



Panther's Tale



Summer 2009

Cheltenham High School Alumni Association

SEVEN TO BE INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

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

The following will be inducted into our Hall of Fame

The Honorable Michael M. Baylson, '57
Federal Judge for the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Jack A. Elias, M.D. '69
Chairman, Department of Internal Medicine, Yale University

Saly Glassman, '76
Financial Advisor and Champion Equestrian

Josh Goldsmith, '88
Executive producer, screen and television scriptwriter

Robert Greenstein, '63
Founder and Executive Director of the Center on Budget and
Policy Priorities in Washington, D.C.

Jeff Lorber, '70
Grammy Award-nominated keyboardist, composer and record
producer

Major General Ronald D. Silverman, '65
United States Army Retired

Friday Evening, October 23, 2009
Induction Ceremony 7:30 p.m.
Followed by hors d'oeuvres and dessert

Cheltenham High School
500 Rices Mill Road
Wyncote, PA 19095

All Friends of Cheltenham are invited to attend

The Cheltenham High School Alumni Association is pleased to announce the induction of seven outstanding graduates into the Alumni Hall of Fame. Those to be honored are: **The Honorable Michael Baylson, '57; Jack A. Elias, M.D. '69; Saly Glassman, '76; Josh Goldsmith, '88; Robert Greenstein, '63; Jeff Lorber, '70; and Major General Ronald D. Silverman, '65.**

The Hall of Fame ceremony will be held at Cheltenham High School in Wyncote PA on Friday, October 23, 2009. The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Student Center. Entertainment will be provided by two CHS a capella groups, the Sons of Pitch and Up the Octave. Plaques with pictures of the honorees will be unveiled in the lobby followed by a reception. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Ron Shapiro, class of 1960.

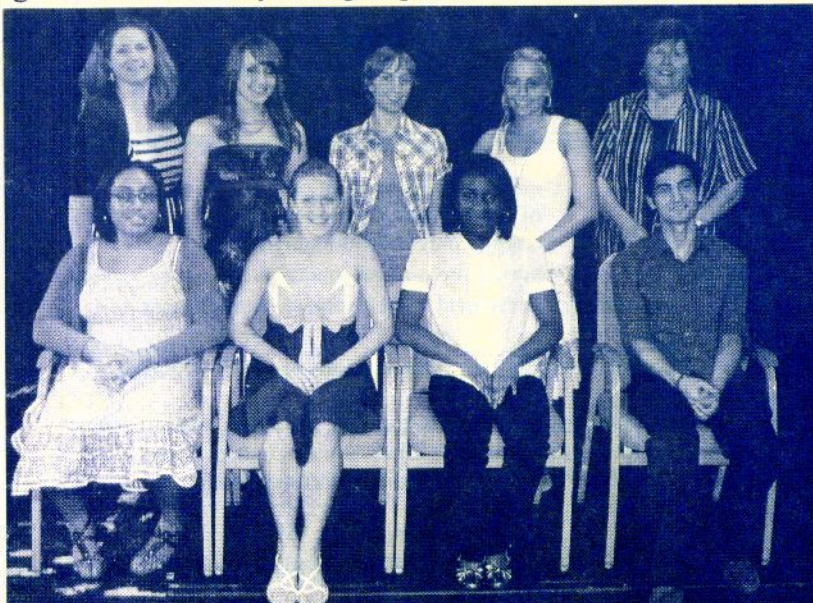
All friends of Cheltenham High School are invited to attend this special evening. Tickets are \$30.00. Proceeds from the event will benefit the CHS Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. A response card can be found in this newsletter.

