

# Sports

## Basketball

The boys' basketball team capped a fine season by making the district playoffs, but losing to Conestoga High School, falling short of making the state playoffs.

The girls' basketball team finished its regular season in second place in the league behind Central Bucks East, the areas third ranked team. They reached the district semifinals where they again met and were defeated by C.B. East.

## Football

Abington's football team progressed again this year and ended the season with a 4-7 record, a one game improvement from the 2000 season. Coach Tim Sorber got his team fired up for a 10-2 Cheltenham team. Led by quarterback Jeff Chick,

who rushed for 157 yards, Abington rallied from a 14-0 deficit to upset the Panthers 32-26 on Thanksgiving Day.

Members of the Class of 1951, celebrating their 50th reunion, were recognized at an earlier game in November.



## Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Bill Zimmerman '50 on his March induction into the Southeastern Pennsylvania Wrestling Hall of Fame. Bill, who was a four-year letterman at West Chester State, coached at Harriton High School for 33 years. He was "Coach of the Year" ten times and had an impressive record of 336-122-2. He is also a member of both the Abington High School and Harriton High School Halls of Fame.

## Two retire from association

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moved to Abington in 1924 at the age of six. He attended Highland Elementary through the third grade then Abington Elementary, back to Highland for grade seven, Abington Junior and finally Abington Senior High School from which he graduated in 1936. During his high school days, Tom played football and basketball.

We will miss these two fine gentlemen, although Chuck continues to coordinate the Fifty Plus Club event. We of the Alumni Association join all Abingtonians in saying "Thank you," Chuck and Tom, for your love and devotion to your alma mater.

## Where Are They Now?

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You'll find another Vetri restaurant in Juneau, Alaska, and he also made his "marc" in acclaimed New York eateries.

**Morton A. "Morty" Ballen '87**, is the founder of EX-PLORE Charter School in New York City, scheduled to open in August. The school is launching a library initiative—ABC (Anne's Book Corner)—in memory of Morty's sister **Anne Ballen Gaynor '80**. EXPLORE's mission is to provide its low-income population with the skills needed to enter their chosen high schools. ABC's goal is to nurture a love of reading, like Anne's, within kindergarteners through second-graders by providing books, software and library furniture.

## How to reach your alumni association

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.



E-mail : [alumni@abington.k12.pa.us](mailto:alumni@abington.k12.pa.us)

Web page:  
<http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/alumni/alumni.htm>

Phone: 215-572-8899



Postal mail:

P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001

# Memberships and donations

## 500 Club

34 ..... Marion E. VanBuskirk Frasier '41

## Century

377 ..... Edward D. Gorkes '74  
378 ..... Jay R Trabin, MD, '65  
379 ..... Elsie Jane Yost Brown '34  
380 ..... Stanley J. Smith '65  
381 ..... Douglas B. Marder '81  
382 ..... Sara Little Danyo '56

## Maroon and White

147 ..... Seth Grenald '84  
148 ..... Jennifer Mina Trippetti '88  
149 ..... Don Rieco '51  
150 ..... Karl Szmanski '70  
151 ..... Joanne Abraham Wenner '50  
152 ..... Barbara Flower Freeman '51  
153 ..... Diane Gackenbach Kidd '57

## Cornerstone

357 ..... Barton P. Dunlap '58  
358 ..... Mary Brooke Norris Murray '82  
359 ..... Herman W. Kocher '47  
360 ..... Dale Hartshorne '53  
361 ..... Frank R. Raube III '59  
362 ..... Eugenia J. Elnetzke Cramer '43  
363 ..... Jane L. Hileman '68  
364 ..... Barbara Hance Blackfan '53  
365 ..... Mary M. Spangenberg Christy '52  
366 ..... Sonia Cole Salisbury '46  
367 ..... Susan Scherr Hoffman '57  
368 ..... Ken Green '72  
369 ..... Karen Lawson Goodall '56  
370 ..... Frank A. Karolczak '81  
371 ..... Sandra Lee Weber Marks '81  
372 ..... Andrew Silverman '81

