

Memberships and Donations, 1997

Boosters

No.		Class
B-1	Joan Laschalt McGowan	'53
B-2	Neville Oliver	'34
B-3	Wilmer Rockett	'25
B-4	RoseBeth Woolley Pierson	'26
B-5	Virginia Wildrick Hilburt	'33
B-6	John Copeland	'33
B-7	Muriel Oughton Goodman	'39
B-8	Kathryn Dillon Hendrie	'39
B-9	Josephine Flacco Kyle	'41
B-10	Mary Bubeck Moore	'41
B-11	John Phy	'42
B-12	Claire Little Burton	'44
B-13	Virginia Fincke Fifer	'32

Cornerstone

No.		Class
295	Lynn Collins Callahan	'69
296	Donald P. Yacko	'77
297	H. Wayne Schmidt	'59
298	Joseph F. Wacker	'38
299	Joyce Wentz Jenkins	'51
300	Rebecca Weber Riso	'69
301	Grete Perkins	'59
302	Alice Clark	'55
303	Thomas Leedom	'76
304	Patricia Bennett Newman	'46
305	Joel B. Worster	'70
306	John R. Worster	'70
307	Augustine Penecale	'41
308	Margaret Goodwin Long	'53
309	Nancy Porch Hafner	'67
310	Carl C. Wilhjelm	'46
311	Warren McMahon	'50
312	Carolyn Jones Potashner	'56
313	Thomas H. Coyne	'75
314	Stephanie Ladniak Wenzel	'68

Maroon and White

No.		Class
107	Eleanor Smith Brune	'63
108	C. Robert Kiesling	'48
109	William L. Young Jr.	'39
110	Deborah Braunwarth Wood	'59
111	Stanley R. Shorb	'58
112	Molly Cooke	'55
113	Linda Sommer Jephson	'77
114	Harry E. Broadbent	'65
115	Gwynne Spencer	'63
116	Veronica Dee Ang	'76
117	Walter Cameron	'44

Century Club

No.		Class
341	Robert Tomlinson	'59
342	Joseph G. Blair	'35
	—Memorial by sister, Edith Blair Shute '30	
343	Alan M. Pyle	'49
344	Eric P. Jonas	'79
	—Given by mother, Alice Beck Jonas '52	
345	Ellen Penton Garretson	'39
346	William Raisner	'39
347	Jesse Taylor III	'42
	—Memorial by his classmates of January 1942	

500 Club

No.		Class
27	Harry R. Hower	'49

Memorial Donations

\$100	For Joseph G. Blair '35, by his sister, Edith Blair Shute '30
\$100	For Isabelle Wheller Mitchell '36, by her husband, Andrew C. Mitchell
\$100	For Dorothy E. Walker '38, by her sister, Barbara Walker Shive '53
\$100	For Sydney S. Walker '40, by his sister, Barbara Walker Shive '53
\$25	For Lois Wentz Hazleton '52, by her sister, Joyce Wentz Jenkins '51
\$405	For Jesse Taylor III, President of the Class of January 1942, by his classmates
\$50	For George E. Klenk, Jr. '63, by Mary Klenk Shaw '52
\$50	For Margaret O'Hara Gartling '46, by her luncheon friends and classmates, Betty, Dolores, Louise, Marge, Rose, Toots, Helen, and Norma
\$25	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk '37, by Geraldine Dessino of Warminster, Pa.
\$25	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk '37, by Winifred and John Dessino of Horsham, Pa.
\$50	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk '37, by Gerald and Bonnie Murphy '92
\$25	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk and John Klenk '37, by Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Stello of Warrington, Pa.
\$25	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk and John Klenk '37, by Glenside-Weldon School Faculty Association

\$50	For Christine Mercaldo Klenk '37, by Durphy Packaging Co. and William '79, Gregory '88 and Gerald Durphy '92
\$25	For Peggy Armstrong Gilbert '41, by Harry and Verna Johnson Minehart '41
\$25	For Jesse Taylor III '42, by Frederica Greenspan Weissman '42
\$25	For Robert G. McMahon '55, by his brother, Warren McMahon '50
\$10	For Madelyn Braccio Chiomento '38, by Amy Biagi Rozelle '42
\$100	For Harold Pannepacker '39, by Mary E. Anderson Pannepacker '39
\$25	For Hatzy Riesz Glaeser '35 Associate, by Paul Williams '32
\$28	For Hope Stott '36 Associate, by Howard Schaefer '35
\$50	For John P Garvin '35, by daughter, Patricia Garvin Claxon '61
\$50	For George Foster '37, by Mary Foster McCulley '35
\$1,602	given for Dorothy Cathell, teacher (see list of donors and article on page 6)

