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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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The Susquehanna Township students and STHS Alumni Association announce the 10th **Pink Out** during the month of October.

The campaign includes the October 8, 2021 football game with Waynesboro at Roscoe Warner Field. You may purchase a game-day "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" candle to recognize a loved one.

Please help support this important cause by attending the October 2 Pink Out Fall Fest and Dine Outs.

Special thank you to our Student Leadership Chairs Xavier Humphrey and Ben Teplitz and school district Pink Out adviser teacher Amy Vaughan. And thank you to the Alumni Association Pink Out Committee Chairs Tammi Hammaker and Rhyce Hammaker.



Mark your calendars for October 2! It is time for **FALL FEST**. This year our **PINK OUT** fundraising will be incorporated into this year's event. A portion of the proceeds will benefit our two charities, Vickie's Angel Foundation and Pink Hands of Hope.

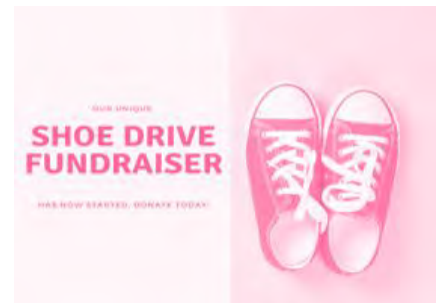
Look for food trucks, crafters, vendors and mum & pumpkins for sale. Info at www.sthsalumniassociation.com/pinkoutfallfest

Food Trucks

[Bricker's Famous Fries](#)
[Italian Job](#)
[Mammas Meltz](#)
[PA Farm Show Milkshakes](#)
[RolledUp](#)
[Shredderz](#)

Crafters/Vendors

<i>Avon</i>	<i>Liebe Crafted Designs</i>
<i>C&M Treats</i>	<i>Ray's Place</i>
<i>Colorstreet</i>	<i>Ready for School,</i>
<i>Creekwood Candle</i>	<i>Ready to Succeed</i>
<i>GEMS by MEG</i>	<i>Sara Lindemuth PTO</i>
<i>Kathryn's Wood</i>	<i>Tastefully Simple</i>
<i>Burning</i>	<i>Thirty-One Gifts</i>
<i>KPS Norwex</i>	<i>more to come...</i>



Clean out your closets and bring us your shoes. We are collecting gently used or new shoes, sandals, boots, and cleats. We will receive a monetary return based on the number and poundage of the shoes we collect. Proceeds will benefit **PINK OUT**.

Drop-off:

Pink Out Fall Fest

STHS Parking Lot
3500 Elmerton Avenue
Saturday, October 2; 11am - 3pm

Or contact Tammi at (717) 215-7583 or thammaker21@gmail.com

DINE OUT
FOR THE CURE

Don't forget our Pink Out Dine Outs on page 8. No need to show the Your Place flyer.

A Message from Your Alumni President

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Dear Alumni and Friends,



Another season has come and gone so quickly. The Alumni Board and I hope that you, your family, and your friends are well and have been able to enjoy the summer in some capacity.

Although we have not been able to have some of our face-to-face indoor events and activities including mailing hardcopy versions of our newsletter,

many of us have been hard at work on several fronts; working with the School Board and District on Rebranding (updates will be posted to the school district's and alumni websites), holding our Susquehanna Invitational, or planning the upcoming Pink Out Campaign and Fall Fest. Many of you asked about obtaining old uniforms—we'll have news on that as the Rebranding Committee moves forward.

Our "Building Champions" Field House Campaign also kept us just as busy once the recovery from the early phases of the Covid-19 pandemic began. Turn to page 6 for the latest news!

In conjunction with the field house campaign we are excited to announce the decision to launch a Hall of Fame based on the National Federation of High Schools' standards. Our framework is being established and committee members being identified. We'll share updates as they become available.

As always, thank you to our Board, Volunteers, and to you for your continued support!

Be Well. Stay Well.

Dwayne DeFoor, Class of 1978

STHS Alumni Association
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Coming soon!



Chris Arney '15
Joe Arney '17
Lillian Goldberg, Faculty
Luddy Hiraldo '21
Nancy Kauffman '80
Leslie Green Ocko '84
Bonnie Heist Paparella '68
Jordan Plempel '21
Shauna Myers Poach '91
Breonna Russell '21
Rusty Schneck '72
Edward Selvey '66
Ryan Straub
Patrick Thieblemont '21

