



Spring 2023

Abington Ghost Stories

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Abington School District hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, August 26, 2022, to commemorate the grand re-opening of the additions and renovations to Abington Senior High School and the Stephen A. Schwarzman Center for Science and Technology.

The event marked the culmination of the additions and renovations project that began with a groundbreaking ceremony in November of 2018 at the same location where the ribbon-cutting was held — in what is now the outdoor classroom at the entrance of the Stephen A. Schwarzman Center for Science and Technology. Alumnus Stephen A. Schwarzman, a graduate of the Class of 1965, generously donated \$25 million to the project in an effort to help inspire a new generation of future-ready learners.

The new science and technology center includes science, art and general classroom space, and was designed to accommodate the addition of 9th grade students into the building as part of a districtwide grade span reconfiguration set to be implemented in September. Previously, Abington Senior High School only housed grades 10-12. Other additions throughout the school building meant to create space for the additional grade level included the construction of an auxiliary gymnasium, career center and a new cafeteria. More than 93 percent of the existing 1956 facility has also been renovated, as this project was the first major renovation the building had undergone in nearly two decades.

The reconfiguration of the grade spans has also helped pave the way for new, innovative programming at Abington Senior High School, including a college and career Pathways Program, focused on the skills needed to compete in the evolving workforce and prepare students for the nation's fastest-growing industries and jobs of the future. It provides high school students more flexibility to choose classes across a range of subjects and specialties, providing greater exposure to a variety of industries and career fields earlier in life.

President's Message

Many readers have mentioned that they enjoy being updated on the events at Abington Senior High School and the Abington School District. As was mentioned in the front-page article describing the "NEW" Abington Senior High School was reprinted with permission from the Abington School District website. You are reminded that current news can be retrieved from the Abington School District website at <https://www.abington.k12.pa.us>; the Abington Senior High School website at <https://www.abington.k12.pa.us/shs>; or the Alumni Association website at abingtonalumni.com.

The list of available Yearbooks has been updated recently so if you need a yearbook call the Association office at 215-572-8899 and leave a message indicating your need and contact information. There will be a \$5.00 charge for each yearbook.

We need to recognize the retirement of two long-term members of the Association Board, Dr. Wayne Cunningham '50 and his wife Virginia McClay Cunningham '51. This "team" stepped forward year after year. Working on stories for Ghost Stories and the everyday tasks of the Association. They remain active in their community while Wayne finds time and energy to help coach high school girls' softball. Wayne was inducted into the Abington High School Hall of Fame in 2013. A big Thank You goes out to these two faithful Abingtonians.

The Abington Senior High School's Hall of Fame Induction Reception and Dinner was held on April 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Think Tank located on the 1st floor of the Abington Senior High School Schwarzman Center. Hall of Fame including the nomination form will be available on both the Senior High School and School District websites. Looking forward to seeing you at the 50+ Luncheon!



John Worthington '60

Where are they now?

John Triplett '47, has been elected to the Pennsylvania High School Track and Field Hall of Fame. John was an outstanding sprinter, whose accomplishments include: Three-time PIAA (Class A) 100-yard dash champion (1945-47). The first-ever winner of three PIAA 100-yard titles. PIAA (Class A) 200-yard dash bronze medalist (1946). PIAA (Class A) 200-yard dash champion (1947). PIAA (Class A) Leading Point Scorer (1947). The induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 27, 2023, during the PIAA Track & Field Championship Meet at Shippensburg University. The Hall of Fame was established in 1995 to honor the elite individuals in Pennsylvania track and field history. A selection committee consisting of thirty coaches, officials, and journalists collects and reviews information about individuals who have been nominated.

