

## NINE TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

*Honored will be : Egendorf, Helms, Klein, Krauss, Mark, Rothman, Saxon, Triplett, Westheimer*

The Cheltenham High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce the induction of nine outstanding graduates into the Alumni Hall of Fame.

The fourth Hall of Fame

ceremonies will, for the first time, be held at Cheltenham High School in Wyncote on Friday, April 16, 1993. The ceremonies will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Little Theatre. A reception will follow.

All friends of Cheltenham High School are invited to attend this very special evening. Tickets are \$20.00 with the proceeds from the evening to benefit the CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Please use the reply form on the back page of the *Panther's Tale*.

### Panthers claw ghosts



Senior running back Chad Levitt breaks off another big run for the Panthers.

Break out the old blue and gold pom-poms and give a cheer, **Cheltenham beat Abington 36 - 0** for the first time since 1981. Yes, you read that correctly, for just the 23d time in the 72-game series the Panthers have prevailed. The game, played for the first time on Thanksgiving morning since the 1950's, drew a large crowd of loyal alumni fans who had arrived in town for the many class reunions which were to be held during the next few days. The Chelts' victory was the second most lopsided in the long history of this neighborhood rivalry. The Panthers used a punishing ground game that produced 187 yards on 32 carries for senior fullback Chad Levitt and a defensive effort that head coach Joe Gro acknowledged as their finest of the season. Cheltenham limited Abington to 91 total yards and five first downs for the game.

*The Alumni Association  
of  
Cheltenham High School  
cordially invites you to join us  
in honoring nine of our graduates  
for outstanding achievement in  
their respective professions.*

*The following will be  
inducted into our Hall of Fame*

**Jeanne Friedmann Westheimer '32**  
Assistant Dean at Harvard University

**David S. Saxon '37**  
Physics Professor at M.I.T., Past President of  
U.C.L.A. & Chairman of the Board of M.I.T.

**Lewis Klein '45**  
TV Pioneer, Producer of American Bandstand

**Perry Triplett '47**  
Local Historian

**George Krauss '51**  
Professor of Physical Metallurgy,  
Colorado School of Mines

**Richard H. Rothman, MD '54**  
Internationally known Orthopedic Surgeon  
Founder Rothman Institute in Philadelphia

**Mary Ellen Mark '58**  
Internationally known Photojournalist

**Andrew Egendorf '63**  
Entrepreneur, Expert on Artificial Intelligence

**Doris Reitinger Helms '63**  
Biologist, Associate Dean, College of Science  
Clemson University

Friday evening, April 16, 1993  
Induction Ceremony 7:30 pm  
Followed by hors d'oeuvres  
and desserts

Cheltenham High School  
Rices Mill Road and Carlton Avenue  
Wyncote, PA 19095

# Panther Spotlight

**Robin Collier, '72** - better known in northern California as the Cheesecake Lady. Robin is one of the most successful bakers in the area. Having won *Philadelphia* magazine's Best of Philly award for her cheesecakes, Robin has moved her ovens to Hopland, about 100 miles north of San Francisco.

**Thomas Feeney, III, '75** was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in November 1990. He recently was named the American Legislative Exchange Council's "outstanding legislative members award" for his school choice bill.

**Sharon Harris, '71** was elected president of the International Flipper Pinball Association (a business trade organization). She also is a director of the national Amusement and Music Operator's Association and secretary of the Pennsylvania Amusement and Music Machine Association.

**Jonathan Dietz, D.O., '69** is the clinical director, Occupational Health and Safety for the City of Denver, Colorado.

**Curtis McKinney, PhD '69** is the director of geologic research at the Center for American Archaeology in Kampsville, Illinois. Using a more improved method for dating ancient bones that he developed, Dr. McKinney has established that bones discovered in Midland, Texas in 1953 date back 11,600 years. These bones are the oldest ever found in the Americas.

