

# THE SMOKE SIGNAL

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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,*



Let me start out by wishing everyone a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2019!

We are pleased to have three Student Representatives join our Board: **Anonda Speaks** (Sr.); **Jordan Spencer** (Sr.); and **Justice Roney** (Jr.). We are looking forward to the perspective they will bring to the association.

Looking to keep in touch with your ST family? There are several activities and events in the planning stages for this year—Spring Breakfast, SpringFest, Susquehanna Invitational, Summer Bash 2019—with more to come! As the plans are firmed up we will share via our social communication vehicles including our newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, and **Irene Knapik**'s excellent Outreach emails.

Many of you have asked for a broad based gift card program with more options. It is here! **Susan Gordon** will administer our new Scrip Gift Card program. You now have the capability to order gift cards no matter where you live! Look for more information on page 5.

Lastly, look for a BIG ANNOUNCEMENT at our Spring Breakfast. We are extremely excited and hope you will be too! We are also excited to have a "Hello Dolly" themed event which will include a few surprises! .

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](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)



BBQ  
Craft Show  
Flower Sale  
Golf Tournament  
Summer Bash

Email your interest to: [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)

**Chris Franklin '91**, and his Harlem Globetrotter



teammates were Special Guests at the 30th Annual Chuy's Children Giving to Children Parade, on Saturday, November 24, 2018, in Austin, TX! Over 30,000 toys donated for those in

need was distributed. The fundraiser benefits the Austin Police Department's Operation Blue Santa program. Well done Chris!

View Chris' LinkedIn clip here: <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6472186207504723968>

**Bony Dawood '80** (second from right), relocated his



Dawood Engineering, Inc. corporate office to 4250 Crums Mill Rd. Suite 301, Harrisburg. Pictured below from left to right are State Rep. Andrew Lewis, Dauphin County Controller **Timothy L. DeFoor '79**, Bony, and State Senator John DiSanto.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SPRING BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 9:30 AM

STHS Cafeteria

3500 Elmerton Avenue

#### SpringFest

Crafts - Flower Sale - BBQ

Benefits Field House Capital Campaign

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at TBD AM

Sara Lindemuth

1201 N Progress Avenue

#### SUMMER BASH 2019

All Classes, Friends, and Family

Musical Acts and Food!

Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Harrisburg Postal Picnic Grounds

1500 Roberts Valley Road

#### SUSQUEHANNA INVITATIONAL

Golf Tournament and HANNA Social

Friday, June 28, 2019

Colonial Golf and Tennis Club

4901 Linglestown Road





## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Paul R. Mummert '76**  
**Ann Rappaport '78**  
**Marty Isaacman '77**  
**John Zeiders '48**

*Have your former Classmates and friends join the 1191 members of the STHS Alumni Association. Sign-up a friend as a gift!*

### LEST WE FORGET

**Jay "Randy" Randolph Coplin '67**  
**John R. DeRemer, Jr. '67**  
**Mark Everett Morrison '77**  
**Kenneth Wesley Potter - Faculty**  
**Constance S. Richardson - Faculty**  
**Richard Alan Siegel '65**  
**Patricia Marie (Carire) Travitz '55**  
**Edith (Lewis) Wagner '48**



## Student Opportunity Fund

Our Student Opportunity Fund was created to provide financial assistance to students to facilitate their pursuit of unique opportunities. We believe – and believe you do too – that a well-rounded student is critical to their future successes.

Because we know that learning happens everywhere—both inside and outside of formal school settings—this fund has made a commitment to provide monetary grants to district students for educational and athletic experiences:

So far we have sponsored a student to attend the Maine College of Arts (MECA) Pre-College summer studio experience. This summer we will help sponsor a 7th grade student to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum at Villanova University. Its focus is "Explore STEM". The July 14-19, 2019 immersive experience is a "Mission to Mars".

Like to assist our talented young students with their life-changing experiences? Make a donation today.

*Check payable to: STHS Alumni Association*

Mark "Student Opportunity" in Memo line

**Mail your check to:**

**STHS Alumni Association**  
**PO Box 61474**  
**Harrisburg, PA 17106-1474**



## Class News



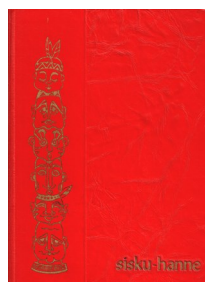
The **Class of 1964** will celebrate a **55th Reunion** over two days in April. A Pre-Reunion Mixer is scheduled on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Arooga's (Rt. 22), 7025 Allentown Blvd, Harrisburg 17112, Phone: 717-920-9464. Please RSVP the Mixer to Dave Funk at [davefunk64@gmail.com](mailto:davefunk64@gmail.com) or (757) 867-8885.



