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Cheltenham Alumni Association Needs You!

CHS Means Excellence

Many responsible people around the nation have been concerned with the deteriorating academic performances of their local schools. This is not the case with our Alma Mater. Cheltenham High School ranks consistently in the top five schools statewide in National Merit Awards along with various national and statewide mathematics and science competitions. Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for Cheltenham students were well above the national testing average. One of the most significant facts is that Cheltenham has the highest percentage of college bound students for a comprehensive high school in Pennsylvania.

Cheltenham has always espoused a standard of quality education with respect to social as well as academic growth. Cheltenham remains, as always, an excellent educational institution.



Winners of the first annual CHS Alumni Assoc. Scholarships are shown with Association officers. Seated (left to right) are: **Erica Baumann**; **Betty Cataldi** '62 Alumni President; **Karen Lewis**; and **Ellen Greenberg**. Standing are Assoc. Second Vice-President **Charles Stamm** '67 and Scholarship Committee Chairperson **Barbara Portner** '52.

Alumni Awards Scholarships

The first annual Cheltenham High School Alumni Scholarship award winners were presented with checks of \$500. Scholarship winners were chosen by the Cheltenham High School Scholarship Selection Committee, which was chaired by Joseph Reavy, Director of Guidance.

Over 200 candidates from the Class of 1979 were screened by the committee based on their academic performance, community and school citizenship. The Scholarship winners are:

Erica Baumann, Cheltenham, is attending the Phila. College of Art majoring in fine woodworking.

Ellen Greenberg, Wyncote, is attending the University of Rochester majoring in electrical engineering.

Karen Lewis, Wyncote, (daughter of C.H.S. alumna **Marie Minio Lawrence**, '53) is attending the Rhode Island School of Design majoring in illustration design.

New Memberships Sought

It will come as no surprise, that organizations such as ours, need substantial financial support. Since our incorporation in December, 1977, the Cheltenham Alumni Association has accomplished many of its original goals, all of which required money in order to insure their success. When classes come to the Alumni Association for aid in reunion planning and mailing, money is needed. When the high school comes to the Association for aid in projects, money is needed. When the Association presented three worthy seniors with scholarships for advanced study, money was needed. To print and mail over 10,000 copies of *The Panther's Tale*, considerable money is needed. To keep class lists updated and available to classes, money is needed.

However, today only 10 percent of the graduates contacted have contributed money in the form of membership dues. This small group has enabled *all* of you to benefit from the Association. We need your support now — in the form of membership dues — to continue our growth and good work. For your convenience, a membership application is printed on page three. Please take a few minutes to put your check in the mail *today!* We need your support so that the Alumni Association can become a viable source for you and Cheltenham tomorrow.

CENTURY MEMBERS

1. Jack Wagman '32
2. Margaret Berg Hahn '33
3. William M. B. Fleming '38
4. Gordon Henry '33
5. Marjorie Fischman Shushan '47
6. Jane Gill Barry '33
7. Linda Nelson '46
8. Richard S. Koch '32
9. Eleanor Schaefer Krivin '32
10. Frederick E. Bitting '29

Reunion Roundup

1922—The class of 1922 held a reunion on June 10, 1979, at Williamson's Restaurant in Horsham, Pa. Twenty-five classmates, including spouses, attended, including Class President, **John Manning** and Class Secretary, **Milton Craemer**. **Edwin Schreiber**, who traveled from Tennessee commented, "Faces and figures change after fifty plus years, but voices and especially eyes convey to others the old-time spirit of friendliness and compatibility." By the way, Ed Schreiber's father was a CHS graduate — class of 1894!

1929—The class of 1929 met for their 50th reunion on September 22, 1979, at Manufacturers' Country Club. Fifty-five classmates attended with spouses. Special guests were **Blanche "Bunny" Brogden '23** and Dr. Herman Wessel, former faculty members. **William (Bud) Babcock** was master of ceremonies as he was for the 28th reunion. **Peg Ellis Dando** was chairperson. Committee members included; **Peg Cloud Altdoerffer**, **Bunnie Unruh Guthrie**, **Ruth Rittenhouse Marsh**, **Helene Rehbaum Neale**, **Thelma Tither Roming** and **Esther Robinson Solms**.

1954—The class of 1954 held their 25th Reunion on November 3, 1979 at Ashbourne Country Club. One hundred forty attended including eighty classmates. The hard-working committee chaired by **Ronald Cohen** consisted of **Nancy Herback Rosenberg**, **Margery Davis Diamond**, **Barbara Hunter Bartlett**, **Kathryn Kaercher Jeffery**, **Carole Hinkle Saltzman**, **Judy Frankel Snyder**, **Bunny Turner Shannon**, **Judy Borden Golland**, **George Broder**, **Alan Hague**, **Frank Caterisano**, **Doris Maul Brecht**, **Kathy Craft Koffel**, **Edward Jackson**, **Nicholas Melair**, **Sally Terry Caplan**, **Joseph Williams**. Following cocktails and dinner entertainment was provided by classmate **Tony Millili**. Classmates from Florida, Texas and California attended.

