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**A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,



We are pleased to share our first newsletter of 2016. We trust you will find several items of interest which leads you to VOLUNTEER on the Board, SERVE on a Committee, or provide us guidance based on your expertise. Mohandas Gandhi eloquently stated "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." This was as true when it was first stated, as it is today.

One of our 2016 Goals is to increase our VOLUNTEER base. Won't you join us in making this an even better Alumni Association?

Another 2016 Goal relates to Membership. I see our association ending this year with a membership of over 2,500 alumni and friends. We've had nearly 13,000 alumni and classmates who may have left STHS early but still consider us home. Sounds like an impossible goal? Can't be done? If every one of our 1,200 members recruited a new member or signed up a friend, we would be there!

In addition, we are working with an alumni services company to create a master Alumni Directory. They will use their proprietary software to locate our missing classmates and confirm their current contact information. We need your help. **Do you have a Class Address Book (confirmed or not) to send us?** An Alumni Directory will allow us to reach all of our schoolmates to share information including Membership, Volunteerism, Events, and Special Projects. We're hoping to avoid typing addresses from all of our yearbooks to get us to 10,000 contacts, which is the target point for reduced or free search and directory building. The school district has been able to provide 3,302 names from 2002 through 2015. When these names are added to the 1,200+ members of the Alumni Association, we would have approximately 4,500 so far!

Another 2016 Goal is to grow our Partnerships with the many organizations who support our students. You will find in the newsletter a few event partnerships with the *Hanna Education Foundation* and the *Athletic Booster Clubs*. Please come out and show your support. We believe that TOGETHER we can make more of a difference!

In closing, I would like to extend a THANK YOU to our Board of Directors, Committee Members, and Volunteers. It is your tireless efforts that make us all Susquehanna Township PROUD!

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor
Class of 1978

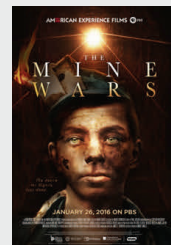


Albert Richwine '39 was recognized for his 60 years of service to the Colonial Park Rotary on October 1, 2015. Rotary Club President, Aaron Hoke, presented Al with a plaque to commemorate his achievement.

Timothy L. DeFoor '79 was elected Dauphin County Controller during the November elections. He was inaugurated in a ceremony at the Hilton Harrisburg on January 4, 2016. During a January 10th event he was honored with the "Perseverance Award" by the *Pennsylvania Diversity Coalition* in recognition of being the first African American to be elected as a county row officer.



Tracy Heather Strain '78 and her husband, Randall MacLowry, premiered THE FILM POSSE's PBS production of "The Mine Wars" on Tuesday, January 26. Tracy served as COORDINATING PRODUCER while Randy PRODUCED AND DIRECTED. The program streams on <http://video.pbs.org>



DATES TO REMEMBER

Alumni Spring Breakfast

Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 9:00 AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

BBQ Chicken/Flea Market/Car Wash

Saturday, May 21, 2016: 7AM - 2PM
High School and Sara Lindemuth Parking Lots
3500 Elmerton Avenue

5th Annual Charity Golf Event

(Benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund)
Friday, June 17, 2016 at 8:30AM
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road

26th Annual Banquet

Saturday, June 18, 2016 at 12:00 Noon
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jane Cheadle Bratz '64
Wendy Johnson '85
Paige Predmore '15
Ann E. Staley '64

Have your former Classmates join the **1150** members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend!

LEST WE FORGET

Patricia Ann Collins
Pearl Wareheim Culbertson '42
William Garber '58
Jane Haederer
William Hankee '63
Andrew Harris '82
Edith Johnston Henry '52
Collin Hepford Jr.
James W. Herman '60
Robert Hershey '51
Ronald Hippensteel '52
Richard L. Hivner 'Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Coach
Garry Holtzman '58
T. William Hummel
Larry Keiter '58
Ruth Douglas Kline '45
Donald Knackstedt '49
David Leitzel
Paul Martz '47
Janet Robinson Mays '54
William Mountz
Benjamin Newsome '62
Regina Daugherty Oldham '84
Marian Peifer 'Director of Pupil Services & Coordinator of Special Education
Dennis Probst '77
William Reed '60
Judith Shumaker - Teacher Herbert Hoover
Herbert Stouffer '51
Mitchell Thomas '79
Janet Marie Pontius Warner '53



