# **New life members**

Class of 1934 Catherine Hartman Lukens -Memorial by Norm Kelly '38 Helen Henry Naul -Memorial by Norm Kelly '38 Catherine Kennedy Potero -Memorial by Class of

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Emma Allen Massinger, -Memorial by Class of 1938 Frederick F. Black -Memorial by Class of 1938 John Donahue -Memorial by Class of

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Class of 1938 Richard Kunstman

Class of 1940 Winifred F. Gill Geesey

Class of 1941 R. Bruce Wall

Class of 1942 Alice Cornell Kunstman

Nancy A. Schwarz Settar Catherine E. Wardner Wendling

Where are you now?

Any information may help

Class of 1951 Frank Smith Louise White Mahoney

Class of 1952 Faye Fretz

Class of 1954 Carolyn A. Emery Crews Harry Martin

**Class of 1955** Robert George Black Gloria Schnitzer Modrell Barbara Tongue Herold

Class of 1956 Elizabeth Bassett Kiselev -Memorial by Class of 1956 Hattie Brown -Memorial by Class of 1956

Gail Entriken Schilling

Anita Nabenhauer

Grovendahl

**Class of 1957** 

Class of 1958

**Class of 1959** 

Your Alumni Association, the source of Abington Ghost

Stories and reunion information, needs your current name

(including maiden name), address, telephone number, and year

of graduation. If you wish to provide "Where Are They

Now" information, please include a few sentences about your

career activities, and be sure to get it to us well in advance

chairpersons and helping the alumni volunteers keep the reg-

ister current. You can write, call, or e-mail the Alumni Associa-

tion with changes. "Lost" alumni miss out, so please help

This will serve the dual purpose of aiding future reunion

of the publication date, which is early spring.

keep your Alumni Association up to date.

Ellsworth Rodkey

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Lillian Kaign Remmey

Robert D. McCandless

James M. Stevenson

Judy Keppler Wasik

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> Teeter Michele F. Cohen

Class of 1978 Thomas Hankinson Michael A. Jawer

Class of 1981 Crystal Danett Johnson -Memorial by Tyonia Soloman '81

Maureen Amy Kelly Hoover

Class of 1987

Class of 1960 Patricla McIlhenny Mill Ronald Mill

Class of 1962 Gail Fitzgerald McGinley

Class of 1963 Joan A. Holtz Sax Charlotte L. Waetjen McCandless

Class of 1966 Fred N. Miller

Class of 1968 Mary Anne Blauert Donna Motter Jones Sharen F. Rasper **Finzimer** Karen Schott Wrigley

Class of 1974 Robert A. Faunce Steve Faunce

Class of 1977 Kathleen M Boccuti

Class of 1982

Dean Cardonick

Class of 1988 David S. Sax, MD

Class of 1989 Dawn Kodet Simmons -Gift by Tim Simmons '65, father-in-law

Class of 1990 Peter Tuz

Class of 1991 Tamara M. Sax Rosenberger, OD

Class of 2000 Irene Holland

Class of 2001 Jennifer Marie Allen Christina Allendorfer Ryan Hargadon Leif Liberg John Wajda

Class of 2002 Shawn Carlin -Alumni Award. computer network administration Kathleen McDonald -Alumni Award, health occupations Rachael Wilson -Alumni Award. commercial art

Daniel Ashworth Ryan Adcock Brian Blatt Sarah Blumenthal Lindsay Boyd Sara Brooks Christine Catanzaro Jonathan Cheifet Jeffrey Chick Nicole Christian

Stacy Jo Cohen Liam Collins John Comido Robin Czyzewicz Ryan Dalton Amanda Dearden Christine Dornhecker Matthew Dudlik William Entriken Linda Filer Andrew Gaddess Elise Giantomaso Ryan Goudy James Gourley Rebeckah Groves Erika Hamberg Thomas Hankinson **Brett Holt** Ja-eun Huh Megan Johnson Kathleen Kelly Kevin Love Elizabeth McCloy Grant McDowell Ryan McGrath Tara Messa Jennifer Mun Chin David Oliveira Alexander Olson Vera Partem Steven Powers Michael Raggi Jennie Roach Daniel Schenk Amanda Schmidt Matthew Scholly Ashley Smyth Kevin Spier Shanelle Swinton David Taylor Joan Waida Scott Weese **Daniel Weinstein** 

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Leslie Woll

Paul Wood

Pamela Zanan

### Old yearbooks sought

Ah, spring! Time to clean out those attics, closets, and drawers. If you find any yearbooks you don't want, you can donate them to the Association.

