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Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Newsletter staff, we want to wish all of **HUSKY NATION** and their families the happiest, healthiest and most wonderful New Year.

May 2016 be a great year for all of you!

HUSKY PRIDE

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DHS RECIEVES GOLDEN BALL FOR NFL's SUPER BOWL 50

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61



Andre Reed and Dieruff Principal Susan Bocian posing with the *Golden Football* Presented to Dieruff by the NFL in honor of Andre's four Super Bowl appearances

On Sunday, February 7, 2016, the National Football League will celebrate Super Bowl 50, to be played at Levi's Stadium in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In honor of that milestone, the NFL is presenting a commemorative Wilson Golden Football to every high school that boasts an alum who has been on a Super Bowl roster as a player or a coach. Dieruff High School has proudly accepted its Golden Football.

That impressive commemorative gift was delivered to Principal Susan Bocian on Friday, Novem-

ber 6, 2015 during the exciting Pep Rally prior to the Dieruff vs. William Allen Football Game. The carrier of the Golden Football presented to the Huskies was none other than Andre Reed, Dieruff Class of 1981.

Andre had played in four consecutive Super Bowl games (1991-1994) with the Buffalo Bills, and recorded 27 receptions (2nd most total Super Bowl receptions behind Jerry Rice's 33). His 323 total Super Bowl receiving yards ranks third all time, behind Rice and Lynn Swann.

The NFL High School Honor Roll numbers are staggering. Nearly 3,000 players and coaches will be honored. More than 2,000 high schools will be recognized. Memorial High School in Port Arthur, Texas will receive eight Golden Footballs, marking the most any high school will receive. The state of California scored top honors with 296 of their high schools receiving a total of 432 Golden Footballs. Forty-eight out of the fifty states

will receive at least one ball. New Hampshire and Vermont are the only two states that have not yet produced a player or head coach of a Super Bowl team.

Out of all the players and coaches being honored, 129 are Pro Football Hall of Famers. Our native son, Andre Reed, is a member of that elite group, having been enshrined in the Canton, Ohio Hall of Fame in 2014.

The Dieruff High School Alumni Association congratulates Dieruff High School, Andre Reed, and the National Football League for their contributions to this exciting Super Bowl High School Honor Roll Program.





President's Message

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61

Reflections and Projections

Our fourth is completed...and the Force has been with us.

As we celebrate the fourth anniversary of the founding of our Alumni Association, it's only natural to look back and reflect on our achievements. I believe it is fair to say that we continue to "awaken the Force" in dramatic fashion. In our case, that Force is "Husky Pride".

The expressed purpose of our Association is to promote Husky Pride, among alumni, current students, faculty and staff, and the community. With a full calendar of successful events, and an ever-expanding group of active alumni, we can proudly declare, "Mission Accomplished" for the year 2015.

Our Alumni Association sponsored events have kept our alumni engaged, energized, and entertained. Our February Mardi Gras Party and our July Fandangle (our Mega-Reunion for all classes) have developed into extremely popular social gatherings for Husky Alumni. The Tailgate Party preceding the Dieruff vs. Allen Football Game is certainly a candidate for a Husky Pride highlight film.

During 2015, our Association often played a supporting role. We assisted the Class of 1965 organize and conduct an outstanding 50th Reunion. Similarly, we helped the Class of 1973 orchestrate a grand "classmates turning 60 birthday party" at the America on Wheels Museum.

Our alumni stayed engaged, energized, and

entertained at the Dieruff Pep Rallies (where we join the Dieruff Choir to sing the Alma Mater). We actively attended concerts and sports events. We cheered as the Drama Departments captured an unprecedented six Freddy Awards, including "Best Overall Musical", with their performance of "In The Heights". We shared in the pride as the Dieruff AFROTC Drill Team earned their first place trophies from the National competition in Dayton, Ohio.

Our Alumni Association made significant contributions to the students. At the Troika Awards, we presented "School Spirit Scholarship" checks to four graduating seniors. One of the students in our association-sponsored "Sew What?" Club used her participation in the sewing club as the theme for her required Senior Presentation. She captured the top award for her presentation.

During the past year, our alumni have placed the paw print of Husky Pride in the Allentown Community. This past summer, Andre Reed, Dieruff Class of 1981, and NFL Hall of Famer, was honored by having the portion of Washington Street adjacent to the school renamed "Andre Reed Way". Irving Park was similarly renamed "Andre Reed Park". Then in November, Andre had the playing field at J. Birney Crum Stadium named in his honor. Another noteworthy community connection was the December Christmas Caroling by members of the Alumni Choir. Their heartwarming visits to several senior living centers promoted Husky Pride on a grand scale.

