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From the President's desk ...

Hello to all of our alumni and friends. I hope you had a great year! This newsletter finds our membership growing even in this economy. That just goes to show how great Bensalem alumni are!

To begin the newsletter, I would first like to thank Patricia Ferguson-Marks '72 for being the treasurer for the past four years. She did a great job of keeping us in order and on course. Pat will still be on our committee, so we can count on her to keep helping out. Our new treasurer will be Wayne Lewis '62. Wayne has been on our committee for a number of years, and he always has good input. He is also an elected official of the Bensalem School Board. Wayne has been a good friend to Bensalem Township for a long time.

Thanks to all of our members who paid their dues! Ten dollars is a small amount, but it goes a long way for the students who receive scholarships. This year when you pay your dues, you will receive a Bensalem Alumni Association, Inc. window cling with the owl logo — just a little thank you for helping out! We are an organization that counts on each person to contribute so that we can help our fellow grads. It was just a few years ago (or it seems like a few!) that we all were in the same spot as the current class of graduates.

We're getting ready for another reunion fundraiser on Saturday, May 12, 2012. We learned a lot from the last reunion and want to improve on it. Tickets will be on a first-come-first-served basis and are limited to 350 people. You can contact Margie Anderson-Knowles '81 at 215-208-7903 or MargieKnowles@aol.com. See page 5 for more.

One of the purposes of the Bensalem Alumni Association is to help out with each class reunion. We know that running a reunion can be a lot of work, so we help by providing a mailing list for that year, passing on some tips that we have learned, and offering lots of encouragement. We also try to send a representative from our committee to hand out materials and sell alumni merchandise. This year, we were fortunate to receive two great donations from the class of '61 and the class of '80, \$610 and \$520, respectively. The money will go straight to our scholarship fund, just like all dues

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New Physical Education Center Dedicated

by Val Ridge '84, BHS Athletic Director

It is my great pleasure to announce the dedication and ribbon cutting of the new Bensalem Physical Education Center at Bensalem High School. We are inviting all to attend this spectacular event. The ceremony is scheduled on Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 12:00 noon in the new facility.

The Bensalem Alumni have long anticipated this opening of the new field house facility. I know you will be as excited as I am when you see it for the first time.

Following the opening ceremony, we will have three Alumni Basketball games. In order to be eligible to participate in the games, we will ask that you have previously played for one Varsity season and received a Varsity letter. The games will be organized by alumni females, seasoned males, and recent graduates.

For additional information, please visit the Bensalem Alumni website (<http://www.bensalemowls.org/>) or the Bensalem Township School District website Bensalem Alumni Basketball Game.

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REUNION NEWS



Complete reunion details – including venues, pricing & contact information – are available at www.BensalemOwls.org. Click on “Reunion Tab” (or “Reunion Archive” to see what you missed).

Scholarship Donations

Our Scholarship Fund continues to grow thanks to the generosity of alumni reunions. Our recent contributions include \$500 ('80) and \$610 ('61).

Thank you!

Class of 1961 Reunion

On October 8, 2011, the Class of 1961 held their 50th Year Class Reunion at Middletown Country Club. Ironically, we had 61 classmates and 31 spouses or significant others in attendance. There were 33 classmates from 17 states other than Pennsylvania and one classmate from Australia. We had two teachers join us — Mr. Robert Shaup and Mr. Don Thullen — who have participated in all our gatherings through the past five years.

Over our 50 years we have 33 deceased classmates. Since our reunion we have lost a classmate that was in attendance, Bob Grau. Bob fought a long battle with cancer and told his wife, Eileen, that he had to come to the reunion. He only survived a month after the reunion. He will be surely missed by us.

We also have four luncheons periodically during each year just to keep in touch. Approx.

30 people attend the luncheons. If you might be interested in joining our group for the next luncheon, probably in April 2012, please send me an email (memombaa@aol.com) You do not have to be a classmate of 1961.

~ Barbara Smith Anderson

Bensalem Alumni Assoc. members Donna Fleming (l) and Margie Anderson Knowles attend the reunion for the Class of 1961.



