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David Ziegenfuss '86

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Whew, we made it to the second issue! We at the Newsletter want to take this moment to thank everyone who has contacted us regarding not only the newsletter itself, but the work involved as well. How surprised we were to receive not one email, but several.

We received emails from alumni across the country and across the street. Texas, Arizona, Ohio, Florida, California and New Jersey were some of the states represented, as well as several local areas.

Keep sending in your announcements, articles and ideas to DHSAlumniNews@ptd.net.

Thank you again for your support and continue your HUSKY PRIDE!

Dollars For Dieruff - Giant A+ Program Enters 4th Year

Dana Ziegenfuss

Question: What is one of the easiest ways to support DHS?

Answer: It's as easy as grocery shopping at Giant!

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President's Message

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

"To you we ever will belong"

Did you ever wonder why the lyrics of most high school and college Alma Maters seldom reflect everyday language? Typically, those reverent anthems sound like an old English sonnet, lines from a Shakespeare play, or a Biblical passage.

Even the Dieruff High School Alma Mater is laden with archaic phrases like "be our stay", "help us ere", and "all hail". Please know that I'm not making fun or being judgmental. In fact, I have nothing but love and respect for the verses in our Alma Mater. My sister-in-law Marilyn Bankhard (Class of 1960) and my classmate Nancy Olenwine (Class of 1961) co-authored those words. When the Dieruff doors first opened in 1959, those two young ladies collaborated with Mr. Peter Carpenter to produce our Alma Mater.

During those formative years, "Mr. C" successfully rallied an ever-faithful group of choir members who established rich and honored traditions. Indeed, the halls were alive with the sound of music, and the Alma Mater was sung at concerts, pep rallies, sports events, and commencement. Even today, a large banner bearing the lyrics graces the wall in the school gymnasium.



When our Alumni Association was formed four years ago, we embraced those traditions, and created some of our own. We begin each of our monthly meetings with the singing of the Dieruff Alma Mater. At our annual Fandangle, Mr. Peter Carpenter leads our Alumni Choir in the anthem, with hundreds of alumni rising and respectfully adding their voices. Husky alumni who attend the school pep rallies are invited to join the Dieruff Choir at center court to sing the Alma Mater. Alumni voices rise above the rest when the band plays the Alma Mater at the football games.

And so, for 56 years, the Dieruff Alma Mater has touched our hearts. We often see an important message of the anthem paraphrased on tee-shirts or shouted at pep rallies: "Once a Husky, Always a Husky". Expressed in the original and revered words, "To you we ever will belong, we salute you Blue and Grey."

With warm Husky regards,

John

Remembering Dick Tracy

Keith Groller '79 (Excerpts from Morning Call articles used with permission)



Dick Tracy, the former assistant coach of Dieruff basketball and Whitehall High School's 1981-82 PIAA 3A boys basketball championship team, died on Friday at Cedarbrook at the age of 81. Tracy had been ill for several months.

A 1952 Whitehall High graduate who served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Tracy spent one year at Syracuse University and graduated from Kutztown University in 1960.

He began his teaching career in the Allentown School District and was Dieruff's head baseball coach while assisting fellow Lehigh Valley Basketball Hall of Fame member Dick Schmidt when the Huskies won four consecutive District 11 basketball titles from 1966-69.

Tracy returned to his alma mater and had two stints as Whitehall's head coach, from 1972-76 and 1979-83 and posted a record of 205-51. Tracy later served Whitehall as an athletic director and assistant principal and spent 41 years serving as a TV commentator on Twin County and later, RCN-4, high school broadcasts. He was also the head boys coach at Bethlehem Catholic for one year.

Dieruff fans who remember an infamous PIAA state playoff game at the Penn Palestra when the Huskies held the ball for nearly an entire quarter against Penncrest, also know that Tracy, then a Dieruff assistant, borrowed at least a few of his concepts from his good friend and fellow coaching legend, Dick Schmidt.

Ray Roche, of the Class of 1964 remembered Coach Tracy: "We met him in 9th grade at Harrison-Morton and he moved up to Dieruff with us in 10th grade and remained one of our mentors through graduation." Lots of guys who played basketball and baseball for Tracy at Dieruff in the 1960s felt the exact same way.

He was married for 56 years to the former Mary Dulik, who died in 2012.

Alumni Profile Peter Carpenter, Choir Director

Cindy Fidler-Wolst '74

Music has always been a part of Peter Carpenter's life. At age 3, the longtime DHS choir director learned to play "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater" on the piano. At age 5, he started taking piano lessons.

