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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,



I hope all of you are having a great start to 2018 regardless of the snow and ice! I am looking forward to another outstanding year for our association.

We continue to build strong relationships with the school district and most importantly the young people who will become alumni. Superintendent Dr. Tamara Willis has invited the association to attend an April Senior Outreach event so we can share our message. We will offer each senior a one-year membership so they can read all about the great work each one of you contributes.

Our Vietnam Memorial was dedicated on November 4, 2017. It is a beautiful testament to our brave men and women. We still need to raise \$10,000 to pay off the remaining memorial debt, install the stamped concrete walkway, and place landscaping, but we can be proud of what we've accomplished.

Thank You to our Vietnam War Memorial Committee for a job well done!

Our high school field house project is gaining traction. Although we did not receive approval for our first grant request, we have another opportunity this fall. We have our concept in place and are currently working on the pre-design and floor plan. Look for our field house Red-N-White BBQ fundraiser order form on page 7.

As always, Thank you to our Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee members for your dedication and support. You are making a difference! **Welcome** to our newest Board Members **Kim Fitting, Chuck Friedlander, Susan Gordon, and Charlene Morris**. A **Very Special Thank You** to **Shirley Kannegieser** and **Mel Longenecker** for your many years of dedicated service!

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

Go Indians!

Dwayne DeFoor '78

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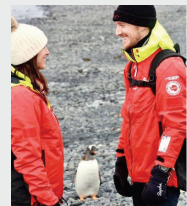
Tracy Heather Strain '78, wrote, directed, and co-produced "*Lorraine Hansberry: Sighted Eyes/Feeling Heart*". Her independent documentary, co-produced with husband Randall



MacLowry, premiered on the award-winning PBS biography series *American Masters* Friday, January 19, 2018. View Tracy's interview with NOW Magazine at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9AtXIWhNYU>

Ross McGraw '04, and his wife Jordi, found a unique way to announce the birth of their first child. Standing at the foot of a volcano in Antarctica, Ross made the announcement via

Facebook and Instagram that they are expecting a boy in May. Antarctica was the seventh continent for the well-traveled couple. Happy to see a penguin serve as their witness. Congratulations Ross and Jordi!



(Instagram @rjmccraw)



DATES TO REMEMBER

High School Musical Footloose

Saturday, March 7,8,9,10,11
STHS Auditorium
3500 Elmerton Avenue



Alumni Spring Breakfast

Saturday, March 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM
STHS Cafeteria
3500 Elmerton Avenue

Red-N-White BBQ & Flea Market

Saturday, May 12, 2018: 7AM - 2PM
(Dinner pickup 10AM - 2PM)
High School and Sara Lindemuth Parking Lots
3500 Elmerton Avenue
(Benefits Field House Project)

Susquehanna Invitational Golf Tournament

Friday, June 29, 2018 at 11:30AM
Colonial Golf and Tennis Club
4901 Linglestown Road

HANNA Social

Following Susquehanna Invitational
Friday, June 29, 2018 at 5:00 PM



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chuck Friedlander '78
Brittney Horvath '11
Daniel Mink '84
Wilhelmenia Murray '67
Paul Williams '78

Have your former Classmates and friends of ST join the **1173** members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend!

LEST WE FORGET

Catherine Arlene Fair Baumbach '47
Robert Fissel '50
Dorothy "Dottie" Hummel Folk '46
George K. Gardner, Jr. '62
Dwight Allen Gibson
Francis "Chris" Heisse Jr.
Theodore "Ted" Henry '78
Carl W. Koch '69
Calvin "Kelly" Royer Koons '73
Barry A. Minnich '57
John Howard Nipple '63
William W. Rudy '47
Stephen K. Snyder '78
Donald J. "Skip" Sterling, Jr. '69
Matthew A. Stetter '89



Newsletter Mailing Costs Alert

The lifetime Alumni Association membership fee has been \$15 for alumni and \$20 for non-alumni since our inception. That one-time amount no longer covers the cost of printing and mailing 900 hardcopies of our newsletter via the U.S. Postal Service, at first four times, but now three times a year, since 1997.

The Board of Directors is discussing the urgent need for an annual fee to cover the cost of mailing "The Smoke Signal" via USPS to those for whom we are not able to provide the newsletter via email.

We will be determining the nominal annual fee to receive hardcopy newsletters, but in the meantime, we will welcome your comments and/or suggestions in this regard.

Kindly direct them to Dwayne DeFoor at sthsalumni-association@gmail.com or 717-572-0901 or to Irene Knapik at iknapik313@gmail.com or 717-545-1382.

We thank the 300 members who have already moved to email.



Class News



The **Class of 1978** will celebrate their 40th Reunion during weekend-long events from Friday July 20 through Sunday July 22. Tentative plans call for a Meet-n-Greet at a local establishment on Friday evening, followed by the Summer Bash on Saturday at the Postal Grounds from 6PM, then Sunday Breakfast at the Peachtree.



For additional information, please contact Susan Gordon on (703) 625-8286 or SBG06@aol.com or Dwayne DeFoor on (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com. Updates will be posted the Class of 1978 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/491586734197963/>.