Class of 1976 Reunion



The Class of '76 held its 35th Reunion at the Trevoze Fire Company, Twining Hall, on October 7, 2011. Everyone enjoyed an evening of dining and dancing, along with a video presentation of memories by classmate Bud Earley. You can view photos from past reunions on the Facebook page, “Reunions and Memories for friends of the Class of '76 from Bensalem High.”

Class of 1970 Reunion



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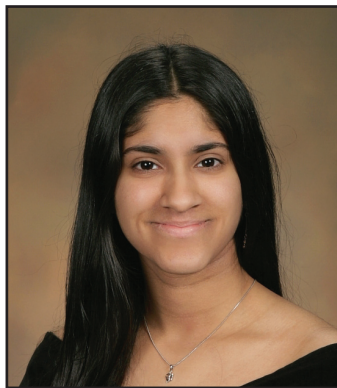
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2011 BAA Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the 2011 Bensalem Alumni Association Scholarship winners! It is through the generous support of our alumni that we are able to continue this tradition every year, and the BAA is proud to offer scholarships to deserving BHS graduates to help them continue their education.



Addie Jackson
Samuel K. Faust



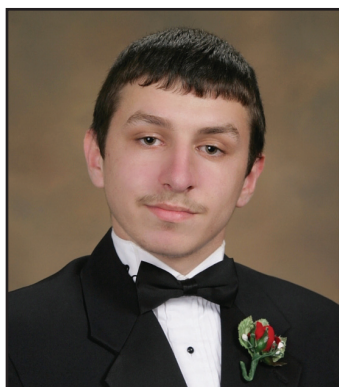
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New Scholarship Fundraiser... it's ELECTRIC!

We, at the Bensalem Alumni Association are partnering with **Ignite**, the marketing arm for one of the fastest growing energy providers in the United States. This partnership provides a way for our members, associates, families and friends to support our cause in an unconventional way.



It's called... the Power Up Fundraiser

*Through the **Power Up Fundraiser** we can get paid a monthly commission from Ignite AT NO COST TO YOU.*

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IN MEMORY

Thomas J. Adams '37
Antoinette (Elsesser) Babezki '48
Herman J. Bimbrauer '66 P
Christopher H. Black '79
George Blackburn '59
William S. (Bill) Bowne '80
Richard W. Boyes '68
Jessica (Foster) Brandis '98
Nicholaus L. Braun '73
James D. Bristow '54 P
Bryan E. Brock '85
Margaret Brown '37
Anne (Golden) Bulifant '81
Catherine (Ferguson) Camarata '45 P
Joy Lynn Harer Camburn '87
Helen H. Cassile '34
John M. Chapman '38
Paul J. Christian '66
May (Deans-Crossan) Ciervo '44
Ruth E. (Betty) (Schoenmaker) Coe '40
John T. (Jack) Coyne '45
Paul E. Crawford '80
Gertrude (Thomas) Culp '30
Lawrence W. Culp '56
James Cunningham '37
Stephen W. Dallas '48
Hugh M. Deans '44 P
Virginia A. (Stiegelman) Deans '44
Richard J. Dechant '62
Gary S. Deskiewicz '70
Karen A. (Brennan) Drew '74
Stephen Dydak '72
William Ebert '82
Kareem Floyd '95 P



William Farrell Smith '81



William C. Adams '43



Thomas P. Mudie '30



Philip Migueliz '37



Thomas J. Daley '82

Walter G. Fortnum '37
David Gall '77
Russell T. Ganges '07
Robert A. Graham '74
Lynne S. (Harvey) Grandstaff '64
Linda (Condran) Hamburg '72
Harry Heller '37
Ronald P. Hillyer '56
Dominick P. Hoover '94
Robert Houser '61
Allene S. (Crump) Huge '61
Russell W. Hunsberger '60
Arnold R. Jensen '53
William Junghanns '37
William S. Kaisinger '72
John L. Kilian '43 P
Chester Kowalski '85 P
Laurel (Smith) La Placa '41
William (Bill) Lamb '42
Charles E. Lambert '76
Jean (Lawson) Langdon '65 P
Ditler L. Lauritsen '71
Justin P. Linder 2009
Shirley A. (Dickerson) Lively '69
Frederick Lloyd '80
Charles J. Maddocks '69 P
Michael McCarron 2007
Ruth (Swan) McLay '37
Marian (Ridge) McVeigh '48
Beatrice H. (Fries) Meehan '39
Philip Migueliz '37 P
William J. Mooney '39
Lillian A. (Grupp) Mudie '43
Robert New '83