2009 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Seven seniors from the class of 2009 were awarded Alumni Scholarships at the senior awards program held at the high school on June 1st. **Danielle Schwartz** received the **class of 1952** and one of five scholarships provided by the **class of 1957**. She will be attending LaSalle University and majoring in Nursing. While at CHS Danielle played varsity softball and basketball. She attended the Eastern Center for Arts and Technology School where she was class president and majored in the cosmetology program. Many community services kept Danielle very busy. Her dream in life is to help others. **Noam Mayer-Deutsch** received the **class of 1953** scholarship and will be attending Vassar College where he will be majoring in International Studies. Noam was a co-recipient of the Phi Beta Kappa award. While at CHS he participated in the Eastern Standard Theater. He was the Spanish National Honor Society co-president and was inducted into the Spanish National Honors Society. He ranked number one in his class. Outside of high school, Noam studied Arabic and Hebrew. **Kailah King** received a **class of 1957** scholarship. She will be attending East Stroudsburg University and majoring in physical therapy. Kailah served as president of the African American Student League during her senior year. She was in the talent show, made morning announcements and was on the Leadership Committee and Class Council. Other activities included the Wellness Committee and the Young Voters Project.

Kailah participated in an internship with the Director of Student activities and the Physical Education Department chairman. **Lindsey Pretsch** received a **Class of 1957** and the **Dr. Jerome I. Marcus, '68** scholarships. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and majoring in Nursing. Her many activities included the ski and snowboarding club, bowling club, cancer awareness club, Student Council Executive Board, National Honor Society Induction Chair and the National Honor Society for French. She played varsity lacrosse for three years. One of her community activities was volunteering with her church youth group. **Nana Frimpong** received the

G.R. "Bill" Rittenhouse, '36 scholarship and will be attending Temple University majoring in Biology Pre-Med. While at CHS her activities included Spanish National Honors Society, National Honor Society, Alex's Lemonade Stand, Editor of the school newspaper, African American Student League and CHS Navigators (helping 8th grade student's transition to high school.) Nana also played in the orchestra. Her community involvement included Homeless Feedings at St. Francis Inn. **Jennifer Lauzus** will be attending Penn State Harrisburg while majoring in Electrical Engineering. She received one of the **class of 1957** scholarships. Jennifer was in the marching band for four years and jazz band for two years. She also participated in the wind ensemble. In the summers, she worked at her church's vacation Bible School. **Anna Robertson** received the **Eleanor Huston Scott/**



2009 Scholarship winners: back row r to r: Karen Horn Bonitatibus, Board Member; Anna Robertson, Jennifer Lauzus, Danielle Schwartz, Betty Cataldi, Alumni President. Front row l to r: Kailah King, Lindsey Pretsch, Nana Frimpong, Noam Mayer-Deutsch.

Roger M. Scott, '36 scholarship. She will be attending Lehigh University majoring in Chemical Engineering. Anna participated in the chamber and symphonic orchestras along with the pit orchestra during the show Sweeny Todd. She is a member of both the National Honor Society and French Honor Society. She is also a Constitution Scholar. Anna does volunteer work for her church. For her senior project, she was involved with Cheltenham Elementary students and the Artsonia program which is the largest on-line student art museum in the world.

All of the Alumni Association scholarship winners received additional school awards.

GIFTS TO CHS FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Alumni Association has donated \$500. to the high school to help defray the cost of the stadium lights and another \$500. for a 50th anniversary showcase that will be in the main lobby.

Don't forget to visit our web site at;
www.cheltenhamalumni.org
 If we don't have your current address, year of graduation, e-mail address we can't keep you updated about Alumni happenings.
 Please write, phone or e-mail any changes.

CHS TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Lights installed at CHS Stadium

September, 1959 marked the opening of the current Cheltenham High School building in Wyncote, PA. It is the fourth structure to serve as Cheltenham Township's high school.

The first graduating class of 1960 started their high school education at the "old" building located at High School Road and Montgomery Avenue in Elkins Park. When they marched down the isle at graduation it marked a new beginning for CHS.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, the high school is planning a year-long celebration. The community is invited to the first Jubilee event scheduled for Friday, September 11th. The celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a parade of alumni, School District and Township dignitaries, students and contributors to the Stadium Lights Project following behind the Panthers Marching Band. The night will be filled with Panther Pride. The parade will lead up to the CHS Stadium where for the first time in CHS history, lights will shine on the football team for its game against Bishop McDevitt.