Specified Donations

\$50	John F. Reichard '42, to the scholarship fund
\$150	Bruce A. Cunningham '73, to the scholarship fund
\$60	Anonymous '44, to the scholarship fund
\$25	Overlook Hills Womens Club, to the scholarship fund

Wanted: Someone to locate time capsule

Who remembers when and where a time capsule was buried on the Susquehanna Road campus of the former high school? Joseph Rufino '41 brought the matter to light last fall at a prep meeting for the Fifties Plus Club Luncheon hosted by his class. A few recalled hearing about it but no one knew what year it was buried or where on campus it could be located. The general feeling is that it may have been done in the '30s. At the time Sunrise Assisted Living built the retirement facility on the site of old high school, the excavating contractor didn't locate the time capsule. Think back folks, and drop a line to the alumni office if you remember about when and where on campus it might be found.

New Life Members

Class of 1926
Dorothy Klein Welbon

Class of 1929
Harry August Gentner
Robert Goldsmith
Jeremiah Bentle Haines
Edna Miriam Heath
Buffler
Benjamin Stanley Mason
Anna Eleana Nelson Self
—Gifts by Norman Kelly '38

Margaret Jane Matthias
Helen Taft Mutz
—Gifts by Rev. Gordon Cooke '30

Lucille L. Pendleton
Helen Taylor Rorke
George Elven Schwartz
—Gifts by Class of 1938

Class of 1933
Katharine Weil Gift

Class of 1937
Christine Mercaldo Klenk
—Memorial by her many relatives and friends

Class of 1939
Ellen Penton Garretson
William L. Young Jr.

Class of 1941
Augustine A. Penecale

Class of 1942
Harry W. Baker
William R. Cox
Calvin L. Friedberg
Alvina Carolyn Fritz
William C. Geissler
George E. Hawthorne
John J. Higgins
James R. Hurley
Nancy Roberts Miller
Rothwell Shelly
Florence Smith Roeder
Catherine Sommers Sholte
J. Ross Tippens
—Gifts by Class of January 1942

Irene Cox Peterson
Alice Jane Harrer Woods
Paul L. Lackman
Paul M. Landis
Elizabeth M. O'Donnell
Most
William H. Roth
—Memorials by Class of January 1942

David M. Blumenthal

Gill Chubb
Ralph Chubb
Daniel M. Dempster Jr.
Audrey Garey Thomson
Newman F. Lane
Malcolm Schoenberg
Frances M. Welsh Ingald

Class of 1944
Frederick M. Donohue
Alfred A. Grimshaw
Jean E. Mawson
Christoph
Samuel Delaney
—Memorials by anonymous classmate

Class of 1946
Margaret O'Hara Gartling
—Memorial by her 8 luncheon friends and classmates

Julia Burgess Brown
Richard H. Cook
Carl C. Wilhjelm

Class of 1947
Frank Allen
Irene Best
Marion Ciliberto Kohl
Samuel Clover
Randolph Helfrich
Jacqueline Kauffman
Carlson

Class of 1948
Ralph H. Levis
Margorie Lodge Buchler
John Mignogna
—Memorials by Myrtle Hulton Ryan '47

Anne Warr Egbert
Alice E. Munroe

Class of 1948
Robert H. Bubeck

Class of 1949
Raymond Lutz
Robert Muller
Patricia Prettyman
—Memorials by anonymous classmate

Class of 1950
Warren McMahon
Ann Weppner Newman

Class of 1951
Joyce Wentz Jenkins

Class of 1952
Alice Beck Jonas

Class of 1953
Margaret Goodwin Long

Class of 1955
Alice Clark
Molly Cooke Abramson
Nancy Oeken Fink

Class of 1956
J. Richard Booth

Class of 1958
William L. Hughes
Stanley R. Shorb

Class of 1959
Grete Perkins
Howard Wayne Schmidt
Dorothy L. Snyder Cianci
Gloria Duncan Davis