Terry J. Boyton-Hill '72



Stephen G. Triebl '83



Robert J. Barrow '94



Kenneth Shaknitz '77

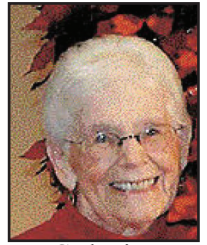


John W. Sharkey '38

Mark J. Oleska '76
Gerald Olewnik '62
Florence A. (Doerr) Picarello '67 P
Sadie (Marino) Pol '45
Ann (Vearling) Quimby '75 P
Michael S. Ray '65
David H. Reed '45
E. May (Early) Rigby '29
Michael Sanford '77
Joe Santilli '72
Phyllis (Lombardo) Shaw '40
Michael Shetz '83
Bruce Smerkowitz '68
Ronald Smerkowitz '68 P
Walter H. Smith '38
Gloria P. (Tettermer) Smith '40
Alice A. (Batchelor) Smith '65
Constance (Johnson) Stackpole '42
Lori (David) Stiles '81
Charles T. Swank '88
Sue Thompson '60
Christopher Trush '77
Paul C. Urban '65
William C. Vansant '47
John A. Wambold '65
John Wilkins '35
Daniel E. Wolaniuk '68
Raymond L. Yurickones '68
Robert G. Grau '61
Steven M. Woulk '03
Larry DelRicci '77
Denise M. Cannon '70
Joan A. Gittings
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Frank Marian Gregory '47
Kevin Stanley Szafranski '06
Joseph A. Connelly '07



Robert E. McGonagle '78



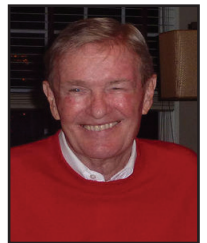
Catherine Camarata '44



Howard "Bud" Ashton '74



Jean Louise Hamilton Grupp '48



Fred King '51



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* Your ad appears in both the Spring and Fall issues. For more information, please contact Ray Guim at president@bensalem alumni.org or by mail: BAA, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020

**The Bensalem Alumni Association
presents an**

All-Year Reunion Scholarship Fundraiser

Saturday, May 12, 2012

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

at

Romitos ~ Maltese Room

2049 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020

\$65 per person by March 1st, 2012

\$75 per person thereafter

For further information contact:

www.bensalemowls.org

or

Margie Anderson Knowles '81

margieknowles@aol.com

at 215-208-7903

TICKETS are LIMITED !! Get yours NOW !!

**Hors d'oeuvres * Buffet * Dessert * Beer * Wine
Soda * Coffee * Tea * DJ * Dancing**

25th Annual Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser

**Wednesday,
June 20, 2012**

Tee off with your alumni friends at the 25th Annual Bensalem Alumni Association Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, at the Bensalem Country Club. This year's event raised more than \$4,000 for scholarships for our graduating seniors.

This year's winners were:

1st place: Lenny Brown,

Jim Grosso, Carl
Hendrix, Matt Foust

2nd place: Steve Seneca, Mike Gramiak,
Tom Clarke, Joe Alpuce

Inside circle Winners: Russ Jones, Jim Gross,
Ted Tono

On the green: Bob Powell, Mat Slakooper,
Rob Deering, Jon Ridge,
Malcum Ridge, Joe Barbieri,
Bill Gretzula, Matt Lewis, Joe
Pannepresso,

Rich Moody won the putting contest in a
playoff with Jim Grosso. Moody donated \$150
back to the association.

Your golf fee includes complimentary coffee and doughnuts served prior to the
shotgun start, as well as golf with cart, on-course Swing Shots and refreshments (soft
drinks, water, beer), a barbeque buffet lunch in the Rose Room (beer, soft drinks and
water included plus a cash bar), and prizes for all golfers.

Lunch is also available for non-golfers for a nominal fee.