As we launch our fifth year, the Dieruff High School Alumni Association will continue to

"awaken the Force" of Husky Pride. We are planning a full calendar of exciting events designed to engage, energize, and entertain.

We encourage you to stay informed through our Website (www.dieruff-alumni.org), our Facebook Page, and our monthly Alumni Newsletter. Please join us at our monthly meetings held at 6:30 PM on the first Monday of each month. We meet in the Meilinger Media Center, Dieruff High School.

Get involved! Let the Force be with you!

Warm Husky regards,

John



After work, after the game, after EVERYTHING, where all the good times are!



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Alumni Profile Joyce Hemerly Reed-Ebling '62

Dana Ziegenfuss — Editor

Giving back to the community has always been important to Joyce Reed-Ebling and her family. In spending time with her recently, she expressed how proud she was of her four children (Tyrone, Andre, Dion and Teshia) and eight grandchildren. This is a family that persevered through hard times, and while it was never easy, Joyce and her husband Calvin Reed raised four successful children.

Although the road may not have been an easy one over the years, it is obvious that the family is extremely close. "Their father always told them – if one of us makes it, then reach out and help others". We have all recently experienced the philanthropy of Andre, through his Annual Golf Tournament and his generosity to the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown. It is a testament to Joyce that her children are fol-

lowing her example of giving back, each in their own ways.

One could say that Joyce's giving back to the Salvation Army demonstrates an affinity toward the organization for being there at a time when it was needed by her family. "My kids went there when they were small. We worked from pay to pay and did not have a lot. We took the kids there for presents". In addition to working for the Salvation Army for 8 years in their Social Services Office, she has been involved in the Angel Tree Program for 20 years, which collects Christmas gifts for needy children. In appreciation for her efforts, Joyce was recently honored with the Outstanding Community Service Award by the Salvation Army for her years of volunteer service.

Her job at Springhouse Middle School also affords Joyce the opportunity to pass along her experience and guidance to students on a daily basis. For the past 15 years, Joyce has served as a hall monitor/disciplinarian. In directly interacting with the students, Joyce loves her job. "I tell them what I know and how I raised my own children and if I can help one kid, I've done something." This



year, she also helped coordinate the effort at Springhouse Middle School to gather Christmas gifts for 20 families. This is something she truly enjoys and will continue to do as long as she feels she can.

I believe one of the best testaments to someone's life is how they treated others. In her selfless donation of time and energy with her volunteerism, mentoring and active involvement with the DHS Alumni Association, Joyce embraces the spirit of giving back to her community. She has passed this along to her children and has never forgotten how important it is to think of others.



Volunteering Is A Year Round Experience

Dana Ziegenfuss — Editor

Volunteering can be a very rewarding activity. For me, it brings a sense of thankfulness and gratitude for the blessings that I have been given. Several times a year, I volunteer at New Bethany Soup Kitchen. Since I enjoy cooking, it gives me an opportunity to prepare a meal for those who rely on the soup kitchen for a good meal and fellowship among others who also are in need. In speaking with those who come to New Bethany, it provides me with a feeling that maybe I made somebody's day a little brighter. The "thank you" and smiles from those who are receiving that day's meal are priceless. A recent trip to New Bethany brought to light how dire the need is for assistance. Recent budget cuts and the inability to resolve the state budget have led many non-profit agencies to limit their services due to lack of supplies and/or manpower, yet the numbers of those who need help continue to increase.

To me, giving is a very personal thing – many choose donating to a cause or organization; others opt to volunteer their time. Both provide wonderful opportunities in which to make a meaningful contribution to a better community. Whichever you may choose, know that you will be spreading joy to those who need it most. There are so many opportunities here in the Lehigh Valley alone, and I am proud that Dieruff has been an active participant by donating canned goods and winter coats and reading to local elementary school students. In doing so, they are positively contributing to their community and learning that for many who need our help, knowing that there are people who genuinely care means a lot.

Now that the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping and parties is over, let's not forget those who are not as fortunate all year around. A



kind word, a warm coat, a hot meal or some loose change in your pocket can make a difference. Let's not forget the reason for the season – and carry that feeling with us throughout the upcoming year.

Class of 1986 Reunion Fundraising Trip to Washington, DC

Pam Wescoe Warmkessel '86

The Dieruff High School Class of 1986 is running a bus trip to the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C., on Saturday, April 2. The proceeds from this trip will be used toward the 30th class reunion.

You won't want to miss the Cherry Blossoms in full bloom along with the activities that take place during this beautiful time. In addition to the festival, you are free to spend your day taking in the many sights, monuments and museums that Washington D.C. has to offer.