The Reunion is on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at American Legion Post 272, 505 North Mountain Road (at I-81, Exit 72), Harrisburg, PA 17112. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm with a Cash Bar. Program and Buffet Dinner begin at 7:00 pm. The reunion will end at 11 pm. Cost per person is \$30.00.

Dave Funk has arranged a BLOCK of 8 rooms at the CANDLEWOOD SUITES/ HARRISBURG- located at 504 N. Mountain Road. Call the hotel before March 15 at 717-652-7800 and use BLOCK name "STR" to reserve with your credit card.

Direct any questions/comments to committee members Mike Putt: [sfgt38@gmail.com](mailto:sfgt38@gmail.com), Jerry Kreider: [jerrys2k@comcast.net](mailto:jerrys2k@comcast.net), or Carol Putt: [carolputt25@gmail.com](mailto:carolputt25@gmail.com).



The **Class of 1969** will celebrate a **50th Reunion** on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Duke's Riverside Bar & Grille, 313 S Front St, Wormleysburg, PA 17043. Add your name to our Facebook page by searching on "Susquehanna Twp HS Class of 1969". Also add Marsha Wise-Conly as a friend too!

For additional information, please contact Debi Barrett Leader at (717) 545-9411 or [mizzdebi@aol.com](mailto:mizzdebi@aol.com); Marsha Webster

Wise-Conley at (717) 943-0205 or [purplenana25@gmail.com](mailto:purplenana25@gmail.com).



Announcing our "**SpringFest**" featuring an **indoor Craft & Vendor Show, Spring Flower Sale** and the **RED-N-WHITE BBQ**.

The proceeds will benefit the "Building Champions" High School Field House campaign.

**"SpringFest"** will be held on **Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** from **9:00am - 2:00pm** at the Sara Lindemuth Primary School.

We have craft / vendor booth space available!

Should you have any questions or would like to reserve booth space, please reach out to:

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[thammaker21@gmail.com](mailto:thammaker21@gmail.com)

Susan Gordon  
(703) 625-8286  
[sbg06@aol.com](mailto:sbg06@aol.com)



## Around the School District

On October 1, 2018 at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro announced a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise to roll out and operate the Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System for every school across the Commonwealth.



Attorney General Josh Shapiro, SL/AC Principal Andrae Martin, STSD Superintendent Dr. Tamara Willis, and Sandy Hook Promise managing Director Nicole Hockley reveal the new Safe2Say logo.



1st Place Team: Gunnar Leisey | Patrick Thieblemont | Tristan Burke  
2nd Place Team: Bobby Chan | Shayne Dietrich | Josh Garcia

The STHS Robotics Club won 1st Place at the November 17, 2018 South Central Pennsylvania Robotics Competition at Penn State Harrisburg. The competition is part of a larger initiative to interest high school student in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. The competition is sponsored by Civil Air Patrol Squadron 306, Johnson Controls, HACC, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Penn State Harrisburg, Phoenix Contact, and RG-Group.

Do you have **Memorabilia?**  
Please contact Charlene Morris at (717) 238-3751 or [clcbasp@live.com](mailto:clcbasp@live.com) or Dwayne De Foor at (717) 572-0901 or [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com)

## OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES

**President-** Dwayne DeFoor '78  
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Kim Fitting '84  
Susan Gordon '78  
Tammi Bonneville Hammaker '83  
Irene Major Knapik '56  
Charlene Morris '70  
Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85



### Student Representatives

Anonda Speaks '19  
Jordan Spencer '19  
Justice Roney '20

### 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)  
**Hanna Education Foundation-** Dwayne DeFoor '78  
**Historical-** Charlene Morris '70  
**Marketing-** Susan Gordon '78  
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**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-** Tammi Hammaker '83, Andrea Mercurio Weikert '85, Susan Gordon '78, Dwayne DeFoor '78, Ryan Jacobs, Yumi McClellan. 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

## LinkedIn

Join our LinkedIn group to  
Network or Mentor!

Search on "Susquehanna Township Alumni Group"  
or

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Send Membership Name Changes, New Addresses,  
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Telephone: 717-572-0901 or

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# Spotlight

## Bermudian's Dave McCollum becomes winningest wrestling coach in District 3 history

**Matt Allibone**, York Daily Record

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When Dave McCollum took over as Bermudian Springs wrestling coach in the 1970s, he made a point to measure his program against the one at Hanover High School.

That's because Hanover was coached by Terry Conover, the most respected coach in the area.

It's taken 42 years, but McCollum has finally surpassed the legendary Conover.

McCollum became the winningest wrestling coach in District 3 history Wednesday night when the Eagles topped Hanover, 72-6, at home to give him a career record of 573-206-3. He passed Conover, who finished with 572 wins in a career that included 37 years at Hanover from 1971 to 2007.