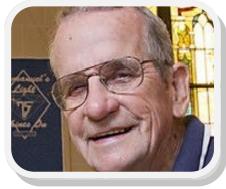
Born in Pottsville, Pa, he attended public school there for 8 years and then he and his two brothers attended a private school in South Kent, CT where is studied German, Latin, French, and Greek. He graduated in 1945 and continued his schooling where he obtained degrees from Penn State (Susquehanna), University of Michigan, and The American Conservatory in Chicago, where he graduated in 1950.

His first teaching job was at the high school in Elizabethville, PA, where he was in charge of the band. Les Brown's father was instrumental in getting him his first teaching job. He taught there for 5 years and then went on to teach at the high school in Frackville, PA for the next 2 years, where he was in charge of the band and choir.

A friend of his in the music business told him there was a teaching opportunity in the Allentown area. He applied and went on to teach at Harrison Morton Junior High School. One year before Dieruff High School opened, his friend, Henry Weidner was assigned as principal while the new high school was being built. Henry asked Pete if he would be interested in the development of the music department. Pete worked the spring and summer before Dieruff opened setting up the music department, ordering choir gowns, music, etc. Henry Weidner had many talents, including being an organist and pianist. When he was discharged from the service, he traveled with Ted Weems orchestra. He had his grand piano placed at Dieruff alongside of Pete's Steinway. When Henry had a bad day, Pete would get a call around 2:30 p.m. to meet at the pianos after school and the two would play together. What a great stress relief!

Dieruff's Vice-Principal, Russell Bear knew two students who would write the lyrics of the Dieruff Alma Mater. Marilyn Bankhard '60, and Nancy Olenwine '61 each wrote a verse of the alma mater. The lyrics were then given to Pete to compose the music. Pete wrote 3 different melodies and presented all three to Bear and Weidner. In a matter of minutes, all three men agreed upon the same melody and Dieruff's Alma Mater was created. The word was put out to set up a choir before the school opened in the fall of 1959. One of the first concerts that the choir performed was at the Lehigh & Berks Counties Convention.

Pete believed to "Teach music from the beginning" and make it fun to learn. He loved working with kids. He spent his summer vacations teaching children musicals at Dieruff. Some of the musicals



included Gilbert and Sullivan & Hansel and Gretel. He was also director of the yearly musical productions at DHS. The budget was small and the sets were not as elaborate as the theatre productions of today.

As Director of the Choir, one of his proudest moments was in 1966. The choir sang Agony and Ecstasy with the Allentown Symphony. While on a bus trip to the World's Fair, members of the choir entered the Italian Building, saw the Pieta sculpture by Michelangelo (which was lent to the fair) and a replica of the Sistine Chapel. The same song that they previously sang with the Allentown Symphony was playing! It brought tears to their eyes upon hearing that song.

Pete and his wife Sandy have been married 47 years. The light of their life is their grandson, Ben (Jody and Patrick's son). In Pete's free time he enjoys reading, working out at the gym, and woodworking. Since his retirement, he stays active teaching choir and piano lessons. He has been choir director at Emmanuel UCC Church in Allentown for 23 years and most recently worked on a musical score for the church's 100th Anniversary. For Peter, this has been a labor of love. He and Sandy worked together to write 3 sets of verses, which outlines the story of 100 years of the church. He says that he couldn't have done it without the help of Sandy and his accompanist, Susan Kresge Frickert '68. They were both such an inspiration to him. It included the congregation's participation together with the assistance of the choir. He is so grateful for the assistance of the Dieruff alumni and the response has been overwhelming.

His career has spanned over 30 years at Dieruff and he couldn't imagine doing anything else. He is so grateful for his years at Dieruff, with the students and friends that he made along the way. I'm sure the gratitude and love for this man is given back tenfold from his students that walked the halls of Dieruff High School and experienced and learned from his teaching during his tenure.

Thanks Mr. C

Dollars For Dieruff (Continued from Pg.1)

Currently, Dieruff has 148 registered supporters participating in the A+ Rewards Program. Now in its 4th year, our goal is to increase that total to 200. With your help in recruiting family and friends to sign up, we can all feel good in doing something that will be beneficial to DHS and help obtain much needed materials and supplies.

If you would like more information on the A+ Rewards Program, please visit the Giant website at www.giantfoodstores.com, or you can email us at the Newsletter at DHSAlumniNews@ptd.net.

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Thank you for your support!

Who Wrote "The Blue & Grey" Fight Song?