James Lynch '60 after graduating from Abington Jim attended Penn State graduating in 1964 with a B.A. degree in Arts and Letters and started working for Philadelphia Builders. Rather than being drafted Jim joined the United States Air Force and after two years of pilot training was sent to South East Asia in 1973 where he flew over 100 sorties in F4 fighter jets. On Sundays he played the organ in the base Chapel for the tree Catholic Masses. During his Air Force career he was stationed in Vietnam, Germany, Spain, Italy, Turkey, England and Greece. During this time he earned a Master's Degree in Psychotherapy. Returning to civilian life he went back to work at Philadelphia Builders where he served as the CEO. His next adventure led him to Temple University where he earned a Master's Degree and certification in Education and Spanish and started teaching Spanish at Northeast High School in Philadelphia. Because of his background in the Air Force he was asked to teach in the schools Aerospace program and became certified through Farmington State University. After retiring from teaching at Northeast High School he continued to teach Spanish at Temple University. He has retired from all his teaching responsibilities and currently works part time at the North Penn YMCA as a receptionist greeting people in numerous languages. Jim is married with two daughters and lives in Lower Gwynedd, PA.

Walt Milne '62 and Linda (Martin) Milne '66 years ago retired from New Hope, PA, and moved to Florida. They then took to the road to discover America and have been in all 50 states, including camping in over 60 of our country's 63 National parks. They have 3 girls and 9 grandchildren. Their home, Nokomis FL.

Vicky Roth Darrow '63 was the wife of **Eddie Darrow '63** who passed away in 2022. Ed was President of the Lake Harmony Fire department and Vicky still supports the organization with back-office duties and fundraising. Vicky and Ed had a son and daughter and 8 grandchildren.

Jim Shaughnessy '65 has recently returned from a fantastic 14-day trip to Morocco in Africa. While there he visited several cities and interesting places such as the High Atlas Mountains, shopping in Marrakesh, Casablanca, and the Mosque of Hassan. The group trip included a camel ride on the edge of the Sahara. You can see a number of pictures if you go on Facebook and search for his name.

Tim Simmons '65 has been a Corvette Club of Delaware Valley member for over 50 years. He has been invited to display his original '68 Corvette Coupe at "America on Wheels" in Allentown PA. The car will arrive in April and stay till October along with all 8 generations. This year marks the 70th edition of the Corvette which debuted in 1953. Museum information can be found at americaonwheels.org

Scott Creighton '68 is retired after a long career in the automotive industry. It all started when he went to work for Shaw's Speed Shop in Glenside where Bruce Shaw is also an Abington Alumnus. He finished his career at R&P Industries remanufacturing Ford engine parts. Scott is married and has a daughter and 2 granddaughters. He also has an extensive collection of AHS memorabilia including many yearbooks. He still lives in the area of Glenside.

John Hines '75 retired from The Proctor and Gamble Co. after 37 years. He started working at the old Richardson Vicks plant. The first day was on the cough drop line. Did 20 years of Customer Service in Cincinnati, OH. He likes Photography, Art, Watching movies, Muscle Cars, and wildlife. He now lives in Albrightsville, PA.

Andrew Starr '86 is the owner of Starr Performance and Consulting in Horsham, PA. If you are a car enthusiast and need expert performance tuning, this may be the place to go. His website is <https://starrperformancetuning.com> He also can be reached at 215-643-4607.

William Ferguson '87 (Fergy) has built a Landscaping business in the last 27 years of over 35 clients. You might see him in his classic red '57 Chevy going to or in a local car show when not working his business. Bill is also a member of the civil war enactment group "28th division of Armored Northern Virginia" which is exciting to watch at times in the Gettysburg area of Pennsylvania.

Jerry Lee Ross '89 is President and Co-Founder of Loveana Logistics, Inc. and was recently selected as Top President of the Year in Transportation by the International Association of Top Professionals (IAOTP) for his outstanding leadership, dedication, and commitment to the transportation industry. Jerry lives in Charlotte, NC.

Erin Synder Kelly '99 (Class President) is in the planning stages of the 100th year anniversary of Highland Elementary School. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023. The committee is collecting information about principals, the name of the school, and any pictures, memorabilia, or memories people may have. There is a Facebook and Instagram to get info for the event.



