# **Memberships and donations**

#### **500 Club**

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#### Century

369	Wayne A. Cunningham '50
370	Yvonne Ruby Dietrich '56
371	Edward C. Mulley '47
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374	Eileen Plazek '65
375	Harry Lenz '60
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343 Patricia Tucker Smedley '59
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349 Daniel A. Jones '60
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353 Virginia Potts Leonetti '70
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135 David A. Wood '40				
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137 David N. Hingston '68				
138 Maryann deSabato Pietrzak '58				
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140 Lenore Newman deLong '42				
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143 Steven Goldberg '79				
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\$25	Class of January 1945
\$25	Rita Salisbury '45
\$20	Dorothy Taliferro Dinkins '37
\$10	Bruce Wall '41
\$10	Adele Ritchie Wall '41
\$10	Richard Kuhn '39
\$20	Lori Ketz Hippel '84

#### **Specified donations**

\$800	Fifty Plus Club, to the Scholar-
	ship Fund
\$25	Dorothy Donaldson '60 to the

Scholarship Fund

\$250 .... David Y. Rogers, MD, '67, to honor Norman Schmid, retired principal and teacher

\$100 .... Anonymous '85, to the Scholarship Fund

\$100 .... Anonymous '44, to the Scholarship Fund

\$100 .... Overlook Hills Women's Club

#### **Memorial donations**

\$150.... Isabella Wheller Mitchell '36, by her husband, Andrew C. Mitchell

\$50 ..... Isabelle Lapp Osterman '52, by MaryJane Klenk Shaw '52

\$25 ..... Janet Tucker Venner '54, by her sister, Patricia Tucker Smedley

\$100 .... Thomas Foster '33, by his sister, Mary Foster McCulley

\$100 .... Richard S. Brigham, Sr. '52, by his wife, Joanne Mathers Brigham '52

\$25..... Dorothy Cathell, teacher, by Yvonne Ruby Hippel '56

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\$25 ..... Ethel Chew, teacher, by Maxine alumni/alumni.htm. Swift Friend '54

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\$50 ..... Mayola Smith Swift '25, by her Postal mail: P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. daughter, Maxine Swift Friend

\$10..... Donald G. Walton '38, by his sister, Doris Walton Rogers '37

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\$25 ..... Gratha Zwart Geuther '38, by Norman Kelly and the Class of

\$35..... Sherman P. Uhler, teacher, by his daughter, Pricilla Uhler Wentz '55

\$15 ..... Ralph Hiltebeitel, Associate, by Norman Kelly '38, his teacher

.. Gladys Morris Grey '36, by her daughter, Virginia Grey Cavender

\$100 .... Ruth Ambler Shelmire '45, by her sister, Marie Ambler Myler

\$25..... John Turnbull III '51, by his brother, Robert Turnbull '56

\$100 .... Judith Lenz '63, by her brother, Harry Lenz '60

\$100.... Albert E. Mayers '47, by his brother, George Mayers '47

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### **How to reach us**

Want to find out the latest reunion information, or update your address in the Alumni Association's data base? Here's how to get in touch.

\$35...... William P. Camp '35, by his E-mail: alumni@abington.k12.pa.us

Web page:

http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/

### **New life members**

Class of 1931 Ruth E. Earwalker Currie Irene M. Tuman Caspar M. Wolff Jr. -Memorials by Class of 1938

Helen A. Wisham Albert W. Zackey Henry Carter Wally Paul DiPalantino Alfred B. Glenn -Memorials by Norman Kelly '38

Dorothy Dunham Daniel Willard Fry Stella S. Johnson Parvin -Gifts by Class of 1938

Charles S. MacBridge Charles E. MacInnes —Gifts by Norman Kelly and Class of

James C. McCook, Jr. Jessie R. Morris Kraft Claire E. Mullen George E. Palmer Vera M. Prock Ransome Alfred M. Warner Annetta M. Zimmerman -Gifts by Class of 1938

Class of 1932 Mary E. Barnett Worley Janet M. Basney Reilly —Gifts by Class of 1938

Stewart J. Brackinridge -Memorial by Norman Kelly '38

Class of 1934 Marion Hudson Tanner-Simms -Gift by her granddaughter, Cheryl A. Young

Class of 1936 John S. Armstrong Helen E.L. Kreitler Johnston Emma Mae Lysle Stewart William T. Rambo, Jr. Alexander Timme Thomas Carroll, Jr. Beatrice May Clarke Rood -Memorials by Class of 1936

James T. Egner Burrell T. Oughton Mary Elizabeth Dicker Paxson Reginald Samuel Allen Evelyn Bickley Wendt

