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A NEWSLETTER FROM THE SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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IN THE NEWS



Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends,



We've had a busy calendar year so far. There are so many highlights but just not enough space to cover them in all the detail they deserve. The best way to experience a great time with your extended Susquehanna Township family is to join us for our events and activities. From SpringFest & Red-n-White BBQ to the Spring Breakfast to Susquehanna Invitational to Summer Bash to our ceremony recognizing the 66th Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice, it has been exciting and fun.

And there's still more to come. We are already planning events through June 2020. Volunteers are always appreciated and needed.

We are pleased to have two new Student Representatives join our Board: **Justice Roney** (Sr.) and **Justin Pitassi** (Sr.). Soon we will announce our Junior Reps. Welcome to the Board Justice and Justin!

As always, Thank you to our Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee members for the dedication and support.

We hope to see all of you at an upcoming event.

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



Lexi Weikert '17, has created an Alumni Association sponsored dress and suit drive to assist local teens in attending the Prom. Project Prom will collect clean, gently-used or new items of all sizes including tuxedos, suits, shirts; dresses: gowns, party, prom, formal; accessories & shoes: Jewelry, handbags, and ties. For more information or to donate an item please contact Lexi Weikert via email at Hannaprom@yahoo.com.

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HANNA's Pantry opens its door at Susquehanna Township High School to those in need of nutritional food who reside in

Susquehanna Township on Sept. 21. The pantry has transitioned from the Adopt-a-Family program at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School after serving individuals and families for 18 years. Administered through the HANNA Foundation in collaboration with the school district, HANNA's Pantry is an affiliate of the Central Pennsylvania Food



Feeding the Community

Bank.

(Note: We are asking attendees of the Sept. 28 breakfast to consider bringing a donation of paper products such as paper towels and toilet paper. Monetary donations will also be accepted.)

Supporting **Chris Franklin '91** (center) and his Handles Foundation "Taste of Harrisburg" fundraiser. Pictured with Susan Gordon and Dwayne DeFoor. Outstanding evening Chris!



DATES TO REMEMBER

ALUMNI & FRIENDS FALL BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 9:30 AM
STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

BOWLING AGAINST CANCER

Sunday, October 13, 2019 AT 2:00 pm

ABC North Lanes

5303 Locust Lane

PINK OUT FOOTBALL GAME

Friday, October 25, 2019 at 7:00 PM

Roscoe Warner Field

3500 Elmerton Avenue

CRUNCH FITNESS DAY

Sunday, October 27, 2019 AT 2:00 pm

Crunch Fitness - Harrisburg

3880B Union Deposit Rd (tentative)

SPRINGFEST and RED N WHITE BBQ

Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9:30 AM (BBQ at 10:00 AM)

Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter

3500 Elmerton Avenue





WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Manisha Adhikari '19
 Urwah Chaudhary '19
 George Drees '78
 Judy Bowerman Drees '78
 Lauren Funk '19
 Clayton Geisel '19
 Taylor Geisel '19
 Kelsi Gilbert '19
 David Hepford '67
 Judy Hepford '67
 Maddie Jacobs '16
 Nate Jacobs '16
 Ryan Jacobs '19
 Theresa Kalbeya '19
 Fajar Kamran '19
 Doug Klinger '85
 Griffin Lebo '19
 Brittany Long '19
 Jennifer McIntosh '19
 Alfi Muhamad '19
 Donna Heist Myers '65
 Annika Stare '19
 Niana Stovall '19
 Darryl Watkins '19



Have your former Classmates and friends join the 1,216 members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend as a gift!

LEST WE FORGET

John C. "Doc" Daugherty '67
 Stuart R. Feeser, Jr. '50
 Edgar V. "Bud" Galloway '45
 Gloria Keefer Garlinger '61
 Alice Geiger Girvin '48
 Anne Hepford O'Neil '52
 Homer S. Pontius '52
 Ty'rique Riley '16
 Spencer F. Wilkerson '47
 Leah Zucker '10



Class News



The Class of 1974 celebrated their 45th Reunion from July 19 through July 21. A Friday pre-reunion mixer and a Sunday brunch was built around the alumni association's Summer Bash #12 at the Harrisburg Postal Picnic Grounds on Saturday, July 20. The Merzanis Sisters and Bunchafunk with the Summer Bash Horns provided the musical entertainment during their Reunion and the Summer Bash #12. Rob Sykes coordinated the Reunion.