## Boosters

\$10 ..... Class of 1953  
\$10 ..... Debra Trevlyn Alexander '81  
\$10 ..... Barbara Egner Meyers '66

\$15 ..... Junius Koiner '41  
\$20 ..... Lori Ketz Hippel '84  
\$25 ..... Norman Kelly '38  
\$23 ..... Class of 1938  
\$25 ..... Paul Haye '73  
\$25 ..... Robert M. Corbett Jr. '58  
\$15 ..... Marietta Jones Tanner '45

## Specified donations

\$100 .... Overlook Hills Women's Club, to the Scholarship Fund.  
\$100 .... Jane Locker Sproat '44, to the Scholarship Fund.  
\$20 ..... Grace E. Shrope, faculty, to the Scholarship Fund.  
\$50 ..... Class of 1956 by anonymous donor, to the Scholarship Fund.

## Memorial donations

\$150 .... For Isabella Wheller Mitchell '36, by her husband, Andrew C. Mitchell, Jr.  
\$100 .... for Mildred Sowers Yorke '28, by her daughter, Barbara Yorke Fisher, and son, and Thomas H. Yorke.  
\$25 ..... For Mario Donato, Associate, by Norman Kelly '38.  
\$100 .... For Charles Nebhut '44, by his wife, Edith Pilgren Nebhut '44.  
\$25 ..... For Jane Nicholas Bedinger '38, by Norman Kelly and the Class of 1938.  
\$100 .... For Ralph H. Levis '47, by his wife, Irene Schmitt Levis '46.  
\$50 ..... For Mary Higgins Burley 49, by her classmate, Elizabeth Donohue '49.  
\$15 ..... For Mary F. Farmer '37, by her niece, Nancy Farmer Funk.  
\$100 .... For Joseph G. Blair '35 by his sister, Edith Blair Shute '30.  
\$15 ..... For Charity Godfrey, teacher, by Barbara Wolff Chambers '58  
\$25 ..... For Richard E. Michel '38, by the Class of 1938  
\$25 ..... For Jeffrey D. Wall '69 by his

parents, Adele and Bruce Wall '41  
\$25 ..... For Don Lauderdale, by Norman Kelly '38. Don is the husband of Ethel "Mazie" Johnson '38.  
\$100 .... For Jean Renninger Whitman '49, by her classmates Joanne Nagel Schmauk, Joanne Hoffman Flather, Louise Wilhelm Baker, Elizabeth Spencer Derck, Winifred Wright Keller, Helen Powell Morgan, Dean Silverman Spiegel, Dorothy Garrison Synnestvedt, Esther Harrar Hutchinson, Jacqueline Priestler Wall, Georgina Garrett Duff, and Joan Farquhar Carmichael.  
\$20 ..... For Mary E. Kreider '39, by her classmate, Al Lizzio '39.  
\$100 .... For Mary Higgins Burley '49, by her sister, Ann Higgins Wallisch '47.  
\$100 .... For Edward Bigelow '51, by his classmate, Dr. Wallace Carroll '51.

## New Life Members

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Christopher Laroche	Michelle Serago
Cinda Leonard	Sarah Sharp
Brieon Levin	Jacqueline Silva
Evan Lipford	Cary Sneiderger
James Madison	Theodore Swan
Damaris Manzano	Andrew
Julia Matteo	Tannenbaum
Suzanne McDowell	Jared Trush
Erin McGettigan	Catherine
Danielle Mebane	Vanburen
Rebecca Miller	Aaron Wagner
Sherrill Nash	Owen Wendell
David Nieman	Sharon
Paul Phillips	Wildberger
Adam Rodgers	Michael Wolfe
Rebecca Rose	Jacqueline
Benjamin Rosenberg	Young
Andrew Rosner	Nichole Young
Karin Runge	Ginger Mimmo
Jonathan Satinsky	
Michael Schluth	Faculty
Brendan Schmiedekamp	Grace Shope,
Joshua Schnall	retired
Elena Schwartz	