Dorothy B. Lyttle Hawlk Fred H. Shaw, Jr. William J. Shedden Anne Simone Momorella Elinor A. Smith Ruth M. Stevens Enos Andrew J. Stewart III Betty M. Taylor Cresson -Gifts by Class of 1936

Class of 1940 Shirley Garretson McKay -Memorial by Class of January 1940

Marion Bright Jellis Frances Gallagher Dean Jane Krebs Lesco Ruth Lahn Rodemich William J. Morrison -Gifts by Class of January 1940

Class of 1942 Lenore W. Newman DeLong

Class of 1944 Robert E. Fay

Class of 1945 Richard Robinson Beverly Randolph Blackway Dorothy Weinman Robinson Walter S. Tidwell, Associate

**Class of 1947** Mary Martz White Loretta Metzner Lupo Edward Mulley Valentine Ortolani Jeanette Conard Fay

Class of 1948 Paul S. Hartzell Richard J. Noonan

**Class of 1949** Lewis E. Arnold Madeline Demaison Tidwell Charlotte Worthington Hein

Class of 1950 Donald Delzingaro Eileen Doherty Ortolani John Wolan

Thomas Gibbons Robert Weiss Robert Ziegenfuss, Jr. Robert A. Montague -Memorials by Class of 1950

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**Class of 1957** Roberta Wells Ryan

Class of 1958 Raymond Humphreys

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> Class of 1959 Janet Miller Crooks Mary Beth Millham Ambler, Jr. Jean Whittier Schlemmer

Daniel Jones Class of 1961 Carol Mouat Dykstra

Class of 1960

Class of 1963 George W. Murray Dennis A. Young

Class of 1964 Valerie Selser Gilmour

Class of 1965 Mary Ann Duncan Grasty Bruce A. Hild Eileen B. Plazek Karen Woodworth Broiles

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David B. Webb

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**Class of 1969** Thomas Verbeck Class of 1970 Arline Entine Reich Robert J. Nathan Lee Shuster

Randi Vizak Rosenberg Susan Ward DeLaurentis **Class of 1971** Russell E. Brinker

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**Class of 1972** Patricia Hyman Wood Paul Wilson

Karen Hack Goldman

Class of 1973 Lance T. Seidel

**Class of 1975** Susan Speechley Lukito Susan Wilson Arnold

**Class of 1976** Stephen Brodhag

**Class of 1978** Marsha L. Kline Pruett Martha McCarren Becker

Class of 1979 Steven E. Goldberg Marilyn Gollub Greenblatt

Class of 1980 Mark Muller

Class of 1983 Mary L. Felley

**Class of 1984** Mary Snyder Melisauskas

Class of 1990 Heather White

**Class of 1991** Donna Harel Kirschner

Class of 1993 Candice Hart

**Class of 1995** Lois Jodry Miller Jessica Tonkin

Class of 1996 Michael McGinn

Class of 1999 **David Lamont** -Gift by Jean Cameron, friend

Brendan McGinn Class of 2000

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Gloria Lee -Alumni Award, Archives Brent North ---Alumni Award, Electrical Technology John Sablich

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### **Class** reunions

The Fifty Plus Club annual luncheon, the association's only remaining annual event, will be held at noon Friday, October 5, at the Williamson Restaurant in Horsham, Pa. Please note the change to Friday from the usual Wednesday. We welcome all alumni up to and including the newest recruits, the Class of 1951. Last October, there were 272 graduates among

the 367 in attendance and this year we're hoping to break the 400 mark. The Class of 1946 will host the event and they are planning a great affair. You are on the mailing list to receive a reservation form in August if your mailing label shows a "50" on the line above your name. If not, and you would like to receive a reservation, call the alumni office at 215-572-8899 or drop a postcard to us at P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa., 19001.

Class of 1946 (55th) - Saturday, October 6, at the Blair Mill Inn, Hatboro, Pa. Contacts: William Enclow, 215-443-7189 or Carl Wilhjelm, 609-298-8245 or ccw@netgate.com.

Class of 1951 (50th) - Saturday, November 3, dinner cruise on the Spirit of Phila-

delphia. Contact: Ginny Cunningham, 215-657-2642 or Sassane, 215-674-4593 or gadgetwoman@hotmail.com. waynngin@aol.com.