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Highland Elementary School

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Do you have photos,
videos or Highland
memories you'd love
to share? We want to
hear from you!

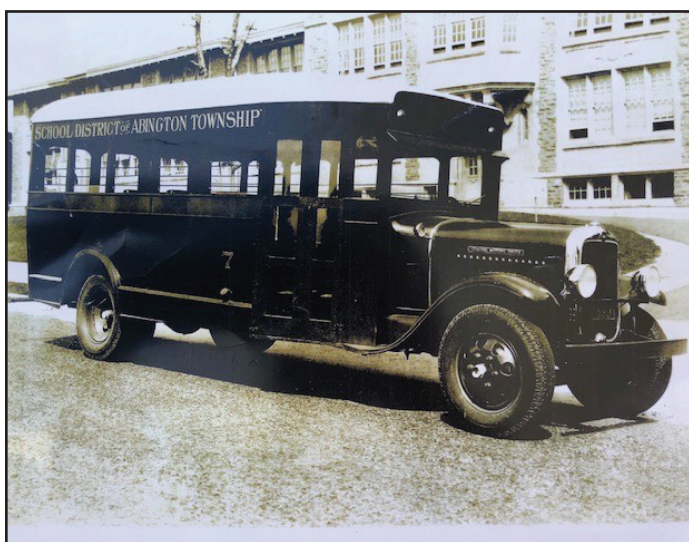


Email us at
highlandalumni2023@gmail.com,
tag us in your photos or share them on
our alumni facebook page!



Tim Simmons, (right) Alumni Treasurer & Finance Chair congratulates Stephan Schwartzman on his latest book, "What It Takes: Lessons in the Pursuit of Excellence" at the ribbon cutting ceremony reception in October of 2022. Both were from the class of '65. Tim suggests this should be a definite read for every alumnus. "You won't be able to put it down"

School Bus Update



In the last issue of Ghost Stories we featured pictures of an early Abington School District school bus and asked our readers to respond with any information they have regarding the bus. We heard back from David Schmitt '69 who recently retired as Sales Director after thirty five years of service to the Prevost Coach Company, a Canadian company headquartered in Calgary, Canada. Prevost produces high quality coaches and motor homes that can be seen on most highways in North America. Dave's detective friends reported that the bus was probably built by Wolfington Buses or a company located in Boyertown, Pa. They sent a picture of a later model Abington School District bus from the 1930's that featured a General Motors chassis with the body supplied by Hackney Body, a company located in North Carolina.

Reunion Class of '74 50th Reunion

Spring Mill Manor House
Ivyland, PA

September 21th, 2024. 6:00 - 10 P.M.

Contact: Barb Sanders Doyle
(215) 510-8769



Flag Carriers needed June 7

Each year on graduation day members of the Alumni Association gather at 4:15 in the school cafeteria to enjoy a lite dinner and prepare to assist the High School Administration to perform the graduation ceremony. Each class is represented by a maroon flag with the year of graduation embossed in white. Alumni holding the flags form two rows on the stadium track thru which the graduates pass on the way to their seats on the field. We want to have every year represented so that's where YOU come in. You don't need to carry it for your year. We will find an open slot close to your year of graduation. After the seniors are seated in the center of the field the pole bears place the flags in the holders to the left or right of the stage. You are welcome to stay and can be seated off to the right of the stage and watch the ceremonies or leave. You can be on your way by 7:15 p.m. Contact Nancy Nesbitt Borkowski '67. Her email address is NancyBorkowski@abington.k12.pa.us or call 215-884-4700 Ext. 2360 She will send you a letter of confirmation. Go Ghosts!

