

THE SMOKE SIGNAL

MAY 2011 ISSUE

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

When I was growing up, one of my mother's favorite sayings was "Always look at the bright side". She had the ability to see something good in each person that she knew. She was optimistic. I have tried to follow the same philosophy throughout my life. However I do not think I am as good as my mother was.

As we face various challenges it seems impossible to remain positive. But we must for a number of reasons. The success of the Alumni Association as well as our overall health and well being are but a few.

Through my involvement with the Alumni Association, I have met many amazing members. That positive spirit my mother spoke of can be found in the Executive Board and the members at large. Regardless of the situation solutions for problems are always found.

Your positive spirit displayed by your generous donations played an important role in the Digital Sign campaign. Work has started and with weather permitting the Digital Sign will be erected shortly on the corner of Elmerton and Progress Avenues.

I am thankful for the support that has been demonstrated by the Alumni Association!

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you at the **June 18th Annual Luncheon!** The registration form can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President

Kirk Peters '07, The second-leading scorer



in Penn State Altoona history with 1,403 points, was named to the All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference team for the third straight year. Peters, a senior forward, finished 10th in the conference in scor-

ing at 14.6 points a game along with 4.4 rebounds per game.

Averee Robinson, the STHS junior,

defeated Chambersburg's Dawson Peck 10-7 to win the 285lb match in the recent PIAA AAA Wrestling Championships held Saturday, March 12, 2011. Robin-



son's victory was the fifth STHS wrestling title and the first since **Jesse Rawls** in 1991.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Burger celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in late 2010. Mr. Burger was a high school business teacher and a middle school math teacher. Mrs. Burger was an elementary school teacher.

CONGRATULATORY NOTES

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

More People in the News on page 4



DATE TO REMEMBER

Alumni Annual Banquet
Colonial Golf & Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg

June 18, 2011 @ 11:00 AM

Contact **BARBARA PEARCE** on (717) 697-4114

Reservation form on page 7





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



CLASS NEWS



The **Class of 1947** will hold their **Class Reunion** on June 18, 2011 during the Alumni Luncheon at the Colonial Country Club. Class Vice President, Robert Blosser, will conduct a Roll Call directly following the luncheon.

David R. Fisher '65
Janice Brown Fisher '65
Barry Firestone '68
Mary Frances Endsley Moyer '81
Laura E. Reichard '10
Renee Friedlander Rosenberg '81

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

Class of '60 - 44
Class of '97 - 38
Class of '54 - 36
Class of '61 - 35
Class of '71 - 34
Class of '49 - 31
Class of '65 - 31
Class of '50 - 32
Class of '56 - 30
Class of '47 - 29

Alumni lifetime membership \$15
Associate (non-alumni) lifetime membership \$20.

Challenge your former Classmates to join the other 1158 members of your Alumni Association!

The **Class of 1956** has scheduled their **55th Class Reunion** on July 23, 2011 at the Colonial Country Club. Invitations will be mailed during May. For Information please contact John Skethway at (717) 412-4091.

Reunion Information on STSD website

The **Susquehanna Township School District** website is also available for alumni to post reunion announcements. If the school district has not been notified, an event may or may not be planned. Please reach out to your former classmates.

If you wish to post a reunion announcement, please send the Reunion information to alumni@hannasd.org.

INVITATION TO ALL ALUMNI & FRIENDS



To ensure our Alumni Association continues to grow we are seeking your assistance. Do you know a fellow graduate that is not a member? Have an active Class rep?

Please feel free to forward them the Membership information:

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

LEST WE FORGET

Quentin Davidson - Faculty STMS
Linda Phillips Gibson '69
Wanda Koppenheffer Michael '52
Edwin W. Payne, Jr. '45
Mark Rothenberg '69



Correction
Ellen GREENBERG '01

Football (Homecoming)

Roscoe Warner Stadium

Friday September 30, 2011

7:00PM

vs.

Carlisle High School



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

Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

~ End of an Era ~



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,

Dottie George '47, Barbara Pearce '65, Sandy Daily '65

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

Virginia (Graehling) Brown '53

Dottie Burger George '47

Audrey Hammaker '50

Elizabeth Kannegieser King '53

Pat Lebo '54

Helen McCollum '56

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

Susquehanna Twp Girls Basketball

Submitted by Pat Miller Helm '49

On March 28, 2010 the Susquehanna Township Girls Basketball banquet at Applebee's featured the team coaches' special recognition of Mrs. Katherine Hocker, age 104, who is not only the OLD-EST living alumni of STHS, but was a Class of 1924 member of the girl's basketball team.