1959—The class of 1959 held their 20th class reunion on Saturday, April 21, 1979, at the Holiday Inn in Fort Washington. The Reunion Committee consisted of: **Carl Manbach**, **Fran Fenkel Freedman**,

Julian Rackow, **Bob Bronstein**, **Peter Stern**, **Ruth Parness Woldow**, **Elynn Kauffman Kaffrisen**, **Jane Johnston Algard**, **Gayle Green Lish**, **Joanne Feld Tress**, **Tom Garlin**, **Chrissa Brickman Merron**, **Carolyn Jaffee Smith**, and **Lynda Chatzkel**.

Among the teachers who attended were Miss Malfitano, Mr. Saltzman, Dr. Keim and Mrs. Hunter. Some out-of-town visitors included **David White** and **Harriet Edelman White** from Hollywood, Florida and **Robert Williams** from Bowlingbrook, Illinois.

The event was such a success that plans are already being made for their 25th reunion.

Lehman Memorial Dinner

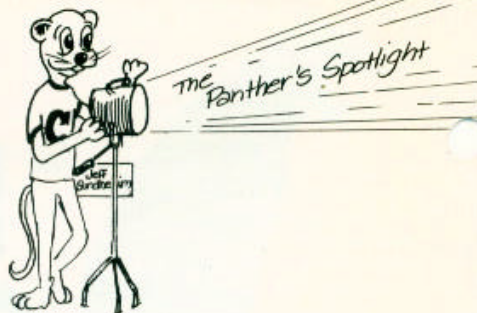
Casa Conti Restaurant in Glenside was the site of a memorial dinner honoring Wilbur "Dutch" Lehman. Lehman was a coach, teacher and administrator at C.H.S. from 1933 until his retirement in 1969. Many of "Dutch's" former students, friends and faculty members attended the dinner, which took place on June 6. **Arthur "Mickey" Silverman '46**, acted as toastmaster for the evening. **Jules Bell '32**, and **Bob McCreary '50** former wrestlers under Coach Lehman were speakers. Former teachers **Bill Saltzman** and **Bob Cunningham** added many warm memories of "Dutch."

Some of the guests were: **"Tony" Pileggi '47**, **John McHugh '53**, **John Panichello '49**, **Steve Saltzman '54**, **Charles Alexander '49**, **Leonard "Skip" Wemple '48**, **William "Buzz" Wemple '52**, **E. Noble Wagner '47**, **Perry Triplett '47**, **Ernest Ruzicka** and **Nick Melair '54**. **Lydia Zappacosta '58**, **Beryl Halpern '51**, **Barbara Portner '52**, and **Betty Cataldi '62**, represented the Alumni Association.

An oil portrait of "Dutch" was presented to James Tufano, Principal of C.H.S. to be displayed in the high school lobby.



Posing with a portrait of "Dutch" Lehman are (left to right) Mickey Silverman '46; Tony Pileggi '47 and Mrs. Muriel Lehman.



1929—**Robert J. Myers**—Professor of Actuarial Science, Temple University. Consultant and Social Security Adviser.

1932—**Bernard B. Rothschild**—Architect. Buildings of note: Atlanta Stadium, Cincinnati Stadium, Detroit Stadium, First National Bank in Atlanta, Ga.

1945—**Wallace Triplett**—Member of two Penn State Cotton Bowl football teams. Played professional ball with the Detroit Lions. Presently owns a large apartment complex in Detroit.

1955—**Dr. Paul Lotke**—Assoc. Prof. of Orthopedics, University of Pennsylvania.

1968—**Jon Solomon**—Teacher of Antiquities at the University of Minnesota. Author of *The Ancient World in the Cinema and Ancient Roman Feasts and Recipes*.

1969—**Louis J. Grossman**—former Public Relations Information Officer of Cheltenham Township. Recently assumed duties in Harrisburg, Pa. as a staff member of the appropriations committee of the State House of Representatives.

1970—**Jo-Anne Levy**—Scoreboard operator at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium.

1973—**Cynthia Salem McCabe**—Police Officer—Cheltenham Twp. Police Force.

1974—**Steve Butler**—Reporter/writer, KYW News Radio, Phila.

Sports in Review

Sports have always played an important role in the history of Cheltenham High School and the 1978-79 school year was no exception.

The football team, under the able guidance of Pa. Coach of the Year, Ted Weinstein, completed a successful season with the Panther's third straight victory over our rivals Abington.

In the winter, the boys' gymnastics team completed another perfect season under Coach Len DePue copping a ninth straight Suburban I League Championship. The wrestling team, at the end of a fine season, advanced five wrestlers to the regional tournament, the most for a C.H.S. team since the early 50's.

