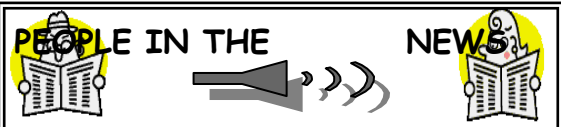


THE SMOKE SIGNAL

MAY 2012 ISSUE

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Let me begin by saying that this will be my last message to you as president of the STHS Alumni Association.

During the past four years the Alumni Association has demonstrated a positive spirit. This spirit was predicated on many program achievements over the years. As a result of this dedicated service, the Alumni Association in a few short months will celebrate its 90th year of existence.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have served as president of the Alumni Association.

I would to thank the Officers and the Board of Directors for supporting our efforts in creating the Memorial Gardens at Veterans Park. The Memorial Gardens will continue to be a beautiful show-place and highlight what we can accomplish together as an association and community family.

I commend the past and present members who for 90 years have promoted the common interests of the STHS students, the community, and fellow alumni.

I look forward to seeing you at the Alumni Banquet on June 9 and at the golf event on June 22.

Sincerely,

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President



DATES TO REMEMBER

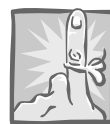
Alumni Annual Banquet

Colonial Golf & Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Saturday June 9, 2012 @ 11:00 AM

Alumni Association Golf Tournament

Colonial Golf & Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg
Friday June 22, 2012 @ 8:30 AM

Reservation forms on page 7



State Representative, **Sue Helm '61** presents **Peggy Keiser '45** a proclamation at the March



2012 Alumni Spring breakfast recognizing her retirement following 65 years of service to the school district.

Congratulations to senior and future Alumni **Averee Robinson**, Class of 2012. Averee repeated as PIAA Class AAA 285-pound champion with a 3-1 victory over Westmont Hilltop senior **Josh Duplin** at Hershey's Giant Center on Saturday March 10th, Averee finished his wrestling career with a 154-13 record, including an 85-3 mark the last two years. record. Averee is STHS' only repeat wrestling champion.



Photo: JOHN C. WHITEHEAD, The Patriot-News

Congratulations to **Kelsee Sweigard** who qualified for state chorus as a soprano I. She is only the second female student in the high school's history to repeat as an all-state musician. Kelsee performed at the April 18-21 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association State Music Conference in Lancaster.

More People in the News on page 4



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



CLASS NEWS



The **Class of 1952** will hold their **60th Class Reunion** on September 8th at the American Legion Penbrook Post 730 at 3813 Walnut Street, Harrisburg, PA 17109. A Social Hour at 6:00 PM will be followed by Dinner at 7:00 PM with a choice of Prime Rib or Crab Cakes. Please contact Homer Pontius at 717-545-2276 or via email at ozark52@verizon.net.

Drake Budde '09
Scott Seig '78

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

Class of 1960	~	40
Class of 1997	~	38
Class of 1954	~	36
Class of 1961	~	34
Class of 1971	~	34
Class of 1949	~	31
Class of 1950	~	31
Class of 1956	~	30
Class of 1965	~	30
Class of 1947	~	25

Challenge your former Classmates to join the other **1135** members of the Alumni Association!

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

In 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 list them in the newsletter.

Alumni information may be found on the school district website under the **Community / Alumni Information link:**

www.hannasd.org/domain/449

Class Reunions and Information-Membership Information-Alumni Newsletters-Alumni Apparel-Alumni Calendar- Memorial Gardens

LEST WE FORGET

- Robert Bubb '50
- Andrew W. Culton '04
- Robert J. Dietrich '67
- Dr. John C. Dunlap, Superintendent 1967-1986
- Myra Wagner Engle '31
- Dorothy Pozoic Fissel '53
- Sally Hodge Fry '50
- Eleanor (Sis Geary) Sloane
- Nancy Lee Moyer Haines '49
- Wilbur Holtzman '50
- Betty Hoover '39
- Frank Howard '60
- John Felix Kurnas '72
- Merle Mountz '39
- Elizabeth Zimmerman Sell '61
- Marlin E. Strohm '37



Correction

Kathryn Allen Rhodes '48 was erroneously listed in February's "Lest We Forget" column. We apologize for the error.

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

Around the School District



Photo: M. Diane McCormick, The Patriot-News

Kevin Concannon, U.S. Department of Agriculture undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services, right, talked about school-meal guidelines with Susquehanna Twp. Middle School students during a February 15 visit.



Sophomore *Brandon Fuller* won the STHS Interact Club speech competition then placed in the top five out of a field of 15 from Rotary's district clubs in central Pennsylvania and northern Maryland. Brandon competed for top honors and the \$1,500 first prize at the Rotary District Conference held March 30-April 1.

Middle school student *Isaiah Owens* hosted a "Roll for Ronald" fundraiser April 25 at Olympic Skating Center. Proceeds benefited the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey, which supports families of patients at Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital.