**Ronald Sessions, '67** is the specials editor for *Road & Track* magazine.

**Martin Laub, '62** was recently elected a Pennsylvania State Representative from the 153rd Assembly District representing Abington and Rockledge. This is the seat recently vacated by Montgomery County Commissioner **Jon Fox, '66**.

**Michael Skloff, '77** recently completed the music for the musical adaptation of the movie *Arthur*. Skloff's talents can also be heard on

the main theme music for HBO's new show *Dreamin*.

**Peter S. Eagleson, ScD '45** a professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at MIT, was recently presented the James R. Killian, Jr. Faculty Achievement Award. The award recognizes extraordinary professional accomplishments and service to MIT. Dr. Eagleson is recognized internationally for his work in hydrology and hydroclimatology.

**Donald H. Robinson, M.D., '36** writes a syndicated column entitled Robinson on Parallel. The column is now in its 35th year and deals with aging and the elderly.

**Roger Servin, '47** recently published a book entitled *KIS Fitness A Keep It Simple Approach to Staying Young, Healthy and Fit*. Roger, a long time body builder and fitness expert, believes that "fitness doesn't cost. . . it pays."

**Michael Greenspan, '65** is currently the host of a weekly cable show, "Jerusalem On Line" that presents the people and stories behind the news from Israel. The show can be seen all over North America except Philadelphia, the only major market that does not run his show.

## The Return of the Brecker Brothers

Cheltenham's own **Michael Brecker '67** and **Randy Brecker '63** - The Brecker Brothers have reunited with a new CD, *Return of the Brecker Brothers*, released on GRP Records. The album has been nominated for a Grammy Award in the category - Best Contemporary Jazz Performance, Instrumental. In addition, two selections from the CD have earned individual Grammy nominations. During their recent reunion tour, the brothers made a one night stop, December 5, 1992, at the Keswick Theatre in Glenside. Playing before a house filled with friends, classmates and relatives was a special night for all in attendance. Randy, who started as a

## Reggie Jackson elected to Hall of Fame

**Reggie Jackson '64**, an original inductee into the Cheltenham High School Alumni Hall of Fame, was recently elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. in his first year of eligibility. The former four sport star at CHS found fortune and fame as one of the greatest homerun hitters in the history of baseball. Known as "Mr. October", Jackson's star shone brightest when his teams reached post-season play. Eleven times in his 21 years, Jackson's teams - in Oakland, New York and California - made it to the playoffs. Five times they played in the World Series, and four times they won. In 27 World Series games, he hit .357, knocked in 24 runs and hit 10 home runs. Perhaps his greatest day was October 18, 1977 in the sixth and final game of the World Series between the Yankees and the Dodgers. He went to the plate four times, walked on four pitches the first time, then homered on the first pitch against three different Dodgers pitchers the next three times. The Yankees won the game 8-4 and Jackson was named MVP. Jackson finished his career in 1987 with 563 home runs, sixth on the all-time list.

trumpeter in *Blood Sweat & Tears* has put out three solo albums in the last six years. Michael, is coming off 15 months with Paul Simon's "Born at the Right Time" tour which included 172 concerts around the world. It more importantly exposed the Grammy Award winning Michael to the musical influences from Africa that are reflected in some of the cuts on their new album.

Michael was also seen recently at the pre-inaugural festivities in Washington D.C. for that other tenor sax player. Joining a line of the nations top ten saxophone players, Michael soloed for the President-elect on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

If you are reading the *Panther's Tale* we know where you live.  
How about freinds and relatives who also graduated from Cheltenham?  
Help the CHSAA keep our records up-to-date. Notify us of all address changes.