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

I love the Dieruff Fight Song. It has that quintessential Big Ten sound and releases the very soul of Husky Pride. It has echoed through the crisp chill of autumn nights after every Husky touchdown. I confess that, after forty years, I sometimes sing the Blue and Gray Fight Song in my car during the morning commute. Before an upcoming Dieruff event. I proudly whistle the marching tune in the office upon concluding my day's work. It takes me back to the days when I would eagerly listen to Dieruff's sold-out basketball games on the radio (yes, radio!) during the Huskies' championship seasons which led to four consecutive District XI crowns. The thunderous rendition of the Fight Song could be heard in the background as WKAP's Al Raber would announce, "Coming to you live from the East Side Gym with Dick Schmidt's Huskies." As the cheerleaders' saddle shoes pounded on the gymnasium floor, we again heard the Fight Song played during a frantic time-out called by the visiting team following a string of unanswered Husky lay-ups. In recent years, we even hear the Dieruff Fight Song performed at Bethlehem's Musikfest Café when acclaimed jazz musician Rick Braun (LED '73) includes the piece during his sold-out homecoming concerts. With his

brother Russ (LED '77) joining in on the trombone, the crowd is on its feet as the finest trumpet player in the world humbly plays his high school Fight Song. With a heart full of Husky Pride, it brings me to tears every time.

Not long ago, I had the opportunity to ask Mr. Carpenter, our beloved teacher who wrote the music for the Dieruff Alma Mater, if he had also drafted the tune for our Fight Song. Thinking it was a rhetorical question (of course, it had to be Mr. Carpenter!), I was stunned when his unpretentious reply was, "Oh no. it was some guy from Emmaus." Some guy from Emmaus? Not from the East Side? Not even someone from Allentown? Who was this unknown East Penn composer who wrote that "stalwart sons are fearless ones who know just what to do?" Did he only draft the music? Did he pen the lyrics, too? I had to find out. So, with absolutely no background in music, but with a passion for a good mystery, I set out to track down the nameless author whose spirited words have joined decades of Huskies to "cheer, cheer, cheer for Dieruff High."

Although I'm no Lois Lane, I began my search by making phone calls and gathering whatever information I could get my hands on. Mr.



Carpenter and Mr. Arlotto were both very helpful with providing details from Dieruff's early "musical" years. Unfortunately, however, the most important missing piece of the puzzle would be found through Band Director Richard Hinkle who, sadly, is no longer with us. It was to Mr. Hinkle that the draft was presented and, because it was an informal presentation, there is no written record of the composer's name. Not wanting to give up, though, I decided to seek assistance from any interested alumni who might have been Dieruff band members back in the early '60s and who might know from whom Mr. Hinkle received our beloved Fight Song. I invite any information and welcome any comments; please "message" me through our Alumni Association website www.dieruff-alumni.org. Together, we can solve this "whodunit," and also answer the question, "is it Dier-Dier-Dieruff?", or "Dear-Dear-Dieruff?"

Always "Dear" to me.

Back to the 80's 2

Dana Ziegenfuss



The 80's were a great decade with great music – from Madonna and Prince for dancers to Def Leppard and Bon Jovi for the Big Hair Rockers, and of course, Michael Jackson. The 80's had something for everyone and thanks to a new medium at the time – the music video, we were able to watch our favorites on MTV (yes, MTV really did play music videos back in the day!).

Well, it's time to relive those "years of excess" as the Dieruff Alumni Association hosts it's 2nd annual "Back to the 80's" dance party. By the request of many who could not attend last year's event (which was held on the Friday before Thanksgiving), this year's event has been moved to Friday, November 27th (Black Friday) beginning at 7:00PM at the East Side Fire Company, 405 E. Walnut Street (across from Mosser Elementary School).

Your \$10.00 ticket includes draft beer, beef bar-b-que, chips, snacks, soda and bottled water and is open to anyone 21 years of age and older. Cash bar will be available and please feel free to bring in your own food.

For any generation who loves great 80's music, this is one party you won't want to miss! Purchase your tickets and reserve your tables on the DHS Alumni Association website — www.Dieruff-Alumni.org.

Just as 2015 marks the year in the 1989 movie "Back to the Future, Part 2" that Michael J Fox's character travels into, travel back with us in time and enjoy dancing to the greatest party songs that the 80's had to offer. Hope to see you there!



Louis E. Dieruff PTO

Do you want to get involved at Dieruff HS? Do you want to help us continue to provide a safe and supportive place for our students? Do you want to know what's happening in our building each month?

If you answered yes – the Parents-Teachers Organization is for you. The PTO consists of administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents and community members. Our Mission is to work as a team to continue to help our students achieve their goals towards graduation and beyond.

Join us on the 1st Monday of each month (with a few exceptions) at 6:00 pm in the Meilinger Wing Media Center.