All alumni and their families are encouraged to join this celebration and continue tohelp make Cheltenham shine!

Please contact Anne Spector at aspector@cheltenham.org or Betty Cataldi at alumni@cheltenham.org to contribute memorabilia and /or stories of their special memories. For an update on the year-long events, visit www.cheltenhamalumni.org or www.cheltenham.org

MYERS ELEMENTARY

As the Glenside Elementary students prepare to enter the modular classrooms located next to Elkins Park School, Myers Elementary students and staff who occupied the modulators for over two years will return to their newly renovated building. The school is a state-of-the-art LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified Historic Renovation, only the second in the country. Myers, built in 1922, was completely gutted and is now ready to welcome back students and staff.

There will be a series of events to mark the reopening celebration. For a listing of these events log on to the Myers Elementary link on the School District of Cheltenham Township website www.cheltenham.org

THANK YOU!!!

The Alumni Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations to our scholarship fund.

Class of 1952- \$1,500.

Number Ten Foundation-\$100.

Other generous donations

Class of 1963-\$500. Alumni Association Operating fund

Class of 1968-\$500. Alumni Association Operating fund

GLENSIDE ELEMENTARY

After fifty-two years, Glenside Elementary School will be demolished over the summer. A new two story building will be built on the same site and is expected to be completed in two years. The building had many deficiencies including a deteriorating heating system, deteriorating electrical, plumbing and roofing systems. The school was also not in compliance with ADA requirements and had safety code issues.

Starting in September, students will attend modular classrooms that will be known as Glenside Elementary Modulators. (GEM) The modulators are located next to Elkins Park School.

A "Goodbye Reception/Walkthrough" was held on June 23rd so that current and former students, teachers, administrations and area residents could take one last look at the school. Decades of memorabilia were on display throughout the building.

If you are planning a reunion, please contact the Alumni office.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

There are four ways to contact the Alumni Association:

1. Write: P.O. Box 217
Wyncote, PA 19095
2. Telephone: (215) 886-4697
3. E-Mail: alumni@cheltenham.org
4. Fax: (215) 886-4464

PANTHER SPOTLIGHT

Essays on Ordinary Happiness. It deals with seven activities that can bring happiness to everyone. In one part of the book, he discusses

his formative years in the Cheltenham Schools.

ernment, corporate, and non-profit organizations.

Larry Greene, '71 retired after 21 years of coaching high school football at Central Bucks East. He also coached at Pennsbury High School during his career.

Gary Jaffe, Esq. '74 after practicing law for twenty-eight years, is semi-retired and living in Del Ray Beach, Florida.

Mark Levin, '75 has become one of the hottest properties in talk radio. ABC radio networks now syndicate his top rated show on WABC nationally. His book, Men in Black was released in February 2005. He served as Chief of Staff to the Attorney General and practiced Constitutional Law.

David Finck, '76 is a bassist who has recorded with a diverse group of artists including: Dizzy Gillespie, Aretha Franklin, Natalie Cole, Rod Stewart, Tony Bennett, Andre Previn, George Michael and Rosemary Clooney. He was a contributing author for the book, Frank Sinatra, the Man, the Music, published in 2007.

John L. Hoffman, Jr. '77 became Superintendent of USSOCOM'S D-Cell on June 11, 2006. His career in the Air Force has taken him to forty-three countries, supporting many wartime and humanitarian operations

Andrew Cherry, '83 served as treasurer for the Cheltenham Alumni Association. Our gratitude for his service goes out to him. He is a CPA with KPMG, LLP, an audit, tax and advisory firm.

Andrew S. Potash, '81 is a cardiologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, PA.

David E. Robinson, Esq. '88 was re-elected to the Upper Dublin School Board in November 2007.