The **Class of 2007** celebrated their 10th Reunion on November 24, 2017. The classmates enjoyed a fun-filled evening at the Federal Tap House, 234 N 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Andrea Fields, Tammy Brill, and Antoine Jones hosted the reunion festivities.



Are you a web developer?

Our website needs a re-design. Lets us know if you can help create a more interactive website.

Email us at sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

Alumni website: www.sthsalumniassociation.com

Around the School District

High School Musical Announced Footloose

Footloose is a 1984 American musical drama film directed by Herbert Ross. It tells the story of Ren McCormack (Kevin Bacon), an upbeat Chicago teen who moves to a small town in which, as a result of the efforts of a local minister (John Lithgow), dancing and rock music have been banned.

The film is loosely based on actual events that took place in the small, rural, and religious community of Elmore City, Oklahoma.

Special FREE March 7 dress rehearsal screening for Senior Citizens and Alumni!

Show times are:

3/07/2018 - 2:00 PM* (Free to Senior Citizens & Alumni)

3/08/2018 - 7:30 PM

3/09/2018 - 7:30 PM

3/10/2018 - 7:30 PM

3/11/2018 - 2:30 PM



Sara Lindemuth Donation

Andrae Martin, Principal Sara Lindemuth Elementary and Anna Carter Primary School, accepts several bags of incentive prizes for their Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program from the Alumni Association represented by Dwayne DeFoor, President.



Andrae (left) and Dwayne (right) pictured with a few samples of the association's donation.

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES



President- Dwayne DeFoor '78

Vice President- John A. Fabian III '03

Secretary- Barbara Smith Pearce '65

Treasurer- Charles B. Friedlander '78

Kim Fitting '84

Susan Gordon '78

Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83

Irene Major Knapik '56

Charlene Morris '70

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, Irene Knapik '56, Rick Machamer '77, Tim DeFoor '79 (ex-officio), John Fabian '03

Hanna Education Foundation- John Fabian '03, 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

Nominating-Open

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

Pink Out- Tammi Hammaker '83, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Dr. Patti Buffington (HS) and Jillian Fletcher (MS), Lexi Weikert, Ryan Jacobs

Scholarship- Dwayne DeFoor '78 Chairman, Tammi Hammaker '83, Susan Gordon '78, Irene Knapik '56, Sandy Daily '65

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

Social Media / Website- Charles Friedlander '78, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78



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

STHS Alumni Association
PO Box 61474
Harrisburg, PA 17106

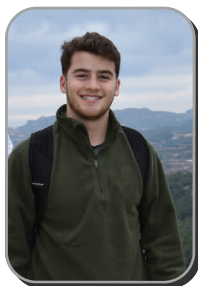
Telephone: 717-572-0901

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Spotlight

Elliot Solomon '16, a Penn State sophomore, states *"I came to Penn State to learn"*.

Anyone who knows Elliott recognizes he does more on top of learning. Elliott's honors and activities while at STHS, included Key Club International Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor Award 2015, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank Junior Advisory Council, Hanna Education Foundation student representative, National Honor Society, AP Scholar, PHEAA certificate of merit for SAT performance, Beth El Religious School teaching assistant, and President of the Class of 2016.



Soon after beginning classes at Penn State Main, he began interning at Smeal Career and Corporate Connections where he assisted fellow students from the Smeal College of Business prepare for their job search by answering their career-related questions.

He then led a project for the office to collect information on what resources were being utilized by students to obtain internships and full-time jobs. He used that information to plan an event for underclassmen to help them explore career opportunities and become more comfortable with networking.

Elliot also found time to join Delta Sigma Pi (DSP) where he served as Community Service Coordinator for his pledge class. He hosted a canning weekend for DSP's fundraising efforts for the IFC/Panhellenic Dance Marathon (THON) which raises funds to assist families with children facing pediatric cancer. Wanting to continue giving back, he ran for DSP's VP of Community Service. In addition to hosting volunteer events, he placed more emphasis on community service during the recruitment process, where he incorporated a fun service project into one of the recruitment events.

While volunteering with Schreyer Honors College Student Council, he joined the Schreyer Recruitment Committee to provide guidance to prospective Schreyer scholars. From sitting on panels to leading information sessions at high schools, Elliot is on a mission.

In between busy workloads, Elliot and his friends started an organization on campus – Future Opportunities Reached by Mentorship (FORM) Consulting. FORM is an organization to help high school students navigate the confusing and often intimidating college admissions process; after all, there are 3,701 college options according to the College Board. As a general consultant, he provides free services ranging from scholarship acquisition to application essay revisions and feedback.

As the organization's Director of Education. He performs extensive research into different aspects of the college application process such as the Common Application, scholarship opportunities, and interviews to name a few.

This semester Elliott is studying abroad in Valencia, Spain. We know the sky is the limit and the best is yet to come for Elliot!

gift cards

Giant Foods & Karns Gift Cards

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

Simply purchase your gift card at **face value** directly from the Alumni Association, then shop at Giant or Karns with your gift card instead of cash or credit. Great as gifts!!!



