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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,



Another year has quickly passed! I hope that your early 2017 is going well for you, your family, and your friends. This year we are again planning several events and activities where you will be able to support our efforts and also have FUN! In addition to raising the last \$20K needed to fund the final stages of our Vietnam War memorial, we are also undertaking a

"Building Champions" High School Field House Capital Campaign.

Do you know there have been **126 District Champions** and **22 State Champions** in Susquehanna Township's storied athletic history? Do you know that Susquehanna Township's student athletes use extremely outdated facilities? The weight room is the converted library, the training room was originally a storage closet, and our Roscoe Warner Field concession stand and restrooms were built in 1958!

On behalf of our dedicated student-athletes, I'd like to ask you to help build a modern field house that is worthy of our student-athletes and reflective of our proud community. Take a moment to view our Fundly crowd-funding page at <https://fundly.com/building-champions> or our website <https://www.sthsalumniassociation.com/> for additional information.

This year I am pleased that we are partnering with the *Hanna Education Foundation* and re-branding our Alumni Association Charity Golf Tournament as the *"Susquehanna Invitational"*. We'll look for you on the golf course on June 30th or at the events following the "Invitational". This year's tournament will support Alumni Scholarships and HANNA Foundation student enrichment programs.

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 have outlined by-laws for a **Hall of Fame**. Compiling an alumni directory will allow us to reach as many alumni as possible for **Hall of Fame** nominations.

Lastly, please consider VOLUNTEERING on a Committee or SERVE on the Board. Only you can help us grow our Alumni Association! Come out to a Board meeting or attend an event and get involved! In the words of English writer John Heywood *"Many hands lighten the work"*.

We believe that TOGETHER we can make a difference!

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78



Imelme Umana '10, was elected the 131st and first female black president of the Harvard Law Review.

Imelme graduated from Harvard College in 2014 with an A.B. in African American

Studies and Government. She is a joint degree candidate with Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Last summer, she interned at the Bronx Defenders and will be interning at the Public Defender Service for D.C. this upcoming summer. The Law Review, founded in 1887 by future Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, LL.B. 1887, is an entirely student-edited journal with the largest circulation of any law journal in the world.

Our favorite Harlem Globetrotter, **Chris "Handles" Franklin '91**, was featured

in an October video displaying his impressive basketball dribbling skills while playing

keep away with young fans! Chris has

been a Harlem Globetrotter for ten years and has travelled to more than 77 countries. View his video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=D13sf2IFjgE.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Alumni Spring Breakfast

Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Charity Basketball Challenge

Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 7:30 AM
STMS Gym
801 Wood Street

BBQ Chicken/Flea Market/Car Wash

Saturday, May 20, 2017: 7AM - 2PM
High School and Sara Lindemuth Parking Lots
3500 Elmerton Avenue

5th Susquehanna Invitational Golf Tournament

(Benefits Alumni Scholarship Fund & Hanna Education Programs)
Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:30PM
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wesley Bobb '15
Keith Brown '93
Kim Frew Reinhard '73
Joseph Rebarchak III '16

Have your Classmates join the 1160 Lifetime members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend!

See the Membership form for your friends or family on page 6 or on our website at

<https://www.sthsalumniassociation.com/>

LEST WE FORGET

Joyce L. Arnold '47
Marie J. Clugh '44
Mary Russell Cramer '50
Richard E. Denison '50
Randall L. Disend '69
Valerie Ann Geary '53
James Everett Hankee '70
Jack Alan Hull '75
Carol J. Keefer '64
William B. Lantzy '57
John M. Kinback '66
Denise N. Piccola - Teachers Aide
Peter Michael Pope
Beverly A. Radcliffe '49
Fred H. Rudy '43
Charles T. Sites '68
Ina Claire Shope '50
Robert Ernest Smith '58
Emory R. Sweigard '42
Brenda Boyer Waleff '79
Daniel H. Werner Jr. '53



Memorabilia

Do you have 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 cataloging each item. Please contact **Dwayne DeFoor** at (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



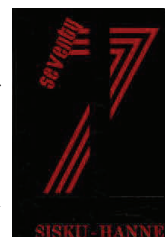
Class News



The Class of **1967** will hold their **50th Reunion** on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Dukes Riverside Bar and Grill in Wormleysburg, PA from 7:00PM to 10:00PM. The meal will be buffet style, Cost to be determined. Committee members include **Dave and Judy Hepford, Bill Smith, Linda Szeerba, Donna Berk-Barlup and Ed Katz**. If you have contact information

for any classmates, please send it to Bill Smith at wm.smith@comcast.net. If you have already indicated to Bill that you are interested in attending, there is no need to respond again. If you haven't, please let Bill know so a headcount can be done. Things are looking good. Approximately 60 classmates have already expressed an interest.

The Class of **1977** will celebrate their **40th Reunion** aboard *The Pride of Susquehanna* on Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 7PM to 10PM. Ask to join the Class of 1977 Facebook page and look for an EVENTBRITE.COM post with additional details. If you have not been reached yet, please contact **Lynn Margolis** via Facebook or email at sf9999er@outlook.com



Having a Reunion? Let us know!



