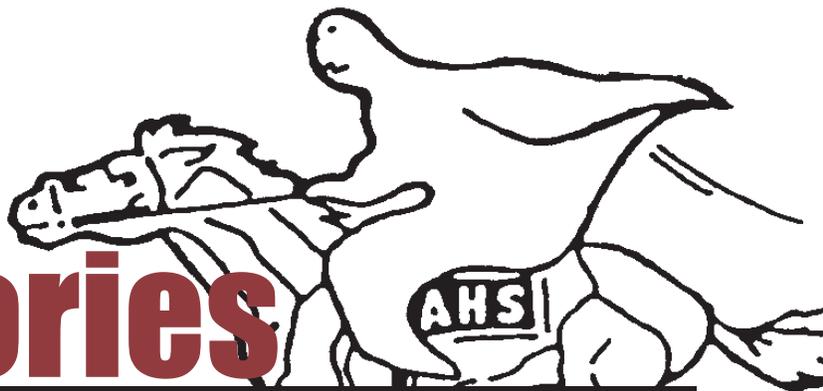


Spring 2016

# Abington Ghost Stories



## Alumni Association has a new president

John Worthington '60 has been elected as the new Association president. He has been a member of the Association's Scholarship Committee for a number of years, and was the unanimous choice of the Alumni Board. John spent 36 years in the Abington School District as a social studies teacher and as principal at Abington Junior High School.

As a young boy, John and his family moved numerous times, from city life in Philadelphia to a rural life on a dairy farm in upstate New York to sunny Fort Lauderdale, Fla. In 1954, the Worthingtons moved to Roslyn. John started seventh grade at Abington Junior High. He became lifelong friends with many of his new classmates. His ninth-grade class moved to Huntingdon Junior High and helped to establish a new school. Upon graduation from Abington, John entered West Chester State College, hoping to become a secondary social studies teacher and coach. He continued to participate in student government and athletics.

He was pleased to be chosen to teach social studies at Abington's North Campus. A number of his former teachers were now his coworkers, and insisted that he call them by their first names. After several years, he was appointed assis-

tant principal. He would go full circle when the district was reorganized and North Campus was renamed Abington Junior High School. In his last several years in the school district, he served as its principal.

John and his wife, Ruth, have two married children: Jennifer, who has two boys, and Jonathan, who has three girls. Ruth and John have been in the same house in Lansdale for 43 years. He serves as an elder in his church, coaches girls swimming at Lansdale Catholic High School and the North Penn YMCA, is president of the Montgomery County chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees, and is a member of the Alumni Association's Scholarship Committee.

The Association would like to thank outgoing president Dave Clark '65 for his 4 years of excellent leadership. Dave also has been a key member of the Finance Committee, helping to manage our investments so we are able to increase our scholarships to deserving graduating seniors. Dave will now have more time to devote to his duties as president of the Heritage Creek 55-plus community in Warwick, Pa. The Board will miss his input and sense of humor. We wish him the best of luck.

## From the president: Our new website

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Dave Clark '65 for his years of faithful service to the Abington High School Alumni Association. Thank-you notes also go out to the officers and committee members listed on the last page of *Ghost Stories*. Each of these Abingtonians contribute hours of volunteer time supporting the Association.

A number of alumni have received emails from newsletter@alumniclassmail.com soliciting various levels of membership and selling merchandise. This site has no connection with the Abington High School Alumni Association. It is still a mystery how they obtained some email addresses but rest assured they did not come from the Association.

On a positive note relative to websites, the Association has a new and much improved site. Through the efforts of Tim Simmons '65 and the genius of Ed Mullen '68, the site www.abingtonalumni.com is now operational. Here you will be



John Worthington '60

able to locate information on upcoming reunions and current events, acquire apparel, meet the staff, check on old yearbook availability, and see members of the Hall of Fame. You also may buy Association memberships or donate to the Alumni Association using a credit card or PayPal. After you have viewed the site, you will agree that Ed did a super job designing and constructing it. You also can access the site through the Abington School District website.

Hope you all have a great summer! I'll see many of you at the Fifty Plus Luncheon on October 14.

# Where are they now?

**Eddie George**, who attended Abington High before graduating from Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia, has a new career. He won the Heisman Trophy in 1995 playing for Ohio State and also made four Pro Bowls while playing for the Tennessee Titans. Eddie then took acting lessons for 2 years and has played Othello and Julius Caesar. This spring, Eddie is appearing in the musical *Chicago* on Broadway as the cunning lawyer Billy Flynn. He lives in Nashville, Tenn.