Class News



The **Class of 1961** will hold their **55th Reunion** on July 29, 30 and 31, 2016, at the Central Hotel and Conference Center, 800 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111. Reunion chairs are **Patricia Turnbaugh Taylor** at ptaylor3506@icloud.com, **MaryEllen Van Horn Rutter** at gg324@verizon.net, and **Ron Pontius** at Ronpon@comcast.net. If you have moved or have a new e-mail address since 2011, please provide your updated information or confirm your current information to Ron at (717) 761-3265 or via his email.

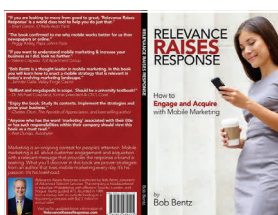
The **40th Reunion** of the Class of **1975**, together with welcomed friends from other STHS Classes, was held on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at the American Legion, 3813 Walnut St, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

The **Class of 1947**, pictured below, held a Reunion on Saturday, November 14 2015, at the Penbrook American Legion, 3813 Walnut Street.



Having a Reunion? Let us know!

Bob Bentz '77, President of ATS Mobile (Advanced Telecom Services, Inc.), a full-service provider of Interactive Voice Response services and Interactive Mobile Marketing, recently published a new book titled "*Relevance Raises Response-How to Engage and Acquire with Mobile Marketing*". Bob's book is available on Amazon and at RelevanceRaisesResponse.com



Bob was also included in Smart Pizza's Top 10 Podcast Episodes of 2015. Bob's podcast was "Mobile Marketing for Small Business" [in the pizza industry].

Do you have Memorabilia

related to any of our Schools or Classmates or Administrators? We will gladly accept them for safekeeping as part of our **Historical Archives**. The **Key Club**, supported by *Kiwanis International*, is planning to help us create a photo catalog for future reference. Please contact **Shirley Kannegieser** at (717) 921-8536 or sjkann50@comcast.net

Around the School District

Student-led Pink Out Campaign raises \$7500 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month



Susquehanna Township students, supported by the STHS Alumni Association as sponsoring organization, announced in November that revenue for the October 2015 Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness campaign was \$7,500. An additional value of

\$1000 in tangible goods to *Pink Hands of Hope* raised the total event amount to approximately \$8,500.

Vicki's Angel Foundation accepted a check for \$4,875 and *Pink Hands of Hope* accepted \$1,625 during a presentation at the December School Board meeting.

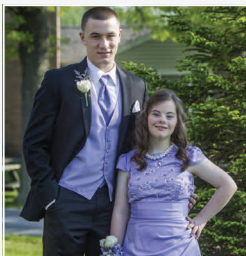
Support and contributions were received from local business sponsors, Susquehanna Township School District and School Board, *partner school Cedar Cliff High School*, Susquehanna Township District Staff, Students, Booster Clubs, Parent Volunteers, Alumni, and a host of individuals in the region. Special Thank You to HS Principal Andrae Martin for "Kissing the Colt"!

Student Government's Senior Citizens Prom

On Saturday, November 21, the HS Student Government entertained area senior citizens during an "Arabian Nights" themed Prom. The event, in cooperation with the STHS Alumni Association, was held in the High School cafeteria. Those in attendance enjoyed refreshments, dancing, party favors, and music. The STHS Jazz Band, directed by Eric Hartranft, performed.



A Promise Kept



PennLive/The Patriot-News chose High School student Ben Moser as one of 15 people, groups and businesses that had an impact on Pennsylvania in 2015. Ben, a junior at the time and a recent All-State quarterback, promised Mary Lapkowitz in fourth grade that he

would take her to prom, which he did. *The Patriot-News* highlighted that Ben and Mary's story garnered more worldwide attention than any story posted on *PennLive* during 2015. The story was also picked up by national media outlets including Today, Sporting News, NY Daily News, Huffington Post, and Entertainment Tonight. See original Pennlive story [here](#)

BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Vice President- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Treasurer- Dwayne DeFoor '78 (acting)

