

Husky Connections



August 2021

Fandangle 2021: “Best of the Best!”

The feedback we have received has been filled with superlatives. Even the “veterans” who have attended all eight of our previous Fandangle events agree that the celebration on Saturday, July 31st was the “best one ever!”.

One alum who was attending his first Fandangle expressed his enthusiasm, *“I can’t believe I’ve been missing out on all of this fun; I guarantee I will be back every year from now on.”*

Of course, a beautiful sunny day with temperatures in the low 80’s had a great deal to do with our success. Over 300 alumni gathered at the East Side Youth Center to relax, renew friendships, and reminisce. Five huge party tents provided a healthy fresh-air environment. “Heaven on a Bun”, a first-time food vendor, delighted attendees with a sumptuous mix of picnic fare, and a generous supply of tap beer (Land Shark was the most popular), soft drinks, and bottled water was available to quench everyone’s thirst.

Gift basket raffles and 50/50 tickets added to the festivities, and satisfied those fortunate folks who enjoy winning prizes.

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The sampling of pictures in this month’s “Husky Connections” is representative of the joy experienced at Fandangle. A complete album of photos can be accessed on our Website at www.dieruff-alumni.org.

President's Message: Class Reunions Drive Fandangle Success



**Kay Kurtz - President
Dieruff Alumni Association**

I would like to commend the members of our Alumni Association Fandangle Committee for planning and executing a most successful event. Our annual “mega-reunion for all classes” just gets better and better each year.

What is particularly satisfying is watching individual graduation classes combine their reunions with Fandangle. It just makes sense.

This year, the Class of 1971 celebrated its 50th Class Reunion at Fandangle, and the Class of 1976 marked its 45th. Each of those classes occupied their own designated party tent, and took pride in decorating their special environment with signs and banners. Of course they added an assortment of snacks, libations, and desserts.

We sincerely salute those class reunion committee members for planning and promoting their respective celebrations, and bolstering attendance at Fandangle 2021.



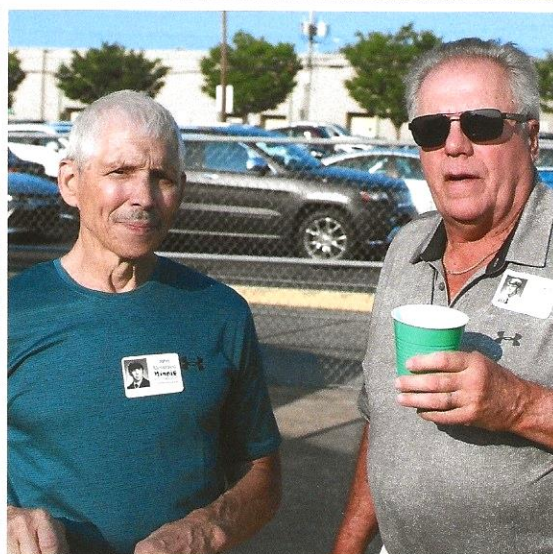
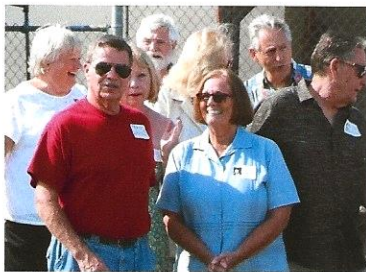
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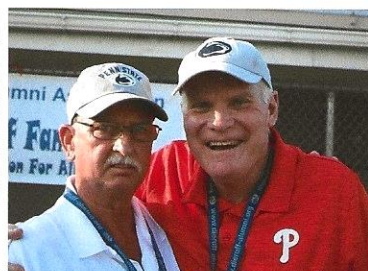
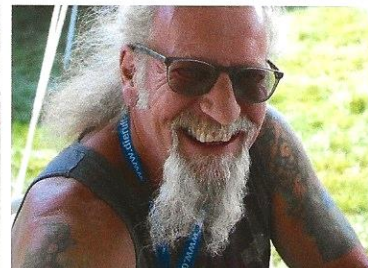
Fandangle 2021 Photos



Fandangle 2021 Photos - Class of 1971 50th Reunion



Fandangle 2021 Photos - Class of 1976 45th Reunion



Couples Celebrate at Class of 1976 45th Reunion

On a picture-perfect July afternoon, classmates from the Bicentennial year came together at the East Side Youth Center to celebrate 45 years since their Graduation Day.

Among the attendees were four married couples from the Class of 1976. Pictured here (from left to right) are : Gale (Adams) and Kenny Morgan, Donna (Flood) and Steve Parr, Mark and Vicky (Brantley) Thomas, and Pauletta (Strohl) and Dave Pizarro.



