

# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

SEPTEMBER 2011 ISSUE

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP  
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



## Letter from the President

*Dear Alumni and Friends,*

Happy 2011-2012 school year!

It is with great pleasure that the membership thank Superintendent Dr. Susan Kegerise for continuing the outstanding effort that began with her predecessor David Volkman related to the recent placement of the digital sign at the corner of Elmerton and Progress Avenues.

Somewhere in the recent past I reminded you that being a member of the Alumni Association was remarkable and unique. You don't belong to the association, the association belongs to you. The purpose of the association is to promote interests of the Susquehanna Township students and alumni. We must foster and grow our relationship with the high school as well as promote the academic and scholastic programs. The 2011 graduation class is another example of excellence. One more reason to always be Susquehanna Township proud!

Once again we are asking our younger alumni to become more active in leadership and planning roles. If you know a graduate or a former employee ask them to join the association. You can always give membership as a gift. New members and increased involvement will only strengthen what is in place today and ensure a continuation of the achievements we have accomplished in the past.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall breakfast at the high school on October 15. Go Indians!

Sincerely,

*Bob Chapman, Sr. '55, President*

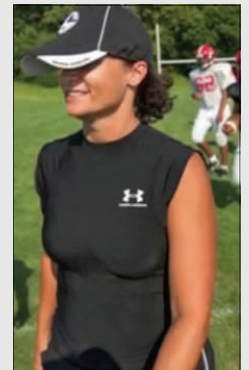
The Marine Corp commission ceremony for **2nd Lt. Nicolas Bender '07** was held at Roscoe Warner field on September 2 with family, friends, and members of the STHS football team in attendance. Nick is the son of D. Wayne and Lisa Bender. The McDaniel College graduate heads to the Middle East to teach in a private school and enhance his Arabic language skills



Picture M. DIANE MCCORMICK  
*The Patriot-News*



**Lori Shandelmeir Locust '82** is serving as an apprentice defensive assistant on the 2011 HS football team staff. Lori, a certified personal trainer, is a former



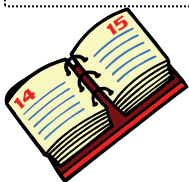
player and over the last three seasons the defensive coordinator for the *Keystone Assault* women's football team.

The *Keystone Assault*, a member of the *Women's Football Alliance (WFA)*, is a semi-professional, full contact, all women's football team with players from all over Central Pennsylvania.

## 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....

*More People in the News on page 4*



## DATE TO REMEMBER

**Fall Breakfast**  
**Susquehanna Twp. High School**  
3500 Elmerton Avenue

**Saturday October 15, 2011 @ 9:00 AM**



Contact **BARBARA PEARCE** on (717) 697-4114 days or before 9 p.m. evenings  
or **SANDY KEISER DAILY** at 774-1582 after October 11

**Reservation form on page 7**



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eileen Richmond Lingle '55  
Karen Daugherty-Reiber '72  
Joyce Novinger Van Zandt '45

## 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 **1155**  
members of your Alumni Association!



## CLASS NEWS



The **Class of 1954** will hold a picnic on Sept 13th @ 12:00 Noon at Veterans Park on Elmerton Avenue.

The **Class of 1947** held their **Reunion** on June 18, 2011 during the Alumni Luncheon at the Colonial Country Club. Roll call was conducted by Class Vice President, Robert Blosser. Approximately twenty class members and spouses were in attendance.

The **Class of 1956** held their **55th Class Reunion** on July 23, 2011 at the Colonial Country Club. 45 people attend the Reunion out of a class of 72 people of which 12 have passed away. The faculty was represented by Mr & Mrs. Richard Hivner, who was also the guest speaker. Classmates as far away as California attended.

The class has a knack for keeping in touch. *How do they do it?*

Every classmate is reached via a telephone call to ensure correct contact information. Then the class sponsors several functions during non Reunion years. Every two years **Gloria Johnston Gutshall** heads up a Class Cruise. Ron & Gloria Gutshall hosting an annual picnic and holding monthly luncheons headed up by **Irene Major Knopic** are but a few examples of the plans the class has in place to get together regularly.

Irene also emails any news about class members that she is informed about. There are also small groups that get together for an evening out or a day of golfing etc.

If you would like to try some of these ideas and you're not sure how to get started feel free to contact John Skethway at (717) 412-4091)

Thanks John Skethway for the update and information!

## LEST WE FORGET

Eleanor Formwald Albright '36  
H. Richard Baker '53  
Jane Beth Zeller-Brindle - School Nurse  
Louise Bushey - Faculty  
John Christmas '58  
Mary Hoke - Herbert Hoover School Cafeteria Manager  
Elva Swartz Holbert '51  
Brian Kieffer '93  
Dorothy Kulha - Faculty  
Luther Milliken '44  
Kenneth Minnich '61  
Lee Patton '56  
Marilyn A. Smith '53  
Mark Rothenberg '69  
Kenneth E. Stocker '53  
Dorothy Keiter Straw '34