# Hall of Fame

Nine Abington Senior High School alumni were inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in April. The induction takes place at a student assembly in the high school auditorium. Honorees visit classes throughout the day and are honored at a reception after school. This year marks the tenth Hall of Fame induction ceremony since its inception in 1988. In keeping with the purpose of the Hall of Fame to influence this generation of students through successful Abington graduates, inductees offer their services without remuneration. This year's inductees are:

**James Morrow '65 (Arts)**—Science fiction author; two-time winner of the Nebula award for short fiction; received World Fantasy Awards for his novels *Only Begotten Daughter* and *Towing Jehovah*.

**Shawn Wooden '91 (Athletics)**—Notre Dame athletic scholarship; professional football career with the Miami Dolphins and the Chicago Bears.

**Robert P. Vogel '62 (Business)**—Former vice president and general counsel for Rohm and Haas Corp.; specialist in environmental and regulatory law.

**Donald D. Warner, EdD, '50 (Education)**—Career educator; superintendent of schools for 23 years; numerous civic and education awards.

**Capt. Norman W. Shriver '52 (Government)**—Graduate of U.S. Naval Academy; 36-year career in Navy with numerous command-level assignments, including captain of the submarine USS Tang; twice presented the Legion of Merit Award.

**Ellery Schempp, PhD, '58 (Science)**—Doctorate in physics from Brown University; research into electromagnetic im-



Morrow



Wooden



Vogel



Warner



Shriver



Schempp



Holt



Kind



Penecale

aging, high temperature superconducting materials for practical applications in magnetic imaging, analyses of wind power energy, development of cryogenic power electronics systems, and novel energy storage technologies.

**William A. Holt, Jr., '64 (Service)**—Recipient of numerous awards and citations for his efforts in law enforcement and in the Abington community; recently inducted into the International Police Association, Pennsylvania #13, Hall of Fame.

**Philip Kind '33 (Service)**—As a naval aviator, attained the rank of lieutenant commander during World War II; commanding officer of squadron VP-932 in the Naval Reserves; promoted to commander in 1956; outstanding service to civic, charitable and community organizations throughout his life.

**Michael A. Penecale '39 (Posthumous)**—Former president of Abington Alumni Association; accomplished athlete, coach and businessman who benefited his community.

## Hall of Fame Nomination Form

I wish to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Abington High School Hall of Fame in the category of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's address

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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

# New life members

**Class of 1931**  
John B. Anderson

**Class of 1932**  
Edwin N. Geissler  
Marion E. Beans Park  
William Bushnell  
John M. De Flavis  
Florence L. Peters  
—*Memorials by Class of 1938*

**Class of 1933**  
Beatrice Engle Detwiler

**Class of 1934**  
Howard T. Dicker

**Class of 1937**  
George C. Fryburg

Eleanor Tidwell  
Satterfield  
—*Gift by Dale Tidwell '52*

**Class of 1939**  
Arvid J. Johanson

**Class of 1942**  
Lois E. Wheatland  
Johanson

**Class of 1943**  
Pearl B. Tidwell  
McNamara  
—*Gift by Dale Tidwell '52*

Mildred I. Condy Acker  
Anna M. O'Hara Rogers  
Renee Luberoff,  
associate, widow of  
Benjamin Luberoff '43

**Class of 1944**  
Milton D. Clark  
Jesse Hall

**Class of 1945**  
Joseph Janke  
—*Memorial by sister,  
Margaret Janke Cave '46*

**Class of 1946**  
Sonia Cole Salisbury  
Margaret Janke Cave  
Irene Schmitt Levis

**Class of 1947**  
Herman W. Bocher  
Shirley Jones Kemp

Marilyn Hazelton  
Harden  
James Hopkins  
George Kuss  
Albert E. Mayers

William G. Oliver  
—*Memorials by Myrtle  
Hulton Ryan '47*

**Class of 1948**  
Grace D. Kirschner  
Kondan  
David J. Thompson Jr.  
Theodore H. Freas

**Class of 1949**  
Elizabeth Donohue

**Class of 1951**  
Barbara Flower Freeman  
Rev. James Kesler  
Patrica Luby Stone  
Joe Maye  
William Mosler  
Mildred Renner Pfeifer  
Bette Riley Filley  
Arthur Thomas  
Nancy Vagnoni Maye

