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7th Annual **MARDI GRAS** February 17

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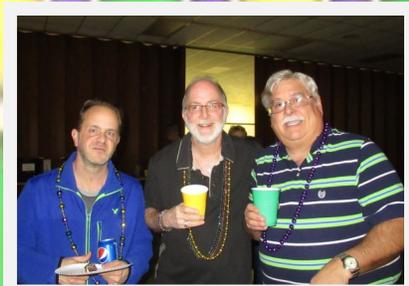
Attention Huskies ! You don't have to travel to New Orleans to celebrate the annual February festivity. The LED Alumni Association is proud to present its biggest event of the winter season, Mardi Gras 2018 - right here on the East Side! This seventh annual alumni dance party, which kicks off another full year of Dieruff activities, will be held on :

Saturday, February 17, from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM at the East Side Youth Center

The Annual Mardi Gras Party, which began in 2012 as the very first event sponsored by our newly-founded alumni association, is a great opportunity to put on your Dieruff Dancing Shoes with former Rockin' Robins disc jockey, DJ Dave and chase away

the wintertime blues. So, you Happy Huskies, contact your fellow graduates and reserve your class's own table today. Tickets are still only \$15 per person, and can be purchased in the Dieruff Main Office, on-line via: www.dieruff-alumni.org, or from our good friends at Stahley's Restaurant. Although this great price already includes beer, soda, mixers, and snacks, you are welcome to BYOB and munchies. Also, raffle drawings will be held and class photos will be taken. Remember to buy your tickets now as they will cost \$20 per person at the door.

Come celebrate the cold weather as only Huskies can do. See you on February 17th. You won't want to miss it!



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President's Message

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

BY THE NUMBERS

His brow wrinkled a bit...and then he flashed a brief smile. My cardiologist told me that my blood pressure pills were doing the job, and that my numbers looked good. He said my triglyceride count was a bit high, but I could get that corrected if I lost 5 or 10 pounds. It's all about the numbers.

In this edition of our monthly Newsletter, you will see lots of numbers. My diagnosis of those numbers would indicate that our Alumni Association, now beginning its seventh year, is enjoying exceptional health.

How do we love Dieruff High School? Let me count the ways.

There are a bunch of fifties! This year, Mr. Roy Arlotto marks his 50th year as the official Dieruff basketball record keeper. Our Alumni Association presented him with a framed photo collage, recognizing him for his endurance and passion for Dieruff hoops. In honor of their 50th reunion, the Class of 1967 made a special gift to the high school. The Class of 1986 is planning a special 50th birthday party, with the majority of their classmates hitting that half-century mark this year. And the Class of 1968 has launched a year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of their Senior Year.

And then there are the sevens! Our 7th Annual Mardi Gras Party is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th. This event is a perfect anecdote for the Winter Blues, and is a great opportunity for classmates to get together for a mini-reunion. Another significant seven is the record-breaking performance by Husky basketball sensation Honor Huff, who drilled 7 three-point baskets in a single game.

Swimmers can delight in the number 6! That's how many Dieruff Swim Records were smashed by Husky Senior Phillip Rishel.

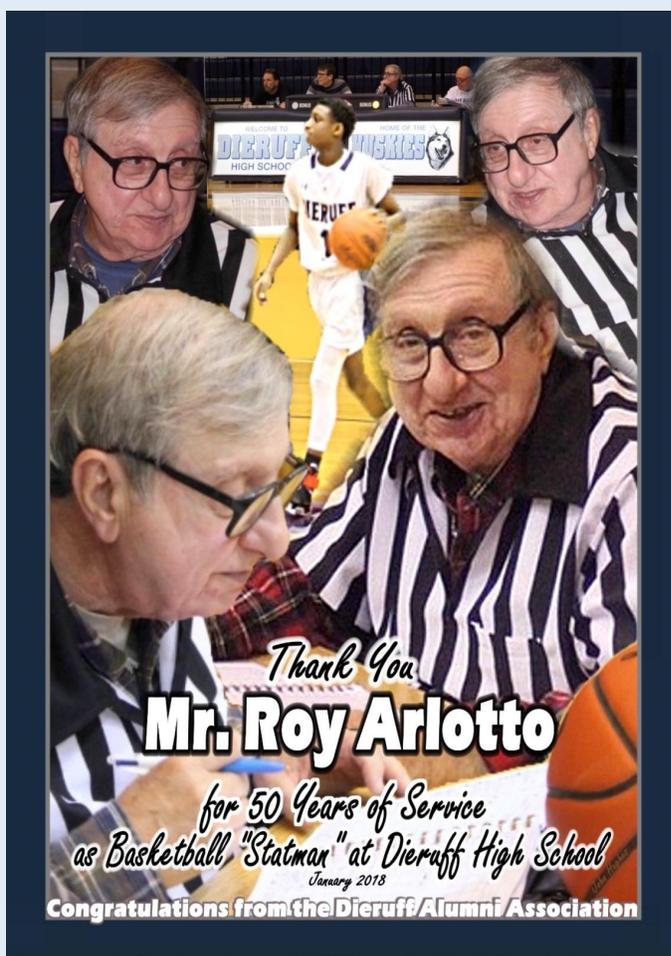
Two's also have significance for Dieruff fans. In Kiska's Korner, you can read about the pair of pups who have

