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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

2010 Has passed and 2011 has arrived. We should be thankful for the many blessings we have received from our Heavenly Father. Some of us have been affected by illness and some of our loved ones have passed away. But God has given us freedom, strength, and compassion.

I am fortunate to have a loving family and friends. I consider all of you, Susquehanna Township High School alumni, my friends. I'd like to share a work related exercise I used before my retirement.

Name the five wealthiest people in the world, Name the last five Heisman Trophy winners, and Name the past five winners of the Miss America Pageant. How did you do?

Over time we tend to forget yesterday's headlines and stars. The applause dies, the awards have tarnished, and achievements long forgotten.

Now let's see how you do on this exercise. List the teachers who aided you on your journey. Name three friends who helped through a difficult time. Name three people who taught you something worthwhile. Easier?

That's people who make a difference in your life are not always those with the most credentials, money, or awards. Simply, they are the ones that care most about you. They are your friends.

During the past year you have given me support with kind words and a pat on the back. You've kept me energized and focused on the positive side of issues. I look for your continued support as we go forward in 2011. Although we may experience difficult situations I am extremely confident that we as proud STHS Alumni can and will succeed.

During 2010 the Alumni Association demonstrated its ongoing support of the Hanna Education Foundation by sponsoring the foundation's Best Friends student program. I would like to commend Dwayne De-Foor '78 for his ten years of representing the Alumni Association on the Hanna Education Foundation board. And for his support to us, the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association.

Lastly, we look forward to seeing you at the **March 19th breakfast!** The registration form can be found on the last page of the newsletter.

Sincerely,

Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President

William Hines, a starting linebacker and defensive leader for the Harrisburg Stampede in

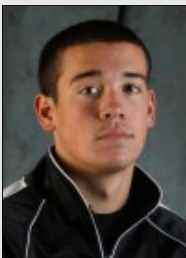


2009 and 2010, has re-signed with the Southern Indoor Football League (SIFL) team for the 2011 season.

The North Carolina A&T State

University graduate made his professional debut with the Stampede in 2009. Hines finished ranked among the league's top defenders finishing 26th in tackles.

Rahsaan Carlton '92 the Director of Athletics at Penn State Harrisburg since August of 2005, heads a 12-sport varsity program, which competes at the Division III level in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC). Rahsaan was a four-year letterman (1993-97) on the Nittany Lion basketball team, serving as team captain his senior year.



Matt Falgoust '10 placed third in 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke while swimming for the Cleveland State University Vikings Men's Swimming team at the City College meet in December. The criminology major also helped the 200 free and 200 medley relay teams finish second and fourth respectively.

More People in the News on page 4



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John Scott Black '65
Carol Miller Carter '63
Michael Ferguson '85
Jonathan A Stevens '79
Pat Turnbaugh Taylor '61
Ronald Young '65

Did You Know—Top Members by Class ?

Class of '60 - 43
Class of '97 - 38
Class of '54 - 36
Class of '61 - 35
Class of '71 - 34
Class of '50 - 32
Class of '49 - 31
Class of '56 - 29
Class of '65 - 29

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

Challenge your former Classmates to join the other 1152 members of your Alumni Association!



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.

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.

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LEST WE FORGET

Jaywood Brubaker, Faculty
Mary Louise Diehl, Faculty MS
Shelby Drummond '56
Genevieve B. Emerick, Nurse
Richard Eyrich, Faculty
Margaret Fissel, Faculty
Ellen Goldberg '01
Betty Miller Hocker '46
Joanne Reed Hummer '51
Charles (Chuck) Kreider '59 / USAF
Rhea Simons Metz '83
Robert Nace '67
Eugene F. Smith '53
Willard A Smith, Jr. '65
Richard Woodcock '68



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

Join us at the Spring Breakfast on
March 19 !!!
Registration form on page 7

Thank You PEGGY KEISER!

In honor of Peggy's retirement and in recognition of her enormous contributions to the *Susquehanna Township School District* during her



65 and one-half years of service, a Celebration and Luncheon was held at the **Four Points by Sheraton** on January 22, 2011.

Proclamations by Senator Jeff Piccola and the STSD School Board represented by Nick Gekas, Ray Landis, and Patty Garcia were read. Videos highlighting Peggy's time over the years and another of congratulations from members of the school district were shown.