Dexter Huffman  
Richard Martindale  
Roberta Mitchell Kihn  
—*Memorials by Class of 1951*

**Class of 1952**  
Alfred Sharman  
Mary M. Spangenberg  
Christy  
Dale W. Tidwell

Thomas W. Willis  
—*Memorial by class of 1951*

**Class of 1953**  
Barbara Hance Blackfan  
Dale Hartshorne  
Allison Kallenbach  
Skelding

**Class of 1954**  
Harvey Ray Mc Gee  
—*Memorial by Jan  
McGee Hegedus '81*

**Class of 1955**  
David Henry  
Jane Lescure Cornley  
Ronald K. O'Brien

James L. Young  
—*Memorial by wife,  
Josephine  
McCullough Young '56*

**Class of 1956**  
Eileen L. Baumann  
Burness  
—*Gift by sister, Evelyn  
Baumann Hoepfl '47*

June E. Breithaupt  
Sweeney

Nancy G. Krewson  
McKelvey  
Karen Lawson Goodall

Gay Y. Reichert Gray  
—*Memorial by June  
Breithaupt Sweeney '56*

**Class of 1957**  
Roger Evoy  
Diane Gackenbach Kidd  
Sandra Linden Conley  
Susan Scherr Hoffman

**Class of 1958**  
Barbara Wolff Chambers

**Class of 1959**  
Helen Geyh Goodman  
Lindsay Pirie  
Frank R. Raube III  
Kate Schoen Prager

**Class of 1960**  
Maris Bonner Evoy

**Class of 1963**  
Margaret C. Bottorf  
Smith  
Armand C. Gripp  
Jacqueline Samuel  
Shlens  
Stephanie Washom  
Denham  
Charles Wipplinger

**Class of 1964**  
John Spence

**Class of 1965**  
James Bogenrief  
Gloria D. James Clark  
Stanley J. Smith

**Class of 1966**  
Peter C. Drehmann  
Barbara Egner Meyers

**Class of 1967**  
Carl Fertman  
Roy Gripp

**Class of 1968**  
David Broadbent  
Nancy Corrigan  
Thomas Davis

Robert R. Gelblum  
Jane L. Hileman  
Martha Lyon Detering  
Glenn W. Madison

Virginia Montgomery  
Langton milestone: life  
member #11,000.

John R. Mueller  
Mary Beth Patterson  
Carl E. Steinman  
Deborah Szymanski  
Floyd

John Gusman, Associate

**Class of 1970**  
Mark Hanna  
Karl Zzmanski

**Class of 1972**  
Mary Deacon Stout  
Ken Green  
Rolfe Gripp

**Class of 1975**  
Steven J. Emerson

**Class of 1977**  
Barbara A. Bubnis  
Naghavi

**Class of 1978**  
William R. Coats

**Class of 1979**  
Suzanne Lukens  
Ciamachela  
—*Gift by Norman Kelly '38*

**Class of 1980**  
Richard D. Custer  
—*Memorial by brother,  
Wayne Custer '81*

**Class of 1981**  
Scott Buckley  
Donald B. Curran  
Wayne Custer  
Lora Disantro Caton  
Sherrie Edelman Natko  
Lisa Ann Even Lamason  
Helene Hernes  
Silverman

Frank A. Karolczak  
Douglas B. Marder  
Jan Elizabeth McGee  
Hegedus

Jeffrey R. Michaels  
Beth Ann Morris  
Santangelo  
Charles M. Pingue  
Cari Lynne Silverman  
Kraft

Christopher R. Taylor  
Robert M. Thompson  
Debra Lynn Trevlyn  
Alexander  
Lisa Wallace Annulis  
Sandra Lee Weber  
Marks