If you'd like to volunteer to help during the outing, or for sponsorships and/
or register information, please visit the alumni website (www.BensalemOwls.org)
or contact Ray Guim, BAA President, by phone at 215-245-2106 or by email at
president@bensalemalumni.org.



*Will your name be
on next year's plaque?*

Join The Club!

PLATINUM CLUB

Diane Sills '61

GOLD CLUB

Charles E. Hicks '74
Michael J. Weidmann '74
David Fiori '50
John E. Dahlquist '64
W. David Fleming '59
Virginia (Ginny) Adams Mingle '60
Gordon A. Larson '65
David Dallas '46
Francis J. Cantwell '49
Bonnie Harrison '62
Karen Shasty Lilik '70
Stephen F. Griffiths '71

BLUE CLUB

Nancy Ashton Anderson '70
Jean M. Stuhltrager Lombardo '44
Karen L. Wheat Ferich '77
Glenn R. Sykes '77
William Foster '45
James Gentile '74
Sharon E. Myers Kline '73
Jon S. Ridge '82
Richard Ossowski '62
Jean A. Mudie Jones '41
William A. Klosz '67
George P. Geiges '45
G. Eileen Dunkerley Keener '46
Robert E. Poole '68
Dennis Parrish '70
Anna M. Shastay Sneeringer '71
Robert W. Watson '72
Linda Hinrichs Sauter '75
Cathy L. Rhoads Monroe '76
Roberta L. Kennedy Jester '81
Suzan Van Sant Kelch '70
Lori Amerman-Moxley '81

Alumni Update

Email information and photos to Ray Guim at president@BensalemOwls.org (please include "Alumni Update" in the subject line), or mail pictures to Bensalem Alumni Association, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020. Pictures will be returned when accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

A Lasting Tribute...

Bensalem High School Sports Hall of Fame

Ted Schueller, president of the Bensalem High School Sports Hall of Fame, says the Hall was started in 1967 by Dr. James I. Bardsley Jr. as a lasting tribute to those athletes & coaches that contributed their time, talents, dedications and self-discipline to the athletic programs.

As the newly elected President, Schueller says his committee's focus is to achieve Bardsley's goal. Schueller said after lying dormant for a period of time, there is a renewed interest in the Hall and in showcasing Bensalem's outstanding talent. He said the goals of the committee are: To select new inductees that best represent BHS for their accomplishments during their time at Bensalem.

To be eligible for the hall, Schueller said candidates must:

- Be out of school or coaching for five years;
- Have demonstrated outstanding school citizenships;
- Meet and/or exceed eligibility requirements of PIAA;
- Have demonstrated good academic standards as well as athletic standards and accomplishments;
- Have performed at high levels at league, district, and state levels

Schueller said the Hall will take on a greater visibility in December when the new Bensalem Physical Education Center opens. He said current plaques, trophies, and other Hall of Fame information will be moved into the lobby/trophy area of the new gym.

~ Ted Schueller '75, President

BHS Hall of Fame

Historical Society Needs Photos

Dear BAA –

We're looking for a copy of a 1987 Yearbook to complete our collection. Also, here is a list of old photographs sought by the Society:

- Warner's Candies
- Eddington Firehouse (especially during construction)
- Kate's Bar located at Street Road and Rt. 13 before I-95 was built
- Bensalem post office that burned down when it was located on Rt. 13 in the 1970's (Where East Coat Cycle Shop is now located.)
- Buehl Field, Airport Grille, and Buehl's House or Buehl Himself
- Bensalem-related Train Stations and/or Trolleys
- Sarobia (especially front gatehouse with cats on front gate post)
- Butch's Auction
- Bradley's Bar in Eddington (Street Road & Hulmeville Road)
- Cliff's Hot Dog Stand in Trevoise on Route 1
- Vogel's Hot Dog Stand at Route 1 and Old Lincoln Highway
- Blue Hill Diner on Route 13 across from Holy Ghost Prep
- Beehive Restaurant on Route 13 – "Bring Your Honey!"
- Red Lion Inn during the 1950's or 1960's
- Penguin Flyer (located at Bristol Pike & Mill Road)
- Jan's Donuts (2214 Street Road across from Armstrong; was located there in the late 1950's and early 1960's)
- Gendeck's Ice Cream Store/Shop
- Andalusia Drive Inn
- Winder Mansion (Burned down in 1956 located on Route 13)
- McFadden Mansion (located on Route 13)
- Dinosaur Lake
- F.A. Simons Lumber Yard

Thank You!