LEST WE FORGET

Neal Richard Bressler '57
Ronald I. Buxton '67
James Richard Drenning '60
Kathy Reeder Dunn - Faculty
Sally A. Fox - Faculty
Foster D. "Knuppy" Knupp '54
Valerie Ann Lucas '74
Jared R. Mattern '18
Betty Wix Mehaffie '40
Robert A. Miller '55
Marianne Kanoff Loney '56
Lillian "Scotty" Hagberg Ottaviano '57
Joyce M. Petito '54
Ray S. Radcliffe '49
John A. Skethway '56
Barry L. Strohm '59
Larry Eugene Turns '57
Sally Lee (Clark) Bonitz Winand '55
Earl W. Wilbourn Sr. - Faculty



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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>

Class News

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES



The Class of 1961 celebrated their 60th Reunion on Friday, September 24, 2021 at Leeds Restaurant, 750 Eisenhower Blvd, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The pay-your-own event from 1 PM to 4 PM was chaired by Mary Ellen Van Horn Rutter at gg324@verizon.net, 717-566-6804 and Pat Turnbaugh Taylor at ptaylor3506@gmail.com or 717-545-5755.



The Class of 1972 is planning their 50th Reunion for September 17, 2022. Please respond to Rusty Schneck at sths1972alumni@gmail.com or text him at (215) 435-0194 if you have an interest in learning more and attending. The Committee needs assistance to locate email addresses of some classmates.

Please use the Alumni Association Class Reunion page <https://www.sthsalumniassociation.com/class-reunions/> to open a pdf labeled *Need Email Addresses List* to view missing classmate names.

Planning a Reunion?

Please let us know about your reunion plans. If you are planning an event during these ever changing times we will help get the word out. Or better yet, let us help you incorporate your Reunion in the **Summer Bash All Class Reunion** every **3rd Saturday in July**. Email us at:

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



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

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Harrisburg, PA 17106 or

Telephone: 717-572-0901 or

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President– Dwayne DeFoor '78
Vice President– Susan Gordon '78
Secretary– Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83
Treasurer– Charles B. Friedlander '78

Ardee Burno, Jr. '82
Kim Fitting '84
Charlene Morris '70
Barb Smith Pearce '65
Elliot Solomon '16
Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85

Student Representatives

Xavier Humphrey '22
Ben Teplitz '23

Committees

Activities– Kim Fitting '84, Barb Smith Pearce '65
Auditing– Open
Fundraising– Tammi Hammaker '83 Chair, Susan Gordon '78, Andrea Weikert '85
Susquehanna Invitational Golf Committee– Susan Gordon '78, Tammi Hammaker '83, Andrea Weikert '85, Kim Fitting '84, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio)
Hanna Education Foundation– Dwayne DeFoor '78, Andrea Weikert '85
Historical– Charlene Morris '70
Social Marketing– Susan Gordon '78, Chuck Friedlander '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78
Membership– Dwayne DeFoor '78, Elliot Solomon '16
Memorial Gardens– Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Chair Emeritus
Newsletter– Dwayne DeFoor '78, Barb Smith Pearce '65
Nominating– Barb Smith Pearce '65
Outreach– Open
Pink Out– Xavier Humphrey (Student Chair), Ben Teplitz, Amy Vaughn (School District Adviser), Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83, Rhyce Hammaker '16, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78
Scholarship– Dwayne DeFoor '78, Tammi Hammaker '83, Susan Gordon '78, Charlene Morris '70
School Liaison– Jennifer Jenkins '90



Eliminating Food Insecurities

During the 2021 Susquehanna Invitational charity golf tournament's AP Williams sponsored Awards and Banquet, **Timothy L. DeFoor '79**, Pennsylvania Auditor General, presented a \$7,500 check to the HANNA Foundation in support of HANNA's Pantry.

THANK YOU, Mr. Auditor General and Campaign Committee!



Andrew Rutherford '03, HANNA Foundation Treasurer, accepts the check from Auditor General Timothy DeFoor

Are you interested in joining the HANNA Foundation in helping to eliminate food insecurities in our community? Consider volunteering your time or sending a monetary donation. Please make and send your check to HANNA Foundation. Please mark "HANNA's Pantry" on your check:

HANNA Foundation
P.O. Box 60023
Harrisburg, PA 17106



Did you know?



22

Languages are spoken in the school district

CELEBRATE



15TH

Most Diverse school district in America



1ST

Most Diverse school district in PA

SPOTLIGHT

David W. Volkman Excellence Scholarship

Recognizing an educator, a leader, and a friend.

David W. Volkman is a man of many hats. Upon his retirement in 2009 after 40 years in the Susquehanna Township School District he was a teacher, bus driver, principal and superintendent. He still has a role in education as the Special Advisor to the Secretary of Education.



It was Mr. Volkman's commitment to excellence that led the Alumni Association and Lawrence Brothers Promotions with their "We Believe in Your Child TOO" nonprofit foundation to create the David W. Volkman Excellence Scholarship.

The belief that "every child can and will learn with the proper educational resources" is echoed throughout both organization's work.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to eligible applicants in the amount of \$1000 as long as there are sufficient assets in the Fund.