David W. Kaiser  
—*Memorial by an  
anonymous donor*

Anthony Lanzillotti  
—*Memorial by Curt  
Wegener '81*

**Class of 1982**  
Sheri Hoffman Gordon  
Mary Brooke Norris  
Murray

Dorothy M. Poirier  
Serban  
Michael Serban

**Class of 1985**  
Andrew Boardman

**Class of 1988**  
Jennifer Mina Trippetti

**Class of 1989**  
Lynn Seydel Sparango

**Class of 1996**  
Mark Sanders

**Class of 1999**  
Robin Arzon  
Amber Weinle

**Class of 2000**  
J. Alasdair Groves  
Stacy Trachtenberg  
Brett Zeitlin

**Class of 2001**  
Kristina High  
—*Alumni Award,  
commercial art*  
William Juel  
—*Alumni Award,  
construction technology*

Patrick Laroche  
—*Alumni Award,  
computer network  
administration*

Leandro Arias  
Kristen Bell  
Deirdre Bickley  
Ann Bomberger  
Lisa Cable  
J. Duncan Callantine  
Amanda Charles  
David Czerviski  
Christopher Deveney

Samuel Donahue  
Jessica Dougherty  
Brandon Earp  
Amanda Everson  
Melissa Fadelsak  
Ellen Feinstein  
Ashley Fisher  
Kevin Fleming  
Robert Glickman  
Jordana Grodnitzky  
Timothy Hayes  
Paige Hinkle  
Christopher James  
Arianne Jerdan  
Angel Joell  
Liza Kalikow  
Jacob Kamen  
Daniel Kaufman  
Lauren Keiter  
Robert Kirkpatrick  
Brock Koller  
Monica Krewson  
Scott Lansman

—*Alumni Award,  
computer network  
administration*

—*Alumni Award,  
computer network  
administration*

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# Where are they now?

**George "Pop" Rockett '27**, a long-ago typesetter, began caddying in 1919 at age 10. Now, at about 93, he has a boulevard named in his honor. You'll find it at Sombrero Country Club in North Carolina on a cart path over a stream on the 7th hole! Besides some award-winning golfing, "Pop," as he's affectionately known, makes shoofly pies and chocolate cakes and fishes thousands of golf balls out of the stream, which he donates to the Marathon (N.C.) High School golf team. He has sponsored the Pop Rockett Award for the team member best demonstrating character, sportsmanship and scholarship. The Pop Rockett Boulevard sign honors "a man who is an inspiration to all of us as a friend," said the club's president, Bob Palgutta. In 2000, Pop became one of the oldest golfers in the country ever to win a club seniors championship.

**John L. "Jack" Wilkins '41** has retired to Willow Valley, Pa., near Lancaster, after nearly 40 years as a practicing veterinarian in the Wilmington, Del., area. As an ordained minister, Jack served as a part-time associate pastor for 26 years and is still active. He and his wife, Anne, have three sons: Glenn, in France; Bruce, a forester in Maine; and Dr. David, a veterinarian who took over his father's practice in Wilmington.

**Richard "Ricky" Pierson '58** is semi-retired and living near Orlando, Fla. He operated a safety and risk management consulting business for 15 years. He and his wife, Joan, enjoy traveling the world, boating, and volunteering for various organizations. Ricky also manages to fit in some hunting and skeet shooting and would love to hear from all who care to write: e-mail: safetyqp@mc.net.

**Thomas Scott Rittenhouse '59**, formerly vice president of operations, administration and controller for Strawbridge & Clothier, has recently been awarded the Roger Milliken Career Achievement Award by the Voluntary Interindustry Commerce Standards (VICS) Association. for his strategic thinking and visionary leadership as president of the Uniform Code Council (UCC) since 1997, and for his 30-plus years at the forefront of the retail industry. The mission of the UCC is to take a global leadership role in establishing and promoting multi-industry standards for product identification and related electronic communications. The goal is to enhance efficient supply chain management, thus contributing added value to the customer. Scott continues to serve in an executive capacity in a number of businesses, non-profit agencies, and civic organizations.