joined our kennel. And in April, the Dieruff Theatre Department will be presenting "Side Show", a musical about a pair of conjoined twins who performed in vaudeville.

Numbers only tell a part of the story. We invite you all to get involved with our Alumni Association so you can appreciate the big picture. Make sure you are registered on our website (www.Dieruff-Alumni.org), read our monthly Newsletters, and stay in touch through our Facebook page. Share in the joy that we refer to as "Husky Pride". I can guarantee you will have zero regrets.

With sincere Husky regards,

John



Alumni Profile: Linda & Jerry Latchic '74

David Ziegenfuss '86



Happy
Valentines
Day

They follow each other alphabetically in their yearbook; their photos are side by side, yet their lives together didn't fit until they were about to leave Dieruff High School.

As an annual tradition in this Valentines issue of "Alumni Profiles" we choose as our couple Linda and Jerry Latchic, Class of 1974.

Jerry is all about Allentown. Born and raised on Wahneta Street, worked, living and retired all within the City limits of our hometown. Linda Loubach was born across the pond in England, where her father was stationed at an Air Force base near Swindon in Wiltshire. When her family moved home to Allentown, they would eventually settle on Hanover Avenue (Linda even worked nearby at Cookies Drug Store).

JERRY: I think we were in kindergarten together, but I didn't know who she was. But by the time we got to junior high, we had a class together and finally met. That was in the 8th grade.

LINDA: We didn't date, or even hang out together. We did know who each other was, though. We went out on our first date when we were juniors at Dieruff.

JERRY: We were at a dance and a buddy of mine was dating a friend of Linda's, so we decided to go out on a double date the following Saturday. We decided to see *Butterflies Are Free*, starring Goldie Hawn. That day Linda had laryngitis real bad. So we go to the movie and in the plot the male lead (played by Edward Albert) is blind. So a funny thing was happening on our first date...she couldn't

talk, I can't hear (Jerry is hearing impaired) and the guy on the screen can't see!

But the budding romance didn't take hold immediately, because to Jerry, school was his first priority.

JERRY: I'm analytical. I enjoy numbers. My favorite subject was algebra. I also really liked physics, especially the teacher Mr. (James) Roark. Funny, I almost flunked typing. I learned enough to get by, but boy was I glad that I took that class, because I couldn't do my job at PPL for all those years if I didn't know how to type.

For Linda, she looked into the healthcare field as a potential career.

LINDA: I was a candy striper in the 9th grade at Cedarbrook and later on at Allentown Hospital. I was even in the Health Career Club, but eventually I decided against a nursing career. My grades weren't the best and I didn't think I would enjoy nursing after I worked as a candy striper in the hospital. But I still wanted to stay in the medical field. I loved biology at Dieruff – we used to call it "Mr. Musto's Mystery Hour". In fact, the biology book we were using was the same one the Allentown School of Nursing was using. After Dieruff I joined the Army, but I was there for only for 27 days due to a knee injury which forced me into an honorable discharge. I then went to Allentown Business School for a receptionist course and got my first job in health care in 1977.

Finally toward the end of their senior year at Dieruff, Jerry and Linda started dating.

JERRY: We got together near the end of school and I asked her to come out to one of my basketball games and then we started going out. Is that right?

LINDA: That's how I remember it.

Jerry went to Allentown College (presently St. Francis DeSales) eventually earning a degree in mathematics.