Kaya J. Jones, '97 was recently featured in the Inquirer in an article on her marriage to Wale Oyejide. She is currently a resident in family medicine at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Jamie Phyll Lewin, '97 made her New York debut featuring her complete fashion line, Phyl Couture, a thirty-piece collection of easy to wear clothing. Several boutiques and department stores are interested in carrying the line.

Peter Pinnel, '98 served in the U.S. Army 101st airborne division. He was wounded in Iraq.

Laura Tancredi, DVM, '98 received Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ross University, June 2008.

Rosemary Patterson Harbuck, '00 currently is a registered nurse at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, DC.

Charles Kahn Jr. '42 received an honorary doctorate in commercial sciences from St. Joseph's University.

William Link, '52 was recently honored by California State University, Long Beach, when they permanently dedicated its Performing Arts Theater to the multi award-winning writer. He is the most honored, successful and prolific writer in the history of TV, films, and theater. He and his late partner, **Richard Levinson, '52** created many TV series and TV movies.

William G Smith, '54 is a geologist, professional diver, and program manager who has performed geologic studies for nuclear power plants in South Carolina, Alabama, Idaho, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

Eddie Applegate, '55 is an actor and painter. He has made many appearances on TV and stage, including Gunsmoke, The Patty Duke Show where he played Richard, Patty Duke's boyfriend, and The Lucy Show. He currently lives in Chatsworth, CA.

Judith M. Myerson, '56 is the author of the book, Radio Frequency Identification in the Supply Chain: A Guide to the Selection and Implementation.

Andrew B. Cantor, '57 is a law partner in the firm Wisler, Pearlstine in Blue Bell, PA. He is past president of the Montgomery County Bar Association and currently serves as solicitor for the Board of Commissioners in Cheltenham Township.

Thomas Rice, '58 serves in the Georgia House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1996.

Ronald Spark, MD, '59 a Pathologist is listed as one of the best doctors of 2008 in the Tucson Lifestyle Magazine.

Terese Loeb Kreuzer, '60 is a writer, editor, photographer and multimedia producer. St. Martins Griffin published her book, How to Move to Canada: A Primer for Americans in August 2006. Her work regularly appears in newspapers and magazines in the US and Canada.

Kenneth Kessler, MD, '61 spent 10 years in the practice of psychiatry and is the founder and CEO of three healthcare companies.

Donald Kinnier, '62 musician and composer, founded the New Reading Theater Orchestra and is considered one of the premier silent film accompanists in the Northeast. He lives in Lititz, Lancaster County with his wife, Judy Townsend.

Willard Spiegelman, PhD, '62 a distinguished professor at Harvard University wrote a book titled, Seven Pleasures:

Carol Kutner Winig, '63 is currently living in Boca Raton, Florida. She does acting and modeling and is currently featured in a national commercial.

Randy Brecker, '63 won a Grammy Award in Feb. 2009 for best contemporary jazz album, Randy in Brasil.

Deborah Weiss Mendelson, '65 was re-elected to the Upper Dublin School Board in November 2007.

Edward Landau, '65 is a Registered Landscape Architect.

Michael Zemaitis, '67 veteran of the Navy and Homeland Security with the Coast Guard recently saved the life of his two and a half year old neighbor by performing the Heimlich and CPR (training he received at CHS) on him.

Earl Houlihan, '67 has received the Drug Information Association's Founders Service Award, the DIA's highest honor for volunteerism, honoring Earl's lifelong contributions to medicine.

Hope Boonshaft, '67 is Executive Vice President and General Manager of Hill & Knowlton in southern California. Prior to joining Hill & Knowlton, she spent 10 years as vice president of external affairs at Sony Pictures Entertainment. Early in her career, she served in the White House as director of community relations in the Carter administration.

William Blum, '68 lawyer and writer, has written three legal thrillers, Prejudicial Error, The Face of Justice, and The Last Appeal.

Nancy Gottlieb Cummins, '68 recently retired from a career in non-profit management, writing, education and public relations. Her published works include, A Woman's Guide to Therapy and The Journal of Psychedelic Drugs (1974-1977). She now enjoys kayaking, swimming and snowshoeing on a quiet lake in Oconomowoc, WI.

