The Panther's Tale

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FAREWELL TO CHARTER MEMBER

This association has lost a dear friend and the only Secretary the organization has ever known. Barbara (Stites) Turnier passed away August 1, 2007 at Penn Presbyterian Hospital, Phila. A member of the Class of 1961, she was a lifelong resident of Cape May County and a charter member of the Alumni Assoc., serving as Secretary until she resigned in June of this year due to illness. She was devoted to MTHS and proud of her work with the Association's mission, awarding scholarships. She was the devoted wife of Walter, mother of Linda, Pamela, and Karen, and loving sister of Jackie Stites, Sandra Helen Stites and John Stites. She and Walt were together since high school, a rarity in this day. As secretary, Barbara rarely missed meetings and was always the driving force of detail and organization and an inspiration to all who had the honor of knowing her and serving side by side with her. She never had a harsh word for anyone and always had a soft spoken demeanor. Along with her Alumni Assoc. duties, Barb was a member of the First Baptist Church of CMCH serving as social events coordinator, financial treasurer and trustee. She also devoted time to Habitat for Humanity, the Mid Atlantic Center for the Arts, the MT Performing Arts Center, 4-H and the Red Hat Society. She will be sadly missed but always remembered. Read her obituary at www.Radzieta.com.

Where Are They Now?

We recently heard from Jonathan Van Meter '81. Jon took some time to fill us in in on his busy career as a writer, journalist and magazine editor. After graduating West Chester State University in 1988, he began his career with Atlantic City Magazine. Jon was so interested in the city's past that he wrote a book about it titled "The Last Good Time". It chronicles the life of Paul "Skinny" D'Amato, an AC legend. After moving to New York in the early 90's, he worked for 7 Days Magazine before becoming the founding editor of Vibe Magazine for owners Time Inc. and Quincy Jones. He has written for Esquire Magazine, New York Times Magazine, Vanity Fair and others. He has been contributing editor at Vogue and New York Magazines. He has made numerous television appearances to discuss many of his articles. In 2006, he made an appearance on the Today Show to give an interview about a recent interview for a cover story he wrote about Angelina Jolie in the Jan. 2007 issue of Vogue. He continues to pursue his love of writing and we hope to see more of his works in the future.

Send us your career achievements and where you have been for the future issues of the Panther's Tale. E-mail to info@mthsalumni.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - REUNIONS - GET TOGETHERS

DUES NOTICE

Consider this newsletter your dues notice. See the Membership Renewal form on the back of this publication. Regular Voting membership dues are $10.00 and Associate Membership dues, $6.00. Your continued support will enable us to continue to offer the Bi-Annual "Panther's Tale" newsletter, the website and secure the future of our scholarship program, which is our main purpose. Thank you, The Board of Trustees

JOIN THE BOARD

The Association is once again recruiting board members. It's only one night a month for one hour. With the loss of longtime members, the association needs people to get involved. Please e-mail info@mthsalumni.org with your request to serve and any questions or ideas you may have.

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

WELCOME NEW TRUSTEE

President Leigh Ann Holmes is proud to announce the appointment of Larry Jolly '59 to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Jolly will serve the remainder of the term of Barbara (Stites) Turnier '61 who passed away in August. Mr. Jolly lives in Egg Harbor Twp. WELCOME!

E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

Do we have your e-mail address? Please make sure that your e-mail address is up to date and please notify us when you change it. In an effort to save postage, we will be e-mailing the newsletter to members.

MEMBERSHIP
NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS

James M. Rixey '76
Nancy (Steenland) Evans '74
Douglas Evans '73
Margaret (Hilton) Duke '75
Janna (Kludzuweit) Hodge '90
Judith (Lathers) Grace '62
Robert Grace '61
H. Edward Spaulding '43
Diana Flannery '79
Frances Flannery '
Karen (Ryder) DiPalantino '88
Debra (Garrison) Burke '78
Daniel Foster '58
Doris (Pierrot) McCamy '47
Larry Jolly '59
Pauline (Shensky) Correll '64
Nina (Wright) McCausland '59

A BIG THANK YOU!

The association wishes to express its thanks to Bobette (Peterson) Scull for her years serving as a Trustee. Bobette served as the chairperson of the By-Law committee and has helped with the newsletter, annual dinner and after homecoming gathering. She and Bud plan on traveling (what else is new?) Thanks also to Bud for his years of devotion and adding his humor as a contributing writer of the Panther's Tale. Best wishes to both of them. Stop and see us when you get back into town.

ARCHIVE UPDATE

Lea Westcott is appealing to anyone who has an item of memorabilia and would like to donate it to the association. Contact Lea at 609-465-7432 or e-mail info@mthsalumni.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cert. of Deposits	$11,684.82
Class Accounts	$13,800.30
Multi-Class Account	$ 2,482.58
Checking Account	$15,006.57
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Check One ☐ Voting Member—$10.00 per year (Limited to graduates of MTHS)

☐ Associate Member—$6.00 per year (Spouse/Staff/Non-Grads & Board Members)

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

☐ New Member ☐ Dues Renewal ***DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER***

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $_____ ☐ YES ☐ NO

ADVERTISE YOUR REUNION

Announce your upcoming class reunion or event in the Panther's Tale Newsletter and on www.MTHSALUMNI.org. Just drop us a line with the details either by mail or e-mailing info@mthsalumni.org..

CLASS OF 1973

The 35th reunion is being planned for Nov. 1, 2008. A website has been rolled out with all the information at www.mths73.myevent.com The class has had 5 successful reunions in the past. Classmates are encouraged to update their info on the website or e-mail mths73@hotmail.com. You can also visit the Alumni Assoc. site at www.MTHSALUMNI.org

CLASS OF 1977

The 30th reunion will be held Saturday, November 17 at Atkinson's Court Yard. 6-7 cash bar with hors'd oveurs. 7pm Buffet Dinner, Music & Dancing till???? Contact Susan Seabrook 609-465-7964 or Ken Norbury 609-628-4149.

CLASS OF 1962

The 45th reunion was be held October 5th to 7th. A full agenda was planned and a good time was had by all. Contact Elaine at 609-465-3411 for further details.

CLASS OF 1982

The 25th reunion was be held Saturday, October 6, 2007 at Lighthouse Pointe in Wildwood. Coordinator, Kim (Hentges) Nardy said that there was a Meet & Greet on Friday evening at The Princeton Bar & Grill in Avalon. All classmates are encouraged to keep in touch with Kim at gwkjn@aol.com. to notify her of any address changes and to get a list of classmates still among the missing.

2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Scholarship Chairperson, Chris Chase '83 is pleased to announce and congratulate this year's recipients. They are, Jessica Feliciano-Delaware Valley College, Kate Gaskill-Monclair State University, Ling Ling Chen-Rutgers University and Jessica Michaels-University of Maryland. They will all receive a $1,000 award upon the successful completion of their first semester.

ALUMNI ASSOC. TO HOLD CLASS FUNDS

The Association, in cooperation with high school advisors, has agreed to become the custodian of funds remaining in class treasuries. A resolution is being drafted to outline the details. For administering these funds, the Association will retain any interest earned to be put towards the scholarship fund. Currently we are holding funds for the classes of 1966, 2002, 2003, 2004 & 2005. This arrangement will benefit both the class and the association. The class will not loose any funds in bank fees for having an account below the minimum balance required and the Association will gain interest and help fund the scholarship account. If your class wishes to have the Association hold their reunion account or to have funds released, contact the Association via e-mail to info@mthsalumni.org.