Not having a Reunion? Ready to Plan one? Like to build it around an established event? Ask us about Summer Bash #13 scheduled for Saturday, July 18, 2020.



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or

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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

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Graduation Year _____ (if appropriate)

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

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May 9
2020

Crafts-Flower Sale-BBQ

2019 Commencement

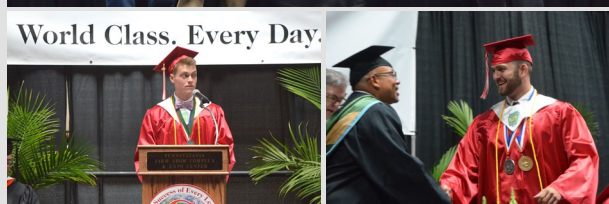
On Friday, June 7, 2019, the Alumni Association welcomed another class to the club when the Susquehanna Township High School held its 107th Commencement. Reflections were presented by Class President Cuong Lee ("Follow Your Dreams"), Salutatorian Clayton Geisel ("4,745"), and Valedictorian Jennifer McIntosh ("Make Something Beautiful").

Bony Dawood, Class of 1980, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Bony, owner of Dawood Engineering, Inc., received his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Delaware and is a licensed Professional Engineer in over five states. Through his entrepreneurial vision, Dawood Engineering employs 150 employees in well-paying sustainable jobs.

Bony is pictured below with his wife Neelofar, their two sons, and brother Danny a 1977 alumnus.



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Please contact Charlene Morris at (717) 238-3751 or clcbasp@live.com or Dwayne De Foor at (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

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
Irene Major Knapik '56
Charlene Morris '70
Barb Smith Pearce '65
Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85

Student Representatives

Justice Roney '20
Justin Pitassi '20
Jr Reps -TBA

Committees

Activities- Kim Fitting '84, Barb Smith Pearce '65, Sandy Daily '65, Helen Forbes McCollum '56, Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50
Auditing-Open
Fundraising-Tammi Hammaker '83 Chairman
Susquehanna Invitational Golf Committee-Susan Gordon '78, Tammi Hammaker '83, Kim Fitting '84, Irene Knapik '56, Rick Machamer '77, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio)
Hanna Education Foundation-Dwayne DeFoor '78
Historical-Charlene Morris '70
Marketing-Susan Gordon '78
Membership-Dwayne DeFoor, '78
Memorial Gardens-Shirley Kauffman Kannegieser '50, Chair Emeritus
Newsletter-Dwayne DeFoor '78, Barb Smith Pearce '65
Nominating-Barb Smith Pearce '65
Outreach-Irene Knapik '56
Pink Out-Justin Pitassi (Student Co-Chair), Justice Roney (Student Co-Chair), Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Dr. Stephen Sexsmith. School District Liaison)
Scholarship-Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Susan Gordon '78, Irene Knapik '56, Charlene Morris '70
School Liaison-Jennifer Jenkins '90
Social Media-Chuck Friedlander '78, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78



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Network or Mentor!

Search on "Susquehanna Township Alumni Group"

or

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/susquehanna-township-alumni-group-829436123>



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

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PO Box 61474

Harrisburg, PA 17106 or

Telephone: 717-572-0901 or

sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com





Spotlight

Midget Football

The Beginning of Midget Football in Susquehanna Township

Submitted by W. Boyd Kline, Class of 1954

Beginning in 1977, 42 years ago, it was discovered that we were the only community in the area that did not have a midget football team, even though there was a perfectly, really good football field, including lights, just lying idle. It was the old high school field behind the now Middle School. Presently, there is very little of it left. The permanent bleachers are long gone, even the running track has been torn up.