JERRY: I was basically concentrating for my future life. Getting married in college was out of the question.

But during his senior year of college, Jerry realized that Linda was the one for him and wanted to make it official, but financially he wasn't ready for it.

LINDA: Jerry's mom asked me what I thought about pre-engagements, and I thought ugh, I didn't like them. I mean, when you're in high school, you go out for a few months, get pre-engaged and two weeks later, you break up. But we weren't in high school anymore. We were adults and Jerry bought me a ring that he could afford and presented it this way, "This is a preview of things to come". I got it right away. A year later at Christmas time, Jerry proposed to me in the Rose Garden, a place that has always been very special to me.

On October 13, 1979, Linda and Jerry married and nearly 40 years later are still married and still happy, and now both happily retired.

Jerry has found a new passion helping out in food banks and soup kitchens in the Lehigh Valley.

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Kiska's Korner

Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

February is usually such a blah month - grey skies, snow and endless ice. Know some huskies thrive on this, but not me. So was ready for a restful month of sleeping on warm comforters. But have exciting news: of course, it is all about dogs. But should not the world revolve around us dogs?

Mom called Miss Linda, the cheerleading coach and got the thrilling news. We have two additions to the Husky Family. There are two sisters, black and white, blue-eyed beauties, who will be around to help me - Elsa and Misska. I am an Auntie!!!! Maybe even a godmother. The Husky Nation will be thrilled with these two adorable pups. Nothing cuter than a husky puppy. Can you imagine the Dieruff-Allen game? They have their bird and we will have three huskies, beauties at that, on the field. And if Misha feels up to it, maybe four huskies. So WELCOME little girls. You will love the kids. I will teach you all about mascotting. (think I just made a word.)

Then the house smells wonderful. Mom has been baking homemade dog biscuits. Want to sell them at school and at the Mardi Gras. We want to give the proceeds to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Sadly, for all of Mom's baking skills, I really do not like her pumpkin/peanut butter biscuits. Aunt Dana makes me the best cheese biscuits. Light, flakey, delicate. Yum. I get four containers full every Christmas. Unfortunately, they are expensive to make and we are in this to make money for scholarships. Even been battling around the idea of a Husky Kissing Booth. And with the pups, I will have help. Nothing sweeter than puppy breath.

Attended the Winter Sports Pep Rally. Had a great time. Stayed and worked the crowd for quite

awhile. Then Mom and Aunt Cindy spotted the dreaded balloons. We knew it was time to leave. Loud noises really scare me. But got to see and greet a lot of people. Gave Mrs. Bocian a big kiss at center court. Then they did this neat marshmallow contest. THEY WERE ALL OVER THE FLOOR. Better than gum. Mom took me out and I helped clean up by gobbling three of them. They were really good. The choir is really getting big. They sounded great. So great that I did not even sing along this time. Sometimes I am a little shy.

Was not shy at all when I welcomed my new neighbors. Went right over to the fence and sniffed. Last year, Dozer was my buddy. He and his Mom moved. Now new friends, two very friendly pit bulls. Both are rescues and their Mom is a dog person. She and Mom really hit it off. Bubba has taken a fancy to me. He is handsome at a hundred pounds. All muscle, too. His housemate is shy. Sadly, she had been attacked by other dogs. But in time, I know we will be friends.

Turned out to be an eventful month. Please check your emails and this newsletter for all the events happening at Husky High. Planning on attending some myself, if it does not snow.

Love,

Kiska V Diva Dog and now The Godmother



LINDA and JERRY (Continued From Page 3)

JERRY: I like to remain active, no matter what it is. Since I retired I started helping out at the Whitehall Food Bank, because we want to stay involved in Christian activities and I wanted to broaden my horizons a little bit. And there's always something around the house that needs to be done - cleaning and yard work. In fact, before Linda retired, I did all the laundry - including the ironing!

And Linda has been an extremely active member in the Dieruff Alumni Association.

LINDA: We take it one day at a time, we plan our trips and watch our nieces and nephews grow and their kids are like our grandkids. But now, I'm a domestic goddess!

Does your Class have the “Reunion Blues”? We’re here to help!