The Association awarded nine scholarships to members of the Class of 2000. They are: (front row, from left) Shawna Eddy, \$1,000, attending Ursinus College; Allison Jackson, \$1,000, attending the University of Pittsburgh; Rachel Hackenberger, \$1,000, attending Covenant College; Rachel Margolis, \$1,000, attending Cornell University; and So Young Grace Na, \$740, attending Bryn Mawr College. In the second row is J. Clayton Worster, chairman of the Alumni Scholarship Committee, with the remaining scholarship recipients: Heather Campbell, \$740, attending Temple University; Patrick Cornell, \$740, attending Florida State University; Ken Martin, \$740, attending Lehigh University; and Elena Shockman, \$740, attending the University of Delaware.

2002, at the Radisson Hotel, Philadelphia Northeast. Contacts: Mary Ann Schrope Franklin, 215-957-5263 or mcmeem@aol.com; Jim Kirkner, 215-675-7185 or jimkirkner@aol.com; or Sandy Shapin, 69 Crescent Hollow Drive, Sewell, N.J. 08080.

Class of 1956 (45th) - Saturday, November 24, at the Old

York Road Country Club, Springhouse, Pa. Contact: Beth Robinson Cherry, 215-672-8661 or beherry 56@aol.com, or Jim Miller. 610-395-6669 or jrmiller@enter.net.

Class of 1961 (40th)—Saturday, October 27, at Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Contact: Robin Spence Costa, 416 Wischman Ave., Oreland, Pa., 19075, or robinc416@cs.com.

Class of 1966 (35th)—Saturday, September 29, at the Abington Club, Jenkintown, Pa. Contacts: Dr William Isaacs, 215-572-7566 or 215-653-0185, or Barbara Egner Meyers at bem138@aol.com.

Class of 1967 (35th in 2002)—Plans are underway; tentative date, Thanksgiving weekend. Contact: Beverley Garnett

Class of 1968 (34th in 2002)—Plans are underway. Con-Class of 1952 (50th in 2002)—Saturday, October 19, tact: Judy Earnest, 215-885-7626 or alleuia327@aol.com.

Class of 1971 (30th)— Plans are underway. Contact: Susan Hower Moritz, 215-572-9989.

Class of 1972 (30th in 2002)—Plans are underway. Contacts: Diane Martin, 215-885-0732, or Kathy Greninger Buglak. 215-572-5886.

Class of 1976 (25th)—No information. Contact: Kathryn Hoster Allendorfer 215-572-1407.

Class of 1977 (25th in 2002)—Plans are underway. Contacts: Rosann Fiedler Geiger 215-368-4552 or 215-646-7400. ext. 3218 or fire2mom@aol.com; or Sara Spigler Pomish, spomish@yahoo.com.

Class of 1981 (20th) - Friday, November 16, at Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Contact: Marilyn Levit, 215-884-4700,

Class of 1986 (15th)—No information. Contact: Dana Lee Sykes, 215-885-6432.

Class of 1990 (10th+)—Friday June 1, at the Holiday Inn, Fort Washington, Pa. Contact: Julie Levin, 404-676-6286 or ilevin@na.ko.com.

Class of 1991 (10th)—Tentative date, Saturday, September 15. Contact: Tatiana St. Phard, 215-291-8626 or TatianaSaint@hotmail.com if interested or just to update infor-

Class of 1996 (5th)—Getting things started and looking for help. Contact: Rachel Hammond, 215-657-4232 or fifaroni@hotmail.com.

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# Where are they now?

Richard Kuhn '39 retired from his real estate business in Jenkintown in 1982. Now in his second career, he is a disk jockey in Durham, N.C. "Rex" Kuhn has his own 2-hour show on public radio which draws on his discoveries, past and present, of artists who have stimulated his enjoyment of jazz. Email Rex at shirex@quixnet.net

Nicholas Cannoe '42 retired in 1962 after 20 years with the US Navy in aviation logistics. He then worked as a residential building contractor and architect. Now living in Interlachen, Fla., he remains active with the American Legion.

Melvin MacNeel '53 got his start in volunteering while a sophomore at AHS when he worked in the refreshment stand and later managed "The Dog House" in his senior year. After volunteering in other activities, including Cub Scouts and foster parenting, he founded the Foster Angel Program in Hillsborough County, Fla. This is a non-profit organization that solicits and secures Christmas gifts for foster shelter children in the county.

William Hower '57 is doing a weekly "Beautiful Music" program from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays on radio station WRDV-FM 89.3 in Hatboro, Pa. His is also employed locally as an accounting coordinator and still lives in the same house in

Nicholas Pietrzak '57 and his wife, Marianne deSabato Pietrzak '58 have been in Macon, Ga., since 1974. Nick is district manager for a heavy equipment company and Marianne is head of the mathematics department at Central High School, the international baccalaureate and fine arts magnet high school in Macon. E-mail npietrzak@mindspring.com.