## 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

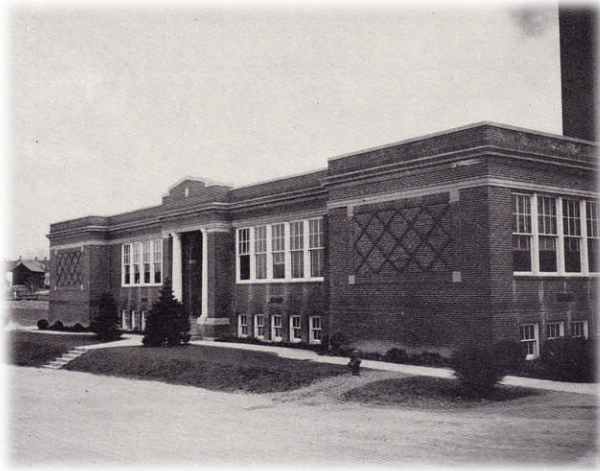
to:

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



~ Editor's Note ~

Did You Know? The photos listed under the "End of Era" heading in the May edition were of the original Susquehanna Township Junior-Senior High School. Dedicated February 4, 1929 it was later known as Progress Elementary School then the Anna L. Carter Kindergarten Center.



Yearbook photo courtesy of Albert Richwine '39

2011 HS Football Schedule

	Date	Time
Susquehanna Twp. (W) @ Waynesboro (L)	09/02/2011	7:00 PM
Spring Grove @ Susquehanna Twp.	09/09/2011	7:00 PM
Susquehanna Twp. @ Greencastle-Antrim	09/16/2011	7:30 PM
Bishop McDevitt @ Susquehanna Twp.	09/23/2011	7:00 PM
<b>Carlisle @ Susquehanna Twp. (Homecoming)</b>	09/30/2011	7:00 PM
Susquehanna Twp. @ Lower Dauphin	10/07/2011	7:00 PM
Susquehanna Twp. @ Cedar Cliff	10/14/2011	7:00 PM
Mechanicsburg @ Susquehanna Twp.	10/21/2011	7:00 PM
Susquehanna Twp. @ Hershey	10/28/2011	7:00 PM
Red Land @ Susquehanna Twp.	11/04/2011	7:00 PM

**PLEASE NOTE:** Alumni 65 years of age and older may obtain a Pass at the HS office (717-657-5117) during school hours to allow free entrance to home HS sporting events.



**Thank You** to the *Class of 1947* for their donation to the Alumni Association. Their generous donation was split between the Memorial Gardens and newsletter expenses.

**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 ~



## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS (continued)



### Digital Sign - INSTALLED!



If you have not had the opportunity to drive near the corner of Elmerton and Progress Avenues you've missed the new digital sign!!

The digital sign will promote school and community activities.

A big **THANK YOU** to all the alumni who made this possible by your generous donations!

**Nathan Kepner '06** recently performed at The Society of American Magicians National Conference held in Pittsburgh July 13-16. In 2005, he won the Lance Burton Teen Stage Champion award at the world magic seminar in Las Vegas — considered the most prestigious competition for junior magicians. He has won the Society of American Magicians' Genii Award for up-and-coming performers twice.

The Society of American Magicians, founded on May 10, 1902 in Martinka's famous magic shop in New York City, New York, is the oldest and most prestigious magical society in the world.

Watch a July 27 *youtube* performance posted by Nate:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmP-IriJLP8>

Nate's bio:



*"Nathan Kepner brings his unique brand of magic to the stage by fusing the style of the jazz era with dynamic, original effects. A Harrisburg native, Nathan was first internationally recognized at the age of 17 as the 2005 World Magic Seminar's Teen Stage Champion and to date has earned a total of six national and international awards. As a performer, however, he explores beyond the world of magic and presents an array*

*of circus arts added to his repertoire. Nathan has spent the last year in New Orleans, where has been able to hone his variety-style skills not only as a stage magician, but also as a street performer."*



**Nicole Enterline '07** earlier this year had a dress (pictured) chosen for use in the Opera Company of Philadelphia's production of Gounod's "Romeo and Juliet". Three of the companies performances were held in northern Italian theaters including one located in the late Luciano Pavarotti's hometown of Modena. Nicole, the daughter of Rick and Teresa Enterline, is a senior fashion design student at Philadelphia University.

*Photo courtesy of Nicole Enterline*

**Johanna Kester '10** received the Congressional Award in Washington D.C. on June 18. The Congressional Award is a program which recognizes

Americans ages 14 to 23 who distinguish themselves in volunteer public service, personal development, physical fitness and independent travel and exploration. Johanna's role as the teaching assistant for Pennsylvania Regional Ballet's dance class for special-needs students was instrumental in earning her achievement. Johanna, daughter of Mark Kester and Karen Friedman-Kester, will attend Tulane University in New Orleans this fall to study neuropsychology with a minor in dance.



*Photo M. DIANE MCCORMICK  
The Patriot-News*

### BELATED CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Congratulations** to Fire Marshal **GEORGE DREES '78** for 35-years of service to the township.

**Congratulations** to the **PIAA State Champion 4x100** meter relay team of Leroy McClain, Patrick Olal-Ogwal, Rodney Watkins, and Colby Grant.







# 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 Paving 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.



# 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 SEMI-ANNUAL ALUMNI BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 15, 2011  
STHS Cafeteria  
3500 Elmerton Avenue

*Catered by 'Grant' from the Shellsville VFW*

~ Handicap Entrance through the rear of the cafeteria ~

**Registration & Doors Open 9:00 a.m.**

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

**Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses**

**DEADLINE: October 11. 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 after October 11



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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