The Alumni office needs copies from these years: 1924, 1927, 1930, 1932, 1934, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1997, 2001, and 2002.

# **Memberships and donations 2002**

#### **Specified Donations**

\$800.....Fifty Plus Club \$500.....Verizon VIP (Volunteer Incentive Program)

#### Century

383 ..... Marie Koob Mounts '45 384 ..... Florence Wilson Ossmer '44 385 ..... James M. Stevenson'59

386 ..... Edward D. Gorkes '74

387 ..... Dannye L. Davis Palmer '35, memorial by her husband, Verlyn Palmer

388 ..... Laurence Gardner '44, memorial by his wife

#### **Maroon and White**

154 ..... William Wagner '38 155 ..... William Schutt '62 156 ..... Edward W. Labold '50 157 ..... Hans Walter '65

158 ..... Robert P. Garritt '68

#### Cornerstone

373 ..... Steve Lowery '88 374 ..... Earle H. L. Comly '48

375 ..... Deborah Braunworth Wood '59

#### **Boosters**

\$25 ..... Patricia Bennett Newman'46

\$250.... Philip Broadhead '32

\$10..... George W. Chapman '43

\$25 ..... Robert M. Corbett, Jr. '58

\$20 ..... Lori Ann Ketz Hippel '84

\$100 .... Jane Locker Sproat '44 \$20..... Nancy Ogle Macur '63

\$25 ..... Edward W. Peters '49

\$25 ..... Norman W. Schmid, former principal AHS

\$25 ..... Suzanne Schneider '72

\$50 ..... Class of 1952

#### Memorials

\$25 ..... For Frank X. Goels by Claire Little Burton '44 and Capt. Richard Burton

\$500 .... For Virginia Wismer Borodin '28 by her daughter, V.D. Borodin

\$100 .... For George A. Moll, MD, '33 by his sister, Marion Moll La Bar '52

\$100.... For Grace Arnold Prest '34 by classmates Alberta and Virginia

\$25 ..... For Marie Edmiston Siefken '35 by a friend, Elizabeth Megargee Shelley '38

\$75 ..... For Isabella Wheller Mitchell '36 by her husband, Andrew Mitchell, Jr.

\$100 .... For Margaret Hassenplug Simpson '36 by her husband, Charles A. Simpson

\$100 .... For E. Grace Wood Smith '37 by her sister, Anna Wood Skinner '29

\$50..... For Nick Vozzy '39 by Bill Raisner '39

\$50..... For Hank Keller '39 by Bill Raisner '39

\$10..... For Welsford B. Emery '42 by his sister, Carolyn Emery Crews

\$25..... For Bonnie Ulmer Eckert '45 by Walter Weber '45

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\$100 .... For Patricia Gardner Wilkins '47 by her sister, Dorothy Gardner Dringman '51

\$100.... For Nan Divalerio Finch '51 by her friends, Betsy Earnshaw Voetsch'51, Larretta Schlemmer Madill '51, Judy Schwarz Nagle '51, and Russ Fitzgerald '48

. For Robert G. McMahon '55 by his sister, Janet McMahon Norcross '44

\$50..... For Patricia T. Tucker Smedley '59 by her sister, Janet Tucker Venner '54

\$25..... For Susan M. Green Clair '68 by her mother, Marie Lichetti-Green '37

\$35..... For Jeffrey D. Wall '69 by his parents, Adele and R. Bruce Wall '41

### **Abingtonians impress Congress**

In September 2002, 13 accomplished Abington Senior High School students were presented with the prestigious Congressional Award at the Pennsylvania state capitol in Harrisburg. U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.) and Robert Pettinato, president of the Pennsylvania Congressional Award Council, were the presenters. Recognizing 14- to 23-year-olds, the Congressional Award is one of Congress' highest, and requires students to attain of goals they set for themselves in volunteer work, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition

The recipients are Krystle Benetz, Matthew Buchanan,

Sedudzinam Fugar, Samantha Horowitz, Abby Klinghoffer, Alex Knihnicky, Ross Kozarsky, Marissa Kummerling, Lirui Li, Claire Melin, Gillian Robinson, Adam Scharfberg, and Jacquelyn Young. Because Abington had the largest percentage of award winners, Marissa Kummerling was selected to give a speech at the ceremony, quite an honor considering that it was Abington's first year of participation in the Congressional

Congratulations to all and thanks to Mrs. Mary Rogers, the advisor for Abington High School, for the impressive degree of participation by the student body.