At the time, it was said that the residents around the field would object to any activity on the field on a Sunday. So we inquired, knocking on each of their doors to find if this might be true.

Almost unanimously, there was a positive response. There were only two homeowners that objected. One objected for religious reasons, and one was just against anything taking place there.

So where do we go from here? Just solve one problem at a time.

Next problem. We were told that the School Board would not allow us to use the field. So we contacted the School Board and learned that they were elated with the idea and offered to help wherever they could. We now had a beautiful field with all of its facilities, just begging to be used. Later, the School Board went so far as to arrange for us to make use of a 60' house trailer, which we used as equipment storage and a first aid station.

Next problem was the football equipment. Where do we find it? Shenk & Tittle, a since closed sporting goods store, gave us credit for whatever we needed. Over \$10,000 (a lot of money back then) worth of shoulder pads, helmets, uniforms and other items we needed.

How to get the word out that a team was being formed in the township? We enlisted help from people including Bucky Weaver, Don Gates, Dick & Charlotte Enders, Don Tinsman, and many others who were interested in our young people. As they say, "People just came out of the wood work". It was unbelievable how it happened but we ended up with three full teams and cheerleaders. More than 90 youth were involved. I have never seen anything like it in the township ever before.

The next problem? Starting a team in the township would mean taking players from Penbrook, our neighboring borough.

We attended their football team board meeting, explaining what we wanted to do. They weren't happy about it, but they understood. Any youth who lived in the township who wished to leave Penbrook to come over and play on our team, could do so.

Just who do we play?

In the beginning, of course, all of our Sundays were free. Our means of competing with other teams was relatively easy. It didn't take very long to get a full schedule. Making use of the lights at our field, we were even able to schedule a few night games. Again, the School Board gave us their full cooperation.

We set up a governing body of volunteers. After seeing other board meetings and how problems were created, not solved, people shouting and acting childlike, we settled our problems in a civil, democratic way and got things done.

We maintained the team by making use of the concession stand, which was already there. Profits from the sale of food, beverages, and the sale of occasional sub sandwiches was enough to keep us going.

The "Standing" of the teams were quite remarkable; we always did well as far as the league was concerned, but for some unknown reason not one of our players ever went on to play high school sports. We did one thing, of which we were most proud. We accomplished our goal of giving every child a chance to play in every game. There was some controversy about having a winning team, or letting the lesser skilled kids play. In the end, it worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

As far as problems were concerned, we had very little issues with the young people. Most of the problems came from the parents.

The program has since developed into quite an operation and is a source of great pride for those of us who were there in the beginning.

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2019 Alumni Awards

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2019 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients of **Hayley Burke, Taylor Geisel, and Ryan Jacobs**. Each awardee received \$750.00 towards their post-secondary education.

Hayley, daughter of Brandon and Jennifer Morris, will attend Lebanon Valley College to study Exercise Science towards a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Hayley, a 2019 Distinguished Scholar, volunteered with Pennsylvania Food bank, Tim Tebow Night to Shine Prom, PA Caring for K9's, Youth Day of Caring, and Mini-Thon. Hayley served as STHS's Prom Committee Leader and was a member of the Key Club.

Taylor, daughter of James and Bridget Geisel, will attend Millersville University where she will Dual Major in Elementary Education and Special Education with a minor in Coaching. Taylor, a Distinguished Scholar, has been active Mini-Thon, Key Club, Ski Club, Pink Out, Senior Citizens Prom, Concert Band, Yearbook, and Student Government. Taylor was First Team Mid-Penn Keystone Division Field Hockey All-Star and Honorable Mention Penn-Live Field Hockey All-Star Team.

Ryan, son of Mark and Lisa Jacobs, will attend Millersville University where he will study Biology/Pre-Medicine. Ryan, a Distinguished Scholar, was the 2017 Pink Out Co-Chair and 2018 Pink Out Chair. Ryan represented Pink Out 2018 on ABC27's Good Day PA. Ryan, who will play baseball, was Captain of the STHS Baseball team and was a Big 26 Baseball Team PA member. Ryan was actively involved with Key Club, Min-Thon, Student Government, and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.