**Dr. Janet Smith Warfield '54** had her photo on the billboard at Times Square, New York, in connection with the importance of being conscious about the words we speak.

**Carolyn Beckwith Hoyler '65** and her husband, Dr. Carl Hoyler, retired in 2012 and live on the Main Line. She has three children and six grandchildren. She continues to sing with "The Larks" and is a member of the Junior League of Philadelphia.

**Beth Diamond '65** has been retired for 5 years after a career in teaching both in Portugal and Delaware. Her passion from late August to early April is fox hunting in Fair Hill, Md. She also volunteers as a kindergarten class assistant.

**Carol Eberle Godfrey '65** lives in Rydal and is still very active selling residential real estate for Quinn & Wilson, Inc. She is active in the community and is a member of the Abington YMCA board of managers and the Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown. Ocean City is still very dear to her heart, and she loves spending time with her three sons and six grandchildren. She says, "Abington is still a wonderful place to live and a very special community."

**Toni Price Dougherty '65**, a Penn State grad, began her career at Sears in display as part of the new store opening team, where she met future husband **Sam Dougherty '68**. In 1985, she started working as sales training manager for Automated Wide Area Cellular Service, which became ATT Wireless. She is retired now, doing media work for

the Spay and Save, Inc., rescue organization. Toni led the 50th class reunion held in October 2015.

**Floyd Shaw '65** retired in 2012 after 38 years of service with SPS Technologies, Inc. He is married 43 years to Nancy and has two children, Darren and Christi, and three grandsons: Colin, Damian, and Ian. He enjoys spending time at his vacation home in Hobe Sound, Fla., and has lived in Hatboro for 37 years.

**Bob Supplee '65** is now in the Villages, Fla., where he is competing in the shot, discus, and javelin in the Florida Senior Games. At the end of April he traveled back to Conshohocken to officiate at the Penn Relays. June will find him traveling to Cleveland for the US Transplant Games. Then he intends to get his golf game in gear so that he and John Van Buren can get the golf trophy back from **John Pell '65** and **Denny Ward '65**.

**Jane Zimmerman Baker '65** has been married 36 years to Rick Baker. Jane worked at the Abington School District for 8 years and then worked with Rick in his company, Meridia, for 32 years before retiring. She has two sons, Scott and Derek, and two granddaughters. She is a member of the Norristown Garden Club and active in her church, St. Matthew's Episcopal. She enjoys gardening and cooking and taking piano lessons.

**Bob Katz '74** is the owner of BK Contractors. He practices martial arts and has a black belt in aikido. Bob collects and restores vintage motorcycles and has several Nortons and Triumphs, and enjoys touring sections of the country on his motorcycles. He remembers going to Hershey in his senior year to see the boys basketball team win the state championship. Bob, a graduate of Temple University, is married and lives in Glenside.

**Mike Gorni '76** led his Central Bucks East soccer team to the Pennsylvania state championship in 2015, finishing with a perfect 26-0 season. He coached East for 26 years, win-

ning league titles in 10 of the last 12 years, and going to the state playoffs in 8 out of the last 9 years. Mike was named Pennsylvania Coach of the Year in 2008. In his final team huddle, the highly regarded coach was saluted by his players, who yelled, "Legend." Mike valued sportsmanship and taught his players to be humble and play the game the right way.

**Lisa Kowski Kretschman '76** lives in Glenside and worked at Abington Hospital for more than 30 years. Now retired, she works part-time at St. Joseph's Villa in Chestnut Hill. On warm and sunny days, you might see her in the Abington area driving her restored 1971 Chevy II.

**Neil Behan '77** was named Delaware's 2014-2015 Middle Level Principal of the Year by the Delaware Association of School Administrators and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Behan has worked for the Indian River School District for 34 years, serving as a teacher for 26 years and an administrator for 8 years. He is in his sixth year as principal of the Southern Delaware School of the Arts. He lives in Millville, Del., where he enjoys the beach and golf.

**Jeffrey Brown '82** is the founder and chief executive of Brown's Super Stores, with 11 stores in the Delaware Valley area employing 2,700 people. The stores' signs read ShopRite, but the stores are run according to his own standards and product mix. He is interested in people's lineage, heritage, and religion so he can supply foods that are native to their origins. In the future, Jeffrey hopes to have entertainment so you could have lunch or dinner and listen to live jazz while having a beer and fire-grilled chicken. Jeffrey lives in Cherry Hill, N.J.