Class of 1960
Robert S. Driegert

Class of 1961
Patricia Garvin Claxon

Class of 1962
June Dern Gerdon

Class of 1963
Eleanor Smith Brune
Gwynne Spencer

Class of 1964
Susan Klein Tribit

Class of 1965
Harry Broadbent
Linda Martin Milne
Monica Zukowski Claffey

Class of 1967
Marcia Plummer Spencer
Famous
Nancy Porch Hafner

Class of 1968
Sandra Byerly Cole
Stephanie A. Ladniak
Wenzel
Mariann Quinn Wilson

Class of 1969
Lynn Collins Callahan
Rebecca Weber Riso
Nancy Wilson Smith

Class of 1970
Joel Worster
John Worster

Class of 1971
Russell E. Brinker

Class of 1972
Jacqueline Neely

Class of 1974
Michael Miller

Anne Tordella Hopkins

Class of 1975
Thomas Coyne
Richard Jonas
William Quigley

Class of 1976
Veronica Dee Ang
Thomas Leedom

Class of 1977
Sheryl S. Sheppard
Linda Sommer Jephson
Donald P. Yacko

Class of 1978
Linda Underwood Ray

Class of 1980
Anne Ballne Gaynor
Betty Gaskin

Class of 1986
Charles Aaron Griffin

Class of 1987
Marianne Malarkey
Rebecca Jane Tucker
Papale

Class of 1988
Robert K. Greenebaum
Francine M. Siegel

Class of 1989
Christine Delaney Cohen

Class of 1990
Gwynn Alison Lloyd

Class of 1991
Donna Harel Kirschner
Michael Andrew Whisman

Class of 1993
Alisa Salerno

Class of 1994
Jessica Brown
Damond Neely

Class of 1995
Christina Green
Emily Kijek

Class of 1997
Ashley Baquero

Prang Chim
—Gift by Mary Farmer '37

Michael Cohen
Walter Czarnecki
Shayne Donsky
Kila Fickes

Marc Fiddler
Antranig Garibian
Stacy Gibbs
Scott Jacobson
Katie Keithline

Michael Koder
—Gift by Tim Simmons '65

Andrew Kohn

Kirsten Krimmel
—Alumni Award

Michael Landsberg
Peter Leonard
Alissa Levin
Alexandra Louis
Diana Magid
Jennifer Maisenhelder
Mark Marzario
Coleen McGuire

James Meehan
—Alumni Award

Jacquelin Mitsch
Anthony Paone
Tracy Parker
Brian Raphun
Ralph Salerno
Sheila Schaefer
Elizabeth Selby
Alexander Serafine
Lonnie Shupak
Travis Smith
Jeffrey Webster
Lisa Weiss

Nikolaus Wiser
—Alumni Award

Harvey Heller, teacher

Lost membership card? Replace it!

Membership cards that have been lost or misplaced will be reissued for \$2 (the fee has been increased this year). Simply drop a note to the Abington High School Alumni Association at Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001. Give your full name (maiden if applicable) and class year. Enclose \$2 for each card requested.

Save the Association hundreds of dollars

If you move, please send your new address, year graduated and name (maiden if applicable) to:
AHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001

Share your memories with us! Tell us about a pleasant, humorous or outstanding experience you had during your Abington days. We're especially interested in hearing from post-1960 grads. Photographs will be returned; please put your name and address on the back, and identify people and places in the photograph, and the year the picture was taken.

Robert Erk '54 wonders how many remember the Fourth of July celebrations in Glenside during the '40s and '50s? The pie eating contest and the three legged race at War Memorial Field were followed by the parade down Easton Road, which included such string bands as Ferko. The evening concluded with fireworks. "It was just the beginning of a summer of carnivals, baseball and swimming at the Glenside pool. Some may even remember passing their season swim tag through the fence so that a less fortunate friend might gain free access to join in the swim."

Miriam Hartley Bradway '31 walked to the McKinley Elementary School to get the bus to "Mr. Weirich's disciplined world" at the high school on Susquehanna Road. She recalls that "On cold icy days, it could be an adventure for the bus to get up York Road above Noble Station."