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### Six seniors earn scholarships

The Association awarded six scholarships to members of the Class of 2002. They are:

- Sara Brooks, \$1,500, attending Michigan State University;
- Nicole Krebs, \$1,500, attending Temple University
- Vera Partem, \$1,750, attending Lehigh University
- Laura Perlberger, \$1,750, attending Haverford College
- Marie Rupp, \$500, attending Temple University
- David Thompson, \$1,000, attending Lehigh University.



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

#### Genuardi's tape program goes eScrip

For many years, Genuardi's supermarkets has supported schools and communities by providing fundraising programs to their customers. Until recently, participants sent their grocery receipt tapes to the Alumni office, which were exchanged for cash for the benefit of scholarship programs for Abington graduates.

At the end of last year, Genuardi's announced a new, updated method for non-profit organizations such as your Alumni Association to raise money. The new Community Cash Back program is powered by eScrip, an electronic fundraising program. As a result, the Alumni Association no longer collects cash register tapes. Instead, all of your qualifying purchases can now be credited electronically to this organization—but you'll need to sign up annually.

Here's how to register your Genuardi's Club Card and your credit and debit cards. Be sure to use the Alumni Association's ID number: 149066266.

- Online: visit http://www.escrip.com.
- By mail: Pick up a sign-up sheet at Genuardi's and send the completed form to eScrip, P.O. Box 6988, Auburn, CA 95604.
- By phone: Call eScrip customer service at 1-800-700-5655.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated by your Alumni Association and especially by graduating students seeking scholarships.

# **Hall** of Fame

The AHS Hall of Fame began in 1988 as an annual commemoration, honoring distinguished living graduates of Abington High School.

The categories are arts, athletics, business, education, government, science, and service. Induction into the Hall of Fame is now every three years with the next ceremony scheduled for

the spring of 2005.

Of special interest to all alumni is the posthumous category. You may nominate deceased alumni who distinguished themselves in any discipline for consideration by the committee. Final selection of the posthumous awardee is made by your Alumni Association.

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### **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	
	Return this form to Charles Baker, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee, Abington Senior High School, 900 Highland Ave., Abington, Pa. 19001.
Nominee's phone number	

# **Sports**

#### Shawn Wooden '91: Community leader

Abington High School not only graduated a superb football player in 1991, but a first-class citizen. Shawn Wooden, Miami Dolphins' star defensive back, has made a tremendous impact on the Miami, Florida community. He received the team's Community Service Award in 1997, having worked with Habitat for Humanity, Make-A-Wish Foundation, United Way, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Florida throughout his career with the Dolphins.

Shawn was drafted by Miami in 1996 after having been a defensive star for the University of Notre Dame, and just completed his sixth season for the Dolphins. He also played one year for the Chicago Bears. While at Abington High, he compiled 2,700 rushing yards and 33 touchdowns as a running back in addition to his defensive play. Tim Sorber, now Abington High's coach, was one of Shawn's key blockers during his Abington years.

#### Abington girls make basketball playoffs

The Abington High girls basketball team reached the state playoffs by finishing 7th in the District 1 playoffs. In the first round, Abington upset Cedar Crest, whose record was 29-2. Abington lost to Downingtown in the second round. Congratulations to coach Joe Wesley and his team, which finished with a 24-9 record.

#### Alums continue to stand out in hoops

Three Abington players from the 2001–2002 girls basket-ball team are making names for themselves in college hoops. Zoey Adams-Deutsch is the second leading scorer as a Swarthmore freshman, Aimee Mullen is playing for the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and Elise McCloy is seeing a good deal of playing time for West Chester University. All three played for coach Joe Wesley's playoff team a year ago.

Abington's boys basketball team had a successful season but fell short of the state playoffs by losing in district competition. Congratulations to both of Abington's basketball teams.