The spring season saw the lacrosse team, led by Coach Linda Lonsinger, undertake a five-match tour of England. The team raised \$22,000 to finance the trip. The boys' baseball team, under Coach Steve Kolinsky, broke a three-way tie for first place by sweeping a two-game playoff series to capture a Suburban I title. (This championship was the first since the days of **Reggie Jackson.**)

Change in Site

Graduation ceremonies for Cheltenham High School's Class of 1979 were held at Temple University's Music Festival. Five hundred and ten seniors received diplomas.

This is the first time these ceremonies have been held at a site other than on the high school grounds.

Howard Fields, 1888-1979

Howard W. Fields, a former principal of C.H.S., passed away June 16, 1979. He was 91. Mr. Fields was at C.H.S. for 31 years. He taught mathematics and science and coached the track team from 1919 to 1926. He was principal from 1945 to 1950.

Where Are They Now?

Robert C. Cunningham

In a teaching career that spanned more than four decades, Robert Cunningham established himself as a respected and good friend of Cheltenham High School students and faculty. Continuing the "F & M" connection, which brought us "Dutch" Lehman and Bill Saltzman, Cunningham came to CHS in 1933 from Franklin and Marshall College. Starting as a two-period-a-day teacher and line coach for the football team, Cunningham quickly became an important part of the C.H.S. family.

He became a full time faculty member teaching English and History, the following year. In 1937 he became head baseball coach, a job he held until 1962. In the classroom he moved from history teacher to department chairman.

His desire to help students more directly led him into guidance, first as a counselor, and later as head of the Guidance Department in 1965.

In 1959, Cunningham and his wife Arlene expanded the Domestic Exchange from an infant program to a valuable educational experience for many students. Over the next fourteen years the Domestic Exchange traveled to Abeline,

Texas; Bradenton, Florida; and Lakewood, Colorado.

After forty years of loyal service, Cunningham retired from Cheltenham. Today Bob Cunningham is an involved community leader. Currently he is active in the Glenside Rotary Club where he helped to organize a Career Expo (still the counselor). He is an Elder in the Elkins Park Presbyterian Church and President of the Board of Directors for the Elkins Park Fire Company.

He spends a great deal of time in the Pittsburgh area where his children, Don '58 and Nancy '63, have settled. While there, he and his wife spend a great deal of time spoiling their five grandchildren!

Looking back on his Cheltenham days, Cunningham recalled that he was always pleased when graduates would return and tell him how well CHS had prepared them for life. Of course as a coach he said he often remembers "the big game we won and, of course, the ones we should have won."

Plans to travel to Europe and, of course, Pittsburgh are in the future for the Cunninghams. They also send their best wishes to all of their many Cheltenham friends.

If you are interested in contacting the Cunninghams, they can be reached at: 347 Gerard Avenue, Elkins Park, Pa. 19117.

CORRECT ADDRESS IMPORTANT. It costs 25¢ (twenty-five cents) each time you fail to give us your change of address. **Take time — your address is important.**

ARE YOU A CREATIVE THINKER? The CHS Alumni Association needs interested and creative people to help our Public Relations Committee. Contact Barbara Ball Partner — 215-635-4091.



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Robert Cunningham

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CHS EVENTS

- December 8, 1979
Holiday Concert
- February 26 and 27, 1980
Talent Show
- March 6, 7 and 8, 1980
Band Exchange Program
- March 26, 1980
Spring Concert
- March 27 and 28, 1980
9th Grade Play
- May 8, 9 and 10, 1980
Musical "Hello Dolly"
- May 29, 1980—
Alumni Gala Symphony
Concert—Contact Ray Murphy at CHS
- June 10, 1980
Graduation at Temple
University Music Festival

For ticket information on any of the above events contact the main office of Cheltenham High.

Need help with your reunion? Contact Lydia Rugel Zappacosta at 215-635-2733. Cheltenham High Alumni Assoc. Reunion Chairperson.

CALENDAR

ALUMNI EVENTS

- 1930**—Robert Karlson is interested in organizing the 50th class reunion. Contact him at 215-368-6952.
- 1935**—45th class reunion to be held on Saturday, May 3, 1980. Cocktails and dinner at the William Penn Inn. Contact Charles (Chick) Matthews, P.O. Box 247, Gwynedd, Pa. 19436 or Peg Worrall — 215 884-7142.
- 1955**—25th class reunion to be held May 3, 1980, Huntingdon Valley C.C. Contact Lawrence K. Mann
Tally-Ho
P.O. Box 171
Bucks County
Solebury, Pa. 18963
- 1969**—10th class reunion to be held on Friday, Nov. 23, 1979 at the Valley Forge Hilton. Contact Cheryl Talus Snyder—WI 7-8591.
- 1975**—5th class reunion to be held in June, 1980. Contact:
Cheryl Gordon 215-635-6049
Gary Block 215-884-2440
Rich Silverberg
3901 Locust Walk—Box 378
Phila., Pa. 19104

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