Evelyn Maguire McCord '28 would sometimes stay after school to work on the *Abingtonian*. If she missed the late bus, it meant cutting through the Baederwood estate on her way home to Glenside. The old abandoned Baeder mansion was called "The Haunted House" and was usually walked past quickly. Evelyn was taught her first piano lesson by **Clare Yoder Levy '24**, who submitted an item to last spring's Memories; the two women are now back in touch again after many years.

Jean Skeath Stahl '47 asks if you remember the cow pasture on Susquehanna Road where the driveway into North Campus now is. "A stream went through there, a cove of woods and cows for company. The Casa Conti, of course, played a part in most of our lives. Dinners always included the little round dish of cole slaw and a little skinny glass of tomato juice." But your favorite "platter" came from "Uncle" Jim Nassau's record shop on Mount Carmel Avenue for just 78 cents.

Thora Simons Bonnell '24 lived in Hatboro before moving to Abington Township, and recalls riding a trolley car from Hatboro to Willow Grove to go ice skating

on the frozen lake. "Long ago, boyfriends would help me put on skates. They were attached to my shoes with clips and keys. How times have changed."

Edna Fritz Biddle '31 played in the very first high school band. "I played the clarinet under the direction of L.B. Smith. We had nice maroon and white uniforms and always enjoyed the Thanksgiving game of football with Cheltenham."

Mary Schilling Sckupakus '55 took the bus to the McKinley Elementary School in the mid '40s. She recalls, "an old bus like the one pictured in last year's *Ghost Stories* was used when the regular bus was out of service." The seats in the back were benches facing each other along the sides of the bus. "Whenever the driver put on the brakes, everyone slid sideways. We thought it was fun."

Glenn Hansford '36 crossed over the Glenside line to get his hair cut at Benny Neilson's barber shop in Cheltenham Township. He took Benny's niece, Eileen, to his senior prom and well he remembers the event. The class flower was the gardenia; every girl wore a gardenia corsage and every boy wore a gardenia in his lapel. The gymnasium at the Highland School sure did smell!

Remembering teacher Dorothy Cathell, 1895-1997

By Rev. John Y. Elliott '38

There is an empty place in our mailbox. That place was for letters from my high school English teacher, Miss Dorothy Cathell.

Whenever I sent off a letter to Miss Cathell, I was certain she would reply within a week or so. Receiving her letters was always a joyous time for us. Clara, my wife, often read them aloud. Together we relished her wisdom, wit and sincere interest in all of God's creation.

I have yet to comprehend that I can no longer say, "We should be getting a letter from Miss Cathell today." Because her mind continued to race on year after year, I had come to ignore the fact that her body was giving out. But it was, and on July 18, 1997, she did, indeed, die "unexpectedly at age 102."

She seemed indestructible. The tough moral fiber that ran through her mental acumen and physical endurance seemed to help her bounce back from any mishap or onslaught.

An ideal teacher, she had a genuine inter-

est in the thousands of youth she helped to educate. Her awe at the wonders of the world, her excitement about the stage, music and art, her evaluation of politics and world leaders kept her mind alert and keen to the very end.

She made us work, but somehow we loved it. People like Don Cook, Bob Harley, Betsy Heineman, Julia Toth, George Stoner, Evelyn Locher, Beth Ferris, Mary Hall, Elizabeth Dekay and Arnold Dovey didn't have to be coaxed to show up after school to work on the *Abingtonian* or *Oracle*. We got real fulfillment and enjoyed it in the process.

To me, she was always "Miss Cathell." In November 1996, she closed her letter to me with this: "Headlines in today's papers make one feel that nobody is honest. ... Yet teachers are forbidden to teach any positive morality. When a truth would hurt, one can avoid it. But right is right and students *must* be taught honesty, self-respect, loyalty and consideration for others. End of sermon. Dorothy Cathell."

Her life was a teaching sermon. We had best listen!