#### In Memoriam

#### Evelyn O. Lenner

Evelyn O. Lenner, 82, a retired teacher and member of the Abington faculty for 42 years, died January 19, 2003.

Mrs. Lenner began her career at Abington in 1947 as a mathematics teacher at Abington Junior High. She transferred to Abington High School in 1952, where she taught biology for several years before advancing to science coordinator in 1957, science department head in 1972 and chairman of the science department in 1978. She retired in September 1989 and lived in Willow Grove until shortly before her death.

Her family intends to establish a memorial scholarship in her name, to be awarded each year at graduation to a deserving female student who is interested in the sciences.

#### **Grace V. Davis**

Grace Voris Davis '27, a retired social studies teacher and longtime resident of Jenkintown, died of a stroke on May 28, 2002. She was 93.

Miss Davis attended Glenside Weldon and Abington High School, graduating from Abington in 1927. She began a long and distinguished teaching career in the Abington schools immediately upon graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. Starting in 1932, Miss Davis taught social studies for 41 years at Abington Junior High and later at Abington High until her retirement in June 1973.

She will be remembered as a kind, devoted teacher and a gentle friend.

# How to reach your alumni association

E-mail: 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

### **Clayt Worster**

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otver 30 years of service to the organization as chairman of the Scholarship Committee and a member of the investment committee. This is a man we can truly be proud to call an Abingtonian.

Clay'ts activities are family-centered these days, enjoying helping his wife, and enjoying his sons John and Joel and their children. Still, he finds time to swim a third of a mile each day. How many of us half his age can brag about that—and yet, who's surprised? We're lucky to have him in our midst.

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# Where are they now?

Alice Lee Banning Rooke Morris '28, known as "Buddy" to her friends, is 93 and living in Oregon. An honors graduate, former literary editor of the "Oracle," prominent in debating and dramatics, and an office holder in many school clubs, she was an author whose stories always held a sincerity and beauty that were a part of her. Her small book, The Bells of St. Mary's, proudly resides in the Abington School District Library. She was involved in many activities, such as the Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, whose entries were published in "Veterans' Voices," begun in 1946. She also spent decades of volunteering with the American Red Cross in Washington, Oregon, and California. Alice Lee was named to "Who's Who Among American Women," from 1968-1980. Lee would dearly love to hear from anyone who remembers her. Write to Mrs. Lee Banning Morris, 29863 Spencer Creek Road, Alsea, OR 97324.

Harry Dallison '35 of Lynchburg, Va., missed his fellow Abingtonians so much that he arranged a local reunion [[when?]]. Attending the event at Dan's Philadelphia Deli in Lynchburg were grads from 1930 to 1966: William Walton '30, Harry W. Dallison '35, Rev. Junius (Bud) Koiner '42, Rodney Bonck '42, John (Al) Bonck '48, Gail Aud (Clement) '55, and Kathleen Mitchell (Crosby) '66. Harry's ham radio interests (W4MLQ) led to submarine service as a radioman and radar/sonar operator in the Pacific between 1944-46. In Lynchburg since 1959, he worked for General Electric, retiring in 1980. Since then he supervised construction of a 1,250-foot tower on a 1,900-foot mountain, claimed at the time to be the highest manmade structure east of the Mississippi. Retired once more, Harry can now enjoy his first hobby, amateur radio, as well as reading and listening to classical music. Harry's father was a custodian at North Hills grade school.

Martin R. Eichelberger '63, MD, FAAP, of Silver Spring, Md., received the Emergency Medical Services for Children program's Lifetime Achievement Award for his efforts as a national EMSC advocate and his devotion to advancing pediatric emergency care. The National Heroes Award was presented at the National Congress on Childhood Emergencies in April 2002. Dr. Eichelberger, professor of surgery and pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine, is a pediatric surgeon and director of emergency trauma and burn services at Children's National Medical Center. He also is the medical director of the EMSC National Resource Center, director of Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network for children, and founder/president of the National Safe Kids Campaign in Washington.

A graduate of Princeton University and Hahnemann University Medical School, Dr. Eichelberger completed his surgical education at Case Western Reserve University Hospital in Cleveland, and his pediatric surgical education at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia with C. Everett Koop, MD, a former Surgeon General.