We earn 5% on every gift card purchased. We are looking to include additional gift cards this year.

Please contact Dwayne at (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com for additional information.

Do you have Memorabilia?

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

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(CLICK ON CUSTOM SPIRITWEAR PROGRAMS)

Look for STHS Alumni



http://artisticimprints.3dcartstores.com/Susquehanna-Twp-Alumni_c_496.html

SUSQUEHANNA
INVITATIONAL **2018**
JUNE 29th



Get your clubs ready for our 6th **SUSQUEHANNA INVITATIONAL** charity golf tournament on **Friday, June 29** at Colonial Golf and Tennis Club with Registration at 11:30 AM and a scramble start at 12:30 PM. We are happy to welcome again the *HANNA Education Foundation* as our 2018 Partner.

Not a golfer? Be A Hole Sponsor, Donate a Prize, or Volunteer on the Tournament Committee!

Please direct interest and general questions to
Irene Knapik '56 at (717) 545-1382 or
iknapik313@gmail.com

Your support of our golf tournament helps to fund Alumni Association college-bound Scholarships & Student Opportunity and HANNA Education Mini-Grants for technology and innovative enrichment programs. Last's year event raised \$14,185 for both organizations.

Our 2017 event sold out so don't delay once we publish the sign up documents in the next few weeks.

Additional information will be posted on our website and Facebook page in the upcoming weeks.



HS Field House Fundraiser



Limited day
of dinner
sales

Alumni
Association
& Township
Booster
Clubs

Saturday, May 12, 2018 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

Information: Tammi Hammaker (717) 215-7583
thammaker21@gmail.com

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

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

Memoral Gardens

In 2007, the Alumni Association dedicated our monument recognizing alumni and residents who served during World War II. Two years later, at the same site in Veterans Memorial Park off Elmerton Avenue, we dedicated our Korean War monument.

On Nov. 4, 2017 we held our Vietnam War Memorial Dedication. The memorial contains names of 225 veterans who lived in the township and served in the military during the Vietnam Conflict era from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975.



Steve Morris, Shirley Kannegieser, Dwayne DeFoor Charles Lloyd and Richard Veet

But funding is still needed to complete the memorial with surrounding hardscaping and landscaping. We still need \$3000 to pay off the memorial debt plus and an additional \$7000 for the stamped concrete sidewalk to surround the memorial and landscaping. We also have been notified of an additional sixteen names to be engraved on the monument.

Would you like to make a tax deductible monetary donation towards the debt, sidewalks, and landscaping?

Make checks payable to the "Susquehanna Twp. HS Alumni Association" (mark *Vietnam Memorial* on your check) and send to:

Susquehanna Township HS Alumni Association
Vietnam Memorial Fund
P.O. Box 61474
Harrisburg Pa. 17106-1474

Thank you for your continued support!

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

Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness

As the proud sponsor of the 7th Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness campaign held last October 2017, we are happy to report that the student-driven activities raised **\$10,158** to support individuals in their battle against cancer.

Our Susquehanna Township School District students, alumni, staff, and our 2017 partner, Lower Dauphin School District, wish to thank both communities and numerous businesses for the generous support.

The October-long campaign culminated in the Pink Out football game between Susquehanna Township High School and Lower Dauphin High School on October 20.

During the Susquehanna Township School District School Board Meeting on Monday, December 20, Ken Smeltz of *Vickie's Angel Foundation* accepted a check for \$5,158 from Lexi Weikert and Dwayne DeFoor. A check in the amount of \$4,000 was delivered to Pat Halpin-Murphy of *PA Breast Coalition* and a check for \$1,000 was delivered to Brian Gaughan of *Pink Hands of Hope* towards their Adopt-a-Family program.

Special Thank You to our sports teams for their incredible fundraising efforts and our Student Leaders Lexi Weikert and Ryan Jacobs, Faculty Leader Dr. Patti Buffington, and Alumni Leaders Andrea Mercurio Weikert, and Tammi Bonneville Hammaker.



Lexi Weikert, Ken Smeltz of Vickie's Angel Foundation, and Dwayne DeFoor

Boo Boo's Barbecue

Litho Ware '75, retired 28 year Harrisburg police officer and 10 year military veteran, has opened carry-out only **Boo Boo's Barbecue**



restaurant at 912 N. 3rd Street in Harrisburg. For

more information, call 717-727-7089 or visit www.booboosbarbecue.com **Congratulations!**



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www.facebook.com/STHSAA

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:

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Name _____

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Graduation Year _____ (if appropriate)

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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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RED-N-WHITE BBQ

High School Field
House Fundraiser

Deadline for BBQ Dinner pre-order – Tuesday, May 1, 2018

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Chicken BBQ Dinner: _____ qty. @ \$10.00 each Pulled Pork Dinner: _____ qty. @ \$10.00 each

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

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

Total \$ _____

(Make checks payable to STHS Alumni Association)

Pick-up at Sara
Lindemuth Parking Lot
10:00 AM till 2 PM

Mail to:
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SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST



Saturday, March 24, 2018

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

Also, thank you to all who make their reservations in advance.

DEADLINE: March 19

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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