Other Husky couples from 1976 are Sonny and Cindy (Heckman) Arnold, Christopher and Annette (Batz) Becker, and Doug and Debbie (Bushner) Ruhf.

We would also like to remember Margie (Fermato) and Ron Clever, and Joyce (Smith) and Kent Gildner. Although Margie and Joyce are no longer with us, they will forever be included in the family of '76ers.

Is there any other Dieruff class that has produced more marriages than the Class of 1976 ? My guess is no.

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

Wall of Distinction Honoree: Matthew B. James '94

We continue our salute to our military's finest as we honor the second Wall of Distinction inductee for 2021. The Louis E. Dieruff High School Alumni Association is proud to introduce the youngest alumnus to be selected for this highly-esteemed award, Lieutenant Colonel Matthew B. James, USAF, from the Class of 1994.

Instructed by Master Sergeant Willard Jones (another Wall of Distinction honoree), Matthew trained as a cadet in Dieruff's nationally-acclaimed AFJROTC program. A scholar-athlete who was a member of the Dieruff swim team, he and a fellow classmate were then congressionally-selected to attend the United States Air Force Academy. It is interesting to note that 1994 was the only year that two Dieruff cadets from the same graduating class were chosen to attend the prestigious Air Force Academy.



Today Matthew serves as the Deputy Commander of the 3rd Operations Group at the Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Alaska. This group provides premier combat-ready aerospace forces to defend and protect USA interests globally. In addition, it trains and mobilizes squadrons to sustain air dominance and global mobility. Matthew has also served as the Chief of Plans for the United States Air Force Central Command and provided command over the Northeast on September 11, 2001, as part of the E-3 Sentry AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System).

A Master Navigator and the recipient of numerous awards and decorations from the United States Air Force, this '94 Husky enjoys the Alaskan outdoors with his wife and children. The Dieruff Alumni Association looks forward to his official induction onto our Wall of Distinction this year on October 22.

Joanne Ogrydziak '76

Kiska Welcomes Macaroni to Husky High

You would have thought they were mother and son! The pair of Huskies certainly bonded like kinfolk.

Recently, Toni Daniels, President of “3 Husketeers Rescue” acquired an abandoned red Husky puppy, similarly in color to our beloved mascot. Toni contacted Karen Coleman (Kiska’s mom) and suggested they arrange for an introduction of the pair of canines. Following an approval by Principal Michael Makhoul, it was decided to meet at Dieruff High School. A date was scheduled for the “play date”.

Admittedly, Karen Coleman was a bit apprehensive, as Kiska is known to display a bit of “unwelcoming behavior” with some other dogs. Karen and Cindy Wolst escorted Kiska into the high school, where they were greeted warmly by Mr. Makhoul.



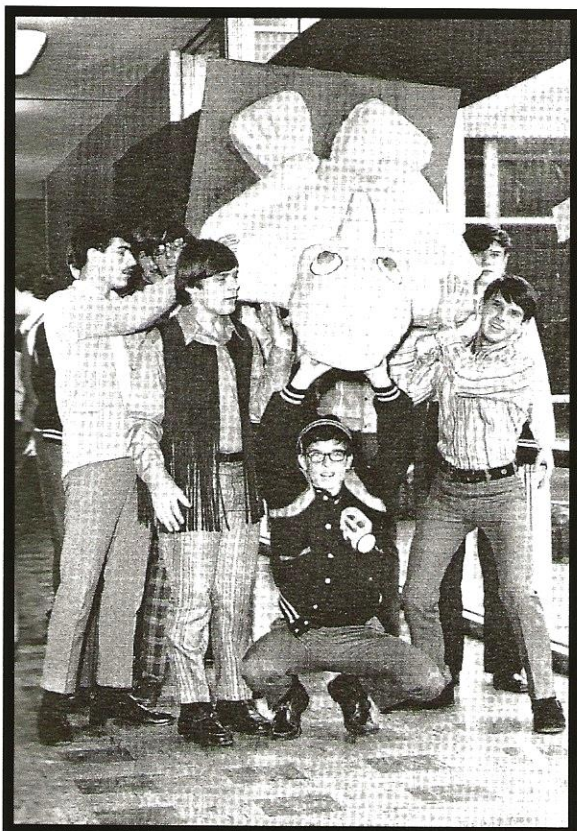
Shortly thereafter, Toni Daniels arrived with her young “Kiska look-alike”, an adorable puppy named “Macaroni”. After brief but obligatory nose wiggles, the pair demonstrated some genuine fondness for each other. Perhaps they sensed a commonality of both being “rescues”

Macaroni’s story is particularly disturbing. Some heartless soul in Mississippi had placed the de-

fenseless puppy in an old cat carrier, and tossed him out of a moving vehicle on an old country road. Fortunately, a good Samaritan witnessed the tragic event, retrieved the discarded animal, and caringly took him to a local shelter. From there, Macaroni was transferred to “3 Husketeers Rescue” in Emmaus. Specializing in caring for and finding homes for Huskies, Toni and her associates are committed to finding a “forever home” for all of their rescues. Macaroni has already been placed in a home.