**Marjory J. Levitt '65** is a licensed psychologist in Philadelphia and co-author, with **JoAnn Levitt '62** and **Joel Levitt '70**, of *Sibling Rivalry: 8 Steps to Successful Adult Sibling Relationships*, published by Dell/Random House.

**Jay R. Trabin, MD, FACOG, '66** recently served a term as president of the Florida Obstetric & Gynecologic Society. He's an officer in the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, local hospitals, and a number of other professional and community organizations. He and his wife, Sherry,

have been married 31 years; their children, Eric, Josh and Danielle, have or plan careers in law, medicine, and anesthesiology/veterinary surgical technology. Jay keeps in touch with several teachers at Abington who have made a major impact on his life. (Don't we all wish we had done that?!)

**Eric Tobias '66**, along with his brother **Russell '66** and sister **Robin Tobias Crowley '69**, runs the family-owned business Tobias Associates, founded by Dad Tobias in 1959. The Ivyland, Pa., company produces and sells, worldwide, equipment for the graphic arts industry.

**Elizabeth E. Turner '67** was supposed to have graduated with the Class of '66, but because she was an exchange student to Germany in 1965-66, she actually graduated in '67. Lucky her—she got to go to both reunions! Elizabeth has worked in cable TV for 13 years and is now a billing analyst with AT&T Broadband in the Bay Area of California.

**Bruce Deschere, MD, '69**, received the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians' Family Practice Educator of the Year award in July 2001. A 1973 graduate of Michigan State University and a 1977 graduate of Wayne State Medical School, Bruce is certified in family practice and sports medicine. He teaches at Wayne State in Detroit and is president of the 800-faculty physician practice plan management organization. His wife, Linda, is a patent attorney in Troy, Mich., and son Andy is a student at M.I.T. Their daughter is a straight-A student in high school.

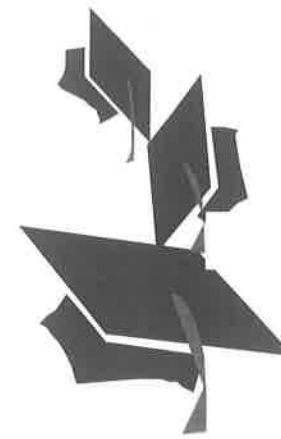
**Stephen J. Emerson '75** is a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant Colonel who has been on active duty for over 21 years. He has served at Camp LeJeune, North Carolina, as deputy G-1 for the II Marine Expeditionary Force, and at U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla., as plans officer. He is married to Barbara O'Leary Emerson and has two children.

**Diane E. DiMassa '84** holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She has done research in underwater robotics and served briefly at the La Spesia, Italy, naval installation for NATO. Notably, Diane has received a commendation and medal from the U.S. government for her meteorite research on Antarctica. Once employed as a consultant for a scientific and engineering company in Woods Hole, Mass., she is now teaching engineering at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Campus.

**Marc Vetri '85** was headlined in local papers as "...the pride of Abington." Marc is chef-owner of the praised Vetri restaurant on the Spruce Street site of the original Le Bec-Fin in Philadelphia. A hands-on and hands-down top restaurateur, unique in so many ways, Marc can be seen greeting guests at the door, uncorking your favorite wine, or demonstrating his 1936 straight-from-Italy meat slicer. We've heard his chestnut soup with apples and foie gras in an onion-flavored broth is to die for.

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# Class reunions



**The Fifty Plus Club** will hold its annual luncheon on Friday, October 11, at Williamson restaurant in Horsham, Pa. All graduates from classes up to and including the class of 1952 are welcome. Reservations forms will be mailed in August.

**Class of 1952 (50th)**—Saturday, October 19, at the Radisson Hotel, Philadelphia Northeast. Contacts: MaryAnn Schroepe Franklin, 215-957-5263 or e-mail mcmeem@aol.com; Jim Kirkner, 215-675-7185 or e-mail jimkirkner@aol.com; or Sandy Shapin, 69 Crescent Hollow Drive, Sewell, NJ 08080.