JoAnne A. Epps, '69 graduate of Trinity College 1973 and Yale School of Law 1976 was named Dean of Temple Law School in April, 2008.

Curtis McKinney, Ph.D '69 is an assistant professor of geology at Miami Dade College, North Campus.

David Seltzer, '70 is Chairman of the Board, Philadelphia Gas Works, and co-founder of Mercator Advisors, a firm that provides financial consulting to gov-

CLASS OF 1988 TAKES HOLLYWOOD BY STORM

By Adam Gusdorff, '86

Turn on your television and flip channels on any given night, and the chances are good that you will come across a TV show or movie involving a member of the talented Class of 1988.

Most visible these days is **Rebecca Creskoff**, who co-stars in the new HBO series *Hung*, which debuted this summer. Previously, she starred in sitcoms *Greetings from Tuscon* and *Quintuplets*. Rebecca also has had guest roles in some of the most popular shows over the last 10 years, including *Law & Order*, *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit*, *The West Wing*, *The New Adventures of Old Christine*, *Mad Men*, *Navy NCIS* and *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles*. In 2000, she had a memorable recurring role on *The Practice*, as ill-fated psychiatrist Jeannie Reynolds.

Behind the scenes is mover-and-shaker **Andrew Kosove**, who in 1997 co-founded Alcon Entertainment LLC, a movie production company. Alcon (named for a mythological archer who never missed his target) develops, finances and markets feature films. Alcon has co-produced films in all genres with some of Hollywood's biggest stars, including Al Pacino and Robin Williams (*Insomnia*), Ashton Kutcher and Jennifer Garner (*Dude, Where's My Car?*), and Denzel Washington (*Brothers in Arms*, presently in production). He also has worked with Oscar winner Hilary Swank on three different films, including 2007 hit *P.S. I Love You*. For the kids, he has co-produced *Racing Stripes* and is reported to be working on big-screen adaptations of cartoon classics *Marvin the Martian* and *Hong Kong Phooey*. Andrew also co-produced the two *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* movies.

Andrew has had such an impact that, on June 30, 2009, he was one of 134 individuals invited to join the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, the organization responsible for voting on and presenting the Academy Awards. According to the Academy's press release, invitations are extended to individuals "who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to theatrical motion pictures." Andrew is in very good company as an invitee this year, as he is joined by Hollywood heavyweights such as Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and *Slumdog Millionaire* director Danny Boyle.

Perhaps best-known from the Class of '88 is writer/producer **Josh Goldsmith**, who later this year will become the youngest inductee in Cheltenham's Hall of Fame. Josh, with wife Cathy Yupsa, was the head writer and executive producer for long-running sitcom *The King of Queens*. Josh presently is writer and executive producer of 'til *Death*, a sitcom that features a high school based on Cheltenham. On the big screen, Josh and his wife co-wrote the Jennifer Garner vehicle *13 Going on 30* and the smash hit *What Women Want*, which starred Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt and earned nearly \$400 million worldwide.

One can only hope that one of these days; all three of these accomplished entertainers will share the credits on a project together.

EIGHT RETIRED TEACHERS ATTEND 1958 REUNION



*Pictured left to right back row are: Dave Harr, Elaine Hunter, Larry Delaney, Jane Neide.
Front row left to right: Joe Nejman, Lillian Bassett Rankin, Adele Boyd. Not pictured:
Rudy Lea.*

REUNION ROUNDUP

Class of 1953 held a highly successful 55th reunion on Sunday, November 9, 2008. Almost 100 classmates and guests gathered at the William Penn Inn in Gwynedd, PA.

Sixty classmates attended a leisurely brunch with time to catch up and reminisce. The class also acknowledged the thirty-five deceased classmates. The event was co-chaired by **Ruth Conaway Mannherz and Walter Mannherz**.