Fatimata-Bintu Bukari received a \$2,500 National Achievement Scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

The high school mock trial team won its first district championship in March. Mock lawyers were *Emily Baseman, Sophia Diamond, Brian Keisling, Jeff Mather, J.C. Rowe and Quoc Tran. Tierny Daniels, Gabe Freedman, Kristy Landis, Katie McGroarty, Eli Raeker-Jordan and Long Tran* portrayed witnesses. **Bret Keisling '81** was the team's legal adviser.

Donate a book to the Middle School library.

You may donate a book to the students of the Middle School through a partnership with Amazon.com by going to the following link <http://tinyurl.com/STMSwishlist> You will be taken to the STMS Wish list on Amazon.com where the books may be purchased and sent directly to the school. Of course you could always view the list and purchase a book locally.



More information can be found on the school district website at www.hannasd.org/Page/4128

More Around the School District on page 6

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

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

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** ~

**In honor of STHS 100th Anniversary
Remembering When**

From

The Evening News, October 27, 1927

15 Susquehanna Township Graduates



Above are shown members of the senior class of the Susquehanna Township High School, fifteen of whom will be graduated tonight at commencement exercises at 8:00 o'clock in Fahnestock Hall. From left to right they are: First row. Mary E. Bloser, Winifred Mahan, Marian W. Byers; Second row. L.-R. Wix, Dorothy Shepler, Ruby F. Diem, Thelma M. Walmer, Katherine E. Lenker, Anna M. Glessner, Lewis M. Harro; Third row. Forrest E. Ensigner, Paul C. Klinger, Frederick D. Banks, James M. Glass, Reuel M. Rolston.

Dr. Lee L. Driver, of the Department of Public Instruction, will be speaker at the commencement exercises. James F. Shields, president of the school board will present the diplomas. The following is the program;

Music, high school orchestra; invocation, the Rev. W. H. Snyder; salutatory. Dorothy E. Shepler; oration. J. Winifred Mahan; chorus. "In the Time of Roses"; talk. "Susquehanna Township High School." Reuel M. Rolston; music, orchestra; key oration. Ruby F. Diem; junior response. Samuel Rolston; chorus. "A June Song"; class revelation. Lewis M. Harro; valedictory. Thelma M. Walmer; benediction, the Rev. W. Snyder; music, orchestra.

Researched and Archived by
Dave Houseal '68



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS
(continued)



Congratulations to junior swimmer *Nathan Smith* who

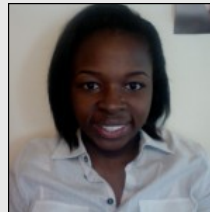


won the AA 50 free gold medal and the AA 100 freestyle during the March 2012 PIAA State Swimming & Diving Championships held at Kinney Natatorium, Bucknell University. Nathan was also named the Class AA Boy's Outstanding Swimmer.

Photo: Chris Knight, The Patriot-News

Margaret Spiegelman '04 is a writer and translator currently reporting for *The Daily Beast* news and opinion website. Her article "*What Scares Turkey's Women?*" was published in the March 21, 2012 edition.

Imeime Umama '10 was profiled in the September 2011 edition of the Boston area based "*The Innovation and Enterprise Leadership Institute*". The Harvard sophomore is studying Government and Global Health. While at Harvard, Imeime is involved with the Institute of Politics supporting a "Citizenship Tutoring" program and writes for the Harvard Politics Review. During the summer of 2011 she worked at a political consulting firm in Washington, D.C. that consulted candidates in areas related to media messaging and fundraising.



Ashleigh Pollart '09 a West Virginia University public relations student is writing for the official Mountaineers website MSNsportsNET.com. MSNsportsNET.com is operated by the WVU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in Morgantown and is the direct responsibility of the West Virginia University Sports Communications department.



James Crummel '98, a Penn State Journalism graduate, anchors abc27's (WHTM) Saturday morning and Sunday morning newscasts at 9:00 a.m. During the week, he's the morning reporter for abc27 News Daybreak. abc27 covers Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, and Lebanon, PA.

CONGRATULATORY NOTES

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

**** **MEMBER ALERT** ****
Alternative Delivery of Newsletter

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

This will enable the association to save considerable mailing expense.

Thank You to everyone that signed up for electronic delivery so far!!! 114 and counting!!!

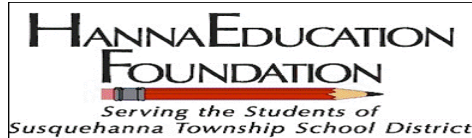


Calling All Alumni
We need a rep from your class!



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 sikann50@comcast.net



The Hanna Education Foundation was established in 1997 as a non-profit organization designed to provide support for programs available to school district students.

Programs support a wide range of enrichment endeavors and may include educational, music, cultural, athletic and/or other school-related purposes. Programs have been developed for students in all of our schools and are operational throughout the calendar year, funded by an annual program budget.