Committees

Activities- Connie Yontz Aurand '53, Frances Burd '50, Sandy Daily '65, Dottie Burger Gillard '47, Barb Smith Pearce '65, Helen Forbes McCollum '56,

Auditing-Open

Fundraising- Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman

Golf Committee- Mike Buskey '85, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), Mike Ferguson '85, Tammi Hammaker '83 Co-Chairman, Andrew Rutherford '03, Gilbert Scheibelhut '53, Matt Tucci '78, Tony Wright '86 Co-Chairman

Hanna Education Foundation -Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), John Fabian '03, President, Eric Waters '86, Dwayne DeFoor, Vice President

Historical- Al Richwine '39, Pat Lebo '54, Dwayne DeFoor '78

Membership- Carol Brightbill '60, Dwayne DeFoor, '78

Memorial Gardens- Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

* **Korean War Memorial-** 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-** Roy Knupp, '52 Chairman, Bob Chapman '55, Melvin Longenecker '52, Homer Pontius '52, Arlene Prentice '69, Albert Richwine '39, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

* **Vietnam War Memorial-** Richard Fleegal '60, Chairman, Carol Carter '63, David Funk '64, Charles Lloyd '58, Ben Lerew, Richard Veet '65, Bill Dale '65, Barry Garber '59, Richard Burton, Gary Lyter, Harry Stoner '65, Bill Irwin '57, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Newsletter- Dwayne DeFoor '78, Pat Miller Helm '49

Nominating- Melvin Longenecker '52, Tony Wright '86

Publicity- Anna Mae (Harman) Mumma '52

Scholarship- Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Pat Miller Helm '49, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Melvin Longenecker '52, Tony Wright '86

School Liaison- Julie Deniston, Peggy (Hummel) Keiser '45

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

John Skethway '56

Audrey Hammaker '50





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

Membership Chairman
Carol Brightbill
3817 Schoolhouse Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17109
717-545-3939
cbrightbill3817@gmail.com



Ruth Douglas Kline

Miss Pennsylvania 1948

Ruth Douglas Kline '45, our favorite *Miss Pennsylvania*, passed away last fall on Thursday, October 22, 2015. Ruth was the widow of STHS alumnus, teacher and coach, **Daniel E. Kline '45**.



Ruth was crowned *Miss Pennsylvania* "when there was only one scholarship to go around, and we had a drum roll [at the pageant], not a whole orchestra."

"I was singing around Harrisburg and people said, 'You ought to go into the *Miss America* pageant. You've got the talent to do this.' So I entered the *Miss Pennsylvania* contest and

took it from there," Kline recalled in a video marking the 100th Commencement of STHS.

Ruth was crowned *Miss Pennsylvania 1948*.

Although she lost the national title to Miss Minnesota, Ruth remembered her time as *Miss Pennsylvania* with great fondness. She greeted Peter Lawford [a member of the "Rat Pack" with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis, Jr. & Joey Bishop and brother-in-law to President John F. Kennedy] when the late actor arrived in Harrisburg to perform at the former Loew's Theater.

She also spent three weeks on a cross-state goodwill train tour with actor Jimmy Stewart.

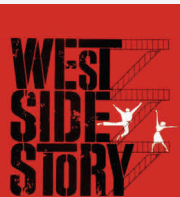
"Jimmy Stewart was a wonderful fellow" Kline remembered of the Indiana, Pa., native who starred in classic movies such as *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*, *The Philadelphia Story*, *Harvey*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *Rear Window*, *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, and *Vertigo*.

Ruth also sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" "about 100 times from the steps of the state Capitol building. I got more jobs singing from all that than I ever did before."

She loved singing and dancing. "It doesn't matter how you look, but if you enjoy yourself and are kind to everyone, that's what really matters," Ruth remarked in a 2011 Pennlive.com article.

We couldn't have said it any better. God speed Ruth. We will cherish your time spent with us, your laughter, and your grace. Your legacy lives on and we Thank You for being a shining light.

More Around the School District



The **High School's 2016 Musical** production is "*Westside Story*". Show times are:

March 6, 7, 13, and 14 at 7:30 PM
March 8 and 15 at 2:30 PM
(High School Auditorium)

The **Middle School Musical** "*The Music Man JR.*" will be presented on Friday, April 1st at 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 2 at 2:30 PM.
(Middle School Auditorium)



The **High School Marching Band** placed seventh out of 16 bands in the US Bands National Championship Group III Division at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium on Nov. 7. The color guard took second place overall.

cash for causes

Giant Foods Cash for Causes Gift Cards

Shop at Giant Food Stores? Here's an easy way to financially support the Alumni Association with expenses like our Newsletter costs.