Class of 1958 held their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 25th & Sunday brunch October 26, 2009 at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club. One-hundred eighteen classmates attended (180 overall) along with eight former teachers. Former teachers included Lillian Bassett Rankin, **Adele Boyd**, Larry Delaney, David Harr, Elaine Hunter, Rudy Lea, Jane Neide and Joe Nejman. Committee members were: **Lynn Cohen Bortman, Carol Goehring Schairer, Sue Hopman Luken, Mickey Langsfeld, Carol Martin Strange, Joe Meyer, Carol Rose Armon, Lydia Rugel Zappacosta, Walt Schairer, Joel Schwartz, Roz Skversky, Duane Sonneborn, Bob Sprafkin, Dick Stern, Marsha Stillman Eisenberg, Larry Strange, Ted Taylor and Roy Thompson**.

This class has obviously tried to stay in touch and a lot of lasting friendships have endured. Members of the class of 1958 cannot wait until their 55th reunion.

Class of 1963 turned 63 at their 45th reunion held at Melrose Country Club on October 18, 2008. Over 100 classmates attended and renewed friendships and (re)told and revised stories from those glory days. The DJ's "hit list," still familiar to many, included: He's So Fine (Chiffons,) It's My Party (Leslie Gore,) and The Wonderer (Dion and the Belmonts.) A DVD produced by Michael Tabas is available through our website (Cheltenham High School Class of 63.myevent.com) Photos and comments can also be viewed at the website. A great time was had by all and the class looks forward to their 50th.

Class of 1968 held their 40th reunion on November 7 and 8, 2008, it was a resounding success. The committee decided to have a two-day event. The Friday evening venue was at Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland, PA. Dinner was a stations buffet with a cash bar. On Saturday, the committee decided to have an open house at CHS, where the atmosphere was very relaxed. The Committee members were: **Stu Sarhik, Jeb Breit, Irene Cooper, Doug Crompton, Barbara Dando, Dave Friebel, Chris and Susan Levey, Hal Shanis, Carol Shore and Sherry Horowitz**. Music was provided by Eddie Bruce Entertainment. Many former teachers attended on Saturday evening. Attending were: Ron Dellecker, Jim O'Reilly, William Norton, Ed Bringham, Wilma Slyoff, Kay Dubie Stretton, Harvey Fleegler, Dale Sander, Len DePue, Linda Lonsinger and Joe Nejman. The class donated \$500. to the Alumni Association and \$1,000. to the high school to be used for a specific item. See CHS-68.org for class website.

Class of 1978 held their 30th reunion on November 28, 2008 at Maggio's Ballroom in Southampton, PA. The Alumni Association has been told that it could not have been a more successful evening. Approximately 130 people attended. Due to either good luck, hard work, or both, the class of '78 has aged beautifully. Some have experienced a little hair loss, others a bit of weight gain, but overall, people looked amazing. There were many stories shared of antics from as far back as elementary school and it was as if no time had passed as we reconnected with each other. Sadly, the class has lost thirty members. Their absence was the only dark cloud of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fleeger, class sponsor and his wife joined in our celebration. Most can't wait until the next reunion. **Linda Fox Kline**, served as the coordinator.

Class of 1988 held its 20th reunion on Thanksgiving weekend, 2008 at the Blair Mill Inn, in Horsham PA, and, despite two decades having passed since some of the classmates last saw each other, they effortlessly picked up where they left off after graduation. **David Robinson**, class president, stated the following. "We are all so different now, each of us separately experiencing life's many joys and sorrows, yet fundamentally we all seem to retain the core personalities and characteristics we knew and loved about each other." How many heart to heart conversations and strolls down memory lane can one have in four hours? Many classmates were relieved that an "after party" at a nearby restaurant was scheduled. According to Robinson, "while I suppose all classes are special in some ways, the Class of 1988 exhibits enduring warmth and sensitivity that we believe is extraordinary, and I continue to feel fortunate to have been a part of such an intimate and strong group of quality people."