**Daryl Harris '84** worked as an auto mechanic since graduating from high school, but recently changed careers when he purchased a Snap-On Tools franchise. He spends his free time hunting, fishing, and coaching youth sports. *Continued on page 6*

# Sports

## Spring sports 2015

Abington did very well in the spring sports in 2015. The following sports all made the District I playoffs: baseball, boys volleyball, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, and girls tennis. Unfortunately, they all lost in the first round.

After beating Strath Haven, the boys lacrosse team lost in the second round of the districts as did the girls softball team. Junior Nikki Ray, who pitched and also batted .567 with 9 home runs, was chosen Pennsylvania All-State First Team as a designated hitter.

Girls volleyball won its first district game in school history before being eliminated in round 2. Track & field had a number of PA state qualifiers with seven boys and girls earning medals.

## Fall sports

Fall sports at Abington had mixed results in 2015. The football team only won one game, but both the girls and boys soccer teams had a more successful year. Randy Garber's boys team once again reached the District 1 playoffs, but lost in the first round, ending their season with a 16-5 record. The girls team, coached by Rick Tomkins,

ended with a 12-6-1 record. From 2008 to 2014, the girls team won only 31 games, and never had a season over 500. This year's squad, led by senior Julia Guarini (who made the All-Southeastern Pennsylvania team) and freshman Camryn Lexow, advanced to the District 1 playoffs, where they lost to Wissahickon 4-3 in overtime on penalty kicks.

The girls bowling team had a 49-9 league mark, and won the Suburban 1 National Conference title for the first time in school history. Coach Brian Wenders thought it would be a close race, but Abington bested Penridge and North Penn. Dana Dahlring led the team to the state playoffs and was honored by the *Intelligencer* as bowler of the year.

Winter sports saw the boys basketball team again take their fourth straight



*Senior Julia Guarini earned a spot on the All-Southeastern Pennsylvania soccer team*

Suburban 1 National title by beating Council Rock North 41-37 in the finals, despite having lost three key players to graduation. Upper Dublin then upset Abington in the first round of District 1 playoffs by 1 point to end Abington's hope for a run to states. In six seasons as the boys coach, Charles Grasty has led Abington to a 119-42 record.

Girls basketball had another excellent year after reaching the district championship game in 2015. This season they finished in second place

in the tough Suburban 1 National Conference by defeating Council Rock North. Consolation wins over CB West 55-47 and Bishop Shanahan gave the Ghosts a berth in the state playoffs as the ninth seed. A strong Cardinal O'Hara team from District 12 defeated Abington in the first round 55-46. Liz O'Leary led Abington with a game high of 17 points while two outstanding seniors, Samantha Lochner and Leah Simmons, finished their careers with excellent games.

Freshman Sam Henninger finished with a bronze medal in the PIAA Class AAA boys diving championships.

## High school wins sportsmanship awards

Abington High School was recognized for its sportsmanship when it won awards from both the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and the District 1 Committee.

Both groups identified Abington's administration, coaches, athletes, cheerleaders, and fan as "the epitome of good sportsmanship" in naming them best in that category for the 2014-2015 school year.

## Football coach steps down

Tim Sorber '90, Abington High School's football coach, has resigned after serving as head coach for the past 16 years. He will continue to teach social studies at the high school. In 1996, he became an assistant coach under Doug Moister, and then under Marshall Roberts until he took the reins in 2000. In his 16 seasons, he had a record of 104-86, and from 2006 to 2013 Abington made the playoffs every season except 2007. Abington won the Suburban I National Conference in 2010 and 2011, and advanced to the District I

semifinals in both 2006 and 2013. Before Tim took the head coach position, Abington had gone 3 and 30 in the previous 3 years. The team then rebounded nicely under his leadership. Tim said he may like to coach again sometime in the near future, but he felt he needed a break from football at this time.

Kevin Conlin, a former LaSalle High School and Penn State outstanding lineman, has been named as the new head football coach for the 2016 season. He was an assistant coach under Tim for the last several seasons.



### Class of 2015 scholarship winners

The Alumni Association awarded \$18,000 to deserving graduates of the Class of 2015. Scholarship recipients are (from left), Madeline Frazier, attending Temple University; Emma Denbleyker, attending Ithaca College; Tyler Valera, attending Temple University; and Nima Eskandary, attending the University of Maryland. Not pictured: Elizabeth Lloyd, attending Clark University. We wish them much success in their chosen fields.