Membership & Memorials 2023

Century \$100

David Eisenberg
Anne Marie Kelly
David A. Thompson
Paul J. Hayne

Donation

Denise Henry
Raymond F. Arment
Raymond F. Arment

Maroon \$50

Nancy L. Ogle Macur
Marietta Jones Tonner

Life \$25

Jane H. Frantz Hender
Richard A. Hender
Carol Y. Ashton Kennedy

Christine Lloyd
Walt Steinbacher
Isabela L. McGillis

Lorraine K. Praeger
Thomas E. Rourke
Robyn Michelle Mancini

John Schuster
Edward Hofmann
Denise Henry

Janet Spence Lowery
Anne Marie Kelly
Joseph G. Rush

Carol Watts Corfield
Lindsay Callantine
Foster D. Capili

Ceily Sands Turner Landman
Ellene Hartling Gardo
Gregory J. Destefano

Michael Klaski
Rhonda Brooks
Jose Orlena

David A Thompson
Bradford G. Storey
Geraldine Meritai Pompili

Pamela E. Sullivan
Crista J. Kieffer
Leon W. Poulson V
Joshua S. Malka

Membership & Memorials Form

Membership

- ☐ Life, \$25 (one-time donation)
☐ Maroon & White, \$50
☐ Century Club, \$100
☐ 500 Club, \$500
☐ K Club, \$1,000
☐ Bronze, \$5,000

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.

Date _____

Class year _____ Present membership _____

First name _____ Maiden if applicable _____ Surname _____

Address—please check here if this is a new address ☐

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone number _____ Email address _____

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.

Memberships also can be purchased online at www.abingtonalumni.com using credit card or Paypal.

Memorials

<u>For</u>	<u>By</u>	<u>Amount</u>
William Yoder '35	Alexandria Yoder Miller '63	\$35.00
Alfred '39 & Sara Lizzio '41	by children Fred '68, Joanne'70 and Janet 74	\$75.00
Marie Garrett '39 100 th Birthday	by Georgina Garrett Duff, '49 sister	\$100.00
Richard Gessner '46	by Susan Gessner, wife	\$100.00
Helen Powell Morgan '49	Georgina Garrett Duff '49	\$25.00
Helen Powell Morgan '49	Dorothy Garrison Synnestvedt '49	\$100.00
Dr. Albert H. Mauthe '51	Jim Kesler '51	\$100.00
Alfred Messina '54	by Biache Davis Ammons '56	\$25.00
William Davis Jr '55	by Biache Davis Ammons '56	\$25.00
Corol Courtney Kirschner '56	by children Richard Jr, Marjorie Zorro and Keith	\$30.00
Corol Courtney Kirschner '56	by Richard '54, husband	\$25.00
Jim Miller '56	by Barbara '56, wife	\$100.00
Joseph Moffa '57	by Evelyn Moffa	\$25.00
Peggy Sargent Shaffert '59	by Judith Northam Oppasser '59	\$50.00
Suzanne Bodine '59	Linda Tewksbury Wrynn '59	\$100.00
Donald Mattson '60	Brenda Shorb, Bud Lenahan, Carol Alberta, Dave Schmauk, Dan Jones, Helen Hutcheson Zartman, Jane Robinson, George W. Kaufmann, Jim Holt, Joan Langley Miller, Joanne Iacampo DeFlavis and John Worthington. All from the class of 1960.	\$475.00
Mac Wheatley '60	by Cathy Weatley	\$100.00
In Memory of Deceased '60 Classmates	by The class of 1960	\$800
Robert Weiss '61	by Diane Hickman Weiss	\$50.00
Linda Lonsinger '63	by Leslie Search '63	\$25.00
Jeanne Lucente Morris '63	by Leslie Search '63	\$25.00
Dolly Lucente Kuy Kendal '63	by Leslie Search '63	\$25.00
Dee Williams '63	by Leslie Search '63	\$25.00
Carolyn Mc Dermott '63	Leslie Search '63	\$50.00
Bobby Bryant '65	by Mary Bryant '68, wife	\$50.00
Betty Jo Hopkins Eames '65	by Barbara Kelly Breeden '65	\$50.00
Mark Stauffer '73	by sisters Brenda Weber '75 and Carol Peter '79	\$200.00
Ray Coleman	Roberta Koerner Butler '73	\$50.00

Class of 2022 Scholarship Winners



Sabrina Chaieb
Arcadia University \$8000



Alayna Cottle
West Chester University \$8000



Victoria Swartz
Penn State University \$8000

ANNUAL 50+ CLUB LUNCHEON

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

SANDY RUN COUNTRY CLUB
200 E. Valley Green Road Oreland, PA 19075
Social Hour and Cash Bar – 11:30 a.m. • Luncheon – 12:30 p.m.