Class of 1993 held their 15th reunion on November 28, 2008 at Lucky Strike in Philadelphia. Approximately fifty people attended and enjoyed appetizers, drinks and most importantly good times with old friends. Classmates came from California, Missouri, New York, New Jersey, or right here in Pennsylvania. They came to see old friends, reminisce about high school adventures and enjoy the company of their classmates. Many attended with spouses. Some brought pictures of their children and others came with glowing faces of pregnancy, while others were enjoying the adventures of single life. It is hoped that many more classmates will attend the next reunion.

Class of 1998 held their 10th reunion on November 29, 2008 at Downey's in Philadelphia Approximately 100 classmates and significant others attended. Class members spent time catching up with one another while the DJ's music played in the background for the first three hours. Two songs were performed live by Ellie, aka classmate **Louisa Gyandoh**, who recently released her debut album. A good time was had by all.

FUTURE REUNIONS

- Class of 1945-** 65th reunion, Saturday, June 19, 2010 at Manufacturers Country Club. Contact Buck Shelton at 610-828-8156
- Class of 1954-** 55th reunion, Saturday, November 7, 2009. Contact: reunion@CHS1954.net
- Class of 1956-** 55th reunion, Saturday, October 15, 2011. In order to contact classmates as information becomes available contact the CHS Alumni office with name, address, phone number and e-mail address.
- Class of 1959-** 50th reunion, Friday, November 7, 2009 at the Ace Conference Center. Contact Joanne Feld Madorno at joannemadorno@verizon.net. Or 215-591-0101. Website: <http://cheltenham59.org>
- Class of 1960-** 50th reunion- June 6, 2010. Contact Bill Rubinsohn at 215-886-5200 or sales@rubinsohntravel.com
- Class of 1980-** 30th- reunion is in the planning stages. Contact Stephanie Reiss Kelly at stephinny@aol.com
- Class of 1984-** 25th reunion- Friday, November 27, 2009. Contact Amy Marble Freimiller at amy1229@yahoo.com
- Class of 1999-** 10th reunion to be held on Saturday, November 28, 2009. Contact: georgeshotz@hotmail.com
- Class of 2000-** 10th reunion to be held in 2010. Contact Kawaida Waters-Moore at 215-760-7404 or e-mail: kwatersmoore@yahoo.com
- Class of 2004-** Planning stages for a 5th reunion. Contact Anna Thomas at chs.classof2004@yahoo.com

BOOK REVIEW

By Susie Dyschel Sommovilla, '66

Josh Winheld, '96 chronicles his life with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in a book entitled *Worth the Ride*. It was more than worth the read. I stayed up until two in the morning to finish the book. In this book it is hard to decide what impresses you the most-the intelligence, the wit, the strength of character, the grit, the honesty, or the humanity. Josh's experience impressed me as a rollercoaster ride: as soon as things looked up, they would take a downward turn, or go up again and yet Josh and his family always seem to weather the ride with equanimity.

It was particularly interesting to read about his journey because of his membership in the Cheltenham community. The characters, the institutions are part of the Cheltenham neighborhood fabric, and in reading the book, you will find yourself recognizing parts of your own past. Yet Josh's story certainly has universal appeal that goes way beyond Cheltenham. In reading the book, I kept thinking of more and more people to whom I wanted to recommend it. It has so much to offer everyone.

In my opinion Josh Winheld's inspirational autobiography should be added to the high school summer reading list.

ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ CHS Class: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____ Phone: () _____
E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____
Tell us about yourself: _____

Have you served in the Armed Forces? If yes, when and where: _____

___ Life membership \$25. ___ Century Upgrade \$75. ___ Century membership \$100.

Make check payable to CHS Alumni Association and mail to P.O. Box 217, Wyncote PA 19095-0217

CHELTENHAM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

- I/We will attend on Friday, October 23, 2009
- Sorry, I/We cannot attend, but please accept a contribution to the Alumni Association

Name _____ Class _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____ e-mail _____

Name of Guest(s) _____ CHS class(es) _____

Please respond on or before September 23, 2009

Check enclosed for _____ \$30.00 per person

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