**Congratulations
Taylor, Hayley, and Ryan!**
(2nd from left to right after Dwayne DeFoor)

Susquehanna Invitational 2019

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT



The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association and HANNA Education Foundation are pleased to announce this year's Susquehanna Invitational charity golf tournament raised \$11,000! The proceeds will be equally distributed to both non-profit organizations.

The generous support from the extended community helps to fund Alumni Association college-bound Scholarships & Student Opportunity and HANNA Education Mini-Grants for technology and innovative enrichment programs.

Special thank you to the 2019 tournament committee of Susan Gordon, Lori Shienvold, Kim Fitting, Chuck Friedlander, Tammi Hammaker, Irene Knapik, Kerry Mullen, John Fabian, and Dwayne DeFoor.

Mark your calendars for next years Susquehanna Invitational on Friday, June 26, 2020!

View additional photos on Flickr here:

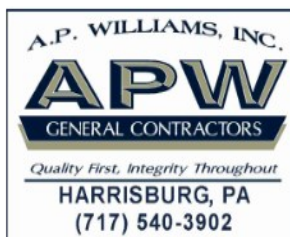
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Pink Out 2019 Order Form

Benefits Vickie's Angel Foundation and Pink Hands of Hope



The Susquehanna Township students and STHS Alumni Association announce the 9th Pink Out during the month of October. The campaign includes the October 25, 2019 football game, October 13, 2019 "Bowling against Cancer" at ABC Lanes, and October 27, 2019 Crunch Fitness (Harrisburg) Day.

Please help support this important cause by purchasing your **Pink Out 2019** apparel or a game day In Honor Of or In Memory Of luminary. The apparel is to be worn to the October game to show our community support for the fight against breast cancer! The luminary will be displayed during the football game. Net proceeds will be donated to help fund research, to find a cure, and to help families in our community who are battling this disease.

Please return the bottom portion of this form to the address below. **DUE BY SEPTEMBER 30th.** You may make your purchase via cash, check or credit card. Direct questions to Justin Pitassi justinpitassi@icloud.com or Justice Roney justiceroney@gmail.com.

We appreciate your support! (Note: Front Shirt logo located above in right corner of order form)

Students Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Parents Name: _____ School & Grade _____
(or Your Name if not a student) (for Delivery and Pickup)

Short Sleeve T Shirt	Sm \$10	M \$10	L \$10	XL \$10	2XL (\$2.50)	3XL (\$4.00)	TOTAL \$

Long Sleeve T Shirt	Sm \$15	M \$15	L \$15	XL \$15	2XL (\$2.50)	3XL (\$4.00)	TOTAL \$

Luminary \$10 each (Please use an extra page for additional lines)		
Your Name / Telephone	In Memory Of Name	In Honor of Name

<p>Checks payable to <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">STHS Alumni Association</div></p> <p>Please note Pink Out in the memo line</p> <p>Mail form and payment to: STHS Alumni Association PO Box 61474 Harrisburg PA 17106-1474</p>	<p>Credit Card Information:</p> <p>I Have : <input type="radio"/> VISA <input type="radio"/> MasterCard <input type="radio"/> AMEX <input type="radio"/> DISCOVER</p> <p>Card Number _____</p> <p>Name on Card _____</p> <p>Expiration Date: Month _____ Year _____</p> <p>CVV _____ on back of card Zip Code _____</p> <p>Amount \$ _____</p> <p>Signature _____</p>
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Thank You to the cast of "Hello Dolly" for your outstanding performance at our Spring Breakfast!



STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS FALL BREAKFAST
"Going Forward While Looking Back"

September 28, 2019

STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

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

\$10.00 per person Prepaid / No Refunds

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

Please Note: Fee covers cafeteria and custodial expenses

DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 21

Thank you to all who make their reservations in advance.

It enables more efficient tracking and helps us give the best information possible to our food preparation staff and our treasurer!

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



Name _____

[Ladies, please include your Maiden name if you are an alumni]

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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Susquehanna Invitational





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Korean War Armistice Ceremony



National Night Out

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