For any Dieruff Alumni class of 1986 attending this fundraiser, you will be given a \$10.00 discount on your reunion ticket.

The cost is \$79.00 per person.

The flyer to the right has all the details and information regarding time and place. Payment can be made by checks made payable to Louis E Dieruff Alumni Association and mailed to Dieruff High School, 815 N. Irving Street, Allentown, PA 18106 in care of the Alumni Association. We are in the process of getting this on the Alumni website where payments and registration will be able to be made and credit cards will be accepted.

Once again, please come and join us for this trip and an adventurous day in Washington D.C. We look forward to joining us.

Questions, email us at DHSAlumniNews@ptd.net



Fundraising BUS TRIP!

Washington DC

Cherry Blossom Festival

*Benefits: Louis E. Dieruff
Alumni Class of 1986*

Saturday – April 2, 2016

The tour package includes:

- **Luxury Motor Coach** transportation.
- The **Cherry Blossom Festival in April**. Spend the day on your own in Washington, D.C.
- A **wonderful fundraiser** for Louis E Dieruff Alumni Class of 1986.

The Cost is: \$79



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and returning before 10pm

Even In Retirement, MSgt. Willard Jones Is Still A Gift To AFROTC

John G. Hughes, Jr. '61



As the image of the December gift-giving season fades, it is refreshing to recognize those rare gifts that remain vivid, the gifts that just keep on giving. Air Force Master Sergeant Willard E. Jones is one of those gifts.

In 1991, MSgt. Jones came to Dieruff High School as an Aerospace Science Instructor. His previous assignment was on Air Force One, serving Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush. His military bearing and his credentials commanded respect, and he quickly earned the admiration of his AFROTC student cadets.

Part of his role was to organize and coach a military drill team that participated in regional and national competitions. Each year, the team developed its skills, and began to build an enviable reputation. Persistent and disciplined

practice produced results, and the team became accomplished in each category of their competitions. The shelves in the AFROTC classrooms began to stress under the weight of handsome hardware earned at the drill competitions. These trophies were symbols of the culture of discipline and dedication that MSgt. Jones had fostered among the cadets. Year after year, the Dieruff drill teams brought home the iron. Unfortunately, the team had never scored the ultimate prize: a first place trophy at a National Competition.

At the beginning of the 2014-15 school year, MSgt. Jones announced his plans to retire at the end of the year, after 23 years at the high school. His faithful and adoring cadets gathered together to establish a new goal. They vowed to "get one for the Gipper"; they pledged to capture a first place trophy at the Air Force National AFROTC Drill Championships in Dayton, Ohio.

Not unlike the script of a feel-good movie, the Huskies overachieved. The Dieruff Drill Team returned from the Dayton Nationals with three First Place Trophies, plus an impressive collection of Second, Fourth, and Fifth Place Trophies. The Huskies had delivered a priceless gift to MSgt. Jones.

In June, 2015, MSgt. Willard Jones retired. Since that date, he continues to make his pres-

ence felt. He continues to visit, supporting, encouraging, and applauding his cadets.

This past November, the Dieruff AFROTC Drill Team attended their first competition of the 2015-16 season. The team did much more than "participate" in the 2015 Central New Jersey Fall Drill Classic in Jackson Township. They filled their minivan with ten handsome trophies, including five First Place, three Second Place, and two Third Place Trophies.

Master Sergeant Willard E. Jones has helped the members of the Dieruff Drill Team establish habits that will serve them well throughout their lives. His legacy lives on. He is certainly a gift that keeps on giving.



MSgt. Willard Jones, proudly stands next to the trophies won by his drill team cadets



The Dieruff Band is performing the music of the Beatles
with the Grammy Award Winning
Liverpool Legends: The Beatles Experience

Saturday, March 5th 2016 7pm
Live at World Renowned
Carnegie Hall, New York City, NY

We are running a bus for anyone who would like to see the
show and have a great day in New York

Cost is \$110 and includes
• Concert ticket
• Bus

Bus will leave 9:30am from Dieruff and will drop off at
Carnegie Hall where you can have a day in NYC then meet at
the hall for 6:15. Concert starts at 7pm after the bus will meet
you outside Carnegie Hall and bring you back!!

Tickets Still Available
Deposits NO LATER than January 14
Final Payment by February 14

First Come, First Served
Contact Band Director Frank DiSimoni

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For More Information

Kiska's Korner

By Kiska V w/Karen Coleman

A happy and healthy 2016 to everyone!

Even though it is a new year, Mom says we have to remember the past. (It is not easy living with a historian.) Latest BIG word I learned, was Triumvirate. Means rule by three. Something about ancient Rome. Well, Mom says we have a Husky Triumvirate. Our group is made up of Misha, Aurora and me. Many of you saw three huskies on the field at the Dieruff-Allen game.