Abington alumni have donated \$1,602 to the scholarship fund in Dorothy Cathell's memory. Miss Cathell, who taught English at Abington from 1922 to 1957, was a faculty adviser to the <i>Abingtonian</i> and <i>Oracle</i> . Following is a list of donations and donors.	
Class of 1938	\$470
The Fifties Plus Club	500
George Walton '32	50
Joan Fernandez Knecht '54	30
Eleanor Waterhouse Marks '35	25
Mary F. Farmer '37	25
Florence Shaffer Jenkins '35	25
Rev. John Elliott '38	25
Richard Whitney '56	100
Alfred Brodhag '48	50
Robert Wittman '36	15
Jerome Eichert '47	102
Marion Wunderle Noel '38	50
Class of January 1940	100
Sarah McCartney	
MacDowell '33	25
Amy Biagi Rozelle '42	10

Zane Carothers '42 and **Diane Foxhill Carothers '46** have been married since 1952 and live in Urbana, Ill., where both taught at the University of Illinois. Zane joined the Illinois faculty in 1959 after teaching for two years at the University of Kentucky. He retired in 1991 as professor emeritus. Diane joined the Illinois faculty in 1975 and retired in 1995 as associate professor emerita.

Arthur Lockhart '49 retired as manager of American Enka's market research department. A resident of Asheville, N.C., since 1960, he's a prominent speaker on textile issues. His book, *Immortal to Many, But Especially to Me*, tells the life and love story of himself and his wife, Joan, who passed away in 1953.

John Israel '51 who retired from Standard Pressed Steel in 1993, is enjoying retirement at his home in Mountain City, Tenn.

Jeanne McDermott Hackett '53 lives in Edmonds, Wash., but she and her husband, Jack, spend winters in their favorite motor home park in Yuma, Ariz. Avid shuffleboard fans, they're also involved in square dancing, bingo, pinocle and swimming at the park.

Stanley Shorb '58 has been practicing ophthalmology in Phoenix, Ariz., for the past 22 years.

David Fleekop '61 is an investor and venture capitalist specializing in leisure time and housing companies. He lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

Lynne Rosson Plunkett '65 is enrolled in a degree completion program at Philadelphia College of Bible and is considering moving on to teaching. She's now working in the field of human resources.

Denise Crosby '68 earned her master's of business administration in finance at the University of Hawaii. She's a financial analyst for Straub Hospital in Honolulu, where she's lived for the last 25 years. She says she's looking forward to her 30th class reunion and welcomes e-mail from classmates: dcrosby@straub.net.

Rebecca Weber Riso '69 retired from her practice of dentistry in 1989. Her husband, Ken, is an endodontist. They live in Florida but spend a lot of their free time skiing in Colorado.

Russell E. Brinker '71 retired as sergeant first class from the army in September 1993 after 21 years of service. He is happily married with four daughters and living in Florida.

Arlyn Umin '71 is founder and president

of "Get Organized Now." She started her company four years ago and has been featured in articles in *Philadelphia* magazine and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

John Donecker '71, a veterinarian, was successful in his run for mayor of Reidsville, N.C. Jay received 1,700 of the 3,000 votes by the city residents.

Adam Aron '72, Abington Hall of Fame 1992, is chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Vail Resorts Inc., in Colorado. The company owns ski resorts in Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone, and Breckenridge.

Lorre Ward Bayer '72 is a successful hat and jewelry designer in Fountain Valley, Calif.

Veronica Dee Ang '76 recently returned to the Philadelphia area after working in the Netherlands, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia. Her background is in credit and accounting, and she's a certified public accountant. From 1995-97, she took continuing education courses at Oxford University in British economics and languages.

Louis DiMassa '82 is project director of SKF Industries for the manufacturing of bearings in China. He's based in Italy, but makes frequent trips to China, Germany, and Sweden.

Marine Capt. William Keehn '82 is stationed in Seattle, where he's operations officer for Marine recruiting in the Northwest.

Alumni association honors Mary Farmer for 45 years of service

The Alumni Association honored Mary F. Farmer '37 for 45 years of service at a testimonial and luncheon last fall.

Miss Farmer, a lifelong resident of Roslyn, was active in the association's reorganization in 1960 and served as president from 1975-80. She has also served on numerous committees, held several official positions on the council, and served as corresponding secretary from 1989 until her retirement in early 1997.

Among those who attended the testimonial, held last November at Williamson restaurant in Horsham, Pa., were nine past presidents of the association.

Current President Tim Simmons '65 presented Miss Farmer with a commendation in appreciation of her many years of service.

Jennifer Tsou '85 is the anchorwoman and director of IBC Action News in Bangkok, Thailand. She's also a TV host for CNBC Asia's "The Business of Travel" and a DJ on 95.5 Gold FMX.