"When I first started, Terry was the guy in this area and I have so much respect for what he accomplished," McCollum said. "To surpass a record that he held for quite a while is pretty special."

McCollum is fourth in PIAA wrestling history behind Carl Schnellenbach (Ridley), Ron Kanaski (Danville) and Bill Sexton (Towanda). The late Schnellenbach finished with a whopping 746 wins.

The longtime Bermudian coach — affectionately nicknamed "Mouse" — hasn't just racked up wins during his career. He's turned Bermudian Springs into a local powerhouse since taking over during the 1977-78 season as just the second coach in school history.

Under McCollum's guidance, the Eagles have won 11 YAI AA division titles since joining the league in 2004-05, often dominating the competition in Division III. They've appeared in the District 3 Class 2A team title match nine times, winning championships in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

Additionally, Bermudian wrestlers have won 37 District 3 individual titles under McCollum's tutelage, stretching from Rich Lenker's 112-pound title in 1978 to Chase Dull's 195-pound championship last season.

Still, the accomplishments McCollum holds most dear are those at the state level. Three of his competitors — Trevor Byers (119 pounds, 1986), Rickey Schmelyun (140 pounds, 2006) and Tristan Sponseller (195 pounds, 2014) — have won individual state titles. The Eagles reached the PIAA team championship match in 2008, losing to Burrell, 37-29, at Giant Center.

"That was a fairy tale season and a spectacular match," McCollum said. "The community support has been fantastic and it's just a great environment to coach."

It's also the only place McCollum has ever coached.

He was still looking for a job the August after graduating from Bloomsburg in 1977 when a friend saw the opening at

## Dave McCollum '73

Bermudian and suggested he apply. As McCollum put it, he was "really lucky" to get hired.

There were fewer than 10 wrestlers on the team at a time, a number that has grown exponentially over the years. While other small schools have struggled to field full lineups in recent years, Bermudian has always enjoyed strong participation.

"We have a strong wrestling community, but he's played a big part in building that," Bermudian athletic director Dave Orwig said. "He's very humble. The amount of time he puts in is incredible and he genuinely cares and the kids and their families, from the top kids all the way down.

"It's a privilege to work alongside him and he's just a genuinely good person."

Additionally, McCollum is an assistant high school football coach at Bermudian and was a math teacher in the middle school before retiring a few years ago.

He graduated from Susquehanna Township (in 1973) and went on to wrestle at Bloomsburg, serving as team captain his senior year.

It was his freshman year of college that his now well-known nickname was given to him by his teammate, NCAA Division I champion Floyd "Shorty" Hitchcock.

"I walked in the wrestling room and he said, 'Hahaha, look at that mouse,'" McCollum said. "I was short and my ears stuck out."

McCollum isn't thinking of retirement just yet. He's got another talented Bermudian team this season with 11 returning starters and is off to a 2-0 start.



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# Scrip Gift Card Program

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that allows families to raise money for our non-profit organization by paying for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from our organization at face value, and our coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center who provides the association a rebate. The program offers **more than 700** of the country's biggest retailers, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more.

It's time to put your shopping dollars to work! Looking for a gift card not in our list or have any questions, please contact our Program Coordinator, Susan Gordon at (703) 625-8286.

Orders due to Susan by the **2nd Friday each month**. Pick up is on Saturday of the next week at Giant Foods on Linglestown Rd from 11-1 in the café. Include a self addressed/stamped envelope for mailing. One stamp for 1-5 cards. Two stamps for 6-10. Please include 3% on credit card orders to cover processing.





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## Pink Out Breast Cancer Awareness

Led by Student Leader Ryan Jacobs and school district representatives Yumi McClellan and in partnership with the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association, the October Pink Out raised \$4,676.



Money raised during the event was presented to Vicki's Angels Foundation of New Cumberland and Pink Hands of Hope of Mechanicsburg.



Poster Day 1



GoodDayPA Appearance



Poster Day II



Game Day Prep

## High School Musical

This year the high school will present "Hello Dolly"! Hello, Dolly! is a 1964 musical with lyrics and music by Jerry Herman and a book by Michael Stewart. The musical follows the story of Dolly Gallagher Levi (a strong-willed matchmaker), as she travels to Yonkers, New York, to find a match for the miserly "well-known unmarried half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder. In doing so she persuades his niece, his niece's intended, and Horace's two clerks to travel to New York City.

**Show Dates:**

**March 15th & 16th**

**7:00 p.m.**

**March 17th**

**2:00 p.m.**



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PO Box 61474  
Harrisburg, PA 17106-1474**

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**Thank You School of the Arts for your outstanding presentations at our Fall Breakfast!**



**SEMI-ANNUAL STHS ALUMNI & FRIENDS BREAKFAST  
“Breakfast with Dolly”**

**March 16, 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**

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

**DEADLINE: MARCH 12**

**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!**

**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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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