Volunteer
at
Hershey Entertainment
events with the
Alumni Association
and earn
Hersheypark Ticket
Vouchers!

*** Volunteers must be 18 years and older**

Email your interest to:

thammaker@verizon.net

Events we've volunteered includes...

Jason Aldean Elton John Bears Hockey Maroon Five Luke Bryan Blink-182
Beyonce Mix Tape Festival PIAA Wrestling Milton Hershey Graduation Dixie Chicks
Twenty One Pilots Carrie Underwood Show of the Summer Cirque du Soleil
Earth, Wind, & Fire & Chicago Demi Lovato & Nick Jonas Disney On Ice! & More!!!

Around the School District

Student-led, Alumni Sponsored, Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign raises \$8900

The PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign is held each year to raise funds for and create awareness about breast cancer. This year's Student Leadership team was chaired by Lexi Weikert and Ryan Jacobs.

On Monday, December 19, on behalf of Susquehanna Township School District students, alumni, staff, and community members, Dwayne DeFoor, President, STHS Alumni Association presented Ken Smeltz (r.) of *Vickie's Angel Foundation* a check for \$6,675 and Brian Gaughan (2nd left) of *Pink Hands of Hope* a \$2,225 check

In addition to the many PINK OUT community partners, sponsors, and supporters, Bishop McDevitt High School joined forces with Susquehanna Township this year.

Special Thank You to Alumni representatives **Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85** and **Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83**, and School District representatives Dr. Patti Buffington (HS) and Jillian Fletcher (MS).



High School Musical Announced RAGTIME

Ragtime is a musical with a book by Terrence McNally, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, and music by Stephen Flaherty. The music includes marches, cakewalks, gospel, and ragtime.

Based on the 1975 novel by E. L. Doctorow, Ragtime tells the story of three groups in the United States in the early 20th century: African American, White, and Jewish.

Special FREE screening for Senior Citizens and Alumni!

Show times are:

3/1/2017 - 2:00 PM (Free to Senior Citizens and Alumni)
3/2/2017 - 7:30 PM
3/3/2017 - 7:30 PM
3/4/2017 - 7:30 PM
3/5/2017 - 2:30 PM



BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

President- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Vice President- John A. Fabian III '03

Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Treasurer- Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83

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

Hanna Education Foundation - John Fabian '03, President, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Vice President

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

Membership- 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, Ben Lerew, Richard Veet '65, Bill Dale '65, Barry Garber '59, Richard Burton, Harry Stoner '65, Bill Irwin '57, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Newsletter- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Nominating- Melvin Longenecker '52

Publicity- Anna Mae (Harman) Mumma '52

Outreach- Irene Knapik '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50

Scholarship- Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Melvin Longenecker '52

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

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

John Skethway '56



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

Membership Chairman

Dwayne DeFoor

PO Box 61474

Harrisburg, PA 17106

717-236-3557

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

More Around the School District



Nine student-athletes signed their National Letter of Intent on Wednesday, February 1 in the Keiser-Fearen Library Media Center. From L-R: Soccer player Mike Feeley-Moravian College, and Football players Andrew Seymour-Wilkes University, Willie Davis-Alderson Broaddus University, Bryan Neal-Lehigh University, Devin Evans-Millersville University, Raunya Mitchell-Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Mari Wright-Shippensburg.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES!



CHARITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

APRIL 29, 2017 @ 7:30AM
STMS 801 Wood Street

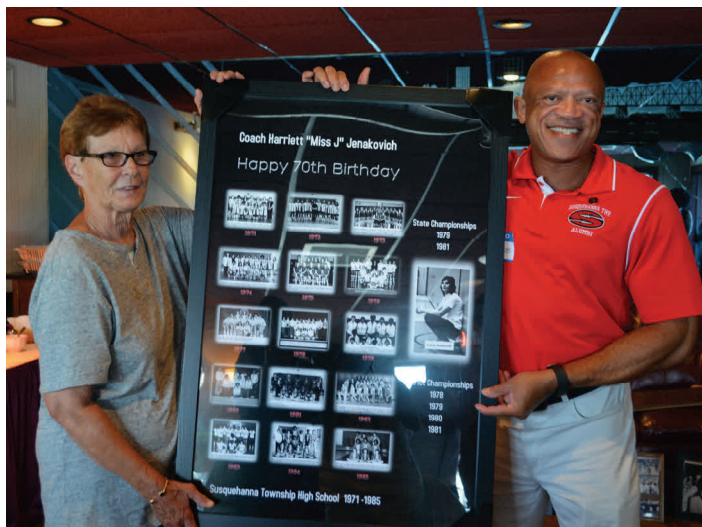
- Each team **MUST** be fielded by players that work for or are members of the **business** or **organization** that participates in the challenge.
- All Teams consisting of 3 to 5 players will be guaranteed a minimum of 2 games, each game will be half court.
- Registration checks of \$300 before March 15, \$350 after, should be made payable to "Susquehanna Township HS Alumni Association" and forwarded to Susquehanna Township HS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg PA 17106.
- Mark "Basketball Challenge" on your check
- Benefits HS Field House and Cancer Research/Treatment

For more information contact John A. Fabian at 717-730-1842 or John.A.Fabian@gmail.com



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday (February 9) to STHS legendary coach and Capital Area Chapter Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Famer, **Harriett "Miss J" Jenakovich**! The Alumni Association joined former players, coaches, competitors, and friends in the celebration. During her basketball coaching career at STHS from 1971-1985, Miss J and her Teams won 4 District Titles and 2 State Championships.