A nationally and internationally renowned expert in pediatric trauma care and injury control, he has published extensively and holds visiting professorships throughout the world. The National SAFE KIDS Campaign, SAFE KIDS Worldwide, the Emergency Medical Services for Children Resource Center and Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network project are all a direct result of his vision and persistence.

Joan Lotz LaBarbara '65 is a composer and vocalist living in New York City. In addition to performing worldwide, she is director of the series "When Morty Met John" for Carnegie Hall (a multi-year series focusing on the music of John Cage and Morton Feldman) and "Insights, Conversations with Composers," for the American Music Center. For more information, visit http://www.joanlabarbara.com.

Karin Knisely Wegener '75, is lab director for core courses in the biology department at Bucknell University, and the author of a recently published book, A Student Handbook for Writing in Biology (2002), co-published by Sinauer Associates and W.H. Freeman. The book helps high school and college biology students prepare scientific papers according to the conventions for scientific journals. For more information on the book, visit http://www.whfreeman.com.

Philip P. Jarigue '76 earned his bachelor's degree in finance at the University of Notre Dame in 1980, then completed his master's of business administration at Temple University in '86. In 1989 he founded Sabre Systems, Inc., an engineering and information technology services company with a workforce in 25 states and nine overseas locations. Philip, who serves as the company's president, has received the Greater Philadelphia 2002 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for IT Solutions. He also was entered into the Entrepreneur of the Year Hall of Fame.

Arthur E. Apolinario '88, MD, MPH received the American Medical Association's Young Physicians 2002 Community Service award for his work with U Care, Inc., a domestic violence program in rural North Carolina. His daughter, Amaya, is a toddler already. Congratulations on both of your latest accomplishments, doctor!

Lauren Arbittier Davis '94, earned an engineering degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a marketing degree from the Wharton School. Math whiz, olympic contender in figure skating, builder of balsa wood bridges, and flutist in Abington High's marching band, Lauren pursued a career in high-tech marketing and later moved to a software firm where she met her husband, Marc Davis, a graduate of Cornell with a degree in human development. Their elegant wedding at Philadelphia, Pa.'s, Academy of Natural Sciences was covered in the Philadelphia Inquirer's January 19, 2003, magazine section, from which these tidbits have been borrowed.

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# **Class reunions**

The Fifty Plus Club luncheon is the only remaining annual event related to our Alumni Association. This year's affair will be held on Friday, October 10, at Williamson Restaurant, Easton and Blair Mill Roads in Horsham, Pa. The Class of 1948 will be the host class, and the Class of 1953 will be the newest "inductees" to the club. All graduates and their guests from classes up to and including the Class of 1953 are welcome. Reservation forms will be mailed out in August, so plan ahead for this gathering of Abingtonians who are always glad to break bread with former classmates and friends.

Class of 1948 (55th) - Saturday, October 11.

Class of 1953 (50th)—Saturday, October 11, at the Cedarbrook Country Club in Blue Bell. Contact Carl Franklin 215-957-5263 or e-mail mcpoppy@aol.com.

Class of 1955 (50th)—Saturday, October 15, 2005, location to be announced. Contact Bill Landherr at 215-646-2493 or needed. e-mail wilcorro@aol.com.

Alverthorpe Park. Contact Bill Landherr at 215-646-2493 or e-mail wilcorro@aol.com.

Class of 1958 (no 45th, planning 50th)—Contact Wayne Rd., Abington, PA 19001; phone 215-886-5545.



R. Hasenmayer, 4010 Davisville Road, Hatboro, PA 19040, 215-674-3865, or Jean Remmey Hoeppner, 11 Equestrian Lane, Blue Bell, PA 19422 215-646-8561.

Class of 1963 (40th) -- contact Walt Czarnecki, 638, Abington Ave., Glenside, PA 19038, phone 215-887-0685.

Class of 1968 (35th)—No reunion scheduled. Organizer needed.

Class of 1972 (30th)-in the planning stage. Contact Diane Martin, 215-885-0732 or Kathy Greninger Buglak, 215-572-5886.

Class of 1973 (30th) — 7 p.m. Friday, November 28, at Williamson Restaurant in Horsham. Contact Kathy Tirri Slusarski

at 215-884-4947 or slusarskik1@aol.com.

