

The Panther's Tale

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Annual Dinner Accolades

Another good time was had by all at the 2006 Annual Dinner held this past June at Menz Restaurant. Presiding over the event was the Chairman of the Board, Rick Rixey '73. Introduced for the first time to the members was President Leigh Ann Holmes '93. Ms. Holmes is the youngest president that this organization has had and she did an excep-

tional job speaking about the state of the association. Leigh Ann spoke of the importance of the organization helping graduating seniors ease the burden of financing their college years. Leigh Ann thanked all the members who have contributed to the past year's successes and had faith in her ability. She urged all to get involved as she and so many others before her have. The evening brought together almost

100 fellow alumni to get reacquainted with old friends and to remember those who have gone before us.

Rick praised the efforts of this year's board of trustees for their tireless efforts in continuing the strong tradition of this organization. Special thanks to Karen (Turbeyville) Fitzpatrick '88 and all who collected door prizes for the evening. See you next year!

Alumni Throws Hat Into The Ring

Class of 1993 member Matthew Beusing has thrown his hat into the political arena by becoming a candidate for Middle Township Committee. Matt already has the distinction of being the youngest member of the Middle Township School Board. He won that seat in 1999 as a sophomore at George Washington University. "I made a promise to myself when I went to college, and that was to return and give back to the community." That he has done. Without wanting

to make the "Panthers Tale" sound political, but we are proud of our alumni. Matt graduated and has fulfilled his promise and has started his career of public service. Never one to say "NO", he has given of his time to many organizations, serving on their board of directors and becoming an active member. Matt helped this organization start-up our website and has always been there to help in any way. He is not the only alumni to take the plunge into politics, there have been

many before him. In fact, he is running for a seat vacated by the retirement of former teacher Chuck Leusner, and the current Mayor is alumni Nate Doughty. Some more recent alumni serving on Township Committee members include Bob Hodges, Sam DeVico, Bob Huff, Leroy May among others. MTHS has a long history of alumni that gave back and now we have another. Matt represents the next generation of leaders and we wish him well. Make MTHS proud!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - REUNIONS - GET TOGETHERS

Tailgate Party After Homecoming

The MTHS Alumni Association is having a good ole fashion Tailgate Party immediately following the Homecoming game, Friday, October 13, 2006, Upstairs at the Bellevue.

The tradition continues with a new twist and all MTHS alumni are invited. Dogs with Kraut, Texas Chile and Potato Salad are all on the menu. Friday the 13th doesn't scare us, we have a black cat as our mascot, so come out to the

game and support the panthers and join the Alumni Association afterward. There are also preliminary plans to march in the Homecoming Parade so if you would like to participate, keep an eye on the website at www.mthsalumni.org, for details.

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The MTHS Alumni Association meetings are every 2nd Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. at Elem. #2 front conf. room. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! GET INVOLVED

TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS ANNOUNCED

Trustees elected for 3 year terms are Leigh Ann Holmes '93 and Ona (Hughes) Peterson '52. Officers elected at the reorganization meeting are, President-Leigh Ann Holmes, Vice-Pres. Ona Peterson, Recording Secretary-Barb Turnier, Treasurer-Rick Rixey, Historian and Corresponding Secretary -Lea Westcott.

LIFE MEMBERS

Thank you to the newest Life Members, the lifeblood of this organization.

A tax-deductible contribution of \$100.00 entitles you to life membership in the association, recognition in the newsletter and permanent placement in the Membership Hall of Fame on the website.

Edward Goodway '58
Helen (Hassiepen) Sheppard '45
Janet (Pastre) Jaspere '56
Majorie (Bushnell) Lathers '56
Carol (Eide) Gertsen '62
Edmund B. Webb III '87
Amanda (McNichol) Webb '90
Crystal (Porch) Neill '83

CLASS MAKES DONATION

The Class of 1970 held its 35th Reunion this past October 8th at Menz Restaurant. They held a 50/50 raffle and donated the \$300.00 proceeds to the Alumni Association. The Association wishes to acknowledge and thank the Class of 1970 for their generosity. The money will go toward the scholarship fund.

ASSOCIATION THANKS TRUSTEES & MEMBERS

A debt of gratitude goes out to Bobette Scull and Betty Burnley for their years of dedicated service to this organization. Well Done!

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Maiden Name (If Applicable) _____ Class of _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Check One Voting Member—\$5.00 per year (Limited to graduates of MTHS)

Associate Member—\$3.00 per year (Spouse/Staff/Non-Grads & Board Members)

Life Membership \$100.00 Membership is tax deductible under IRS Code 501(C)(3)

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REUNION NEWS

Class of 1956

Will hold its 50th reunion September 29, 30 and October 1, 2006. Contact John Reardon at 609-465-7852 for details.

Class of 1976

Will hold its 30th reunion October 6, 7 and 8, 2006. Contact Cydney (Gilbert) Elsey at 609-886-0657 or e-mail mths1976@yahoo.com for more information.

Class of 1986

A fall, 2006 reunion is being planned. For more information, e-mail Michelle (Clayton) Taylor at michellemtaylor@comcast.net.

Multi Class Reunion

Time is running out for you to join the reunion for graduates over 50 years to be held Saturday, September 30, 2006 at the Wildwood Golf and Country Club. New classes include 1956 and 1957. Contact Bud and Bobette Scull to see if there is still room. 609-465-9688 or e-mail: bbk3210@aol.com

Scholarship Recipients Announced

Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Dr. Christopher Chase '88, with the help of Jeanette (Letts) McCarty '51 worked very hard to determine the 2006 recipients of the Middle Township High School Alumni Association Scholarship. There were many applicants to narrow down. Here are the 2006 recipients: Ling Ling Chen (Rutgers University), Jessica Feliciano (Delaware Valley College) and Kate Gaskill (Montclair State University). All received \$1,000 awards. The recipient of the \$1,000 Irene Cohen Memorial Scholarship was Jessica Michaels who will attend the University of Maryland. The Association congratulates this year's recipients and wishes them all the best in their future endeavors.

Yearbooks Wanted

Historian, Lea Westcott is making an appeal for those that have extra year books to donate them to the association. We get requests to purchase them and it is a means of revenue for the organization. E-mail info@mthsalumni.org if you have any or write.

Memorabilia Proudly Displayed

Once again, Lea Westcott '59 and Sue (Stites) Conrad '66 outdid themselves by decorating the main showcase at the Cape May Co. Library with a mix of old and new photos, news clippings, clothing and trophies from days gone by. Lea is always accepting items that you may wish to donate to the archives, especially old year books. The display window is already reserved for June, 2007. E-mail us info@mthsalumni.org if you would like to donate an item.

Instrument Donation Program

Check your closets and attics. Musical instruments are being sought by Middle Twp. Schools to help less fortunate become acquainted with the award winning music program. This is an ongoing program and instruments can be dropped off at the school Admin. Bldg at 216 S. Main St. between 9:00 and 4:00, Monday thru Friday. For further info, call Nancy Loteck at 465-1827 ext. 2003.