You do not have to make donations or buy extra products. Simply purchase your Giant Cash for Causes gift card **at face value** directly from the

Alumni Association, then shop at Giant with your gift card instead of cash or credit.

The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association earns 5% on every gift card purchased.



Please contact

Tammi Hammaker at (717) 215-7583

thammaker@verizon.net

OR

Mrs. Shirley Kannegieser at (717) 921-8536

sjkann50@comcast.net

OR

Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 236-3357

defoord@verizon.net

2016 Golf Tournament

Are you thinking of Spring on the golf course? Get your clubs ready for our **Fifth Annual Charity Golf Tournament** on **Friday, June 17** at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club at 8:30AM.

Not a golfer? Be A Hole Sponsor, Donate a Prize, or Volunteer on the Committee to help out on the day of the event!

Please direct interest and questions to Co-Chairs:

Tony Wright '86 at (717) 585-1109

ATW074@gmail.com

Tammi Hammaker '83 at (717) 215-7583

thammaker@verizon.net

Your support of our Alumni Golf Tournament helps to provide *Scholarships* to our graduating students in pursuit of their post-secondary education.

*Golfer sign-up is located on page 7.
Sponsor information located on page 9.*



2016 Golf Committee:

Mike Buskey '85, Mike Ferguson '85, Tammi Hammaker '83 Co-Chair, Andrew Rutherford '03, Gilbert Scheibelhut '53, Matt Tucci '78, Tony Wright '86 Co-Chair, Tim DeFoor '79, Honorary Chair

Saturday, May 21, 2016 7AM-2PM
High School and Sara Lindemuth Parking Lots
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Cost: **\$10.00 Chicken BBQ Dinner**

Info: Tammi Hammaker (717) 215-7583



* Car Wash by Donation in Sara Lindemuth Parking Lot

Memorial Gardens

VIETNAM
1961-1975



DEDICATED BY THE
SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED

Artist drawing of
proposed memorial

Early in February, the Alumni Association will be notified if a \$20,000 second year Dauphin County Commissioners' Gaming Grant request will be allocated to our project. If approved, the additional \$20,000 grant that will bring the total available funds to \$50,000. It is estimated the total costs will reach \$60,000. Keep watching for upcoming fundraising information for sidewalks, shrubbery, benches, etc...

As a reminder, the memorial will contain names of STHS alumni or veterans who lived in the township and served in the military during the Vietnam era from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.

We currently have 250 names. Keep them coming!



The flag pole, light, and stones were installed during the summer of 2015. Special Thank You to our local Boy Scout troops who helped lay the stones in October.

Information or questions may be directed to either **Shirley Kanne-gieser** at sjkann50@comcast.net / (717) 921-8536 or **Richard Veet** at (717) 564-6597.

Would you like to make a tax deductible monetary donation towards the Vietnam Memorial? Make checks payable to the Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Assn. (mark *Vietnam Memorial* on your check) and send to:

Melvin Longenecker
Memorial Gardens Treasurer
3215 Brookfield Rd.
Harrisburg, Pa., 17109

Thank you for your continued support!

Vietnam War Memorial Committee
Richard Fleegal, Carol Carter, Larry Carter,
Bill Dale, Dave Funk, Barry Garber, Shirley Kannegieser,
Ben Lerew, Charles Lloyd, Gary Lyter, Harry Stoner,
Richard Veet

Newsletter Delivery

If you would prefer to receive your Newsletter via email, please notify **Dwayne DeFoor** at defoord@verizon.net. Please provide the email address where you wish to have the Newsletter delivered. This will help us reduce administrative costs!

Thank you to everyone who signed up for electronic delivery so far!!! 245 and counting!!!



We need your **CLASS ADDRESS BOOK** for a Master Alumni Directory.

Send to:

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



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Search on "Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association"

or

www.facebook.com/STHSAA

Calling All Alumni
We need a rep for your class!



