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Three in Class of 2008 garner AHSAA scholarships

The Alumni Association awarded \$16,000 in scholarships to deserving graduates of the Class of 2007. Scholarship recipients are:

■ Janice Nicole Taylor, attending Cabrini College

■ Sharde Rymer Savage, attending Bloomsburg University

■ Alexandra Lewycky, attending Temple University.

We wish them much success in their chosen fields.

Schmidt, Bob Smith, Bob Stokes, and Walter Waeltz

.. For Elaine Herold Paul '48 by her '48 classmates Margie Ransford Purvis, Nancy Schwarz Settar, Betty Meurer Kirkpatrick, Carolyn Wassmann Wright, Barbara Rosenberger Evans, Thelma Turn Leonhard, Natalie Delia Barbano, Florence Mundy Rauch, Trudy Schmidt Painter, and Jean Riemenschneider Garvin

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\$50Overlook Hills Women's Club of Abington, Pa.

\$1,500 .. Fifty Plus Club luncheon



Lend a helping hand

You're cordially invited to join the Abington Alumni Association. It doesn't take a lot of time and your help would be appreciated. Be a member at large or on the Ghost Stories news staff.

Contact the Association at:

215-572-8899

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

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E-mail: alumni@abington.k12.

New life members

Faculty Paul Wilson Gift by Norman Kelly

Class of 1937 Richard Dolfman Mary Leavitt McGettigan Francis McCormick Gifts by Norman Kelly

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Sports

Abington athletic teams had a great deal of success in their fall and winter seasons. The football team posted a 10-3 record under Coach Tim Sorber '92. The team won its first district playoff game against Glen Mills and then lost to a strong North Penn team. The season ended with a big win over Cheltenham 30-3 in a Thanksgiving eve game.

The soccer team under Coach Randy Garber '71 had a 13-5-1 record, which earned them a bid to the district playoffs. Unfortunately, they sustained a tough first round loss.

Coach Kristy Heyser led her girls' tennis team to a District 1 championship and the state quarterfinals, finishing with an 18-3 record.

Coach Dan Marsh led his girls' volleyball team to its first ever district playoffs.

During the winter sports season, Abington athletes achieved numerous distinctions. Coach Jeff Franco, for the second year, took his outstanding



Football player David Osei, center, who earned a scholarship to Rutgers University, is pictured with AHS Principal Dr. Jeffrey Fecher and Coach Tim Sorber.

> heavyweight wrestler, David Osei, to the state championships. David had a phenomenal season finishing 44-1 with his only loss being to Brian Craig from Abington Heights in the state final 3-1. David has a full football scholarship to Rutgers University.

The girls' basketball team under Dan Marsh made the district playoffs, but failed to make the states. Liz Leer once again led the team to a 20-7

record.

Indoor track athletes were outstanding. Boys coach Bill Neely '70 had a 400 meter state champion, Chris Morales, whose time was the fourth-best in the United

Girls' coach Nicole Williams, in addition to leading her team to the District 1 team championship, also took them to the state quarterfinals. The team had two state champion relay teams. The 4 x 200 meter team ranked fifth in the

nation and the 4 x 400 meter team ranked fourth. Jenny Ryan, Jordan Matthews, Nicole Grasty, and Leah Nugent were mem-

bers of the 4 x 200 team. The 4 x 400 combination included Jenny, Jordan, and Nicole plus Maddy Evans. In addition Maddy received a soccer scholarship to Penn State. The 4 x 800 meter relay team was also ranked nationally at number 10.

Congratulation to all of the fall and winter teams coaches and athletes for their accomplishments!

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President's column

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At a time when many investments are brought into question, your investment of time or money in AHSAA remains a solid and sure means of supporting our award winning schools. Please note the Membership and Donation Form on page 7. A Life Membership remains a great bargain at \$20. Consider making a memorial donation for a deceased classmate or friend. I would also ask you to note the opportunity to volunteer your time to work for the Alumni Association. Those of

us in AHSAA value our opportunity to serve but reinforcements are very much needed. For contact information see

The Abington schools lost a much admired and dedicated educator when former Roslyn Elementary School Principal Bert Dares Jr. passed away June 11, 2008. Bert retired in 1983 after 50 years of service in the Abington and Philadelphia school districts.