Allison Berkowitz Read '86 is training director of the Devereux Foundation's Beneto Center, a multi-site residential treatment facility for children and adolescents. With her husband, Jeff, and children, Samantha and Andrew, they make their home in Downingtown, Pa.

Amy Livezey Carpenter '88 is a registered architect and a senior project manager with Martin Architectural Group in Philadelphia. She's also promotional manager for the Philly-based ska band, Ruder Than You.

David Monblatt '94, a musical theater major at Syracuse University, took a one-year leave of absence to play Gaston in MGM-Disney's production of "Beauty And The Beast."

Julie Livezey '95 is a public relations major at Cheney University and served as an intern last year in the P.R. department of Abington Memorial Hospital. She's also an assistant manager at Lingerie Cacique in the Willow Grove Mall.

Marjorie Sukalski '95 studied Spanish at the University of Costa Rica in San Pedro, returning to Temple University for the 1998 spring semester.



Mary Farmer '37

Past president Chuck Corwin '40 presented Miss Farmer with a gift certificate from the Fifties Plus Club, and past president Nancy Burger Stewart '55 related pleasant memories of Miss Farmer's time leading the association.

Sports

By Ken Schaefer '36

Fall 1997

Boys cross country: 1-10.
Girls cross country: 1-10.
Girls field hockey: 5-11. Captains: Kristen Carini, Karen Ewerth, and Mary Hoeffel.
Football: 1-10. The lone victory was over Cheltenham in the final game of the season. Most valuable player: Reese Dawson. Captains: Reese Dawson and Jason Arkey.
Golf: 9-1 league, 12-1 overall. Ben Levy

was ninth in states.

Boys soccer: 10-9. All-league first team: Matt Johnson, Matt Sirolli, and Nick Pontelandolfo.

Girls tennis: 11-0 Suburban One, 18-1 overall. In postseason play, the team racked up victories over Henderson (6-1), Central Bucks East (4-3), but lost to Council Rock (3-4). Captain Abby Stead was first place in Suburban One league doubles and first place in all-league doubles. MVP Dana Reinitz was first team in all-league singles. Amy Rosen was

first place in Suburban One league doubles and first team in all-league singles. Sadie Strash was first team all-league doubles. Sara Satinsky was an honorable mention in all-league singles. Tara Wainwright and Rachel Margolis were second team in all-league doubles. Liz Uffner and April Relly were honorable mention in all-league doubles.

Girls volleyball: 1-20. MVP: Esther Jo.

Winter 1997-98

Boys basketball: 12-10.
Girls basketball: 9-11.
Boys swimming: 0-13.
Girls swimming: 8-5.
Wrestling: 9-7.

Baseball champs of '46-48 recall glory days

Seventeen of the outstanding athletes who achieved the only three consecutive baseball championships at Abington gathered last Oct. 17 for their first reunion in 50 years.



Representing the 1947 team were (from left, top row) Al Brodhag, Bob Fleming, Bob Bubeck, Gordon Kessler, and Larry Keller, and (bottom row, from left) Andy Cunningham, Chick Ambruster, Aaron Bitman, and Jim DeShields.

The reunion of the teams of 1946, '47, and '48 was hosted by Alfred "Bus" Brodhag '48 and Aaron Bitman '47. In addition to the 17 players, 10 other athletes and well-wishers from the classes of 1938 through 1950 gathered in Oreland, Pa.

The 1947 team had a 15-1 record, with the lone loss a 4-3 heartbreaker to Doylestown. The lineup consisted of pitchers Gordon Kessler '47 and Jim DeShields '48, catcher Al Brodhag '48, first baseman Wes Crigler '48

(now deceased), second basemen Larry Keller '48 and Aaron Bitman '47, shortstop John MacMinn '47, third baseman Bob Fleming '47, left fielder Bob Bubeck '48, center fielders Bob Smith '47 and Chick Ambruster '47, and right fielder Andy Cunningham '48.

Save those tapes!