Barbara Ankenbrand Parks '59 returned to college in 1994 and earned a bachelor of science in human development from Christian Heritage College in El Cajon, Calif. She also earned a masters degree in counseling from the University of Phoenix in 1999. She's now in her internship, the next step toward licensure in marriage and family therapy.

Gary Hodge '63 was appointed vice president of sales and marketing for the communications/information technology division of Sanyo Fisher Co. Gary has a highly distinguished career in sales and marketing of major consumer products in the United States and Latin America. He began his long association with Sanyo in 1978 as national sales manager of audio at Sanyo Electric, Inc.

Dr. George W. Murray '63 was elected president of Columbia International University in Columbia, S.C., a multidenominational religious school with 1,000 students in its undergraduate and graduate divisions. Dr. Murray and his wife, Annette, have four children, three of whom live in Pennsylva-

James C. Kelly '66 is assistant director for museums at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia. He earned a doctorate in 1974 from Vanderbilt University and his third book, The Story of Virginia: An American Experience, will be published this spring.

Kevin J. McNamara '75 has written a book for children, The Presidency, one of a series on "Your Government." The consulting editor for the series was the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. Kevin is an assistant vice president at Drexel University and an adjunct scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

Dr. Raymond J. Boccuti '76 recently completed his doctorate of education in educational leadership and Pennsylvania superintendent certification at Lehigh University. Ray has been promoted from elementary school principal to supervisor of curriculum in the Neshaminy School District in Langhorne, Pa. Ray and his wife, Lisa, continue as active performing musicians in addition to being music teachers in their private music studio.

Amy Hall '81 is a Navy chief petty officer and the maintenance engineering supervisor who oversees the construction and repair crew at Mobil Diving and Salvage Unit One, based in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Amy's unit participates in deep ocean recovery, ship salvage operations, and underwater ship repairs.

Adam D. Zucker Esq.'81 is president of the Montgomery County Trial Lawyers Association. His practice in Montgomery County and throughout the state is primarily in the areas of criminal defense, business litigation, and personal injury.

Marc Greenberg '84 is an area account manager for Wyeth Ayerst pharmaceuticals working in the University of Pennsylvania Health System. He lives in Ambler with his wife and two children and plays basketball in local men's leagues.

Allison Berkowitz Read '86 is wellness director for the Brandywine YMCA in Coatesville, Pa. She and her husband, Jeff, and two children live in Downingtown, Pa.

#### Save those tapes!

The Alumni Association earned \$434,46 in 2000 from Genuardi register tapes sent in by alumni. Many thanks to our faithful contributors:

Bertha Ambler Cunningham '26, Ken Schaefer '36, Ruth Dewees Donoghy '37, Joseph Wacker '38, Margaret Spayed Jordan '40, George B. Margerum '43, Jean Spayed Garber '44, Tom Cameron '46, Louise H. Rafferty '46, Joe Taddei '46, Jim Garvin '47, Bill Pietchke '47, Virginia McClay Cunningham '51, Joyce Nelson Crawford '51, Mary Jane Shaw '52, Charles Judd '54, Bill Landherr '55, Janis F. Carter '66, William Jenkins '67, Craig Cunningham '75, Karen Marple '76, Scott Sergas '81, Leon Cohen, and Pat Lehnert.

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# **Sports**

By Wayne Cunningham '50

#### Football

Tim Sorber, a 1990 Abington graduate, has Abington back on the road to respectability. After serving as interim head coach in 2000, he was named as head coach for 2001. Tim played for Abington and also for Millersville University before returning to his alma mater as an assistant coach for five years. Under Tim, the football team had its best record in five years: 3-9 overall and 3-6 league. Tim teaches 10th grade social studies at Abington. He was quoted as saying that he was happy with the improvement in 2000, but did not want to go through another 3-9 season. At only 29 years old, Tim Sorber likely will be with Abington football for a number of years, and it appears that he has a bright future as a head coach.

#### Girl's basketball

Another sports team that has struggled for a number of years is girl's basketball. Joe Wesley took over the team three years ago and finished this season with an outstanding 22-4 record. The team came within one game of making the state playoffs. With only one senior starter graduating, prospects look good for the next several seasons. Joe is a guidance

counselor at Lower Moreland High, and was a successful coach there and at Wissahickon before coming to Abington. He is ably assisted by his father, Joe, Sr., who was a legendary boy's basketball coach at Upper Moreland High back in the 1950s.