We are pleased to award the first David W. Volkman Excellence Scholarship to Saaniya Balani, a daughter of Dharmendra and Sangeeta Balani. Saaniya is attending University of Massachusetts Amherst where she is studying Psychology on the pre-Physician Assistant Track.



(L-R) David Volkman—Dwayne DeFoor—Kevin Lawrence—Saaniya Balani—Doug Lawrence

Would you like to join us in continuing this recognition of Dave's excellence in education? Make a tax-deductible contribution online at www.sthsalumniassociation.com/scholarship-fund and select David W. Volkman Excellence Scholarship Fund or mail a check payable to *STHS Alumni Association* at P.O. Box 61474, Harrisburg PA 17106. Mark 'Volkman Scholarship' in memo line.

2021 Alumni Association Scholarship

Supporting Education

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2021 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients of **Jordan Plempel** and **Patrick Thieblemont**. Each awardee received \$750.00 towards their post-secondary education.

Jordan, daughter of Brett and Nicole Plempel, is studying K-12 Art Education at Millersville University.

Jordan also committed to swim on the school's team. While at STHS, Jordan was a two-time Mid Penn Conference Swimming champion in 200 Individual Medley (2019) and 50 yard Freestyle (2021), four-time 4x PIM District 3 qualifier and medalist, four-time PIM State Championship qualifier.

A four-year Varsity STHS Swim Team member and 2-year Captain and aspiring artist, she taught swim lessons for kids ages 6 months to 11 years old, including parent/infant classes. Jordan loves working with children, particularly those with special needs. Jordan volunteered with Gnomes for Homes, a nonprofit delivering handmade gnomes to local residents who have been experiencing personal hardships throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic

Jordan's interests include photography, graphic design, listening to music, and all kinds of art. She likes spending her free time outside, or driving around listening to music, looking to find new places. One of her favorite things to do is to sit on the rocks and watch the sunset from Fort Hunter park.

Patrick, son of Michael and Sandra Thieblemont, attends Cornell University where he is studying Engineering.

Patrick participated in Marching Band, Concert Band, and Robotics Club. He participated in three sports: Cross Country, Tennis, and Swimming. He is a Distinguished Honors Scholar, 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Scholar, 2020 AP Scholar with Honor, and was in the Susquehanna Township School District National Honor Society and Gifted Program.

Patrick volunteered in various roles such as being a Harrisburg Marathon Volunteer, Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center Summer Teen Volunteer, and with the Susquehanna Township Parks and Recreation as a Summer Day Camp Counselor in Training Volunteer and also served as a Summer Lunch Program Volunteer.



Great News!

After a round of meetings the school district has committed funds to construct the restrooms and concessions piece of the Building Champions campaign. The proposal was approved by the School Board on Monday, September 20. The Alumni Association will assist the district and architectural firm including providing information already collected to date. The Alumni Association will raise private funds for the remaining plans.

We will reset our project plans and begin to hold meetings to layout the next steps. Several community members have already reached out to serve on the campaign committee.

If you would like to serve on the committee or receive additional information, please reach out to Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



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PINK OUT FALL FEST

2ND
OCTOBER
2021 / 11AM - 3PM

SUSQUEHANNA TWP HIGH SCHOOL
3500 ELMERTON AVENUE
FREE ENTRY

sthsalumniassociation.com/pinkoutfallfest

FOOD TRUCKS-VENDORS-CRAFTERS-MUMS & PUMPKINS

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Dine Out against Breast Cancer

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

DINE OUT FOR THE CURE

10.11.21



Bellia's Pizza is a proud supporter of Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association **PINK OUT**. Visit Bellia's at 2256 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17110 on **Monday, October 11th** during lunch and dinner (Dine In or Take Out). Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 15% of the proceeds will be donated to Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association **PINK OUT**.



Presented by the Students of Susquehanna Township School District and Susquehanna Township Alumni Association

DRINK. DINE. DONATE.

BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH

3882 UNION
DEPOSIT RD
HARRISBURG
PA 17109

OCTOBER 18
BRING IN YOUR
FLYER DURING
DINNER

STUDENTS OF SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PINK OUT

HELP US EARN **15%** BACK AT PJ'S

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

DINE OUT FOR THE CURE

10.25.21



Your Place is a proud supporter of Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association **PINK OUT**. Visit Your Place at 2270 Kohn Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110 on **Monday, October 25th** during dinner from **5 PM - 9 PM** (Dine In only). *You do not need to show this flyer.* 10% of the proceeds will be donated to Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association **PINK OUT**.

Reminder

The Your Place flyer is not required!



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Don't forget the Pink Out Football Game with Waynesboro on **October 8 at 7:00 PM** at Roscoe Warner Field.