Your Genuardi supermarket receipts turned into \$467.30 in cash for the alumni association in 1997. Of that, \$110 came from receipts sent in by Susan McCaffrey Biddle '56. Since the inception of the program, the association has received nearly \$2,700. Our thanks to the following alumni who regularly send us their tapes:

Jeffrey Brown '72; Thomas Cameron '36; Janice Carter '66; Bernadette Caruso Ventresca '76; Jan Cotman '72; Ruth Dewees Donaghy '37; Barbara Gross Green '64; Herbert Howald '54; Charles Judd '54; Mary Kervin Byron '36; Dina Marie Lawston '86; William Notley '69; Carol Rowland Diehl '83; Sandra Serago Mann '68; Joseph Taddei '46; Joseph Wacker '38; Thomas Weiler '88; Shannon Zerbey '95.

Six scholarships awarded to class of 1997

The Alumni Association Scholarship Committee awarded \$1,000 scholarships to six members of the Class of 1997. Deserving seniors in the class were considered based on financial need, class rank, participation in extracurricular activities, and educational goals.

The money for scholarships comes from interest on the life membership dues of \$15 per person. Since 1963, the association has made 231 awards for a total of \$149,400. More than \$6,000 in awards will be made to the Class of 1998.

Scholarship winners (from left) Christina Trunk, attending Beaver College; Kelli Millwood, attending the University of Pittsburgh; Shannon Staskin, attending Loyola College; George Bezanis, attending Pennsylvania State University; Victoria Jean Sanville, attending Syracuse University; and (not pictured), Sara Michelle Demsky, attending the University of Pittsburgh.



Class Reunions

Reunion information is available from the alumni office 24 hours—call our answering system at 215-572-8899.

All classes to and including 1948—The Fifties Plus Club luncheon, hosted by the Class of 1942, will be held at noon, Oct. 7, 1998, at Williamson restaurant in Horsham, Pa. If your ID label does not show "50" and you would like to be included in the mailing list, drop us a post card or call the alumni office at 215-572-8899.

Class of 1938 (60th)—Noon, Oct. 7, in conjunction with the Fifties Plus Club luncheon above. Contact: Mildred McMullen Fernsler, 215-887-0349, or Roberta Gourley Beck, 215-675-5631.

Class of 1948 (50th)—6:30 to 11 p.m. Oct. 17th at the Warrington Lodge, Easton Road above Street Road, Warrington, Pa. Contact: John Heyman, 215-886-2984.

Class of 1953 (45th)—5:30 p.m. Oct. 10, at Cedarbrook Country Club, Blue Bell, Pa. Contact: Mae Ritchie Gardner, 610-489-7376.

Class of 1958 (40th)—Contact: Barbara Franck DeFlavis, 215-822-1836, or Jeanne Remmey Hoepfner, 215-646-8591.

Class of 1963 (35th)—Contact: Suzanne Leutwyler Seiter, 215-648-0111.

Class of 1968 (30th)—Date in November and location to be determined. Contact: Cindy DeWald Doyle, 215-643-6289, or Sandy Ryan DiGiulio, 215-635-7186.

Class of 1969—is looking for more volunteers to help with the 30th reunion in 1999. Contact: Linda Altadonna Gray, 215-766-2057 or Gigi Gallagher Burns, 215-576-5526.

Class of 1973 (25th)—Contact: Jean Fanelli, 215-885-1799, or Louise Stozenski Johnson, 215-657-0954.

Class of 1978 (20th)—Contact: Mary Amici Melville, 215-657-5639.

Class of 1983 (15th)—Contact: Sally Fisher Willard, 215-886-7584.

Class of 1988 (10th)—Contact: Amy Livezey Carpenter, 215-654-0699.

Class of 1993 (5th)—Contact: Genevieve Alexander, 610-491-8132, or Katie Darrow, 717-560-2929.

Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1988, fifty-four outstanding alumni from the classes of 1925 to 1975 have been honored for their accomplishments in arts, athletics, business, education, government, science, and service. An additional category recognizes alumni posthumously. Any Abington graduate who has not yet been distinguished from others in a field, but who shows great potential, should be nominated. Please include specific informa-

tion about each nominee's accomplishments on a separate sheet of paper. If you're nominating someone for a second time, include updated addresses and credentials.

Return this form to Charles Baker, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, Abington Senior High School, 900 Highland Ave., Abington, Pa. 19001.

I wish to nominate _____ Class of _____

to the Abington High School Hall of Fame in the category of _____

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(Enclose detail for whom and by whom)

Make checks payable to Abington High School Alumni Association, detach entire form and mail to AHSAA at P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001.