### Harry “Bucky” Clark, former music director

Former Abington director of vocal music Harry “Bucky” Clark died on September 29, 2015, at age 77. Many alumni will remember him for his unforgettable music and his infectious personality. After leaving Abington in 1967, he held numerous educational administrative positions, and retired as the principal of Log College Middle School in the Centennial School District, where he was named Outstanding Educator of the Year. A graduate of Hatboro-Horsham High School, Bucky was elected to the Hatboro-Horsham High School Hall of Fame, and served for 28 years on the Hatboro borough council. His accomplishments in a variety of fields, his awards, and his generosity are too numerous to mention in this newsletter. Those who are interested can refer to his obituary in *The Intelligencer*. He was an inspiration to all who met him, and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

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## Hall of Fame Nomination Form

The next Hall of Fame is planned for fall 2017.

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

to the Abington High School Hall of Fame in the category of \_\_\_\_\_  
 (categories are Arts, Athletics, Business, Education, Government, Science and Service. Posthumous nominations should be referred directly to the Abington Senior High School Alumni Association.)

Reason for nomination (attach extra sheets if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s phone number (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s e-mail address (if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your phone number and e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form by **June 1, 2016**, to William Penderghest, Chairman, Hall of Fame Committee,  
 Abington Senior High School, 900 Highland Ave., Abington, Pa. 19001.  
 williampenderghest@abington.k12.pa.us

# Donations 2015

## K-Club

- 3 .....MaryLou Tyson Graule  
4 .....Class of 1965  
5 .....Class of 1960

## 500 Club

- 53 .....Class of 1965  
54 .....Ray Arment '65

## Century Club

- 438 .....Dave Bressler '71  
439 .....Janet Franklin '79  
440 .....Meg Sorber '85  
441 .....Class of 1965

## Maroon and White

- 208 .....Anne Freyhof Garrett '80  
209 .....Paul J. Haye '73  
210 .....Al Brodhag '48  
211 .....Phillip Michael Denelsbeck

## Boosters

- \$25 .....Alexandria Yoder Miller '63  
\$20 .....Nancy Ogle Macur '63  
\$25 .....Margery Armstrong Reith '65

## Specified Donations

- \$50 .....Overlook Hills Womens Club  
of Abington  
\$1,224 ..Fifty Plus Luncheon  
\$430 .....Class of 1960

## Memorials

- \$25 .....For Elizabeth Thomas Mumbauer '57 by Raymond L. Mumbauer  
\$50 .....For Paul Abbott '68 by Don Pearce '68  
\$50 .....For George S. Gessner, Abington science teacher, by Richard Gessner '46  
\$100 .....For Ken Ladley '69 by his brother, Jack Ladley '66  
\$50 .....For Albert G. McClay '49 by his brother, John McClay '58  
\$25 .....For Sandra Hickman Cervillo '63 by her sister Diane Hickman Weiss '61  
\$25 .....For Sharon A. Hickman Blackburn '65 by her sister, Diane Hickman Weiss '61  
\$25 .....For Norman Kelly '38 by Martha McMonigle Crilly '59  
\$100 .....For Myrtle A. Baumann '47 by Myrtle Hulton Ryan '47  
\$50 .....For Jane Scott Wacker '42 by Albert R. Wacker '42  
\$25 .....For Craig A. Leatherman '52 by his sister, Barbara Leatherman Smith '47  
\$25 .....For Florence Gates Root '46 and Bob Root '46 by Betty Gates Riess '49  
\$50 .....For Jean Day Bickley '44 by Janet McMahon Norcross '44

- \$75 .....For Norman Kelly '38 by A. Stephen Telkins, Jr. '58  
\$50 .....For Daniel Joseph Kennedy '46 by Margaret Kelly Kennedy '42  
\$150 .....For Mary Glading '50, Joy Hinchcliff '50, Marilyn Regan '50, Nancy Stetson '50, and Harriet Whitesell '50 by their classmates, Ruth Keller De-twiler, Mary Anne Wilson Kratz, Jean Thompson Pritchard, Joan Besore Riday, Betty Mullen Ringenwald, Bobby Lamont Schreiner, and Jane Toler Walker  
\$105 .....For Herb Smith from the Class of 1955  
\$25 .....For Albert G. McClay '49 by his sister, Virginia McClay Cunningham '51, and Wayne Cunningham '50  
\$25 .....For Bertha Ambler Cunningham '26 by her son, Wayne Cunningham '50, and Virginia Cunningham '51  
\$25 .....For Samuel Cunningham '26 by his son, Wayne Cunningham '50, and Virginia Cunningham '51  
\$25 .....For Wayne Crawford '77 by Virginia McClay Cunningham '51 and Wayne Cunningham '50

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and air conditioning*  
Hyo Jin Kim  
Jacob E. Matthews  
Michaela Q. Matthews  
William Pfeiffer  
—*Alumni award for  
electrical technology*  
Jack W. Steinman

## Where?

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Daryl lives in Willow Grove and has three daughters—twins who are juniors at Abington High, and another daughter who attends Copper Beech Elementary School.