The team picture can be seen at Applebee's along with other STHS memorabilia. If you have a chance to visit Applebee's please check out the team uniforms! You will be in for a surprise.

Other honored alumnae included from the Class of 1949: Mrs. Elaine Hocker Bogar (Mrs. Hocker's daughter), Mrs. Faye Gill Ronemus, Mrs. Betty Lloyd Watts, Mrs. Pat Miller Helm; from the Class of 1950: Mrs. Karlene Attick

Bolton and Mrs. Shirley Kauffman Kannegeiser.



Mrs. Beth Peffer, Assistant Varsity Coach, presented each of the honorees with a special video she created for the occasion.

To close the program, Coach Julie Denniston introduced the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads and presented the senior members gifts in recognition of their service to their respective teams. Coach Denniston also made special mention of Mrs. Watts assistance in setting up the alumnae portion of the program.



On March 8 the Susquehanna Golden Age Club honored ten members who are more than 90 years old with proclamations from Robert Burns, executive director, Dauphin County Department of Aging: DeVona McNear, 97; Mary Hoke, 99, Peggy Connolly, 94; Faye Cooper, 91; Edith Bricker, 92; Betty Ellenberger, 92; Jane Smaling, 91; and Flossie Stouffer, 98. Not pictured are Russ Ellenberger, 93 and Anna Mae Moore, 90.

The club meets at the Progress Fire Company, 3440 Maple Street, the second Tuesday of each month.



Digital Billboard - Coming Soon!

Weather permitting the Digital Billboard will soon sit at the corner of Elmerton and Progress Avenues. This location will provide the most visibility and enable the school to maximize communications with the community at large. It is a high-resolution freestanding billboard with an LED matrix display.





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.

KOREAN MEMORIAL REPLACEMENT

The Korean Memorial that was dedicated and put into place for the second time last spring was again found to have several cracks in the granite. This memorial was not damaged when being put into place and looked absolutely beautiful, however after 3 or 4 weeks several cracks appeared. The manufacturer has determined that the piece of granite they had used was found to be defective. The new memorial that will be put into place this spring was acquired from a different granite site at no cost to us.

Additional names will be placed on the memorial at that time and families will be notified when this is completed. Also brick pavers will be added at the same time as they come in. If anyone has any questions about the garden, please feel free to give Shirley Kannegieser a call at 921-8536. Also some of our shrubs did not survive their first year and they have been replaced by **Scott Tobias Landscaping. A Special Thanks to Scott, Class of 1977!**

In reference to looking forward to our final project, honoring our Vietnam Veterans, we are looking for volunteers to be on the committee. At the present time we have 3 new members and are looking to obtain approximately 3 more. Anyone having any names to be entered on this memorial please send names, branch of service, etc. to Shirley Kannegieser or give to any of our board members listed in the newsletter. We will keep you abreast of our progress as it occurs.

The Memorial Garden Committee wants to Thank You for all your support and looks forward to working with you in the future. As always we welcome and appreciate any suggestions from you benefiting the Alumni organization.



MEMORIAL GARDEN "BRICK PAVERS"

The STHS Alumni Board and the Memorial Garden Committee are reaching 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 BRICK SALE



Make check payable to: Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn.
Please identify "Memorial Garden" on the bottom of your check

Inscription: _____

Your Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Return your order to:

Shirley Kannegieser
27 Hillside Rd.
Dauphin, Pa., 17018
Phone: (717) 921- 8536

ORDER DEADLINE:

**Orders will continue
to be accepted**

Sample Inscriptions

FOR VETERANS

SGT. JOSEPH JONES
US ARMY
WW II

FOR NON-VETERANS

SALLY SMITH
STHS - 1948

(Orders take 4-6 weeks to complete)



STHS Alumni 21st Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 18, 2011

Colonial Golf & Tennis Club

4901 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg

~ Handicap accessible ~

Registration & Doors Open 11 a.m.
Luncheon Noon

\$25.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Banquet features choice of:

Chicken Breast Scampi OR Baked Haddock*

Also included: Vegetable Medley, Red Potatoes, Dessert, & Beverages

*Meatless gluten-free pasta entrée available on request

DEADLINE: June 8. 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 \$25.00 each
Make checks payable to **STHS Alumni Association**

Check your choice of entrée: Chicken _____ OR Haddock _____

*Meatless gluten-free pasta entrée _____

Check your choice: 3-berry pie _____ apple pie _____

Mail this form with check to:

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





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