Class of 1978 (25th) — in the planning stage. Contact Allison Donato Manzinger, 215-884-7355.

Class of 1983 (20th)—No reunion scheduled. Organizer

Class of 1988 (15th)—in the planning stage. Contact Class of 1955 (Annual picnic)—Sunday, May 25 at Dana Gregg Sheridan or Bonnie Mandel Singer. E-mail ahsalumni88@yahoo.com.

Class of 1993 (10th) — contact Jessica Mast, 1846 Edmund

# **Membership and Donation Form**

<b>Membership</b> ☐ Life, \$20 (one-time	Class year	Present membership	Phone nur	mber
donation)  Cornerstone, \$25  Maroon & White, \$50	First name	Maiden if applicable	Surname	
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Donations	Spouse's full name			
Booster donation (any amount)	Please add memorial do	nation information here. Attach second	sheet if needed.	
Memorial donations— other than life member- ship memorials (any				
amount)  I am willing to give a little				
time to work for the Alumni Association.	Total enclosed (make characteristics) Please detach form and	necks payable to Abington High School mail to AHSAA at P.O. Box 55, Abingto	Alumni Association) on, Pa. 19001.	

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- Help build the scholarship fund by registering for eScrip, to benefit the Association (number 149066266)
  —page 6
- Become a life member of your Alumni
   Association or make a donation—page 7

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# Abington Ghost Stories



### Longtime scholarship chairman retires from Association

By Carol deLuca Staff Writer

Some people seem to function just as well as the rest of us without computer or calculator—and they deliver as promised on time and often with an engaging sense of humor and generosity of spirit.

That is a pretty apt description of this issue's personality high-

light—a longtime public servant: J. Clayton Worster.

J. Clayton Worster

Clayt, as he's known to most, attended Abington schools, playing most sports, and then moved on to Ursinus College, finishing in '37 with a finance degree. Following a three-year stint in the Army—spent mostly in North Africa, he joined the

Welsbach Corp. in 1947, taking assignments in Costa Rica, and Veracruz, Mexico. His extensive experience ultimately earned him promotion to the position of vice president and director of that firm.

His dedication to community endeavors is formidable—the longest tenure as a member of the Abington School District Authority from its inception in February 1953 to the completion of his most recent term, 50 years later, in February 2003. During this time, the authority issued construction bonds for the building of Abington Senior High, and Ardsley, Roslyn, Willow Hill and McKinley elementary schools. Through careful management of bond funds, this committee was able to save Abington taxpayers over \$1 million in payments. Changes in IRS laws have eclipsed opportunities like that today.

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## Membership fees support scholarships, staying in touch

From the

**President** 

This column contains a very special appeal to all graduates of Abington High School to become life members of your

Alumni Association. This year, we will be awarding scholarships totaling \$10,000, the most ever, to deserving seniors; awards made possible only through your memberships and donations.

As I return from work each day and reach into my mailbox, there is inevitably a large handful of mail. A quick glance usually reveals fantastic opportunities to spend my hardearned money and I am tempted to throw the whole mess into the trash can. With such a

barrage of solicitations, why choose to support your high school alumni association? First and foremost, your support of AHSAA enables us to fund the scholarship program. You also defray the expense of this newsletter, without which we would not be able to sustain and update our alumni database, an invaluable resource when planning your next class reunion.

Are you a life member of the Alumni Association? Check the code above your name on the address portion of this letter. If the last digit is a 0, you are not a Life Member. You can correct

this matter by sending \$20 today, along with the completed form on page 7. If you're already a Life Member, consider an upgrade to Maroon and White or Century Club, or you may choose to make a memorial donation in honor of a deceased classmate or friend.

Alumni frequently suggest ways in which those of us in the Alumni Association can locate missing alumni. Please let me clear up this misconception. We do not search for missing alumni. Seeking and finding the lost is the job of your class reunion team or representatives. Updating your class records is a time-consuming and never-ending task. You can help by informing us every time you change your name or address. Refer "How to reach your alumni association" page 3.

Those of us on your Alumni Association staff look forward to hearing from you. Tell us what you're doing and we'll try to print it in our next newsletter. Your interest as indicated by your contributions and communication are the best measure that we have of our association's success.

For the Maroon and White, Bill Landherr'55