We are looking for a **VOLUNTEER** to represent your class as a liaison to the **Alumni Association**. The Class Liaison would be called upon to interface with your class regarding Alumni social events, information verification, fundraising, membership, and other related activities.

PLEASE contact **SHIRLEY KANNEGIESER** at (717) 921-8536 or sikann50@comcast.net

Military 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 acknowledge them in the newsletter.

We're having a PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday - April 30
7:00 am to 11:30 am



Our Saviour Lutheran Church

420 N Progress Ave
Harrisburg, PA 17109



\$5 all you can eat
(children under 3 eat free)

Benefits the Alumni Scholarship Fund

Sign up family or friends as LIFETIME Alumni Association members. Together we can make a difference!

www.sthsalumniassociation.com

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
Harrisburg, PA 17106-1474

Name _____

Address _____

Graduation Year _____ (if appropriate)

Phone _____

Email _____

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

Include a **Tax Deductible Donation** \$ _____
In support of Scholarship, Memorial Gardens, Newsletter,
or General Fund

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SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
5th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 17, 2016

Make check payable to: STHS Alumni Assn. Golf Tournament
Proceeds benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund

1st Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

2nd Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

3rd Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

4th Name: _____ **Email:** _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Return your Registration form with check to:

\$80.00 per person

STHS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg PA, 17106

Deadline: June 7, 2016

SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS' BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 19, 2016

STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

Registration & Doors Open at 8:30 a.m. / Breakfast Served at 9:00 a.m.

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses

DEADLINE: March 12

We are responsible to pay for the number of reservations that we submit.

Questions/Information: Barb Smith Pearce (717) 697-4114 before 9 p.m.

Name _____

[Ladies, please include your Maiden name]

Guest Name _____

Class of _____

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

HANNA Education Foundation

PO Box 60023, Harrisburg PA 17106

Supporting enrichment programs for students of Susquehanna Township School District

SAVE THE DATE **WINES & VINES** AN EVENING AT THE VINEYARD AND BREWERY AT HERSHEY **SATURDAY, MAY 28th**



Come join us as STHS's finest compete to be crowned

Mr. Susquehanna



The beauty pageant with a twist

Hosted by Mr. Andre Martin, HS Principal/Athletic Director

Saturday, April 9 | 7:00 p.m. | STHS Auditorium

Tickets can be purchased during lunches the week of April 4-8.

Students: \$3.00

Adults: \$5.00

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$5.00.

Presented by:



The Hanna Education Foundation provides programming to the students of STSD. To learn more about the Foundation and our programs, visit our page on the District website under the tab "Community."

Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association



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Charity Golf Tournament Sponsorship Levels

Event: STHS Alumni Association Charity Golf Tournament

Location: Colonial Golf and Tennis Club

Date: Friday, June 17, 2016 – 8:30 am Shotgun Start

Type of Sponsorship	Cost	Sponsorship Includes
Event Sponsor	\$5000+	(4) full tournament entry fees; 4'x 8' Company Event Sponsor banner posted at start of course; Event Sponsor Plaque; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet; Speaking opportunity at banquet; Recognition in pre- and post-alumni event releases.
Premium Sponsor	\$1000	(4) full tournament entry fees; 18"x 24" Company name billboard posted at a course tee box; Premium Sponsor Appreciation Plaque; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet.
Corporate Sponsor	\$500	2) full tournament entry fees; 18"x 24" Company name billboard posted at course tee box; Letter of Appreciation; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet.
On Course Beverage Sponsor	\$500	(2) full tournament entry fees; 18"x 24" Company name billboard posted at a course tee box; Letter of Appreciation; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet.
Business Sponsor	\$250	(1) full tournament entry fee; 18"x 24" Company name billboard posted at a course tee box; Letter of Appreciation; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet
Hole Sponsor	\$150	18"x 24" Company name or graduation year billboard posted at a course tee box; Letter of Appreciation; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet.
Prize Sponsor	Any	Letter of Appreciation; Name/Logo on all event emails and letters; Acknowledgement at start of tournament and banquet.

For questions or to donate to the event:

Tony Wright at ATW074@gmail.com or (717) 585-1109

Tammi Hammaker at thammaker@verizon.net or (717) 215-7583

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