**John Adams '86** has been the owner of Fritz's Towing for more than 25 years. He provides towing and hauling service for Bucks and Montgomery counties, and also does long-distance towing of classic cars. John's passion is classic cars; he has four. His most prized classic is his 1957 Chevy Bel Air, which he bought in 1988 and nicknamed "57 Heaven." After a 3-year restoration, the car won many car shows in the area. He loves Chevy so much the family dog is named Chevy. John is married with two children. He lives in Furlong and enjoys following his son's high school football career.

**Nancy Inverso Dries '91** is the owner of Nancy J. Dries Travel Agency. She also is active in the Big Sister Organization and recently received recognition for being a Big Sister for the same girl for 9 years. Nancy volunteers for the PSPCA and recently adopted an abused 10-year-old dog. Other interests include skiing, traveling, and her favor-

ite place, Sugarbush, Vt. Nancy is married to Greg Dries '90, attended Penn State, and lives in Gwynedd Valley with her husband and two children.

**Bryan Liberona '98** works as an attorney at Chicago's Family Defense Center, representing parents who have been wrongly implicated for neglect and abuse. A graduate of both the University of Wisconsin and Temple Law, Bryan completed an assignment in New York City with AmeriCorps. He also worked at Philadelphia's Senior Law Center before moving to Chicago, where he now lives with his longtime partner. When Bryan is not working he enjoys traveling as well as participating in distance runs. Bryan most recently completed the Chicago Marathon on behalf of PAWS.

**Kristin Mills Durfee '01** is the author of a young adult novel, *Four Corners*, about the very special life of Levi and his unknown relation to Aura, Queen of Esotera, who is on a quest to save her kingdom. Kristin is working on the sequel to *Four Corners*. She lives with her husband and quirky dog just outside Orlando, Fla., and is a member of the Writer's Association.

**Edvard Orzhikhovsky '11** studied fine art at Montgomery County Community College. He works at Auto Source on State Road in Philadelphia, which is owned by his father. In his free time, Edvard, who lives in Roslyn, enjoys snowboarding and painting, and is studying tattooing.

## Class reunions

**Class of 1967 (50th)**—May 12-14, 2017. Update your contact information, find your classmates, and get reunion details at [www.67abington.com](http://www.67abington.com) or email [support@67abington.com](mailto:support@67abington.com).

**Class of 1972 (45th)**—fall of 2017. Contact Emily Hess at [ASH1972@comcast.net](mailto:ASH1972@comcast.net) and visit the Abington High School Class of 1972 page on Facebook.

**Class of 1976 (40th)**—Trying to lo-

cate classmates. Contact [abington76reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:abington76reunion@yahoo.com), Abington Senior High School Class of 1976 \*Bicentennial\* Abington PA on Facebook, or Anthony Armstead at 267-644-8242 or [armsteada@msn.com](mailto:armsteada@msn.com).

**Class of 1981 (35th)**—Sept. 10 at North Penn VFW. Contact Lisa Yampolsky Provost at [lisaprov126@yahoo.com](mailto:lisaprov126@yahoo.com).

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## Membership and Donation Form

### Membership

- Life, \$25 (one-time donation)
- Maroon & White, \$50
- Century Club, \$100
- 500 Club, \$500
- K Club, \$1,000

### Donations (any amount)

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

Class year		Present membership	
First name	Maiden if applicable	Surname	
Address—please check here if this is a new address <input type="checkbox"/>			
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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) _____			
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**This will be the only notice for this event.**

■ **Attend the annual Association business meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Alumni Office in the Administration Building on Highland Avenue in Abington.**

■ **Contact your class coordinator now to plan your next reunion!**

■ **Visit the Association's web page for reunions: <http://www.abingtonalumni.com>, email [alumni@abington.k12.pa.us](mailto:alumni@abington.k12.pa.us), or phone 215-572-8899.**

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