Kay Kurtz-Vogel '74



The Dieruff Alumni Association can help make your class reunion memorable, or help newer classes get one started. Since 2012, we've been working with individual classes in the following ways:

1. **Reunion Surveys** - We've contracted with Survey Monkey to send out reunion questionnaires regarding ticket pricing, type of meal, music, location, etc. Information is compiled to help reunion planners in their decision making process.
2. **Share our alumni database** - to help you create address labels for “save the date” postcards and invitation mailings.
3. **Create a Reunion Link specific to your event** - reflects tickets prices, promote additional events related to your reunion weekend (tour of school, next day breakfast, etc.)
4. **Designate a Class representative to serve as administrator of your class information on our all-year alumni website** – no need to have multiple databases. Our software provider (Class Creator.com) backs up our information every night. Over 19,000 schools and millions of alumni information is handled by our provider.
5. **Ability to accept online registration and credit/debit card payments** – no need to establish an organizational account at a financial institution that only has activity every 5 years.
6. **Ability to purchase DHS alumni lanyards/badge holders**- for name tags.
7. **Assistance the night of your event at your registration table** - frees you up to mingle with your classmates! If you partner with us, our gift to you is an "In Memory" book listing deceased classmates and their obituaries. Click on the “contact us” page and send me a message – let’s get your party started!

Class Of 1967 Presents Gifts To Alma Mater

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

Paulette Diefenderfer Kish expressed it beautifully during her presentation, "once a Husky, always a Husky". Even the final lyrics of our beloved Alma Mater capture the spirit of that sentiment. *"To you we ever will belong; we salute you Blue and Gray."*

With deep reverence, Paulette and other members of the Class of '67 presented a most appropriate gift to the high school in honor of their 50th Class Reunion. During the Winter Pep Rally on February 5th, they delivered two large durable placards bearing the words of the Dieruff Alma Mater.

One placard will be displayed in the Peter Carpenter Auditorium, and the second one will hang in the Richard Schmidt Gymnasium, positioned over the gym floor dedicated to and bearing the name of Linda Rupp Cruttenden. A proud member of the Class of '67, Linda humbly smiled during the presentation.

What a beautiful moment! What a magnificent gift!





The Dieruff High School Key Club & The Dieruff Alumni Association

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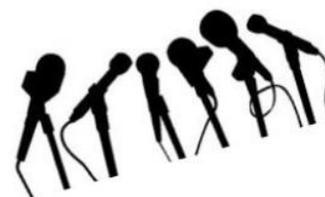
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Husky Swim Records Shattered

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

The record board that hangs high on the east wall of the Dennis McGinley Natatorium has been dramatically updated. Some names and times have remained unchanged for decades, with familiar names like Hollister, Long, and Seip still intact.

But now, one new name grabs your attention, appearing multiple times on that display. In fact, the name "Rishel" is repeated six times, four for individual and two for team relay records.

Dieruff Senior Phillip Rishel now holds a half-dozen school records in swimming. On Saturday, February 11, 2018, the high school hosted its final home meet of the season, and celebrated "Senior Day". Family members and friends escorted the senior swimmers to greet the coaches and the school principal, Mrs. Susan Bocian.

Our Alumni Association was represented at this special event, and proudly presented Phillip Rishel a framed photo collage in honor of his remarkable achievements. His parents (appearing in the adjacent photo) expressed a particularly powerful appreciation for this recognition.

We sincerely salute this swimming "Phenom" and his family, and wish him continued success.



Huskies Honor, Honor For His Seven

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

Swish! Nothing but net! Another three-pointer by sophomore Honor Huff.

I doubt if anyone in the Dick Schmidt Gym at Dieruff High School realized the significance of that shot. We just knew that Honor was truly "on fire". He was setting the pace in the run-away game on January 20th against Helen Thackston Charter School from York, PA.

Perhaps the rest of us didn't know, but Dieruff's longtime scorekeeper, Mr. Roy Arlotto, was keenly aware. The man doesn't miss a statistic. He was just waiting for the moment. As soon as the sphere dropped through the net, Roy recognized that Honor had just set a new Husky record for three-pointers in a single game.