YOUR HOST THIS YEAR – CLASS OF 1968

For general information please contact:
Patti Hartman ('87) 302-632-7978 pattihartman@comcast.net or
Joan Z. Mosler ('54) 267-575-0647 jzimmie@aol.com.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION AS YOUR ONLY REMINDER

Cost: \$35.00 per person Please make checks payable to 50 Plus Club

Send with bottom portion of this form ASAP to:

Patti Hartman / 301 Church Rd/ Jenkintown, PA 19046

Check one per person attending

	SELF	GUEST
CHICKEN FRANCAISE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
JUMBO LUMP CRAB CAKE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRILLED TWIN TORNADOES OF BEEF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
VEGETARIAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Class Year _____

First Name _____ Maiden _____ Surname _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Guest/Spouse: Name _____

Class Year _____ (if Abington Alumni)

Total Check Enclosed: \$ _____ Table Preference: Seating with Class of 19 _____

Final Reservation must be in by Friday, September 29, 2023

I cannot attend but want to contribute to the scholarship fund and alumni association.

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING 2022

1936 Lysle Emma Mae Stewart Deceased - 12/02/2022
1936 Scott John Henry Deceased - 5/25/2022
1936 Tillger Ann Hughes Deceased - 2022
1939 Oughton Muriel Goodman Deceased - 5/22/2022
1946 Zimmerman Dorothy Tucker Deceased - 3/8/2022
1947 Freedman Grace Zimmerman Deceased - 10/27/2022
1947 Gasbarra Angelina G. Deceased - 2022
1949 Powell Helen Morgan Deceased - 8/16/2022
1950 Carson John W. Deceased - 6/12/2022
1950 Walker Harold Deceased - 12/04/2022
1951 Mauthe Albert Deceased - 10/29/2022
1952 Ely Thomas O. Deceased - 7/30/2022
1953 Hartshorne Dale Deceased - 4/18/2022
1956 Babb Diane E. Tangye Deceased - 6/02/2022
1957 Auriello Anthony Deceased - 1/8/2022
1957 Strickler Howard Deceased - 11/07/2022
1957 Volkert Larry Deceased - 09/01/2022
1958 Fernandez Robert C. Deceased - 6/14/2022
1959 Anthony Jane Stoler Deceased - 8/22/2022
1959 Yerger Sue Ellen Young Deceased - 4/16/2022
1960 Crabtree Gail Scott Deceased - 7/19/2022
1960 Mattson Donald Deceased - 11/05/2022
1960 Ribner Sharon Schlegel Deceased - 7/16/2022
1960 Sullivan James T Deceased - 11/22/2022
1960 Watkinson Thomas T Deceased - 6/13/2022
1960 Schramm David W. , Deceased - 2/16/2022.
1961 Wert Bryan H. Deceased - 11/09/2022
1962 Brackin Joseph Deceased - 6/19/2022
1962 Dodge Nancy Idell Deceased - 6/22/2022
1962 Moore James W Deceased - 10/30/2022
1963 Darrow Edward Deceased - 2022
1963 Elkins Stephen D. Deceased - 11/19/2022
1963 Gargan Allan Deceased - 3/15/2022
1964 Gottshall John M. Deceased - 11/6/2022
1964 Spence John Deceased - 2/16/2022
1965 Pettinato Vincent Deceased - 1/2022
1965 Ritting Richard Deceased - 12/22/2022
1966 Ingle Edward V Deceased - 11/21/2022
1966 Kelly Thomas J Deceased - 11/21/2022
1966 Schuster Bonnie L Deceased - 11/19/2022
1967 Feldman Alynne Deceased - 10/26/2022
1967 Lounsberry John Deceased - 12/22/2022
1970 Hunter Arlene Freed Deceased - 12/24/2022
1971 Crawford Keith W. Deceased - 1/1/2022
1971 Finn Margaret Vandenbrook Deceased - 7/1/2022
1971 Graham Barbara Kelly Deceased - 2/9/2022
1972 Carter Ashton Deceased - 10/24/2022
1972 Furman Ed Deceased - 3/20/2022
1972 Moritz Charles Deceased - 7/15/2022
1974 Saget Robert Deceased - 01/08/2022
1976 Stokes Marguerite T. Rohrer Deceased - 11/05/2022
1977 Suhadolnik Lorraine Magliaro Deceased - 5/20/2022
1978 Wudowsky Claire L. Deceased - 10/22/2022
1979 Croce Raymond W. Deceased - 5/11/2022
1979 Smith Thomas N. Deceased - 7/22/2022
1989 Williamson Keith Raymo Deceased - 11/01/2022