Miss J receives a poster of all her teams from the Alumni Association's Dwayne DeFoor

Giant Foods

Cash for Causes Gift Cards

Shop at Giant Food Stores?

Here's an easy way to financially support the Alumni Association with association expenses such as our Newsletter.



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 Alumni Association earns 5% on every gift card purchased. Call for a card today!

Please contact
 Mrs. Shirley Kannegieser at (717) 921-8536
sjkann50@comcast.net

OR

Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 236-3357
defoord@verizon.net

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Are you thinking of Spring on the golf course? Get your clubs ready for our re-branded **SUSQUEHANNA INVITATIONAL** golf tournament on **Friday, June 30** at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club at 12:30 PM. We are happy to welcome our 2017 partner, the *HANNA Education Foundation*!

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

Please direct interest and questions to
Tammi Hammaker '83 at (717) 215-7583
thammaker@verizon.net

Your support of our golf tournament helps to provide *Scholarships* to our graduating students in pursuit of their post-secondary education and HANNA Education enrichment programs.

Look for announcements in May's newsletter, on our website, and on Facebook!

HS Field House Fundraiser

Alumni Association & Township Booster Clubs



Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 7AM-2PM

Dinners served from 10AM-2PM

High School and Sara Lindemuth Parking Lots
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Cost: **\$10.00 Pulled Pork or Chicken BBQ Dinner**
\$10.00 for a Flea Market Booth
Car Wash is by Donation

Info: Tammi Hammaker (717) 215-7583
thammaker@verizon.net

*Chicken includes: Baked Potato, Applesauce, Roll, and Bottled Water

*Pulled Pork includes: Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll, and Bottled Water

Memorial Gardens



Artist drawing of proposed memorial

An announcement is expected this spring on the Alumni Association's \$20,000 Dauphin County Commissioners' Gaming Grant request. If approved, the \$20,000 grant that will bring the total available funds for our project to \$50,000. It is estimated the total cost will reach \$60,000.

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. currently there are approximately 250 names to be inscribed on the monument. Keep them coming!

Information or questions may be directed to either **Shirley Kannegieser** 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? Any amount is appreciated. Make checks payable to the *Susquehanna Twp. Alumni Association*. Please mark *Vietnam Memorial* on your check and send to:

STHS Alumni Association
PO Box 61474
Harrisburg, Pa., 17106

Thank you for your continued support!

Vietnam War Memorial Committee
Richard Fleegeal, Carol Carter, Larry Carter,
Bill Dale, Dave Funk, Barry Garber, Shirley Kannegieser,
Ben Lerew, Harry Stoner, Richard Veet

Class Donation!

The Class of 1954 has made a generous donation of \$500 towards the Vietnam Memorial project. This gift came from money accumulated in their class treasury.

THANK YOU CLASS OF 1954!

A full donor list will be published in our August Newsletter.

Newsletter Delivery

If you are able to assist us in lowering our Newsletter costs by receiving your copy via email, please notify **Dwayne DeFoor** at sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com. Please provide the email address where you wish to have the Newsletter delivered.

Thank you to everyone who signed up for electronic delivery so far!!! 290 and counting!!!



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

Send to:

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



Like us on Facebook!

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 sjkann50@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.



MORE PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Rhyce Hammaker '16 was part of four Kings College school-record setting relay teams at the 2017 Middle Atlantic Conference Swimming and Diving Championships. Rhyce swam in the 400 Medley, 200 Yard Medley, 200 Yard Freestyle, and 800 Yard Freestyle relays. Rhyce also broke the Kings College school record in the 100 breast while finishing fourth.



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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CHARITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Benefits HS Field House and Cancer Research/Treatment

Business/ Organization Registration Form

Please return this form with check to STHS Alumni Association, PO Box 61474, Harrisburg PA 17106 before **April 22, 2017**
Mark "Basketball Challenge" on check

Contact Person _____

Company / Organization Name (as you would like to be listed on event materials) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

TEAM REGISTRATION

☐ We would like to play in the 3 on 3 Charity Basketball Challenge for the entry fee of **\$300** per team submitted by March 15 OR **\$350** entry fee after March 15, (up to five players) and will send the following players:

Players' Names:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____

EVENT SPONSOR

☐ We would like to be a **\$2,000** sponsor and receive:

- 2 Basketball Teams
- Logo on Alumni website and Event Marketing Collaterals

☐ We will send players for our teams

☐ We would like to waive our teams and do not need players

☐ We would like to be a **\$1,000** sponsor and receive:

- 1 Basketball Team
- Logo on Alumni website and Event Marketing Collaterals

☐ We will send players for our team

☐ We would like to waive our team and do not need players

SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 25, 2017

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 17

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

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