We invite you to advise us of your lifechanging highlights which, subject

to editor's choice, we will print in the "Where are they now?" column of this newsletter. Please note that the AHSAA office is not staffed on a regular or full time basis. If you wish to contact us by phone and leave a message, be sure to give your full name, year of graduation and maiden name if applicable. We welcome your calls.

> For the Maroon and White, Bill Landherr '55

Hall of Fame

As you enter the lobby leading to the auditorium of Abington Senior High School and look to your left, you will see the plagues of those alumni who have received the distinctive honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Each award recipient was recognized following a process initiated by their nomination. A committee comprised of alumni and high school faculty, solicits further information from

the nominees and screens the nominees in each of seven categories for the purpose of choosing the most outstanding candidate for induction into the Hall

The next induction ceremony is planned for this fall, and the selection process has begun. However, we need a constant supply of new nominees for future awards and ask that you nominate graduates of Abington High School who

have distinguished themselves in one or more of the following categories: Education, science, arts, government, business, athletics and service. As you place names in nomination, please understand that only achievements after graduation will be used as a basis of

Your Alumni Association selects a posthumous recipient with credentials in any of the named categories.

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Hall of Fame Nomination Form The next Hall of Fame is planned for 2009.	
I wish to nominate	Class of
to the Abington High School Hall of Fame in the category of	
Reason for nomination (attach extra sheets if needed)	
Nominee's address (if available)	
Nominee's phone number (if available)	
Return this form to William Penderghest, Chairman, Hall of Fame C	committee.

Abington Senior High School, 900 Highland Ave., Abington, Pa. 19001. williampenderghest@abington.k12.pa.us

Calling classes of 1959 and earlier!

Annual Fifty Plus Luncheon

Friday, October 9, 2009

This year's hosts: Class of 1954

Social Hour and Cash Bar - 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon - 12:30 p.m.

Williamson Restaurant, Easton and Blair Mill roads, Horsham, Pa.

For general information, please call Joan Zimmermann Mosler '54 at 215-658-0132, e-mail jzimmie@aol.com or Wayne Cunningham '50 at 215-657-2642, e-mail waynngin@verizon.net.

Please keep this portion as your only reminder!

Remember your menu choice by checking it here:

- ☐ Lemon pepper chicken, white wine sauce
- ☐ Baked tilapia with fruited salsa
- ☐ Veal parmesan, breaded, topped with provolone and marinara sauce

To cover costs, we must increase the luncheon price to \$25. Any profit from the luncheon will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

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Mail this portion with your check to: Joan Zimmermann Mosler 3 Twin Brooks Drive Willow Grove, Pa. 19090 Reservations will not be acknowledged.	Please make checks Table preference: Se	x \$25 per person = Total s payable to Fifty Plus Clu at me/us with the Class of te sheet for any additional r	ub 19	I needs.

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Where are they now?

Bertha Ambler Cunningham '26 was honored at her 101st birthday celebration on February 20 at Rydal Park in Jenkintown, Pa.

George Rockett '27 celebrated his 100th birthday on March 28, 2009. Congratulations, George! We hope you're enjoying the sunny Florida weather.

Bill Pietchke '47 is retired from Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. He was also a football official, and is still active as a clock operator for colleges such as Princeton, Lehigh, and Bucknell. He lives in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., with his wife, Molly.

Shelli Blaufeld Shaw '66 is a freelance writer for the computer industry and a proud grandmother of three. She lives with her husband, Marc, in Marlton, N.J.

Patricia McLay Lankford '70 graduated magna cum laude from Gwynedd-Mercy College in 2006. She has traveled extensively from Egypt to the South Pacific. Pat is a member of the Delaware Valley Corvette Club, and is employed by Wolters Kluwer Health as production manager. She lives with her husband, Wayne, in Hatboro.

Elizabeth Thilo Wolfel '72 is a physician living in Colorado with her husband, also a physician, and their three children.

Bruce Cunningham '73 recently earned his law degree from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco. He is practicing with Homeland Security. He, his wife, Rose, and son, John, live in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

Dawn Koder Simmons '79 is employed with a Mercury car dealership. She lives with her husband, Tim, and their two children in Virginia Beach, Va.