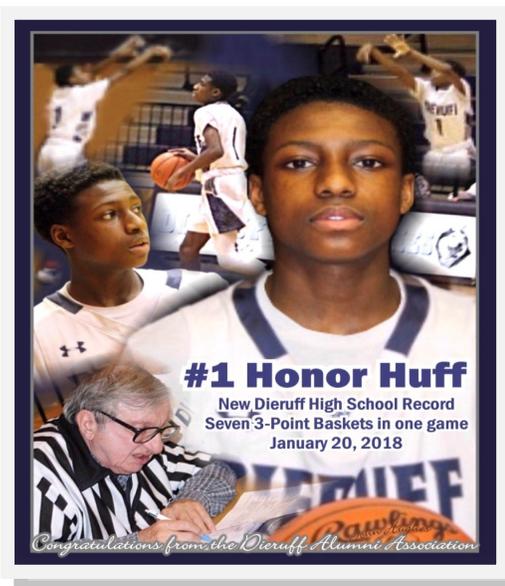
Roy alerted Coach Joe Jarjous, a timeout was called, and Dieruff public address announcer, John Molotzak, grabbed his microphone. "Ladies and Gentlemen", he broadcast. "You have just witnessed history in the making. That three-point shot by Honor Huff was his seventh of the game, breaking Dieruff's all-time record."

Honor's teammates swarmed him with warm embraces and congratulations.

Prior to the start of the next home game on January 30th, the Alumni Association presented Honor with a framed collage of photos taken during that stellar performance.

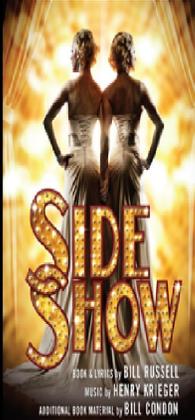
The term "Lucky Seven" does not apply to Honor Huff's accomplishment. No luck involved at all. It takes pure skill and determination... and lots of practice. In fact, in a recent discussion with Honor's parents, I learned that Honor and his dad typically go to the gym and practice on a daily basis. That dedication obviously produces results.

We are so very proud to honor, Honor and his family.



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Alumni Association Fund Raiser at MOD PIZZA

Dana Ziegenfuss, Editor

DHS Alumni – who can resist pizza? Especially when it benefits the Alumni Association??

On Tuesday, February 20, 2018 between the hours of 10:30 AM to 9:00 PM, MOD Pizza will be hosting a fundraiser for the Dieruff High School Alumni Association where 20% of every purchase will go directly to the Alumni Association.

For those of you who are not familiar with MOD Pizza, the restaurant is located on Airport Road in Allentown. Founded in 2008, what makes MOD Pizza unique is their corporate philosophy as part of their purpose-driven mission to give back to the communities in which they are located, working with primarily with groups that serve youth and families. Their efforts are focused at the local

level and they strive to be a platform for positive social impact.

The concept is simple: creating your own pizza with choices of 8 sauces, 8 cheeses, 9 meats, 24 veggies & herbs and 6 different “finishing” sauces – what’s not to like?? Pizzas come in 6 inch (\$4.87), 11 inch (\$7.87) or double 11 inch (\$10.87) sizes, and for those who prefer salads, you can either create your own or choose from their classic selections. You pay one price and no extra charge for all of your toppings!

MOD pizza also offers a gluten free crust and dairy free cheeses for those with dietary concerns.

Let’s join with MOD Pizza on Tuesday, February 20th to create some pizza & have some fun! On February 20th, just mention that you are supporting the DHS Alumni Association and MOD Pizza will be sure to allocate 20% of your purchase to the DHS Alumni Association. Hope to see you there!

(PLEASE BRING THE ABOVE FLYER WITH YOU)

UPCOMING EVENTS

To get your event listed, please email event before the 24th of each month to: dhsalumninews@ptd.net

- February 17:** 7th Annual Dieruff Alumni Association Mardi Gras Party
East Side Youth Center (SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS)
- February 20:** PIZZA FUND RAISER 10:30AM-9:00PM
MOD Pizza (SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS)
- February 24:** Key Club Husky A Capella Festival 7:00PM
Peter Carpenter Auditorium (SEE PG 7 FOR DETAILS)
- March 7:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- April 26, 27, 28:** Dieruff Theatre Company "Side Show"
Peter Carpenter Auditorium (SEE PG 9 FOR DETAILS)
Visit www.ticketor.com/dierufftheatre/ for tickets
- May 19:** Class of '86 Turns 50
Coplay Saengerbund (SEE RIGHT FOR DETAILS)
- July 28:** 6th Annual Fandangle 2PM-6PM
East Side Youth Center (DETAILS TO FOLLOW)

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Class of 1986

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