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Air Force Airman Nicole K. Cannon ('09) graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. She is the daughter of Gina Cannon and stepdaughter of Daniel Truet of Bensalem.

BAA Salutes Alumni in the Military

Air Force Lt. Col. Brian P. McLaughlin ('81) has been selected for promotion to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force. McLaughlin, a command and control directorate deputy director with 25 years of military service is assigned to the 618th Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott Air Force Base, IL.

Please email information and photos to Ray Guim at president@bensalemalumni.org (please include "Bensalem Military" in the subject line), or mail pictures to Bensalem Alumni Association, PO Box 26, Bensalem, PA 19020. Pictures returned with a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Army Pvt. Logan Alexander ('07) has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, SC. He is the son of Adelaide Blakeley of Bensalem and Logan Alexander Jr. of Trenton, NJ.

BENSALEM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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If you have already contributed, please disregard this form...and Thank You!

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President's Message

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and donations. Thank you to the classes of '61 and '80!

The next item on the agenda is the grand opening of the new Bensalem Physical Education Center. Bensalem School District and Bensalem Township have worked together to build this new gym. Currently, the students are using the old Armstrong Middle School building on Street Road for public events. They can soon switch back to hosting at the high school since the new gym seats over 1,800! It will be open to the students as well as Township residents. I was given a tour by Val Ridge '84, and it is really awesome! There is so much to say about it that I don't think I can capture it in writing. The best way to understand the gym would be to come to the grand opening on December 17, 2011. There will be lots of people there to cut the ribbon! See Val Ridge's letter inside. We'll put some pictures in the next almanac. I hope to see you there!

We're still talking about having an alumni blue/gray night at the new gym. We're not sure what we want to do, but we think we should have an event where everyone can participate! Of course, if you don't wish to participate, you can always cheer for a color team. If we did an event, it would be in the spring of 2012. Stay tuned for more details.

Our website now has over 4,700 profiles. This means you can go on our site and contact almost 20% of your old classmates. The website also helps keep you up-to-date with the latest news and events. You can even get birthday notifications. Be careful not to select "all" when you set up birthday reminders because you will get a notice for all 4,700 birthdays. That's too many for even me to look at! We recently started adding pictures to alumni in the In

Memory section. We are asking anyone who has a yearbook to scan pictures for these classmates and send them to me. I will then post them to our site. You can see how this looks for the years 1942, 1974, 1976, and 1980. Some alumni have volunteered to scan a few years, so if you want to help, let me know and I will tell you if anyone else is working on your year. While you are doing this, be sure to add your own picture, too. We love pictures on our site!

The Alumni Association had a great time at Bensalem's Fall Festival. Over 10,000 people attended the event. The committee was there from 7 am to 5 pm. We met many alumni who stopped by to say hello. We also sold some items like hats, umbrellas, mugs, shirts, and more. Did you get yours?

Our golf outing was yet another success! You can see the pictures at www.swingman.smugmug.com. Too bad we missed Rick Kelly this year! Thanks again to all of our sponsors.

We also have a new fundraiser program that we're really excited about. It's called the POWER UP Fundraiser, and it means alumni (or their friends and families) can donate to our scholarship fund every time they pay their energy bill...**but at no additional cost!** See the story on Page 3 for more details.

That's about it for now. Enjoy the newsletter.

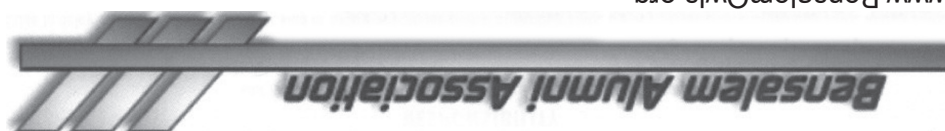
Don't be dismayed at goodbyes. A farewell is necessary before you can meet again. And meeting again, after moments or lifetime, is certain for those who are friends. ~ Richard Bach

Ray Guim, '74

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