Michael Serban '82 was inducted in the Drexel University Athletic Hall of Fame this winter. He was third all-time in goals (46) for the soccer team, was the East Coast Conference MVP in 1985 and 1986, made the all-ECC team three times, was all mid-Atlantic in 1982, and was Drexel's senior athlete of the

year in 1987. Michael is a regional sales director for Schering-Plough Pharmaceutical Co. He and his wife, **Dorothy Poirier '82** live with their three children in Warrington, Pa.

Gregg Crawford '83 is the owner of "Crawf's Collision" in Rockledge, Pa. He and his wife, Karen Ulmer '84, live with their two daughters in Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

Evelyn Short '85 has been working over the years as a newspaper photographer, reporter, and editor. She's preparing for a solo photographic exhibit displaying work from her travels to Cuba. "Cuba: An Intimate Portrait of the Forbidden Island," opens with an afternoon reception from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 20, at Montgomery County Community College's Blue Bell campus. The show runs until August 1 and the community and all Abington High School alumni are invited to see the exhibit.

Rachel Hachenberger Beckmann '00 is teaching cello and orchestra at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga while pursuing a master's degree in music. Rachel is active with her string trio Adonia (adoniatrio.com), and is a substitute cellist for the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra. She sends kudos to Mr. Amoroso and the Abington School District for the great music program she participated in from third grade through to graduation.

David Hachenberger '02 plays drums and sings with his band Copper Pitch (copperpitch.net) and can be heard playing at various coffee shops and venues in Philadelphia and surrounding areas. He works for Quest Diagnostics.

Daniel Hachenberger '04, a violinist and percussionist, is a sergeant in the Marines. He recently returned to Abington to speak with Mrs. Daubert's second-grade class about his experiences in the Marines. After completing one tour of duty in Iraq, Dan is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, serving with the Second Marine Division Band. He

and his wife live in North Carolina

Marissa MacIntosh '04, an accomplished vocalist, was crowned Miss Southeastern Pennsylvania 2009 and will compete in June for the title of Miss Pennsylvania 2009. If successful, she'll represent Pennsylvania at the Miss America competition in January. Marissa lives in Abington.

Norman Carter '07 is attending Montgomery County Community College, where he's pursuing a degree in construction safety. He lives in Roslyn.

Arnold Yeager '07 is a sales associate with Otto & Ron's Lukoil. An Abington resident, he's pursuing a degree in accounting at Montgomery County Community College.

What have you been doing with your life after graduating from AHS? Sum up your career, hobbies, travels, and adventures in a couple of sentences and send it to us for consideration. Sorry, we can't publish births, marriages or deaths.

New program may help reunion planners

Last year, the alumni office added a number of enhancements to the computer database for the benefit of office personnel and alumni to keep the information for reunion committees up to date. Plans are now underway to develop a mini database program for each class to use to generate class listings and mailing labels. New information from classmates also could be entered after a reunion, and updated information imported directly into the alumni office database.

Planning and design are ongoing between JB Ashman PC Solutions and the office with testing to begin this year. PC Solutions would provide the support for the mini database. The alumni board will make a decision this year on how and when to roll out the application.

Membership and Donation Form

Membership ☐ Life, \$20 (one-time	Class year	Present membership	Phone number
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Class reunions

Class of 1954 (55th)—October 9-10. We are host class for the Fifty Plus Luncheon to be held at Williamson Restaurant in Horsham on Friday, October 9th. There is a home football game on Friday evening and we can get group tickets. On Saturday evening, we'll have a very informal get-together at a place to be determined. Contact Joan Zimmermann Mosler at jzimmie@ aol.com or 215-658-0132.

Class of 1955 (55th) – Annual picnic, Saturday, September 26; 55th reunion October 8-10, 2010, at the Philadelphia Radisson NE in Trevose, Pa. Contact Bill Landherr at 215-646-2493 or wjlcorro@aol.com.

Class of 1959 (50th) – October 9-11. Contact Burt Ritchie, 215-885-0140 or burt.ritchie.bver@statefarm. com, or Joyce and Richard Stover, 215884-9364 or rmstover@comcast.net.

Class of 1964 (45th) – Dinner, 6 p.m. Saturday, May 16, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fort Washington, Pa. Contact Russ Koerwer, 2 Hidden Lane, Abington, Pa., 215-429-4475 or wrkoerwer@aol.com.

Classes of 1969 and 1970 (40th)

– Combined 40th reunion, Friday,
November 27, at the Flourtown Country
Club. Contact Linda Altadonna Gray'69
at 215-766-2057 or 215-766-2705 or
lindacarolarts@yahoo.com or Fred
Bohlander '70 at 215-885-9619.

