

# The Panther's Tale

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## Annual Dinner Around the Corner

Once again it is time for us to share each other's company at our annual dinner. This year's dinner will be held June 2, 2007 at the Courtyard at Atkinson's Restaurant & Tavern at 1010 Route 9 South, Cape May Court House. Atkinson's has been very accommodating and it is sure to be a wonderful time. Their former patio has been transformed into a beautiful in-door venue with an outdoor feel, including lush plants, shrubbery and a

beautiful waterfall. They also have a built-in sound system, plenty of room to mingle and a private bar. This should prove to be a pleasant experience and a nice change of pace. We have had three wonderful years at Menz Restaurant and we appreciate the hospitality that they provided us. Change is inevitable and the welcomed. We hope that you can join us for this annual gathering and celebrate our common goal, which is to support this organization's efforts to

raise money for our Scholarship program.

As we celebrate our successes, we embrace the camaraderie and look forward to the future of this organization, which has survived over 15 years, and continues to help deserving students further their education. The cost of higher education is extraordinary and we must try to provide any help that we can. A registration form is on the next page and also on the website. See you on June 2nd.

## Where Are They Now?

In a letter addressed to the Alumni Association, Katherine "Rott" Vonahnen, suggested that we devote a column to alumni who have been out of school 50 or more years to find out what they have been doing with themselves since high school. She lives in Florida and looks forward to receiving the "Panther's Tale" to keep her informed of what is going on back home. We thought it a good idea and

decided to have her as our first subject. Ms. Vonahnen graduated MTHS in 1940 and prides herself on pushing to have the first high school yearbook published. Her love back then was writing and it still is. She has had several books and works of poetry published. A favorite subject of hers was the Cape May Lighthouse where she worked as a tour guide for the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts for ten years. She was recognized by Rutgers University on several occasions as Writer/Poet

of the Year. Now, she is a contributing writer for two North Central Florida newspapers. She encouraged these papers to devote space for amateur writers to have an outlet for their work. She is presently the owner/manager of a 20 acre Quarter Horse Training Facility.

Thank you Katherine for the suggestion and the encouragement. We wish you the best and please keep in touch.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - REUNIONS - GET TOGETHERS

### \*\*\*DUES INCREASE\*\*\*

For the first time in 16 years, the Board of Trustees has increased the association dues. Membership is now \$10.00 and Associate Membership is now \$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. Our dues is still a small price to pay for the enormous benefit derived from it. Thank you, The Board of Trustees

### IN MEMORY OF DAVID "DOUG" COLLINS

The Association sends condolences to the family of David "Doug" Douglass Collins. We received \$165.00 from friends in his memory. Mr. Collins was president of J.P. Collins Lumber Company in South Seaville since 1947. We thank the Collins family for their thoughtfulness and all who made a contribution in his name.

### 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

### CONTRIBUTIONS MADE

Thank you to the Classes of '56 and '71 for their contributions of \$340.00 and \$100.00 respectively, money raised from their recent reunions. Also, thank you to the multi-class reunion for their \$300.00 contribution from a 50/50. This and any money donated will go towards the scholarship fund.

### E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATE

Do we have your e-mail address? Please make sure that your address is up to date. In an effort to save postage, we will be e-mailing the newsletter to members. Update it with your dues payment.

### MEMBERSHIP NEWEST LIFE MEMBERS

Louise (Simpkins) Masterson '57  
Morgan Harris '04  
Deborah (Hallman) Cumback '61  
Irvine Hurd, Jr. '55  
Howard Peterson '52  
Jeanette (Hickman) Vistenzo '48  
Donna (Morris) Repici '71  
Nancy (Steenland) Evans '74  
Douglas Evans '73  
James Rixey '76  
Robert Pedano '57

### Class of '62 Planning Reunion

Save these dates: October 5,6,7, 2007.  
For details, contact Pat "Bevis" Conover  
Work phone: 609-465-9038 Ext. 604  
Home phone: 609-886-3995 or e-mail:  
[pacskeep@verizon.net](mailto:pacskeep@verizon.net)  
Identify Subject: Class of 1962

### CLASS OF '56 LOOKING FOR CLASSMATES

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the following classmates, contact John Reardon, Sr. '56 at 609-465-7852.

Robert Campbell	John Gaffaney
Marcia Collins Frain	Curtis Hatcher
Margaret Lewis	Ted Newkirk
Janet Shivers Bright	Walter Rice
Gail Wallace Burgess	Jack Young

### ALUMNI ARE HOMECOMING PARADE GRAND MARSHALS

Congratulations to our own Lea Westcott and Joan Brewer for the honor of being selected as this year's Homecoming Parade Grand Marshals.. The pair was honored for their dedication and long association with the Middle Township school system.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Savings Account	\$ 5,845.00
Cert. of Deposit	\$ 6,248.77
Checking Account	\$15,116.55

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL DINNER

**When:** Saturday, June 2, 2007  
**Where:** The Courtyard at Atkinson's, 1010 Rt. 9 South, Cape May Court House  
**Time:** Social Time: 6:00-7:15 pm. Dinner: Immediate following.  
**Entrée Choice:** Crab Cake, Prime Rib Au Jus, Chicken Marsala  
Served with Salad, Rolls & Butter, Potato, Vegetable, Dessert & Beverage (Hot Tea, Iced Tea, Coffee or Soda)  
**Cost:** \$36.00 pp



Cash Bar

**This is the only notice you will receive, so Don't Delay....Mail Today!!!!**

—CLIP AND MAIL—

ANNUAL DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Print)

Copy this form for additional names

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$36.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Amt. Enclosed)

ENTRÉE CHOICE:  Crab Cake  
 Prime Rib Au Jus  
 Chicken Marsala

For information, contact:  
Rick Rixey (609) 463-0612  
e-mail: rickrixey@hotmail.com

Mail with payment to: MTHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 133, Cape May Ct. Hse., NJ 08210

THIS FORM CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT [www.mthsalumni.org](http://www.mthsalumni.org)