Pink Out Shoe Drive

Don't forget. Clean out your closets and bring us your gently worn, used and new shoes. No skates!

Every pair of gently worn, used and new shoes we collect turns into funds for PINK OUT 2021 and is kept out of landfills!

Drop-off Date

Pink Out Fall Fest, STHS, Parking Lot
3500 Elmerton Avenue: Saturday, October 2
from 11am – 3pm

Info or Pick-up please contact:

Tammi at (717) 215-7583 or
thammaker21@gmail.com

Pink Out through the years...

TOTAL RAISED - \$82,271

2014



2015



2016



2017



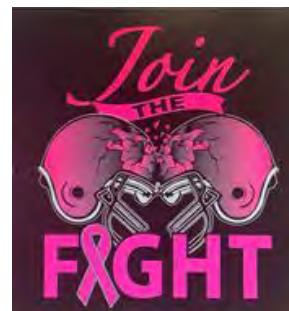
2018



2019



2021



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Volunteer at *Hershey Entertainment* with the *Alumni Association* and earn *Hersheypark Tickets*

* Volunteers must be 18 years and older

Sign-up today: thammaker21@gmail.com
(717) 215-7583



Alumni Business Directory

The directory was created for alumni who own their businesses and for alumni who are looking to support alumni-owned businesses. Whether it's a privately-owned company, a partnership, sole proprietorship, a home-based business, or affiliate we encourage you to show your support for small businesses everywhere and especially those created, owned, and operated by fellow Susquehanna Township "Hanna" graduates.

View the business list and company summaries at: www.sthsalumniassociation.com/alumni-business-directory Each picture is a hyperlink if a website is available.

Questions? Please contact **Andrea Mercurio Weikert** at (717) 877-8321 or via email at alweikert@yahoo.com

The following logos are displayed in the directory:

- Municipal Finance Partners
- anne's tastefullysimple.
- GT&E GROFF TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT SINCE 1958
- PK Electrical, Inc.
- MagicEpoxyDreamGirl Epoxy resin handmade jewelry and art
- Affordable Elegance for the Home Red Door Consignment Gallery RedDoorConsignmentGallery.com
- Rolling Acre
- Mello Bellies.com
- Mary Beth Snyder Beauty
- SWEETS BY TIYANA
- LONG ELECTRIC SERVICE LLC
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- BORN CREATIVE
- caruso roofing 25 years insured gutter cleaning - residential repairs 717-319-4027
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- MOORE MAID TO SHINE
- thirty-one consultant
- made to keep CREATIVE
- S&W Outdoor King
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DRESS AND SUIT DRIVE

Assist local teens to go to the Prom

Donate new or lightly worn dresses, suits, shoes, and accessories. Give local high school students an opportunity to join their friends for a memorable night looking beautiful and confident.

We accept:

Clean, gently-used or new items – All sizes accepted

Suits & Shirts: Tuxedos, suits, shirts

Dresses: Gowns, party, prom, formal

Accessories & Shoes: Jewelry, handbags, ties

For more information or to donate an item please contact

Lexi and Andrea Weikert at

alweikert@yahoo.com

Project Prom is sponsored by





Middletown, PA - June 18, 2021

On a sun-filled afternoon, the 2021 Susquehanna Invitational presented by *First National Bank (FNB)* was held at Sunset Golf Course. The event supports Scholarships and Programming of the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association and the HANNA Foundation. The Covid-19 impacted tournament raised nearly \$9,000 dollars. We are looking forward to a back to normal 2022 event. Don't miss it!

Enjoy photos from the tournament here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qKVjes3T6o5oZHUJ8>

Mark you calendars for another fun-filled tournament on June 24, 2022 at Sportsman's Golf Course, 3800 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110.

The top scoring team

Team Fabian

John Fabian
Chris Wilsbach
Greg Freeburn
Stephen Verbos



See you on June 24, 2022 at Sportsman's Golf Course!

SUMMER BASH 13

All Class Reunion & More...

Saturday, July 17, 2021 - This is the second year of the Alumni Association running the Summer Bash, which was created by alumni celebrating their birthdays. Two bands, 250+ people and the rest is history! Many classes have used this event as a part of their Class Reunion weekends. You will also find alumni and friends from a wide range of years in attendance. Always on the 3rd Saturday in July, we'll see you next year on July 16, 2022! Enjoy a few pictures on the next few pages and a few videos from this year's event. The rain didn't stop the party!! **Special Thank You to Cindy Petrides, Class of 1985, for the great photos!**



SUMMER BASH 13

All Class Reunion & More...

View these and additional photos at:



Sign up or give as a gift

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
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Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ (if appropriate)

Phone _____

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Prefer to receive your newsletter via email? Circle: Yes or No

Include a **Tax Deductible Donation** \$ _____

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