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City	State	ZIP Code
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All members are invited to attend
the annual meeting of the
Alumni Association,
to be held at

7:30p.m.
Thursday, May 21

in the Administration Building
Highland Avenue
Abington, Pa.

If you plan to attend, please drop a note
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Association president's message

By Tim Simmons '65



El niño has somehow affected almost everyone in the country and the land of the Galloping Ghost is no exception. It favored all of us still living in the area with an unusually mild winter—even spring bulbs were tricked into thinking it was time to poke through the ground. The warm temperatures allowed the construction crews working on the new wing of the high school to stay on track and the completion date is right on target.

As *Ghost Stories* was going to press last year, it was mentioned that an AHSAA Web site was in the works and the positive response was outstanding. A number of alumni have volunteered to support this venture. At this date, the council is developing a plan for the best way to proceed. We also don't yet have an E-mail address, but our answering machine at the alumni office carries recorded information. I also heard the other day that the school is proposing new wiring, possibly to provide access to the Internet—all signs of moving into the 21st century.

At a few holiday get-togethers, I heard sad news that some of our classmates have passed on. If you hear of this kind of information I would ask that you let the alumni office know so that these people can be removed from the association's mailing list.

In closing, I want to thank all those who have remembered "Dear Old Abington" with gifts and bequests for deserving students. We work hard to choose the most exemplary graduates for these important awards. One more note: One of the best bargains in town is the one-time \$15 payment for a life membership in the alumni association.

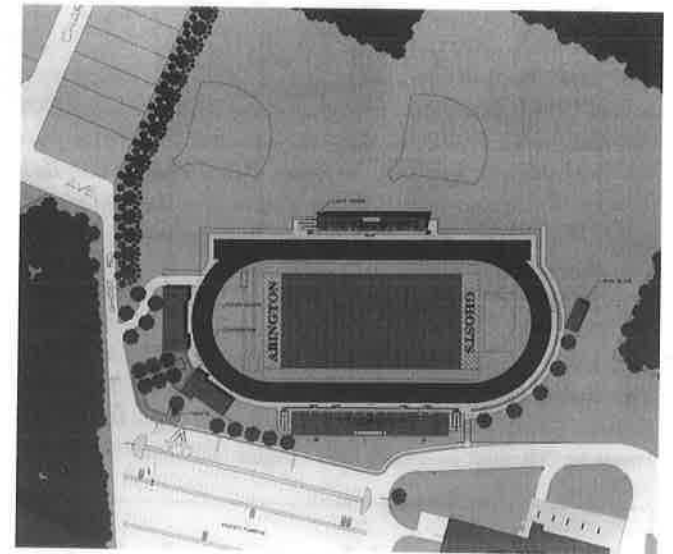
Construction on hold for new high school stadium

The 3,500-seat multipurpose stadium proposed for the Abington High School campus remains on hold, amid controversy from neighbors who say the stadium will create traffic, light, and sound they don't want.

The stadium was to be completed this fall on what's now a practice field along Ghost Road. The school board has earmarked \$1.5 million, and outside sources are expected to contribute the remainder of the \$3.7 million cost. In addition to football games, the stadium is expected to host band competitions and community activities sponsored by local organizations.

The design proposed by the architects calls for visiting team locker rooms, public restrooms, an 8-lane running track with adjacent 100-meter straightaway, and other track and field facilities. Because Memorial Field, opposite the site of the former Huntingdon Junior High

School, is no longer satisfactory as a football field, the Galloping Ghosts played most of their games away last season. The few home games were played at Upper Moreland's field.



All football games are scheduled as away games this fall—a situation expected to take a further toll on attendance and support for the team. All the more reason the stadium project should go forth with full community support.

Grad gives scholarship to honor former teacher

An anonymous Abington graduate has donated \$500 to the Alumni Association's scholarship fund, with the request that it be given to an outstanding senior in honor of retired English teacher James Giordano.

The donor, a student of Mr. Giordano's 30 years ago, wrote "I will never forget his class. He was the best teacher I had at Abing-

ton, or anywhere else, for that matter. Too often, students never let their teachers know the impact they have had on their lives. ... all [of his students] admired and loved him. What is important is that he receives recognition for being an outstanding teacher."

The English department faculty will select the award recipient.

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