Witman Hocker '24
Elva Swartz Holbert '51
J. Ann Kistter Horn '73
Arlene Pollack Lehner
Wanda P. Lester '74
Mary Alice Allen Longenecker '34
Richard May '52
Parry Miller - Sara Lindemuth Custodian
Edward Parsons '47
Kathryn Allen Rhoades '48
C. Russell Schneck - Band Director
Dawn Linderman Shore '47
Evelyn Holtzman Smink '46
Anne Douglas Smith '39
Evelyn Stanford Weaver '60
Robert Wietzel - '48



CLASS NEWS



The **Class of 1961** held their **50th Class Reunion** at the Central Hotel (formerly the Sheraton) on 800 East Park Drive from November 4 through November 6th. The weekend long event began with an informal dinner followed the next day with the formal Reunion and closed with a Sunday breakfast. A *cruise* is planned for late April of 2012. Classmates should contact:

Barbara Crawford Blair
Cell: (717) 805-8865
Email: bblair1301@yahoo.com

Thank you Barbara Crawford Blair for the information!

Several friends from the **Class of 64** have reconnected over the past five to ten years with "mini-reunions" in Tampa, FL; Gettysburg, PA; and Newport Beach, OR. This group includes David Isele, Ann Staley, Kathy DeWalt Kreider and Jerry Kreider. During the May/June 2011 time period the group travelled to Switzerland and Italy for three weeks including a one week stay at a villa in Tuscany. It's a great way to stay connected in between the 5 year reunion cycles.



Dinner in Parma, Italy celebrating Kathy Kreider's and Ann Staley's 65th Birthdays. **L to R:** Ann Staley, Ann's s/o Courtney, David Isele, Kathy DeWalt Kreider, Jerry Kreider.

Thank you Jerry Kreider for the news!

ATTENTION CLASS REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We'd like to provide publicity for your Class Reunions. Please email your news items and/or digital photographs to
Dwayne De Foor at
defoord@verizon.net or mail to:
3404 Brookside Drive Harrisburg, Pa 17109

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:
Carol Brightbill
3817 Schoolhouse Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109

Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Have your fellow Classmates, Family, and Friends join us!



Please note!



All general correspondence or news items should be sent

to:
Dwayne DeFoor
3404 Brookside Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17109
defoord@verizon.net
(717) 236-3557

~ **Class Reps Needed** ~

Calling All Alumni - We need you!



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

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

Susquehanna Township High School (STHS) and the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

Upcoming Events

Tickets for both events can be purchased at the door or by contacting the High School office.

Josh Klein Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction

What: Josh Klein, a Susquehanna Township student, was born with major heart defects. When he was 16 years old, he needed a heart lung transplant. Josh died on May 12, 1999, before organs became available to him. Help us honor his memory with your support. Proceeds benefit the Josh Klein Organ Transplant Fund.

When: 5:00pm, Saturday March 3, 2012

Where: STHS



Susquehanna Township School District Faculty Talent Show and Silent Auction

What: Proceeds from the faculty talent show are used for the PTSA scholarship fund, a needs based scholarship fund for graduating seniors. The scholarships provided by the PTSA help STHS students attain their dream of a college education.

When: 7:00pm, Thursday March 29, 2012

Where: STHS Auditorium



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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, Sandy Daily '65,

Dottie George '47, Barbara Pearce '65, Elizabeth Kannegieser King '53, Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53, Helen McCollum '56

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- open

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

Dottie Burger George '47

Audrey Hammaker '50

Pat Lebo '54

Richard Fleegal '60

Alice J Robinson Lucas '48

John Turski '49

Albert Richwine '39

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

cbrightbill3817@comcast.net



~ SPOTLIGHT ~

Alumni Association 90th Anniversary

On Nov 17 the Alumni Association will celebrate its *90th Anniversary!* *Do you have a special story to share for the Fall Newsletter?* Lets us know!