**Class of 1957 (45th)**—Friday, November 29, at North Hills Country Club. Contacts: Bill Hower, billh@easy-pages.com or Del Supplee, 610-285-0328.

**Class of 1967 (35th)**—Plans underway for Thanksgiving weekend in 2002. Contact: Beverley Garnett Sassane, 215-674-4593 or e-mail GadgetWoman@hotmail.com.

**Class of 1972 (30th)**—In the planning stage. Contacts: Diane Martin, 215-885-0732, or Kathy Greninger Buglak, 215-572-5886.

**Class of 1977 (25th)**—6:30-11:30 p.m. Friday November 29, at the Presidential. Contacts: Rosann Fiedler Geiger, 215-368-4552 or work, 215-646-7400 x3218. E-mail ahs1977@aol.com.

**Class of 1982 (20th)**—Friday, November 29, at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club. Contact: Susan Capps Gologan, e-mail ahsreunion82@aol.com. Invitations will be sent in September.

**Class of 1987 (15th)**—Contact Andrea Sewell, 215-884-3873 or e-mail kinshasa00@aol.com

**Class of 1997(5th)**—Friday, November 29. Contact: Krystal Houghton, e-mail krystalpsu@hotmail.com.

For the latest class reunion news, visit the Association's web site at <http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/alumni/alumni.htm>.

## Membership and Donation Form

### Membership

- Life, \$15 (one-time donation)
- Cornerstone, \$25
- Maroon & White, \$50
- Century Club, \$100
- 500 Club, \$500

### Donations

- Booster donation (any amount)
- Memorial donations—other than life membership memorials (any amount)
- I am willing to give a little time to work for the Alumni Association.

Class year	Present membership	Phone number
First name	Maiden if applicable	Surname
Address—please check here if this is a new address <input type="checkbox"/>		
City	State	ZIP Code
Spouse's full name		
Please add memorial donation information here. Attach second sheet if needed.		
Total enclosed (make checks payable to Abington High School Alumni Association) _____		
Please detach form and mail to AHSAA at P.O. Box 55, Abington, Pa. 19001.		

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 Alumni Association  
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## Ghost Stories

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### Save those tapes!

The Association receives money from Genuardi's supermarket for register tapes turned in under the community cash program. Thank you for saving your tapes.

Bertha Cunningham '26  
 Ruth Dewees Donoghly '37  
 Joseph Wacker '38  
 George Margerum '43  
 Jean Spayd Garber '44  
 Joseph Taddei '46  
 Jim Garvin '46  
 Bill Pietchke '47  
 Al Brodhag '48  
 Virginia McClay Cunningham '51  
 Bill Mosler '51  
 Joyce Nelson Crawford '51  
 Helen Schoelhammer Biehl '51  
 Elaine Ely Slebodnick '57  
 Richard Stickney '61  
 Patricia Savage Lehnert '65  
 Janis Carter '66  
 Cynthia Cunningham Powell '71  
 Craig Cunningham '75  
 Scott Sergas '81  
 Tracey Cornell Sergas '83  
 Shirley Tomkinson

### ABINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Alumni Association 2002 Officers

William J. Landherr Jr. '55  
*President*

Marilyn J. Levit '81  
*Corresponding Secretary*

Grace Pitassi Fanelli '55  
*Recording Secretary*

Timothy Simmons '65  
*Treasurer*

#### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Wayne Cunningham '50      Mary Anderson Mueller '51  
 Virginia McClay Cunningham '51      John Worthington '60

#### SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

J. Clayton Worster '32, Chairman  
 Samuel Hogg '61      Norman Kelly '38  
 Bonnie Parkhouse '65      Timothy Simmons '65  
 Jane Lyon Scarborough '59

#### MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

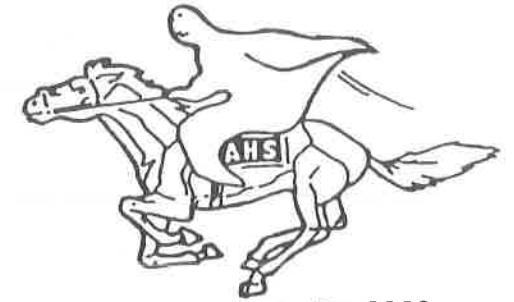
Timothy Simmons '65

#### NEWS STAFF

Virginia McClay Cunningham '51      Wayne Cunningham '50  
 Mary Anderson Mueller '51      Jan Corwin Enger, Editor

# Abington

## Ghost Stories



Spring 2002

### Two former presidents retire from Alumni Association

Two titans of the Alumni Association have retired, leaving behind a legacy of accomplishment and treasured memories. As of January, both Charles M. "Chuck" Corwin, Jr. '40, and A. Thomas Came-



Tom Cameron and Chuck Corwin

ron, Jr. '36, called it a career after a combined 60-plus years of devoted service.

Chuck joined the Association in 1979, serving as vice president until 1981, when he became president. Beginning in 1986, he served as computer and data processing manager, coordinating the database of information on all of Abington's 37,000 graduates. Since 1995, he has managed and coordinated the annual luncheon for the Fifty Plus Club. This event, for

graduates beyond 50 years, draws an attendance in excess of 400 and provides a substantial donation each year to the Association's scholarship fund.

Born in West Philadelphia, Chuck moved to Glenside with his parents in 1924. He attended Glenside-Weldon Elementary and Junior High Schools, graduating from Abington Senior High School in January 1940. In his last two years at Abington, he played drums in the marching and concert bands.

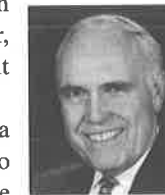
Tom, who also served a term as alumni president, joined the Association in 1960. During his many years of service his titles included Scholarship Chairman and most recently Membership Chairman. As Tom departs, the number of life memberships in the Association has now passed the 11,000 mark, a true tribute to his dedication. In addition, it was Tom, along with Chuck, who supervised the news staff for this newsletter and recruited the volunteers to sort, label and make *Ghost Stories* a reality.

Originally from the Logan section of Philadelphia, Tom  
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### Small group of volunteers leads Association into 21st century

In preparation for writing this column, I reviewed the last 12 years of president's letters in an attempt to gain some insight and inspiration. They've all been much the same: "We want to hear from you, notify us if you change your address, Life Membership in the association is only \$15, become a Century Club member, we need volunteers." While it may seem a bit repetitious, I can't phrase it any better.

Your Alumni Association is staffed by a very small group of dedicated volunteers who meet and work out of the Alumni Office located in the former junior high school, now the administration building. We maintain an alumni database with a record of everyone who ever graduated from Abington. An accurate current address enables us to both reach you with this newsletter and provide your class reunion committee with the ability to contact you. Many of my classmates from 1955 aren't aware that according to the alumni records, they are "lost." Once your copy of this newsletter is returned to us marked NFA (no



From the President

forwarding address), you're considered lost.

As the class of 2002 graduates, you'll be pleased to learn that scholarships totaling \$8,000 are being awarded by your Alumni Association to deserving seniors. These awards are made possible only by your memberships and donations. A donation form is included (page 7) for your convenience.

The retirements of Tom Cameron '36 and Chuck Corwin '40 leave us with some big shoes to fill. With pleasure and appreciation, I can report that Tim Simmons '65 has assumed Tom's position as Membership Chairman, while Virginia "Ginny" McClay Cunningham '51 and Mary Anderson Mueller '51 have teamed up to "spell" Chuck as database administrator. Once again, I must make a plea for volunteers. We will tailor a job to the time you have available. We've even changed the décor of the office to give you that nostalgic feeling. To volunteer, call 215-572-8899 and leave me a message.

I look forward to hearing from you.

For the Maroon and White,  
 Bill Landherr '55