Anyone who wishes to make a financial donation, volunteer, or obtain additional information may phone Dave Tielle at (717) 671- 0215 or email at hef@hannasd.org

A tax deductible donation may be made Payable to:

Hanna Education Foundation
PO Box 60023
Harrisburg, PA 17106-0023



Alumni Golf Tournament



The 1st Annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament is scheduled at The Colonial Golf and Tennis Club on **Friday June 22** with a Four-Man Shotgun Scramble start at **8:30 AM**. Check in time is from 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM. The cost is \$80.00 per golfer or \$320 per foursome. Single participants will be paired up to form a foursome. The price includes 18 holes of golf, cart, continental breakfast, lunch, and prizes. The registration cut-off date is June 8, 2012. However, participants will be able to register until the start time, provided the event is not sold-out.

Registration form is found on page 7

Sponsors are needed. The committee is looking for Hole Sponsorships as well as sponsors for the continental breakfast, on-course beverages, the lunch buffet, and hole prizes such as Longest Putt from the Green, Closet to the Pin (from a par 3), Longest Drive, and Straightest Drive.

Proceeds are to benefit the Memorial Gardens' Vietnam War Memorial building fund.

Golf Tournament Committee



Tim DeFoor (Chairman)
Gilbert Scheibelhut
Joel Dietrick
Tony Wright
Brian Jackson



If you are interested in **volunteering** or **sponsorship** please contact **Tim DeFoor '79** at (717) 525-8250 or tldefoor@comcast.net OR any committee member.

Forms and additional information may be found on the **school district** website under the *Community_Alumni Information* page_ Upcoming Events.

[Golf Event News and Information](#)

Alumni T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

The Alumni Association Sweatshirts and T-Shirts are still available! Order one for your family and friends. Please contact **John Skethway '56** at (717) 412-4091 OR **Shirley Kannegieser '50** at (717) 921-8536 or sikann50@comcast.net for additional details. We are also planning to have inventory available in the High School store outside the office. Sweatshirts \$15.00, (XLarge \$20.00), T Shirts \$10.00, Hoodies \$20.00. Call for Special Orders!

MEMORIAL GARDENS at Veterans Park



VIETNAM WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL

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 or you wish to volunteer please contact Shirley Kannegieser at 27 Hillside Rd., Dauphin, Pa., 17018 or (717) 921-8536 or sikann50@comcast.net



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.

Order form is posted to the school district website under the *Community Alumni Information Memorial Gardens* page and is also attached here [Brick Paver](#)

More Around the School District

Congratulations to the entire high school team on their production of the musical *Hairspray* at the high school auditorium from March 1 - 4. *Hairspray*, set in 1962 Baltimore, is based on John Waters' 1988 cult classic about star-struck teenagers on a local Baltimore dance show and touches on social issues related to integration and physical appearance.



On Wednesday April 26 it was announced that Susquehanna Twp. High School received eight nominations from the Hershey Theatre's Apollo Awards. The Apollo Awards, created in 2008, are presented annually to recognize outstanding achievement by local high school students in their musical and play productions.

A job well done by everyone involved. **Outstanding performance!**

2012 Apollo Award Nominations

Outstanding Musical

- ◆ *Hairspray*

Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical

- ◆ Bailey Howell as Tracy Turnblad

Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Musical

- ◆ Elijah Jones as Seaweed J. Stubbs

Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Musical

- ◆ Aiyana Holton as Motormouth Maybelle
- ◆ Dorothy Nichter as Penny Pingleton
- ◆ Kelsee Sweigard as Amber Von Tussle

Outstanding Featured Performer in a Musical

- ◆ Aidan Roth as Edna Turnblad

Outstanding Dance Number

- ◆ "The Nicest Kids in Town"



Memorial Gardens at Veteran's Park

**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 Alumni 22nd Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Colonial Golf & Tennis Club

4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg PA

~ Handicap accessible ~

Registration & Doors Open at 11 AM ~ Luncheon begins at Noon

\$24.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Banquet features choice of:

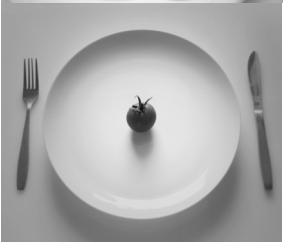
Marsala Beef *or* Baked Scrod *

Also included: salad, vegetable medley, mashed potatoes, dessert, & beverages

*Meatless gluten-free pasta entrée available on request

DEADLINE: May 30, No refunds, please.

Questions? Call Barb Pearce, 697-4114.



Member(s) name(s) _____

(Ladies, please include your maiden name)

Guest name(s) _____

Telephone # _____

Class of _____

Number of reservations _____ at \$24.00 each / \$ _____ Total

Check your choice of entrée: Marsala Beef _____ OR Baked Scrod _____

*Meatless gluten-free pasta entrée _____

Mail this form with check payable to *STHS Alumni Association* to:

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

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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replaced and thus, our new editor, Pat Nevell Lee
jumped in and has taken over this very timely job

Please be sure to send all articles to Pat for
publication and for the Editor of the Smo

Sign
Pat

Dates

October 3 - Homecoming Game

October 4 - Saturday Alumni Breakfast

Progress Fire Hall (NOTE: change in locati

November 22 - Senior Prom at Susquehanna