To find out more about adopting a husky rescue, please contact Toni at 484 350-8650.

FLASHBACK: Class of '71 Recalls Canary Caper



Reminiscing about those “good ole’ days” is always a requisite of class reunions. A source of laughter at the Class of 1971’s 50th Reunion held on July 31st in conjunction with the Fandangle was the infamous “Canary Caper”.

The 1971 Yearbook even chronicles the prank, complete with pictures of the purloined prize, as well as images of those renegade robbers.

As the Turkey Day gridiron contest against their cross-town rival approached, a daring group of 71ers pulled off the humorous heist. They captured the William Allen Canary, and brought it back to Husky High for memorable photo opportunities. According to reliable accounts, the prank generated an all-out campaign of school spirit, and the Huskies caged the Canaries with a 19-14 victory on game day.



Toni Daniels
President

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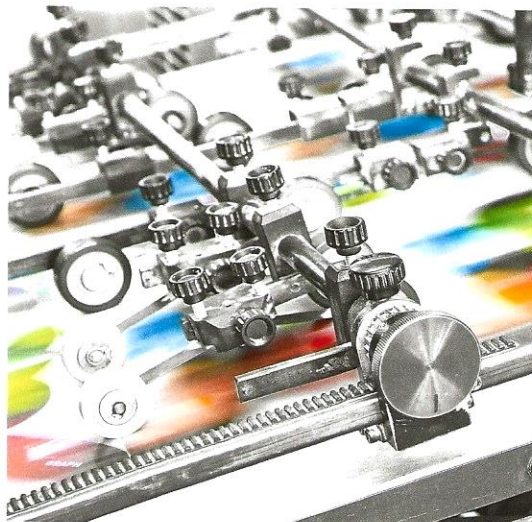


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Upcoming Events

Class of 1961

Our 60th Class Reunion

Plan on joining us on October 15th for this very special occasion. Reunite with some "old" friends and make some new ones!

Along with the venue, we are working to follow the CDC guidelines to make this a happy and safe event.

The Reunion will begin at Noon and wind down at 4 PM. Lunch will be served at 1 PM. We will have the usual activities plus a few surprise guests.

Directions to the Maennerchor will follow in the next flyer. Your RSVP form will follow shortly thereafter.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

then.....



.....and now

October 15th Special - \$20 Per Person

Enjoy our "All You Can Eat" Family Style Menu

Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup
Roast Beef, Baked Chicken, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Buttered Rolls,
Coffee, Tea, Soda, Ice Cream and Homemade Desserts
(A cash bar will be available)

West Coplay Maennerchor, 3328 No. Ruch St., Whitehall, PA

Class of 1966

55th Class Reunion September 18, 2021
The Barristers Club, 1114 W. Walnut St., Allentown

Class of 1961

60th Class Reunion, October 15, 2021
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Husky Howls & Hugs

Hi Everyone,

As a rescue I want to do as much as possible to help out less fortunate critters. There are so many sad cases. Want to share a story with you about the salvation of a young, red husky named Macaroni aka "Mack".

Mack had a horrible start. At seven weeks old he was thrown away. Put into a tiny cat carrier, the carrier was then tossed on a rural Mississippi road. Thankfully, a motorist saw it, thought something was wrong and stopped. Had this not happened the poor pup would have died of dehydration and excessive heat. How anyone could do such a horrible thing is beyond belief.

Lucky for Mack, he was transferred to The Three Husketeers, a husky rescue in Emmaus. Three Husketeers was founded in June 2018 by Toni Daniels. Over the years they have saved and homed 146 dogs, huskies and husky mixes. The new dogs are put with Toni's dogs and the older dogs aid in training and socialization. Huskies are pack animals and so it really works. If you want, check them out at Facebook. Like all rescues, huge vet bills, so any donation is welcomed.

Just talked with Toni and Mack's story has a happy ending. He is now in Bensalem with a family doing foster to adopt. It was great to meet and play with him and to welcome him into the Dieruff Pack.



Now I have to start thinking about fall sports & some game plans.

Love, *Kiska V.* The Diva Dog