2015 - 2016 Meeting Dates:

Oct. 5th

Nov. 2nd

Dec. 7th

Jan 11th (note the date)

Feb. 1st

Mar. 7th

Apr. 4th

 $May \ 2^{nd}$

Jun. 6th

Contact Jessica Harris if you have any questions or would like to get involved.

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Kiska's Korner

By Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

Fall - finally. Husky weather! Misha and I both love the cooler weather. Love being back on the football field, too (thanks Aunt Cindy for driving us to the games).

Misha and I went to Barkfest in Midway Manor. Saw a lot of huskies because a local rescue was there. Mom was



there.

Many of you wonder why I am wearing two collars and two leashes. Being a husky, I pull. Harnesses just don't work, so I wear a breakaway prong collar for walks only. But twice this summer, the collar opened up. Freedom! We are notori-

> ous for running. Mom was really upset. So for any husky parent who uses a prong collar – beware - they do come open. Got a new collar feel more secure, but will have to do double duty

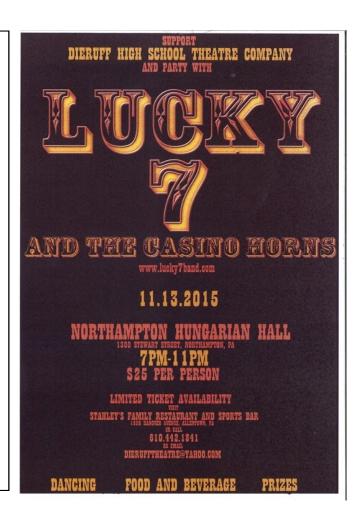
lady", but she wasn't with two collars and two leashes for a while.

> Misha pulls, too, but she listens better than I do. Misha is highly food motivated and she will come back for a treat. I am a fussy eater. I'd rather run than eat. Tonight, I had scrambled eggs for supper. I prefer dippy eggs and toast (maybe because I am a dippy dog!).

Good luck and husky kisses to all the Fall sports athletes and coaches.

Love.

Kiska V Diva Dog



Class of '64 Honors Current Football Squad

Ray Roche '64

On Tuesday September 8th, Dieruff Alumni Football Players, from the Class of 1964, presented current Huskies Head Coach Kyle Beller 20 Yocco's gift cards.

The gift cards are to recognize the 2015 Dieruff Football Team Offensive and Defensive Player of the game throughout the season.

The presentation was made with the coaching staff after school at the practice field. Representing the Class of 64 Alumni football players were Ron Berta and Ray Roche.

2015 Louis E. Dieruff Varsity Football Schedule

All Times 7PM Unless Noted (Home Games In BOLD)

September 4: @ Parkland

September 11: vs EAST STROUDSBURG NORTH

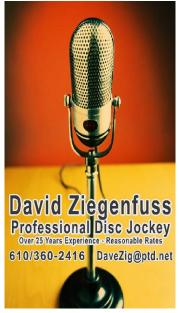
September 18: @ Pocono Mountain
September 25: vs STROUDSBURG
October 3 (Sat): @ Bethlehem Catholic
October 9: vs FREEDOM (Homecoming)

October 16: @ Pleasant Valley

October 23: vs POCONO MOUNTAIN WEST
October 30: @ East Stroudsburg South

NOVEMBER 7 (SAT): vs WILLIAM ALLEN (2:00 PM)

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October 9: Dieruff vs Freedom (7PM kickoff) - J.Birney Crum Stadium

Homecoming (Homecoming Court will be introduced at halftime)

October 9: Class of 1965 –50th Reunion

6:00PM -11:00PM at Iron Lakes Country Club

3625 Shankweiler Road, Allentown

October 10: Class of 1973 "Turns 60"

6:00PM -10:00PM at America on Wheels

5 North Front St, Allentown

October 17: Class of 1970 - 45th Reunion

6:00PM - Midnight - Fullerton Fire Co. President's Hall

851 Second St., Whitehall, PA

November 6: Dieruff vs William Allen Pep Rally at DHS

1:30 PM at Dieruff Gymnasium

November 7: Dieruff-Allen Tailgate (11:00 AM-1:00PM)

Dieruff-Allen Football Game (2:00PM) Andre Reed Field Dedication at halftime

November 13: Dieruff Theatre Dance Party with Lucky 7 & The Casino Horns

7:00PM—11:00PM \$25/person

Northampton Hungarian Hall, event info on the Alumni Website main page

November 27: Back to the 80's Dance

7:00PM -11:00PM \$10/person

East Allentown Fire Company, 405 E. Walnut St. Allentown

July 30, 2016: Fandangle IV

2:00PM - 6:00PM East Side Youth Center

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