1949



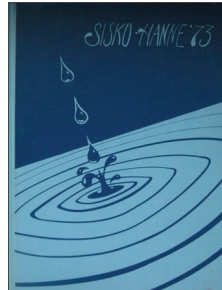
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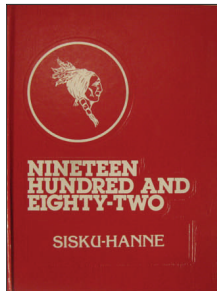
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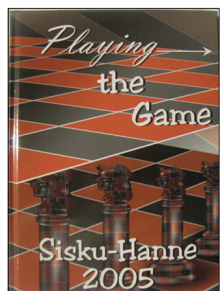
1978



1982



1998



2005

Matthew Steven Straub '89 a November 17, 2011 graduate of the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy was hired by Northern York County



L-R: Officer Matthew Straub and Police Chief Mark Bentzel

Regional Police Department as a police officer. On January 17, 2012 Matthew was sworn-in at the Northern York County Regional Police Board of Commissioners meeting.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS (continued)

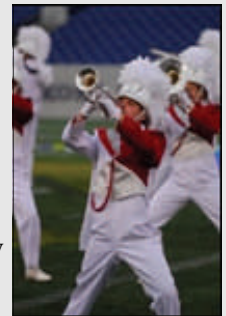


Congratulations and Best Wishes to Arlene Prentice '69 on her 2011 retirement from the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission after 35 years of service. Arlene began her employment with the commonwealth in 1975 as Court Liaison for the Department of Public Welfare. Arlene then went on to positions at the Loysville Youth Development Center and the Harrisburg State Hospital where she worked as a Psychiatric Social Worker on the Admissions Unit. In



1992, Arlene transferred to the Juvenile Court Judge's Commission to become a Juvenile Court Consultant, the position she held until her retirement.

Congratulations to the Susquehanna Township High School marching band for placing fourth in a field of 19 competitors during the U.S. Scholastic Band Association National Championship Open Class competition Nov. 13 in Annapolis, Md. Their score was 97.213 points overall, against the winning school's 97.588. The marching band is lead by director **Bill Perbetsky '77**, drill writer Sylvia Perbetsky, middle school band director Mark Kothe, and guard instructor Ron Massey.



Marques Colston '01, of the New Orleans Saints, caught nine passes for 136 yards and a touchdown in the NFC Divisional playoff loss to the San Francisco 49ers on January 14th. Marques finished his sixth season with the Saints catching 80 passes for 1,143 yards and eight touchdowns despite appearing in only 14 regular season games.



Congratulations to the High School Varsity wrestling team for their 1st Place Team Title at the Selinsgrove Holiday Tournament on December 31, 2011.



CONGRATULATORY NOTES

Do you have a special occasion that you'd like to share? Wedding Announcement or Anniversary? Military Service? Awards or Honors? Let us know....



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.



MEMORIAL GARDENS "BRICK PAVERS"

The STHS Alumni Board and the Memorial Gardens Committee continue to reach 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

Memorial Gardens Update

Several weeks ago twenty-one new brick pavers were installed in front of the WWII Memorial. There is still plenty of space available to purchase a paver in memory of a loved one or to recognize your class. Order forms will continue to be posted in the newsletter. You may contact **Shirley Kannegieser** at 921-8536 for additional information.

The Alumni Association would like to extend **SPECIAL RECOGNITION** to the following for their continued support:

*Designer & Creator of WWII and Korean
Memorials*

Steve Bomgardner

Romberger Memorials

(717) 232-1147

Trees and Shrubs

Scott Tobias

Tobias Landscape Company

(717) 228-9104

Brick Paver Engraving

Tami Wilson

Written in Stone & Glass

(717) 545-5552

Brick Paver Replacement

Chris Kenny

Kenny Masonry, Inc.

(717) 652-2923

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Susquehanna Township Parks & Recreation Coordinator, **Robert Reichard '72**, for his time & input and the ongoing upkeep and maintenance by the township employees!

In Service

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

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Make check payable to: STHS Alumni Assn. Golf Tournament

Proceeds benefit the Vietnam War Memorial financial campaign

1st Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

2nd Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

3rd Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

4th Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Return your Registration form with check to:

Deadline: June 8, 2012

Tim DeFoor, 1300 Ellis Drive #206, Harrisburg PA 17110

STHS SEMI-ANNUAL ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 17, 2012

STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

Catered by 'Grant' from the Shellsville VFW

~ Handicap Entrance through the rear of the cafeteria ~

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

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses

DEADLINE: March 13. No refunds please.

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

Contact **BARBARA PEARCE** on (717) 697-4114 days or before 9 p.m. evenings

or **SANDY KEISER DAILY** at (717) 774-1582

Name _____

Guest Name _____

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





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