# Reunion Roundup

**Class of 1937 - 55th Reunion** was celebrated with a Sunday brunch at the Yorktown Inn on October 18, 1992. **Janet Morrison Tyre**, class vice-president served as master-of-ceremonies for the festivities attended by 52 classmates and spouses. The reunion committee included **Carolyn R. Ancker, Betty Dutton Stone, Janice M. Frye, Dick Guggenheim, George Herr, Edith Keller Wilson, Sue Simpson Perry, Marion Springer Beggs and George Price Wilson**. The class was pleased to greet **Stanley Steelman** from Virginia, **Howard Hawkins** from Wisconsin and **Bob and June Hendricks** from North Carolina. The class had such a good time that they have decided to do it again in two year!

**Class of 1957 - 35th Reunion Sock Hop** was held October 17, 1992, at the Twining Valley Golf Club. With a jukebox spinning platters from the 50's, the class of '57 rocked 'n rolled till midnight. Dressed in poodle skirts and letter sweaters (some that even fit!), the crowd of 125 including 80 classmates enjoyed a buffet dinner and friendly conversation. The evening was planned by **Jack Ripley, Jack Potter, Donna Besecker Ashworth and Janice Hassinger Berdahl**. The class is currently preparing a donation to the **Alumni Association Scholarship Fund** that should total nearly \$900.

**Class of 1962 - 30th Reunion** was held on Saturday, November 28th, 1992 at the Adam's Mark Hotel. A total of 179 people attended including 107 classmates. **Michael White** once again won the prize for travelling the greatest distance, over 6,000 miles from the Mariana Islands. **Joyce Bridgeforth and Bud Meischke** shared the honors for the most grandchildren, each having five. Special thanks went to **Ted Blumenthal** for the key chains and **Betty Cataldi** for the note pads. The Class of '62 was also pleased to present the **Alumni Association** with a check for \$700 for the **Alumni Scholarship Fund**.

**Class of 1967 - 25th Reunion** was held at the Ashbourne Country Club on Friday, November 27, 1992. Over 200 classmates and friends gathered to eat,

drink and be merry. They filled the dance floor most of the evening while listening to music from the 60's. The evening's festivities were organized by **Norma Messinger Meshkov and Charles Stamm** with help from **Judi Abrams Pezola, Gail Cannon Horst, Sherry Caplan Heilweil, Larry Lieberher, Karen Rubenstein Litman and Betsy Zindel Conway**. The reunion attracted class members from great distances including **Shep Goldberg, Ron Sessions and Marc Margolis** from California, **Rick Wexler** from New Mexico, **Richard Barash** from Oregon and **Linda Cohen Wetzel** all the way from Anchorage, Alaska! A contribution to the Cheltenham Alumni Scholarship Fund was made by the class.

**Class of 1972 - 20th Reunion** was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel on Saturday, November 28, 1992. The room was filled with over 300 friends including over 200 classmates. Even though a DJ played music all night, the dance floor remained empty as classmates preferred lively conversation and reminiscing to dancing. Everyone had such a great time that the room was filled till the end of the evening. The reunion attracted many out-of-towners including a large contingent from California. The evening was planned by **Jill Schader**.

**Class of 1977 - 15th Reunion** was held at the Westover Inn and Country Club on Friday, November 27, 1992. The reunion attracted 150 classmates and friends for dinner and dancing. The reunion, organized by **Karen Horn**

**Bonitatus, Sandy Carfagno Lawson, Pattie Ley Parisi and Jane Bates Cero**, was such a howling success, that members of a 20th reunion from Norristown High that was being held in the next room tried to crash the fun. **Jennifer Bidwell Edwardson** won the award for the most children - six and **Rachael Cohen** traveled the farthest coming from Maine.

**Class of 1987 - 5th Reunion** was held Friday, November 27, 1992 at the Holiday Inn of New Hope. 150 people, including 130 classmates attended the festivities. The class was so intent on talking with old friends that the dance floor remained calm and much of the hors d'oeuvres went uneaten. The evening was planned by **Millie Zuvich** with the help of **Caroline Coyle, Pam Fine and Laney Kuhn**. Each class member received a pilsner glass designed by **Rich Weitz**, the originator of the "Second Semester Senior T-Shirt".