Class of 1992 (15th+) – Planning a reunion for spring 2009. If you are interested in reconnecting with the class of 1992, please email your full name (including maiden name) and email address to abington1992@gmail.com. If you're still in contact with classmates,

please forward this information to them, so they can update their contact info as well. Contact Jen Trasatti Pifani at 856-461-3703.

Class of 1998 (10th) – Plans are underway for a possible reunion in the fall or winter of 2009. Contact Jaret Gale at jaretgale@yahoo.com or 215-346-2466.

Class of 1999 (10th) – Saturday, November 28, at Spamps in Conshohocken. Contact Erin Snyder and Dacey Callantine at abington 99@yahoo.com.

Class of 2000 (10th) – Planning is underway. Contact Janel Warner at 215-305-1679 or janelwarner@yahoo.com.

If your class is planning a reunion, please send information a year ahead of time to the Alumni Association at alumni@abington.k12.pa.us.

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- Classes of 1959 and earlier, register for the Fifty Plus Club luncheon. See the invitation on page 3. This will be the only notice for this event.
- Attend the annual Association business meeting at 7 p.m. September 16 in the Alumni Office in the Administration Building on Highland Avenue in Abington.
- **■** Contact your class coordinator now to plan vour next reunion!
- Visit the Association's web page at http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/alumni/alumni. htm, or phone 215-572-8899.

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Alumna rows to Olympic gold in Beijing

By Carol deLuca, staff writer

Abington High School has another alumni Hall of Fame candidate: Susan Francia'00, winner of an Olympic gold medal in Beijing last summer for women's-8 rowing. Not bad for a girl who didn't pick up an oar until her sophomore year in college. While at Abington, Francia ran track and played basketball, but she says, "I wasn't necessarily good at them, but they helped me do well in school and helped me learn life lessons."

Following graduation, she went to the Uni- Susan Francia'00 versity of Pennsylvania, where she majored in criminology and sociology, and stayed on to get her master's degree in 2004.

There, she was a Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association Division 1 All-American, and following graduation, she served four years as a U.S. national team member, doing a lot to further recognition of this fast-growing women's sport.

What makes an extreme champion? You might rightly say things like grit, determination, focus, and hard work but

there are other parts to the mix. Teammates describe Susan as "the team joker who brings so much fun to the boat." That attitude can help to de-stress any rower who sits in the sixth seat, commonly called "the engine room"-and for good reason. That person has to pick up the cadence set by the coxswain. Susan has shown herself as the perfect choice for that job. And what does it feel like when all the dreams come true and energy and adrenaline have done their job? Recalling cruising to victory in Beijing, she said, "I looked over and saw that we had crossed the finish line and I was done, and I just put my oars on the water and my hands in the air!" And it doesn't get any better than that.

Susan returned to the halls of Abington for a day last November to share with students and faculty her experiences at the Olympics. She brought a slideshow that depicted her journey from barely clearing the low high jump bar at AHS to winning Olympic gold. "It was fun talking to the students and even more exciting seeing old teachers and remembering

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those individuals and organizations which make Abington an

extraordinary community in which to live. We are pleased to

Fun Festival to be held on the Abington School District main

extend an invitation to each of you to join in a Fall Family

good times at Abington High," she said.



In the "Run for the Roses," it makes everything brighter if you place your money on the winning horse. In keeping with this thought, I am delighted to report to you that Abington has just won the "Triple Crown" of "Best in America" awards, being first named by America's Promise as one of the 100 Best Communities for Young People in the United States. Next, Abington was ranked No. 21 in Money magazine's "Top 100 Best Places to Live in America." Completing the Triple Crown, Abington Senior High School was named among America's Best High Schools and a Bronze Medal

winner by U.S News and World Report.



From the **President**

campus on Friday night and all day Saturday, October 2 and The Fall Festival will be complemented in October by the AHS Hall of Fame awards ceremony and the annual AHSAA Fifty Plus luncheon for all graduates from the classes of 1959 and earlier. The 2008 luncheon, coordinated by Joan Zimmermann Mosler '54, was such an outstanding success that donations amounting to \$1,500 were received and depos-

ited into the AHSAA Scholarship Fund. Please note the 2009

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Fifty Plus reservation form on page 3.

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