1991 Rodemich Kelly Gretz Deceased - 2022
2009 Ramsher Michael R. Deceased - 9/14/2022
2010 Regan Kevin J. Deceased - 10/08/2022

ALUMNI WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING 2023

1930 Hansen Anna M. Heger Deceased - 1/11/2023
1946 Stevenson Betty Hogg Deceased - 3/03/2023
1950 Toler Jane Walker Deceased - 01/07/2023
1954 Gillespie Michael John Deceased - 2/14/2023
1955 Campbell Dorothy Lubkay Deceased - 2/19/2023
1956 Jones Stephen C. Deceased - 1/1/2023
1958 Baird Dianne Roberts Deceased - 3/23/2023
1960 Davidson Deborahm Cutler Deceased - 1/23/2023
1960 Olek Stephanie Ellen Buckley Deceased - 3/01/2023
1989 Godfrey Dean Michael Deceased - 1/07/2023
2004 Czerviski Timothy D Deceased - 1/07/2023

Abington Senior High School Hall of Fame Inductees

Robin Amelia Arzón, Class of 1999 in the field of Athletics
Richard A. Blank, Class of 1991 in the field of Business
Kenneth E. Davis, Class of 1962 in the field of Business
John Duda, M.D. Class of 1965 in the field of Science
Zorach “Zory” Glaser, Ph.D., M.P.H., CSPDM Class of 1958 in the field of Science
Gregory Holt, Class of 1964 in the field of Government
Esther ‘Katie’ Katro, Class of 2011 in the field of the Arts
Robert Kesselman, Class of 1975 in the field of the Arts
Marsha Kline Pruett, MSL, Ph.D., ABPP Class of 1978 in the field of Education
Marguerite Herrmann Sexton, Class of 1960 in the field of Service
Mark R. Weaver, Class of 1979 in the field of Government
John A. Worthington, Class of 1960 in the field of Education

The Hall of Fame Committee and the Abington Senior High School Alumni Association are also proud to honor two distinguished alumni posthumously:

Margaret “Peggy” Hamlin Malone, Class of 1960 in the field of Service
Robert E. Bryant, Class of 1965 in the field of Athletics.



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Abington Alumni Ghost Stories goes digital.

Very Important: need your email address!

Since printing costs, and postage for Ghost Stories has increased numerous times in the last 10 years we decided to go digital. We recognized that media is moving toward the digital world, and we will do the same this year. **Ghost Stories will be delivered via email in a PDF format.** Those alumni who do not have an email address on file with us will receive a hard copy via USPS. You can send us your email address via the website abingtonalumni.com and create a message to the webmaster, We will then update our records accordingly. The Ghost Stories' current and past editions can be downloaded from the website at any time.

the editor

- Attend the annual Association business meeting at 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 21, 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.pa.us>, or phone (215) 572-8899
- Please consider the Alumni Association in your estate planning.

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