Cheltenham High School is seeking the following information:

Who were the yearbook editors-in-chief for the 1912-1920, 1922 and 1923 editions? We would also appreciate the donation of any of these yearbooks to complete the school's collection.

Who were the winners of the Dannenhower Award as the school's outstanding scholar-athlete for the years 1964-1971, 1981 and 1982?

Who were the winners of the Caplan Award in football for the years 1981 and 1982?

If you can help answer any of these questions, please contact Richard Marburg, Director of Student Activities, Cheltenham High School.

## Future Reunion Information

**Class of 1943** - in the planning for October 1993. Contact Dave at 635-2939 for information.

**Class of 1953** - Contact Phyllis Cohen Nemroff 635-6126

**Class of 1958** - Saturday, November 27, 1993 at Rydal Country Club - for more information contact Dick Stern - (215) 947-5844

**Class of 1973** - Saturday, November 27, 1993 at the Sheraton Society Hill, Call Cheryl Sussman Herman - (215) 646-6302 or Susan Steigrod Murray (215) 663-1979 to report addresses of missing classmates or to obtain information.

**Class of 1974** - in the planning for November 20, 1994. Contact Ilene at 881-6306 (work).

**Class of 1983** - Contact Joanne Van Rensselaer at 635-0281

# In Memoriam . . .

Since our last *Panther's Tale*, the Cheltenham community has lost four of its oldest and dearest friends; Barbara Ball Portner, '52, Herman M. Wessel, C. Robert Cunningham and Ralph Garreth.

**Barbara Ball Portner** died August 8, 1992, after fighting a long battle with a brain tumor. Portner was the co-founder of the Cheltenham High School Alumni Association. She served the Association as Vice-President and President. Having taught elementary school for several years and having raised her three children, Portner served for four years on the Cheltenham Board of School Directors. Since graduation from Cheltenham and Temple University, she had served the Class of '52 as their reunion chairperson on several occasions.

**Herman M. Wessel** died November 16, 1992, at the age of 94. A teacher and administrator in the Cheltenham School District for more than three decades, Dr. Wessel will always be remembered as the

personable principal of Elkins Park Junior High School. "He had a fantastic memory for students and their families," recalled longtime friend and colleague, Harry Pellegrini. A longtime supporter of the Cheltenham High School Alumni Association, Dr. Wessel was influential in the selection process for the Alumni Hall of Fame.

**C. Robert Cunningham**, director of guidance, teacher and coach at Cheltenham High School for over 40 years, died September 14, 1992, at the age of 81. Mr. Cunningham, who came to Cheltenham from Franklin and Marshall College along with Wilbur "Dutch" Lehman in the early 30's, coached the football and baseball teams for years. He was chairman of the history department in which he also taught. Mr. Cunningham was the founder of the very successful domestic exchange program that annually permitted a large group of juniors to exchange places for a week with a student from another area.

**Ralph Garreth** died October 21,

1992, at the age of 86. Mr. Garreth, the diminutive dynamo, taught history and business courses for 34 years before his retirement in 1970. During his tenure he served as chairman of the business education department while teaching business law, typing, and bookkeeping. Mr. Garreth also coached the baseball and golf teams as well as serving as the schools equipment manager.

All four of these individuals have made significant contributions to Cheltenham High School, the Cheltenham High School Alumni Association, the students of the Cheltenham School District and the Cheltenham community in general. They will all be sadly missed.

Contributions in their memory may be made to the C.H.S.A.A. Scholarship Fund.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CHS Class \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Maiden name (if applicable)*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_

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 CHS Alumni Association \_\_\_\_\_ Century Membership \$100  
 P.O. Box 217  
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## HALL OF FAME RECEPTION REPLY FORM

I / We will attend on Friday, April 16, 1993.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond before April 2, 1993

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