The Alumni Association represented by Bob Chapman and Shirley Kannegieser, presented Peggy with an engraved clock with an inscription honoring her tireless service to the community, school district and the Alumni Association.

A book of congratulatory letters from her many friends and co-workers will be presented to her at a later date.

Congratulations Peggy
on your well deserved retirement!

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

cbrichtbill3817@comcast.net

~ SPOTLIGHT ~



Friends tackle worldly concerns

M. Diane McCormick

Patriot-News February 19-25, 2010 (excerpt)

Omari Jackson & Justin Roberts '04

For **Omari Jackson** and **Justin Roberts**, a college trip to Africa changed the course of their lives.

The 2004 Susquehanna Twp. High School graduates and friends from their early teens had their career plans set -- Jackson in criminology, Roberts in political science. But encountering the struggling people of Senegal, Morocco and Gambia in 2005 inspired both to pursue international development.

It gave them a new perspective on life in America, Jackson said.

"We're very lucky, and we should take advantage of the things we do have because other people have never known what we do have," said Jackson, 23. "It's how I got interested in economic development. I want to do something on a global scale."

After earning their bachelor's degrees from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2008, they spent a year at the University of Glasgow and, on Dec. 1, received their master's degrees in economics.

The Scotland Institution was founded in 1451, and Jackson and Roberts chose to wear what university guidelines call the "recognised national dress" of kilt and dark jacket.

"It was cold," said Jackson, who is now home with parents Charles and Frances Jackson. "It was probably 25 degrees out."

Wearing another country's traditional dress helps bridge cultures, said Roberts, who is still in Glasgow and waiting for a work visa that will allow him to get a job in London.

"The Scots, when they see a foreigner with the traditional dress, they accept them a little more, and they're proud," he said.

In Glasgow, Jackson said he studied "globalization, international trade, government agencies like the World Bank, project planning." Now, he's looking for a job with the U.S. Agency for International Development, Oxfam, or another international relief organization.

From Glasgow, Jackson and Roberts traveled throughout the United Kingdom and to Barcelona, Spain. Europeans liked to talk about American politics, Jackson said.....

Jackson and Roberts said their parents taught them community service. When asked why international development is important to U.S. interests, Jackson called it "a humanitarian commitment"

Someday, Roberts hopes to return to his political science roots and work in the policy side of international development.....

State Senator Jeffrey Piccola '66 was recognized by Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) at its 98th Municipal Police Academy graduation by the naming of the new law enforcement complex in his honor for his ongoing commitment and support of the region's first responders. More than 30,000 of the region's first responders and healthcare workers are trained annually at the Public Safety Center, adjacent to the Harrisburg Campus.



Ed Ruth, a Penn State redshirt freshman at 174 pounds, was named Big Ten Wrestler of the week for the weekend of January 2. Ed won five bouts at the Southern Scuffle tournament in late December. Ed's record currently stands at 23-1 and is ranked second in the country at 174 pounds.

Chris Franklin '91, led his *Harlem Globetrotters* teammates into the Hershey Giant Center for a basketball game played last December 29 against the Washington Generals as part of the Globetrotters' 85th anniversary tour. Chris, known as "Handles", has been playing with the Globetrotters since 2007. The 6-1, 175 lb. guard graduated from Lock Haven University where he majored in social work.



GO INDIANS!!!



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 will also be replaced in the spring, weather permitting.

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 look 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)



SEMI ANNUAL ALUMNI BREAKFAST

DATE: Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 9 A.M.

WHERE: Susquehanna Township High School Cafeteria
3550 Elmerton Avenue

COST: \$9.00 per person

Deadline: March 14, 2011

Catered by 'Grant' from the Shellsville VFW

Handicapped entrance through the rear of the cafeteria

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:
SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER March 14, 2011 AND NO REFUNDS
WILL BE MADE AFTER THAT DATE.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION

**PLEASE MAIL RESERVATIONS TO: Barbara Smith Pearce
171 Brindle Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055**

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL (717) 697-4114 days or before 9 PM evenings

RESERVATION FORM:

NAME: _____ PHONE # _____

GUEST: _____

RESERVATIONS _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Reservations are pre-pay due to past late cancellations.
We are responsible to pay for the number of reservations that we submit.