#### Halls of Fame

Deb Caster Andress '76 is being inducted into the 2001 class of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame along with well-known sports figures such as boxing champion Joey Giardello and Temple basketball star Ollie Johnson. Deb played field hockey and lacrosse while at Abington and went on to star at Penn State, where she was a member of two national championship lacrosse teams. She was a member of the United States Women's Lacrosse Team from 1980-1984. Deb teaches in the kinesiology department at Penn State Abington and is the owner and director of the Five-Star Lacrosse Camps.

Jim Holt '60 was inducted into the Southeastern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame in March 2001. He has coached wrestling for 37 years, most of them as head coach at Upper Dublin High School and Sandy Run Middle School. Jim also coached the William Tennent High School team and has been a wrestling official for 18 years.

## News

### **Educational foundation needs your support**

By Beverly Thies Freed '51

Have you heard about the Millennium Tile Wall created by students at the Roslyn Elementary School? The students conducted research, and designed, painted, and fired the tiles. The wall they designed remains as a wonderful commemorative project gracing a school hallway.

How about the cutting-edge Young Astronauts Program at Glenside-Weldon and McKinley elementary schools? Or the school Scrabble tournaments, where teams of elementary school whiz kids challenge students from other schools in a competition that pits wits, vocabulary skills, and spelling prowess? It's exciting!

These programs and many more are the result of Abington's energetic and spirited staff and enthusiastic students, and are

accomplished through the support of the Abington Educational Foundation. Established in 1992, the independent, nonprofit foundation seeks to raise money to support special projects and extracurricular programs that compliment the school district's ongoing programs.

A board of directors governs the foundation. Many of the directors are Abington alumni; the directors represent community groups, parent groups, the school district, businesses, and other agencies. The foundation raises funds from various sources, including private foundations, businesses, special events, and grants. Your financial support, as Abington alumni, also is important. Please consider a gift to help keep Abington No. 1. Contributions may be sent to the Abington Educational Foundation, 970 Highland Ave., Abington, Pa. 19001.

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### **Hall** of Fame

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

> 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 7, 2001

in the Administration Building **Highland Avenue** Abington, Pa.

If you plan to attend, please notify the alumni office, P.O. Box 55 Abington, Pa. 19001, call us at 215-572-8899, or send an e-mail to alumni@abington.k12.pa.us.

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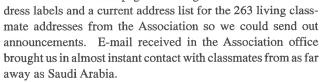
From the

President

More than 80 members of my class, the Class of 1955, returned to Abington in November 2000 to celebrate our 45th

reunion. The unanimous opinion was that we, along with former faculty members Evelyn Lenner, Norman Kelly, and Ray Coleman, had an unforgettable time.

As I reflect on the event, I'm impressed by the reality that without the Alumni Association and its data base, we could never have pulled it off. Even before our reunion committee formed, we were receiving calls from classmates who'd noticed the reunion date on the Association's web page. We bought ad-



I make these points to emphasize that your Alumni Association, staffed only by a few dedicated volunteers, is that vital link between yesterday and today. You need us and we need you.

Many of you won't recall if you've paid \$10 or \$15 to become a life member of the Association. Take a minute to look at the code above your name on the address label of this newsletter. If the last number is a zero, you're not a life member. More than 12,000 living alumni aren't life members, yet at the one-time fee of \$15, this is one of the best buys on the planet. I urge you to write your check and become a life member today. If you're already a life member, consider an upgrade to Maroon & White or Century Club. Your membership donation helps provide scholarships for deserving Abington seniors, defrays the costs of this newsletter, and helps ensure that the link between yesterday and today will be there when you need it.

For the Maroon and White, Bill Landherr'55

### **District welcomes Amy Sichel as its new superintendent**

By Bill Landherr '55

Amy Sichel, PhD, believes that her biggest challenge as superintendent of the Abington School District will be to maintain the excellence of the school system.

Dr. Sichel, the district's assistant superintendent since 1993, succeeded retiring superintendent James McCaffrey in February. She began her Abington career in 1976 as a guidance counselor at Rydal Elementary School, and has also served as chair of the guidance department at Abington Junior High and as the district's director of pupil services.

Her current priorities are helping the new assistant superintendent, Donald Anticoli, EdD, acclimate to the district, raising test scores, reducing overcrowding, and addressing the issue of building a new stadium.

When asked what role she sees for the Alumni Association the Association are always available to lend a hand."



Dr. Sichel

during her tenure, Dr. Sichel, the district's first female superintendent, said, "I believe the Alumni Association plays an integral role in maintaining our history and tradition and in promoting 'Excellence is our Standard,' which has become the pole star for the Abington School District. It's gratifying to see the volunteers working daily in the administration building and to know that the members of

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