A bit of history (yeah) about us.

Misha is the pet of the Jacoby Family. She lives in Allentown and takes two daily walks around Dieruff. Misha will celebrate her thirteenth birthday in March. She is a geriatric dog, but in good health. Misha came to Dieruff as Honorary Mascot when Kiska IV was too old and sick to work. Misha was six years old and soon adapted to life as a mascot. Misha also is a therapy dog and does agility. Misha has one brown eye and one blue, common in huskies. She is the traditional grey and white colors.

Aurora belongs to Sarah Chappell. She is a trained Service Dog. Sarah served as a Marine and has been awarded the Purple Heart. Friends with Dave Ziegenfuss, Sarah soon caught Husky Pride and wanted to be part of the Husky Family. Aurora will be at some events, She has a longer coat, which is known as a wooly. Unfortunately, up North, wooly puppies are often put to sleep because they do not make good sled dogs. Their long hair gets filled with snow balls. Luckily, many woolies get sent to the lower forty-eight states, where they make beautiful pets

Me--my brother and I were products of a Lancaster puppy mill. We had a home, for a short time, and then ended up at MaPaw Husky Rescue. It is rare that MaPaw gets pups. Mom had lost Kiska IV and the rest is history. Even though I am considered a red husky...(really I think I am more chocolate) Mom broke with tradition and took me. I did need a home and work hard at being a good mascot. On our way home from MaPaw, we stopped at Husky High and I began my career when I was a pup. This year I learned if I turn my head the right way, I can kiss the guys without them having to

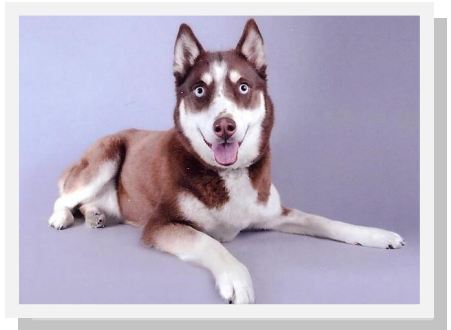
remove their helmets.

Our backgrounds, personalities, and looks are different. Diversity is a breed trait. But we all love people, love to work, and love Husky High.

May 2016 be a year of continued service and Husky Pride.

Love,

Kiska V, Diva Dog





Dieruff Huskies
Join in the fun 5th Annual
Mardi Gras Party
Friday, February 26, 2016
7:00 - 11:00 PM
East Side Youth Center
1140 East Clair Street
Allentown, PA
Sponsored by:
Dieruff Alumni Association
Ticket Price: \$15 in advance \$20 at the door
Includes beer, soda, mixers, and snacks
Dancing to live DJ
Purchase tickets
at Stahley's, Dieruff Main Office,
or online at www.dieruff-alumni.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

To get your event listed, please email event before the 24th of each month to: dhsalumni@ptd.net

- January 6:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- January 30:** DHS-WAHS Boys/Girls Basketball—DHS Alumni Basketball Reunion & Coach Terry German Tribute 1:30PM
Dick Schmidt Gym (East Side Gym)
- February 3:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- February 26:** 5th Annual Mardi Gras Dance 7PM-11PM
East Side Youth Center (**SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS**)
- March 2:** Alumni Association Monthly Meeting 6:30PM
Meilinger Center
- March 5:** Dieruff Band @ Carnegie Hall \$110PP (**SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS**)
- April 2:** Class of 1986 Cherry Blossom Trip To Washington, DC
\$79.00PP (**SEE PAGE 4 FOR DETAILS**)
- April 28, 29, 30** "The Producers" Dieruff Theater Company
Details to follow soon!
- July 30:** Fandangle IV 2PM - 6PM
East Side Youth Center - Details to follow soon!
- August 19 & 20:** Class of 1966 50th Year Class Reunion Weekend
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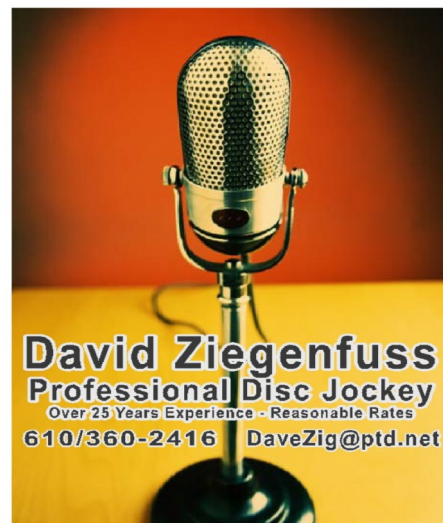
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